



HARTNELL COLLEGE

Monthly Report to the Governing Board
Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President
Division of Student Affairs
Month of October

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Attended the Bright Futures Steering Partners workshop on Race and Inequity on October 2, 2020.
- Hosted a SALT retreat on October 16, 2020 focusing on leadership development and self-care during the current pandemic.
- Participated in a dual enrollment presentation at the national HACU conference on October 26, 2020 with Laurencia Walker and Moises Almendariz.
- Presented at the national HACU conference, Dean's Forum on October 29, 2020. The title of the presentation was "From Hispanic Serving to Hispanic Thriving."

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- Priority registration for Spring 2021 began on October 23, 2020. The Admissions & Records team assisted students with course registrations.
- Veteran's team conducted a Veteran Transition Center Resources, and a Financial Aid workshops to inform veteran students about services available to them.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Planning and development meetings for the College Transitions & Curriculum Institute event on Friday, November 20, 2020; 9am - 12pm
- Online Probation Workshops content building meetings with both on-campus team and production company.
- Worked with Meta Major Co-leads, reviewed necessary templates and met with the proposed company that will develop the pathway platform.
- Hosted first meeting with College Pathways team and Outreach teams regarding 2021 Panther Pledge Day - April 30, 2021

Categorical Programs

Paul Casey, Director

- EOPS/CARE and CalWORKs team developed a Google survey as a second contact to help students who are feeling stressed about their classes, barriers they are experiencing from Online Learning, other services needed, and how EOPS staff can help.

College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- College Readiness Director co-presented with Vice President Jalomo and HSI Director Moises Almendariz on a session entitled, "Creating a More Socially Just Campus through Equitable Policy Implementation at the 2020 Hispanic Association of Colleges and Universities (HACU) Conference on October 26, 2020. The session detailed how Hartnell was able to implement AB288-College and Career Access Pathways courses at partner high schools with the support of the HSI-Cultivamos grant.
- College Readiness Director was invited by the Monterey County Office of Education to help plan the All in for Equity Conference geared towards K12 partners which will take place virtually on four different dates, each covering a specific equity topic. The first conference date will take place October 24, 2020 and is entitled: The Role of Implicit Bias-From Self Awareness to Systems Change. During this conference date, the College Readiness Director will co-present with Salinas Union High School District Superintendent and SUHSD colleagues on a session entitled "Mitigating Bias and Cultivating Systems Change through Policy Implementation" where Hartnell's dual enrollment partnership will be one of the strategies shared.
- College Readiness collaborated with the Office of Equity Programs to host a workshop for a small group of students that plan to graduate high school early and wanted to explore the option of attending Hartnell College in Spring 2021 as first-time freshmen.
- College Readiness attended the virtual North Monterey County Condor College and Career Night on October 7, 2020. It was an opportunity to meet with students and parents to discuss dual enrollment opportunities and other developments with Hartnell College including the future Castroville Center which was met with excitement.

Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

Mi CASA Programs and Services for Undocumented Students

- Mi CASA Counselors Daisy Nunez and Adriana Chavez hosted weekly Cafecito Wellness workshops for undocumented students, in order to provide a space for community building and connections. The workshops take place on Tuesdays at 5:00 PM. Through proactive outreach and contacts, attendance has been increasing each week with an average of

15 students per session.

- Presented on programs and services for undocumented students to students and families as part of North Monterey County High School's College and Career Night on October 7.
- Mi CASA implemented a comprehensive collection of events and activities in conjunction with Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW). Undocumented Student Action Week, October 19-23, 2020, is a system-wide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for our undocumented student population.

Rising Scholars Network (Services for formerly incarcerated students)

- Finalized selection of Excellence in Equity Fellows. Office of Equity Programs Rising Scholars Faculty Mentors hosted a Fellowship program orientation on Monday, October 19, to prepare system impacted fellows for a successful research or service learning project.

Salinas Valley Promise

- Salinas Valley Promise faculty mentors participated in a community of practice meeting on October 1, to continue to develop culturally responsive engaging instructional activities and case management strategies. Each faculty is responsible for monitoring and advising a cohort of 20-35 Salinas Valley Promise scholars in their first year at Hartnell College. A calendar of key milestones within the student's first year was developed that will drive activities.

Financial Aid

Marina Reyes, Interim Director

- 2020-21 PELL Grant year to date disbursement total \$3,521,650.
- 2020-21 Cal Grant year to date disbursement total \$428,667.
- 2020-21 SSCG Grant year to date disbursement total \$361,270.
- Financial Aid staff provided virtual financial aid presentations for the upcoming 2021-22 FAFSA and CA Dream Act to local high schools for graduation seniors and parents.

COVID-19

- The Financial Aid office continues to disburse CARES Act funds to students with a COVID related emergency via the emergency scholarship application.
- \$1,132,500 CARES Act funds disbursed as of 10/16/20.

High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- HEP joined its sister program CSUMB CAMP (College Assistance Migrant Program) for a Cafesito evening workshop geared towards CAMP Parents and HEP students. The Cafesito included CAMP/HEP updates, a

parent/student panel on how to support students during online learning and a Financial Literacy Tips workshop by HEP Director Laura Zavala.

- HEP Director and Mi CASA Program Assistant Miriam Vazquez met with Mexico' General Counsel for San Jose, Alejandra María Gabriela Bologna Zubikarai, to discuss partnership opportunities in the area of education. Both organizations agreed to provide webinars related to education in the upcoming months.

Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- Held two Pop-Up Pantry food distributions. 180 students received food in each distribution.
- Halloween Spooktacular was held Friday, October 23, 2020 in conjunction with the Pop-Up Pantry food distribution. Families received a Halloween Activity box with a pumpkin, carving kit, activities book, mini-pies and hot chocolate, and candy.

SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- The SSS/TRiO counselors, Norma Nichols and Jazmin Rios conducted a student WELL BEING survey amongst our 130 new students several weeks ago. The student's responses were very insightful as to the effects of the Covid Pandemic on their lives and the lives of their families.
- Amongst the survey responses, our new incoming students recorded their feelings of disconnection, anxiety, depression and other negative states of mind. They spoke about trying to study in crowded homes, with technology needs or had inadequate WIFI, and how some of them are struggling with their coursework.

Upward Bound

Cesar Velazquez, Director

COVID-19

- Upward Bound staff have been concentrating on our senior class and continue to offer California State University and University of California application workshops. Staff are also collaborating with target schools to expand our reach and offer support in their workshops.
- Upward Bound staff is also beginning to meet with participants to prepare them to complete their FAFSA. We are currently meeting with students individually and will invite families to participate in a Family FAFSA night in November.