



HARTNELL COLLEGE

Report to the Board of Trustees
Romero Jalomo, Vice President of Student Affairs
January 10, 2022

Activities and Priorities in Support of Strategic Plan Goals

1. Completion of Degrees and Certificates

- DSPS Student Worker tabled the Special Kids Connect Resource Fair for students with disabilities and their families at Soledad High School.
- DSPS Director participated in a joint meeting with Directors of College Readiness and Soledad Education Center, as well as constituents from MCOE, and the area Juvenile Hall and Youth Center Directors, discussing how to meet the accommodation and service needs of DSPS students in the community programs enrolling in Hartnell College classes.
- DSPS Director met with MCOE and Department of Rehabilitation (DOR), discussing increased inclusion of DOR in outreach efforts to help students with disabilities and their families understand DOR's important role.
- DSPS Director attended the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity (WIOA) meeting, hosted by the Salinas One Stop, which focused on the employment of people with disabilities.
- DSPS Director participated in the Region B, DSPS Directors meeting, to address program management issues.
- HEP students have completed several HiSET (High School Equivalency) examinations up to this point; however, the new HiSET testing provider (PSI) has a significant delay of results. Hence, HEP is unable to report its graduating students at this point.
- The Office of Equity Programs (OEP) hosted an undocumented student support event at the Soledad campus. It was a USCIS Forum, titled Status Adjustment, Public Charge Rule, and DACA. Increasing our presence in the community and our knowledge of Undocumented Student public policy is a crucial component of our ability to help international students persist.
- OEP participated in a CTE Open House Event on the Alisal Campus. The purpose was to inform students of the Salinas Valley Promise program in order to support our enrollment efforts.
- OEP established partnerships with region Umoja programs in an effort to make our own program more robust and a retention agent.
- Counseling worked with Admissions & Records to complete and process graduation petitions for Spring, in spite of network outage issues.
- The newly hired Rising Scholars adjunct counselor has three students ready to graduate.
- Participated in a financial aid literacy planning meeting with the United Way of Monterey County. The Hartnell College Financial Aid Department and the United Way of Monterey County will launch a joint Financial Aid Literacy program for Hartnell College students and local high school seniors.

2. Time and Units to Degree Completion

- The Financial Aid Department will be issuing student success grants this month. This grant is intended to incentivize students to take at least 15 units a term to reach their academic goals quicker.
- The Office of College Readiness hosted 30 students from the RSJHS COU-1 Dual Enrollment class on the Main Campus on December 1, 2022, for a tour, student panel, and information sessions on campus support services. Special thanks to the Nursing and Allied Health, SSS/TRIO, and Pathways teams for their participation.
- The Office of College Readiness hosted 55 students from EAHS including their COU-1 Dual Enrollment class on the Main Campus on December 9, 2022, for a tour, student panel, and information sessions on campus

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- The Office of College Readiness, along with President Gutierrez, VPSA Dr. Jalomo, and Dean of South County Ghous, met with SMCJUHSD administrators on December 6, 2022 to collaborate on expanding dual enrollment opportunities for the students of King City and Greenfield.
- The Office of College Readiness collaborated with the UCSC Gear Up program to present to students and families of 8th graders from La Paz, Harden, and Gavilan View Middle Schools on December 7, 2022. The students and families received a bilingual presentation about options to begin earning college credits once the students reach high school.
- The Office of College Readiness, along with President Gutierrez, VPSA Dr. Jalomo, Dean of South County Ghous, and Director of Soledad Education Center Gonzalez, met with Soledad USD administrators on December 9, 2022 to collaborate on expanding dual enrollment opportunities for the students of Soledad.
- The SSS/TRIO Programs director attended UC Santa Cruz GEAR UP Parent meetings on December 2, 2022 at Gonzales high School and on December 9, 2022, at Soledad High School to present to parents on the importance of sending their children on to post-secondary education once they graduate from high school. The SSS director gave this presentation in Spanish and focused on the need for students from immigrant families from rural communities to gain as much education as possible to survive in the new global economy.

3. Transfer to Four-Year Institutions

- TRIO Upward Bound and Talent Search hosted CSU, UC and Financial Aid application workshops at North Salinas, Everett Alvarez and Rancho San Juan High School.
- The Office of OEP is part of the transfer team. Leveraging expertise in writing for UC holistic review, OEP is contributing to student transferability.
- The SSS/TRIO Programs held our annual "Next Steps" meetings for the first-generation and low-income students who will be transferring this spring and fall and also for their parents. This meeting is designed to prepare the students to open their California State and University of California admission portals and to make sure that the students respond to requests from the CSU/UC for transcripts and other admission requirements before the deadlines. This meeting also went over preliminary financial aid offered by the universities. The meetings were held at the main campus.
- Following an initial meeting with UC Santa Cruz administration, Counseling Dean and Transfer & Career Center Coordinator/Counselor met with Enrollment management to discuss short-term projects to improve transfer rates (i.e. on on-campus events, cross-enrollment opportunities).
- Attended a partnership meeting with Chancellor Larive and representatives from UC Santa Cruz. The meeting was jointly hosted by President Gutierrez and Chancellor Larive and focused on mutual interests and future areas of partnerships that include 2+2 programs and improved Hartnell student transfer to UCSC.



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- The Financial Aid Office will be distributing FA awards to students in time for the start of the Spring 2023 term. Timely FA awards will help students be prepared for the new semester.
- The Office of Equity Programs (OEP) hosted a Kwanzaa celebration in December to help build support and provide opportunities for inclusion for our African American students.
- OEP drafted a Spring 2023 Welcome Letter to help usher students through the beginning of the spring 2023 semester. The purpose of the letter is to provide students with information about the support that will be made available to them; free parking, HEERF funds for a book voucher, CATcard funding, and campus services.
- OEP created fall and spring communication suites for Salinas Valley Promise (SVP) students to ensure they were apprised about every interval of their academic experience. Special focus was placed on ensuring they understood the administrative ramifications of their academic decisions.
- OEP opened the SVP program to spring applicants. We have 73 spring 2023 applicants.
- DSPS Director participated in the Region B DSPS Directors meeting, focusing on budgeting and staffing issues, as well as best practices regarding services for DSPS students.
- DSPS Director hosted incoming DSPS students from N Monterey County High School, as part of the DSPS Pre-Panther Prep program, geared toward supporting a successful transition to Hartnell College for students for Summer and Fall 2023.
- Successfully completed the hiring of two new administrators to the Student Affairs Leadership Team and Hartnell College: EOPS/CalWORKs Director and Basic Needs Director.
- Participated in the Bright Futures Partnership Development and Steering Partners meetings on January 10, 2023 and January 13, 2023. Steering Partners met with new CSUMB President Vanya Quinones to discuss supporting youth to make decisions about our work, scaling the Mi Vida Mi Futuro project, and to plan a Bright Spot event for 2023.

2. Time and Units to Degree Completion

- HEP graduate, Gabriela Zavala Gaytan, was selected as the recipient of the Fall 2022 Dr. Hector Topete Scholarship. Gabriela is currently enrolled at Hartnell College with the goal of completing a Certificate and Degree in Business Administration. As a full time student and a mother of 4, this scholarship of \$1,000 will assist her in the timely completion of her goal.
- The Office of College Readiness presented to three 8th grade AVID classes at El Sausal Middle School on January 12, 2023. The students received a presentation on the importance of preparing for college while in high school, as well as early college credit options such as Dual and Concurrent Enrollment.
- The SSS/TRIO Director presented Hartnell College and SSS/TRIO Programs to seventy University of California, Santa Cruz GEAR UP parents and students at Gonzales High School on Friday, December 2, 2022 and sixty parents and students at Soledad High School on Friday, December 9, 2022.

3. Transfer to Four-Year Institutions

- Student deadline to submit applications for Associate Degrees for Transfer (ADT) were in December. Counseling/A&R are working together to verify those submitted supporting transfer students for SU/FA 2023.
- Counseling, among other areas, met with the UCSC team in December to develop strategies to bridge the transfer gap to UC institutions, specifically UC Santa Cruz.

4. Student Employment Following Training or Degree/Certificate Completion

- Counseling working on bringing in Culturally Relevant Career Readiness training for counseling/transfer/career hub faculty and staff this Spring semester.



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- 25 HEP students have received their High School Equivalency as of February 14, 2023.
- DSPS Director met with professional constituents from Gonzalez and Soledad High Schools, providing guidance regarding high school students planning to attend Hartnell College for Summer/Fall 2023, sharing information regarding the DSPS Pre-Panther Prep program, designed to support student transition to Hartnell for student success. Information was also provided to South Monterey County Joint Union High School District. An invitation was received from the Learning for Life Charter School in Marina for information about the DSPS Pre-Panther Prep program.
- DSPS Director presented at the Secondary Transition Group, as part of a MCOE collaborative effort with community partners in supporting a successful transition of students with disabilities to Hartnell College for student readiness in their first semester.
- DSPS Director participated in a collaborative meeting with community agency partners in San Benito and Monterey counties in support of increased knowledge by members on supporting students with disabilities in transitioning to Hartnell College, as well as other avenues, including employment that students may be seeking.
- Dean of Student Success attended the First Year Experience Conference along with Counseling and English faculty Feb 3-6 to gain understanding of how to develop and implement a First Year Experience program (in support of retention and completion).

2. Time and Units to Degree Completion

- HEP student Gabriela Zavala-Gaytan was selected as the recipient of a HEP-CAMP National Association \$1000 scholarship. This scholarship will assist Gabriela on her timely completion of her degree.
- The Financial Aid Department will be hosting a Cash for College event on Feb 25, 2023 to help current and new students apply for the upcoming 23-24 FAFSA/CA Dream Act application. This event will also help students meet the March 2nd deadline for state Cal Grant consideration.
- The Office of College Readiness collaborated with the CSUMB Gear Up Program to present to students and families of 8th graders from El Sausal Middle School on February 8, 2023. Over 110 attendees received a bilingual presentation about options to receive college credit while in high school.
- The Office of College Readiness represented Hartnell College at the Gonzales High School Transitions and Expo Night on February 16, 2023, giving students information about college resources.
- The Office of College Readiness collaborated with the Center for Community Advocacy (CCA), a grass-roots community-based organization, to provide college information to their *Promotores* student leadership program on February 9 and 16, 2023.
- The Office of College Readiness supported the Financial Aid Office in conducting the Cash for College workshop on Saturday, February 25, 2023.
- Counseling, Math, English, ESL, HSI and Research office continuing to meet on the implementation of AB1705 (follow up to placement into transfer-level coursework and student success rates)
- The SSS/TRIO program presented Hartnell College and SSS/TRIO at the Greenfield, King City and Soledad High School Career days during February 2023.

- The SSS/TRIO Program will be presenting Hartnell College and the SSS/TRIO Program at area high schools including Alisal High School.
- The five Hartnell College TRIO Programs (Upward Bound, Talent Search and the Student Support Services Programs) will be assisting the Financial Aid Office in conducting the Cash for College workshop on Saturday, February 25, 2023.
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3. Transfer to Four-Year Institutions

- Articulation officer, transfer center coordinator/counselor, and Dean of Student Success met with UC Santa Cruz Enrollment Management team to discuss elimination of barriers to transfer (i.e. moving acceptance decisions up), and the possibility of concurrent enrollment while at Hartnell.

4. Student Employment Following Training or Degree/Certificate Completion

- Dean of Student Success continuing to work with Panther HUB (Transfer & Career) to bring a Train the Trainer training on Culturally Responsive Career Readiness in April.
- Director of Financial Aid and Director of CTE-Workforce Development working on launching a new Work Study Position within the new state LAEP program. This program provides underrepresented college students an opportunity to earn money for college while gaining education-aligned, career-related experience.