

President's Weekly Report

**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

MISSION:

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley. Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.

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The President's Weekly Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Wednesday to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

Women's Soccer makes history; men barely miss state crown



The Hartnell Women's Soccer team (pictured) won its first state title in the California Community College Athletics Association championships, held Dec. 3 and 5 at Mt. San Antonio College in Walnut, where the Panther men took second after losing in the final moments of their final game.

The women beat Cypress, 3-0, on Dec. 5 with a fast start and two goals by freshmen forward Jasmin Castillo (pictured). The Panthers were undefeated in their last 22 games, following two early-season losses, including one to Cypress on Sept. 2. The men fell to perennial power Mt. San Antonio, 2-1, when the Mounties scored with no time for Hartnell to tie things up.

The women's team defeated Sierra in the semi-final game on Dec. 3, and the men beat El Camino 4-1 for their ticket the championship. The women (20-2-2) had previously only reached the final eight teams in the state, while the men (20-2-3) won the state championship in 2013.

Castillo stepped up against Cypress after having scored just four goals throughout for the entire previous season, and offensive leader Belinda Ascencio, a sophomore, started the game off with a goal, her 16th score of the season.



"We don't have the words to describe it," said Hartnell Head Women's Coach Ivan Guerrero after the final victory. "Honestly it's been a long time coming It's all about the kids and trying to move them on (to the next level). It's all about them."

In an interview with the Monterey Herald, Head Men's Coach Daniel Ortega acknowledged the disappointment, adding, "But we are proud. You can't have your head down – not after the season we had and how we represented our program, school and community."

Both soccer teams and Men's and Women's Cross Country will be recognized for their state-level achievement in a college-wide rally at 11:30 a.m. on Dec. 9 in the Central Plaza on Main Campus.

(Pictured: Forward Anthony Rangel controls the ball in the championship game against Mt. San Antonio. The sophomore scored the Panthers' lone goal in that game.)

New webpages allow college community to upload proof of COVID vaccination

For the health and safety of all, Hartnell College continues to implement its requirement that all employees and students be fully vaccinated for COVID-19 ahead of the Spring 2022 semester, which starts Jan. 24.

Hartnell is working with an outside company called Med+Proctor to provide a [webpage](#) where individuals can upload their proof of COVID-19 vaccination or requests for medical or religious exemption, subject to review. This page is linked from a new Hartnell webpage, www.hartnell.edu/vax, which also links to an explanatory [step-by-step video](#) and a [quick guide](#) for uploading documents to Med+Proctor, both proof of vaccination and requests for medical or religious exemptions.

By Dec. 14, in order to newly enroll or remain enrolled for the Spring 2022 semester, students are required to document their vaccination. Based on bargaining-unit agreements, the employee deadlines for submitting proof or requesting an exemption are: Dec. 13 for faculty; Dec. 17 for classified staff; Dec. 13 for managers; and Jan. 19 for custodial staff.

Students and employees whose exemption requests are approved will be required to undergo regular testing for COVID-19 to show that they are free of the coronavirus. Free testing is available every day from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. in Parking Lot 4 on Hartnell's Main Campus, off of West Alisal Street.



(Pictured: A Hartnell nursing student administers the Moderna COVID-19 vaccine to a fellow student at a Nov. 17 clinic presented by the Visiting Nurses Association.)

Cowden speaks to legislative committee on technology and future of ag workforce

Clint Cowden, dean of career technical education and workforce development, was among three speakers who [presented](#) on Dec. 1 in Sacramento to a state Assembly Select Committee on Technology and the Future of California's Agricultural Workforce (pictured).



The legislators sought to better understand the workforce needs of California’s burgeoning ag-tech industry and how to prepare the next generation of ag-tech workers.

Cowden highlighted how Hartnell is developing ag tech-related academic programs for certificate- and degree-seeking students, ranging from plant science to computer science; partnering with employers and funders to provide internships for crucial hands-on experience; and offering non-credit courses that prepare current workers to perform new roles and adapt

to technology such as automation and data analytics.

“We at Hartnell are eager to see more and more of our students pursue rewarding careers in ag tech, close to home,” Cowden said. “In addition, we will continue to collaborate with employers eager to sharpen their existing workers’ ability to thrive in this rapidly changing industry.”

Among the other presenters was Dennis Donohue, director for the Salinas-based Center for Innovation and Technology at Western Growers Association.

Nursing students provide care and comfort to the homeless on eve of Thanksgiving

On Nov. 23 and 24, more than a dozen Hartnell nursing students provided health and wellness assistance to homeless adults in Salinas’s Chinatown community in partnership with the Salinas Rotary Club, Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, Natividad Medical Center and support centers Dorothy’s Place and Closer Walk.



In addition to administering vaccinations and immunizations, students distributed comfort bags of toiletries and blankets. On Nov. 24, a group of students provided foot care kits and information on how to keep their feet warm and wound-free as temperatures fall.

Hugo Gutierrez, president of the 2022 registered nurse cohort, said students researched homeless adults’ need for foot health. The care packages included socks, washcloths, soap, water, Band-Aids and Ziploc bags.

One of the recipients, Manuel Perez, who has been homeless for more than a year, told the

Monterey County Weekly, "I haven't experienced anything like this. I'm glad I could come by here and people can be nice to me."

(Pictured: Registered Nursing student Emily Biagini-Lee assists a community member during the Nov. 24 event in partnership with Closer Walk. (Photo by Celia Jimenez, Monterey Weekly)

Engineering student receives \$2,000 public works scholarship

Hartnell engineering major Chanelle Argueta has received a \$2,000 scholarship from the Monterey Bay chapter of the American Public Works Association, which every year recognizes the achievement and potential of students in such fields as civil engineering and construction management.

She is a 2019 graduate of Soledad High School who plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in mechanical, civil or environmental engineering. Physics instructor Dr. Melissa Hornstein said Argueta is very deserving of the recognition, calling her a top student who is highly engaged in her learning.



Argueta was presented with the scholarship on Nov. 17 at an APWA dinner meeting held at Hartnell. She is pictured with, at left, Rodney Cahill, past president of the APWA chapter, and Brian McMinn, chapter president.

Panther Football recognizes team leaders and top performers at annual banquet

Hartnell Football team members, coaches and parents gathered on Dec. 2 to reflect on the 2021 season, recognize individual and team achievement and look ahead to new opportunities in the coming year.



It literally has a year of hard knocks for the squad, which faced such challenges as recruiting in the pandemic, injuries, questionable officiating and mental mistakes that contributed to a 4-6 record that could have easily have flipped. The Panthers lost five games by six points or fewer, often against teams with much larger rosters.

"I'm super proud of you guys for your character and your work ethic and your

determination,” Head Coach Matt Collins told his team during the awards banquet held in Steinbeck Hall.

He also thanked his six assistant coaches for their dedication despite competing work obligations, and the parents, many of whom drove to see all five away games.

Freshman running back Payton Flores was the evening’s most decorated honoree, receiving both the Thaddeus Williams “Team Most Valuable Player” Award and the Tony Teresa Memorial “Most Inspirational Player” Award. Flores (pictured with Collins) also was chosen for the Northern California All-Conference Team and named All-Conference Player of the Year by unanimous selection of conference coaches. He had 134 rushing carries for an average of 81.2 yards per game, eight touchdowns, plus 36 receptions for 422 total yards and two touchdowns.



The Offensive Most Valuable Player Award was shared by freshman quarterback J.P. Garcia and his leading receiver, freshman Josiah Freeman, both of whom were also unanimous selections for the All-Conference Team. Garcia led the entire state in passing yards per game, at 293.4, and he threw for 23 touchdown passes – 10 of them caught by Freeman. The Defensive Most Valuable Player is freshman defensive lineman Christian Campos, who had 24 solo tackles and 17 assists and also made the All-Conference squad.

(Pictured: Co-Defensive Coordinator Ivan Ramos, foreground, snaps a photo of defensive-team honorees following the banquet.)

Winter concert series continues with five performances Dec. 14-16

Hartnell’s instrumental and vocal music programs will continue their 2021 Winter Concerts Series from Dec. 14-16:

Jazz and Concert Band Winter Concert, 7 p.m. on Dec. 14, Mainstage Theater, featuring the Hartnell Jazz Ensemble, directed by Steve Ettinger, and the Hartnell Wind Ensemble, directed by Daniel Zeff. (Pictured, from March 2019)



Winter Instrumental Recital, 3 p.m. on Dec. 15, room K-125, featuring students from the Music 11 class, directed by Steve Ettinger.

Winter Choral Concert, 10:15 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 15, Mainstage Theater, featuring the Hartnell Choir & Chamber Singers, directed by Sandy Rudo.

Hawaiian Music Concert, 7 p.m. on Dec. 15, room K-125, featuring students in the Music 6 class, directed by William Faulkner. (Pictured: Hawaiian Concert in 2019.)

From Russia with Love, 7:30 p.m. on Dec. 16, Mainstage Theater, featuring the Hartnell College Community Orchestra performing holiday music and music of Tchaikovsky, Shostakovich, Prokofiev and others, conducted by Steve Ettinger, with Daniel Zeff, assistant conductor.

Masks are required for all audience members. No tickets are required, though donations may be requested. For further information, contact Steve Ettinger at 755-6906 or settinger@hartnell.edu.

Meet an Adjunct Instructor: **Ann Merville has taught anthropology** **At Hartnell for the past 45 years**

Ann Merville has been an adjunct anthropology teacher at Hartnell since 1976.

She received her bachelor's degree in mathematics at the University of Alabama and her master's in Anthropology at Case Western Reserve University.

Through the years, Merville has taught at all of Hartnell's campus sites, including Fort Hunter Liggett and the Soledad Correctional Training Facility. She said she has especially enjoyed the transition to teaching online.

Merville said that what she loves most about teaching is "when I see a student genuinely excited about what they have learned from my class."

"I hope to make a difference in helping them realize their potential in the context of human evolution and culture," she said. "Anthropology is my love, and teaching it is my passion."

Young Latina professionals share **their journey with CoderDojo students**

Students in the CoderDojo computer coding program for grades 3-12 students in Salinas, King City, Soledad and Castroville received presentations on Nov. 20 from two working Latina professionals who shared their journeys into successful STEM careers.

Presenting via Zoom were America Quistiano, a software engineer at Microsoft, and Beatriz Mendez Garcia, a senior program manager at Microsoft. Their talks were sponsored by the Nuevo Foundation, which promotes opportunities in STEM for Latinx students. The organization also held drawings to give away 10 Xbox station games to the youngsters.

Quistiano (pictured), who spoke to students watching remotely from Hartnell's Alisal Campus, is a first-generation college student who works for Microsoft in Seattle. She graduated in 2021 from the University of Texas in 2021 with a degree in computer science.



Quistiano described how she became involved in a college club for Latinx computer science students and a group for Latinx employees at Microsoft, as well as volunteering for the Nuevo Foundation.

"I personally did not even write any code until I went to the university," she said. "When I was in high school, I asked myself, 'Is something wrong? I have not coded yet.' And no, there's nothing wrong with that, and that's why I like sharing my story."

In the News

Hartnell nursing students distribute kits to help unhoused people as temperatures drop: https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/hartnell-nursing-students-distribute-kits-to-help-unhoused-people-as-temperatures-drop/article_1d5509a0-4d7b-11ec-afe6-cbf7f1daf93c.html

Fast start fuels Hartnell to 3-0 win over Cypress and CCCAA Women's Soccer Championship: <https://www.cccaasports.org/sports/wsoc/2021-22/Releases/20211205p031lm>

Hartnell women's soccer team makes history clinching its first state championship title: https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/photo_blog/hartnell-women-s-soccer-team-makes-history-clinching-its-first-state-championship/article_ff4e82dc-56f4-11ec-8b2b-93e86d83ce28.html

County talent helps Hartnell win state women's soccer title: <https://www.santacruzsentinel.com/2021/12/06/county-talent-helps-hartnell-win-womens-state-soccer-title-local-roundup/#:~:text=Freshman%20forward%20Jasmin%20Castillo%2C%20Pajaro,College%20in%20Walnut%20on%20Sunday.>

College women's soccer: Hartnell wins program's first state title: <https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/12/05/college-womens-soccer-hartnell-wins-programs-first-state-title/>

Stoppage time goal lifts Mt. San Antonio to CCCAA Men's Soccer Championship over Hartnell, 2-1" <https://www.ccaasports.org/sports/msoc/2021-22/Releases/20211205wyhrv8>

College men's soccer: Hartnell falls in waning minutes to Mt. San Antonio:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/12/05/college-mens-soccer-hartnell-falls-in-winning-minutes-to-mt-san-antonio/>

College men's soccer: Hartnell returning to state title game:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/12/03/college-mens-soccer-panthers-back-in-the-state-title-game/>

College women's soccer: Hartnell advances to the state title game:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/12/03/college-womens-soccer-hartnell-advances-to-the-state-title-game/>

Hartnell soccer teams on the way to the state championship:
https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/hartnell-soccer-teams-on-the-way-to-the-state-championship/article_17619528-5252-11ec-a073-03d11a453121.html

College men's soccer: Hartnell back in state Final Four:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/12/02/college-mens-soccer-hartnell-back-in-state-final-four/>

College women's soccer: Historic run for Hartnell lands them in the Final Four:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/12/01/college-womens-soccer-historic-run-for-hartnell-lands-them-in-the-final-four/>

Upcoming Events

Vocal & Choral Student Performances/Winter Concert

9 a.m. – Solo performances from Applied Voice Class
10 a.m. – Hartnell College Choir and Chamber Singers
Wednesday, Dec. 8
Student Center (Building C)

Rally for Hartnell Athletics – Recognizing Soccer & Cross Country

Thursday, Dec. 9
11:30 a.m.
Central Plaza, Main Campus

Hartnell Governing Board – Annual Organizational Meeting

5 p.m.
Tuesday, Dec. 14
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Jazz and Concert Band Winter Concert

7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 14

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Winter Instrumental Recital

3 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Room 125, Building K

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10:15 and 7:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Hawaiian Music Concert

7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 15

Room 125, Building K

From Russia with Love

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Women's Basketball vs. Siskiyou

6 p.m.

Thursday, Dec. 16

Hartnell Gym

Final Day of Fall Semester

Dec. 18