

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.

Report will take a one-week break

The President's Weekly Report will take a break over the President's Day weekend and return with an edition for the week ending Feb. 25. Please continue to send information and photos to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

Castroville-based cohort in plant science to launch in fall

Hartnell will begin a new cohort program in plant science this fall at the Castroville Education Center, preparing students for transfer to bachelor's degree programs at Cal State Monterey Bay and other California State University campuses.

The 15-20 students who participate will have opportunities for job shadowing and internships with north Monterey County companies. A class in agricultural and industrial equipment will take them off campus for other hands-on experiences. Overall, their learning will have a berries-and-artichokes emphasis, while still being fully applicable to leafy greens, vegetables and specialty crops throughout the Central Coast. (Pictured: Plant science major Juan Rodriguez on an internship near San Juan Bautista in April 2020.)



"The program is designed around agriculture based in north Monterey County, but we're getting a lot of interest from students around the region, including in King City," said Clint Cowden,

Hartnell's dean of career technical education and workforce development, who also directs the Castroville Education Center.

Input from agricultural leaders during Hartnell's community listening sessions for Castroville revealed strong support for an accelerated program that dovetails with plant science degrees at CSUMB, Fresno State, Chico State, Cal Poly San Luis Obispo or Cal Poly Pomona.

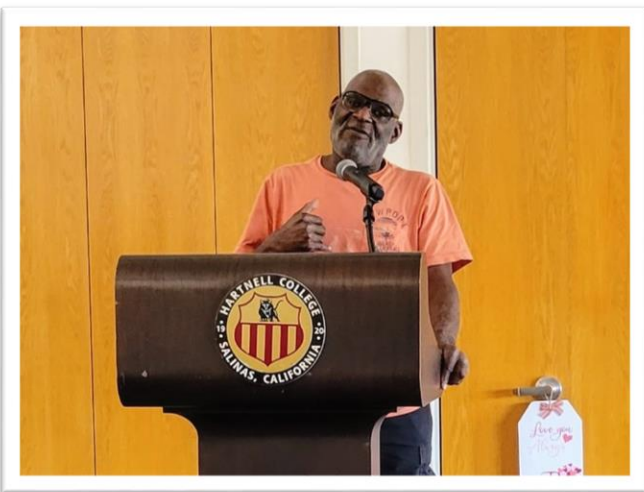
Instead of leaving the area as freshmen to begin at a four-year university – and possibly never coming back after they graduate – students in Hartnell's program will start college in the context of Salinas Valley agriculture and be able to build early connections with local companies.

Personal stories highlight luncheon for foundation's employee donors

An informal appreciation luncheon on Feb. 11 attended by about 60 contributors to Hartnell's Employees for Student Success program featured a delicious Mexican meal, but the highlight was personal stories shared by a student and several employees.

Diana Mendoza (pictured), a sophomore from Soledad majoring in psychology, described employee donors collectively as an "invisible supporter" enabling her to "receive an exemplary education without the worry of not having enough money for books, gas or food."

Dr. Debra Kaczmar, dean of nursing and health sciences, recounted childhood lessons about the personal sacrifices that philanthropy may demand, and Bala Kappagantula, director of information and technology resources, shared how his modest donation helped feed thousands of migrant workers dislocated by the pandemic in his native India.



The final speaker to offer a personal perspective on giving to support students was longtime Hartnell custodian David Jones (pictured). He stunned the Steinbeck Hall gathering by describing how he overcame a learning disability and the stigma associated with it.

Jones said that as a child in the late 1960s and early '70s in Grand Junction, Colo., he was sent to a "special school" whose students "were called 'mentally retarded,' pretty much." He spoke of his lifelong dream to complete a college degree, stymied by hesitation that came with his learning challenges.

As an employee donor to the Hartnell College Foundation, Jones said, he knows he is supporting

students “who can come to this college and be able to do their education and not be ashamed of what their level is.”

“That to me is probably the most important thing,” he said, “because what you learn in life, and you also learn at this institution, is that people are willing to give you time and patience.”

When Jones finished his story, one he had never told publicly before, he received a standing ovation.

NHS adds 4 full-time faculty and 2 part-time instructors

In addition to opening a new building, the Hartnell Nursing & Health Sciences program has welcomed four new full-time nursing instructors and a full-time respiratory care instructor this academic year, as well as adding two part-time instructors.

The new full-time faculty are:

Steven Lisowski, a Chicago native, Marine veteran and second-career nurse who came to California two years ago and also works per diem in intensive care at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System. A former music teacher, he has a Master of Science in Nursing (MSN) from DePaul University.



Laura DeFilippo, a 17-year nursing veteran who first worked in the finance world in New York City before switching to nursing, working first in intensive care at a large urban teaching hospital in Atlanta, and then completing her MSN. She subsequently worked for 6½ years at Community Hospital of the Monterey Peninsula before joining Hartnell.



Santos Martinez, a native of Mexico who was an interventional radiology nurse at Natividad Medical Center from 2014 to 2021 after working for 21 years as a registered nurse and diagnostic imaging nurse at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital. He has an MSN from Aspen University.



Eve Zepeda, who teaches respiratory care and is also director of clinical education, previously was a clinical instructor at Hartnell for five years. She has worked as a registered respiratory therapist since 2011, including nearly eight years at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System and six years at Natividad Medical Center.



Also new to the Nursing & Health Sciences faculty are part-time nursing instructors **Kelsi Lanphear** and **Melanie Santos**. Lanphear has been a registered nurse for the past two years and completed a MSN at Capella University. Santos has been a registered nurse at Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare

Students on Fall 2022 honor rolls to be featured in Feb. 16 newspaper ad

After notifying students that they have earned recognition on the President's Honor Roll or the Dean's List for the Fall 2021 semester, and sharing the news with the college community, Hartnell will publish all 1,366 names in a full-page advertisement in the Feb. 16 edition of The Salinas Californian newspaper's print edition.

In order to be on the President's Honor Roll or the Dean's List, students must be enrolled in at least 12 units. Dean's List students have earned a grade point average between 3.0 and 3.49, and President's Honor Roll students have earned a GPA between 3.5 and 4.0.

Congratulations to all who have earned this distinction for Fall 2021: [President's Honor Roll](#) – 807 students; [Dean's List](#) – 559 students.



ASHC's Project Pink Bag provides free feminine hygiene products

More than 75 "Pink Bags" with a variety of free feminine hygiene products have been distributed on the Main Campus and Alisal Campus by the Associated Students of Hartnell College, with additional bags planned for distribution at the King City, Soledad and Castroville education centers. Students can pick one up at no charge.

"Because of the way we chose to distribute the bags, we are not able to obtain a solid number of students who take a bag, but we do know that more than 50% of the bags initially made have been taken advantage of already," said ASHC Vice President Laura Rivera.

Added ASHC President Jane Hernandez, "As student leaders we seek to work towards Hartnell's vision of student success, and we believe that access to basic need products should not be a barrier between a student and their educational goals."



Panther Press student newsletter publishes Spring 2022 edition

The Associated Students of Hartnell College published the February 2022 "Spring Edition" of its Panther Press newsletter on Feb. 9, complete with information about student resources such as the CalFresh food program and snapshots of students on campus during the first week of classes.

The newsletter spotlighted Black History Month at the Library/Learning Resource Center, where students can check out a display a works by Black authors, and looked ahead to the Feb. 16 launch of the Timely MD mental telehealth program for 24/7 on-demand mental health support.

The back page was a schedule of spring Hartnell Athletics home games, including the Swim and Dive team's home meet on March 18.



Softball 4-5 after sweeping Taft, as conference season approaches

Panthers Softball has a 4-5 record thanks to a pair of doubleheader sweeps at home, most recently against Taft on Feb. 11, with victories of 3-2 and 12-4. In the latter game, pitched by starter Kaitlyn Villarreal and Sofia Prieto, three Hartnell players doubled – Allison Manuel, Daniela Guedea and Cassandra Wilson, with a pair of singles by Leah Salas and additional singles by Guedea and Olivia Robledo. (Pictured: Allison Manuel, who pitched for six innings in the first game against Taft.)

Baseball: Hartnell is 2-7 and will host Fresno at 2 p.m. on both Feb. 16 and 17.

Men's Basketball: The Panthers, 9-14, will conclude their season with three home games – on Feb. 18 vs. Gavilan, on Feb. 21 vs. Cabrillo and on Feb. 25 vs. San Jose, all at 7 p.m. They play next on Feb. 16 at West Valley.

Women's Basketball: Hartnell will conclude its season on the road against Mission on Feb. 16 and De Anza on Feb. 21. The team, challenged by a small roster, has a 1-22 record.



In the News

Hartnell College unveils new health building: <https://www.ksbw.com/article/hartnell-college-unveils-new-health-building/39041693>

Hartnell College aims to improve student learning with new Nursing and Health Sciences building: <https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2022/02/07/california-salinas-hartnell-college-opens-nursing-health-sciences-building/9216636002/>

Western Food Safety Conference announces stellar lineup:
<https://www.westernfoodprocessor.ca/news-releases/1085-the-2022-western-food-safety-conference-announces-stellar-lineup?tmpl=component&print=1&layout=default&page=>

CSU Monterey Bay begins national search for president:
<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/02/09/csu-monterey-bay-begins-national-search-for-president/>

Upcoming Events

Baseball vs. American River

11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Tony Teresa Diamond

Baseball vs. Fresno

2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 15
Tony Teresa Diamond

Hartnell Governing Board – Development meeting

5 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 15
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Baseball vs. Fresno

2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16
Tony Teresa Diamond

Softball vs. San Jose City

2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 17
Hartnell Softball Field

President's Weekend Holiday

College closed
Friday, Feb. 18-Monday, Feb. 21

Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan

7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 18
Hartnell Gymnasium

Softball vs. Modesto (Doubleheader)

12 and 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19
Hartnell Softball Field

Softball vs. MPC

2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 22
Hartnell Softball Field

UMOJA Village Opening

11:45 a.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 23
Building N, Room 3

Softball vs. West Valley

2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 24
Hartnell Softball Field

Pop-Up Pantry

12 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 25
Hartnell Parking Structure

COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Clinic for College Community

3-6 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 25
Student Center

Softball vs. Cuesta (Doubleheader)

12 p.m. & 2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Hartnell Softball Field

Baseball vs. West Valley

2 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Tony Teresa Diamond

Hartnell Governing Board

5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 1
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

