

President's Weekly Report



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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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.

Doughty wins gold and silver at swimming State Championship

Hartnell freshman Kanyada Doughty is a new collegiate state champion and All-American – earning a gold medal in the 100-yard Butterfly (pictured), with a time of 57.78, a silver medal in the 200 Butterfly (2:14.59) and fifth place in the 200 Individual Medley (2:15.54), which is two 25-yard laps of all four strokes: butterfly, backstroke, breaststroke and freestyle.

Doughty, who raced for the Panthers at the California Community College Athletic Association (CCCAA) State Championship meet on May 5-7 at East Los Angeles College, is the first swimmer in Hartnell history to medal at state. Throughout the spring season, she surpassed decades-old school records in six events, knocking multiple seconds off her personal records in a sport where progress is often measured in 100ths of a second. She is the daughter of Hartnell English instructor Paul Doughty, who ran track and cross country for the college.



Head Coach Joel McKown describes Doughty as a “Swiss Army knife” because her fundamentals are so strong across all her strokes. He also praises her work ethic and humility. She intends to compete for Hartnell next year before deciding whether NCAA-level intensity can balance with her priority of completing a bachelor’s degree in nursing. Her eye is on San Diego State University.



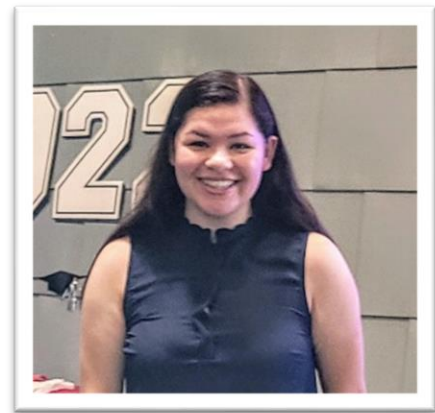
Doughty said she could feel her teammates’ support throughout the weekend in Los Angeles as they followed her preliminary and final races from back in Salinas.

“A lot of them were able to watch the live stream of the races, and they reached out to me, wishing me luck and congratulations and that stuff,” she said. “So it was kind of nice to feel like they were there, even though they weren’t there.”

MESA recognizes graduates from science and technology programs

The MESA (Mathematics, Engineering, Science Achievement) program at Hartnell on May 7 held a recognition luncheon in honor of its 19 graduates in the Class of 2022. Friends and family also were invited to the event in the atrium of the Lewallen STEM Center.

The students are graduating with majors in mechanical engineering, plant science, biology, construction management, electrical engineering, psychology and English (former STEM student). Each received a graduation stole, medallion and certificate from Sharon Albert, interim dean of STEM, and Joel Thompson, director of the Science and Math Institute and MESA program. (Pictured, from left: students Ivan Alier-Reyes, computer science; Maureen Sanchez, computer science; Asmahan Muhrram, biology; and Jose Castro, computer science.)



Albert provided words of welcome, and other speakers were math instructor Leticia Contreras and chemistry instructor Michael McCarthy (pictured) and STEM counselor Brooksley Foley.

Nicole Polo (pictured), a 2020 graduate now studying biomedical engineering at San Jose State University, was the alumni speaker. With plans to study medicine, she is also working as an emergency department transcription scribe at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.

"MESA provided support to me that I have yet to experience from another institution," Polo said. "... Here I learned that empowered people can turn a failure into success by learning from it and moving on by believing in themselves."

Duck race engineering experience proves valuable for 16 students

Seven teams composed of 16 Hartnell students prepared for and competed in the Arroyo Seco Citizens Association Duck Racing Festival on April 30, an experience that also served as a 25-hour micro-internship led by physics instructor Dr. Melissa Hornstein. The annual event is held on the Arroyo Seco River in south Monterey County. (Pictured: The participants with Dr. Hornstein (back row, red shirt.)



Although none of this year's entries defeated competitors from Monterey Peninsula and Cabrillo colleges, Dr. Hornstein reminded the students by email that "winning isn't the only point," adding, "We learned a lot about engineering project management. Perhaps this was the first real project you did from start to finish. That in itself is an accomplishment." The ducks were powered with small electrical controlled motors, many remotely controlled by Arduino microcontrollers.

Students echoed that sentiment in reflections on the experience that they submitted to Dr. Hornstein. Wrote engineering student Robin Keire, who previously earned a bachelor's degree in English and a master's in finance from Saint Mary's College of California, "I learned how to better work within a group to select and implement a design to build a duck boat. ... I also learned that while off-the-shelf solutions are available, they're not the only or best way to approach a problem."

College hosts conference on 'Culture of Food Safety'

Nearly 400 people with a professional stake in the safety of fresh fruits and vegetables consumed worldwide gathered May 4-5 at Hartnell's Center for Performing Arts and via Zoom for the 17th Annual Western Food Safety Conference.



The conference focused on “The Culture of Food Safety” through intensive dialogue and education concerning how to keep consumers safe and maintain their confidence. Speakers and panelists included experts in water quality, data science, sustainable agriculture and state and federal regulation. Registration fees and sponsors’ support helped raise \$15,000 for scholarships to Hartnell agricultural students, adding to more than \$100,000 previously shared as a result of the conference.

Erica Padilla-Chavez (pictured), Hartnell Community College District Governing Board president, asked May 4 keynote speaker Bruce Taylor what advice he would give to instructors

and students in agriculture-related programs during an era of accelerating change. Taylor, chairman and CEO of Salinas-based Taylor Farms, replied that he expects employees to not only be subject-matter experts, such as in food safety, but also to have enough broad knowledge about agriculture to potentially contribute in all areas of the company.

He specifically praised Hartnell’s engineering program and its partnership with Cal State Monterey Bay, which allows agriculture students to complete a variety of bachelor’s degrees without leaving the area. Taylor Farms in 2019 contributed \$1.1 million to Hartnell, which is being used to establish degree pathways and enhance career readiness for students pursuing engineering and engineering technology. “I have nothing but admiration and good wishes for the good work you’re doing here,” Taylor said.



Hartnell’s Child Development Center welcomes preschool applications

Priority registration is underway for Fall 2022 preschool sessions at the Hartnell College Child Development Center, which remain free to most families. Morning sessions are weekdays from 8:30-11:30 a.m., and the afternoon sessions are 12:30-3:30 p.m.

The center, on Hartnell’s Main Campus, provides an individualized, play-based learning experience for children who are almost 3 up to 5 years old. Registration packets can be requested by calling (831) 755-6945 or by email to cdc@hartnell.edu. Children who will be at least 3 years old on or before Dec. 2 are eligible. The fall session starts Aug. 15.



The center, which has full-time master teachers and a staff of college student interns and student workers, maintains the highest possible rating from Quality Matters of Monterey County for its staff training, positive teacher-child interactions and teacher-to-child ratio.

Vocational nursing students hold job fair to explore opportunities

Hartnell vocational nursing students brought 20 Salinas-area health care companies and agencies to a VN Job Fair on May 3 at the Center for Nursing & Health Sciences, the first in more than 10 years.



The event was conceived and organized by third-semester students who wanted to better understand their job prospects coming out of the pandemic. All students were invited. Participating employers included the Salinas Elementary School District, Watsonville Community Hospital, Gilroy Healthcare & Rehabilitation and the Salinas Valley Medical Clinic.

The primary organizers were students Shanice Virrueta and Esmerelda Tellez (pictured, with Virrueta at left), who sought out agencies in communities where students lived to ensure every graduate had a local option to work at, including several who live outside of Monterey County.

“The agencies were delighted to have such a focus, and many walked away with resumes, interviews scheduled and a feeling of hopefulness that the nursing field is about to receive talented, skilled and dynamic LVNs in the near future!” said Dr. Sonja Sheppard, associate director of nursing and allied health.



Board recognizes outgoing leaders of Associated Students for Hartnell College

The Hartnell Governing Board recognized and expressed its appreciation for the outgoing officers of the Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) at its meeting on May 3.

Augustine Nevarez, director of student affairs for student life, introduced the officers present, who then gathered with board members for a group photo. He thanked the 2021-22 officers, saying, "The work they do on a daily basis exemplifies what leadership is at an early age." Nevarez also acknowledged Program Assistant Forrest Alvarez for his work supporting and developing student leaders "and all students."

(Pictured above, from left: Aurelio Salazar Jr., trustee; Forrest Alvarez; Wilfredo Martinez, Alisal Campus senator; Dr. Steven Crow, interim superintendent/president; Apolonia Preciado Castillo, director of Inter-Club Council; Erica Padilla-Chavez, board president; Jane Hernandez, ASHC president and student trustee; Candi DePauw, trustee; Laura Rivera, ASHC vice president; Ray Montemayor, trustee; Irma Lopez, trustee; Alejandra Gonzalez, trustee; Augustine Nevarez)

Gensel and Camacho win 10K as teams seek Northern California title on May 13

Runners Isaac Gensel and Sofia Camacho won the 10,000-meter men's and women's races at the Northern California regional trials on May 6 at Hayward, as their teams aim for NorCal championships at the finals on May 13.

Gensel ran a personal best of 31:14.20, the fifth fastest in Hartnell history, with fellow Panthers Frankie Maciel, Esteban Deniz, Ricky Diaz III in fourth, fifth and seventh place, respectively. Camacho set a new personal mark of 39:28.06, joined by teammates Isabelle Torres in sixth and Shantal Martinez in sixth. Camacho also achieved the school's fifth-fastest 800-meter run as she won that race with a personal best of 2:16.23. (Pictured: Sofia Camacho, left, and Isabelle Torres.)



The NorCal championship will be May 13. The women are seeking to repeat their regional titles in 2018 and 2019.

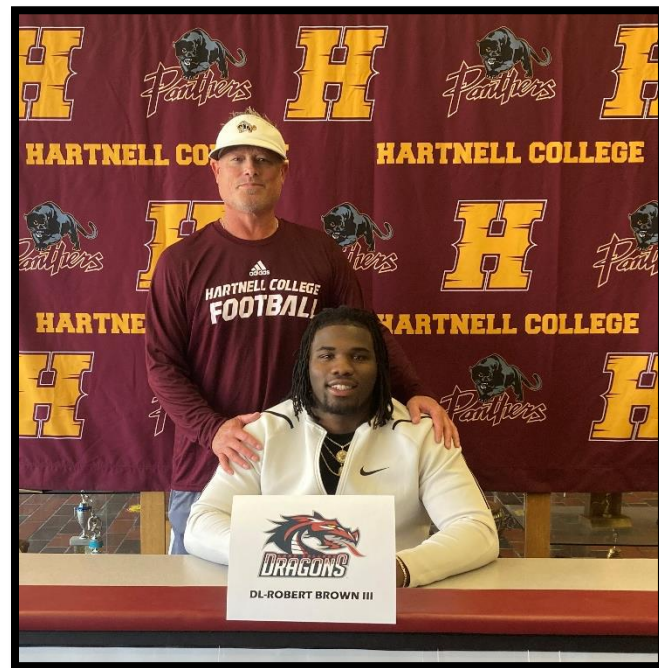
Defender Robert Brown moving on to Lane College

Hartnell Football defensive lineman Robert Brown on May 3 signed a letter of intent to attend and compete for Lane College in Jackson, Tenn. The Carmel High School graduate, who had 48 tackles during the Panthers' 2021 season, plans to continue his kinesiology studies.

"I appreciate all the faculty and everyone helping me on my journey," he said while gathering with his parents and teammates for a signing ceremony in the lobby of the Main Gym. "I look forward to the future and hoping to bring everything I learned here to Tennessee."

Head Coach Matt Collins praised Brown's perseverance through the pandemic and desire to always get better. He was All-Conference and also was the team's Most Valuable Defensive Back.

"He had a major impact on the other student athletes around him on his team and also on campus and his social life as well," Collins said. "We are going to miss you man. I wish we had a team full of Robert Browns."



Cinco de Mayo Carnival and Mini Arts Festival held on May 5

The Main Campus Central Plaza and Student Center were bustling at midday on May 5 as students and employees attended two celebratory events – a Cinco de Mayor Carnival on the plaza and a Spring Mini Arts Festival in the Student Center.

The outdoor festival, presented by the Associated Students of Hartnell College, included free food, a mariachi performance by Mariachi Hermanos Muratalla (pictured), games and prizes. The arts festival included a sale of ceramics made by students and instructors, a performance of the Hartnell Jazz Band, performances by theatre students and a display of work by graphic design students taught by instructor Benjamin Anderson.



In the News

Hartnell Hosts Conference on 'Culture of Food Safety':

<https://www.perishablenews.com/produce/hartnell-hosts-conference-on-culture-of-food-safety/>

Local roundup: Gensel wins NorCal 10,000-meter title for Hartnell:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/05/06/local-roundup-gensel-wins-norcal-the-10000-meter-title-for-hartnell/>

Upcoming Events

Vocal and Choral Concert

9-11:30 a.m.

Wednesday, May 11

Student Center (Building C)

Hartnell Chamber Singers – Free Family Concert with Monterey Pops!

6:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 12

Greenfield High School, 225 S. El Camino Real

EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS Recognition Ceremony

2 p.m.

Friday, May 13

Parking Lot 5, Main Campus

Veterans Recognition Ceremony

6 p.m.

Friday, May 13

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Hawaiian Concert

7 p.m.

Sunday, May 15

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Food Bank of Monterey County – Produce Truck

11 a.m.

Monday, May 16

Main Campus between Buildings C & N

Spring Choral Concert

Monday, May 16

10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.

Mainstage Theater

Panther Night in Soledad – Registration Fair

5-7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Soledad Education Center

1505 Metz Road

Jazz and Concert Band Concert

7 p.m.

Tuesday, May 17

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Mi CASA Virtual Recognition Ceremony

5 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

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Panther Night in King City – Registration Fair

5-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

King City Education Center

110 N. Second St.

Orchestra Concert

7 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Game-A-Thon

12-5 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

Main Campus and King City Education Center

Umoja Graduates Celebration

6 p.m.

Thursday, May 19

Building N, room 9

Nursing & Health Sciences Pinning Ceremony

11:30 a.m.

Friday, May 20

Mainstage Theater

Class of 2022 Commencement Ceremony

4 p.m.

Friday, May 20

Rabobank Stadium

Teacher Pathway/MAESTROs Recognition Ceremony

12:30 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

King City Education Center

TRiO Virtual Recognition Ceremony

5 p.m.

Sunday, May 22

Zoom:

Hartnell Governing Board

5 p.m.

Tuesday, June 7

Castroville Education Center