



HARTNELL COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

On January 19, our entire Hartnell College community gathered for the Spring Student Success Conference. It was a powerful gathering where I shared a message about our determined goal of enhancing the student experience and emphasizing the profound effects of genuine connection. We also received updates on important equity work, the reshaping of our academic affairs department to prioritize student success and teaching excellence, the expansion of support programs for our students,

and firsthand testimonials from students and an alumnus highlighting the life-changing paths our college paves each day.

The student success conference provided an impressive platform for all of us to reflect on our roles and responsibilities and strengthen our influence on the lives of our students. We are true catalysts of transformation in every way. Through profound learning experiences, meaningful relationships, and everything in between,

we inspire, nurture, and empower minds to reach their highest potential. Let us always remember that our commitment to our student's success is an ongoing journey. As educators, we play a pivotal role in shaping how that happens.

Let's continue the great work, move ahead with great enthusiasm, and embrace the promising future of Hartnell College!

Michael Gutierrez,
Superintendent/President



Dr. Frank Harris III Speaks to HC Faculty & Staff on Advancing Equity to Achieve Student Success

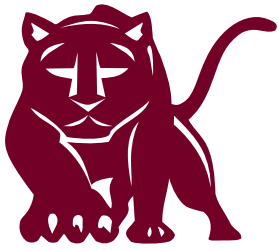
Hartnell College Faculty and Staff were honored to hear inspiring words from Dr. Frank Harris III as the keynote speaker for the Hartnell College Student Success Conference 2024. During the conference, Dr. Harris shared his experiences on the importance of equity in education, aiming to inspire all to recognize the impact of unconscious equity gaps within minorities. His goal was to share his experiences of institutional transformation through equity-minded practice, strategic equity planning and proposed best practices. Dr. Harris's message emphasized the need for proactive improvement of the student experience to ensure success for all students inside and outside the classroom. The workshop provided participants with a reflective exploration of an equity-enriched culture and the qualities of effective strategy, highlighting the necessity of their intersection for meaningful change.

Dr. Frank Harris III is renowned for his expertise in racial inequity in postsecondary education.

His research focuses on college student development, gender, and race in college contexts, specifically emphasizing historically underrepresented and underserved populations.

As a professor of postsecondary education, co-director of the Community College Equity Assessment Lab, and senior strategist in SDSU's Division of Campus Diversity and Student Affairs, Dr. Harris has obtained competitive grants and extramural funding for his work. In addition to his academic roles, he serves as the faculty athletics representative and associate dean of diversity, equity, and inclusion in SDSU's College of Education.

Dr. Harris's presence at the conference provided an excellent opportunity for reflection in promoting student success. His empowering message motivated the entire campus community to continue making a difference in creating a more equitable education for our communities.



Employee Welcome



Meet Nicholas P. Vasquez

Institutional Data Analyst for the Office of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness

Born and raised in Salinas, California, Nicholas brings a wealth of experience to his role. With a strong background in research and analytics, he has served as a research intern at Monterey Peninsula College’s Institutional Research Office, UC Santa Cruz Computational Genomics Lab, and for Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health. Nicholas has also made significant contributions in analytics within the County of Monterey Animal Services and the technology sector.

Passionate about utilizing data analytics and statistical programming techniques, Nicholas is excited to apply his expertise to further the student success goals and beyond at Hartnell College.

Welcome Nicholas to our team!



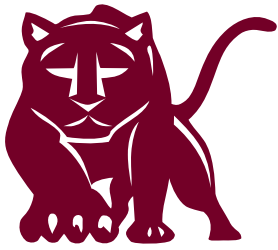
IGNITE YOUR ENTREPRENEURIAL SPIRIT & TURN YOUR PASSION INTO ACTION!

**FEBRUARY 3, 2024 8 AM–5 PM
CAL STATE MONTEREY BAY**



ATTENTION STUDENTS!





Employee Welcome



Meet Vinita Tiwari

Outcomes and Assessment Specialist for the Office of Institutional Planning, Research, and Effectiveness

Vinita Tiwari is a highly accomplished language education and curriculum development professional specializing in Sanskrit. With a Bachelor's degree in Education from Rashtriya Sanskrit Sansthan, India, along with a Bachelor's and Master's degree in Sanskrit from Sant Gadge Baba Amravati University, Vinita brings a wealth of knowledge and expertise to Hartnell College.

Notably, Vinita's talents shine as the Founding Teacher at Samskrita Bharati, USA, where she has designed and evaluated educational programs. A high note is her achievement

in creating a comprehensive curriculum for Sanskrit as a Foreign Language, specifically tailored for high school and college students in the United States. Vinita Tiwari's diligent work also ensures that this program meets the accreditation standards set by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

The best part is that her contributions continue beyond there. Through innovative approaches, outcome assessments, and technology integration in language education, Vinita has brought fresh perspectives to the Sanskrit as a Foreign Language (SAFL) program. Her co-authorship of essential textbooks has been crucial in standardizing Sanskrit education to guarantee consistent and measurable learning outcomes.

Beyond the classroom, Vinita harnesses the power of online platforms to deliver effective teaching and assessment, allowing her to reach students far and wide. Additionally, she organizes cultural immersion experiences that align with educational goals, offering students a well-rounded, holistic approach to learning. Clearly, Vinita Tiwari profoundly understands the connection between teaching methodologies, student assessment, and optimizing outcomes in today's educational landscape.

We're thrilled to welcome Vinita Tiwari to our team, and we're confident that her expertise and dedication will significantly impact our organization. Welcome Vinita!

Hartnell College Employees for Student Success



The Hartnell College Foundation wishes to express our sincerest gratitude to each employee participating in the **Hartnell College Employees for Student Success** campaign. The generosity and commitment to positively impact Hartnell College students is truly making a difference.

On Friday, January 19, an incredible campaign kick-off took place during the Student Success Conference, where we witnessed heartwarming enthusiasm and support. Whether there was a continuation of a donation, an increase in contribution, or becoming a new donor, all of your efforts lead to the continued success of our students!

The **Hartnell College Employees for Student Success** campaign will continue until **February 14, 2024**. Faculty and staff still have time to join and support the goal of impacting 120 students directly through \$120,000 of collective funds raised. By joining the campaign, you'll have the chance to win:

- Two President's Club Tickets to the California International Airshow
- Two Sponsor Tickets to the California Salinas Rodeo
- Set of His and Her Citizen Watches

Ways to join the campaign!

Online: [Access the online form here](#)

Phone: Call 831-755-6810, OR

In-person: Visit the HC Foundation Office
Building E, Room 101/103

Together, we can continue to make our community a better place. Thank you once again!

Hartnell College Employees for Student Success



Share the gift of education and change lives in our community. Employee Giving supports our students with help for tuition, textbooks, transportation, food, and so much more!

Weekly Campaign Drawings

Those who join or renew their employee giving donation will be entered in our weekly campaign drawings for a chance to win:

- Two President's Club Tickets to the California International Airshow
- Two Sponsor Tickets to the California Salinas Rodeo
- Set of His and Her Citizen Watches

Employees who increase their donation or join at the **President's Circle level** (\$1,000) will not only participate in the weekly drawing but will also receive a fleece jacket.

Stop by the Hartnell College Foundation office, give us a call or scan the QR code to submit your pledge form.



Campaign Goal for 2024

Raise **\$120,000** to provide financial support to **120** students, granting each student **\$1,000**.



More Information: (831) 755-6810 Building E, 101

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY FOR HARTNELL WOMEN

PRIORITY TO

- Women of color
- First generation college student
- Immigrant students
- Re-entry to workforce
- First generation born in USA

APPLICATION DEADLINE

February 22, 2024

Submit to:

agodoy-rodriguez@hartnell.edu

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The Peggy Jack Baskin Foundation

ABOUT THE SCHOLARSHIP

The Peggy and Jack Baskin Foundation Scholarship is awarded to low-income women, with a history of outstanding academic success and an intent to give back to the community.

The program provides one student from each participating college with up to **\$20,000** in scholarships over two years. Students must be dedicated to enrolling in and completing the junior and senior years of their college education at a University of California campus.

FOR MORE INFO VISIT
baskinfoundation.org/scholarships

ATTENTION STUDENTS!



Cash FOR COLLEGE

What to bring:

- Driver's license or a California issued identification card (If applicable)
- Social Security Card (If applicable)
- Alien Registration Card (If you are not a United States citizen)
- FSA ID (Student and parent)
- Your 2022 W-2s
- Parent's 2022 W-2s
- Your 2022 tax documents
- Your parent's 2022 tax documents

Dates:

January 31, 2024
February 21, 2024
March 20, 2024

Time:

6-7:30 p.m.

Location

Hartnell College Main Campus
411 Central Avenue, Salinas, Ca 93901
Student Services Building B Room 110



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This event is wheelchair accessible. Individuals requiring sign-language interpreters, real-time captioners, or other accommodations should contact the Financial Aid Office at (831) 755-6806, visit B-121, or email the Financial Aid Office at finaid@hartnell.edu

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Have something important to share?

The President's Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress, and success for and within the Hartnell College community. Please send information and photos to vagonzalez@hartnell.edu.

Renovation of Track and Field Facilities Begins February 12

We are pleased to announce the beginning of significant renovations to our track and field facilities, marking the end of Phase III of the Measure T renovation projects. The project, set to begin on February 12, 2024, will temporarily close the track and field for approximately six months.

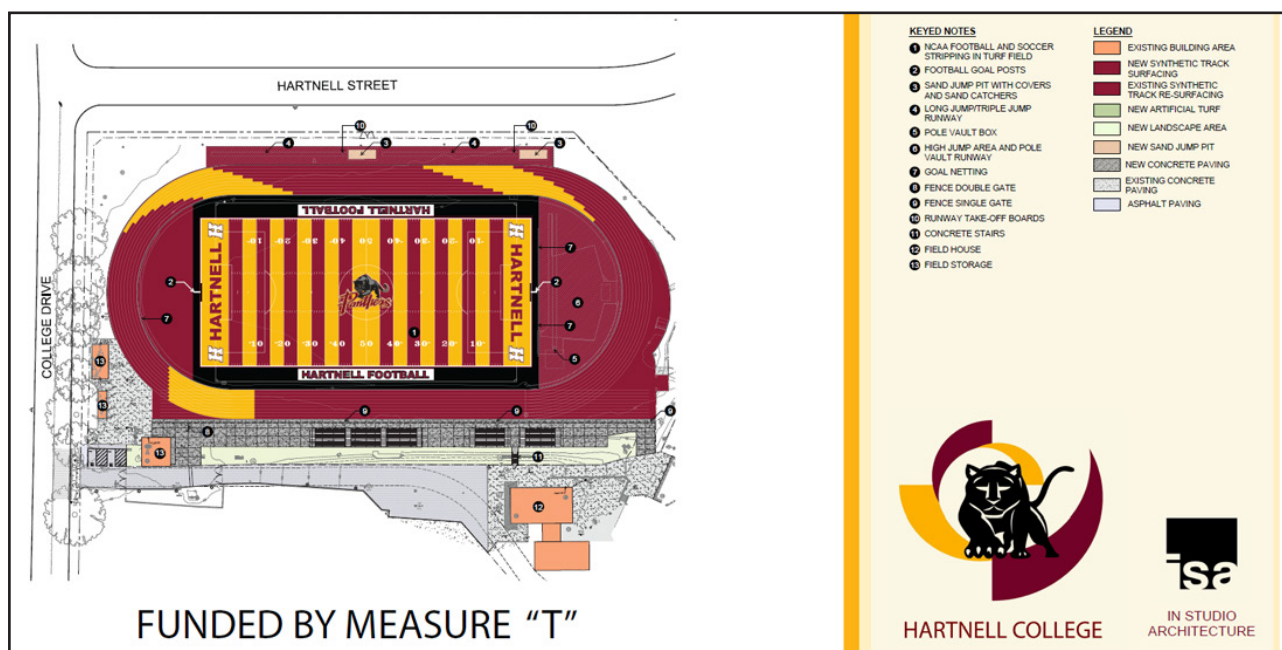
While recognizing the temporary inconvenience this may cause to regular users of the track and field, we are committed to ensuring that the community continues to have access to safe exercise options. During the renovation period, community members are encouraged to utilize the well-lit and secure sidewalks surrounding the college campus for their exercise and walking routines.

The renovation project will bring a host of much-anticipated improvements to the track and field area. Key enhancements include the introduction of new NCAA football and soccer markings on the turf field, the installation of goal posts, the addition of sand jump pits and

runway take-off boards, and the erection of new fencing. These upgrades are designed to significantly enhance the athletic experience for Hartnell College track and field athletes and provide a state-of-the-art practice facility for the college's football team.

This project is a part of the ongoing improvements funded by Measure T, a \$167 million bond measure passed in 2016. Measure T has been instrumental in facilitating a range of enhancements across our campuses. Notable projects include the construction of the Center for Nursing & Health Sciences, the construction of education centers in Castroville and Soledad, as well as the enhancement of facilities and services on our main campus and the King City Education Center.

For more information about Measure T and the renovation project during the closure, please contact Joseph Reyes, Executive Director at (831)755-6814.



Bring the entire family to
Hartnell College for a FREE

STEAM FAMILY SCIENCE DAY

Hartnell College Foundation presents the
18th Annual STEAM Family Science Day

SATURDAY, APRIL 20, 2024
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Main Campus, 411 Central Ave., Salinas, CA
HARTNELL COLLEGE WILLARD LEWALLEN STEM CENTER

This is a great day to enjoy with the entire family, have fun learning, and learn about the offerings at Hartnell. Some of the activities and services offered include:

- Hands-On Activities
- Health Screenings
- Music
- Science Demonstrations
- And More

Community Partners Include:

- Bay Area Herpetological Society
- Field Institute
- Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy
- MY Museum Wheelie Mobilee
- STEM Based Arts and Crafts
- And More

Hartnell College student clubs, staff, and faculty will highlight the fantastic world of science to inspire the next generation of scientists in the Salinas Valley.



Highlights include Meet and Greet with:

James Hansen Newman, Ph.D., an American physicist and a former NASA astronaut who flew on four Space Shuttle missions.



Born blind, world champion skier/language teacher/entrepreneur
Carmela Cantisani

The Family Science Day will also offer a Community Resource Fair with valuable information for all families.

This event is wheelchair-accessible. Individuals requiring sign-language interpreters, real-time captioners, or other accommodations should contact Ana Ibarra at aibarra@hartnellcollegefoundation.org.

Food will be for sale at the Tacos Don Bento Food Truck. In addition, Hartnell College Foundation will be providing FREE snacks throughout the day.

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