



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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President's Letter

It's quite clear that Hartnell is more than a college. It is an extended family made up of connected individuals committed to education, growth and the greater good. As a family we are part of the community's fabric, stitched together by common beliefs and dreams of a better future. Events of the last month reminded me of this fact. Our collaboration with Salinas Valley Health will benefit the community for decades, beginning with the

new Hartnell College Center for Nursing & Health Sciences, with its cutting-edge classrooms, skills labs and simulation rooms. Additionally, the new peer-to-peer project called Healing Hearts Through Healthy Minds works to support student mental health. Also in October we held a CPR training session that prepared students to save the life of anyone in need. We also held Hartnell's first Mental Health First Aid training course with

student leaders and ambassadors from multiple campus programs. Finally, Information Technology Resources held an engaging seminar on cyber-crime and keeping our personal information safe. All of that adds up to education far beyond the classroom and into every corner of our community. Well done all!

Michael Gutierrez
Superintendent/President

CPR Training

Learning life-saving skills on campus

Someone who is CPR-trained can make the difference between life and death for someone in need of critical assistance. Hartnell held a recent CPR training session that prepared Hartnell College employees to save lives. The training was part of safety and security initiatives at the college. Individuals that participated were selected because of their positions and will be the first responding group to be available to assist in the case of an emergency.



Cybersafe Training Fair

Information Technology Resources held a #Cybersafe Training Fair on Oct. 20 in the Steinbeck Hall Student Center. Participants enjoyed games, snacks and a tutorials on how to keep your personal information safe online in a fast-changing tech world. Among the topics: phishing (the fraudulent practice of posing as reputable companies in order to steal passwords etc.); smishing (fake mobile text messages); and vishing (fraudulent phone calls or voice messages).

Eclipse

Students gather for rare view of 'Ring of Fire' eclipse

A stunning annular solar eclipse occurred on Oct. 14, and Hartnell STEM, MESA and the Astronomy Club joined forces with the Monterey Institute for Research in Astronomy to get a safe and spectacular view! Called "the Ring of Fire," the eclipse occurred when the Moon passed between Earth and the Sun, leaving a fiery ring of the Sun exposed. The outdoor event drew a large crowd of curious folks, resulting in a fun-filled event for the entire family.





Mental Health

Let's make Mental Health First Aid as common as CPR! Identify. Understand. Respond. Those are the key messages behind Hartnell's first Mental Health First Aid training course. Student leaders and ambassadors from multiple campus programs attended this important skills-based course that teaches participants about mental health and substance-use issues. Look for another training course later this fall.

Hall of Fame

More Panthers inducted into Athletics Hall of Fame



The Hartnell Athletics Hall of Fame Class for 2023 participated in a celebratory induction ceremony and luncheon on Oct. 14. For the past 10 years we've been recognizing the outstanding accomplishments of our student-athletes, coaches and volunteers! The new inductees included 10 individuals and three teams — all credited with having made an indelible impact on the school's history.

The 2023 Hall of Fame inductees are:

Student-Athletes

- Gerhard Kiessling, Swim and Water Polo (1977-78)
- Carol Agamao, Softball (1993)
- Chris Lybbert, Rodeo (1970)
- Steve Ish, Men's Basketball (1972-73)
- Mike Ward, Track (1996-97)
- James Brewster Thompson, Wrestling and Track (1973-74)

Coaches

- Lloyd Higgins, Football (1981-1992) and Softball (1982 & 1991)
- Joanne Trevino Siems, Support Staff (30+ years)

Volunteers

- Dennis Lehnen, former KSBW sports anchor
- George Watkins, former sportswriter, The Californian

Teams

- 1958 Football
- 1981 Football
- 2005 Men's Cross Country

Hartnell College Center for Nursing & Health Sciences

Hartnell and Salinas Valley Health celebrate unveiling of Center for Nursing & Health Sciences



Hartnell celebrated a healthy and happy partnership on Oct. 18 during the unveiling of the Hartnell College Center for Nursing & Health Sciences. Our unique collaboration with Salinas Valley Health led to this momentous occasion that featured a ribbon-cutting and the unveiling of joint signage on the building.

Our partnership with this renowned medical center is long-standing, with students gaining valuable education at Hartnell while training

at Salinas Valley Health for a future in the healthcare industry.

At the celebration, elected officials, donors and community partners gathered to commemorate the accomplishment, one that will surely have a ripple effect in the community.

Made possible by Measure T funding, construction on the building began in January of 2019 and was completed in the spring of 2022.

The campus center will showcase three cutting-edge classrooms, skills labs and simulation rooms furnished with advanced technology that offer the opportunity to train in highly realistic settings while gaining essential skills through hands-on experiences.

The addition to Hartnell College directly responded to the growing need for healthcare staff by expanding student access to nursing and health sciences education, training, and employment opportunities.

Healing Hearts

Healing Hearts Through Healthy Minds

An important student-led mental health initiative took place on Oct. 16 in the Steinbeck Hall. Healing Hearts Through Healthy Minds is a new and engaging peer-to-peer project that supports student mental health. The event included a mental health-focused resource fair, a light lunch and refreshments. Look for more events in the near future!



Congratulations Graduates!



Araceli Sifuentes

Sister to Patricia Sifuentes, Enrollment Services Specialist

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Degree: Administration of Justice for Transfer



Have something important to share?

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