



HARTNELL COLLEGE

Monthly Report to the Governing Board  
Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President  
Division of Student Affairs  
Month of March

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Presented Student Affairs outcome data, Soledad staffing plans and services to students during the pandemic on March 16, 2021.
- Participated in the Region IV Chief Student Services Officers meeting on March 26, 2021.
- Participated in the Community Foundation for Monterey County, Community Impact board orientation on March 26, 2021.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- 1756 High School Students currently going through the Steps to Success leading up to priority registration April 30, 2021.

**COVID-19**

- Over 3,000 appointments made on SARS Anywhere online (upgraded counseling appointment scheduling system) since launch on December 22, 2020.

College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- The College Readiness Director was an invited panelist for the Equity and Excellence Fellowship meeting where Hartnell students inquired about the experiences in education and professional careers of women working in the field of education.
- The College Readiness Director provided a brief overview of SB554-Adult Education and Dual Enrollment to the Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium.
- The College Readiness Director along with colleagues from East LA College were invited to speak with the Stanislaus County Cradle to Career Initiative leaders on dual enrollment and ways to engage families and communities in their efforts.

Department of Supportive Programs & Services (DSP&S)

Michelle Peters, Director

- DSPS Counselor was awarded tenure for 2021-22.

- DSPS Counselor participated in the California Community College Racial Equity Leadership Alliance conference.
- DSPS Director was invited to form a partnership with Salinas Union High School to contribute to their Improvement Plan to the state, to address transition needs of students with disabilities to postsecondary education. A presentation was made to department heads and teachers. The partnership also encompasses the high school's Adult Transition Program. Additionally, the DSPS Director was invited to provide training and resources.
- DSPS Director participated in the MCOE Secondary Transition Consortium meeting, to provide information about the DSPS Pre Panther Prep program, to promote a smooth transition of students with disabilities for Summer and Fall 2021 enrollment. The goals are for students to complete their registration with DSPS and to have an education plan prior to the district-wide Panther Pledge/Prep, resulting in the inclusion of students with disabilities, as well as student eligibility for priority registration.

#### **COVID-19**

- DSPS Director contributed to a grant application to the United Way to assist with rental assistance for students.

#### Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

- Mi CASA hosted weekly Cafecito workshops on Tuesday evenings facilitated by Equity Programs counselors Daisy Nunez and Adriana Chavez to provide social emotional support for undocumented students. Each workshop had 10-12 student participants. Workshop topics included mindfulness, scholarship applications, and financial literacy.
- Mi CASA, in collaboration with faculty experts from Hartnell College and local community partners, implemented a two-part "Dreamer Ally" Training on March 5, 2021 and March 19, 2021, for a total of six hours of training. Participants learned about the journey of undocumented students through higher education, including special presentations on mental health, immigration policies and practices, financial aid, and other resources for undocumented students. In addition, participants explored what it means to be an ally and began applying their knowledge in case based discussion groups. Over 50 faculty and staff participants attended.
- On Saturday, March 20, 2021, 25 MILE and 25 WELI scholars each participated in a workshop with their respective cohort to help them prepare to meet industry mentors by developing and refining their SMART goals. The MILE workshop was led by Dr. Jainesh Singh and Mr. Carlos Aguilar of the Panther Learning Labs. The WELI workshop was led by counselor Heather Rodriguez and Ms. Adriana Gonzalez of the Office of

Equity Programs. Following the morning workshop, the scholars had the opportunity to meet all of the mentors for their group. 13 MILE mentors and 11 WELI mentors were present, representing diverse professional backgrounds and industries. Each mentor has volunteered their time to support Hartnell students in achieving their personal, professional, and academic goals. Scholars now have the opportunity to request a mentor based on their shared values and experiences.

- The Director of Equity Programs participated in an interview with the Pebble Beach foundation hosted by the Hartnell College Foundation on March 16, to share information about how we have adapted our program model for the MILE and WELI programs in response to students' changing needs in the pandemic.
- Faculty Advisors Dr. Nereida Oliva and Ms. Hermelinda Rocha hosted a panel of educators to share their experiences with students participating in the Equity and Excellence Fellowship
- The Umoja program held two "Pull-up Porch Talks" on March 18, 2021 and March 30, 2021, to foster connections between the Umoja Counselor and Coordinator and prospective Umoja students, and to distribute Umoja themed supplies and materials to the students.

#### Financial Aid

Marina Reyes, Interim Director

- Pell Grant year to date: \$8,130,322
- Cal Grant year to date: \$1,228,380
- SSCG Grant year to date: \$999,254
- Cal Grant (Dreamers) year to date: \$70,809
- SSCG Grant (Dreamers) year to date: \$71,258

#### **COVID-19**

- CARES Act year to date: \$1,897,000
- All Financial Aid operations continued virtually

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- HEP has resumed in person HiSET official testing in partnership with Gonzales Adult School. This collaboration has assisted other area adult schools (Soledad, Gonzales and Greenfield) to continue official testing for HEP and non-HEP students.

#### Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- Women's History Month Celebration included four virtual workshops.

Students and the Hartnell Community participated in workshops with addressing Self Care, Resume and Interview Skills, and Wage Negotiations.

**COVID-19**

- Study area continues to operate Wednesdays and Thursdays, 12:00 - 4:00 pm.
- Pop-Up Pantry distributions continue twice per month on Fridays on the first floor of the parking structure on the main campus.