



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Attended the virtual 2020 Chief Student Services Officers conference on September 8-10, 2020.
- Participated in CSEA negotiations and Employer-Employee Relations Committee meetings during the month.
- Participated in the United Way and Hartnell VECAA partnership meeting on September 10, 2020. This partnership is expected to facilitate and increase the completion of FAFSA applications districtwide through the use of Hartnell College Financial Aid staff and United Way VECCA volunteers.
- Participated in the monthly Region IV CSSO meeting regarding COVID 19, providing online services to students and planning for the Spring 2021 semester.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- The Enrollment Services team assisted and supported students, staff, and faculty through the add and drop period of the Fall 2020 semester. Fall 2020 FTES at Census Day were 2,983.
- Enrollment Services is working with Information Technology Resources to implement an Add Authorization module in the Education Planner Self-Serve. This module will improve the process for adding a course during the add/drop period of the semester making the process easier for students.
- The Veteran Resources Center hosted workshops on Personal Accountability and resources the center has available to students. Also, a Veteran Success workshop that included representatives from the California Department of Veteran Affairs that shared information about services and resources available to our veteran students.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Hosted planning meeting for the annual Curriculum Institute to be held in November. Members consist of K12, alternative education, community college and 4-year partners.

- Worked with Financial aid, designated counselors, and Foundation to determine CARES Act funding distribution that differs from Emergency Scholarship distribution and Women Supporting Women/McKay Scholarship funds. We continue to encounter students with financial need and are supporting them through various resources.
- Met with the College Pathways Team and developed an onboarding plan for FA20 and the facilitation of the Steps to Success with K12 partners.

### **COVID-19**

- College Pathways team contacted approximately 1200 new Hartnell College freshman who completed the Panther Pledge, to "Drive-Thru" and pick up their Hartnell College Swag. Drive thru occurred on all three campuses.

### College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- College Readiness in partnership with Admissions and Records, supported the enrollment process for 23 dual enrollment courses offered at North Monterey County High School, Salinas Union High School District, Gonzales High School, and Soledad High School, and Seaside High School for Fall 2020. This required great partnership with our area high schools given all our institutions remote and/or limited in-person status to complete a process that has traditionally relied upon regular face-to-face/in-person support.
- College Readiness Director was invited by the Monterey County Office of Education to plan and co-facilitate the African American Community Forum that centered on college and career readiness. District Superintendents and Associate Superintendents, along with educators and community members discussed ways in which we can collaborate to improve the experiences of African American students in Monterey County.

### Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

- In collaboration with Hartnell College Foundation and IT, finalized verification and distribution of approximately 500 electronic bookstore vouchers to eligible participants in the Salinas Valley Promise Program to support the success of first time, full time students in their first semester of classes.
- Organized and hosted a fall semester virtual "Dreamer's Welcome Back" event to foster community and provide resources to undocumented students on Tuesday, September 8, 2020. Mi CASA staff and student Ambassadors provided an overview of Hartnell's services for

- undocumented students and families. In addition, partners from across campus shared information and support with new and continuing students. Featured services included: Enrollment Services, (Dr. Maria Ceja & Monica Navarro) Library services (Cynthia Ainsworth), Emotional Wellness/Crisis Counseling (Israel Sanchez), Panther Learning Labs/Academic Support Services (Carla Gonzalez).
- In an attempt to support the social emotional wellness of undocumented students during the pandemic, Mi CASA hosted weekly “Cafecito” discussion group meetings. The meetings occur via zoom and are led by Counselors Daisy Nunez and Adriana Chavez in collaboration with the student DREAM Club president.
  - Hosted free virtual immigration legal services with licensed attorneys in collaboration with the California Health and Human Services department and the UFW Foundation on September 1, 11, 15, and 15, 2020.
  - Recruited and finalized selection of six student fellows participating in the Office of Equity Program’s “Excellence in Equity Fellowship”. The fellowship provides professional development and financial benefit to students who face barriers to employment based on immigration status or experiences with the criminal justice system.

#### Financial Aid

Marina Reyes, Interim Director

- As of September 16, 2020, the Financial Aid department has disbursed \$1,412,326 in financial aid to Fall 2020 students.
- CARES Act funding is now available to all students registered for Fall 2020 in a minimum of 6 units and experiencing COVID-19 related emergencies. The application is available on the [Scholarships website](#).

#### **COVID-19**

- The financial aid office has recorded step by step videos demonstrating how to create an FSAID and the Financial Aid Application. Videos are available on the department [YouTube](#) page. Additional videos are being developed.

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- Hartnell HEP student, Iris Lira Perez, was selected as the recipient of the \$1,000, 2020 HEP National Association Scholarship.
- The High School Equivalency Program successfully moved new non-credit (HSE) courses through the curriculum committee first reading process.

### Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- Hosted two Pop-Up Pantry food distributions in September. 150 students were served at each event.
- Student engagement continues to be offered to students and our campus community delivered virtually. Events included the 9/11 Remembrance Day event and the opening celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month.

### SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- The SSS/TRiO programs (Regular and ESL) are planning to expand the SSS/TRiO program services to all of the new expanded campuses (Castroville, Soledad and King City) with the additional funding that Hartnell College has received from the US Department of Education. SSS/TRiO funding has increased from 1.3 million dollars over five years to 2.6 million dollars over 5 years.

### **COVID-19**

- The SSS/TRiO programs (Regular and ESL) worked with Dean Ceja and interim financial aid director, Marina Reyes to award \$500.00 CARES Act Grant awards to incoming 101 SSS/TRiO students totaling \$50,500.00. Each student has to complete a very short survey explaining the financial situation that they are facing due to COVID-19. Many of the SSS/TRiO students who applied to the CARE Act Grant awards are facing and have family members who are facing difficult fiscal challenges due to the COVID-19 crisis. This funding will help to reduce the financial difficulties that many of the 101 students are facing.

### Upward Bound

Cesar Velazquez, Director

- Passed out meal gift cards to Upward Bound participants. To date the program has distributed approximately \$20,000 in meal cards to Upward Bound participants.