



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

## President's Weekly Report to the Board of Trustees

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May 31, 2019

**Mission:**

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.

## We proudly congratulate employees and employee relatives upon their graduation

In this edition of the President's Weekly Report, we continue a recent spring tradition of recognizing and celebrating employees and their relatives who recently completed degrees or achieved other academic milestones. These are in addition to recent doctoral recipients acknowledged in a recent edition of this report. If you have an additional employee graduation item to share, please send the information and a photo to [communications@hartnell.edu](mailto:communications@hartnell.edu). Thank you and best wishes to all!

**Belinda Saechao-Jimmeye, Program Assistant II**

Name: Emalyn Saechao

Relation: Baby sister

School: Florin High school, Sacramento

Attending San Francisco State University in the fall to study astrophysics.



**Jennifer Santana, Accounting Technician**

Name: Callie Santana

Relation: Daughter

School: Washington Middle School

Eighth grade promotion with Principal's Honor Roll



**Nancy Wheat, Faculty**

Name: Anna Wheat

Relation: Daughter

School: Monterey High School

She will be attending UC Davis in the fall, majoring in biomedical engineering.



**Betty Rivera, Library Services Specialist**

Name: Azalia Rivera

Relation: Daughter

School: CSU Sacramento with a Bachelor of Science, Environmental Studies

**Erica Rowe, Human Resources Analyst**

Brandman University

Masters of Science in Human Resources





**Xochitl Carranza, Administrative Assistant I**

Names: Ricardo Zamora (in red), Victor Carranza (in green)

Relation: Sons

School: North Salinas High and Harden Middle School

**Bronwyn Moreno Director of Student Affairs**

Masters of Science in Educational Leadership  
CSU East Bay



**Jackie Cruz, VP of Advancement**

Masters in Business Administration,  
Emphasis Organizational Leadership  
Brandman University





**Delia Edeza, Administrative Assistant III**

Names: Michael Anthony Edeza-Salvant (left),

Isaiah Jacob Edeza-Salvant (right)

Relation: Sons

Schools: St. Mary's College of California, B.A. Justice, Community and Leadership (Michael) and Palma High School, diploma (Isaiah).



**Cynthia Ainsworth, Librarian**

Names: Laura Ainsworth Goodspeed and Tim Dixon Goodspeed

Relation: Daughter and son-in-law

Schools: University of Phoenix, through Bay Area Teacher Training Institute, Masters in Education and teaching credential



**Margie Weibusch, Director Foster Kinship Care Education/Independent Living Program**

Name: Cassondra Wiebusch

Relation: Daughter

School: Melody Park Christian School



**Monica Conner, K-12 STEM Academy  
Coordinator**

Name: Raymond Gallegos

Relation: Son

School: North Salinas High School



**Silvina Zepeda, DSPS Specialist**

Name: Noe Zepeda

Relation: Son

School: Alisal High School

## Third annual banquet honors graduating Dreamer students

It was my privilege to speak at the third annual Dreamer Banquet on May 31 in Steinbeck Hall as Mi CASA, the Center for Achievement and Student Advancement, honored 37 Dreamer graduates.

I was proud to recall how in 2016 Hartnell became the first community college in California to establish a center for undocumented students. Determination, commitment, heart, courage and tenacity are all words that describe our Dreamer students. We are proud of them and confident they will be successful in the future.



With great appreciation, I accepted an award presented by Bronwyn Moreno, director of student affairs for special programs, and graduate Estefania Escalante Solis, Dream Club president, for my role in expanding services for undocumented students at Hartnell.

Joining me in congratulating the graduates were Hartnell Governing Board Vice President Patricia Donohue and trustees Erica Padilla-Chavez and Manuel Osorio. Each student received certificates of recognition from U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta and State Sen. Anna Cabellero.

The keynote speaker was Jorge Calva, who graduated from Hartnell in 2017 with an Associate of Science degree in agricultural production and this fall will complete a degree in plant health at Fresno State University. Born in Mexico City, he helped found the Plant Science Club at Fresno State and has been recognized for his efforts to provide healthy and accessible nutrition for students.

"Hartnell offered the tools and resources I needed to thrive while being a student here," Calva said. " – trust, transparency, learning, friends, community, collaboration and love." He also told the 2019 graduates that being an undocumented student "has not stopped me, and it should not stop you from engaging in your passions."



Ana Laura Perez Ventura spoke on behalf of her fellow graduates to express appreciation to families for their support. "This is not an easy path to follow," she said. "You may see us struggle; you may see us cry because of all the challenges we have to go through. But you guys are always there for us. You tell us, 'You got this.'"

Entertainment was provided by Baile Folklorico of Salinas, whose dance program was appropriately titled "Alma y Tradicion" – "Soul and Tradition."

## HEP ceremony celebrates completion of 82 students

Joined by program director Laura Zavala and Carla Johnson, dean of student affairs, I certified the completion of 82 students who passed their High School Equivalency Test (HiSET) over the past year during a June 1 ceremony. A luncheon reception for the graduates and their families, complete with a mariachi performance, was held in the Student Center.



Hartnell's High School Equivalency (HEP) program, funded through the U.S. Department of Education Office of Migrant Education, has consistently been among the top three programs of its kind across the country, both in terms of its student completion rates and success in placing students in subsequent education and employment opportunities.

As Zavala congratulated the graduates and welcomed their families to the Mainstage Theater, she recalled how incoming students are asked to name a personal hero. She said students often point to relatives who are farm workers and help provide a better life and future for their families. "These stories are full of motivation, and resilience," Zavala said, "the same qualities that carried our HEP graduates through this journey. Without knowing or thinking, our students were describing themselves."



HEP alum Maria Carmen Parra delivered the Alumni Address. After completing her High School Equivalency and Associate of Arts degrees from Hartnell in Liberal Arts and Spanish, the native of Nayarit, Mexico, graduated from California State University, Monterey Bay, in 2017 with a bachelor's degree in Collaborative Health and Human Services and a minor in Social Work. A mother of four, Parra now works as a community leader for the Monterey County Children's Council as part of the Bright Beginnings initiative. Of her eight-year educational journey, she said, "This experience was very moving for me on a personal and professional level, but also because I became an example to follow for my children and family."

Class Valedictorian Irma Saenz Camacho (pictured above) addressed her fellow graduates and their families. "Take this journey one day at a time, one class at a time," she said. "The most important factor is to be present and never give up. The great achievement is the first step. ... Your children will not remember the hours you spent in class, but they will remember your sacrifices to give them a better life."

## Hartnell Football Golf Tournament draws 98 to Crazy Horse Ranch



May 31 was a perfect day for golf and a great opportunity to support Hartnell Football as 98 participants competed for fun and prizes at The Club at Crazy Horse Ranch. I am pictured here with Dan Teresa, director of athletics, who was part of my foursome.

The Drew Massa group was the day's winning team, and Rick Masso took home a \$10,000 prize by sinking a 30-foot putt.

In addition to staff from the Hartnell College Foundation, football players volunteered to assist with the tournament. Among them was sophomore running back Emmanuel Ortega (pictured at right), who measured putts during a qualifier.







## Dr. Lewallen delivers keynote at Rancho Cielo Youth Campus

I was invited to give the keynote address for a scholarship and achievement awards ceremony at the Rancho Cielo Youth Campus on May 24.

A number of Rancho Cielo students completed a Hartnell College Ethnic Studies course under our dual-enrollment program. Hartnell is partnering with Rancho Cielo to support educational opportunities available through its new Ted Taylor Vocational Building. We will be collaborating to teach career technical education courses in agriculture and related fields.



## Child Development Center holds "bridging" ceremony for students

Children attending the Child Development Center at Hartnell during the past school year symbolically marked their transition from preschool to kindergarten on May 31 by crossing a "bridge" on the center's backyard lawn while proud families watched.

The ceremony for morning session students was held in the Mainstage Theater, and the afternoon session ceremony was held in the yard behind the center. After both ceremonies, the center hosted families and children for a reception that included healthy snacks and activities.



## Astronomy Club visits NASA Jet Propulsion Lab in Pasadena

The Hartnell Astronomy club traveled to Pasadena on May 28-30 to tour the NASA Jet Propulsion Laboratory, which is responsible for the construction and operation of robotic planetary spacecraft.

Club members had the opportunity to view Mission Control, the room where scientists and engineers monitor



the launch and data sent by spacecraft. They also viewed the Assembly Room (pictured) and watched as engineers assembled the Mars 2020 rover set to launch in July 2020. The next day, they visited the California Science Center to view the retired Space Shuttle Endeavour.



Participating students were Tony Paredes, Lisette Tapia and Ismah Uddin, as well as Karen Gonzalez, who conceived of this trip two years ago because it was her dream to see JPL and the Endeavour. Joining the students were Dr. Pimol Moth, astronomy instructor and club advisor; Wayne Foster, coordinator of the Hartnell Planetarium; and Jeff Hughey, biology instructor.

The club thanks the Associated Students of Hartnell College and Hartnell faculty and staff for helping to make the trip possible.

## **New MILE and WELI students attend leadership workshops**

About 50 students participating in the coming year's MILE (Men's Institute for Leadership and Education) and WELI (Women's Education and Leadership Institute) programs completed their summer leadership training sessions on May 28-30.



During the 2019-20 school year, both groups will attend quarterly meetings with volunteer mentors from the professional and business communities. Each will receive \$2,000 in scholarships if they maintain full-time status and meet other program requirements.

Pictured are the MILE students and their leadership instructor Dr. Frederick Moore (at right), a chemistry professor and STEM advocate at San Francisco City College who led the training in the STEM Building.



## **Keeping precautions in mind during National Safety Month**

Kenneth Laird, director of public safety and emergency management, invites the greater Hartnell community to consider several key injury-prevention reminders during [National Safety Month](#) throughout June.

This week's focus is on recognizing hazards and avoiding slips, trips and falls. Laird urged everyone to watch for potential fire hazards such as multiple cords plugged into an outlet and watch for clutter, cords and spills that could lead to an accident.



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He urged everyone to watch for things like flooded outdoor walkways or downed limbs and said a notification call to the public safety office is always welcome. Never assume someone else has or will report the situation. To make a report, call the non-emergency line at (831) 770-7001 or the emergency line at (831) 755-6888.

## In the News

**South County cohort of teaching students graduate from Hartnell:**

<https://kingcityrustler.com/article/south-county-cohort-of-teaching-students-graduate-from-hartnell>

**Colegio Comunitario Hartnell y Fundación de UFW se unen para brindar servicios de inmigración:**

<https://www.kion546.com/t23/colegio-comunitario-hartnell-y-fundacion-de-ufw-se-unen-para-brindar-servicios-de-inmigracion/1081990348>

## Upcoming Events

**Note:** All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted.

### **Summer and Fall 2019 Registration**

*Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students*

Summer through June 16; fall through Aug. 11

### **Child Development Center Bridging Ceremony**

Friday, May 31

Morning session: 9-11 a.m. (Studio Theater, Building J)

Afternoon session: 12:45-3 p.m. (Building M)

### **Hartnell Football Golf Tournament**

10 a.m. registration, noon start

Friday, May 31

Crazy Horse Ranch, Salinas

### **Third Annual Dreamers Banquet**

6-8 p.m.

Friday, May 31

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**HEP Recognition Ceremony**

12 p.m.

Saturday, June 1

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**“The Miracle Worker”**

[The Western Stage](#)

June 1-22

Mainstage Theater

**Summer Bridge Orientation**

SSS/TRiO Guided Pathway

9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

June 10-14

**ASVAB Career Exploration Assessment**

[Registration](#) for Hartnell students

9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Wednesday, June 12

Transfer and Career Center

Building C, room 132

**CalPERS on the Road: “Planning Your Retirement”**

9:30-11:30 a.m. and 1:30-3:30 p.m.

Register at [calpers.ca.gov](http://calpers.ca.gov)

June 19

West Wing Conference Room

Salinas City Hall

200 Lincoln Ave.