



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

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

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**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.

### Weekly Report will take a brief hiatus

This weekly report will not be distributed for the next three weeks, returning with an edition for the week of July 22-26, when we will be gearing up for the start of the Fall 2019 semester on Aug. 12. Thank you!

### ACCJC resoundingly reaffirms accreditation for seven years

As I shared in a July 1 email to students, employees and many of our friends, Hartnell College was formally notified by the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges (ACCJC) on June 28 that our accreditation has been reaffirmed for seven years. We anticipated this based on the very positive report by a visiting peer review team in March, but it is no less gratifying to receive official confirmation.



This is a tremendous accomplishment and a testament to everyone's efforts in putting "students first" and improving student success and institutional effectiveness. It is worth noting that Hartnell satisfied all 128 accreditation standards, satisfied all eligibility requirements and demonstrated compliance with all commission policies and regulations. We received three commendations for exemplary practices. The commission made two "improvement recommendations," which simply are suggestions for strengthening efforts already underway, not deficiencies

With this final action, no follow-up reports or visits from Commission representatives are required. Over the next seven years, Hartnell will only be required to submit a standard mid-term report in March 2023. The next comprehensive accreditation evaluation will occur in Spring 2026.

Congratulations to all who contributed to this exceptional outcome that will carry forward over the next seven years. I am profoundly honored to have worked with all of you in achieving this reaffirmation of accreditation.

## Monterey Council Business Council honors college for economic vitality

On behalf of everyone who contributes to Hartnell's success, including our supporters and students, I accepted the 2019 Economic Vitality Award for Higher Education & Research from the Monterey County Business Council's 24th anniversary gala on June 29.

This award recognized our relentless focus on student success and completion, including tremendous increases in completed degrees and certificates, growth in full-time faculty and staff and the passage and

implementation of our \$167 million facilities bond measure, Measure T. All of these gains are about our students being able to cross the finish line, directly into careers or bachelor degree programs.

I also was pleased to recognize and thank Hartnell Governing Board members Manuel Osorio and Irma Lopez, who joined my wife, Michele, and me at the dinner, held at the Monterey Plaza Hotel. Presenting the award were MCBC Board President Luis Alvarez and Kimbley Craig, the organization's president and CEO (pictured).

In addition to economic vitality awards in seven categories, the President's Award went to Scheid Vineyards of Greenfield. All of us from Hartnell were pleased for Kurt Gollnick, the company's senior vice president and chief operating officer (pictured, at right), who also is president of the Hartnell College Foundation Board of Directors. Joining him to accept the award was CEO Scott Scheid.

## Forbes AgTech includes focus on developing future leadership

On June 26, I moderated a panel discussion at the 2019 Forbes AgTech event in Oldtown Salinas titled "How to Cultivate the Next Generation of Leadership in Farming."



The panelists were Dr. Glenda Humiston, vice president for agriculture and natural resources for the University of California; Joe Pezzini, president and CEO of Ocean Mist Farms; Chris Rotticci, cofounder of Automated Harvesting LLC; and Jason Smith, president and CEO of Smith Family Wines. I am pictured here with Dr. Humiston and Pezzini.

We discussed how to ensure that the agriculture industry maintains a pipeline of emerging leadership as it undergoes a transformation from the increasing and expanding role of technology

One of the questions discussed was how the ag industry can attract the caliber of talent it will need. Humiston noted that a key factor is educating the public on the breadth and diversity of opportunity, particularly through STEM education.

Hartnell was also represented at Forbes AgTech by a group of students (pictured) who are completing a STEM internship this summer at Food Origins, a Salinas ag technology startup, under the guidance of math instructor Brian Palmer.



Food Origins CEO Nathan Dorn generously arranged for the group to attend the two-day event, where they provided support as volunteers. Said Palmer, "The students all discovered how large the world of AgTech is, how much it is growing, and have a new appreciation for the opportunities that Hartnell and the broader Salinas agricultural community have to offer."

## **Board President Salazar provides update on presidential search**

*On June 24, Hartnell Governing Board President Aurelio Salazar Jr. issued an update on the search process to identify the next Superintendent/President for the Hartnell Community College District. The following is an excerpted from that message:*

As we are close to finishing the process according to the original schedule, I am humbled by the hours of effort put forth by so many people for whom this search is so important. Dozens of employees, students and community members attended the community forums in early April to provide input about the qualities that we were looking for in a new superintendent/president. Eighteen people – faculty staff,



administrators and community members – volunteered to be on the search committee.

They devoted a half day to training in May, and then two full, long days in early June to reviewing applications, selecting candidates for interview, and conducting the interviews. On June 10, the committee identified three finalists to submit to the Board: Dr. Anthony Kinkel, Dr. Patricia Hsieh and Dr. Peter Maphumulo. The finalists' biographies can be found on our website [here](#).

The Board invited those finalists to a two-day visit, which has just concluded. More than a hundred people attended public forums with the finalists on June 20, and many of you have provided feedback on your impressions of those forums.

The Board spent June 21 interviewing the candidates in closed session. We will be continuing our decision-making process, gathering more information, possibly doing site visits of one or more candidates' current places of employment and making a decision about this search as soon as this work is done. On behalf of the Board, I would like to thank everyone who has taken part in this effort.

## Salinas Rotary hears latest milestones in student success

I welcomed the Salinas Rotary Club to Hartnell for its weekly luncheon meeting on June 25. It was an opportunity for me to update this group of community and business leaders on the many outcomes of what I like to call our college's "relentless focus on student success," including continued gains in the number of degrees and certificates we award.

Our latest projection is that 1,634 students will have completed degrees and 1,080 will have completed certificates by the end of the summer term, which concludes the 2018-19 year. That is a total of 2,714, which would be an additional 25 percent increase over 2017-18.

I also was pleased to update my fellow Rotarians on our Measure T construction projects and continued stewardship of the 2017 gift of the Matsui property in northeast Salinas, among many other important developments.

## Inmate Education team listens and learns on San Quentin visit

A group of six Hartnell and Hartnell College Foundation staff and administrators traveled to San Quentin State Prison on June 21 to observe incarcerated students and meet with representatives of the Prison University Project (PUP) based there.



The full-day trip began with an orientation from PUP Executive Director Jody Lewen and her team, who explained that their program not only provides students with a general education degree, but also with college and career preparation that includes both hard and soft skills.

The group then went into the prison, where they joined a film class in session and met with a focus group of incarcerated students. The day concluded with a networking conversation over dinner that included PUP staff who previously were incarcerated students. Together, the participants had spent more than 200 years behind bars.



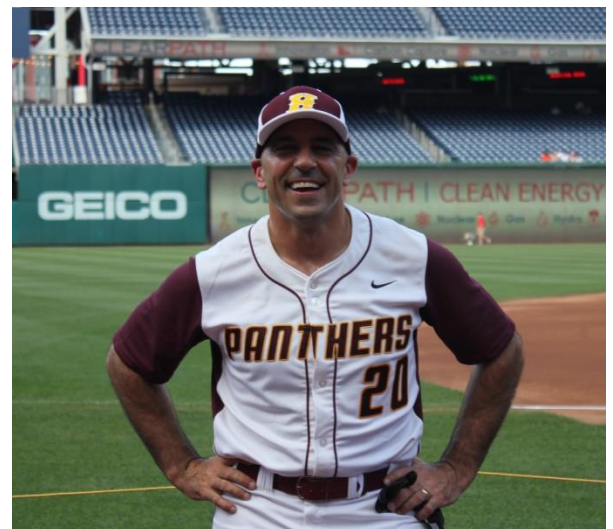
Hartnell participants came away with many strong impressions from the experience. They shared a strong belief in the value of extending educational opportunities to the prison population, as Hartnell now does at Salinas Valley State Prison in Soledad, the Correctional Training Facility in Soledad, and at the Monterey County Jail and Monterey County Juvenile Hall.

Said Dr. Jay Singh, Hartnell’s director of academic and support services, “We need to challenge the narrative of what it means to be a college student.”

Pictured: (back row) Ana Gonzalez, director of continuing education; Jody Lewen, PUP executive director; Marvin Mutch, PUP office assistant; Pat Mims, director of PUP Reentry Success Center; Stanford Armstead (PUP); Brenda Jones, College Pathway coordinator for inmate education; Tim Thompson, PUP program assistant; Ariana Rodriguez, assessment coordinator, Student Success; Carissa Purnell, director, Alisal Family Resource Center, Network; (front row) Dr. Jay Singh; Dmitriy Orlov, PUP office manager; Eddie Herena, photographer; and Esther Kim, independent consultant. Not pictured: Dr. Sonja Lolland, vice president of academic affairs, and Ashton Clarke, associate director of philanthropy, Hartnell College Foundation.

## **Panetta shows Panther Pride during congressional game**

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta, who represents the Salinas-Monterey area in Congress, proudly wore a Hartnell Baseball uniform as he helped the Democrats to a 14-7 win in the 58th Annual Congressional Baseball Game at Nationals Park in Washington.



Panetta played in the outfield all seven innings and went two for four at the plate, with three RBIs and three stolen bases.

This year's theme was "For the Love of the Game," highlighting how the contest brings together lawmakers from across the political spectrum for a worthy cause. The game raised \$1.3 million for Congressional Sports for Charity, a foundation that supports charities for children and families in the Washington area.

## **Mi CASA voices unflagging support for undocumented students, families**

*Mi CASA, Hartnell's Center for Achievement and Student Advancement, on June 26 sent the following message of support and assistance to Hartnell students and the greater community, in both Spanish and English:*

You may have heard or read about plans for U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) to begin large-scale deportation raids in the coming months, and some official statements have suggested such targeted enforcement operations could start within the next two weeks. At Hartnell College, we understand the impact these reports have on many of our students and their families.



Hartnell remains steadfast in its commitment to undocumented students as they pursue the promise of higher education. We provide accurate information, services and support not only to our students, but to all individuals and families in our communities who have been affected by the uncertainty surrounding these developments. In addition, we will continue to protect the privacy and confidential records of our students.

Hartnell's [Center for Achievement and Student Advancement](#) (Mi CASA) offers specialized services to all students regardless of residency status. We also offer free guidance to the public at our Drop-In Immigration Legal Services, provided from 6-8 p.m. on the last Wednesday of the month at Mi CASA on Hartnell's Main Campus in Salinas at Building B, room 204A, 411 Central Ave. These services are available in King City from 6-8 p.m. on the second Wednesday of the month at the King City Education Center, 117 N. Second St. To reserve a slot or for additional information on these services, please contact Mi CASA at 831-755-6723.

A comprehensive collection of information and resources on immigrants' rights, how to protect yourself and your loved ones, and how to become an effective ally can be found here: <https://immigrantsrising.org/support-for-immigrant-families-targeted-for-deportation/>

## **Cruz represents Hartnell in Blue Zones Project video**

The Blue Zones Project, a health initiative sponsored by Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Montage Health and Taylor Farms, launched Saturday at Sherwood Hall in Salinas.

Based on the idea that community characteristics can foster healthy living and longevity, the project has identified sites around the United States where healthier lifestyle choices such as physical activity and social engagement may improve the quality of life. One of those places is Monterey County.



Jackie Cruz, vice president of development and advancement, supported the Blue Zones effort by recording a video in December about what she believes the initiative can mean for the greater Salinas area. That [video](#), in Spanish, is featured on the Blue Zones Project website.

## **Lewis of Guardian Scholars guides summit on serving foster students**

Savannah Lewis, program coordinator for the Guardian Scholars program at Hartnell, led sessions on students' transition to and completion of higher education on June 19 during an annual Central Coast Foster and Homeless Education Summit facilitated by the Monterey County Office of Education.

The summit brings together social workers, educators and community members to discuss how to best assist foster and homeless youth. Hartnell student Ivonne Maldonado served on a panel for foster youth (pictured, far right).



During Lewis's presentation, she shared the fact that even though 80 percent of foster youth desire to attend college, only 3 percent will graduate from college. This is because of additional barriers they face, such as mental illness, homelessness, vulnerability to incarceration and the lack of a support network. She also explained that even after all the assessments incoming students complete to assess their success in

college, the research shows that the best way to predict student success in college is to have a minimum of three supportive individuals in their life that they can count on.

One way the Guardian Scholars program is addressing this challenge is by piloting a Mentor for Guardian Scholars program. Many community members have already been matched with former foster youth college students to give life and career advice. If you or someone you know is interested in becoming a mentor, contact Lewis at [slewis@hartnell.edu](mailto:slewis@hartnell.edu).

## **Guardian Scholars students travel to Six Flags in Vallejo**

A group of six Guardian Scholars celebrated their successful spring semester by traveling to the Six Flags Discovery Kingdom amusement park in Vallejo on May 23.

Ahead of their continued studies this summer, the students in the Guardian Scholars Program for foster youth had a wonderful time on their getaway weekend, said Coordinator Savannah Lewis, who accompanied the group.

The trip was a motivating incentive for students to pass their classes through tutoring, make up work and seek extra credit to pass their classes.

“The students laughed, bonded and had a great time getting to know each other, while being able to ease their mind for a day of the constant worry of getting regular meals and securing safe shelter,” Lewis said.



## **TPP and MAESTROS prep students advance with success on CBEST**

The Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) and MAESTROS programs are preparing students to take the California Basic Educational Skills Test (CBEST) exam.

CBEST preparation workshops were held June 19 and 26 at the King City Education Center and on June 29 at Soledad High School, with 42 participants in attendance. This exam is required for all students interested in entering a teaching





credential program, and the goal is for all Hartnell students to pass the CBEST before they transfer to their four-year university.

Jihan Ejan, director of academic affairs, Teacher Pathway Program, expressed her thanks to math instructors Leti Contreras (pictured) and Nicholas Pasquale and English high school instructor Andrew Rodriguez for running the English and writing portion.

For information about the CBEST or how to join TPP and MAESTROs, call (831) 770-6610 or email [teach@hartnell.edu](mailto:teach@hartnell.edu).

## **2X4 BASH at Western Stage opens 'The Wolves' July 12**



The 2X4 BASH, The Western Stage's darker, edgier theatre program for young adults, will present a drama focused on a girls' indoor soccer team from July 12-Aug. 10 in the Studio Theater at Hartnell's Center for Performing Arts.

Audiences for "The Wolves" will watch as these young, suburban athletes navigate big questions and wage tiny battles with all the vim and vigor of a pack of adolescent warriors.

General admission is \$10. For more information, visit [www.westernstage.com/tickets](http://www.westernstage.com/tickets) or call (831) 755-6816

The BASH provides opportunity for students ages 19-29 to produce their own repertory season of shows with mentorship from Western Stage professionals and access to professional facilities, equipment and resources.

## Abelows welcome daughter

Emily Abelow was born to English instructor Yvette Abelow and her husband, Richard Abelow, on June 1 – four weeks early and doing well.



## Dr. Ting has baby boy

Dr. Layheng Ting, institutional research analyst, and her husband, Alex Logono, a medical resident at Natividad Medical Center, welcomed a son, Daniel Luba Logono, on April 30.



## Employee graduation

**Michelle Ramos, K-12 STEM Programs Coordinator**

Name: Wyatt Ramos

Relation: Son

School: North Monterey High School, continuing on to Cabrillo College to study computer science



## In the News

**Graduating from college still a struggle for many foster youth:**

<https://www.mercurynews.com/2019/07/01/graduating-from-college-still-a-struggle-for-many-california-foster-youth/>

**REPORTAJE ESPECIAL: Desafiando su Cultura:**

<https://www.kion546.com/t23/reportaje-especial-desafiando-su-cultura/1090292193>

**Salinas Valley study finds immigration policy fears fueling Latino youth's anxiety:** <https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2019/06/27/immigration-fears-latino-youth-california-linked-poor-health-anxiety/1578088001/>

**FIELD students celebrate graduation:** <https://soledadbee.com/article/field-students-celebrate-graduation>

**New Soledad park being planned:**  
<http://www2.kusports.com/news/2019/jun/26/former-ku-football-db-djuan-moore-transferring-del/>

**Both local community colleges continue search for new leadership:**  
[http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news\\_blog/both-local-community-colleges-continue-search-for-new-leadership/article\\_ecf2da18-9705-11e9-9621-db73ab7a8256.html](http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/blogs/news_blog/both-local-community-colleges-continue-search-for-new-leadership/article_ecf2da18-9705-11e9-9621-db73ab7a8256.html)

## 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***  
Fall through Aug. 11

**"Little Women"**  
[The Western Stage](#)  
Through July 13  
Mainstage Theater

**Drop-In Immigration Legal Services**  
6-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, July 10  
King City Education Center

**"The Wolves"**  
[The Western Stage](#)  
July 12-Aug. 10  
Studio Theater (Building K)

**Planetarium: "Sesame Street: One World, One Sky"**  
Admission \$4  
11 a.m.  
Tuesday, July 16

Building S, room 101

**Teacher Pathway Program Orientation**

9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Friday, July 19

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Planetarium: "Sesame Street: One World, One Sky"**

Admission \$4

11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 23

Building S, room 101

**Planetarium: "Sesame Street: One World, One Sky"**

Admission \$4

11 a.m.

Tuesday, July 30

Building S, room 101

**Drop-In Immigration Legal Services**

6-8 p.m.

Wednesday, July 31

Building B, room 204A