

# A Renaissance for Hartnell College

## 85-year-old Community College Undergoing a Major Transformation



### Passage of Measure H by voters and state construction funds bring Hartnell into the 21st Century.

Dear Salinas Valley Residents:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Hartnell Community College District and the students, faculty and staff of the college, I am pleased to present this report to the community on the progress of construction projects and improvements taking place at Hartnell College.

With your overwhelming passage in 2002 of Measure H, a \$131 million construction bond, and the college's acquisition of other state construction funds, Hartnell is undergoing a transformation — a transformation that is bringing it into the 21st century.

From infrastructure and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to the construction of new buildings like the state-of-the-art Learning Resource Center (Library) and other improvements, Hartnell continues to meet the educational needs of the citizens it serves.

As we celebrate our 85th anniversary year and dramatically enhance our learning environment, there are several individuals to thank.

First and foremost, I must acknowledge the voters of the Salinas Valley, who by a 65 percent majority vote passed Measure H and demonstrated their strong support of our institution. I also must thank the college's Board of Trustees for its vision, as well as the faculty, staff and students who spent countless hours reviewing our needs and suggested improvements to be made. And, finally, I must acknowledge the work of the Bond Oversight Committee, a community-based group that is diligently overseeing the expenditure of the funds allocated by the passage of Measure H.

Thank you all. Together we are making a difference.

Sincerely yours,

*Edward J. Valeau*

President/Superintendent  
Hartnell College



Hartnell President Edward J. Valeau presided at May 2004 groundbreaking for the new Learning Resource Center (Library) and Parking Structure.



The new Parking Structure, which opens soon, will provide spaces for 1,177 vehicles.



A two-story, atrium-like lobby will greet visitors at the new Learning Resource Center (Library).



## New, State-of-the-Art Learning Resource Center (Library) Opens in Spring 2006

- Two stories, 68,000 square feet;
- Construction Cost: \$19 million;
- State-funded;
- Corner of Homestead and Central avenues.

### Distinguishing Features

- 80,000-volume capacity for general book collection — up from 50,000 capacity of former library;
- 5,000-volume capacity for reference collection;
- Wireless Internet access throughout building;
- The newest teaching technologies, such as interactive multimedia display units and digital video editing equipment;
- A distance learning/videoconferencing room with worldwide capabilities;
- A resource center filled with computers, screens, video cameras and monitors will assist faculty with integrating technology into the curricula;
- Access from off-campus of more than 5,000 e-books;
- 180 computers — nearly four times as many as presently available;
- Full-text access to 1,900 journals and newspapers, including the New York Times, Los Angeles Times, Wall Street Journal, Washington Post and Christian Science Monitor;
- Special Collections will have unique air conditioning to preserve valuable books for future generations;
- One of the Special Collections — the O.P. Silliman Memorial Library—contains a priceless array of rare and valuable books and periodicals relating to ornithology, natural history, and early explorations of California and the West Coast. The collection — a gift of local businessman Oscar Perry Silliman — is considered by some as one of the finest of its kind in California;
- Two-story atrium-like lobby adjacent to a large exhibit/gallery area;
- A meeting room for community groups;
- Two study areas with assistive technology equipment to help students with learning disabilities;
- 19 study rooms to assist students in achieving their academic goals in an independent or collaborative environment;
- Ample seating where students can read current issues of magazines, journals and newspapers; comfortable lounge chairs with a dramatic view of Central Park;
- Technology may be the heart of the new Learning Resource Center (Library), but the book collection is the soul for student learning in this building.

## New Parking Structure Opens in October

- Three levels — 1,177 spaces;
- Construction Cost: \$18 million;
- Funded by Measure H;
- Located on Central Avenue across from Central Park;
- Grand opening soon—watch for announcements;
- Features fire sprinkler system and transparent walls in the elevators and staircases for better security;
- Houses an electrical generator that will keep the lighting on in the Parking Structure, and will ensure that campus phones and computers will not be affected by electrical outages.

### Infrastructure Upgrades

Throughout the campus are new fire water lines, electrical conduits and transformers, storm drains, sewer systems, data conduits, and upgrades in plumbing air conditioning, computer data lines and phone systems.

### Coming Soon...

Center for Assessment and Lifelong Learning (CALL)

- A 36,000-square-foot facility where staff members will assess students' abilities and help them reach their educational goals;
- Currently in the design stage; construction expected to begin in the summer of 2006;
- Construction Cost: \$11 million;
- State-funded.



The newest teaching technologies will be available in the Learning Resource Center (Library).

### Future Construction

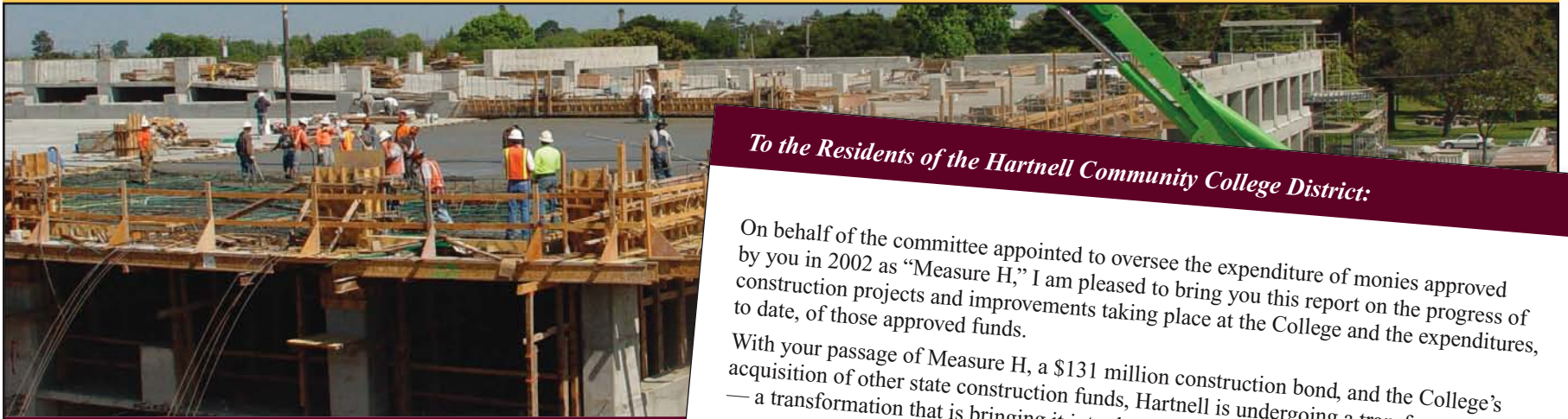
The passage of Measure H will allow Hartnell to match state construction funds over the next 10 years. As a result, there are several planned projects:

- The expansion of Hartnell's East Campus, located at 1752 East Alisal Street, will include a new Applied Technology Center;



**"The students at Hartnell College have endured the ongoing construction of the new library and parking garage, and eagerly await the opening of the two structures. The college's gesture of offering free parking to all students during the fall semester is an outstanding way of showing appreciation for the patience displayed by students during construction."**

- John Jackson  
President, Associated Students



The three-level Parking Structure is located on Central Avenue across from Central Park.

- A new 40,000 square-foot Classroom/ Administration Building on main campus will house computer technology and business programs and administrative offices;
- The renovation of five buildings on the main campus will include additional classroom space, safety upgrades, and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) improvements.

## Community Committee Overseeing Bond Expenditures Elects Officers

The community-wide committee charged with overseeing Measure H construction projects recently elected officers.

The group - officially known as the Bond Oversight Committee - came into existence following the 2002 passage of Measure H - the \$131 million bond measure that is helping to finance buildings and upgrades at Hartnell.

Elected committee chairperson was Harry Gamotan, president of the Service Employees International Union, Local 817 (Monterey and San Benito counties).

Named vice chairman was Juan Sanchez, chairman of the Monterey County Planning Commission.

Other members of the committee are:

- Javier Aldape, senior financial manager, Fresh Express Farms;
- Joey Lasnik, consultant for non-profit organizations and former president of Hartnell's board of trustees;
- Karl Bisht of the Monterey Peninsula Taxpayers Association;
- Donald K. Young, Certified Public Accountant (CPA) and member of the Hartnell College Foundation.

The committee's purpose, according to chairperson Gamotan, is "to monitor the expenditure of bond revenues." He said the committee's specific responsibilities include, but are not limited to the following as reflected in the California Education Code, Article 2:

- Inform the public concerning the expenditure of bond revenues;
- Ensure that bond revenues are expended only for purposes described in the California Constitution;
- Ensure that no funds are used for any teacher or administrative salaries or other school operating expenses;
- Receive and review copies of the annual independent performance audit required;
- Inspect school facilities and grounds to ensure that bond revenues are expended in compliance with the California Constitution;
- Receive and review copies of any deferred maintenance proposals or plan developed by the school district or community college district;
- Review efforts by the school district or community college district to maximize bond revenues by implementing cost-saving measures.

All committee proceedings, according to the Education Code, shall be open to the public and notice to the public shall be provided in the same manner as the proceedings of the governing board. The citizens' Bond Oversight Committee shall issue regular reports on the results of its activities. A report shall be issued at least once a year. Minutes of the proceedings of the citizens' Bond Oversight Committee and all documents received and reports

issued shall be a matter of public record and be made available on an Internet website maintained by the governing board.

The committee's next meeting is scheduled for October 24 at 3 p.m. in the board room of the Classroom/ Administration Building (CAB). The public is invited to attend. For more information, call the President's Office at (831) 755-6900.



Construction and improvements throughout the campus will bring Hartnell into the 21st century.

### To the Residents of the Hartnell Community College District:

On behalf of the committee appointed to oversee the expenditure of monies approved by you in 2002 as "Measure H," I am pleased to bring you this report on the progress of construction projects and improvements taking place at the College and the expenditures, to date, of those approved funds.

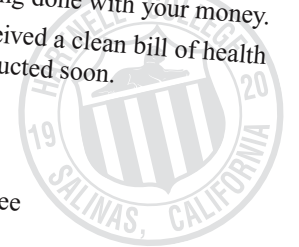
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This transformation has included improvements to infrastructure and Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) upgrades to the construction of new buildings like the state-of-the-art Learning Resource Center (Library), Hartnell is continuing to meet the educational needs of the community it serves.

This report includes a brief explanation of current and soon to be started projects, an outline of the use of funds including active budgets and expenses to date. We expect that having this information will help you to understand what is being done with your money. An audit of funds expended during the first year of activity received a clean bill of health from the appointed auditors. A second year's audit will be conducted soon.

*Joey Lasnik*

Immediate Past Chairman, Measure H Bond Oversight Committee



## Budgets for Current Projects

Project	Measure H budget	State budget	Current activity	Expenses to date
Phase I Infrastructure Project	\$4.8 million		Substantially completed	\$3 million
Parking Structure	\$18 million		80% completed	\$14 million
Campus Improvements	\$600,000		90% completed	\$524,000
Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA)	\$580,000		In design	\$95,000
Environmental Impact Report	\$161,000		Review 90% completed	\$159,000
Campus Signage	\$77,500		Under construction	\$42,000
Relocate Animal Health Technology Program	\$456,000		Nearly completed	\$400,000
Learning Resource Center (Library)		\$19 million	70% completed	\$17 million
Center for Assessment and Lifelong Learning (CALL)		\$10.3 million	In design	\$240,000



The \$19 million, 68,000-square-foot Learning Resource Center (Library) is located at the corner of Homestead and Central Avenues.



### Public Invited to Monthly Campus Briefings on Construction Projects

Monthly briefings for community members regarding campus construction projects and progress are scheduled throughout the 2005-06 academic year.

Meetings are held on Fridays at 2 p.m. in the board room of the Classroom/Administration Building (CAB).

### Meeting Schedule

2005: Oct. 28, Nov. 18, and Dec. 16  
 2006: Jan. 27, Feb. 24, March 24,  
 April 28, May 25 and June 23

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