

# HARTNELL COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

## Resolution 19:5

### Condemning College Admissions Based on Wealth and Privilege

WHEREAS, individuals of wealth and privilege bribed college officials for the purpose of gaining admission to elite colleges and universities for their children;

WHEREAS, students from families of wealth and privilege cheated on college entrance exams for the purpose of gaining admission to elite colleges and universities for their children;

WHEREAS, individuals of wealth and privilege manipulated college admissions procedures for the purpose of gaining admission to elite colleges and universities for their children;

WHEREAS, children of wealth and privilege were admitted to elite colleges and universities not on the basis of merit, but as a result of dishonesty and deception;

WHEREAS, the students of Hartnell College are not from backgrounds of wealth and privilege, but are from families grounded in hard work, ethical behavior, and fairness;

WHEREAS, the students of Hartnell College face tremendous socioeconomic and personal challenges that must be overcome through personal sacrifice and determination;

WHEREAS, the families of Hartnell College students personally sacrifice and provide support through honest and ethical actions so that their children can access higher education as a means to an improved quality of life;

WHEREAS, the students of Hartnell College earn their admission to elite colleges and universities through sheer grit, determination, perseverance, and academic achievement;

WHEREAS, the students of Hartnell College are not given preferential treatment in admissions decisions, but must compete equitably with other students to gain admission to elite colleges and universities;

WHEREAS, students admitted to elite college and universities through cheating, bribery, and deception take opportunities away from students who are honest and ethical in their pursuit of higher education;

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY RESOLVED:

1. The Hartnell CCD Governing Board condemns the actions of those who cheated, bribed, and engaged in deception for the purpose of gaining admission to elite colleges and universities for their children;
2. The Hartnell CCD Governing Board asks that those individuals complicit in these illegal and unethical actions be held accountable for their actions;
3. The Hartnell CCD Governing Board asks that colleges and universities assess their admission policies, procedures, and practices and make changes necessary to ensure that this does not happen in the future;
4. The Hartnell CCD Governing Board is proud that Hartnell College students exhibit tenacity, determination, and honesty in gaining admission to elite colleges and universities on the basis of their own merit demonstrated by academic achievement in the face of enormous challenges and obstacles.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees on May 7, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES: DePauw, Donohue, Montemayor, Osorio, Padilla-Chavez

NOES: None

ABSENT: Irma C. Lopez, Aurelio Salazar, Jr.



Patricia Donohue  
Vice Board President



Willard Lewallen, Ph.D.  
Secretary of the Board of Trustees