



**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.

## Women's Track wins NorCal, men place fifth among 19

The Hartnell Women's Track and Field team won the NorCal Championship on May 10 in Modesto, led by top finishes in the 800-meter and 1,500-meter runs that helped the Panthers surpass 22 college teams from Northern California. The Hartnell men's team also had a strong day, finishing fifth among 19 qualifying teams and claiming first in both the pole vault and 10,000-meter run.

Thanks to their NorCal performances or previous qualifying marks, six women and four men, plus two men's relay teams, will compete in the CCCAA State Championships on May 17-18 at San Mateo.

The women and their state championship events are: sophomore Monica Ruelas (10K, 1,500, 5K), freshman Isabelle Torres (10K, 1,500), freshman Nerina Campos (1,500), sophomore Maria Acevas (3K, steeplechase) and freshman Daniela Salazar (800).

Moving on for the men's team are: sophomore Nick Merillana (1,500), freshman Jesus Avalos (10K), Isaiah Guerra (triple jump), sophomore Jack Fling (pole vault), freshman Shraee Harrison (long jump) and the 4x100 and 4x400 relay team of Harrison, Tim Hunter, Jakob Streeter and De'Antae Williams.

In the Norcal women's competition, Salazar won the 800m with a time of 2:18:40, and Ruelas won the 1,500 with a time of 5:01:29. Ruelas and Torres placed second and third, respectively, in the 10,000, at 40:14:30 and 40:18.97. For the men, Fling won the pole vault at a height of 4.75m, a lifetime best that ranks him sixth in the nation among two-year colleges, and Avalos won the 10,000 with a time of 32:36:53. Williams, a freshman, placed fourth in the 100 at 10.87, and Harrison placed fourth in the 200 at 21:76.

Track and Field Head Coach Chris Zepeda said the performance of freshmen women Campos, Salazar and Torres bodes especially well for next season.

"All three will run in their first state track championships," he said, "but it definitely will not be their last."



## Grads prep for ceremony on May 24 at Rabobank

About a third of the 650 graduates expected to receive degrees and credentials at Commencement on May 24 gathered May 10 in the Mainstage Theater for a briefing from Augustine Nevarez, director of student life.

Afterward, many of the students contributed to a “thank you” video that will be shown before the ceremony (pictured).



Nevarez reviewed numerous do’s and don’ts for the grads, including a reminder that each student can invite up to eight guests for the ticketed event at the 5,000-seat Rabobank Stadium in Salinas. Any tickets remaining after May 15 will be distributed through a drawing.

He also reminded them to arrive no later than 4:30 p.m. for the 5:30 p.m. ceremony, dress appropriately (and warmly), remain seated until all graduates have been recognized, and carpool if possible. The “don’ts” included balloons, flower lei’s and stiletto heels that can sink into and damage the field’s artificial turf.

Vehicle access is only from North Main Street, and parking will only be in the sports complex lot west of the stadium. Also, the stadium must be vacated immediately following the ceremony for cleanup before dark.

## Board condemns college fraud, praises Hartnell students’ grit

The Hartnell Community College District Board of Trustees on May 7 approved a resolution that condemns the influence of wealth and privilege in college admissions and cites the “tenacity, determination and honesty” of Hartnell students who pursue and achieve their academic goals.

The resolution demands both accountability for wrongdoers and reform to discourage abuse of an admissions system that purports to be guided by merit and equity but has proven susceptible to bribery and deception.



Trustees directed Superintendent/President Dr. Willard Lewallen to forward the resolution to leaders at the 10 University of California campuses, two of which were among public and private universities across the country named in a federal investigation of college admissions fraud and conspiracy first revealed March.

The contrast of Hartnell students' hard-earned success with students whose parents in effect purchased admission for their children – sometimes with complicity of university officials – was not lost on trustees.

They began their meeting with recognition for Mariluz Tejeda Leon (pictured), one of several Hartnell students accepted for fall 2019 admission to UC campuses and other prestigious schools. She has received a \$40,000 a year Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship to the university of her choice, one of just 61 students chosen from among 2,500 applicants nationwide.

Before the board vote in support of the resolution, District 6 Trustee Erica Padilla-Chavez noted what she called Tejeda's "amazing story" and those of other Hartnell students, who she said are accepted to universities because of their own "determination and hard work."

## The Western Stage opens season with 'Miracle Worker' on June 1

The Western Stage theater company at Hartnell will open its 45th season on June 1 with "The Miracle Worker," the story of young Helen Keller, rendered blind, deaf and mute from illness, and the persistence and love of her tutor Annie Sullivan, who breaks through the silence and darkness that surround Helen.

Based on Helen Keller's 20th-century autobiography, "The Story of My Life", William Gibson's play is set in Tuscumbia, Ala., in the late 1880s. For the 13-year-old actor playing Helen Keller (Colette Gsell, pictured with Simmons), it is a formidable endeavor to portray the gradual and complex discovery of language without uttering a single line. Equally formidable a role is that of her tenacious teacher, Annie Sullivan, played by Chelsea Simmons, who relentlessly spars with Helen, knowing her pupil cannot see, hear or understand her.

"My hope in re-staging the iconic tale of these remarkable young women is two-fold," said Western Stage Director Justin Gordon. "First, to remind us all that Helen's story is universal. We all have a voice — a need — inside of us aching to be understood, and if we surrender ourselves to the grace of others, that voice *will* be heard.

"Secondly, I hope that our audiences leave the theatre illuminated by one simple, transformative fact: that we are the authors of the miracles we seek, and once we accept that — once we open our minds and feel with our hearts — anything is possible."

The production will continue through June 22 in the Studio Theater at the Hartnell College Performing Arts Center. Performances begin at 7:30 p.m. on Friday and Saturday and at 2 p.m.



on Sunday. For tickets, visit [westernstage.com/tickets](http://westernstage.com/tickets), call (831) 755-6816 or visit the box office, open 5-8 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. Hartnell students are admitted free with student ID.

## Library plans extended hours During final weeks, May 18-24

The Hartnell Library & Learning Resource Center has announced extended hours during finals week, including being open from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on May 18.

The library will be open from 7:30 a.m. to 9 p.m. on May 20-23 and from 7:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on May 24. It will be closed May 25 to June 16 for semester break. For more information, call (831) 755-6872 or visit [www.hartnell.edu/library](http://www.hartnell.edu/library).

## 'Office Hero' delivers reward for Panther Prep Day success

On the morning of May 7, the Admissions & Records and Financial Aid staff was treated by a surprise visitor who is known around Monterey County as the KWAV-FM Office Hero, aka DJ MG (Marc Garcia). In full costume, he delivered six boxes of delicious Red's doughnuts.

Dean Mary Dominguez arranged for the visit as a thank you for everyone's hard work before and during Hartnell's successful Panther Prep Days on May 3-4.

KWAV posted a full video of the event on [Facebook](#).



## Hartnell credential evaluators share tips at statewide meeting

Hartnell's credential evaluation team, Jutta West and Robert Sanchez, and Dean of Student Affairs/Enrollment

Services Mary Dominguez presented their strategic plan for continuing to increase degrees and certificates at a registrars and admissions conference held April 29-May 1 in San Diego.

An audience of about 45 listened to the session at the annual CACCRAO (California Association of Community College Registrars & Admissions Officers) conference. They had good questions about how Hartnell has increased its total



program awards by carefully aligning degree and certificate requirements with the California Education Code.

“Then, the critical piece to implement the changes was that we worked collaboratively with our Curriculum Committee and Academic Senate to recommend changes to the college's graduation procedures,” Dominguez said.

The Hartnell team also reviewed awards data from the Chancellor's Office Data Mart system to show missed opportunities from some colleges that do not award a Certificate of Achievement for CSU General Education or IGETC awards. This prepared them to advocate for these certificates on their campuses.

## **New staff parking prepared for construction of health building**

In preparation for construction this fall of a new Nursing and Health Sciences Building in what is now Parking Lot 3 (corner of Homestead Avenue and Alisal Street), a section of stalls on the south end of the first floor of the parking garage was restriped May 10 for additional staff parking.

Enforcement of these spaces for staff-only parking will begin Aug. 26, following a two-week grace period after classes start on Aug. 12.

## **Student Art Show continues in gallery through May 17**

The Hartnell visual arts programs are presenting the Annual Student Art Show now through May 17 in the Hartnell Gallery.

The show, which features ceramics, photography, drawing and other student works, opened with an evening reception on April 29. The gallery is open for public viewing from 9 a.m. to noon and 4-7 p.m., Monday through Thursday.



## **Saechao-Jimmeye couple has baby daughter, Kenza**

Belinda Saechao-Jimmeye and Daniel Jimmeye welcomed new daughter Kenza Ann Saechao-Jimmeye at 5:06 a.m. on April 20.

Saechao-Jimmeye is a program assistant II and public health instructor, and Jimmeye is a multimedia specialist in Information Technology and Resources.



Kenza, who was 7 pounds, 11 ounces and 19 inches at birth, is pictured with her big sister, Zya, who will turn 3 in July.

## In the News

### **College roundup: Hartnell wins women's NorCal track title:**

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2019/05/10/college-roundup-hartnell-wins-womens-norcal-track-title/>

## Upcoming Events

**Note:** All event locations are on the Main Campus in Salinas unless otherwise noted. Occasionally there are changes to dates/times for athletic contests due to weather and other circumstances. Check the Hartnell Athletics website for the most current schedule information (<http://www.hartnellpanthers.com>).

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

#### ***Continuing Students and New Matriculating Students***

Summer through June 16; fall through Aug. 11

### **Annual Student Art Show**

9 a.m.-12 p.m. and 4-7 p.m., Monday-Thursday  
Through May 17  
Hartnell Gallery  
Building J, room 100

### **Vocal Extravaganza**

7 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 15  
Studio Theater (K-125)

### **Transfer Mixer**

12-2 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 15  
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

### **Study-A-Thon – King City Education Center**

12-8 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 15  
Building A, room 214

### **EOPS/CARE/CalWORKS Recognition Ceremony**

4 p.m.  
Wednesday, May 15  
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Study-A-Thon – STEM**

8 a.m.-7 p.m.  
May 15-17  
Building E, room 217

**Study-A-Thon – English**

8 a.m.-2 p.m.  
May 15-17  
Building A, room 214

**Auditions, student production “Ghost Story”**

1 p.m.  
Friday, May 17  
Building N, room 7 (old planetarium)

**Veterans Recognition Ceremony**

6 p.m.  
Friday, May 17  
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

**Spring Choral Concert  
Hartnell Choir and Chamber Singers**

10:15 a.m. and 7 p.m.  
Friday, May 17  
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Study-A-Thon – all subjects**

10 a.m. to 2 p.m.  
Saturday, May 18  
Building E, room 217

**Teacher Pathway Program Graduation Celebration**

2 p.m.  
Sunday, May 19  
Scheid Vineyards, Greenfield

**Spring Jazz  
Hartnell Jazz Ensemble**

7:30 p.m.  
Tuesday, May 21  
Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**A Concert of Instrumental Solos**

11:45 a.m.  
Wednesday, May 22  
Studio Theater (K-125)

**Romantic Dances**

**Hartnell College Community Orchestra**

7:30 p.m.

Thursday, May 23

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

**Commencement**

5:30 p.m.

Friday, May 24

Rabobank Stadium, Salinas

**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

**'The Miracle Worker'**

[The Western Stage](#)

June 1-22

Mainstage Theater