



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.

Convocation welcomes employees for the 2019-20 academic year



Hundreds of Hartnell faculty and staff participated in the Fall 2019 Convocation on Aug. 16, receiving updates on current and pending initiatives and hearing from a guest speaker, educator Lasana Hotep.

Following morning sessions that began with a welcome and review of the day by Dr. Lisa Storm, president of the Academic Senate, and Dr. Sonja Lolland, vice president of academic affairs, participants received updates on the compressed

academic calendar, set to start next fall, and student assessment.



After a lunch for all employees in the Student Center Commons, I shared my State of the College time with presentations on the importance of campus engagement and collaboration for student success, implementation of Assembly Bill 705, which guides more students into transfer-level math and English courses, and the Salinas Valley Promise scholarship and leadership training program for first-time, full-time students. I am pictured here with leads for the AB 705 team (from left): Dr. Kelly Locke,

mathematics; Dr. Peter Gray, English; and Gabriela Lopez, counseling.

In addition to highlighting continued gains in key measures of student success, I took the opportunity to say thank you to everyone who has contributed to the success of our students and institutional effectiveness during my seven years at Hartnell.

Our speaker (pictured), who is dean of student equity and support programs at Skyline College, challenged his audience in the Mainstage Theater to consider what it means to be an equity-advancing institution — one that not only embraces diversity, inclusion and

multiculturalism but also confronts the innately exploitative qualities of unacknowledged racism and sexism.

“If you do not have an anti-racist and anti-sexist orientation, your organization, just going off of cruise control, those exploitative things will be in it,” Hotep said. “There’s no way around it.”

All who participated in convocation are invited to share their input and feedback on the program by completing a brief [online survey](#).

Salinas Valley Promise holds news conference for formal launch

Elected officials, staff, students and friends of our college gathered on the Main Quad lawn on Aug. 16 to publicly celebrate the Salinas Valley Promise Program for guests and Salinas-area media.

I was one of 13 speakers, who ranged from Hartnell Governing Board President Aurelio Salazar Jr. and Monterey County Board of Supervisors Chair John Phillips to longtime Hartnell College Foundation board member and donor Margaret D’Arrigo-Martin, as well as incoming Promise student Julissa Portilla, a graduate of Notre Dame High School in Salinas.

The news conference included an announcement that the Promise program this fall is providing 700 first-time, full-time students with leadership training, mentorship, a free laptop computer and free tuition, regardless of their family’s income. Full-time tuition and other program benefits will extend to a second year for participating students.

In my remarks, I stressed that this is above all a completion program, not merely a scholarship program, despite the importance of the financial component.

In addition to the County of Monterey, which has contributed \$200,000 to the Promise program for 2019-10, all four south Monterey County cities have made financial contributions as well, and all were represented by speakers.



One of them was King City Mayor Michael LeBarre, who said, "Hartnell's commitment to its students and their success is giving all of our youth the opportunity to attain their goals and realize their dreams. King City is proud that it can support this amazing Promise program."

Portillo (pictured with Promise student Justin Ferrales and Promise coordinator Chynna Obana), added her own thanks.

"As just one of the hundreds of students receiving these benefits," she said, "I want to say how grateful I am to the County of Monterey, all the cities and the many individuals who have made the Promise program possible."

Hartnell well represented at NAACP Freedom dinner

Hartnell was proudly represented at the NAACP Freedom Fund Life Membership Banquet on Aug. 10 in Seaside.

Michele and I (pictured rear, at left) were joined by: (front, from left) Michelle Peters, director of the Department of Supportive Programs & Services; Carla Johnson, dean of student affairs/student services, and her husband, Scott; Delia Edeza, administrative assistant, and her son Michael; and (rear, from left) Mostafa Ghous, dean of academic affairs/south county education services; Tony Anderson, counselor; and Stan Armstead, part-time faculty member.



Held at the Embassy Suites Hotel, the event's theme was "Defeat Hate: The Time is Now." The guest speaker was Dr. Cheyenne Bryant, a renowned life coach and president of the Riverside Branch NAACP.



Students can now ride free on all MST buses with valid ID

Hartnell joins with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) to announce that our students can now ride free on all MST routes simply by presenting their valid student ID card to the driver — any day, any time. This service will hopefully continue in subsequent

years. The best way to continue it is to use it!

The new benefit, part of MST's Free Fare Zone program, replaces Hartnell's former arrangement with MST, in which students with a valid Hartnell ID paid half-fare on buses traveling to and from Hartnell campuses.

The partnership is being funded in large part by a greenhouse gas-reduction grant that MST is using to support Hartnell. The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board gave its support to the arrangement on Aug. 6.

We are extremely grateful to the MST Board and administration for their leadership and vision in supporting Hartnell students. This tremendous benefit will not only allow our students to ride MST buses at no cost to and from our campuses, but also to travel to work and explore all that Monterey County has to offer.

For more information, visit www.mst.org or call Monterey-Salinas Transit toll-free at 1-888-MST-BUS1. For RealTime bus arrival information, text "Next" and your four-digit bus stop ID (example, "Next 9103") to 25370, call 1-888-MST-BUS1 with your four-digit bus stop ID, download the free Transit App or use Google Maps. Follow twitter.com/mst_bus for the latest service alerts.

STEM Internship Symposium to showcase student research

Seventy-six student interns are scheduled to present at Hartnell's 13th Annual STEM Internship Symposium from 2-5 p.m. on Aug. 17 in the STEM Center (Building S)

Students will share posters highlighting their experiences and research in STEM internships this past summer. The public program will begin with a welcome at 2 p.m. followed by a poster sessions at 2:30, a panel discussion and recognition ceremony at 3:30 and a second poster session at 4:30 p.m.



The STEM Internship Program at Hartnell began in 2006 with the placement of six student interns. Since then, it has placed more than 1,000 students in undergraduate research and professional internship opportunities, achieving dramatically higher degree attainment for participants.

Students have the opportunity to work with university researchers and industry experts in prestigious laboratories throughout the Central Coast and beyond. These experiences have provided our interns with tremendously empowering tools, not only for university preparation, but also for real-world success.

Exonerated death row inmate Anthony Hinton to speak at Hartnell

Please mark your calendars for a very special campus event on Sept. 12, made possible by the initiative of Hartnell English instructor Kelly McClary and the creative expression of her students.



Exonerated death row prisoner Anthony Ray Hinton will speak 7 p.m. on Sept. 12 in the Mainstage Theater, sharing the experience of being wrongfully convicted of two 1985 murders in Birmingham, Ala., being sentenced to death and serving 28 years on death row.

Hinton's appearance, which will be free to all, will be followed by a book signing of Hinton's book, "The Sun Does Shine." Students in McClary's English 1A classes last year wrote Hinton after reading the book, and he responded to say he was moved by their letters.

Although the event is free, tickets will be required. Details about obtaining tickets will be provided in an upcoming report.

Counselor Joe Martinez remembered for decades of service to students

The loss of former Hartnell counselor Joseph "Joe" Martinez at age 79 on July 5 is still being felt by former colleagues and students.

Martinez worked at the college from 1970 until his initial retirement in 2004, then returned as an adjunct counselor in 2007. He continued through the 2018-19 academic year.

Martinez, who is survived by his wife of 51 years, Loreto Martinez, two children and two grandchildren, left a strong impression on those who knew and worked with him. His obituary is available online [here](#).



One of those who knew and admired Martinez is Hartnell alum Dr. Pablo Romero, a family medicine physician in Salinas who continues to serve on the board of the Hartnell College Foundation.

Dr. Romero recalls how Martinez's counsel in 1972 helped him transition from being a farmworker to a student in 1972.

"After two, course-packed years at Hartnell, Joe helped me secure a University of California Regents Scholarship and a transfer to UC Irvine for the last two years of college," he said. "I am eternally grateful to Joe for the great life I've had as a result of the exceptional educational adventure that began at Hartnell with him!"

Bill Elliott was a longtime leader in support of Panther Athletics

A proud Hartnell alum and dedicated supporter of Hartnell Athletics, Bill Elliott, passed away on July 10.

The memory of Elliott, who is survived by his wife, Barbara, sisters and nephews, lives on at Hartnell in an award established in his honor, the Bill Elliott Scholar-Athlete of the Year Award. It is presented each year to outstanding male and female sophomore athletes (pictured) who most embody the values represented by Elliott, exemplifying both athletic and academic excellence.



A Hartnell student and football player in 1957-58, Elliott was generous through many years in his support for uniforms, equipment and travel for Panther teams. He also was a strategic member of the college's first Athletics Capital Campaign Committee, in 2008, that raised funds for the Hartnell sports complex.

Elliott was also instrumental in supporting the establishment of the Hartnell Athletics Hall of fame in 2013 and was himself inducted into the Hall of Fame in 2015.

After attending Hartnell and graduating from San Jose State University, where he continued his football career, he became a Marine Corps pilot. Over the decades in Salinas, he was active in fundraising for the Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, directed and coached youth baseball and served as chairman of the Harden Ranch foundation. His full obituary is available [here](#).



BILL ELLIOTT

Zepeda named Coach of the Year for CCCAA Women's Cross Country

On Aug. 6, Hartnell's Christopher Zepeda was awarded the 2018 CCCAA Women's Cross Country Head Coach of the year in Las Vegas — for a second time!

Helping propel Zepeda to this honor was his 2018 women's team second-place overall finish at the CCCAA state championship in Fresno, with a program record 99 points. They were led by top-seven, All-American finishes by Monica Ruelas and Daniela Salazar.

At the Northern California Championship the Panthers set the championship team score record with 19 points and placed all seven runners in the All Region top 14. The women won a sixth consecutive Coast Conference team title, with Monica Ruelas taking top honors. The team foreshadowed their outstanding season by winning the state meet preview Fresno Invitational for the second consecutive year.

New swim/dive coach Joel McKown prepares to relaunch aquatics teams

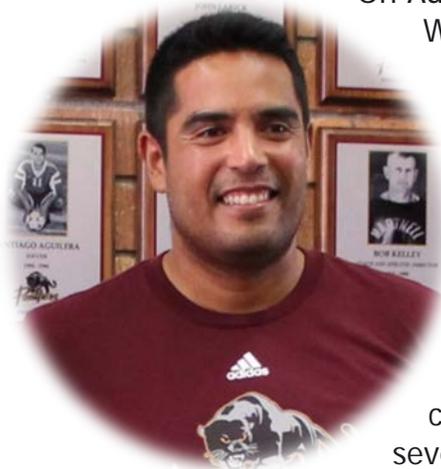
Joel McKown, the Hartnell Panthers' first aquatics coach since 2003, is working to build men's and women's rosters for the spring 2020 season from among current freshmen and sophomores.

"I'm looking for anyone who can positively contribute to the team, whether that be talent, work ethic or personality," McKown said. "If you have something to bring to our team please reach out to me or someone you know on the team."

McKown knows how valuable swim can be as cross training for other sports and hopes to see some Hartnell student-athletes become two-sport athletes.

Looking ahead to the 2021 season and beyond, he's also reaching out to aquatics coaches at nearby high schools with competitive swimming programs, as well as throughout California.

McKown's leadership of Hartnell's revived swim and dive program culminates a journey he began when he was still competing himself. He competed in swimming and water polo for the University of California, Santa Cruz, and had a successful professional water polo career in Australia and New Zealand from 2008-10.



Hired in June for a full-time position that includes teaching a variety of physical education courses, he comes to Hartnell from Cabrillo College in Aptos, where he was assistant men's swim and water polo coach and an adjunct instructor in kinesiology. He has a master's degree in kinesiology from San Jose State University and a bachelor's degree in philosophy from the University of California, Santa Cruz.

ASHC Senate group rides to aquarium on team-building trip

The Senate leadership of the Associated Students of Hartnell College traveled by bus on MST for a team-building field trip at the Monterey Bay Aquarium, part of its pre-semester retreat on July 31 and Aug. 1.

Although the free-ride partnership with MST had not started, the group was able to take advantage of free aquarium tickets, available from the Office of Student Life in the Student Center to students with a valid Hartnell ID.



Pictured enjoying lunch in the aquarium restaurant are (from left): Director of Programs and Services Montzerat Flores, Senator-at-Large Chris Verdin, Senator of Alisal Campus Angelita Cisneros-Aguilar, Director of Student Life Augustine Nevarez, Vice President Nicole Polo, President Samantha Saldana, Senator-at-Large Remel Gloria and Student Life Program Assistant Selso Ruiz.

Preparation for Umoja program Continues at leadership summit

Progress toward establishing a new Umoja community to serve African-American students at Hartnell continued this month when Umoja Coordinator Rosa Vidales and two student leaders (and sisters), Tyshell Johnson-Hill and Tayjah Johnson-Hill, traveled to the University of California, Merced, for the Umoja Student Leadership Summit on Aug. 1-3.

Carla Johnson, dean of student affairs, joined them for a day spent exploring the collective definition of leadership and the intersection between identity and leadership through the lens of African-American scholars.

Umoja (a Kiswahili word meaning unity) is a community and critical resource dedicated to enhancing the cultural and educational future, experiences, and careers of African American and other students.



Salinas Valley Chamber to present leadership award to Candi DePauw

Congratulations to Hartnell Governing Board member Candi DePauw, who will be among 2019 recipients of the Salinas Valley Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Legacy of Leadership Award at the organization's annual gala on Oct. 26.

Trustee DePauw, who has represented District 7 since 2010, is being recognized for her work as Farm Day coordinator for Monterey County Ag Education. Over the past decade to develop and grow Farm Day events, reaching more than 250 elementary school classes a year. She is Farm Day Coordinator for Monterey County Ag Education.

Tickets to the awards dinner are available at www.salinaschamber.com or by calling (831) 751-7725.



In the News

Hartnell College students now ride free with student ID:

https://mst.org/news_items/hartnell-college-students-now-ride-free-with-student-id/

Starting Hartnell College and unsure how to get to class? Take the bus for free this year:

<https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/education/2019/08/09/free-mst-bus-hartnell-college-students-salinas-monterey-county-transportation/1962054001/>

Hartnell College launches free tuition 'Promise' program to 700 Salinas Valley students: <https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/education/2019/08/08/hartnell-makes-promise-salinas-valley-students-education-free-college-california-financial-aid/1955835001/>

Hartnell launches free tuition, mentors, laptops to 700 students:

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/hartnell-launches-free-tuition-mentors-laptops-to-700-students-monterey-county/28651480>

Hartnell expande su programa de exito estudiantil, cientos beneficiarán:

<https://www.kion546.com/t23/hartnell-expande-su-programa-de-exito-estudiantil-cientos-beneficiaran/1107317327>

Hartnell College launches student success initiative:

<https://kingcityrustler.com/article/hartnell-college-launches-stuent-success-initiative>

As the Cost of a 4-Year Degree Soars, Community Colleges Reap More Big Gifts: <https://www.philanthropy.com/article/As-the-Cost-of-a-4-Year-Degree/246680>

Rancho Cielo unveils brand new ag facility and program:

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/rancho-cielo-unveils-brand-new-ag-facility-and-program/28615079>

Upcoming Events

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

"Week of Welcome" Resource Fair

10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Aug. 14-15

Student Center Commons

Free Baseball Coaching Clinic

5-7 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 16

Tony Teresa Diamond

Planetarium: Children's Show – "Earth, Moon and Sun"

5:15 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 16

[Admission \\$4](#)

Building S, room 101

Planetarium: Evening Show – "Dynamic Earth"

6:45 p.m.

Friday, Aug. 16

[Admission \\$5](#)

Building S, room 101

Free Youth Baseball Clinic

1-4 p.m.

Saturday, Aug. 17

Tony Teresa Diamond

Farewell Celebration & Barbecue for Dr. Willard Lewallen

11:30 a.m. – all invited

Wednesday, Aug. 21

Main Quad lawn

"Of Mice and Men, a musical drama"

7:30 p.m. Friday and Saturday; 2 p.m. Sunday

[Aug. 24-25, 30-31; Sept. 1, 7-8, 13-14](#)

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Anthony Ray Hinton speech

7 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 12

Mainstage Theater (Building K)