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The President’s Weekly Report is distributed every Monday and highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Thursday to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

Mi CASA rallies campus for Oct. 18-22 Undocumented Student Action Week
Hartnell’s Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) invites all employees and students to join the Undocumented Student Action Week on Oct. 18-22, a fifth annual statewide initiative to support undocumented students at California community colleges.

Led by the California Community Colleges Chancellor’s Office, the Community College League of California and the Foundation for California Community Colleges, this year’s observance has a theme of “Change in Action” – empowerment to engage in state, federal and local action to support undocumented students in their goal of earning a college education.

Mi CASA has organized or will join in the following activities during the week and beyond:

- Oct. 18-22, Mi CASA, B-204A, Main Campus: Let Hartnell’s undocumented students and families know you are here for them. Show your support by leaving a message at our butterfly of support.
• 1-2 p.m. Oct. 18: “Building Bridges: Systemic Solutions to Support Undocumented Students.” Register [here](#).

• 1-2 p.m. Oct. 19-22: System-wide informational sessions on critical policy frameworks and tools designed to support institutions with successful implementation of recent undocumented student policy reforms. Register [here](#).

• **Advocate:** Urge Congress to support DACA students in the federal budget reconciliation plan, and support undocumented students all year long. Take action by sending email or calling. Details [here](#).

• **Free immigration legal consultations:** By appointment only at the Soledad Education Center, 1505 Metz Road, Soledad. To make an appointment, email micasa@hartnell.edu or call 831-755-6730.

• **For undocumented and/or mixed-status students and families:** Ongoing program of Jueves de Inmigracion, at 2:30 p.m. every other Thursday, via [Livestream](#).

### ‘I am so grateful for this program’ says Metallica Scholars student

Michael Dooley has seen and done a lot in his 58 years, including Coast Guard service and work as a shipyard diver, procurement administrator and, more recently, home construction around Monterey.

Dooley views his participation in a diesel mechanics program for veteran students on Hartnell’s Alisal Campus as an opportunity to bring his life and career full circle. He hopes to work on trucks and tractors in Salinas Valley agriculture and later transition to diesel marine engines, possibly in Moss Landing.

“I couldn’t ask for better instructors,” he said. “I am so grateful for this program. I drop a knee every time I walk out.”

Hartnell was selected from a competitive field of community colleges across the country to join the Metallica Scholars Initiative, with the goal of preparing Monterey County veterans for careers in Salinas Valley agriculture and place them in jobs. Its lead partners are the Grower-Shipper Association (GSA) of Central California and the Veterans Transition Center (VTC) of Monterey County.

Dooley is one of five current students, and the program has a goal of serving up to 20 veterans this year. Participants will complete Hartnell courses while also receiving paid on-the-job training with GSA member companies that operate in the Salinas Valley. In addition, each student will also receive a toolbox and basic tools worth $2,300.
Students tell Governing Board about benefits of Soledad center

Four women students spoke at the Oct. 5 meeting of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board to express how the Soledad Education Center is changing their lives. The board meeting was the first ever held at the new center.

The students, all of whom are returning to their education after years away from the classroom, said that they find the size of the facility inviting and welcoming. They all emphasized how supportive and encouraging the center’s staff and faculty have been. (Pictured, from left: Maria Morales, Lilian Salinas, Maria Godoy and Erika Garcia.)

“I love this place,” said Erika Garcia, studying early childhood education. “Everybody here has helped me a lot. After 15 years of not going to school, I’m very motivated in my classes.”

“This is a big dream,” said Maria Morales. “I’m a few steps closer to my dream, so I’m really grateful for what you have done, and I look forward to graduating from Hartnell College.”

Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez thanked the students, and said, “That’s what these centers are all about – to open up more doors for our community.”

Nursing students volunteer at community flu vaccine clinics

Continuing the public service they provided during a wave of COVID-19 vaccination clinics this year, Hartnell nursing students participated in their second flu vaccine clinic of the season on Oct. 9 at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital in Salinas.

Ten second-semester vocational nursing students administered both flu and COVID vaccines to adults and children from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. In addition to the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, they also will be staffing about 10 more clinics organized by the Visiting Nurses Association and
The students receive clinical hours for their work, but their participation is strictly voluntary, said Dr. Sonja Sheppard, associate director of nursing and health sciences.

“The fact that they want to do these clinics really speaks to their dedication,” she said. “I am very proud of them and feel they represent the true future of nursing.”

Meet an Adjunct Instructor

Dr. Isabel Ferraris has taught biology at Hartnell since 2011

Dr. Isabel Ferraris, a Doctor of Dental Surgery who specialized in orthodontics, has taught biology courses – including physiology and anatomy – at Hartnell since 2011. She previously worked as a healthcare educator and advocate for migrant communities with the Monterey County Office of Education/Migrant Education Department.

Dr. Ferraris, who came to the United States from Argentina in 2000 with her husband and three children, previously taught orthodontics in her native country, as well as maintaining an orthodontics practice in Buenos Aires.

“The reason why I enjoy teaching at Hartnell is that it connected me with my roots,” she said. “I come from the same place as my students. They come from hard-working families with no college degree. They value the efforts of their parents, and they have the determination to acquire more education to have better opportunities than their parents.

“Year after year, I have taught students in my classes who had been working for long hours in the field or somewhere else and still focus and take time from their rest to study and pass my class. … The success of my students is my JOY. It is priceless!”

Central Plaza on Main Campus to be scene of student arts fest on Oct. 21

The Central Plaza on Hartnell’s Main Campus will be the site of its first college-wide entertainment event on Oct. 21. A Mini Fall Festival for the Arts from 12-2:15 p.m. will feature students in theatre and cinema, creative writing, visual arts and instrumental music. Marnie Glazier, Theatre Arts & Cinema (TAC) instructor, said she also is working to include free box lunches in the special event.
The student TAC Team is organizing the event, which will include tables for displays of ceramic works, a Jazz Band performance and songs performed by theatre students, including selections from Tim Burton’s “Nightmare Before Christmas,” “Chicago” and “Hairspray.” There also will be a family-friendly open mic event hosted by the TAC Team and the Writer’s Guild, with an invitation for participants to sign up by email to mglazier@hartnell.edu and present writing, music or performance art.

**Women’s Soccer rolls, XC wins again and Football falls despite six TDs**

**Women’s Soccer:** Hartnell (10-2-1) has won 10 of its past 11 games, broken only by a 0-0 tie. This past week, they won conference road games at Evergreen Valley on Oct. 5 (3-1) and Canada on Oct. 8 (5-0). Middle forward Carli Lowi, a sophomore from San Benito High, scored three goals in the Canada shutout. See the Panthers at home against Foothill on Oct. 12 and against Cabrillo on Oct. 15. Both games start at 4 p.m.

**Men’s Soccer:** Hartnell (9-1-1) played two conference game this past week, beating Las Positas in an away game on Oct. 5 (3-0) and tying Canada at home on Oct. 8 (2-2). (Pictured: forward Kevin Rincon against Canada.) The team won’t play at Hartnell until Oct. 22 in a 4 p.m. conference game with Foothill.

**Football:** The Panthers (2-3) fell to Feather River 48-39 on Oct. 9 at Rabobank Stadium despite an impressive offensive performance, led once again by quarterback JP Garcia, who passed for a new personal high of 425 yards and five touchdown passes, including throws of 75 and 52 yards to wide receiver Angel Olivas, a sophomore from Soledad High. Feather River scored five of its seven touchdowns on the ground, all less than 10 yards.

**Volleyball:** Hartnell won two away matches this week – a 3-2 conference victory over a strong Ohlone team on Oct. 6 and 3-0 win over Marin on Oct. 9. The Panthers will play another conference game against San Mateo, ranked No. 13 in the state, in their home gym at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 13.
Cross Country: Both the men’s and women’s teams beat second-place De Anza in team wins on Oct. 8 at the Crystal Springs Invitational in Belmont. In the women’s race, Valeria Lozano-Gomez took first place, followed in third by fellow Panther Sofia Camacho, who turned her ankle close to the finish, and Andrea Villegas in fourth. The men, covering 4.195 miles, took five of the top six places, with Ricky Diaz III in second, followed by Esteban Deniz, Daniel Correa, Jose Velazquez and Francisco Maciel. The men’s team is ranked first in Northern California and tied with Mt. SAC for the top spot in the CCCAA state rankings. The cross country teams’ next competition is the Mt. SAC Invitational on Oct. 15.

Child Development Center students visit The Farm on Oct. 6 field trip

Students from Hartnell’s Child Development Center visited The Farm south of Salinas on Oct. 6 for an experiential learning experience in the importance of farming, recognition and appreciation of farm animals and the difference between fruits and vegetables.

“Additionally, they had a wonderful time on the hayride and they were able to select their very own pumpkin to take home!” said Anne Adamson, director of academic affairs for early childhood education.

In the News


College football previews: https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/10/07/college-football-previews/

College Athlete of the Week: https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/10/05/college-athlete-of-the-week-32/

Hartnell College to require students, employees to be vaccinated: https://kingcityrustler.com/hartnell-to-require-students-employees-to-be-vaccinated/
Upcoming Events

Soledad Grand Opening – Oct. 23

Employees, students, community members and their families are invited to a ribbon-cutting and Grand Opening Celebration from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 23 at the Soledad Education Center, 1505 Metz Road.

Following a brief ribbon-cutting ceremony, the event will include building tours, science demonstrations and a free hamburger and hot dog picnic lunch.

Women’s Soccer vs. Foothill
4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 12
Hartnell Soccer Field

Volleyball vs. San Mateo
6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 13
Hartnell Gymnasium
Pop-Up Food Pantry
12 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15
Hartnell Parking Structure

Women’s Soccer vs. Cabrillo
4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 15
Hartnell Soccer Field

Football vs. Gavilan
6 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 16
Rabobank Stadium

Hartnell Governing Board – Development Meeting
5 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 19
Steinbeck Hall (Main Campus, Building C)

Volleyball vs. MPC
6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 20
Hartnell Gymnasium

Mini Fall Festival – ceramics show, theatre performances, Hartnell Jazz Band
Free Immigration Legal Consultations
By appointment only
4-8 p.m.
Thursday, Oct. 21
Soledad Education Center
micasa@hartnell.edu or (831) 755-6723

The Western Stage: “Native Gardens”
Oct. 22-Nov. 7
Recital Hall, Building K
Hartnell employee discount info: Cheryl Worthy at (831) 755-6816; cworthy@hartnell.edu
https://www.westernstage.com/tickets

Pop-Up Food Pantry
12 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
Hartnell Parking Structure

Men’s Soccer vs. Foothill
4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 22
Hartnell Soccer Field

Soledad Education Center Grand Opening Celebration
11 a.m.-1 p.m.
Saturday, Oct. 23
1505 Metz Road, Soledad

Men’s Soccer vs. Ohlone
1 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Hartnell Soccer Field

Women’s Soccer vs. San Francisco
4 p.m.
Tuesday, Oct. 26
Hartnell Soccer Field

Volleyball vs. West Valley
6:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Oct. 27
Hartnell Gymnasium
Men’s Soccer vs. San Francisco
4 p.m.
Friday, Oct. 29
Hartnell Soccer Field