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

VNA to administer COVID vaccine at Nov. 16-17 clinic on Main Campus
Hartnell will host a two-day on-campus COVID-19 vaccination clinic for students and employees on Nov. 16 and 17, providing a convenient opportunity to meet the college’s Dec. 13 deadline for its community members to show proof of full vaccination.

Vaccines will be administered by the Central Coast Visiting Nurses Association (VNA) at no cost from 12-4 p.m. on Nov. 16 and 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Nov. 17.
The clinics will be held in the Student Center Commons (Building C). If you have not yet been vaccinated for COVID, please plan to take advantage of this opportunity.

No appointment is needed. All recipients must be at least 18 and show a driver’s license or other photo ID. Both the Moderna and Johnson & Johnson vaccines will be available, and follow-up dates will be scheduled for the two-dose Moderna vaccine. The Johnson & Johnson vaccine is one dose.
For locations and times for other local vaccination clinics, visit this website, myturn.ca.gov. Similar information is available here. If you have questions about vaccine safety, please visit this “key things to know” page maintained by the federal Centers for Disease Control. (Pictured: A Hartnell nursing student administers a vaccine in October at a community clinic at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital.)

**Hartnell Choir and Student Veterans Club participate in Salinas Veterans Day Parade**

Hartnell was well represented at the Nov. 11 Salinas Veterans Day Parade, which returned after being canceled last year because of the pandemic.

With a line of appreciative spectators on both sides of Main Street, members of the Hartnell Student Veterans Club marched from Salinas High School to the National Steinbeck Center behind a vehicle driven by club adviser Gemma Uribe-Cruz. (Pictured: (front, from left) Michael Parr and Fabian Aguilar and (rear, from left) Eduardo Rico Morfin and Luis Amador Flores.)

At the conclusion of the parade, the Hartnell College Choir performed a medley from the musical "Aladdin," directed by Sandy Rudo. Choir member Tatiana Magdaleno sang "The Star Spangled Banner" as eight local high school bands played together.

The music was presented by Monterey County Pops!, whose music director and conductor is Dr. Carl Christensen, a music instructor at Hartnell for more than 30 years.

**Alisal Campus hosts guests from CA Economic Summit**

Hartnell administrators, faculty, staff and students teamed up to welcome a group of eight participants in the California Economic Summit to the Agriculture Business and Technology Institute at the Alisal Campus on the event’s preview day, Nov. 8.
After welcome remarks from Superintendent/President Dr. Raúl Rodríguez and Clint Cowden, dean of career technical education and workforce development, the visitors (pictured) were taken through a series of presentations that ranged from STEM internships (Dr. Jeffrey Hughey, biology instructor, and student Adam Garcia), K-12 STEM Programs (Dr. Mohammed Yahdi, interim dean for STEM, and Julie Carillo, director of K-12 STEM, and several students); mechatronics lab (instructor Richard Chapman (pictured) and Clint Cowden); Nursing & Health Sciences community vaccination and education, (Dean Dr. Debra Kaczmar and nursing student Hugo Gutierrez); and Advanced Automotive Technology (instructors Pete Escoto, William Musselman and Brian Teraji and several students).

Of particular interest was a new lab of equipment to be used starting this spring by students in Hartnell’s new Mechatronics Technician program. Called an “Industry 4.0 and Cyber Physical Systems Workshop,” the equipment includes collaborative robots, mobile robots and smart sensors with io-Link and distributed io, all manufactured by FESTO Corp. These learning tools can be used to train students in such fields as hydraulic and pneumatic systems and machine learning/machine vision.

On the Monterey summit’s third day, Jackie Cruz, vice president for advancement and development, participated in a panel called “Our Shared Mission and Collective Impact,” which also featured U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta and Dr. Carissa Purnell, director of the Alisal Family Resource Centers Network. Cruz also served on the summit’s host committee.

**Help Hartnell students thrive by participating in MCGives!**

The Hartnell College Foundation invites everyone in the Hartnell College Community to help support student persistence and completion by contributing to the Monterey County Gives! campaign, an annual philanthropic program presented by the Monterey County Weekly newspaper. Donations to MCGives! receive matching support from the Weekly, which makes contributions go farther.

The [foundation’s page](#) invites gifts to support the Keep Our Students Learning Project, which will provide $500 basic needs scholarships to help students cope with economic stress and continue their education, replacing funds already distributed over the past year to assist students affected by COVID-19.
“Our students are ready to move from struggling to striving, and this requires support above and beyond the stipend that we have been able to offer,” said Jackie Cruz, vice president for advancement and development and executive director of the foundation.

The Western Stage presents ‘Cry Baby,’ a campy comedy of star-crossed lovers

The Western Stage’s second production of the season in the Mainstage Theater is “Cry Baby: The Musical” by John Waters, which opened Nov. 5 and runs through Nov. 21.

Directed by Lorenzo Aragon with choreography by Heather Osteraa, the show is a deliciously campy comedy in which star-crossed lovers struggle against post-war prejudices. It is a tongue-in-cheek homage to those 1950s Elvis Presley films that presaged a rebellious rock ‘n’ roll generation.

Showtimes are 7:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays and 2 p.m. Sundays in the Center for Performing Arts (Building K). Hartnell employees can buy tickets for $15, rather than $26, and Hartnell students are admitted free with a current Hartnell ID. For more information, visit westernstage.com or call (831) 755-6816.

Proof of full vaccination or negative Covid-19 test result must be presented for admission to the Mainstage Theater, and audiences are masked and distanced during performances.

Panther Volleyball expects playoff bid to extend eight-year post-season streak

Following a big 3-1 (17-25, 25-20, 25-22, 25-18) home victory over conference rival Ohlone on Nov. 10 (pictured), the Hartnell Volleyball team will travel to San Mateo to face the conference leader on Nov. 16. Regardless of that outcome, the Panthers are in position to compete in the Northern California playoffs for the ninth year in a row. Head Coach Jamie Pedroza said she expects to know for sure on Nov. 18.
**Football:** After the 27-28 loss to Monterey Peninsula on Nov. 6, in a game marred by officiating errors that may have caused the defeat, Hartnell will visit Merced on Nov. 13 for its final game of the 2021 season. Their record going in is 3-5.

**Soccer:** Following a forfeit by Monterey Peninsula of a Nov. 12 game, the men’s team (16-1-2) has officially won its conference title. They are ranked No. 2 in the state, behind Foothill. The women’s team has finished its regular season as conference champions, with a 17-2-2 record and ranked No. 8 in the state. Watch for upcoming information on playoff dates for both teams.

**Basketball:** The women are 1-5, with a home game against Shasta at 2 p.m. on Nov. 12 and another home game against Los Medanos at 5 p.m. on Nov. 17. win over Palo Verde, 65-57, on Nov. 6 in the Mission College Tournament. The men’s team is 1-1 as of Nov. 11, and they’ll be back at home on Nov. 17 against Canada, tip-off 7 p.m.

**Salinas native Kyle Czaplak named new head coach of Hartnell Baseball**

Hartnell Athletics has a new head coach for its baseball team, Kyle Czaplak, who continues to also serve as director of player development for the Monterey Bay Pirates youth development team.

Czaplak (pronounced ZAP-lack) is a 2017 graduate of Santa Clara University, where he completed a bachelor’s degree in psychology and played for Broncos Baseball, making his mark as a pinch hitter and pinch runner. He began post-graduate studies at CSUMB while using his remaining athletic eligibility to play for Otters Baseball as a shortstop and scored 37 runs in 39 games, the second best ratio in school history. In 2019, he became a volunteer assistant coach for CSUMB.

After growing up in Salinas, Czaplak attended Pacific Grove High School, where he also played shortstop and was a two-time Second Team All-Mission Trail Athletic League honoree. His head coach was Gil Ruiz, a Hartnell alum who is now pitching coach for the Panthers.

At Hartnell, he replaces Travis Babin, head coach since 2014, who decided to pursue other ventures. “I’m super excited and grateful for the opportunity,” Czaplak said. “Now we’re hitting the ground running.”
In the News

College football previews: San Jose-MPC, Hartnell-Merced:

Upcoming Events

The Western Stage: “Cry Baby”
Through Nov. 21
Mainstage Theater
Center for Performing Arts (Building K)
Ticket information:
https://www.westernstage.com/tickets

The Western Stage: “All Together Now!”
benefit performance
7:30 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 12
King City Education Center
117 N. Second St., King City
https://www.westernstage.com/alltogethernow

The Western Stage: “All Together Now!”
benefit performance (with live-stream)
2 p.m.
Saturday, Nov. 13
Recital Hall
Center for Performing Arts (Building K, Main Campus)
Link to live-stream provided with ticket confirmation
https://www.westernstage.com/alltogethernow

The Western Stage: “All Together Now!”
benefit performance
2 p.m.
Sunday, Nov. 14
Spreckels Veterans Hall
90 Fifth St., Spreckels
https://www.westernstage.com/alltogethernow

COVID-19 vaccine clinic
12-4 p.m.
Hartnell Governing Board – Developmental Meeting
5 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 16
Student Center (Building C)

COVID-19 vaccine clinic
10 a.m.-2 p.m.
Tuesday, Nov. 16
Student Center (Building C)

TPP/MAESTROs Teaching Informational Sessions
3 p.m. (via Zoom)
Wednesday, Nov. 17
Register: https://bit.ly/2L4rnun

Women’s Basketball vs. Los Medanos
5 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 17
Hartnell Gymnasium

Men’s Basketball vs. Canada
7 p.m.
Wednesday, Nov. 17
Hartnell Gymnasium

Pop-Up Food Pantry
12 p.m.
Friday, Nov. 19
Hartnell Parking Structure

Thanksgiving Holiday
All campus sites closed
Nov. 25-26