

President's Weekly Report



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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.

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\$990,000 federal grant to streamline basic needs services for students

A new \$990,000 federal grant will help Hartnell College students gain efficient and coordinated access to such basic needs as food, housing and health care through centralized hubs on the Main Campus and at all four satellite campuses.

The U.S. Department of Education notified Hartnell on Dec. 29 that it will receive the maximum three-year funding allowed in the federal Basic Needs for Postsecondary Students Program, which seeks to strengthen basic needs services for college students and track their impact on student success. (Pictured: Pop-Up Pantry food distribution in January 2021.)

Starting this summer, Hartnell plans to establish a Basic Needs Resource Center with staff to assess students' needs, guide them toward college-based and community resources and follow through to make sure they receive meaningful assistance.



Hartnell’s plan will address students’ needs for secure food and housing, while also assisting those in need of health care, including mental health, as well as transportation, technology, financial aid, childcare, legal support and more. (Pictured: Loaner Chromebook distribution on Aug. 10, 2020.)



“Our students are hurting in many ways, and that’s been especially true during the pandemic,” said Hartnell Governing Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez. “These federal funds will significantly strengthen our efforts to connect them with the help we offer and also with vital community-based services.”

Announcement of the basic needs grant opportunity accelerated Hartnell’s efforts to centralize and coordinate its services and referrals for students. Meeting students’ basic needs was identified as a priority in the Hartnell College Foundation’s President’s Task Force Funding Plan for 2019-24 and included

among recommendations from a 2021 Hartnell task force on race and equity.

Hartnell’s proposal calls for the grant’s three annual awards of \$330,000 to be spent on hiring a basic needs case manager and counselors to assess students’ most urgent needs, including mental health, as well as stipends for student ambassadors, supplies and staff training. Funds to hire a director to lead the work will be sought from a related program through the state of California.

The goal is to establish the Basic Needs Resource Center on the main Salinas campus and provide regular services at Hartnell’s three education centers – in Castroville, Soledad and King City – and at its Alisal Campus, which is home to most career and technical education programs.

Registration fairs and money for books, dining beckon spring students

Hartnell is inviting new and returning students to enroll for the Spring 2022 semester during registration fairs to be held Jan. 11-14 at four campus sites, and will provide them up to \$550 for textbooks, supplies and campus food service.

The first registration fair will be at the Soledad Education Center from 6-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 11, then in Castroville from 1-7 p.m. on Jan. 12; in King City from 6-7:30 p.m. on Jan. 13 and at the Student Services Building on the Main Campus from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Jan. 14. The Soledad center previously hosted fairs on Nov. 30 and Dec. 7, and the King City center held events on Dec. 2 and Dec. 9.

Every student who enrolls in three or more credits for spring will immediately get up to \$300 in credits for textbooks and other required course materials purchased in person at the Hartnell Bookstore (pictured).



Students who remain enrolled in mid-February will also receive \$250 on their student CatCard IDs for additional bookstore purchases, as well as for food and beverages at Starbucks and The Grille in the Student Center on Main Campus.

Sharon Albert takes over as interim dean of STEM

Sharon Albert, assistant dean of career and technical education, has been selected as interim dean of STEM (pending board ratification), replacing Dr. Mohammed Yahdi, who served in that role since July 1, 2020.

"Dean Albert brings many years of experience in workforce development programs at the college and K-12 level, as well as a previous administrative assignment as interim dean of Career and Technical Education at Hartnell," said Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson, vice president of academic affairs. "She has supported many STEM programs and grant projects through her management of Perkins and Strong Workforce funding and her support of STEM internships."

Prior to joining Hartnell in 2017, Albert was director of Mission Trails ROP/Salinas Adult School from 2013-17 and principal for career technical education in the Monterey Peninsula Unified School District from 2006-13.



Dr. Wilkinson said a search for a permanent dean of STEM would open in the near future.

Student Success Conference will be presented Jan. 20-21

The division of Academic Affairs will officially kick off the Spring 2022 semester with the 11th Annual Student Success Conference on Jan. 20-21, with a theme of "Equity, Inclusion and Diversity: Moving Forward."

Both days' programs, from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. will be presented virtually on [Zoom](#) and live-streamed on YouTube.

On Jan. 20, the keynote speaker will be Dr. Eddie Comeaux, author of "The Fifth Element is Knowledge: Education, Hip-Hop and Sport," who will present on "Empathy and Equity: The Student Experience." On Jan. 21, the keynote will be given by Dr. Christopher Bell (pictured), an assistant professor of media studies and director of graduate communication studies at the University of Colorado, Colorado Springs. He will speak on "Equity and Inclusion in Popular Culture."



Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson, vice president of academic affairs, expressed her thanks to members of the Professional Development Committee, as well as Professional Development Coordinator Jennie Baumbach and Linda Beam, interim vice president for human resources and EEO, for their contributions and input into planning the conference. The full agenda is available [here](#).

Jason Garrett is new director for foster and kinship care

Dr. Jason Garrett joined Hartnell on Jan. 4 as the new permanent director of academic affairs for foster & kinship care education/independent living program. He replaces Margie Wiebusch, who retired last year after 21 years with the college.



He comes from Cal State Monterey Bay, where he worked since 2012 as graduate admissions coordinator (2012-13), assessment, evaluation and technology analyst for student life (2013-20) and most recently as assistant director of admissions operations. He previously was an instructional lab technician at West Valley College from 2010-12.

Dr. Garrett, who is fluent in Spanish, has a Doctorate in Educational Leadership from San Francisco State University, where his dissertation was on transfer student success. He also holds a Master of Arts in Spanish from the University of Hawaii and a Bachelor of Arts in World Languages & Cultures from CSUMB.

"Throughout my career, I have worked to reimagine operations by implementing technology systems to find efficiency, reduce redundancy and eliminate barriers," he said.

Men's and women's basketball are in their conference seasons

The Panther men's and women's basketball teams have rounded the corner into their conference seasons, which continue through mid-February.

The men are 6-8, with four wins in their last six games, including a Dec. 18 win over then-ranked Allan Hancock, 58-49.

"I think we're playing very well, and we're really trying to peak," said Head Coach Andy Vasher. Although smaller than most opponents, with their tallest starter at 6 feet 4 inches, the team's style of play focuses on moving the ball downcourt quickly on offense and then controlling the tempo from there. "We want to get down there quick and force you to stop us," Vasher said.

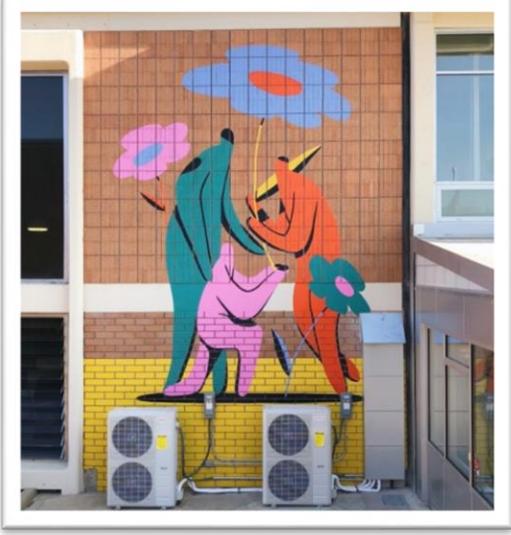
The women's team has a record of 1-15. They have struggled with just six players, and at times only five, which keeps players from getting rest throughout the game. "You can tell with the amount of points we were giving up at the beginning of the season compared to what we are now that our kids are growing every single game," said Head Coach Natalie Marlowe. "We are improving."

Both teams will host Cabrillo on Jan. 12 in the Hartnell Gym, the women at 5 and the men at 7. Admission is free to students and employees with a Hartnell ID. (Pictured: Freshman Leslie Jauregui, a graduate of North Salinas High School, who has scored 93 points and is averaging 13.8 rebounds per game.)



Spotlight on campus art Outdoor mural next to Starbucks designed by Oakland-based artist

Perhaps you have wondered about the origin and meaning of a mural above two air conditioning units on the north exterior wall of the Student Center, to the left of the entrance adjacent to the Hartnell Starbucks.



The mural was painted in summer 2019 by Oakland-based artist Jocelyn Tsaih, commissioned by Starbucks and paid for by Hartnell.

Tsaih, who was born in Taiwan and raised in Shanghai, said Starbucks asked her to create “an image that was somewhat related to growth, nature and community as a nod to the overall culture of Salinas.” The company has a policy of including some kind of art with each of its stores.



Tsaih’s untitled piece (pictured) includes her signature amorphous figures, which she originally created to represent the universal soul. According to her [webpage](#), “The reflective nature of her work exists in parallel to her observations of our fundamental need for connection and communication – the back and forth, the give and take.”

In the News

Hartnell receives federal grant to expand basic needs services:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/01/07/hartnell-college-receives-federal-grant-to-expand-basic-needs-services/>

Upcoming Events Upcoming Events

Hartnell Governing Board

5 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Soledad Registration Fair

6-7:30 p.m.
Tuesday, Jan. 11
1505 Metz Road

Castroville Registration Fair

1-7 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 12
10241 Tembladera St.

Women’s Basketball vs. Cabrillo

5 p.m.
Wednesday, Jan. 12
Hartnell Gymnasium

Men's Basketball vs. Cabrillo

7 p.m.

Wednesday, Jan. 12

Hartnell Gymnasium

King City Registration Fair

6-7:30 p.m.

Thursday, Jan. 13

110 N. Second St.

Main Campus Registration Fair

9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 14

Student Services Building (B)

Student Success Conference

8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

Thursday and Friday, Jan. 20-21

Mainstage Theater (Building K) and via Zoom

Women's Basketball vs. Mission

5 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21

Hartnell Gymnasium

Men's Basketball vs. West Valley

7 p.m.

Friday, Jan. 21

Hartnell Gymnasium

Hartnell Governing Board

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 1

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)