

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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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.

Superintendent/President Search narrows 15 applicants down to 7

The 17-member Superintendent/President Search Committee plans to interview seven candidates on Feb. 16-17 before recommending finalists to the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board.

The committee met on Feb. 4 to review and screen all eligible applications submitted by interested candidates. Hartnell Human Resources received 15 applications by the Jan. 14 deadline, and 11 met the minimum qualifications for screening by the committee.

Members independently scored all applications to assess each candidate's education, experience and leadership qualities as specified in the formal [position announcement](#). The committee then summarized and analyzed the results to select applicants for a first-round interview.

Said Dr. Stan Carrizosa, a search consultant with Community College Search Services, "The committee is working diligently and are to be commended for their extreme professionalism, thoroughness and their genuine interest being put forth to support and assist the board with this very important responsibility."



COVID-19 vaccination and testing at clinic in Student Center on Feb. 25

Hartnell will host a COVID-19 vaccination clinic for employees and students from 3-6 p.m. on Feb. 25 in the Student Center (Building C, Main Campus).



The Visiting Nurses Association will staff the clinic in collaboration with the Community Foundation for Monterey County and the UC Berkeley School of Public Health. The Moderna vaccine will be administered. No appointments or pre-registration are required.

Students and employees who are [eligible](#) for a booster dose of vaccine are urged to take advantage of this opportunity. They can receive the Moderna vaccine as a booster regardless of whether their previous shots were the Pfizer, Moderna or Johnson & Johnson vaccines. Being boosted can allow individuals to still come on campus despite having been in close contact with COVID-19, as long as they are not experiencing symptoms.

The clinic will include a mobile van for Rapid PCR testing and test results on site – self-swab, with results in one hour. The testing van will be parked in the circle drive adjacent to the parking structure.

PCR testing continues to be offered by Virus Geeks from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. daily on the Main Campus in parking Lot #4, off of West Alisal Street, next to the tennis courts. Hartnell students and employees receive priority at this location, but please [pre-register](#) before you arrive. Information about other testing sites is available [here](#).

Foundation prepares to distribute another \$4 million in rent, utility aid

In partnership with United Way of Monterey County, the Hartnell College Foundation has helped more than 400 low-income households receive \$2.75 million in emergency rent and utility assistance since March 2021 and plans to distribute nearly \$4 million more in 2022.

About half of those served have been Hartnell students or friends and family of students, with the remainder coming from the general Salinas-area population.

The foundation was among 14 local agencies and organizations selected for the United Way's Emergency Rental Assistance Program (ERAP), which distributed \$28 million in state and federal funds to households that earn less than 80% of the county's median income. Recipients also had to demonstrate lost or reduced income due to COVID-19 because of circumstances such as job loss, reduced work hours, caregiver obligations and pre-existing health conditions.

"We feel very honored to be part of this effort because we know the need is there," said program manager Ana Ibarra-Castro.



Thanks to changes in the program, the funds can now cover both past-due and future rent and utility payments, and landlords whose tenants take part will be able to recover 100 percent of unpaid rent.

The foundation in December presented United Way of Monterey County a 2021 Change-Maker award in recognition of "innovative grant-making that is changing the lives of Hartnell College students and the community."

(Pictured: Ana Ibarra-Castro, program assistant for the foundation's emergency rental and utility assistance effort, explains the details to Hartnell students during a May 6, 2021, presentation streamed live on Facebook.)

Arps returns to Hartnell as director of Teacher Pathway Program

Kristen Arps, who was director of the Hartnell-based Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium from 2015 to 2020, has been appointed as the new director of the college's Teacher Pathway Program/MAESTROs collaboration with Cal State Monterey Bay.

Arps' appointment to the position, starting March 1, was approved by the Hartnell Governing Board on Feb. 1. She first joined Hartnell in 2014 as program coordinator for the Agricultural Business & Technology Institute on the Alisal Campus.

"I am thrilled to have the opportunity to work with the Teacher Pathway/MAESTROs program, to support these impressive students who are committed to pursuing their passion for education and serving their communities, and to help address the critical need for teachers in Salinas Valley schools," Arps said.

Since September 2020, she has served as business services and special programs manager for the Monterey County Workforce Development Board.



Opening of Umoja Village on Feb. 23 will highlight Black History Month

Hartnell's observance of Black History Month throughout February will culminate on Feb. 23 with an event to celebrate the opening of the Umoja Village at 1 p.m. in room 3 of Merrill Hall (Building N).

Umoja coordinator Victoria Coleman previewed the event during a presentation on Feb. 1 to the Hartnell Governing Board (pictured with student Javier Menjivar), in which she highlighted the UMOJA community's focus on enhancing and supporting the educational experience for Black students.



Having a dedicated space on campus for students to gather – what Coleman described as a place to be “seen and heard” – has been a goal of Umoja since its establishment at Hartnell in 2019.



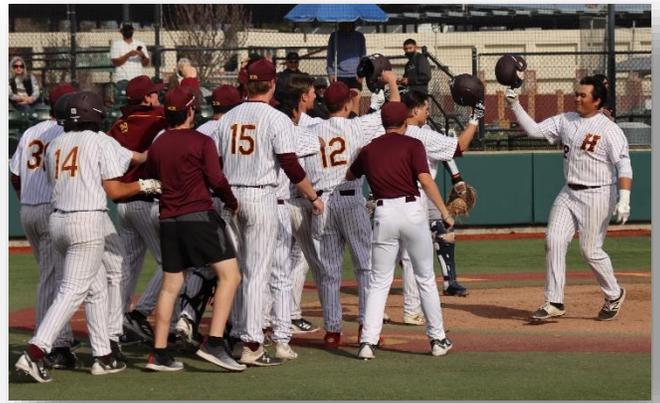
Umoja, the Associated Students of Hartnell College and the Office of Student Life have collaborated on Black History Month activities that include pictorial displays of African American history and leaders in the Student Center, student performances celebrating African American culture and a film festival that continues Feb. 8 with “Glory” (12 p.m.) and “Remember the Titans” (3 p.m.) in C-101 and Feb. 9 with “Harriet” (12 p.m.) and “Moonlight” (2:30 p.m.) in the Planetarium, S-101.

Baseball and softball taste victory at home in early-season play

Hartnell Baseball notched its first victory under new Head Coach Kyle Czaplak at home on Feb. 5 against West Valley, 3-2, as freshman outfielder Joshua Ugot (pictured) slammed a game-winning home run in the eighth inning. They have a string of five home games, starting at 2 p.m. on Feb. 8 against San Francisco.

Panthers Softball claimed its first win under new Head Coach Casey Watt in a 13-6 slugfest at home against Redwoods, the second game of a doubleheader that opened with a 0-0 tie. The team will play a home doubleheader against Taft on Feb. 11, with games at 12 and 2 p.m.

In basketball, both the men's and women's teams will play De Anza at home on Feb. 9, with the women's game starting at 5 and the men's game at 7. The men are vying to push their 9-12 record over the .500 mark, and the women are seeking their second win with four games to go.



In the News

Beyond the statistics, overcoming barriers in higher education:

<https://kion546.com/news/2022/02/03/beyond-the-statistics-overcoming-barriers-in-higher-education/>

National Girls and Women in Sports Day, Hartnell College talks advancements of female sports programs: <https://www.ksbw.com/article/national-girls-and-women-in-sports-day-hartnell-college-talks-advancements-of-female-sports-programs/38966478>

Hartnell offers ag tech training to Monterey County veterans:

<https://kingcityrustler.com/hartnell-offers-ag-tech-training-to-monterey-county-veterans/>

ESL class brings Hartnell students together with MIIS students of Spanish:

<https://kingcityrustler.com/esl-class-brings-hartnell-students-together-with-miis-students-of-spanish/>

Salinas Valley News Briefs: <https://californianewstimes.com/salinas-valley-news-briefs-feb-1-2022-salinas-valley-tribune/670931/>

College Athlete of the Week: <https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/02/01/college-athlete-of-the-week-48/>

Upcoming Events

Black History Month Film Festival – “Glory”

12 p.m.

Tuesday, Feb. 8

Building C, Room 101

Baseball vs. San Francisco

2 p.m.

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Tony Teresa Diamond

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Black History Month Film Festival – “Harriet”

12 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Planetarium, STEM Center

Black History Month Film Festival – “Moonlight”

2:30 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Planetarium, STEM Center

Women’s Basketball vs. De Anza

5 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Hartnell Gymnasium

Men’s Basketball vs. De Anza

7 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 9
Hartnell Gymnasium

Pop-Up Food Pantry

12 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Hartnell Parking Structure

Softball vs. Taft (doubleheader)

12 and 2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Hartnell Softball Field

Baseball vs. American River

2 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Tony Teresa Diamond

Women’s Basketball vs. Cabrillo

7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 11
Hartnell Gymnasium

Baseball vs. American River

11 a.m.
Saturday, Feb. 12
Tony Teresa Diamond

Baseball vs. Fresno

2 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 15
Tony Teresa Diamond

Hartnell Governing Board – Development meeting

5 p.m.
Tuesday, Feb. 15
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Baseball vs. Fresno

2 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 16
Tony Teresa Diamond

Softball vs. San Jose City

2 p.m.
Thursday, Feb. 17
Hartnell Softball Field

Men's Basketball vs. Gavilan

7 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 18
Hartnell Gymnasium

Softball vs. Modesto (Doubleheader)

12 and 2 p.m.
Saturday, Feb. 19
Hartnell Softball Field

UMOJA Village Opening

1 p.m.
Wednesday, Feb. 23
Building N, Room 3

Pop-Up Pantry

12 p.m.
Friday, Feb. 25
Hartnell Parking Structure

COVID-19 Vaccine and Testing Clinic for College Community

