Special feature: Graduation milestones

Concluding this edition of the President’s Weekly Report are personal and family graduation announcements from 18 employees. To share your announcement, please send the person’s name, relationship to you, school of graduation, degree or level of graduation, date of graduation, your job title and a photo if possible to vagonzalez@hartnell.edu. (Pictured: Joy, Cory, Colby and Clint Cowden.)

Summer enrollment remains strong, while fall numbers show early surge

Hartnell’s Summer 2022 term began June 13 as students continued their return to in-person learning, while also showing continued interest in online learning. As of June 11, the college had a headcount enrollment of 3,916, which is below a 2021 high of 4,310 but ahead of summer totals for 2018-20. Summer FTES (full-time equivalent students) was at 616, which is below 670 at this time last year and 645 in 2020 but ahead of both 2018 and 2019. About 60% of summer courses are being taught face-to-face, and the remainder are online or hybrid.

Fall 2022 enrollment is also encouraging, with both headcount and FTES totals so far exceeding the previous year at this time. As of June 11, headcount was 3,903, which is 13% above the 2021 mark of 3,447. FTES for fall is especially high at this point, at 1,723, which is 28% above 2021 and higher than 2018-20. The next highest total as of this date was 1,642 in 2019.
“Early in the pandemic we experienced a surge in summer enrollments,” said Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson, vice president of academic affairs. “The shorter term and variety of modalities continue to appeal to students in summer, both for career prep and university-level transfer.”

(Pictured: Students Carlos Espinoza, a second-year student from Soledad High School, studies with Marco Escorsia, a second-year student from Everett Alvarez High School, in the Student Center on June 13.)

**Board welcomes student trustee and other new ASHC officers**

The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board on June 7 welcomed and congratulated its new student trustee for 2022-23, Laura Rivera, while also thanking outgoing student trustee Jane Hernandez for her service as she heads to Stanford University this fall. Rivera was sworn in by Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez (pictured).

“I’m very, very excited to be a student trustee. It’s a privilege,” said Rivera, a 2020 graduate of Soledad High School who is majoring in political science. “I know I have huge shoes to fill, but I’m confident that I’m going to do my best to serve the Hartnell community, and most importantly, uplift the student voice. Thank you for your support!”

Rivera, who this past year was director of the Inter-Club Council (ICC), will also serve as the newly elected vice president of the Associated Students of Hartnell College. Other officers, sworn in on June 2, are: Apolonia Preciado, president; Bryan Cabello, treasurer; David Orta, secretary; Wilfredo Martinez, director, ICC; Guillermo Menchaca, director, programs and services; Celeste Flores, senator, Alisal Campus; Alina Ramirez, director, South County; Daniel Orta, senator, evenings/weekend/online; and David Parmley and Jennifer Santiago, senators at-large.

A total of 825 students voted in the ASHC election, conducted online from April 18-22, and 15 candidates participated. Students will be invited to apply for four vacant positions, the director of public relations and three senators at-large, which will be filled by the ASHC on July 7.

**Panetta announces Upward Bound grant renewal for Hartnell and others**

U.S. Rep. Jimmy Panetta (D-Carmel Valley) announced June 8 that he secured $1,424,049 for TRiO/Upward Bound at Monterey County colleges and universities, including $297,601 to continue the Hartnell program, established in 2016.

The U.S. Department of Education grants will support community college students from low-income families and families in which neither parent holds a bachelor’s degree in preparing for college. The Upward Bound program aims to
bolster student efforts to complete secondary education and graduate from post-secondary institutions. Hartnell serves about 120 students a year at Alisal, Everett Alvarez, North Salinas and Rancho San Juan high schools in Salinas.

Hartnell Governing Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez said the grant funding for Upward Bound at Hartnell “will be life changing for hundreds of families. The Upward Bound program at Hartnell has guided and inspired hundreds of students to pursue a college education.”

**College billboard on Highway 101 promotes three education centers**

For the first time in recent memory, at least, Hartnell has added a billboard to its multi-channel recruitment marketing efforts, which already include television, radio, digital advertising, social media and direct mail.

The 32-by-10-foot billboard leased from Outfront Media was installed May 31 on Highway 101 just south of Salinas, on the right-hand side facing southbound traffic. It features a photo of four students (from left Becky Jimenez, Jasmine Gonzalez Ramirez, Klarissa Nabor and Alex Lopez) standing in front of the Soledad Education Center with Mostafa Ghous, dean of South County Education Services.

The headline “Here for You!” is accompanied by the locations of Hartnell’s education centers in Soledad, King City and Castroville.

Scott Faust, director of communications, marketing and publications, thanked everyone who participated in the billboard photo shoot on May 12.

“We chose the Highway 101 location because it is seen by tens of thousands of motorists each day traveling to home and work within the Salinas Valley and also between the Bay Area and Southern California,” Faust said. “This emphasizes our new centers, but the design can be switched to emphasize other messages as needed in the future.”

**Congratulations to these employees and family members for graduation milestones!**

The following graduations are listed by the name of the employee who shared them and by level of credential:

**Lucy Serrano**

Name of graduate: Ramon Serrano  
Relationship to employee: Son  
Degree/milestone: Masters in Education, Educational Leadership  
Date of graduation: June 11, 2022  
Name of institution: University of Massachusetts Global  
Job title of employee: Executive Assistant to Superintendent/President and Governing Board
Adriana Gonzalez Sebastian
Degree/milestone: BS of Science, Public Relations
Date of graduation: May 27, 2022
Name of institution: San Jose State University
Job title of employee: Equity Programs, Program Assistant I

David Beymer & Nancy Schur-Beymer
Name of graduate: Miranda Beymer
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: BS in Business with an emphasis in Marketing
Date of graduation: May 21, 2022
Name of institution: CSU Channel Islands
Job title of employee: Athletic Trainer & Nursing Faculty

Name of graduate: Wyatt Beymer
Relationship to employees: Son
Degree/milestone: High school diploma
Date of graduation: May 27, 2022
Name of institution: Soquel High School
Job title of employee: Athletic Trainer & Nursing Instructor

Ashley Gabriel
Name of graduate: Michael Gabriel
Relationship to employee: Husband
Degree/milestone: BS in Computer Science
with concentration in Gaming Development/Software Engineering
Date of graduation: May 22, 2022
Name of institution: CSU Monterey Bay
Job title of employee: Adaptive PE Instructor
Maria De Leon
Name of graduate: Citlally Lopez-De Leon
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: AS for Transfer, Biology
Date of graduation: May 20, 2022
Name of institution: Hartnell College
Job title of employee: Program Assistant I

Jocelyn Montes Mariz
Name of graduate: Sarai Montes Mariz
Relationship to employee: Sister
Degree/milestone: Business Administration, AS for Transfer
Date of graduation: May 20, 2022
Name of institution: Hartnell College
Job title of employee: Program Assistant I Upward Bound

Clint and Joy Cowden
Name of graduates: Cory (left) and Colby Cowden
Relationship to employee: Daughters
Degree/milestone: High school diploma
Date of graduation: June 4, 2022
Name of institution: Trinity Christian High School
Job title of employees: Deans of Academic Affairs

Cristina Westfall
Name of graduate: Cristiana Westfall
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: High school diploma
Date of graduation: May 26, 2022
Name of institution: Salinas High School
Job title of employee: Program Assistant/Athletics
Rhea Mendoza-Lewis
Name of graduate: Zach Lewis
Relationship to employee: Son
Degree/milestone: High school diploma
Date of graduation: May 29, 2022
Name of institution: Pacific Grove High School
Job title of employee: English Instructor

Dr. Jason Hough
Name of graduate: Ella Hough-Tucker
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: High school diploma, valedictorian
Date of graduation: May 28, 2022
Name of institution: Epic Charter School
Job title of employee: Communication Studies Instructor

Terri Ugale
Name of graduate: Aubrey Jaidyn Ugale
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: Middle school promotion
Date of graduation: June 8, 2022
Name of institution: Buena Vista Middle School
Job title of employee: Executive Assistant

Sandra Muller Antonetti
Name of graduate: Ava Alexia Antonetti
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: Middle school promotion
Date of graduation: June 8, 2022
Name of institution: Buena Vista Middle School
Job title of employee: Administrative Assistant I
Xochitl Carranza
Name of graduate: Daniel Carranza
Relationship to employee: Son
Degree/milestone: Middle school promotion
Date of graduation: May 25, 2022
Name of institution: Harden Middle School
Job title of employee: Administrative Assistant II

Jacqueline Flores
Name of graduate: Olivia Flores
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: Sixth-grade promotion
Date of graduation: June 8, 2022
Name of institution: Mission Park Elementary School
Job title of employee: Executive Assistant

Name of graduate: Gabriella Flores
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: Preschool promotion
Date of graduation: May 27, 2022
Name of institution: Melody Park Christian School
Job title of employee: Executive Assistant

Atanacia Malagon
Name of graduate: Eva Mares
Relationship to employee: Daughter
Degree/milestone: Kindergarten promotion
Date of graduation: June 6, 2022
Name of institution: Lincoln Elementary
Job title of employee: TRiO Counselor
Ruby Garcia
*Name of graduate:* Penelope Zuniga  
*Relationship to employee:* Daughter  
*Degree/milestone:* Preschool promotion  
*Date of graduation:* May 27, 2022  
*Name of institution:* Sacred Heart Preschool  
*Job title of employee:* Curriculum/Scheduling Specialist Lead

Upcoming Events

2nd Annual Salinas Juneteenth Celebration  
12-6 p.m.  
Saturday, June 18  
Central Plaza, Main Campus

Basketball/Men’s Head Coach (coed)  
Ages 5-14  
9 a.m.-12 p.m., June 20-24  
To register -- [https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list](https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list)

Hartnell Governing Board – Development Meeting  
5 p.m.  
Tuesday, June 21  
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Hartnell Pride Film Festival – “Dreams by the River”  
1 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
Wednesday, June 22  
Hartnell Planetarium (Building S)  
Registration link is pending

Hartnell Pride Film Festival – “Pelo Malo (Bad Hair)”  
1 p.m. and 6 p.m.  
Thursday, June 23  
Hartnell Planetarium (Building S)  
Registration link is pending
Hartnell Pride Film Festival – “Moonlight”
1 p.m. and 6 p.m.
Friday, June 24
Hartnell Planetarium (Building S)
Registration link is pending

Basketball/Women’s Head Coach (girls elite)
Ages 12-18
12-4 p.m., June 27-30
To register -- https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting
5 p.m.
Tuesday, July 5
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Soccer Session 1 (coed)
Grades K-2
9:30 -11 a.m., July 11-15
To register -- https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list

Soccer Session 2 (coed)
Grades 3-6
11:30 a.m.-1 p.m., July 11-15
To register -- https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list

Volleyball (girls)
Grades 3-5
9 a.m.-12 p.m., July 11-15
To register -- https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list

Volleyball (girls advanced)
Grades 6-12
12:30-3:30 p.m., July 11-15
To register -- https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list

Swim and Dive (coed)
Middle and high school ages
3-5 p.m., July 11-15
To register -- https://www.hartnellpanthers.com/camps/camps-list

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting
5 p.m.
Tuesday, August 2
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

SAVE THE DATE
Convocation 2022
8:30 a.m.-3:45 p.m.
Friday, Aug. 26