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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 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.

Governing Board adopts mandates for student, employee vaccination

The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board voted Sept. 21 to require employees and students to be vaccinated for COVID-19, with work ahead for administrators and bargaining units to determine how the mandates will be implemented.

Board members voiced a shared conviction that currently enrolled students must be able to complete their Fall 2021 classes, ending Dec. 18, regardless of their current vaccination status. They also supported a desire, voiced by Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez, to align the student and employee requirements and establish a clear date for the employee requirement to take effect, preferably by Dec. 1. For students, the primary goal will be ensuring that all on-campus students are fully vaccinated by Jan. 24, the start of the Spring 2022 semester.

"I understand that we've got to do this, but I also want to make sure we're designing the requirement for the entire college community," Padilla-Chavez said. "The point of vaccination is public health, and that means getting the entire community vaccinated."



The outcomes on [the two separate board policies](#) were the same, with Trustee Candi DePauw voting against both the student and employee requirements, and Trustee Ray Montemayor abstaining. Voting yes on both were Padilla-Chavez and trustees Margaret D'Arrigo, Alejandra Gonzalez and Irma Lopez. Trustee Aurelio Salazar Jr. was absent. Student Trustee Jane Hernandez, whose vote is non-binding, abstained on both measures.

More than 40 of California's 73 community college districts have already adopted some sort of vaccination requirement. In the Central Coast region, Cabrillo College is now requiring proof of COVID-19 vaccination for all students taking in-person classes or otherwise coming onto campus, and Gavilan College has approved student and employee requirements, with phased implementation. To date, Monterey Peninsula College has not approved any mandates. Both the California State University and University of California systems are requiring vaccination for students and employees.

(Pictured: Interim Superintendent/President Raúl Rodríguez listens as board President Erica Padilla-Chavez discusses the impact of vaccination.)

Grand Opening Celebration for Hartnell's Soledad center is 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.

The center is holding its first in-person classes this fall after opening this summer following its completion last spring. The building – complete with four classrooms, two science labs and a community room – was funded by Bond Measure T, approved by district voters in 2016.



Next phase of Measure T work to include arts buildings J and K

Hartnell is moving into Phase II of construction and modernization work being funded by the \$167 million Measure T Bond. These projects, scheduled for completion through 2025, include improvements to buildings J and Building K, the visual and performing arts centers on the Main Campus; artificial turf on the multipurpose practice field inside the track; and new career-technical education facilities, tentatively planned for the Alisal Campus.

Work continues on several Phase I projects, including modernization of Building E and the Center for Nursing & Health Sciences, scheduled to open in January, and the new Castroville Education Center, also set to open in the new year.

Depending on available funding, Phase III projects include modernization of Merrill Hall and the athletics buildings F, G and H, all on Main Campus.

Plans for Building J have been submitted for initial review by the Division of State Architect (DSA). Modernization plans for the 44-year-old structure include re-envisioning of areas no longer used by discontinued programs and areas where technology has impacted building function and space. Pictured is a view of the north side of the building, where the ceramics kiln will be located within an outdoor shelter in a re-landscaped courtyard.

Plans for Building K, soon to be submitted to the DSA, include an upgrade of the HVAC system, correction of a deteriorated basement slab and a refresh of interior finished to blend with a new ticket booth and atrium, as well as landscaping and an outdoor seating and meeting area.

California Community Colleges unite behind America College Promise plan

The California Community Colleges System is mobilizing its 116 college communities in support of America's College Promise (ACP), the largest expansion of college access and affordability in more than 50 years with historic implications for Californians most in-need.

The ACP is part of a \$3.5 trillion, 10-year bill to fund social safety and net and climate change programs, including two years of free college for all Americans. It represents a revolution in U.S. postsecondary education, prioritizing equity and student success while dramatically reducing the total cost to attend college, boosting educational opportunity and leading to greater degree attainment and economic mobility.



The proposal includes significant investments in California, as one in every four community college students in the nation attends a CCC. California could receive up to \$2 billion in federal funds to support students through the total cost of success, including basic needs and other costs beyond tuition.

The ACP stands for inclusion and equity by expanding access to higher education and sending a clear message that college is available to all. During these crucial days in Washington, D.C., please share your support of this crucial measure through social media, with messages such as: "Community colleges are essential to CA's pandemic recovery & America's College Promise is essential to @CalCommColleges. Help students succeed and CA prosper with support for ACP! #BuildBackBetter"

MST shares post-pandemic plans for serving Hartnell

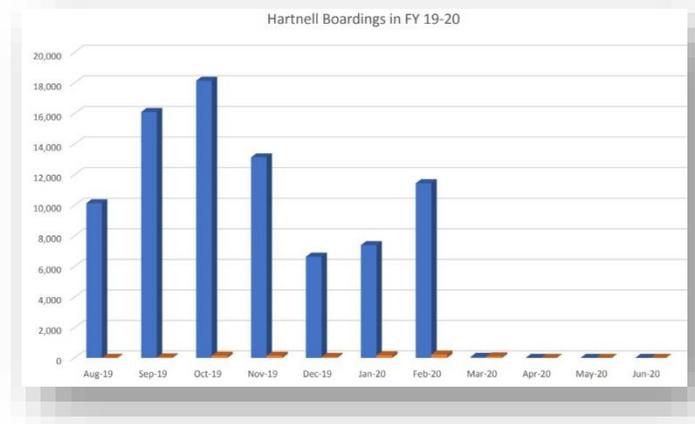
Representatives of Monterey-Salinas Transit presented an update on the system's post-pandemic recovery and future plans during the Hartnell Governing Board's development meeting on Sept. 21. Michelle Overmeyer, MST's director of planning and innovation, and Carl Sedoryk, general manager and CEO (pictured), gave the briefing and answered board questions.



The good news, as previously reported, is that grant funding will continue to enable Hartnell students with a current college ID to travel free on any MST bus at any time through August 2022. Not so good is news that no new funding source has been identified to extend that benefit through the 2022-23 academic year. Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez pledged to work with MST to explore possible ways to preserve it.

Monthly student boardings through the free service reached 16,000 in October 2019 before it was canceled by the pandemic in March 2020 (pictured in graph).

Overmeyer and Sedoryk also showed routes that serve the centers in King City and Soledad, which has a curb-cut stop right in front of the building. They revealed that MST's current plans for a system-wide service redesign next year include a proposed relocation of Line 47, which runs between Hartnell's Main and Alisal campuses in Salinas. The tentative new route would no longer stop directly at the Alisal Campus.



MST invites members of the college community to attend an online community meeting at 5:30 p.m. on Oct. 13. The presentation will be in English and Spanish. For more information, visit www.mst.org/coa.

LGBTQIA+ Allies to offer Safe Space training for employees on Oct. 8 and 15

The [LGBTQIA+ Allies](#) organization at Hartnell will offer [Safe Space](#) training to all interested employees and student workers at no charge from 9 a.m. to noon on Oct. 8 and 15. Registration is available [here](#).

The training will be fully online and consist of two hours of content from Campus Pride, along with a one-hour debrief session immediately following the training. Spaces are limited (25 participants per session). The group hopes to provide additional training opportunities in the future.



Hartnell fall sports show strength as in-conference schedules approach

Every Hartnell Athletics team competing this fall has shown potential to compete for their respective conference titles, and in the case of Men's and Women's Soccer, we may be looking at championship-caliber performance.

Women's Soccer: For the first time ever, the Hartnell women, 7-2, with seven straight wins, broke into the national top 20 rankings, at No. 12. A [Sept. 21 poll](#) by United Soccer Coaches for Junior Colleges Division III, puts Hartnell in very good company, including nine other California Community College teams. The Panthers won 3-0 at American River on Sept. 24. They have [home games](#) at 4 p.m. on Sept. 28 vs. Diablo Valley and at 4:30 p.m. on Sept. 30 vs. Folsom Lake. Their first conference game is at Evergreen Valley on Oct. 5. (Pictured on Sept. 21 against Allan Hancock is powerhouse forward [Belinda Ascensio](#), who has eight goals this season.)



Men's Soccer: On Sept. 21, the undefeated Panthers (7-0) were [ranked No. 1](#) among all community colleges statewide and [No. 3 in the nation](#) in the United Soccer Coaches poll for Junior College Division III. They beat Cosumnes River on the road Sept. 24, 2-1, and will begin [conference play](#) on Oct. 1 in an away game at Evergreen Valley. Catch this outstanding squad at home at 4 p.m. Oct. 8 against Canada. (Pictured: The team prepares to depart Hartnell for Cosumnes River.)





Football: The Panthers (1-2) claimed their first win of the [season](#) on Sept. 25 at home against Los Medanos, 44-21. Quarterback [JP Garcia](#) threw for a personal-best 321 yards and four touchdowns, and running back [Payton Flores](#) ran for 176 yards and two touchdowns. Head Coach Matt Collins told the [Monterey Herald](#): "Getting this win is pivotal in gaining momentum going into our next game." That game is at De Anza on Oct. 1, followed by a home game at 1 p.m. on Oct. 9 versus Feather River. (Pictured: [Jason Flores](#) celebrates after recovering a third-quarter fumble that set up a Hartnell touchdown.)

Volleyball: The Panthers' early-season record of 6-7 obscures their depth and post-season potential. They are hitting their stride just as the [conference season](#) approaches, first on the road at Cabrillo on Sept. 29, then at home against San Jose at 6:30 p.m. on Oct. 1. On Sept. 26, they split a double-header at Sequoias, beating West Hills Coalinga, 3-1, and falling to Sequoias, 3-0. As of Sept. 24, Hartnell Volleyball had eight of the 20 players ranked for [individual statistics](#) among all five rosters in the Coast-North Conference. Freshman middle blocker [Aaliyah Foster](#) was first in hitting percentage, at .314, and No. 2 in both kills per set (2.8) and total kills (98). "They are learning just the level of play and what it takes to compete at a high level," Head Coach Jamie Pedroza said, "and that's what the last couple of weeks have been – trial and error and understanding the game in a different kind of way."

Cross Country: The men's and women's teams competed on a track instead of a course in the Chabot Twilight meet on Sept. 25 in Hayward. The Panther men won 3,000-meter team honors, paced by [Joseph Loredo](#) (9:11.7) and [Miguel Fernandez-Leon](#) (9:12.3), who placed third and fourth. The women also won the 3,000m, led by [Sofia Camacho](#) (10:41.6) and [Valeria Lozano-Gomez](#) (10:45.2), who placed first and second. The men's team the 5,000-meter team competition, as well, with its fastest times from [Esteban Deniz](#) (14:51.5) and [Isaac Gensel](#) (14:52.3), who placed second and third. Hartnell will hold its annual home race, the Toro Park Invitational, at 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 1 at Toro County Park. (Pictured: Daniel Pantoja leads teammates Jesus Martinez and Carlos Espinoza at the Chabot Twilight.)



In the News

College football: Panthers pick up first win, MPC falls in waning seconds:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/09/25/college-football-panthers-pick-up-first-win-mpc-falls-in-waning-seconds/>

Hartnell Panthers soccer team nationally ranked, poised for championship run:

<https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/sports/2021/09/24/hartnell-panthers-soccer-team-nationally-ranked/5848226001/>

GALLERY: Hartnell Men's Soccer team starts the season strong with an undefeated record: <https://www.thecalifornian.com/picture-gallery/news/2021/09/24/gallery-inside-look-hartnell-mens-soccer-teampractice-california-college-state-6-0-undefeated-record/5833784001/>

College football previews: Contra Costa-MPC, Los Medanos-Hartnell: <https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/09/23/college-football-previews-contra-costa-mpc-los-medanos-hartnell/>

Hartnell College to require COVID-19 vaccinations: <https://www.montereyherald.com/2021/09/23/hartnell-college-to-require-covid-19-vaccinations/>

Hartnell College joins other local colleges in requiring vaccines for students and staff: <https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2021/09/22/hartnell-college-joins-other-local-colleges-requiring-vaccines/5820172001/>

Hartnell Community College to require students, employees to be vaccinated: <https://www.ksbw.com/article/hartnell-community-college-to-require-students-employees-are-vaccinated/37695530#>

Aprueban mandato de vacunación en Colegio Comunitario Hartnell: <https://kion546.com/t23/2021/09/22/aprueban-mandato-de-vacunacion-en-colegio-comunitario-hartnell/>

Hartnell College to require students, employees to be vaccinated for COVID-19: <https://kion546.com/news/2021/09/22/hartnell-college-to-require-students-employees-to-be-vaccinated-for-covid-19/>

Monterey County's higher ed students and institutions have received millions in pandemic relief: https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/news/local_news/monterey-county-s-higher-ed-students-and-institutions-have-received-millions-in-pandemic-relief/article_15a875b6-1658-11ec-a81b-4bda80640648.html

Upcoming Events



The Western Stage: "The Wizard of Oz"

Through Oct. 10

Mainstage Theater (Building K)

Hartnell employee discount info: Cheryl Worthy at (831) 755-6816; cworthy@hartnell.edu

<https://www.westernstage.com/thewizardofoz>

Women's Soccer vs. Diablo Valley College

4 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 28

Hartnell Soccer Field

Men's Soccer vs. Evergreen Valley

1 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

Hartnell Soccer Field

Volleyball vs. San Jose

6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 1

Hartnell Gymnasium

Men's and Women's Cross Country – Toro Park Invitational

Friday, Oct. 1

3:30/4:30 p.m.

Toro County Park

Hartnell Governing Board – regular meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 5

Soledad Education Center, 1505 Metz Road

Men’s Soccer vs. Canada

4 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 8

Hartnell Soccer Field

Football vs. Feather River

1 p.m.

Saturday, Oct. 9

Rabobank Stadium