



HARTNELL COLLEGE

President's Weekly Report

September 4, 2020

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.

Note to readers:

The President's Weekly Report to the Community has moved to twice-monthly publication while the volume of news is slower due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks for reading!

Hartnell receives \$3 million grant to boost academic and career success

Hartnell learned on Sept. 3 that it has received a five-year, \$3 million grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support the academic and career success of Hispanic/Latinx and low-income students.

The funds were awarded through the department's Developing Hispanic Serving Institutions (DHSI) Title V program, which provides competitive grant funding to institutions of higher education to strengthen programs, facilities and services and expand opportunities for Hispanic Americans and other underrepresented populations.

As a long-standing designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI), Hartnell has significantly benefited from this program through past awards. This latest successful proposal, with the Spanish name "Ganas" ("You Win"), seeks to increase the number and proportion of Hispanic/Latinx and low-income students who graduate from college and pursue careers in high-demand fields. About 70 percent of Hartnell students identify as Hispanic/Latinx.

The Ganas project will guide students toward success within Hartnell's new Meta-Major groupings of academic programs and partner with four-year institutions to help students navigate from high school into sustainable employment. The grant also will fund training to help students make financial decisions that improve their long-term security.

"This grant will directly serve our mission of providing students access to a truly transformational education," said Aurelio Salazar Jr., president of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board. "When they graduate, they will be better prepared, more



competitive in the job market and more able to contribute to their communities and the local and state economy.”

Nursing and Allied Health students resume limited on-campus learning

Students in Hartnell’s Registered Nursing, Respiratory Care and Emergency Medical Technician programs are attending a limited number of face-to-face instructional sessions this fall as required to fulfill hands-on aspects of their training.

Providing such in-person training is mandated under a March 19 executive order by Gov. Gavin Newsom that designated health care providers and caregivers as “Essential Critical Infrastructure Workers” during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Previously, students and faculty worked together in on-campus clinical laboratories and high-fidelity simulation settings. Depending on the program, students spent 27 to 78 hours each semester in on-campus clinical skills laboratories, needing to master skills before they could perform them on individuals in the community-based or acute care environments.

In anticipation of the Fall 2020 semester, Hartnell Nursing and Allied Health instructors redesigned course content and selected class sessions in six courses that involved use of specialized equipment such as ventilators or face-to-face engagement with the instructor, such as medication administration. On-campus class sessions for the six courses were reduced to between four and 32 hours.

The redesigned instructional plans incorporated government regulations for COVID-19 protection as well as other best practice guidelines. The Monterey County Health Department approved Hartnell’s Nursing and Health Sciences Return-to-Campus Plan in August.

(Pictured on Sept. 3 is instructor Jorge Espina, center, providing feedback to students practicing patient interaction while taking vital signs in room B-208.)



MST extends free bus service to Hartnell students through 2020-21

Thanks to a continuing partnership with Monterey-Salinas Transit (MST) and the support of a state grant to reduce greenhouse gas emissions, Hartnell students will be able to continue to ride free on any MST bus at any time throughout the 2020-21 academic year.



The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board formally voted to extend the agreement with MST at its Sept. 1 meeting.

Begun in August 2019, this program expanded the college's Free Fare Zone partnership with MST, which had previously provided a half-fare discount for students boarding the bus at campus bus stops for travel to other Hartnell locations.

The free service, available to any student with a valid Hartnell ID, was very successful, particularly among south Monterey County residents traveling to the Salinas campus, said Michelle Overmeyer, MST director of planning and innovation. More than 84,000 student trips were recorded until on-campus instruction

was cut short by COVID-19.

Upward Bound leverages meal funds to give students Safeway gift cards

As Hartnell's Upward Bound program wraps up its six-week online summer session to help low-income and underrepresented high school students prepare for college success, staff have been able to provide tens of thousands of dollars in food assistance to participants' families.

Cesar Velazquez, director of TRiO Upward Bound, said that in lieu of spending \$20 a day in federal funding to serve breakfasts and lunches on campus, the program was able to purchase Safeway gift cards. Depending on their participation and completion of assignments, students have been able to receive an average of \$500 in gift cards throughout the summer. Safeway sold the cards to Hartnell at a 5 percent discount.

"We thought it was the best way to help make sure our students are getting the nutrition they need," Velazquez said. "Twenty dollars a day goes a long way if they buy food at a grocery store."



The 60 students in this summer's Upward Bound cohort took a counseling class and either a communications or astronomy class, all for college credit. The number of participants is down by about a third from previous years due to the disruption of COVID-19, Velazquez said.

(Pictured: Cesar Velazquez hands Safeway gift cards to a student in the Main Campus circle drive off of Central Avenue on Sept. 3. They also received a backpack, T-shirt and other school supplies.)

Science instructors and lab technicians distribute in-home lab kits to students



In order for students in science laboratory courses to complete their studies at home, instructors and lab technicians made scheduled distribution of kits from the Hartnell Parking Structure during the week of Aug. 31 and continuing on Sept. 8. Kits have also been mailed as needed.

Melanie Deiss, a lab technician for biology and chemistry, said kits have been prepared for students in microbiology and several chemistry courses, with about 500 distributed altogether.

Hartnell Governing Board Trustee Candi DePauw snapped this photo of biology instructor Dr. Ann Wright (left) and lab technician Joni Black as they assembled and distributed 170 kits for microbiology students on Sept. 2. Sharing her photo via text, DePauw added, "Awesome faculty!"

Staff in the K-12 STEM program also have been preparing and distributing in-home kits for students in the NASA STEM Academy and other related activities for public school students in Salinas, said Dr. Mo Yahdi, interim dean of academic affairs for STEM.

Teacher Pathway/MAESTROS schedules Friday info sessions

The Teacher Pathway and MAESTROS programs for students who seek careers in teaching announced they will hold online Info Sessions via Zoom from 1-2 p.m. every Friday throughout the Fall 2020 semester.

Staff will provide information on mentoring, professional development training and workshops, as well as campus visits to Cal State Monterey Bay and other networking opportunities. Interested students can RSVP [here](#).

Mi CASA plans 'Welcome Back Night' for all Dreamer students on Sept. 8

Mi CASA, the Center for Advancement and Student Achievement, has announced a virtual Dreamer Welcome Back Night on Sept. 8 for Dreamer students – all those without U.S.

citizenship and or permanent residence, including all AB 540, SB 68 and DACAmented students. The virtual event will be held via Zoom at 5 p.m. (Zoom ID: 912-870-14847).

Program Assistant Miriam Vazquez-Gonzalez said the presentation will include introductions of Mi CASA staff and information about resources available to support the educational journey of Dreamer students, particularly with online instruction. She is available to provide additional information at mvazquez@hartnell.edu.

"We hope that many of you will join us on this evening, to meet and begin making connections with the many of us from your Hartnell College, whom are here to support you navigate higher education as a Dreamer," Vazquez-Gonzalez wrote in a Sept. 4 email to all students.



LGBTQIA+ Allies Interest Group invites all to meeting on Sept. 18

Last year, diverse stakeholders across Hartnell came together in spring 2020 with the desire to ensure that the college is safe, welcoming and inclusive for LGBTQIA+ faculty, staff and students.



The new LGBTQIA+ Allies Interest Group will meet via [Zoom](#) at 12 p.m. on Sept. 18 to welcome new allies and friends, discuss progress on previous subcommittee projects and consider future actions to promote positive change.

"Our efforts will not succeed without broad input and support, as well as representation, from all constituent groups on campus," said co-meeting organizer Shawn Pulliam, programmer analyst.

Anyone interested can join the group's [mailing list](#) for regular updates.

Arps moves to new position with

Monterey County Workforce Board

Colleagues and friends of Kristen Arps, director of the Hartnell-based Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium, gathered via Zoom on Sept. 3 to wish her well in her new position with the Monterey County Workforce Development Board. Her last day was Sept. 4.

In her email to Hartnell employees, Arps said it has been a privilege over the past six years to increase opportunities for adults and their families in the Salinas Valley, with steadily growing enrollment in classes that allow students to learn job and language skills, obtain certificates and diplomas and advance in their careers.

"I am so proud of the work we have accomplished together and am confident that the consortium will continue to flourish with all that you collectively contribute to its success: your experience and expertise, creativity and resourcefulness, commitment to collaboration and cooperation, focus on equity and, most importantly, dedication to our students and their families," Arps wrote.

Until her replacement is hired, Mostafa Ghous, dean of academic affairs for South County education services, will directly oversee the SVAEC.



In the News

First-generation student to receive national chemistry award:

<https://www.thecalifornian.com/story/news/2020/08/28/first-generation-salinas-student-receive-national-chemistry-scholar-award/5646836002/>

Upcoming Events

Note: All in-person campus events are cancelled until further notice in compliance with a statewide shelter-in-place order.

Welcome Back Night for Dreamers

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 8

Zoom ID: 912-870-14847

Hartnell Governing Board – Board Development Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Transfer Information – UC Berkeley

10-10:30 a.m.

Monday, Sept. 14

Registration: <https://apply.berkeley.edu/register/?id=a49e0fae-f9e1-484e-9821-511e2d1d5398>

Transfer Information – UC Santa Barbara

12-12:30 p.m.

Monday, Sept. 14

Registration:

https://ucsb.secure.force.com/events/TargetX_Eventsb__events#/esr?eid=a0T3Z00000Mcc3jUAB

Transfer Information – UC Santa Cruz

10:30-11 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Registration: <https://slugcrm.ucsc.edu/register/?id=fd980edf-e532-4ea9-86c7-4aedf6d6bcbd>

Transfer Information – UC Davis

11-11:30 a.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Registration: <https://ua.ucdavis.edu/register/?id=d2cec4c6-e122-470c-ba5f-d600cc7df127>

Transfer Information – UC Riverside

12-12:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Sept. 15

Registration: <https://connect.ucr.edu/register/?id=8685c97c-01b4-43ce-92b1-4da2e7165876>

Transfer Information – UC Los Angeles

10:30-11 a.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Registration: <https://connect.admission.ucla.edu/register/?id=55760721-8178-4b0b-a198-f23999adca6b>

Transfer Information – UC San Diego

12:30-1 p.m.

Wednesday, Sept. 16

Registration: <https://beatriton.ucsd.edu/register/?id=89493697-ec33-4691-b7a4-9cf39d2dd04c>

Transfer Information – UC Irvine

11-11:30 a.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Registration: <https://apply.admissions.uci.edu/register/?id=9e24a56a-9ca2-4273-9eec-4c1081b30a29>

Transfer Information – UC Merced

12-12:30 p.m.

Thursday, Sept. 17

Registration:

https://ucmerced.secure.force.com/admission/targetX_eventsb__events#/esr?eid=a0b3r00000YvQ59AAF

LGBTQIA+ Hartnell Allies Meeting

12-1 p.m.

Friday, Sept. 18

Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/99924349525>

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)