



HARTNELL COLLEGE

President's Weekly Report

October 2, 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 statewide recognition through Rice award for diversity, equity

Many of us watched with pride on Sept. 30 as Hartnell received statewide recognition from the California Community Colleges (CCC) System for extensive, multi-year progress in advancing diversity and equity.

Hartnell was one of just four colleges honored during the 20th Annual Dr. John W. Rice Award ceremony, which celebrated work to promote equity of opportunity and success for all students. There are a total of 115 colleges in the CCC System.



The competitive award program is named for Dr. John W. Rice, a member of the California Community Colleges Board of Governors known for leadership in support of educational equity while serving on the board from 1992 to 2000.

Hartnell received Honorable Mention for Diversity and Equity, edged out by College of Marin for the top award in that category. Pasadena City College received the top award in the Student Success category, and Moreno Valley College received Honorable Mention.

The honors were announced during the livestream ceremony that included CCC Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and special guests Dr. Condoleezza Rice (pictured), a former U.S. secretary of state and daughter of the late Dr. Rice, and her stepmother, Clara Rice.

The awards program noted Hartnell's "big spike" in both the number of degrees and certificates it has awarded and the number of students transferring to the California State University and University of California systems, as well as a "laser focus" on building intentional student support systems, including doubling the number of full-time counselors in the past seven years.

Hartnell was also recognized for increasing minority representation among its faculty, particularly among Latinx instructors, who made up 56 percent of the 30 instructors hired from 2016-18.

Aurelio Salazar Jr. (pictured), president of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board, said the Rice Award recognition is affirmation of the college's deep and comprehensive focus on diversity and equity of opportunity, leading to student success.



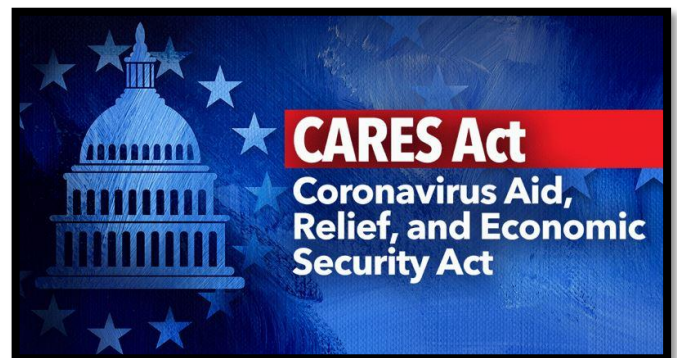
"Our college mantra is 'Students First,' and our staff and faculty strive to fulfill that every day," Salazar said. "Hartnell surrounds students with programs and services to achieve their goals."

Students feeling impact of pandemic urged to seek CARES Act assistance

Hartnell's Financial Aid staff is asking students whose financial situation has been affected by COVID-19 to apply for an additional round of \$500 awards funded by the college's portion of the federal CARES Act program.

To qualify, students must be registered in at least six units this semester and not have received assistance in CARES Act funds distributed this spring and summer.

Circumstances contributing to their need may include a loss of job or income, limited work hours, financial difficulties from shelter-in-place orders, increased living or medical expenses, increased childcare expenses and emergency technology needs/expenses related the coronavirus. Students do not need to be a U.S. citizen or permanent resident to receive this funding.



Students can apply via an online [Emergency Scholarship Application](#) that requires a Hartnell student ID number and password to log in. Eligible students will receive an award notification to

their Hartnell email account. Students should expect a check via mail within 1-2 weeks from the date of the notification.

As of Sept. 30, Hartnell had distributed \$1.06 million of its \$1.81 million CARES Act Student Aid to 2,120 students. The college also has used \$765,062 of institutional CARES Act funding to pay for laptops, wireless mobile hotspots, faculty training in distance education and other COVID-related expenses.

City officials and college friends see progress at Soledad center

A Sept. 24 luncheon and tour provided a small group of Soledad and Gonzales city officials, college friends and members of the Hartnell Community College District Governing Board with a chance to see dramatic progress on construction of the new Soledad Education Center.

The outdoor lunch, held in a tent adjacent to the building at 1505 Metz Road, was hosted by the Hartnell College Foundation. Tour guides included project architects Alex Reynoso and Luis Vargas of In Studio Architecture in Salinas, as well as representatives of general contractor Dilbeck & Sons Construction.

Attendees included Hartnell trustees Ray Montemayor and Pat Donohue, as well as Erica Padilla-Chavez, who provided welcoming remarks, and foundation President Judy Sulsona. Soledad Mayor Fred Ledesma also spoke, as did Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Raúl Rodríguez. (Pictured: Architect Vargas with trustees Donohue, center, and Padilla-Chavez.)

The student speaker was Soledad High School senior Marlene Martinez (pictured), who plans to attend Hartnell after graduating this December, said she the Soledad center will allow her the flexibility to work part-time and attend classes without traveling back and forth to Salinas.

Jackie Cruz, vice president for advancement and development, emphasized the need for several million dollars in private support to fund early-year operations at all three Hartnell education centers — in Soledad, as well as in Castroville, where construction will soon begin, and King City, where the existing center's expansion is scheduled for completion in January. Measure T bonds are paying for construction of these projects and building fixtures, but not operational expenses.



Mi CASA plans online events during Undocumented Student Action Week

The Center for Achievement and Student Advancement (Mi CASA) invites the college community to join in a third annual statewide Undocumented Student Action Week, Oct. 19-23. The program is supported statewide by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, Community College League of California, Foundation for California Community Colleges, Immigrants Rising and Student Senate for California Community Colleges.

This year's schedule features daily events presented via Zoom that promote wellness, joy and engagement, opening with a Mandala Flower Art Healing Workshop and concluding with a presentation of stories by San Jose poet and activist Yosimar Reyes (those open to all are listed below in **Upcoming Events**).

"We hope that you can join us for one or more of these activities in support and solidarity with our Hartnell undocumented students," said Miriam Vazquez-Gonzalez, senior program assistant-lead for undocumented students and equity programs. "If you cannot attend, we ask that you please spread the word."

Vazquez-Gonzalez can be reached for more information at 831-755-6730 or mvazquez@hartnell.edu.

California Community Colleges
Undocumented Student Action Week
October 19-23, 2020

Monday, October 19
Mandala Flower Art Healing Workshop
2:50 - 4:00 p.m.
via ZOOM Meeting ID: 95741919244

Tuesday, October 20
Your Health and Wellness Journey
12:00 - 1:00 p.m.
via ZOOM Meeting ID: 95411526644

Wednesday, October 21
Casa Abierta con Mi CASA
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM Meeting ID: 95929727575

Thursday, October 22
Loteria Night
5:00 - 6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM Meeting ID: 96796657965

Friday, October 23
We are more than tragic stories
by Yosimar Reyes
5:50 - 6:00 p.m.
via ZOOM Meeting ID: 91305514491

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Engineering students join conference on diversity presented by San Jose State



About a dozen Hartnell engineering students virtually attended the Sixth Annual Conference for Engineering Diversity on Sept. 26 at San Jose State University. They were joined by engineering instructor Dr. Melissa Hornstein and physics instructor Laura Fatuzzo.

The conference, titled "Limitless: Step into a Diverse Professional World," encouraged students to be change-makers and explored the importance of encouraging a diverse workplace.

Students said they valued the opportunity to attend a professional engineering conference, which included an opening keynote by Sheryl Erhman, dean of the College of Engineering at SJSU. Presentations included a talk on "Unconscious Bias and Micro-Inequities" by Tammy Sanders, a senior manager for Global Inclusion. They also interacted with major employers from the Bay Area, such as VMWare, Valley Water, Lockheed Martin and Oracle during mock interviews.

"I really enjoyed attending the conference," said engineering student Gerilynn Omictin. "It gave me insight into the stereotypes of many ethnicities, as well as ways to overcome these barriers."

Umoja holds orientation events to encourage student participation

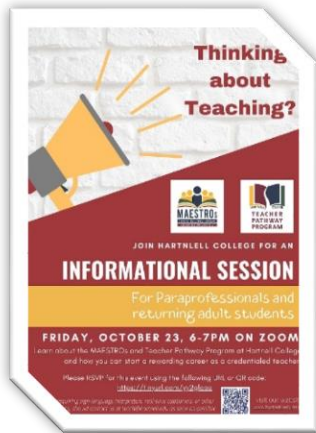
Hartnell's Umoja Community, established in 2019 to support and engage African American and other students, has held an online orientation event on Oct. 1 and has scheduled additional events for Oct. 14, Nov. 12 and Dec. 2.

Umoja's coordinator, counselor Rosa Vidales, said the organization welcomes all students to take advantage of the opportunities to meet and learn with Black students at Hartnell and at other colleges.

Umoja members have held regular forums on such subjects as scholarship programs and transfer to four-year universities, as well as attending traveling to special events, such as the Black College Expo on Feb. 8 in Oakland (pictured).



TPP/MAESTROS plans info session for paraprofessionals and adult students



The Teacher Pathway and MAESTROS programs for teacher education continue a busy schedule of CBEST test-prep workshops, weekly Friday informational sessions and a Teacher Equity Training program with Harvard doctoral graduates.

In addition to these events, detailed on a newly updated Hartnell [webpage](#), the programs are presenting a special informational session on Oct. 23 for paraprofessionals and returning adult students, titled "Thinking About Teaching?" This program will provide information on how participants can begin a rewarding career as a credentialed teacher.

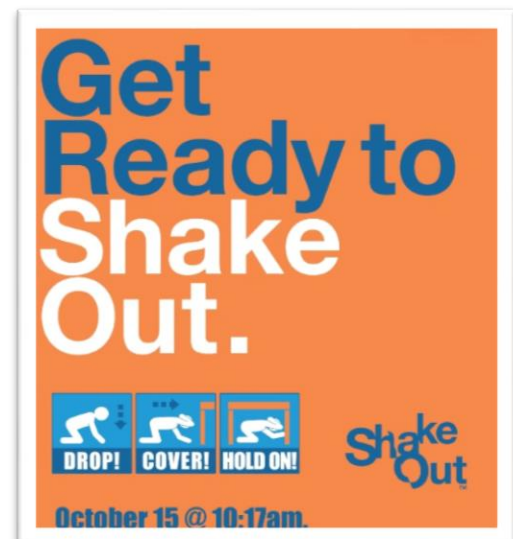
TPP/MAESTROS has new brochures and roadmaps on its webpage and also is preparing to launch a new quarterly newsletter, said Jihan Ejan, director of academic affairs for TPP/MAESTROS.

Great California ShakeOut! on Oct. 20 will promote earthquake readiness

Hartnell will once again participate in the [Great California ShakeOut!](#) earthquake drill, testing emergency notifications and promoting earthquake safety for both employees on campus and those members of the college community who are working and studying remotely.

The earthquake drill will be held at 10:17 a.m. on Oct. 20. The preparedness exercise will remind participants of such precautions as "drop, cover and hold on!", with information to be shared via Hartnell's Everbridge text and phone notification system and various social media channels.

More information is available on The Great California ShakeOut! [website](#), including an [earthquake safety video series](#) to be shared with co-workers, family, and friends.



Former Panthers QB turns heads at Kansas Wesleyan University

After two years with Hartnell Football that included a record-setting passing performance as a freshman, former Panthers quarterback Isaiah Ariolla-Randalle is making a splash as a transfer student-athlete at Kansas Wesleyan University in Salina, Kan.



A graduate of Sacramento High School, Ariolla-Randalle was named Offensive Player of the Week by the Kansas Collegiate Athletic Conference following his display of passing and scrambling prowess on Sept. 26, throwing for 392 yards and five touchdowns. So far this season, he has connected on 77.5% of his passes, for seven touchdowns and no interceptions.

"You saw Saturday night just how well Isaiah can play with an extended amount of time," said Kansas Wesleyan Head Coach Myers Hendrickson. "He took over that game as the game went on. Not only was he on the money with his throwing, he moved in the pocket and was very good at making people miss and getting the yards he needed to be efficient."

During his freshman year at Hartnell, Ariolla-Randalle set Panther records by completing 60.2% of his passes, averaging 482.2 yards per game and scoring 36 total touchdowns with only three sacks. Less stellar as a sophomore, he still managed 14 touchdowns and 1,753 total yards.

In the News

15 people are vying for trustee seats on the Hartnell and MPC community college boards:

http://www.montereycountyweekly.com/news/local_news/fifteen-people-are-vying-for-trustee-seats-on-the-hartnell-and-mpc-community-college-boards/article_cd4796a8-0375-11eb-94a0-737ccfbe7786.html

Upcoming Events

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

Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 6

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Umoja Orientation

6 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 14

Zoom ID: 92281445520

Great California ShakeOut earthquake preparedness drill

10:17 a.m.

Thursday, Oct. 15

Undocumented Student Week of Action:

A Holistic Approach to Health and Wellness

12 p.m.

Zoom ID: [95411526644](#)

Hartnell Governing Board – Development Meeting

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 20

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Undocumented Student Week of Action:

Casa Abierta con Mi CASA

Wednesday, Oct. 21

5 p.m.

Zoom ID: [93929767873](#)

Undocumented Student Week of Action:

“We are More than Tragic”: stories by Yosimar Reyes

3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23

ZOOM ID: [91308514491](#)

TPP/MAESTROS Informational Session:

“Thinking About Teaching?”

6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23

RSVP for this Zoom event: <https://tinyurl.com/yy2glcaa>