



# PRESIDENT'S WEEKLY REPORT

**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.

**August 12, 2022**

## Share your news!

The President's Weekly Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress, and success for and within the Hartnell College community. The President's Weekly Report will be distributed every two weeks during the summer months. Please send information and photos by each Tuesday to [vagonzalez@hartnell.edu](mailto:vagonzalez@hartnell.edu).

## Message from the Superintendent/President

Last week I held my first "Office Hour," inviting all faculty, staff, and administrators to join me to get to know one another and to talk about what's on their minds. The August 8<sup>th</sup> session was held over Zoom, and roughly 40 people attended.

One way to reinforce our common purpose is to talk about Hartnell's values, and the ways that our work can support these values. Hartnell's "Students First" value was the subject of my introductory comments, and I invited participants to think about how leading with compassion and care, creating connections, and providing a welcoming environment may positively impact the students we serve.

Participants also were interested to discuss issues around campus safety, student enrollment, COVID concerns, the high cost of living in our area, and how we can better reach out to adult students.

I was happy to have the chance to meet and talk with so many of our employees, and hope to hold these meetings monthly, sometimes in person, sometimes remotely, and sometimes in a hybrid format.



## Nursing and Health Sciences Host Leadership Team from SVMH

July 27<sup>th</sup> was a big day for Hartnell's wonderful new Center for Nursing and Health Sciences on the corner of Homestead and Alisal streets on the main campus in Salinas. That was the day that Pete Delgado, the president & CEO of the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, and two key members of his executive team made their first official visit to tour the Center with Dean Debra Kaczmar and Superintendent/President

Michael Gutierrez, and preview the wonders that lie within the building that will soon bear the name of the organization that Delgado has run for more than 9 years.



From airy classrooms and well-equipped laboratories to ample conference and group project space, from the “ward” of simulated hospital rooms and a high-tech immersion room that can mirror any environment that instructors program for their scenarios, to group observation and debriefing rooms, Delgado saw that the opportunities for traditional and experiential learning abound. And especially after talking to students in the nursing and respiratory care programs, he observed that the opportunities for holistically learning how to become a knowledgeable healthcare professional while embracing the values of those professions are essentially baked into the facility itself, and are reflected in the students who learn there.

Those values--called the 5 C's by the programs' participants—are Caring, Collaboration, Competence, Comportment, and Curiosity. In fact, Delgado inquired about the words' absence from the walls of the new center, as they were prominently displayed in the entrance to the program's office area in their last location in Building B. Kaczmar explained that the larger space required larger words, which were on order.

At the end of the tour, Hartnell and SVMH personnel met to talk about their collaboration and the ways that this partnership could continue to benefit both organizations and the communities of the Salinas Valley.

“I am very proud of what you have done here,” Delgado told Kaczmar, “leveraging tools and technology for the ultimate benefit of the patient.”

## Summer Health Institute Inspires Future Healthcare Leaders

When the Summer Health Institute graduated its class of 29 rising high school seniors and recent graduates in July, it also celebrated having graduated more than 500 summer interns since its inception in 2003. The five-week program for students interested in healthcare careers is an experiential learning collaboration currently involving the Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System, Hartnell's Nursing & Health Sciences Division, and the Mission Trails Regional Occupation Program and health academies.



The Institute exposes students--recruited primarily from local health academies--to several healthcare careers through classroom presentations, job shadowing, and group research projects. Through these experiences, students develop an understanding of hospital organization, learning how healthcare professionals work from diagnosis, care plan development, patient assessment, through treatment, and how they collaborate to provide the best patient care. Students also work together on a community health advocacy project, which this year included working with SVMH's mobile health clinic.

With one goal being to increase the supply of healthcare providers in the Salinas Valley, the program is designed to inspire students, who are selected through a competitive application process, to pursue health careers and help them turn their general interest in healthcare into a more clearly defined professional plan.

During the students' June week at Hartnell, they participated in team-building activities and skills sessions. According to Hartnell Intern Jona Cruz, a highlight of this week was when the students got a chance to role-play various scenarios as healthcare team members in the immersive simulation lab of the new Center for Nursing & Health Sciences. "The connections that students make with other students, faculty, and mentors during the program," said Cruz, "last past their five weeks in the program and serve as bridges to future opportunities for jobs, internships, and volunteering."

## Scholars Weekend in DC for Jane Sanchez Hernandez

Cooke Scholar Jane Sanchez Hernandez traveled to Washington, DC, last week for Scholars Weekend, where the staff of the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation hosted the winners of the Jack Kent Cooke College Scholarship for entering college freshmen and the winners of the Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship for community college transfers. All of the Cooke Scholars will be mentored by the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation staff during their years at university until completion of their degrees and acceptance into graduate school. Several of the other Cooke scholars will be joining Jane as she enters Stanford University this fall. Jane said that she was inspired by many of the other scholars.



The photograph shows Jane holding the sign identifying this group as the Latino Cooke Scholars.

## UCSC GEAR UP Students Tour Hartnell College



During the last week of July, Hartnell hosted the University of California Santa Cruz GEAR UP students for their Senior Odyssey expedition. The students in the GEAR UP program--a federal program whose full name is "Gaining Early Awareness and Readiness for Undergraduate Programs"—were from various cities and towns in South Monterey County. Their visit was designed to teach them more about Hartnell's many campuses and programs, so that they could better visualize becoming a college student themselves.

On Monday, the students started at the King City Center. Dean of Academic Affairs Mostafa Ghous welcomed them and encouraged them to attend college. He suggested they consider starting at the

King City or the Soledad Education Center, using them as stepping stones to transferring to UCSC. Their tour finished up with an exploration of the center, including the tutoring center and the new wing that contains wet and dry science lab spaces, expanding the types of courses that can be offered there.



## Upward Bound Students Get a Head Start

Summer is a busy time for Hartnell's Upward Bound Program and its students who come from Rancho San Juan, North Salinas, Everett Alvarez, and Alisal high schools. This year, 61 students in the program attended the six-week residential college prep program at CSUMB, followed by a southern California college tour.

Students are enrolled in one of four Hartnell concurrent enrollment courses, which are all transferable to California State universities and University of California schools. In addition to their college courses, students enrolled in robotics, guitar, art or 3D design, and printing workshops. This intense schedule gives students a head start on their post-secondary education and reduces their time to graduate from college. Upward Bound staff also offer college preparation workshops to help students in their transition to college.



After completing the six-week program, students were taken on a five-day Southern California university tour. Students visited UC Santa Barbara, Harvey Mudd College, Pitzer College, Scripps College, Pomona College, Claremont McKenna College, Cal Poly Pomona, CSU Long Beach, USC, and UCLA. Cesar Velazquez, director of Upward Bound Program says, "Visiting the different colleges allows students to envision themselves in these universities and helps them make a better-informed decision when deciding where to apply and enroll."

## Hartnell Contingent Attends Produce Conference



Hartnell agriculture instructor Steven Triano and six Hartnell students attended the International Fresh Produce Association Conference on July 28-29 at the Monterey Conference Center. The two-day event challenged attendees to think differently and return to work with the passion to challenge the status quo. World class chef, entrepreneur, and philanthropist Robert Irvine taught the general session about setting clear goals, the significance of image, and the importance of quality.

A K-12 School Foodservice Forum brought school menu planners and chefs from the nation's largest school districts to the conference to connect with the produce industry and to create opportunities for ideation, collaboration, and exploring new produce choices for children at school. Hartnell student Anne Lee said of the conference, "I was truly inspired by the initiative and focus on getting fresh produce into K-12 schools and the cooperation between education administrators and industry leaders to help make that goal a reality."

The CEO of Taylor Farms, Bruce Taylor, an industry giant and great friend of Hartnell, was a guest speaker who offered his stories and unique perspectives on the fresh produce industry. On Friday, a Foodservice Produce Expo showcased companies and revealed the newest products, services, innovations, and

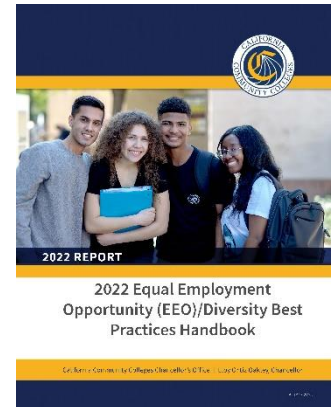
technologies. Former Hartnell student Miguel Lopez (pictured with Hartnell instructor Steven Triano), who is currently employed at Taylor Farms, also presented at the expo.

Hartnell students were given a lot of time to talk to industry leaders to learn more about their chosen field of study. "I learned about the importance of networking," current student Mark Avalos-Lopez said. "A strong network can help you formulate a bridge so that you can reach your desired career or life goals."

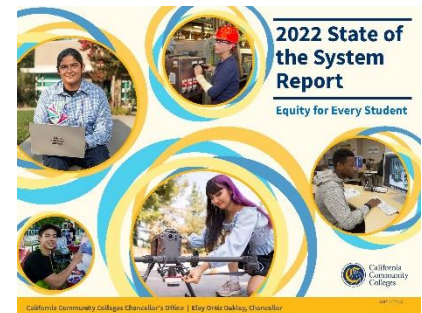
## Hartnell Garners Kudos in System-Wide Publications

Hartnell was recognized in two recent publications of the California Community College Chancellor's Office for its achievements in promoting student success.

First, in the 2022 Equal Employment & Diversity Best Practices Handbook, published last month, Hartnell was listed as a contributing model institution, lauded for its work in ensuring diversity in hiring committees, and for being one of just four colleges honored during the 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Dr. John W. Rice Award ceremony that celebrated its extensive progress in advancing diversity and equity for students. Finally, Hartnell was recognized for "increasing minority representation among its faculty, particularly among Latinx instructors, who made up 56% of the 30 instructors hired from 2016-18."



Next, In the 2022 State of the System Report: Equity for Every Student, the accomplishments of Hartnell student Javier Menjivar were highlighted, along with the support that Hartnell provided him, including through the Salinas Valley Promise tuition and mentorship program, and the TRiO/SSS program. This spotlight accompanied a graph showing Hartnell's Bay Area Region's success in achieving the Vision For Success goal #6, a 10-year goal in rate of completion by students. The Bay Area region was the only one of the state's seven regions to already achieve this goal.



## Ana González selected for leadership development program



Ana González, director of academic affairs for South County Education Services, was accepted into the California Community College's 2022-23 ALIVE Program, the Advancing Leadership Institute for Instructional VPs in Equitable Education. The year-long training program is geared toward deans that identify as people of color and POC allies to prepare for taking on roles as chief instructional officers (CIO) in their future. The Chancellor's Office paired with the California Community College Chief Instructional Officers to present this leadership program that is guided by the question, "How long must our students and communities wait for improvements to the system?"

The CIO motto of putting *Equity at our Core* serves as a frame to explore issues of leadership for CIOs in the community college setting.

González said, "I'm honored and excited to have been accepted into the program as I am grateful for the opportunity to build on my knowledge and skills to better support the Salinas Valley community."

At the program's August 5th virtual orientation meeting, González met her 29 colleagues from across the state. "It was an exciting first session," said González, "where we dove into an overview of foundational regulations



and initiatives that impact California Community Colleges. This will be a year-long hands-on experience as we were already assigned homework and clear expectations.” The participants will meet on the first Friday of each month.

## Arlene DiazLeal received Assistant Coach of Year Award

Arlene DiazLeal, a Hartnell alumna and coach, received the CCCAA Women's Cross-Country Assistant Coach of the Year at a ceremony held August 2 in Las Vegas. DiazLeal will return this fall to help guide the Panthers for another season toward individual and team excellence. She joins Monica Jo Nicholson (now Gilmore) and Rachel Shimabukuro as the third Panther assistant coach to receive this honor. The Hartnell College women's cross-country team is the three-time defending Norcal Champion and has placed in the top four at the state championship four times since 2014. (Pictured: Coach Zepeda and Coach DiazLeal)



## Comings and Goings . . .



## Fond Farewell . . .

On August 2, we held a reception to honor the service of Dr. Steve Crow, former vice president of administrative services and interim superintendent/president, and Linda Beam, interim vice president of human resources and EEO. Faculty, staff, and Board member Candi DePauw were in attendance to show their gratitude and appreciation for Steve's and Linda's great work for Hartnell.

## Warm Welcome . . .

We are thrilled to introduce two new members of our Hartnell College team. Please wish them a warm welcome!

Eduardo Couttolenc Vara, Network Technician (July 11)

Dr. Marianne Fontes, Dean of Academic Affairs, Languages, Learning Support & Resources (August 1)



# Volleyball Tournament Supports Hartnell Program

The 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Grass Volleyball Tournament, which helps raise funds for the Hartnell Volleyball program, was held on July 30, a beautiful sunny day perfect for outdoor volleyball. Players from the Hartnell volleyball team helped set up the nets the day before the tournament and arrived early Saturday morning to prepare to run the tournament. Some players even teamed up to compete.

Twenty teams signed up to participate in this tournament, which has gained a local reputation for providing exciting, talented competition. This year's winning team was Team Shimmies, comprising the duo of Lacy Ventura and Rob Quarles. Shout-out to Rob, who is a repeat champion of the tournament. They faced a tough duo of Jordan Leiter and Mat Nuttall to take the win.



## Hartnell Baseball Hosts Free Clinic

Hartnell Baseball hosted a free instructional clinic for local high school players. With the support of civic leaders and community volunteers such as Rafael Vasquez and Evi Plata, players spent a full day training and learning. Guest speakers and keynote speakers included Division I Creighton University Head Coach Ed Servais, Division II Cal State Monterey Bay Head Coach Walt Whiter, and former Salinas High Cowboy and MLB player, Sean Halton. The entire Hartnell coaching staff also participated.



The day began with a powerful guest speaker panel in which players heard a variety of messages including the importance of academics, how to become leaders on and off the field, and how to respond to adversity. Baseball-specific topics were also covered including the importance of being a great defender, how to navigate the recruiting process, and how to maximize your own potential. Coach Servais, who is now the winningest coach in Creighton history and has a reputation of fielding great defensive teams, stressed the importance of playing quality catch. Coach White, who just earned his third CCAA Coach of the Year Award and led his Otters to another conference championship this past year, stressed the importance of earning a degree and being a leader in the community.

Sean Halton, former Milwaukee Brewer, highlighted the importance of taking care of yourself physically and mentally and becoming the best all around athlete that you can be. At the conclusion of the guest speaker panel, players were led through a college-style workout with various stations of skills and drills. Coaches worked their way around the field instructing and stressing the importance of sound fundamentals.

## In the News

**Qualified & Ready for a Vote the Safe, Affordable, Quality Child Care Act Keeps Getting Endorsements**

<https://voicesofmontereybay.org/2022/07/28/qualified-and-ready-for-a-vote/>

## Monterey County one step closer to increasing quality childcare

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/monterey-county-one-step-closer-to-increasing-quality-childcare/40760936#>

## Work begins on South Monterey County's first inclusive park

<https://kingcityrustler.com/work-begins-on-south-monterey-countys-first-inclusive-park/>

## Assemblyman Robert Rivas is confident he will become the next Speaker. Can he hold on?

[https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/news/cover/assemblymember-robert-rivas-is-confident-he-will-become-the-next-speaker-can-he-hold-on/article\\_0d6d2f8e-18f7-11ed-806d-df2d00667cfa.html](https://www.montereycountyweekly.com/news/cover/assemblymember-robert-rivas-is-confident-he-will-become-the-next-speaker-can-he-hold-on/article_0d6d2f8e-18f7-11ed-806d-df2d00667cfa.html)

## Upcoming Events

### "A Comedy of Tenors"

August 12-28

The Western Stage

[www.westernstage.com/tickets](http://www.westernstage.com/tickets)

### Math Academy

9 a.m. – 3 p.m. or 4 -7 p.m.

Monday, August 15 - Friday, August 19

See flyer to register

### Hartnell Governing Board -- Board Development

5 p.m.

Tuesday, August 16

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

### Building a Path to Better Health for Our Golden Age Community through Nursing

5-6:30 p.m.

Tuesday, August 23

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

### Women's Soccer vs. Clovis

5 p.m.

Friday, August 26

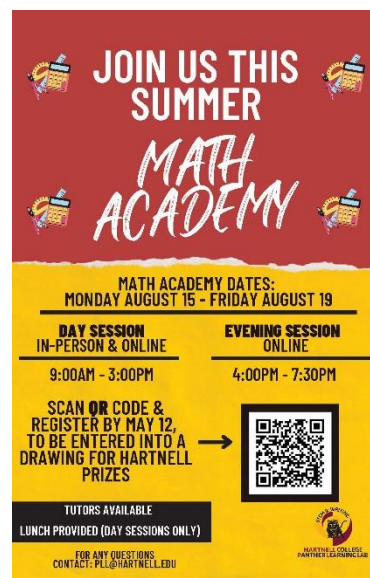
Hartnell Soccer Field

### Convocation

8:00 a.m. – 3:45 p.m.

Friday, August 26

Hartnell Main Campus





## First Day of Fall Semester

Monday, August 29

### Pop-up Pantry

11 a.m.

Tuesday, August 30

King City and Soledad Education Centers

### Men's Soccer vs. Cerritos (Tournament)

4 p.m.

Friday, September 2

Hartnell Soccer Field

### Football vs. Feather River

1 p.m.

Saturday, September 3

Rabobank Stadium

### Hartnell Governing Board

5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 6

Soledad Education Center



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**Tuesday, 23 August 2022**  
5:00 – 6:30 PM

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