



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.

September 9, 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.

2022-23: The Year of Connections

We are about two weeks into the school year, and I sense that a theme for this year is emerging, quite organically. That theme is "connections." Connections among students. Connections among faculty, staff, and administrators. Connections between students and employees. And connections of all of us with our communities of the Salinas Valley.

Our convocation activities on August 26th planted this seed of an idea. Nearly every speaker on that opening day mentioned the importance of connections. Whether they were introducing a new product to help students through mental health issues, explaining a program to identify and reach out to students to offer assistance early, or still processing the recent experience of spending a week with students wanting to improve their math prospects before the start of the semester, they all spoke of the importance of connections. For students, feeling connected leads directly to improved success.

Throughout the first week of school—what we call the Week of Welcome—I saw our employees connecting with students, over and over. Faculty set up a tent to meet and greet students while offering healthy snacks and directions to unfamiliar buildings. Student services personnel and student leaders set up additional stations to help guide new students to their classes, to let them know how to take care of the business of being a student, and to introduce them to student clubs that would love their participation. Administrators and



staff members could be seen throughout the week, smiling at students and walking them to their next class, pointing out the letters affixed to the sides of buildings, and giving encouragement as they went.

My schedule, too, has been full of activities emphasizing connections. In addition to the connections I continue to make on campus, I also have met with a few of our lawmakers, with some of our educational partners at feeder schools and at other colleges and universities, and with many supporters throughout the county. I have many more meetings scheduled for the coming weeks.

At convocation, I challenged all of us to do one more thing to connect with students. I saw just how comfortable that challenge was for our employees, because Hartnell has clearly taken the “community” of the community college moniker to heart, and our students benefit from that every day.

Michael Gutierrez

Superintendent/President

Summer Orientation for Future Teachers



Thirty-nine of the more than 50 students enrolled in teacher pathway programs in the fall attended the programs' summer orientation on August 24, getting a chance to connect with their new peers, meet program staff from both Hartnell and CSUMB, and learn about services and resources available to them at Hartnell.

Superintendent/President Michael Gutierrez welcomed the future teachers and commended their decision to take this first step on the path to becoming teachers. Dean of Academic Affairs, South County Education Services Mostafa Ghous congratulated students for their career choice to positively impact children, families, and communities.

The afternoon included reflections with faculty on the teaching profession; presentations by MAESTROs and Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) staff from Hartnell and CSUMB; icebreakers and team building activities (with help from TRIO colleagues); learning support strategies and time management exercises by the Panther Learning Lab team; and a tour of the main campus.

Kristen Arps, the director of both MAESTROs and TPP, said the orientation was developed to ensure that the program participants were set up for success in the coming year. "Students said the orientation was helpful to them and really prepared them for this journey."

We wish all MAESTROs and TPP students a successful year!



Hartnell Gallery Pays Homage to Claes Oldenburg

The Hartnell Art Gallery opened its Memorial Exhibition for Claes Oldenburg, 1929-2022, on September 6. The exhibit presents preparatory models, documentation, and photographs of the construction and installation of *Hat in Three Stages of Landing*, a major piece of sculpture by the artist and his artist/collaborator wife, Coosje



van Bruggen, commissioned by Salinas and Monterey County leaders in 1978, and dedicated at Sherwood Park four years later.

The sculpture was the first work by pop artist Oldenburg installed west of the Mississippi River, and represented an audacious idea by community leaders to put Salinas on the art map. Hartnell's exhibit is an intimate look at how the ambitions of community leaders and the ideas of the artists combined and took shape to honor the inhabitants and cultures of the Salinas Valley.

The refurbished bright yellow sculpture, rededicated in 2013, still holds court outside Sherwood Hall, near the rodeo grounds. The exhibition at Hartnell's Gallery, curated by Gallery Director Gary Smith, is open through October 20.

(Pictured: Oldenburg's initial drawing of hats in three stages.)

Center Assists Students with Transfer Applications

The Transfer and Career Center hosted its annual drop-in Spring CSU Transfer Admission Application Workshops every Tuesday during the month of August to help students complete their CSU Spring 2023 transfer applications. More than 70 students were able to attend virtual or in-person workshops. Applicants will usually hear of their admission decision by mid-October, for a spring admission.

The Center will conduct Fall 2023 Transfer Admission Application Workshops throughout October and November to align with the CSU and UC transfer admission filing window of October 1 through November 30. Students who have completed 30 transferable units and are in the process of completing 60 transferable units by spring 2023 should be planning to apply during this application window. In an effort to accommodate students with appropriate support during these application help sessions, The Transfer and Career Center encourages students to RSVP early at the following [link](#).



South County Center Shows Appreciation

South County Education Services staff held an award ceremony on August 16 to reward employees for exhibiting behaviors and qualities that contribute to student success: excellent student service, breaking down of silos, and collaboration among district campuses. Congratulations to recipients of these certificates of appreciation: Olga Galvan, Christian Regalado, Monica Carrasco, Monica Navarro, and Brenda Jones.

Pictured: (left to right) Ivan Pagan, Mostafa Ghous, and Monica Tovar.

Boronda Scholars Explore Cultural Treasures of Alaska

Twelve Hartnell students spent two weeks of August traveling to and around Alaska and engaging in artistic and cultural experiences there. Their trip was part of the Sylvano and Maria Boronda International Study Program, established in 1985 at Hartnell for "students of unusual promise in the arts, namely, Painting, Sculpture, Architecture, Literature, Drama, Music, or Dance."

The Boronda Scholarship Program has brought students to all corners of the world, and also to various locations in the United States. It was born out of Lester Boronda's view that "travel is one of the great aids in education," and it his gift to Hartnell students to be able to travel with a group of fellow artists, free of charge.



The Alaska participants visited the Alaska Native Heritage Center, the Anchorage Museum, the Music of Denali Dinner Theatre, and the Denali Natural History Tour, and they also spent time in the vast wilderness of Alaska, enjoying inspiring views of glaciers, orcas, and humpback whales.

"Travel expands our horizons, broadens our perspectives, and inspires our compassion, imagination, and understanding," said Dr. Marnie Glazier, a faculty director of the trip.



Athletics Department Starts Year with BBQ

A Welcome Back BBQ was held on August 25 at Hartnell's Field House to help students meet their teammates and other athletes and to kick-off the new school year. More than 200 student athletes were in attendance, while faculty and staff were on hand to show their support. The catered meal was "a great way to welcome back all of our student athletes and to kick off the 2022-23 seasons," said Dean of Athletics Dan Teresa. "We are looking forward to another successful year of academics and athletics. Go Panthers!!!"

Congratulations to Dr. Carol Hobson

On June 16th, Carol Hobson completed her Ed.D. in E-Learning. Her dissertation was on experiential training. Hobson studied faculty participants of a Distance Education Academy to learn how they perceived what it was to be an online student, and how they gained empathy for their own online students while designing a quality online course. Congratulations!



In the News

20,000 Monterey County students receive free MST passes

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/20000-monterey-county-students-receive-free-mst-passes/41034057#>

Monterey-Salinas Transit free to all college students

<https://kion546.com/news/2022/08/29/monterey-salinas-transit-free-to-all-college-students/>

Asistencia alimenticia, asistencia de necesidades básicas y salud mental es lo que pretende el centro de recursos en el colegio Hartnell el cual abrirá sus puertas en el mes de septiembre. Mientras tanto cuentan con programas de recursos para asistir a los estudiantes en múltiples aspectos

<https://www.facebook.com/156605404380615/posts/pfbid02AGCz9Y8g6xQUcKCohhh6m3QfVMqCaARpFbZNPAGvqC8Tx1JWUPbnhFTh4VWk4vDsl/?vh=e&d=n>

Good Week/Great Week

<https://flipbook.montereycountyweekly.com/archive/2022/09-01-22/#mcw-10>

Pop Artist Claes Oldenburg Left Behind A Legacy Of Hats in Salinas – Monterey Herald

<https://mydroll.com/pop-artist-claes-oldenburg-left-behind-a-legacy-of-hats-in-salinas-monterey-herald/>

Upcoming Events

Memorial Exhibition of Claes Oldenburg

Monday - Thursday 9 -11:00 a.m. & 3-5:30 p.m.

September 6- October 20

Hartnell College Gallery

Visual Arts Building J

Women's Soccer vs. Sierra

5 p.m.

Tuesday, September 13

Hartnell Soccer Field

Men's Soccer vs. Butte

2 p.m.

Friday, September 16

Hartnell Soccer Field

Women's Soccer vs. Cosumnes River (Doubleheader)

5:00 p.m.

Friday, September 16

Hartnell Soccer Field

Volleyball vs. Los Medanos & Sequoias

12 p.m. & 4 p.m.

Saturday, September 17

Hartnell Gymnasium



"Head Over Heels"

September 17- October 1

The Western Stage

www.westernstage.com/tickets

Veteran Services Center 10 Year Anniversary

12-2 p.m.

Thursday, September 22

Hartnell Main Campus

Building C, Room 138

Pop-up Pantry

12 p.m.

Friday, September 23

Hartnell Parking Structure

Men's Soccer vs. Cosumnes River

2 p.m.

Friday, September 23

Hartnell Soccer Field

Women's Soccer vs. American River

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, September 23

Hartnell Soccer Field

Football vs. De Anza

6 p.m.

Saturday, September 24

Rabobank Stadium

