



Need

Only a small percentage of Hartnell students have ever taken an online course prior to this transition. In fact, nearly 2,000 of our students lack personal access to a computer or a tablet. In addition, many students do not have access to the internet in their place of residence.



Steps Already Taken

- IT has equipped staff and faculty with laptops and phone capabilities for remote employees.
- 9,000 students surveyed.
- Purchased 500 laptops for students in need. Laptops distributed through a drive-thru method.
- Hotspots: Traditionally unavailable vendors working on phone solutions; drive-up wireless being offered at all three locations.
- Expanded access to crisis counseling: Our Crisis Counseling Center, under the direction of Dr. Carol Kimbrough, is providing phone-based care and guidance for students.
- A student emergency support fund has been established. The application was just released.
- Partnering with cities and school districts on digital equity and access.



GOAL: \$1.15 million

- **\$800,000** for laptop computers (2,100 @400.00, including software)
- **\$200,000** for wireless service hot spots (1,000 hot spots including device for 6 months)
- **\$100,000** for crisis counseling (over 2,000 hours of mental health counseling for students in need)
- **\$50,000** for emergency scholarships (100-200 scholarships of \$250-\$500 to meet basic needs, such as food, rent, formula, etc.).

Raised:\$262,000 (as of 4/15/2020)

Website link to COVID-19 Response Fund:
<https://hartnellfoundation.org/support-us/>

"KEEP OUR STUDENTS LEARNING" COVID-19 EMERGENCY FUND

Our students need laptops and hotspots in order to participate in ONLINE learning during the COVID-19 pandemic

\$262,190 of \$1,150,000 goal

Raised by 30 people in 7 days

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Story **The Team**

Every year Hartnell College serves over 17,000 students; 85% are low income, 56% are first in their families to attend college. As we transition to online education, the digital divide is more evident than ever. Many of our students lack the laptops and access to the internet which are critical for online learning. Our most vulnerable students also need emergency funds for basic needs and access to crisis counseling. Without immediate support, this unprecedented transition to online learning may be too big of a hurdle for many of our students to surmount.

Hartnell College students have demonstrated an amazing commitment to pursuing education to better their lives and, by extension, their community. Known as the county's "Salad Bowl", the Salinas Valley is a rural, agricultural community spanning an area of 15 miles wide by 110 miles long, from Pajaro Valley to San Ardo. Many students travel long distances to attend class, study under less than optimal circumstances, and face challenges that are not typical for "traditional" college students. Yet, because of our students' determination, and the commitment