



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

Monthly Report to the Governing Board  
Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President  
Division of Student Affairs  
Month of December

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Attended meetings with MST staff and the MST board to advocate for enhanced bus service to all Hartnell College campuses.
- Participated in the monthly Bright Futures Steering Partners meeting on December 10, 2021.
- Met with representatives of TimelyMD twice this month to negotiate a contract that was approved by our Board of Trustees on December 14, 2021. TimelyMD will provide 24/7, 365 days per year online and phone crisis counseling and psychiatric services to students on demand.
- Participated in CSEA negotiations on December 14, 2021 and the Employer-Employee Relations Committee meeting on December 16, 2021.
- Attended the Community Foundation of Monterey County board meeting on December 14, 2021.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- The Admissions & Records team continues to support students with Spring 2022 registration. As of December 8, 2021, FTES were 1,799 and 4,465 students enrolled.

**COVID-19**

- Enrollment Services continues to serve students via in-person, virtual front desk, email, and phone.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Continue to troubleshoot Counseling platforms (online Orientations, SARS messaging, Chatbot, etc.).
- Meeting with team to begin to plan in-person Panther Prep event in Spring 2022.
- Attended Salinas UHSD Counselor quarterly meeting.
- Continue revision of Steps to Success brochure and marketing.

**COVID-19**

- Work on plans to reintegrate all staff/faculty in person come Spring 2022.

#### Categorical Programs

Paul Casey, Director

- On Thursday, December 16, 2021, CARE and CalWORKs held their Winter Celebration
- Program staff attended Soledad Educational Center Panther Night

#### College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- College Readiness presented to the Salinas Union High School District Counseling Department Chair Meeting to provide an overview of summer and fall partnership activities from integrating our early college credit options with our guided pathways efforts including faculty engagement across disciplines and institutions as well as improvements to enrollment processes. The discussion was also an opportunity to receive feedback on the partnership/processes from their perspective. There was a general interest to increase dual enrollment opportunities for their students.
- College Readiness along with Dr. Jalomo met with the Salinas Union High School District Administration to discuss our College and Career Access Pathway Partnership (CCAP) agreement renewal for the 2022-2023 academic year.
- College Readiness Director met with Superintendent Dan Burns and the African American Advisory Council to listen and provide feedback on the high school district's Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Efforts.
- College Readiness Director attended the launch meeting for the Dual Enrollment Leadership Academy which is composed of a statewide group of college and high school dual enrollment leaders aimed at improving practice at the local level.
- College Readiness in partnership with the community-based organization Center for Community Advocacy (CCA) co-hosted a family engagement night to share information about College Readiness opportunities as well as receive feedback from the community on how the college can better inform the community of the opportunities Hartnell has to offer their students and families.

#### Department of Supportive Programs & Services (DSP&S)

Michelle Peters, Director

- DSPS Counselors and staff participated in a demonstration of a student accommodation database, called Clockwork, for possible adoption.
- DSPS Lead Specialist proctored DSPS students taking in-person Nursing ATI

exams, as well as class exams and quizzes.

- DSPS Director presented at the Administrative Services Council for additional space allocation for DSPS, in advance of recruitment of a full-time DSPS bilingual Counselor/Learning Disability Specialist, who can counsel students, as well as assess students who are Spanish and English language users for learning disabilities.

#### **COVID-19**

- DSPS Counselors and staff continue to offer in-person, and remote counseling and services for DSPS students via Zoom, phone and email
- DSPS Lead Specialist coordinated equipment loan returns, in conjunction with the Short-Term Hourly working directly with students for check-in/out

#### Financial Aid

Jessica Tovar, Director

- The Financial Aid Department continues to help students with completion of both the FAFSA and CADAA applications for both the 2021-2022 and 2022-2023 academic year.
- The Financial Aid Department is conducting outreach events with feeder high schools and community based organizations to help with the completion of the 2022-2023 FAFSA/CADAA applications.
- The Financial Aid Department recently launched the Campus Logic platform for our Dreamer student population.
- The Financial Aid Department has paid year to date Pell grant \$3,373,425 to a total of 1458 students.
- The Financial Aid Department has paid year to date Cal grant \$453,134 to a total of 504 students.
- The Financial Aid Department has paid year to date Student Success grant \$359,548 to a total of 350 students.

#### **COVID-19**

- The Financial Aid Director is working with the Business Office to help set up and award HEERF III funds to students in the Colleague system (Institutional Funds).
- The Financial Aid Department has paid year to date CARES Act III funds \$4,149,500 to a total of 3,369 students.

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

#### **COVID-19**

- HEP held a special orientation for continuing and new students to address the Spring 2022 class format switch to in person as well as the new

vaccination requirement. HEP will be assisting students with uploading their vaccination verification.

#### Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- Lights of Love was hosted this year to provide the children of Hartnell students with a gift this holiday season. 320 gifts were donated by Hartnell College staff, ASHC and community members.
- Festival of Trees took place to engage student clubs in bringing cheer by decorating a tree in the student center. All decorated trees were donated to families in need.

#### **COVID-19**

- Two Pop-Up Pantry food distributions took place in December.

#### SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- On December 3, 2021, the SSS/TRIO Program co-sponsored the Center for Community Advocacy Promotoras por Educacion training meetings at Hartnell College. The Promotoras come from most of the cities in the Salinas Valley and they were selected to be community liaisons to teach other parents and students about the K-12 system, community colleges, CSU/UC systems, financial aid, FAFSA, California Dream Act ect. The training dates selected were on December 3 and 17, 2021 in Steinbeck Hall.
- SSS/TRIO staff continue to assist SSS students in person with FAFSA applications, CSU, UC and Private university applications, educational plans, career and workshops.

#### Upward Bound

Cesar Velazquez, Director

- The Department of Education will be releasing their RFP for the Upward Bound competition and has a due date as early and late January. We will continue to include Alisal, Everett Alvarez and North Salinas High Schools and will add Rancho San Juan High School as well.