



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

- Participated in the Bright Futures Steering Partners meeting on September 10, 2021 to discuss the status of the partnership, assess existing initiatives and identify new areas to address for the next five years.
- Attended two meetings with SDSU researchers and representatives from the Steve Fund/Kresge Foundation to discuss Hartnell College participation in a focus group research project addressing student emotional wellness.
- Participated in the EERC meeting on September 16, 2021 with District and CSEA representatives to discuss classified staff concerns and other related issues.
- Attended the Tenure Review Training with members of the Tenure Review Committee, probationary faculty, Deans and faculty peers on September 17, 2021.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

- Dean and the Director of Information Technology presented at Academic Senate and Student Affairs Council the new Add Authorization feature in PAWS Self-Serve that will replace add codes.

**COVID-19**

- Enrollment Services continues to support students in-person and online.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

- Submitted Program Planning and Assessment budget for Counseling and Transfer & Career Center for 2022/2023
- On Friday, September 17, 2021 Counseling faculty received HBCU regional training and Hartnell College became certified as an HBCU partner institution.

**COVID-19**

- Continue to monitor and support employees and students reporting potential COVID exposure, illness, and resulting absences or quarantine.

## Categorical Programs

Paul Casey, Director

- EOPS staff attended meeting with IT Director to receive training to upload EOPS book awards into the bookstore system.
- Created CalWORKs applications on new database system. Updated the CalWORKs webpage on our website to have a link to new application/other updates.
- EOPS/CARE application closed on September 10, 2021 Over 460 application received, 250 new students accepted for the fall 2021 term.

## College Readiness

Laurencia Walker, Director

- The College Readiness program assistant supported the enrollment of approximately 600 College and Career Access Pathways (CCAP) dual enrollment students at our partner high schools. These enrollment figures exceed 2020-2021 enrollment comparisons and are comparable to pre-pandemic enrollments.
- College Readiness worked with the Director Student Academic Supports to help support faculty and students become aware of academic support available to students.
- College Readiness Director supported and co-facilitated a session at the Hartnell College Ethnic Studies Conference on September 17-18, 2021. The conference included community and Board members as well as several high school educators.

## Equity Programs

Bronwyn Moreno, Director

- Concluded all activities and reporting in conjunction with the California Campus Catalyst Fund, a three year project to build sustainable support and improve access for undocumented students and families.
- Umoja Program Coordinator Victoria Coleman coordinated the first Umoja "Porch Talk" of the fall semester on September 30, to build community and welcome students to the new academic year, and introduce students to critical resources and services on campus. Students had the opportunity to engage virtually or in person. New and returning students who join Umoja receive an Umoja branded student success welcome kit and a gift card to help them meet their basic needs.
- Collaborated with partners on campus in Financial Aid, Admissions and Records, and Information Technology to develop a query to identify students who may be experiencing barriers to enrollment because of their residency status.
- In collaboration with FA Specialist Lenni Chavez, hosted "Dreamer Money

Monday” on September 20, 2021, for students seeking assistance with completing the CA Dream Act financial aid application.

- Director Bronwyn Moreno and Coordinator Chynna Obana were the featured speakers on the Mentor Collective webinar: “Achieving Equitable Outcomes at Two Year Institutions”, focusing on equity based strategies for implementing peer mentor programs in higher education institutions on September 14, 2021.

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

- Director and HSE Instructor, Claudia Flores, participated in the planning meeting for an HSE Open Resource book. This project is in collaboration with West Hills College, CSU Bakersfield and Sacramento State HEP Programs.
- HEP students participated in a HEP student success conference focused on financial literacy and preparing for employment search. Presenters included United Way and the Workforce Development One Stop Center.

#### Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

- This year commemorated the 20th Anniversary of the 9/11 event. This year’s remembrance event included a visual display depicting a timeline of the events of that day and the Remembrance Banner honoring the victims. Our campus community was encouraged to visit the display and reflect on the events that have had a long lasting impact on our community and nation.
- Hispanic Heritage month celebration began with a festive and cheerful Mexican Independence Day celebration. Students and staff enjoyed a delicious Mexican style fruit cup while listening to a live mariachi concert. Other events included celebrations of cultures of Latin-American countries from Central and South America and the Caribbean.
- ASHC continues to hold their business, development and participatory governance meetings as scheduled.

#### COVID-19

- Pop-Up Pantry food distributions continue to be distributed twice a month to over 150 students.

#### SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

- The Student Support Services/TRIO Program had its first student mixer for the entering 120 new SSS cohort of students. These first generation, low

income students come from all over the Salinas Valley, from Castroville and Prunedale in the north to San Lucas and San Ardo in the south. About 35 students attended, the majority of students who are taking in person classes on the main campus. The event was held in the courtyard in front of the SSS/TRIO offices in a socially distant and masked up procedure. The students met their SSS staff and heard a series of announcements from the SSS counselors, Norma Nichols and Atanacia Malagon.

- SSS/TRIO applications closed on September 1, 2021. 130 new students were accepted for the 2021-2022 term.