

# Hartnell College Student Success Conference 2026

Thursday, August 20, 2026 — Faculty Day  
Hartnell College Student Center, Main Campus

| Time             | Topic                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Location       |
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| 8:00 - 8:30 am   | Meet and Greet                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | Steinbeck Hall |
| 8:30 - 8:50 am   | Welcome Activity — Johnny Perez, Math Professor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | Steinbeck Hall |
| 8:50 - 9:05 am   | Academic Senate — Jennifer Moorhouse, Math Professor                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                       | Steinbeck Hall |
| 9:05 - 9:10 am   | Art Gallery Presentation — Marshall Sharpe, Assistant Professor of Art, Director of the Hartnell Art Gallery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Steinbeck Hall |
| 9:10 - 9:20 am   | Passing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
|                  | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |
| 9:20 - 10:10 am  | <b>Understanding Articulation and Transfer</b><br><i>Presenter: Mercedes Del Real</i><br>Articulation and transfer are often used interchangeably, but they play distinct roles. Discover how articulation supports curriculum and transfer planning, with insights into tools like ASSIST and frameworks guiding transfer to the CSU and UC systems.                      | Building D275  |
|                  | <b>SLO Essentials — Outcomes that Guide Learning</b><br><i>Presenter: Seaneen Sullinger</i><br>Interactive, hands-on workshop using participants' own Canvas/CourseDog courses to review SLOs, course objectives, content, and assignments; examine alignment, explore characteristics of clear/measurable SLOs, and leave with a revised or newly developed SLO.          | Building D277  |
|                  | <b>DSPS: Accommodations &amp; Services</b><br><i>Presenter: Kevin O'Haire</i><br>An experiential session highlighting how DSPS services support students, a chance to interact with available programs and tools, and a formal introduction to the NEW Faculty Dashboard feature in the case management system.                                                            | Building D285  |
|                  | <b>Shortened Courses — Pros and Cons</b><br><i>Presenters: Tina Esparza &amp; Jason Hough</i><br>Examines the potential benefits and drawbacks of 8-week accelerated courses, including student engagement, learning outcomes, workload, retention, scheduling, faculty instructional practices, and institutional-level changes needed to support student success.        | Building D261  |
|                  | <b>Best Practices for Online Teaching and Learning</b><br><i>Presenters: Tammy Boates &amp; Lindsey Bertomen</i><br>A faculty-led deep dive into the human side of distance education — building authentic, high-impact connections with students without burning out, with "boots-on-the-ground" strategies for interactive, manageable online teaching.                  | Building D267  |
| 10:10 - 10:20 am | Passing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
|                  | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |
| 10:20 - 11:10 am | <b>The Arts are the Community in Community College</b><br><i>Presenters: Constantine Theodosion &amp; Trish Triumpho Sullivan</i><br>Highlights the transformative impact of music, visual arts, and the Western Stage on the Hartnell community and Salinas. Explores how arts programs foster student success, enrich campus life, and strengthen community connections. | Building D275  |
|                  | <b>Next Level SLOs — Using Results to Improve Learning</b><br><i>Presenter: Seaneen Sullinger</i><br>Interactive, hands-on workshop using participants' own Canvas courses to review SLO assessment results, interpret data, identify trends, and document improvement efforts; leave with an action plan for using results to improve student learning.                   | Building D277  |

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|                     | <b>AI: Where are we now?</b><br><i>Presenter: Steven Lisowski</i><br>An overview of recent AI trends and impacts and what they mean for our future, including a brief history of AI, a look at tools (especially educational offerings), and discussion of the future in an AI-infused world.                                              | Building D285  |
|                     | <b>Personal Finance</b><br><i>Presenter: Travis Williams</i><br>A sample of the non-credit personal finance course now offered (BUS-660), covering Roth and Traditional IRAs, investments, and life insurance.                                                                                                                             | Building D261  |
|                     | <b>Regular and Substantive Interaction (RSI)</b><br><i>Presenters: Tina Esparza, Nancy Wheat &amp; Tammy Boates</i><br>With the impending ACCJC visit, online classes will be reviewed for regular and substantive interaction. This session reviews the ACCJC rubric requirements and expectations for online course design.              | Building D267  |
| 11:10 - 11:20 am    | Passing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
|                     | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |
| 11:20 am - 12:10 pm | <b>Checking In</b><br><i>Presenter: Daniel López</i><br>A discussion exploring the intersection of faculty mental/emotional health, idealized instructors, and social pressures on the classroom — an opportunity to reset ideas about what it means to be a faculty member at a community college.                                        | Building D275  |
|                     | <b>Canvas Discussions: RSI and SLO Competency in the Same Tool</b><br><i>Presenter: Lindsey Bertomen</i><br>Threaded discussions are a powerful tool for integrating social interaction in teaching. Learn to leverage RSI and SLO completion using threaded discussions, with sample policies that meet many RSI requirements.            | Building D277  |
|                     | <b>AI — The Elephants In The Room</b><br><i>Presenters: Marnie Glazier &amp; Chelsy Pham</i><br>A follow-up to this spring's South County STEAM Arts Empowerment Showcase, addressing tensions from the rapid advance of AI while pointing toward potential positive solutions.                                                            | Building D285  |
|                     | <b>2+2 Pathways: How to Develop Partnerships with Transfer Partners</b><br><i>Presenter: Matthew Curry</i><br>Learn about Hartnell's efforts to develop streamlined transfer pathways with partner universities, barriers to transfer, approaches to overcome obstacles, and concrete next steps for developing pathways.                  | Building D261  |
|                     | <b>Annual Benefits Open Enrollment Overview</b><br><i>Presenter: Maria Stout</i><br>A brief overview of health plan options for the plan year effective 10/01/2026–09/30/2027. Benefits are staying the same; this session focuses on deciding whether to keep current coverage or make changes before the 08/31/2026 enrollment deadline. | Building D267  |
| 12:10 - 1:10 pm     | Lunch                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      |                |
| 1:10 - 1:25 pm      | Hartnell College Faculty Association — Heather Rodriguez                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Steinbeck Hall |
| 1:25 - 1:30 pm      | Distance Education Update — DE Coordinators                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Steinbeck Hall |
| 1:30 - 1:40 pm      | Passing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                |
|                     | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |                |
| 1:40 - 2:30 pm      | <b>Hands-On Arts — The 5 Perceptual Skills</b><br><i>Presenter: Trish Triumpho Sullivan</i><br>Hands-on drawing to introduce the Five Perceptual Skills and their importance to recognizing spatial relationships, critical thinking, and problem solving — whole/life skills that stay in your toolbox forever.                           | Building D275  |

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|                | <b>Accessibility for Online Classes</b><br><i>Presenters: Nancy Wheat, Tina Esparza &amp; Tammy Boates</i><br>Introduces requirements and tools for designing and delivering accessible online courses. Explore key accessibility considerations for course materials and leave with practical tools and strategies.                                                                  | Building D277         |
|                | <b>Takeaways from the Great Teachers Seminar</b><br><i>Presenter: Travis Williams</i><br>Hear from attendees of Hartnell's second annual Great Teachers Seminar as they share their experiences and the new ideas they plan to incorporate into their teaching.                                                                                                                       | Building D285         |
|                | <b>Handshake 101: Integrating Career Readiness into Your Curriculum</b><br><i>Presenter: Edlin Hernández</i><br>Discover how Handshake simplifies the transition from student to professional. Walk through core platform features and learn quick, impactful ways to use Handshake data to support students' professional goals.                                                     | Building D261         |
|                | <b>Academic Impact of Basic Needs: Data, Equity, &amp; Faculty Partnerships</b><br><i>Presenter: Mario Flores</i><br>An overview of Hartnell's Basic Needs initiatives and the Basic Needs Data Dashboard, examining retention, course success, persistence, and completion, disaggregated by race/ethnicity, age, gender, first-generation status, and income.                       | Building D267         |
| 2:30 - 2:40 pm | Passing                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                       |
|                | <b>Breakout Sessions</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              |                       |
| 2:40 - 3:30 pm | <b>Behind the Scenes — Gallery Tour of Building J109B (MAX 25 participants)</b><br><i>Presenter: Marshall Sharpe</i><br>A friendly, insider walk through the galleries and art-making spaces at Hartnell — working studios, gallery spaces, and the vault housing a permanent collection of over 1,500 objects, with special pieces pulled out for viewing.                           | Building J109B        |
|                | <b>Canvas Support Open Lab Hour</b><br><i>Presenters: Tammy Boates, Tina Esparza, Jason Hough, Nancy Wheat &amp; Carol Hobson</i><br>Drop-in, hands-on support for your online Canvas course. Bring questions, troubleshoot issues, and work directly on your course with support available — for both new and experienced Canvas users.                                              | Buildings D277 & D379 |
|                | <b>Communicating in Clay (MAX 20 participants)</b><br><i>Presenter: Johanna Keefe</i><br>Join the newly remodeled Ceramics Studio and Glaze Laboratory for a 50-minute instructor-guided hand-building session constructing a slab-built HARTnell souvenir cup. Finished, signed pieces may be picked up later in the semester.                                                       | Building J104         |
|                | <b>Transforming Education Through Simulation (MAX 30 participants)</b><br><i>Presenters: Jenn Torres, Debbie Thorpe, Eva Zepeda &amp; Sarah Lynch</i><br>Highlights how the Simulation Center enhances student learning by bridging classroom knowledge with hands-on clinical practice, developing real-world decision-making, confidence, teamwork, communication, and leadership.  | Building O201         |
|                | <b>Promoting Student Success with Early Support</b><br><i>Presenters &amp; Support: Dulce Montano, José Zavala, Fátima Barrón, Guadalupe Barrón Vargas, Leticia Sánchez</i><br>Join the Student Success Specialists to review updates to the Early Support referral process, outcomes data from past referrals, and ways to integrate holistic student support through collaboration. | Building D267         |