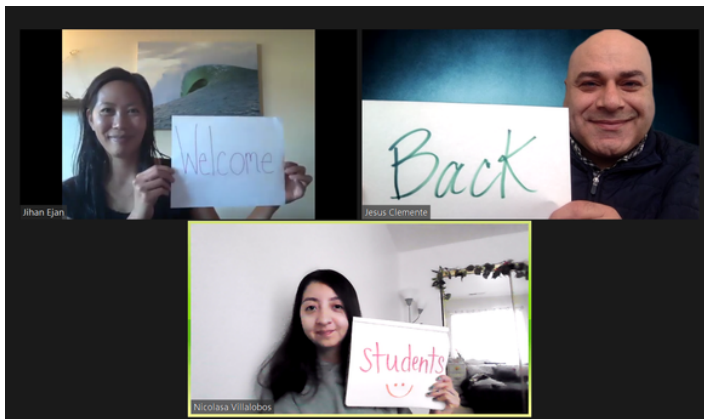


## TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM (TPP)/MAESTROs - HARTNELL COLLEGE

# SPRING SEMESTER IS IN FULL SWING!



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## A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM

Why, hello spring semester! We hope you had a restful and safe winter break. And while winter break, for many of you, might have looked different compared to other years, we hope you had time to connect (or disconnect) and recharge your battery. Our MAESTROs and Teacher Pathway Program team is fully charged up and ready to take on the new semester!

We got some great programming planned for our students, but most importantly, we listened to their feedback and will be providing more opportunities for them to interact with each other, bond, and build deeper friendships. What we cannot lose sight of is the importance of the human connection and how relationship-building is key to our students' and program success. Therefore, we'll be spending more time on Zoom, phone calls and Google Chat with our students, making sure we foster feelings of belongingness!

Thank you for taking the time to read our newsletter and we look forward to engaging in meaningful work with our students.

Sincerely,  
Jesus, Nicolasa, and Jihan

## PREPARING FOR A TEACHING INTERVIEW



Our team reached out to Zandra Jo Galván, Superintendent of the Greenfield Union School District (GUSD), for tips on how future

teachers should prepare when seeking employment and how to ace a teaching interview. Here's what she had to say:

### **What essential "soft skills" matter for K-12 teachers and how can students (future teachers) develop them?**

"GUSD embraces a classroom teacher who has the personality, attitude, motivation, and flexibility to learn and grow as an educational leader. Those who may not know everything about teaching, but are willing to embrace the growing process are always welcome to serve our students and families. Our job is to train you and give you all the resources to teach phenomenally. We just need our teachers to embrace the journey of getting better every day, every month, and every year. Taking risks and reflecting on growth is always welcomed!

Additionally, we seek individuals who are team players, collaborative, problem-solvers, are open to receive growth feedback, and have a strong willingness to support each of their colleagues to ensure our GUSD students and families thrive."

### **What other top qualities do you look for when hiring new teachers?**

"GUSD seeks teacher candidates who are passionate about our students and developing their skills and assets both academically and social-emotionally. We also seek individuals who have a growth mindset and are always hungry to learn more and refine their craft. Education is an ever-changing field and having the mindset to grow and adjust is extremely important to our organization. Knowing how to connect with students and their families culturally is also important to us. Our community is predominantly Latino and of indigineous areas in Mexico, and thus someone who embraces culturally relevant teaching and pedagogy is essential. We also seek individuals who can adjust and flex under pressure and change."

### **How important is teamwork/collaboration in the teaching field?**

"GUSD is all about teamwork and collaboration. In fact, it is one of our core values in that we will "not let each other fail" and we "collectively take responsibility for the growth of our students." These are just two GUSD core values that make our organization strong. We lean in and on each other to support planning essential lessons, developing assessments, and analyzing data to improve and enhance student outcomes. We meet weekly as collaborative teams for anywhere from 1.5 to 3 hours to ensure seamless communication and to be able to deliver a guaranteed, viable curriculum and experience for our PreK through 8th grade students. Our lead teachers engage their colleagues in dialogue to improve and deepen the lessons for our students."

### **How can students (future teachers) stand out in a hiring interview?**

"Knowing our district demographics, coming prepared, sharing your personality and passions is a game-changer in an interview. When a candidate cares enough to learn about GUSD, study our social media passions, our website, and talk to current GUSD staff members, it shows you are-

serious about GUSD and serving our community. Further, if you are prepared to share evidence of your teaching skills with actual lessons, videos, or artifacts that demonstrate your skills, you definitely pull away from an ordinary candidate. Also, asking a panel about what they desire in a candidate and how you fit into that picture demonstrates your commitment to growing as a teacher and future GUSD family member."

We'd like to thank Superintendent Galván for taking time out of her busy schedule to serve as a resource for our students and members of the community! Are you interested in GUSD? Check them out by clicking on the district or school logos below.



## THE STUDENTS' CORNER

HIGHLIGHTING STUDENTS IN OUR PROGRAMS



### LUIS SOTO ALVAREZ

TPP-Cohort 4

"..I am currently majoring in Elementary Education at Hartnell College, preparing to go onto CSU Monterey Bay for my bachelor's degree in Liberal Studies with a multiple-subject teaching credential. One teacher who inspired me to pursue this career was Mrs. Bowen from my high school Regional Occupational Program (ROP) class, Careers in Education. Apart from all the knowledge on the teaching career that I received in the class, Mrs. Bowen's personal career path gave me someone's experience to look up to, as she also grew up here in Salinas..."



### LAURA ELIZABETH TORRES-RESENDIZ

MAESTROS

"..After a decade of being out of school and three beautiful and talented daughters, I returned to college in the summer of 2019 to accomplish my dream of nearly 24 years. I graduated from Hartnell College, fall of 2020 and have obtained my A.A.-T. in Elementary Teacher Education. I have been accepted at California State University Monterey Bay, where I will be pursuing my degree in Liberal Studies.

I recall clearly the care and dedication my third-grade teacher showed us when I attended Greenfield Elementary School. Mrs. Galván is the one who inspired me to become a teacher..."

CONTINUE READING THEIR STORIES [HERE!](#)



## STUDENT TESTIMONIALS

CHECK OUT WHAT STUDENTS IN OUR PROGRAMS ARE SAYING

“I have had a long run with Hartnell, and I was taking classes that I may have not needed. When I joined the TPP, I was immediately redirected and shown what classes I needed to take in order to transfer sooner. If it weren't for the TPP I wouldn't have transferred as soon as I did...”

“Working with the program has helped me in many ways thanks to the staff members, and I feel like we are a big family who wants to thrive to do better.”

**WE ARE ACTIVELY RECRUITING NEW STUDENTS TO OUR PROGRAMS. JOIN US FOR AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION TO LEARN MORE!**

Register for an info session [here!](#)

“...School is sometimes very overwhelming, so whenever staff would check in on me or when we would have meetings with each other, it's always refreshing. Especially when they remind me that I have them to go to with any problem, the support always exceeds my expectations.”



### INFORMATIONAL SESSIONS:

*Join us via ZOOM this spring!*

Please use the QR code to register for the informational session of your choice & to receive login information.\*

**Wednesdays: Jan. 27, Feb. 10,  
Feb. 24, or March 17**

**Time: 3-4pm**



scan me to register!

\*Please use the following link as an alternate path to the registration form:  
<https://bit.ly/2L4mun>

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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### SCHOLARSHIP DEADLINES

Students, remember to apply for scholarships!

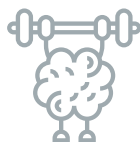
- Hartnell students can apply for the general application through the link [here](#). Deadline is Tue., March 2nd
- Current & students who will be attending CSUMB 2021-'22, find the scholarship [here](#). Deadline is Fri., Feb. 12th

### TEACHER INDUCTION CEREMONY FRI., FEB. 19TH, 5:30-6:30PM

This semester we will be having our first virtual MAESTROS and Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) Induction Ceremony to recognize our Hartnell College students' achievements in becoming professional educators.



Students & community members who received an invitation, check your emails to RSVP by Mon., Feb. 1st



### HARTNELL & CSUMB TRIVIA NIGHT! FRI., FEB. 5TH, 4-5PM

This TPP & MAESTROS collaborative event is a fun way for our students to get to know their peers within and across institutions!

TPP & MAESTROS students, check your emails for Zoom link.

### CBEST WORKSHOPS FOR SPRING 2021

Cabrillo College, Hartnell College, & CSUMB TPP & MAESTROS will host CBEST prep workshops for all students! RSVP to the workshops by clicking on the institution below:



[Cabrillo College](#) - Sat., Feb. 6th

[Hartnell College](#) - Tue. & Th., April 6 & 8

[CSUMB](#) - Sat., April 17 & 24

