





TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM (TPP)/MAESTROs - HARTNELL COLLEGE

PERSISTING AND LOOKING AHEAD!



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A LETTER FROM OUR TEAM

It's been over a year living in a pandemic world. As we continue to navigate in this new way, we have a lot to be excited for as we look towards the future. Spring semester is filled with milestones for our students with graduation on the horizon. At the end of the academic school year, we're set to graduate our largest cohort of Teacher Pathway Program students with 41 students on track to transfer to Cal State Monterey Bay. For MAESTROs participants, we are set to graduate an additional 20 students. Even though our students have experienced unprecedented academic and personal challenges, they are persisting and finishing strong and we couldn't be more proud of their accomplishments.

We hope you enjoy our third quarterly newsletter. This issue includes the importance of professional development, such as CBEST preparation, for current students and beyond into the teaching profession. We also highlight students in our programs and upcoming activities, some that are open to the community! We appreciate you taking time to read our newsletter and can't wait to see you at the next one.

Sincerely, TPP/MAESTROs team

LEARNING BEYOND THE CLASSROOM

Teaching is an art form and skill that can always be improved. Professional development is a strategy used to continue to strengthen the practice of teaching. This is especially important as teachers learn to adapt to changes in education especially with the move to online learning. In addition, California also has diverse learners and it is important that we, as educators, know how to deliver culturally competent and relevant materials to our students and understand the needs of our community.

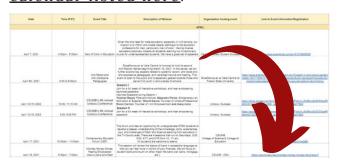
To help facilitate your growth in learning, continued professional development is critical and should be ongoing. Ashley Valdez is an Academic Coach at Gonzales Unified School District and currently works with 14 teachers. She states, "As an educator,



professional development is part of the profession. No matter if you are a novice, experienced or veteran teacher, it is crucial that we update our craft with

new strategies that are data-driven and proven to work to increase student engagement and learning."

We in the MAESTROs and Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) believe professional development starts when students enter Hartnell College and should continue throughout their career. Topics such as classroom management techniques, learning how to combat racism, or reading up on education policies are some of the ways we encourage our students to grow and build their teacher identity. Our program, in collaboration with CSUMB's MAESTROs and TPP, has put together a list of free professional development opportunities on our website at www.hartnell.edu/teach. To learn more, you can also click on our PD calendar listed here.





THE STUDENTS' CORNER

HIGHLIGHTING STUDENTS IN OUR PROGRAMS



EMILY MUNOZ TPP-Cohort 4

"I will be obtaining an A.A.-T. in Elementary Teacher Education at Hartnell College and a B.A. in Liberal Studies at CSU Monterey Bay. A teacher that has inspired me would be my third, fifth, and sixth-grade teacher, Mrs. Gaynor. I aspire to be a teacher because I want to be the change in children's lives, children that make up our future generations, and I want to ensure they get the best education possible. From my experience working in the classroom, I have enjoyed working with second grade the most. Second grade is a great grade to teach because that is when they start learning classroom management, are able to do things for themselves, and start to learn more complex material."



TERESA LOPEZ
MAESTROS

"I was born and raised in Salinas. I am looking forward to teaching math at the high school level here in Salinas. The reason I want to teach older students is because I want to help students build a strong foundation in math so that they can confidently move forward with their studies. I also would like to take away some of the anxiety and worry that math tends to bring to students and help them enjoy this really important subject.

A huge reason that I decided to become a teacher was because of all the amazing teachers I've had throughout the years. One such teacher is Mrs. Peterson at Monterey County Home Charter School."

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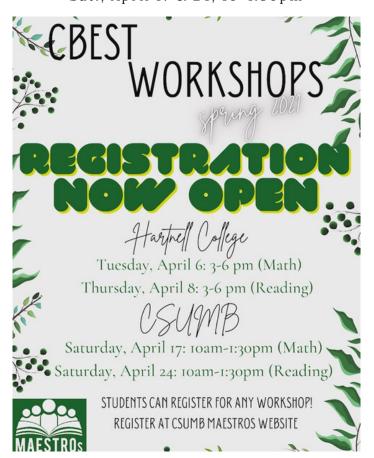
CBEST: WHAT IS IT AND HOW TO APPROACH IT

The <u>California Basic Educational Skills</u>
<u>Test</u>, most commonly known as the
CBEST, acts as a gatekeeper for many
students who are pursuing a teaching
career in California. This standardized
test is administered by the state to
provide information about basic
proficiency in mathematics, reading,
and writing. Successfully passing the
CBEST is a requirement prior to entry
into a credentialing program.

We highly encourage students who know they will be applying into a credentialing program to take the CBEST early on. This allows ample time to retake one or all sections of the test, if need be. Also, when registering, consider how much time will be needed to set aside for study. Some may find that they need to spend more time on one section than another. Regardless, we recommend for all to study in order to review and become familiar with the types of questions that'll be on the CBEST.

To help our MAESTROs and TPP students prepare for this test, we host CBEST Prep Workshops every semester. These provide an overview of the three sections, strategies, tips, and hands-on practice, while allowing students to ask questions of the professors who facilitate the workshops.

More recently, alongside our Cal State Monterey Bay MAESTROs and TPP partners, we've opened up these CBEST Prep Workshops to the community. With Zoom being the new modality in these times, we hope that more students and community members take advantage of these workshops that allow them to join from the comfort of their home. If you're interested in attending one or all of these workshops, please register to receive the Zoom link by selecting the institution name or the image below.



UPCOMING EVENTS

TO SEE THE FULL LIST OF EVENTS, HEAD OVER TO OUR WEBSITE

INTERESTED IN TEACHING? JOIN US AT AN INFORMATIONAL SESSION TO LEARN MORE ABOUT OUR PROGRAMS!

Sessions are being held via Zoom 3-4pm on the following Wednesdays: April 14 & 28 May 12 & 26 RSVP to receive the Zoom link $\underline{\text{here}}$.



WHO'S GOT GAME? TPP & MAESTROS GAME NIGHT! APRIL 23, 2021, 4-5PM

This event is for MAESTROs and Teacher Pathway Program students at Hartnell College, Monterey Peninsula College, Cabrillo College, and Cal State Monterey Bay. Join us at this fun event to meet new people, including CSUMB peer mentors, and to have the opportunity to win prizes. A registration link will be emailed, register to receive the Zoom link!



HARTNELL MAESTROS TRANSFER MEETING APRIL 29, 2021, 1:30-2PM

This meeting is for MAESTROs Hartnell students set to begin at Cal State Monterey Bay in fall 2021. You'll meet the MAESTROs staff and learn about the support you'll receive as a student at CSUMB. A calendar invitation has been emailed. Accept it if you can make it!

LARGEST COHORT TO GRADUATE TEACHER PATHWAY PROGRAM MAY 14, 2021, 5:30-6:30PM

This May, Hartnell College Teacher Pathway Program (TPP) will be graduating its largest cohort alongside MAESTROs students. These students are set to transfer and begin at CSU Monterey Bay this coming August! We are very proud of their hard work and can't wait to virtually celebrate this accomplishment. Students and community members, we'll be emailing you an RSVP form to register soon!

