



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

## President's Weekly Report

October 16, 2020

**Mission:**

Focusing on the education and workforce development needs of communities in the Salinas Valley, Hartnell College strengthens communities by providing opportunities for students to reach career and/or academic goals (associate degrees, certificates of achievement, transfer to four-year institutions) in an environment committed to student learning, achievement and success.

### Note to readers:

The President's Weekly Report to the Community has moved to twice-monthly publication while the volume of news is slower due to COVID-19 restrictions. Thanks for reading!

## Dr. Rodríguez initiates new task force to examine race and equity at Hartnell

The Black Lives Matter movement has reminded all of us how deeply divided our country is on matters of race and equity and how deeply ingrained privileges and disadvantages based on race are entrenched in the very foundations and structural practices of our societal institutions.

I wish it were otherwise, but Hartnell College is no exception to this phenomenon. How we choose to respond to issues of racism, structural and implicit biases, and disproportionate opportunities will determine our future success as an educational institution and have an impact on generations of Hartnell students.

The next step in our response will be to convene a special task force, the President's Task Force on Race and Equity, chaired by Jackie Cruz, vice president of advancement and development.

These individuals from across the college community will take the lead on Hartnell's response to the Call to Action from California Community College Chancellor Eloy Ortiz Oakley and ensure that our college is adhering to his Vision for Success.

They will be asked to make recommendations for implementing antiracism practices and define action steps in that direction. Once the task force is organized and moving forward, I expect regular updates on their activities, advisories and actions.



## Governing Board adopts budget of \$52.9M for Fiscal Year 20-21

The Hartnell Community College District Governing Board on Oct. 6 unanimously adopted a \$52.9 million budget for Fiscal Year 2020-21.

As outlined by Al Muñoz, interim vice president of administrative services, the budget for this year is balanced and maintains a Fund Balance Reserve of 26.8%, above the 20% level required by board policy.

With the exception of current position vacancies and retirements, which could be filled on a case-by-case basis by using contingency funds, the budget covers all identified requirements, including salary increases and increases in employee benefits, said Muñoz (pictured).



Salaries and benefits account for 84.9% of those requirements, up slightly from 83% in Fiscal Year 2019-20.

The state's 2020-21 Budget Act preserves funding for most California Community College programs at 2019-20 levels by using \$1.45 billion in deferral payments. The deferrals, a consequence of COVID-19's impact on the California economy, will postpone state allocations from February-June 2021 to July-November 2021.

"We developed a cash-flows projection to see how that might impact us during the spring, and having the reserves where they are at this point will get us through that period of time," Muñoz told trustees.

## **Nursing students learn and serve during community flu shot clinics**

Sixteen third-semester nursing students from Hartnell stepped forward to assist with community flu shot clinics presented this month by Salinas Valley Memorial Healthcare System (SVMHS).

"This opportunity allows our students to collaborate with our clinical partners, provide a much-needed service to our local communities and practice their intramuscular injection skills," said Hartnell nursing instructor Lisa Davis.

On Oct. 10, KSBW-TV [highlighted](#) the role of Hartnell students at the first clinic, held at Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital, where students teamed with hospital staff and the Monterey County Health Department. Student Skyler Lee (pictured) is featured in the video.



Pictured at that clinic are, from left, students Daniel Romero, Madyson Loader, Sonia Molinero, Skyler Lee, Steven Viorato, Eva Baron, Malina Gilman, Varo Hernandez-Torres, Chaley Zachmeier, Junno Estafano Yap and Kevin Bagood.



Students also took part in an Oct. 13 clinic at Palma High School and will staff a third clinic from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Oct. 24 at Taylor Farms Family Health & Wellness Center in Gonzales.

The flu vaccine is safe and the most effective way to prevent getting the flu. COVID-19 safety measures will be in place at the community clinics. People who have a fever or are not feeling well should not attend. Masks are required and physical distancing will be in place.

"We don't want to see a one-two punch this winter with COVID-19 and the flu," said Pete Delgado, president/CEO of SVMHS. "The flu season is always a

threat to public health, and this year we also have COVID-19 on the attack. We must work together to protect our loved ones and community."

## **Chevron awards \$25K and \$135K for STEM and student success**

Through separate gifts of \$25,000 and \$135,000, the Chevron Corporation has continued its longstanding and generous support for Hartnell students and the college's STEM outreach efforts.

The former award, received in late September, was in conjunction with the PURE Insurance Championship Impacting The First Tee, held annually at Pebble Beach Golf Links and the Del Monte Golf Course. The Monterey Peninsula Foundation joined with Chevron to inform the Hartnell College Foundation of its selection to receive \$25,000 from the 2020 Chevron Aces for Access program.

The money is intended to advance educational access, help bridge the digital divide and promote both STEM education and youth development.



Also this fiscal year, Chevron made the \$135,000 award to the foundation, which will use it to support the college's K-12 STEM program, participation of south Monterey County students in the WELI and MILE scholarship and leadership programs, community outreach activities such as Family Science Day, and the Salinas Valley Promise scholarship and completion program.

In its request for those funds, the foundation stated, "With the support of Chevron, we will continue working to improve the lives of our students, which we believe will improve the lives of their families and make a lasting impact on our community and beyond."

## Rodeo association presents scholarships to two Hartnell grads and two freshmen



The California Rodeo Salinas has awarded scholarships to four Hartnell students and graduates from the Salinas Valley.

Recent graduates Angelita Cisneros-Aguilar of Soledad and Diego Llamas of Greenfield and freshmen Ashton and Kyras Headley, twin brothers from King City, all received support from the California Rodeo Association (pictured, from left).

Cisneros-Aguilar is studying agriculture at California State University, Chico, and Llamas is pursuing computer science at Cal State Monterey Bay. Ashton Headley will study computer science, and Kyras will study agriculture. Both are members of the Hartnell Men's Track and Field team.

Since 1986, more than 75 students Salinas Valley have received scholarships from the California Rodeo Association totaling more than \$85,000.

## Villalobos is new staff member for TPP/MAESTROs programs

In their first quarterly e-newsletter, on Oct. 12, the TPP and MAESTROs teacher education programs introduced new staff member Nicolasa Villalobos, who joined them as a program assistant in September.

Villalobos recently concluded her volunteer service with AmeriCorps, Monterey County United for Literacy. She previously worked as a research assistant at the Monterey Bay Aquarium. She is a 2014 graduate of Hartnell and completed her bachelor's degree in psychology at Cal State Monterey Bay in 2017.



"I am very grateful and looking forward to drawing on the experiences I have acquired to serve as a resource for all students and staff," Villalobos said. "Please, feel free to contact me with any questions or to say hello!"

## Foundation announces plan for virtual Gala for the Arts on Nov. 21

The Hartnell College Foundation Council for the Arts will present the 2020 Gala for the Arts in an innovative online format on Nov. 21 to adapt to the challenges of COVID-19.

The hour-long 7 p.m. presentation will showcase all of Hartnell's arts programs – vocal and instrumental music, theatre arts, and visual arts. A special feature will be a preview of "The Wizard of Oz," which is coming to The Western Stage in 2021, along with videos featuring talented Hartnell students.

Whether planning to join in viewing the Gala or not, individuals are encouraged to contribute to the Hartnell Fund for the Arts, supporting arts students and enabling Hartnell's contributions to quality of life in the Salinas Valley. Donations can be made on the foundation [website](#), with an option to designate uses for gifts.

To watch the show on Nov. 21, [click here](#).

## The Western Stage adjusts licensing so 2020 shows can be presented in '21

Closure of Hartnell campuses due to COVID-19 has not deterred The Western Stage from preparing to present shows originally scheduled for 2020. While unable to meet and rehearse in person, actors, directors and designers are busy working virtually.

Rather than cancel any of the six planned productions, the Hartnell-based company has changed its licensing agreements to produce all the titles in 2021, with undetermined performance dates.

"A Doll's House, Pt. 2" completed several weeks of virtual rehearsal this spring, and "Mr. Burns: A Post-Electric Play" and "The Wizard of Oz" began online rehearsals this fall. Online rehearsals have been scheduled in early 2021 for "Cry Baby" and "Native Gardens." Rehearsals are pending for "Noises Off," which is difficult to rehearse online.

While The Western Stage considers the essence of theatre to be a fleeting, immediate experience experienced in the presence of others, the company is investigating the options of live-streaming or recorded performances if those become necessary.



## In the News

**Free flu clinics kick off for Salinas Valley Memorial Hospital:**

<https://www.ksbw.com/article/free-flu-clinics-kick-off-for-salinas-valley-memorial-hospital/34336265>

**California Rodeo Salinas awards scholarships to four Hartnell College students from Salinas Valley:** <https://kingcityrustler.com/california-rodeo-salinas-awards-scholarships-to-four-hartnell-college-students-from-salinas-valley/>

## Upcoming Events

**Note:** All in-person campus events are cancelled until further notice in compliance with a statewide shelter-in-place order.

***Undocumented Student Week of Action:***  
**A Holistic Approach to Health and Wellness,**  
**Presented by Certified Health Coach Dr. Hortencia Jimenez**  
12 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
Zoom ID: [95411526644](https://us02zoom.us/j/95411526644)

***Undocumented Students Week of Action:***  
**DACA Updates**  
4 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
Zoom ID: [83956294471](https://us02zoom.us/j/83956294471)

**Hartnell Governing Board – Development Meeting**  
5 p.m.  
Tuesday, Oct. 20  
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

***Undocumented Student Week of Action:***  
**Immigration Law and Relief Options — Do I Qualify?**  
(hosted by United Farm Workers Foundation)  
12 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 21  
Zoom ID: pending

***Undocumented Student Week of Action:***  
**Casa Abierta con Mi CASA**  
5 p.m.  
Wednesday, Oct. 21  
Zoom ID: [93929767873](https://us02zoom.us/j/93929767873)

**TURN TO WELLNESS**  
*Making sense in a healthful world*  
For students & wellness

Presented by Certified Health Coach,  
Dr. Hortencia Jimenez

**A Holistic Approach to Health and Wellness**

Dr. Hortencia Jimenez is a Sociologist whose work focuses on Latino communities in the United States and is a certified Holistic Health & Wellness Coach. She has a passion for sharing information with others about health and wellness. See her web page for additional information.

**Learn the basics, like:**

- Understanding health and food from a holistic approach
- Understanding the difference between primary and secondary food
- Implementing daily habits

Tuesday, October 20, 2020  
12:00 - 1:00 PM  
Via ZOOM  
MEETING ID: [95411526644](https://us02zoom.us/j/95411526644)  
QR Code: 069 000 62833  
253 363 8782

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**Mi CASA** California Community Colleges of Undocumented Student Week of Action **HARTNELL COLLEGE**

**Undocumented Student Week of Action: Know Your Rights** (hosted by United Farm Workers Foundation)  
6:30p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

[Register here](#)

**Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium  
Regular Steering Committee Meeting**

2:30 p.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 21

Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/96913808496>

**Undocumented Student Week of Action:  
"We are More than Tragic": Stories by Yosimar Reyes**

3:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23

Zoom ID: [91308514491](#)

**Undocumented Student Week of Action:  
Know Your Rights**

(Hosted by United Farm Workers Foundation)

6:30 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23

Zoom ID: [83905472576](#)

**TPP/MAESTROS Informational Session:  
"Thinking About Teaching?"**

6 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 23

RSVP for this Zoom event: <https://tinyurl.com/yy2glcaa>

**Let's Talk series:**

**Learn More About Hartnell College Nursing & Allied Health Programs**

4:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 27

Zoom: <https://cccconfer.zoom.us/j/94898356809>

**Hartnell Governing Board – Regular Meeting**

5 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 17

Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

California Community Colleges  
Undocumented Student Week of Action

**YOSIMAR REYES**

We are more than tragic stories  
Yosimar Reyes is a nationally acclaimed Poet and Public Speaker. Born in Guerrero, Mexico, and raised in Eastside San Jose, Reyes explores the themes of migration and sexuality in his work. The Advocate named Reyes one of "13 LGBT Latinos Changing the World" and Remezcla included Reyes on their list of "10 Up And Coming Latinx Poets You Need To Know." Learn more about Yosimar at [yosimarreyes.com](http://yosimarreyes.com).

In the public imagination, undocumented people are seen as people with no agency. For the last decade we have all been accustomed to consuming stories of our struggles and strive, often their tears are used as a vehicle to create a moral crisis but what if instead of stories of the deficit, we told stories of strength. Yosimar's approach is to empower the undocumented stories by spreading his Undocujoy and help change the narrative.

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3:30 to 5:30 p.m.  
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