

President's Weekly Report



HARTNELL COLLEGE

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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.

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The President's Weekly Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress and success for and within the Hartnell College Community. Please send information and photos by each Wednesday to sfaust@hartnell.edu.

Superintendent/President finalists present during forums on March 11

About 50 members of the college community and general public attended in person and another 115 watched via Zoom on March 11 as three finalists for superintendent/president of the Hartnell Community College District introduced themselves and answered questions during a series of three 45-minute forums. Search consultant Stan Carrizosa of Community College Search Services moderated the presentations at 1, 2 and 3 p.m. in Steinbeck Hall.

Earlier in the day, the Hartnell Governing Board had interviewed the finalists, who had been recommended by a 17-member search committee, and they met in closed session after the presentations. The board is scheduled to announce the tentative appointment of a selected candidate at another special meeting at on March 22, followed next month by negotiation and approval of an employment agreement to take effect on July 1.

The finalists, in order of their presentations, are:

- **Dr. Brian Sanders**, vice president of instruction for Columbia College (Sonora, Calif.) since 2016, previously dean of science, engineering and mathematics at Modesto Junior College, with a Doctor in Education degree in Educational Leadership from the University of California, Davis.





- **Dr. Christopher Villa**, president of Portland Community College from 2018-20, vice president of student services at Los Angeles Mission College (2015-18) and Fresno City College (2009-15) and vice president of student support services at Long Beach City College (2006-09), with a Doctor in Education degree in Educational Leadership and Policy from the University of Utah.
- **Michael Gutierrez**, president of Sacramento City College since 2017, previously executive vice president of Eastfield College in Mesquite, Texas, (2009-17), with a Master’s Degree in Public Affairs from the University of Texas.



Each candidate gave a five-minute self-introduction and then answered eight to 10 questions submitted by members of the live audience. The questions, most of which were posed to all three candidates, included how they would approach serving marginalized communities, their view of providing library services at Hartnell’s three education centers, options for alternative work schedules in the post-pandemic environment, the future role of and demand for online education and their experience with strategies to increase student enrollment and retention.

Those in the audience also were able to provide brief written feedback on the finalists' presentations, which were gathered and shared with the Governing Board.

Hartnell to use \$494,000 grant for early childhood ed program

Hartnell College and the Hartnell-based Salinas Valley Adult Education Consortium will partner in using a \$494,000 state grant to provide free training and paid apprenticeships for aspiring early child education teachers who face income and language barriers.

The college learned Feb. 28 that its apprenticeship plan was among 47 chosen for three-year funding by the California Apprenticeship Initiative, administered by the California Community College Chancellor’s Office. Working with a cross-section of local partners, the project will launch two-year early childhood education apprenticeships in August.

This new Early Childhood Pathways/Apprenticeship Program arrives at a time of critical need for child care workers and early education teachers, who are vital to helping parents return to employment after staying home during the pandemic to care for their children.



Hartnell Governing Board President Erica Padilla-Chavez commended the consortium and the college for developing the early childhood education pathway, citing the need that she said “we’ve all heard about, because we have family and friends who’ve been dealing with this situation.”

Padilla-Chavez also shared the fact that her mother transitioned from agricultural work into migrant youth education after completing her high school equivalency and earning an associate degree in early childhood education at Cabrillo College, ultimately opening her own in-home day care center.



“The reason I and my sisters were able to go to college is because my mother decided to pursue a career in early childhood education,” she said during the board’s March 1 meeting. “I believe it’s a pathway that can absolutely flourish for so many people who are already in it; they just didn’t know they could get a degree.”

(Pictured: About 25 preschool children and parents from the afternoon class at the Hartnell Child Development Center tour Salinas Fire Station No. 1 on March 4.)

Veterans center draws crowd to its March 9 open house

Students and staff at the Hartnell Veteran Services Center were thrilled with a turnout of close to 100 people who attended their open house from 12-2 p.m. on March 9. Ligia Polio, the college’s veterans certifying official, and Gemma Uribe-Cruz, veterans counselor, said the response felt like a fresh start after the challenge of outreach during the pandemic.

“It almost feels like we’re starting anew,” Uribe-Cruz said, “because in the past two years, we’ve had students graduate, and we’ve got to get to know the students who are new – get to them and figure out how we can appeal to them so they get to our services. This has really opened up our doors to them.”

Faculty, staff and members of the Hartnell Governing Board stopped into the Student Center to grab a bite to eat and learn more about the range of veterans support services, which include priority registration, referral to campus and community resources, academic counseling and Veterans Club activities.





(Pictured above: Hartnell Student Trustee Jane Hernandez talks with veteran student Luis Jerardo Jamadro Flores. Pictured at left (from left) Governing Board member Aurelio Salazar Jr., Ligia Polio, Gemma Uribe-Cruz, board member Candi DePauw, Interim Superintendent/President Dr. Steve Crow and Maria Ceja, dean of enrollment services.)

“We are holding this event to reintroduce the Veteran Services Center to everyone, especially currently enrolled students,” said Polio, the college’s veterans certifying official. “We want attendees to know we are here to help, guide, and support

student veterans and their families. It is not just about helping with GI Bill Benefits. Our goal is to create a sense of belonging and a welcoming and safe environment.”

Veteran services include priority registration, referral to campus and community resources, academic counseling, Veterans Club activities and monthly Veterans Mobile Services for medical, disability claims and readjustment counseling.

Hartnell Starbucks receives kudos for customer service performance

The Hartnell Starbucks store, newly reopened in September after an 18-month pandemic closure, has received high praise from the corporation’s regional managers, who presented manager Lea Miller and her nine student workers with a “We’re Better Together” award for outstanding service on March 10.

The monthly performance scores are calculated from voluntary survey responses from customers who use mobile order, pay with a gift card or use the Starbucks to earn points. Customers’ responses only count if they are a perfect 7 out of 7 in each category. The Hartnell store received 82% perfect scores in the Customer Connection category, 80% in Speed of Service and 85% in Goes Above and Beyond.

“It can be assumed that we are among the highest,” Miller said, “as most stores across the world range between 35-50, with a goal of 50-60 in each category.”

The results are even more impressive in light of an enormous increase in business since mid-February, when students enrolled in at least 3 credits received \$250 on their Cat Cards for food service and bookstore purchases. The store

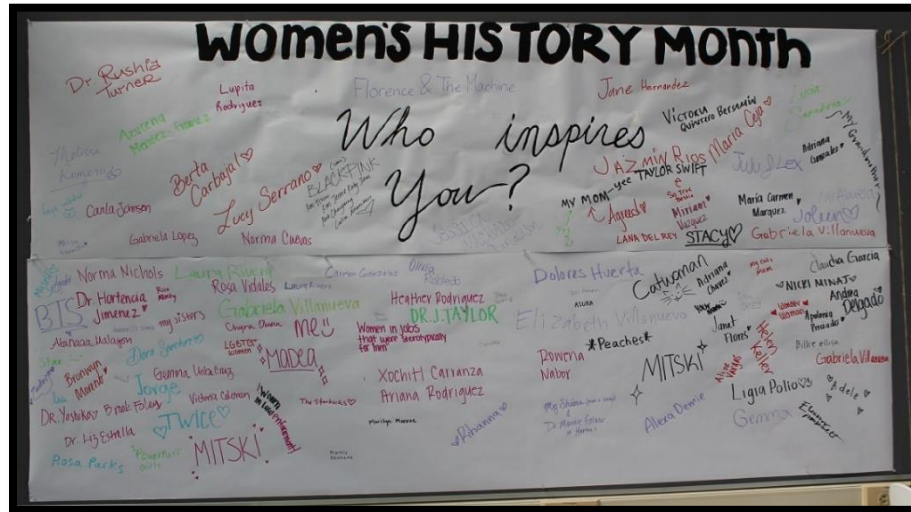


sometimes serves more than 90 customers per hour. “Our baristas have increased service speed, order accuracy, food taste and customer connections,” Miller said. “We are very proud!” (Pictured, from left: Nanda Bouchard, Jarralynn Borzini and Izzy Reimann.)

Women’s History Month celebrated in Student Center through March 25

The Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) and the Office of Student Life are celebrating Women’s History Month this month with a visual display of prominent women in history, and a large poster in the Student Center on which students are invited to write the names of women who inspire them (pictured).

The ASHC is sponsoring a Women’s Empowerment Conference from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. on March 25, which will allow students to engage in workshops and knowledge-sharing on themes of health and wellness and professional and career skills development. A Women’s Recognition Luncheon at 12 p.m. in Steinbeck Hall will honor student-selected faculty and staff who inspire and support Hartnell students. Registration is requested for both events. See details below in “Upcoming Events.”



Hartnell Swim and Dive team preps for first home meet on March 18



Fresh off a strong performance at the Cuesta College Invitational on March 11-12, the Hartnell men’s and women’s swim and dive team will host San Francisco, Cabrillo, West Valley and Ohlone on March 18 for its first official home meet since the program’s revival in 2019-20. Competition will begin at 11 a.m. in the Hartnell Swimming Pool on Main Campus, and spectators are welcome.

At the Cuesta invitational, with 21 teams and 487 individual swimmers, Kanyada Doughty of Salinas High again led the way for the Panthers. She placed in the top 10 in all five of her individual events,

including breaking her own school record and placing second overall in the 100-meter butterfly with a time of 1.01.28). Doughty was third overall in the 50m freestyle and 200m

individual medley. Also scoring points in the meet was Monterey High graduate David Parmley, who placed 12th overall in the 100m individual medley and 14th in the 1,650m freestyle. For the dive team, Erika Perez (pictured) of Salinas High took sixth overall, and fellow women's diver Azucena Mendez-Gomez was 10th overall.

Softball: The Panthers broke above the .500 mark in their overall season record, 11-10, by winning five of their past six games since March 1, including a doubleheader sweep over Porterville on March 13. They are now in fourth place in the Coast Conference, ahead of Monterey Peninsula College. Pitchers Allison Manuel and Kaitlyn Villareal are among conference leaders in saves, with one apiece. Hartnell next plays at home at 3 p.m. on March 15 against second-place San Mateo. (Pictured: Outfielder Leah Salas connects against Porterville.)



Baseball: The Panthers are still looking to get back on track with 16 games left in the 2022 season. Now at 2-18 overall, they will host Cabrillo at 2:30 p.m. on March 17. Freshmen Calan Zemaitis from Archbishop Mitty High and former Cal State Monterey Bay player Joshua Ugot continue to pace the Panthers at the plate. Zemaitis has a team-leading 20 hits with four RBIs, and Ugot has 18 hits – including four home runs – and 13 RBIs.

Women's Track & Field: Hartnell competed in the Jack Albani Invitational in Modesto on March 10-11, and sprinter Roxana Ruelas was again among the team's top performers. She placed second in the 100-meter low hurdles with a time of 17:52 and placed eighth in the 200m dash. The Panthers also placed first in the 4x400m relay. Additional strong women's performances came in the 1500m from Valeria Lozano-Gomez and Karla Herrera, who placed fourth and fifth. Lorraine Mankins was second in both the triple jump and pole vault, and Katelyn Strader took first in the hammer (41.59m) and fourth in the discus.

Men's Track & Field: Also at the Jack Albani Invitational, Ashton Headley was first in the hammer and third in the discus, Rigo Garcia took third in the 5000m, Ramon Duran was fourth in the javelin and Zachary Sims was fourth in the long jump. Both Panther teams will host DeAnza in the annual "Duel" meet on April 5 and also host the Central Coast Open meet on April 23.



ASHC publishes ninth edition of Panther Press Newsletter

The Panther Press Newsletter produced by the Associated Students of Hartnell College reached the one-year mark with publication of the March 2022 edition, the ninth edition since its launch on March 8, 2021. The first digital edition was released on March 16, 2022.

The six-page PDF includes Valentine's Day photos, highlighted student engagement opportunities such as the Pride Club and Ag Ambassadors and upcoming events such as an ASHC meeting via Zoom at 3 p.m. on March 17 and Panther Athletics home games, as well as photos from the opening of the Umoja Village gathering space in Merrill Hall, room N-03.

Event announcements for future editions can be emailed to ASHC President Jane Hernandez at janeisanchezhernandez@student.hartnell.edu.

Vocational Nursing students staff March 9 blood drive

For at least the eighth time since the start of the pandemic in spring 2020, students in Hartnell's Vocational Nursing program volunteered their time on March 9 to assist with an American Red Cross Blood Drive in Student Center on Main Campus.

The students have assisted with COVID-19 health screening, and they also inform donors about the criteria for donating and walk clients to the "canteen" for refreshments after they complete their donation and then monitor them while they briefly rest and recover.

(Pictured: Vocational Nursing student M.J. Martinez watches as fellow student Cassandra Nava completes her donation.)



In the News

Hartnell College reveals finalists for superintendent:

<https://kingcityrustler.com/hartnell-college-reveals-finalists-for-superintendent/>

California colleges divided on public health unmasking orders:

<https://www.montereyherald.com/2022/03/10/california-colleges-divided-on-public-health-unmasking-orders/>

Upcoming Events

Softball vs. CSM

3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15
Hartnell Softball Field

Hartnell Governing Board -- Development Meeting

5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 15
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Baseball vs. Cabrillo

2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 17
Tony Teresa Diamond

Swim/Dive Meet

11 a.m.
Friday, March 18
Hartnell Pool

"Noises Off" (photo collage at right)

March 18-20, 25-27
Mainstage Theater
Center for Performing Arts (Building K)
[Ticket information](#)

Baseball vs. Mission

2:30 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22
Tony Teresa Diamond

Softball vs. Chabot

3 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22
Hartnell Softball Field

Hartnell Governing Board – Special Meeting

5 p.m.
Tuesday, March 22
Steinbeck Hall (Building C)

Women's Empowerment Conference and Women's Recognition Lunch

Friday, March 25



9 a.m.-2 p.m. conference in Student Center ([registration](#))
12 p.m. luncheon in Steinbeck Hall ([RSVP](#) – limited seating)

Softball vs. Ohlone

3:00 p.m.
Tuesday, March 29
Hartnell Softball Field

Baseball vs. San Francisco

2:30 p.m.
Thursday, March 31
Tony Teresa Diamond

Music Extravaganza

6:00 p.m.
Friday, April 1
Mainstage (Building K)