



**HARTNELL COLLEGE**

# HARTNELL COLLEGE **PRESIDENT'S REPORT**

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## **Continuing Our Commitment to Student Success**

At Hartnell College, we prioritize our incredible students above all else. While recognizing that each student's journey is unique, we are taking steps to personalize experiences that foster an accessible, equitable, and positive learning environment for all. For this reason, we strive daily to engage in meaningful connections with our students to understand where we, as an institution, can further understand the needs of our students and meet them where they are.

As part of our ongoing efforts, we are thrilled to announce that our partnership with Achieving the Dream and Swim Digital consulting group is taking shape. Throughout this year, we have engaged in multiple meetings to unite our collective efforts in identifying areas for growth and enhancement. We aim to seamlessly integrate improved onboarding, learning, and retention processes to elevate our current work. This action is not an additional endeavor but a

transformative one that will take what we are already doing and make it better.

Furthermore, we acknowledge that the student experience encompasses more than classroom time. It also fosters strong relationships, promotes growth, and celebrates our students' achievements.

**Michael Gutierrez**  
Superintendent/President

# Grant Awarded to Rising Scholars Program

The Hartnell College Rising Scholars program was recently named as one of 44 recipients of the Chancellor's Office grant for the Rising Scholars Network - Juvenile Justice Impacted Students. This award is a testament to the hard work and dedication of Ana Gonzalez and her staff in helping our students achieve their academic goals. The \$1,545,454 grant will be disbursed over the next five years. Congratulations!



## Congratulations Dr. Richard Daily!

We happily announce that our Ethnic Studies instructor, Richard Daily, has recently achieved an impressive academic milestone.

Richard successfully defended his dissertation at Pennsylvania State University and is now officially known as Dr. Richard Daily.

Congratulations to Dr. Daily on this remarkable achievement!

## Happy Retirement Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson!

It was an honor to celebrate the remarkable career of Dr. Cathryn Wilkinson.

Thank you for your contributions to Hartnell College. We wish you all the best in this new chapter of your life.





## ASHC Hosts Campus Safety and Suicide Prevention Awareness Month Event



The Associated Students of Hartnell College (ASHC) organized a powerful event on Wednesday, September 20th, focusing on campus safety and suicide awareness month. The event's objective was to raise awareness and educate students about the importance of safety on campus and the various resources accessible to them.



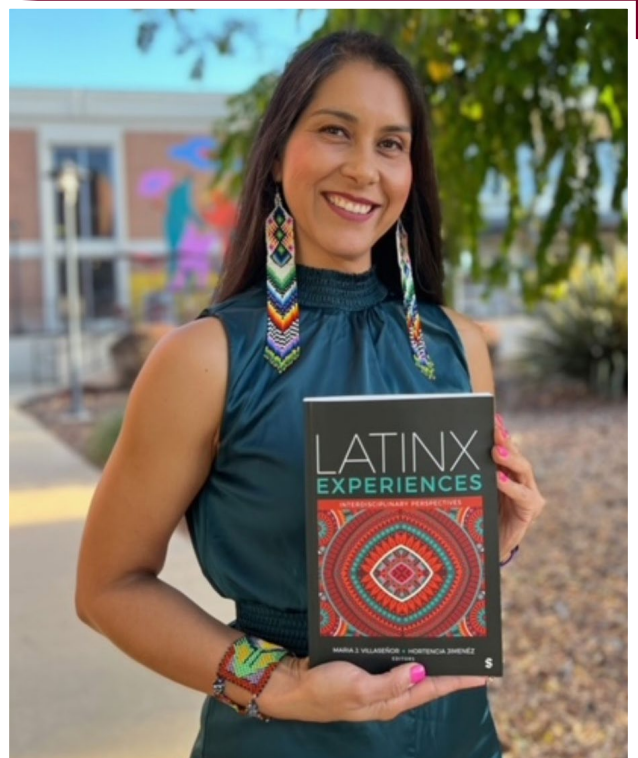
It was an impressive success, showcasing ASHC's efforts towards our student body's mental health and well-being.

Two Years of Creative Work:

## Latinx Experiences

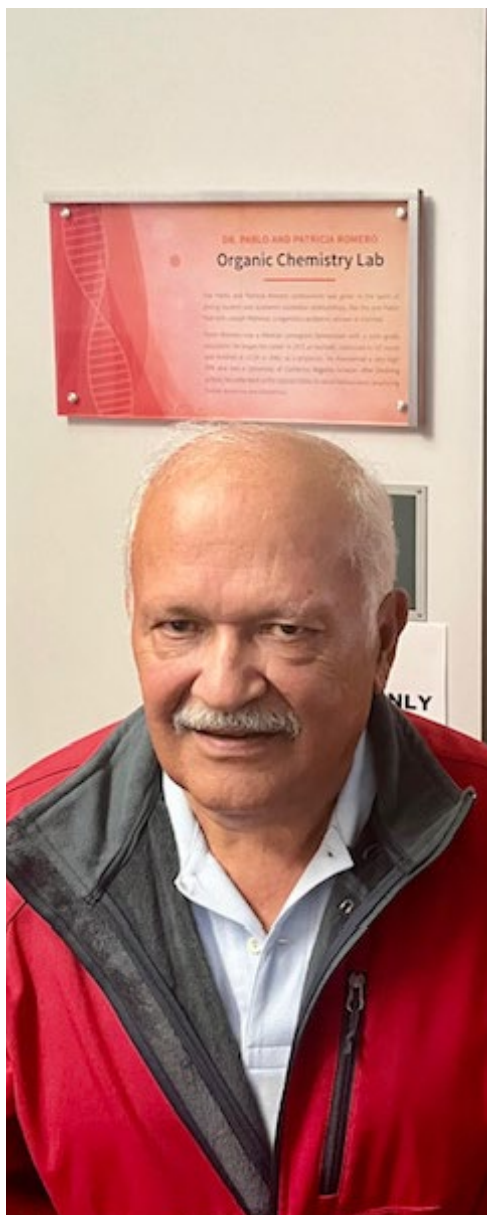
Hortencia Jimenez, Ph.D., a faculty member at Hartnell College, recently shared exciting news about her latest book, "Latinx Experiences: Interdisciplinary Perspectives." Co-edited with Dr. Villasenor from CSUMB and published by SAGE Publishing, this incredible work has been two years in the making and is now available for readers!

Dr. Jimenez expressed her joy and gratitude for this achievement, emphasizing the emotional journey she experienced throughout the writing process since she experienced personal loss and grief. Congratulations Dr. Jimenez!



### ***Have something important to share?***

The President's Report highlights accomplishment, engagement, progress, and success for and within the Hartnell College community. Please send information and photos to [vagonzalez@hartnell.edu](mailto:vagonzalez@hartnell.edu).



## COMMUNITY PARTNER HIGHLIGHT

# Forever Changing Chemistry Education: Dr. Pablo Romero's Impact on S Building

Last month, Dr. Pablo Romero visited the S Building at Hartnell College. Years ago, Dr. Romero generously donated \$250,000 to improve the Organic Chemistry lab after taking a Chemistry class. As a result of his donation, the college now has an advanced chemistry lab with 12 fume hoods, allowing more students to work simultaneously.

During his visit, Dr. Romero was delighted to see the impressive modern technology in the Organic Chemistry Lab and Instrument room, all made possible by his donation.

Furthermore, it was mentioned to Dr. Romero that Lawrence

Yee, following Dr. Krimsley's retirement, played a significant role in improving the Organic Chemistry class. As a result, Hartnell College has seen advancements such as the addition of advanced instruments like the Gas Chromatograph, High-Performance Liquid Chromatography system, Rotovap, and Findenser. Thanks to the collaborative efforts of Hartnell faculty and generous donations, students at Hartnell College have access to valuable knowledge and hands-on experience while using state-of-the-art equipment.

## United Way awards the Hartnell College Foundation Community Partner Award

The Hartnell College Foundation is incredibly grateful to have received the United Way Monterey County's Community Partner Award during the 24th Annual Community Breakfast. Congratulations to the other Community Partner award honorees, Mujeres en Acción and Monterey County Department of Emergency Management!

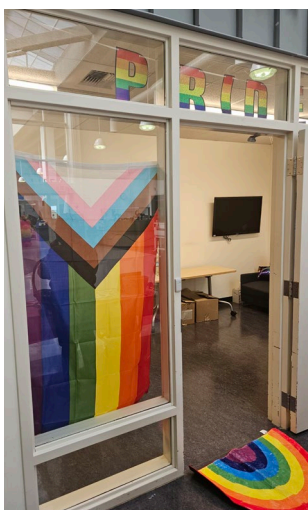


*Pictured: Jackie Cruz, Vice President of Advancement and Development-Executive Director, Hartnell College Foundation, Assemblymember Dawn Addis, Ana Ibarra-Castro, Director for the K - 12 STEAM Program Michael Gutierrez, Superintendent/President*

# Hartnell College STEM Programs at the Salinas Air Show

In collaboration with the K-12 STEM program, the STEM department proudly showcased its programs at the California International Airshow in Salinas on October 7 and 8, 2023.

Presented activities highlighted the Hartnell College Foundation K-12 Program and MESA Program, as well as physics demonstrations and the showcase of robotics projects developed by students during the summer internship program.



## Introducing the Student PRIDE Lounge



To celebrate Coming Out Day, Hartnell College introduced the student PRIDE lounge - a safe haven for LGBTQ+ students and allies. Both students and employees had the opportunity to explore the lounge and exchange ideas on how to further enhance our services and create a more inclusive environment for everyone. A big thank you to everyone that attended the event.

# Hartnell College MESA / Kaiser Medical Scholar Pathway Program

On Saturday, September 16, eight Hartnell College MESA students attended an orientation workshop at the Kaiser Permanente Walnut Creek Medical Center. The eight students will be the first Hartnell College cohort to participate in the 3-year longitudinal Kaiser Medical Scholars program. The program aims to help students meet all competencies to get accepted into a Medical School after they transfer and complete their baccalaureate degree. The students are expected to participate in workshops and internships over the next three years.

The following are the names of the participating students:

- Melissa Distancia*
- Virgilio Hernandez Cruz*
- Kayla Kennamore*
- Natasha Perez*
- Juan Pablo Rodriguez Cortes*
- Maria de Jesus Suarez Chico*
- Henry Huynh*
- Ana Cristela Avila Armenta*



## RECAP IN PHOTOS

# Hartnell College STEM Symposium



# Congratulations Graduates!



**Christopher Carreon**

*Son of Yvonne Carreon-Administrative  
Assistant Academic Affairs*

High School Diploma  
Salinas High School



**Yolanda Rodriguez**

*Daughter of Yolanda Rodriguez-  
Program Assistant*

Masters in Counseling and Guidance  
and PPS credential  
San Jose State University



**Angelina Benavides**

*Sister of Victoria Benavides-  
Bartholomew Program Assistant II  
College Pathways*

B.S., Business Administration with a  
concentration in Entrepreneurship  
CSU Monterey Bay



**Miriam Vazquez-Gonzalez**

*Lead Coordinator I Basic Needs*

M.A. Organizational Leadership  
University of Massachusetts Global



**Joelee Ann Benavides**

*Daughter of Victoria Benavides-  
Bartholomew- Program Assistant II  
College Pathways*

6th-grade Promotion  
Veritas Press



**Lola Amari-Rose Benavides**

*Daughter of Victoria Benavides-  
Bartholomew- Program Assistant II  
College Pathways*

Preschool  
Oak Avenue Preschool

# Congratulations Graduates!



**Tlali Nayeli Chavez**

*Niece of Laura Zavala-Director of High School Equivalency Program (HEP)*

Pre-school promotion  
Little Friends Preschool



**Jacqueline A. Flores**

*Executive Assistant*

Psychology, AA-T  
Hartnell College



**Gabriella Luna Flores**

*Daughter of Jacqueline Flores- Executive Assistant*

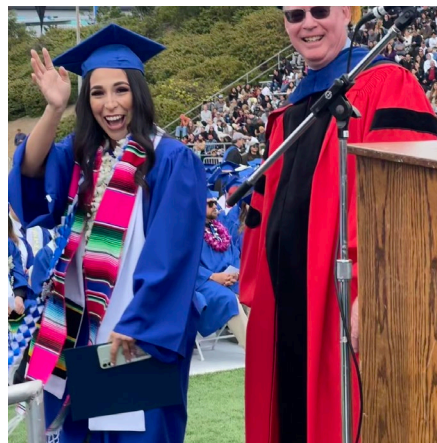
Pre-Kinder Promotion  
Melody Park Christian School



**Gabriela Lopez**

*Director Office of Equity Programs*

Doctor of Education in  
Organizational Leadership  
University of Massachusetts Global



**Lorena I. Tabera**

*Daughter of Hermelinda Tabera*

Environmental Studies  
Cabrillo College



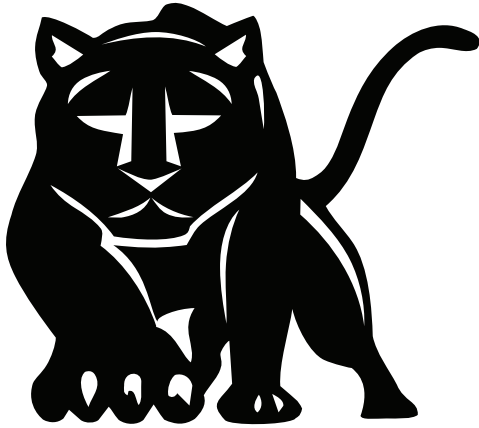
**Carolina Isabella Flores**

*Daughter of Jacqueline Flores- Executive Assistant*

8th Grade Promotion  
Washington Middle School



# Congratulations Graduates!



**Laura Otero**

*Wife of Steven Otero-Information  
Technology Specialist*

Ph.D. Instructional Technology  
Leadership  
University of the Cumberland



**Aris Flores**

*Daughter of Mario Flores-Director of  
Basic Needs*

Kindergarten  
Chualar Elementary School



**Josiah M. Trafton**

*Grandson of M. Lucy Trafton*

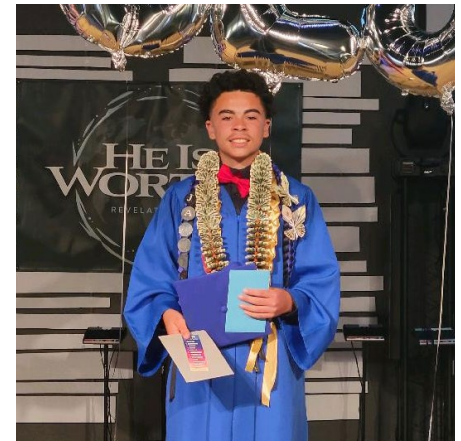
Kinesiology  
Hartnell College



**Samantha Bertomen**

*Daughter of Lindsey Bertomen-  
Faculty*

Masters in Public Health (MPH)  
Colorado School of Public Health



**Jayden West**

*Grandson of Jutta West-Admissions  
and Records Evaluation Tech*

8th Grade Graduation  
Monterey Bay Christian School

# Congratulations Graduates!



**Daniel L. McCall and Jack C. McCall**

*Husband (Daniel) and son (Jack) of Adair McCall-Ortega-Administrative Assistant I Hartnell TRIO Student Support Services*

Daniel L. McCall  
Bachelor's of Arts, English  
American Public University

Jack C. McCall  
First Grade  
Lincoln Elementary School



**Naydene Santana, Christa Santana and Christa Santana**

*Niece and Daughters of Jennifer Santana-Accounting Tech*

Naydene Santana  
8th Grade Promotion  
Shoreline Middle School

Christa Santana  
8th Grade Promotion  
WMS

Callie Santana  
High School Diploma  
SHS

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### Hartnell College Forums and Exchanges

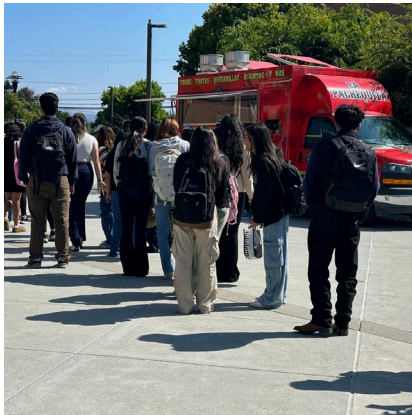
The President's Office recently held the first-ever monthly Hartnell College Forums and Exchanges.

This month's event featured Dr. Chelsy Pham, the Vice President of Information Technology.



## RECAP IN PHOTOS

### Mexican Independence Day Celebration hosted by ASHC



### Hartnell College Governing Board of Trustees Celebrates the Monterey County Food Bank



During the October 3 Board Meeting, the Hartnell College Board of Trustees honored and celebrated the Monterey County Food Bank for their invaluable contributions to the Hartnell College community. To show their appreciation, the Board presented the food bank with a well-deserved certificate of recognition.

The Monterey County Food Bank has consistently shown incredible dedication and generosity. Their partnership with Hartnell College is crucial in helping address food insecurity in the community, bringing hope and reassurance to those needing support.

## RECAP IN PHOTOS

### Hartnell College Veterans Services Center Orientation



Thursday, November 2  
5:00 to 8:00 PM

Hartnell College  
Quad + Student Center  
411 Central Avenue  
Salinas, CA

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