



Monthly Report to the Governing Board  
Dr. Romero Jalomo, Vice President  
Division of Student Affairs  
Month of July

Vice President of Student Affairs

Romero Jalomo, Ph.D.

Attended the Bright Futures of Monterey County Steering Partners meeting on July 9, 2021.

Met with the Monterey Salinas Transit leadership team to review 2020-21 student ridership data and participation in the Free Fare Zone program. We will present an update on the Hartnell-MST partnership in a future board development meeting.

Participated in the Summer Financial Aid Community meeting hosted by the United Way of Monterey County on July 22, 2021. Focus of the meeting centered on developing a plan to increase financial aid literacy among the general public in our service area.

Participated in the Bright Futures Steering Partners Focus Group meeting on July 23, 2021 to discuss the status of the partnership and to identify existing and new areas to address for the next five years.

Enrollment Services

Maria Ceja, Dean

Enrollment Services began offering in-person services to students on a walk-in basis starting on July 1, 2021.

**COVID-19**

Enrollment Services continues to support students via virtual front desk, phone, and email.

Student Success

Carla Johnson, Dean

Received two staff resignations and submitted requests to hire for both positions.

Successfully completed the hiring process to place a FT counselor in TRIO. Workgroup (including IT, Early Alert and Academic Support) continues to meet to plan the implementation of the new Early Alert system through SARS.

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After ongoing efforts to ensure that first time, full time students meet statewide eligibility criteria, approximately 700 students have been formally admitted to the Salinas Valley Promise program (SVP) for fall 2021 including awarding of appropriate fee waiver or tuition grant. The Rising Scholars Network (on campus support program for students who are formerly incarcerated) Student Advisory Committee met throughout July to develop their recommendations to program staff and the district. The committee was developed by OEP faculty advisor Dr. Nereida Oliva as a tactic to formally engage students in program development and continuous improvement. The committee reviewed data and conducted research on best practices in order to inform their recommendations.

The WELI scholarship committee completed their application review process and made recommendations for the 2021-22 final cohort of scholars.

#### Financial Aid

Jessica Tovar, Director

Financial aid launched the Campus Logic platform for Fall 2021 which will allow students to submit forms electronically and will help improve student financial aid document submissions.

Summer financial aid was distributed to students enrolled in for the term. Financial Aid began offering in-person services to students on a walk-in basis, beginning July 1, 2021.

#### High School Equivalency Program

Laura Zavala, Director

California HEP Directors from West Hills College, Bakersfield, Sacramento and Hartnell met to discuss the compilation of an Open Educational Resource HiSET book. Each program will provide subject matter expertise via their educational instructors. Hartnell HEP will assist with the compilation and creation of language arts materials as well as participate in the piloting of the OER book during the Spring 2022 semester.

#### Office of Student Life

Augustine Nevarez, Director

Preparations for the Fall 21 semester are solidifying including the Week of Welcome, Electronic ID's, Book Vouchers, and future activities.

#### **COVID-19**

Pop- Up Pantry food distributions took place August 6, 2021 and August 20, 2021.



### SSS/TRiO Program

Manuel Bersamin, Director

Our new SSS Counselor was hired this summer. Ms. Atanacia Malagon comes to us from Alisal High School where she was a career counselor. Ms. Malagon is also a former Hartnell adjunct counselor and longtime resident of Greenfield.

### Upward Bound

Cesar Velazquez, Director

Completed our Upward Bound six-week summer program having 120 students enrolled in at least one 3 unit Hartnell course. Our program disbursed \$37,800 in meal gift cards to program participants enrolled this summer. Students are able to purchase healthy meals at our local Safeway.