



Student Access, Diversity

Veterans Week

Grossmont College honored the contributions of veterans with Veterans Week, Nov. 9 – 13. Events included a POW/MIA tribute table to honor service members who were missing in action or prisoners of war; Student Veteran Organization (SVO) Veteran Appreciation BBQ and Veteran Resource Fair, with BBQ sponsored by ASGC and music provided by Griffin Radio; and SVO participation in the San Diego Veterans Day Parade on Nov. 11.

Nursing Department to host “Cultural Influences on Healthcare”

The Grossmont College Nursing Department hosted “Cultural Influences on Healthcare: Treating the Hispanic Patient,” featuring Paloma Garza, RN, MSN, ANP, member of the National Association of Hispanic Nurses, on Monday, Nov. 9. The event helped Allied Health and Nursing students gain knowledge of providing cultural-sensitive care to Hispanic patients. For more information, contact Sarah Babini at sarah.babini@gcccd.edu.

Transfer Success Stories

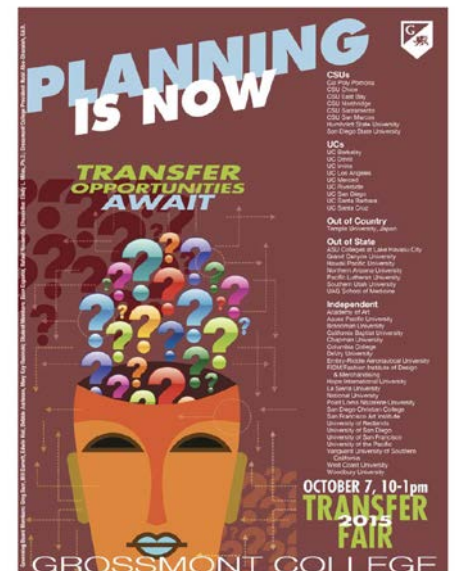
On Nov. 3, the college hosted “Transfer Success Stories,” a panel of recent graduates who successfully transferred to University of California San Diego and San Diego State University. Supported by a grant from the World Arts & Cultures Committee and coordinated by the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Committee, current students learned about students’ diverse experiences with the transfer process and their current university experience.

Financial Aid Department and Umoja Program held Annual BBO Fundraiser

On Oct. 22, the Financial Aid Department and the Umoja program hosted its annual BBQ fundraiser to support student scholarships at Grossmont College. The event helped raise \$1,292 for scholarship support and will be evenly split between Financial Aid Department scholarships and Umoja Program scholarships. Thank you to those who attended and supported this event!

OPT’s 30th Anniversary

On Oct. 15, the Office Professional Training Program celebrated its 30th anniversary with its annual fundraising dinner. The event included a reception, silent auction, county proclamation and testimonials from program graduates. OPT has provided more than 2,300 graduates with low-cost, entry-level administrative office training, and personal counseling and wraparound services since its start in 1985.



HOLA Club Hosted Dia de los Muertos

On Nov. 2, the Hispanic Organization for Latino Awareness (HOLA) Club hosted a Día de los Muertos, or Day of the Dead, celebration in the Main Quad. The event featured an altar honoring and remembering those who passed away in school shootings.

Guest Speaker, Ronald Y. Otsuka

Grossmont College will host guest speaker, Ronald Y. Otsuka, curator of Asian Art at the Denver Art Museum and author of “Xu Beihong: Pioneer of Modern Chinese Painting,” from 6 – 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 17, in Griffin Gate. Otsuka will speak about the art of Xu Beihong (1895-1953), who was among the first Chinese artists to study Western-style painting in Europe, and often called the "Father of Modern Chinese Painting." This event is free and open to the public. For more information, email gareth.daviesmorris@gcccd.edu.



Learning and Student Success

Dance Department to host “Breaking Boundaries”

The Grossmont College Dance Department will host its annual student-choreographed “Breaking Boundaries” dance concert Nov. 19 – 21 at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre at 6611 University Avenue in San Diego. With performances held at 7:30 p.m. each night, the concert will feature a variety of dance genres, including jazz, ballet, tap, hip-hop and modern dance, performed and choreographed by Grossmont College students. Tickets are available in advance from the Dance Department for \$12 each, or \$15 at the door (cash only). For more information, contact the Dance Department at ext. 7766.

Hyde Art Gallery presents Student Art Exhibition

The Hyde Art Gallery will present the 2015 Student Art Exhibition Nov. 23 through Dec. 3 in Bldg. 25. An opening reception and awards ceremony recognizing student work will take place at 5 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 24. Hyde Art Gallery is open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and is free and open to the public.

“Donuts with the Deans”

Associated Students of Grossmont College (ASGC) hosted “Donuts with the Deans” in Griffin Gate in October. The well-attended event provided current students with an opportunity to meet Student Services deans and directors, and ASGC student leaders, in addition to free coffee and donuts.

Student Leadership Conference

ASGC student leaders participated in the California Community College Student Affairs Association annual Student Leadership Conference held in October in San Jose. Students participated in engaging workshops focusing on leadership, advocacy and change on campus. In addition, students connected with other student leaders from around the state.

Culinary Arts student featured on Morning Show

Culinary Arts program graduate Jeah Telebrico was recently featured on San Diego 6's morning show. She showed viewers how to make gnocchi as part of a feature on Bottega Americano. [The morning show clip is available for viewing online.](#)

5th Annual Thanksgiving Meal Drive

The Inter-Club Council is conducting its 5th annual Thanksgiving Meal Drive through Nov. 19. The drive's goal is to provide Thanksgiving meal boxes to students who might not otherwise be able to afford it. Faculty and staff can nominate a student by emailing Sara Glasgow at sara.glasgow@gcccd.edu, or donate items (boxed/bagged mashed potatoes, jars of gravy or dry gravy packets, boxed stuffing mix, canned vegetables, bread/roll packages, canned cranberry sauce, canned pie filling and shelf-stable pie crust) at the Student Affairs Office in Bldg. 60/Griffin Center. Gift card donations for turkeys (\$15/\$20) will also be accepted. For questions, contact the Student Affairs Office at ext. 7600.

Fall Festival

On Nov. 18, the Inter-Club Council will host its Fall Festival from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. in the Main Quad. Featuring a carnival theme, the event will feature student organizations selling food, hosting games, and information about clubs and music.

De-Stress Fest

On Dec. 1 – 3, the Inter-Club Council and Student Affairs Office will host the annual De-Stress Fest for students, faculty and staff. The week precedes finals week on campus, and will feature resources and activities to help our community to positively manage stress and create a healthy, productive environment. Look for more information on De-Stress Fest in late November.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

Facilities Update

Campus projects are continuing along, including Prop. 39 energy conservation measures and the Prop. V-funded Arts & Communication Complex. As part of energy conservation, the kitchen hood fan in Griffin Center will receive a controls upgrade and the lamp fixtures in the Learning Resource Center and the Tech Mall will be LED retrofitted. The design development phase for the Arts & Communication Complex – Teaching & Performance Theater is complete with LPA Inc., the project architect, and selections were presented to college stakeholders. The project will now move into construction document phase and a formal bid process is scheduled to begin in November 2016.

WACC Accepting Grants

The World Arts & Culture Committee is currently accepting grants for events and activities for the 2015 – 16 academic year that serve the cultural or artistic interests of the college community. Grant applications and information can be found online at www.grossmont.edu/wacc. For questions, please contact the Student Affairs Office at ext. 7600.

Value and Support of Employees

- Classified Senate will again offer Thank-You Grams this year to help raise funds for Classified Senate initiatives. Thank-You Grams are a great way to acknowledge those who go the “extra mile” for students, colleagues who are exceptionally helpful and/or serve as a support system for others. Each \$2 gram includes a note of appreciation and a sweet treat.
- Bay Park Press will present an exhibition, “Monotypes,” by Art professor **Jennifer Bennett** Nov. 7 – Dec. 18. An opening reception was held on Saturday, Nov. 7. The gallery is open 11 a.m. – 3 p.m., Friday and Saturdays, and is located at the Bay Park Press office at 4138 Napier Street in San Diego.
- History professor **Carlos Contreras** presented “Pushing the Boundaries of the U.S. History Survey Course: Incorporating Recent Atlantic World and Pacific World Scholarship into our Classrooms” at the American Historical Association’s Tuning the History Discipline Conference at California State University, Long Beach last month. The AHA is the largest professional organization in the United States devoted to the study and promotion of history and historical thinking.
- In conjunction with Campus and Parking Services (CAPS) and the Sheriff’s Department, Grossmont College hosted an active shooter response exercise on Nov. 13. The presentation, which included a video and Bldg. 10 walk-through, helped employees to better identify potential hazardous situations prior to and during an active shooter situation.
- As part of a new, regular series of campus conversations, our campus leadership will lead a frank discussion about changes in state funding, mandates, our new economic realities and the new challenges and opportunities they present in the coming year. This collegewide forum will be hosted on December 3rd from 3:00-4:30 p.m. in 51-575.



Economic and Community Development

College Affordability Forum

Congresswoman Susan Davis, whose district includes Grossmont College, hosted a College Affordability Forum on Tuesday, Nov. 10, in Griffin Gate. The event featured a representative from the U.S. Department of Education, financial aid officers and student rights experts who will share information about financial aid options, responsible loan ownership and student rights.

Legislative Brainstorming Session

State Assemblymember Shirley Weber, whose district includes Grossmont College, hosted a Legislative Brainstorming Session on Nov. 14, at Grossmont College. Community members were invited to participate and share their ideas and enthusiasm for making District 79 a better place.