



Student Access, Diversity

- On Dec. 9, information will be available to prospective students at the **Career Technical Education/Workforce Development Open House**. The event, taking place 3:30 – 5:30 p.m. in Griffin Gate, will share information about career programs and courses, demonstrations, on-the-spot applications, and more. For more information or to RSVP, attendees can contact Renee Nasori at renee.nasori@gcccd.edu.
- The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District recently announced that it will receive a **\$1.2 million state grant to support former foster youth**. Given to 10 college districts throughout the state and only one in San Diego County, the grant will provide support to both colleges by supplementing Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) to help ensure the academic success of the district's least prepared and most vulnerable students.
- The **spring application period for EOPS** takes place 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., Dec. 15 – 17, in Bldg. 60, room 125. Students must have a picture identification card to submit an application, along with meeting eligibility criteria. For more information on EOPS and eligibility criteria, students can visit www.grossmont.edu/eops.

Learning and Student Success

- **The fall 2015 Water Fair** again experienced robust participation from students and faculty. Awards were presented in four categories including: conservation, human health, local application and social justice. Conrad Stielan, Derek Gorton, Suzie Seaboch, John Gooding and Nathan Colmenero won first place in conservation for their aquaponics project for biology instructor Steven Miller's class. Katie Parker and Keshana Omune won first place for human health for their leptospirosis project for biology **instructor Michele Perchez's** class. Gus Lopez, David Southerland, Salwan Isaac and D'Shea Wade won first place in local application for their desalination project for English professor and One Campus/One Theme Project director **Joan Ahrens's** class. Brittney Rosas-Davis, Robert Wolf, William Wang and Joanna Sepulveda won first place for social justice for their Rob Machado Foundation project, also for a course taught by Ahrens. Congratulations and many thanks to all participants, judges and volunteers!
- **Women's volleyball** finished the season 25-5 with a perfect 16-0 as Pacific Coast Athletic Conference champions. Under **Coach Jamie Ivers**, women's volleyball has won or shared the PCAC title since 2010. Congratulations, Griffins!



- The **Griffin Speech and Debate Team** hosted the 23rd annual Griffin Speech/Debate Tournament in November. Several team members also placed in the three-day tournament, including James Jovanovich in second place in open program oral interpretation, finalist in prose interpretation and finalist in dramatic interpretation; Xavier Daniels in second place in novice prose interpretation, finalist in prose interpretation and finalist in novice impromptu speaking; first-time competitor Jeremy Reyes as finalist in novice extemporaneous speaking; and first-time competitor Kahla Oteo as finalist in novice program oral interpretation. Congratulations to all of the Grossmont College competitors!

- The Occupational Therapy Assistant program held its **ninth annual Assistive Technology Show** in early November. Occupational therapy students assist individuals with a wide variety of disabilities and limitations; the project they present at the showcase is based on a device designed to assist a family member or friend with a known medical condition. The projects presented at the showcase empower students to work with their clients and family in problem-solving and coming up with affordable alternatives. This year's showcase was attended by dozens of students, faculty, staff, family and friends.



Fiscal and Physical Resources

- Work on campus capital projects related to Prop. V continue, with activities related to the Science, Math and Career Tech Complex renovation of Bldg. 31 and replacement of Bldg. 36 just starting. Design meetings were held with the College and District Executive Committee and with all faculty department heads. Programming, including assignment of academic departments in Bldg. 31 and 36, is anticipated for completion in February 2016. The design development phase for the Arts & Communication Complex – Teaching & Performance Theater is complete. Review of plans and cost estimates are underway. Once approved, the construction document phase will begin in December. Construction is scheduled from late winter 2017 through summer 2018. Lastly, the existing central chiller plant will be upgraded and expanded to accommodate the increased demand from new buildings, such as the new theater. The start of construction for the new main chiller is anticipated in February 2016.

- **Value and Support of Employees**

Dave Steinmetz, Instructional Media Services Technician Sr. at Grossmont College, is a 2015-2016 recipient of the Chancellor and Classified Senate Award. Recipients of the award are recognized for going above and beyond the scope of their duties by demonstrating professionalism, sensitivity, commitment and good communication skills to provide exemplary service to students, fellow employees or the general public.

- **Pat Murray**, Health Science Technician Sr., set a local tandem bicycle time trial record in November. Murray, who took up bicycling a few years ago as part of the college's wellness program, rode faster than 29 miles per hour over a distance of 12.2 miles at Fiesta Island. Led by tandem coach and race partner Nerius Landys, the team broke the previous man/woman team time trial record of 25 minutes, 43 seconds, with a time of 25 minutes and 33 seconds, approximately an average speed of 29.2 miles per hour. Congratulations to Murray and her race partner!



- Geology and oceanography instructor **Sasha Carter** presented “Antarctic Subglacial Lake Drainage Via Canals Incised into Sediment” at the 2015 American Geophysical Union Fall Meeting in San Francisco. His research examined models and observations of water flow in West Antarctica. With nearly 24,000 attendees, the AGU Fall Meeting is the largest Earth and space science meeting in the world.
- Business Communications Services invites members of the campus community to stop by and say “happy trails” to **Karen Bishop**, a 30-plus year employee of Grossmont College, before she retires later this month. A **farewell event** will be held from noon – 1:30 p.m., Friday, Dec. 11, in the Mail Center/BCS Lobby.

Economic and Community Development

- Grossmont College's Griffin Radio volunteered at the **37th annual Chargers Blood Drive** held in late November at the Town and Country Convention Center. Students promoted the college and passed out promotional materials to blood donors during the daylong event. Participating event sponsor websites have acknowledged Griffin Radio for their participation and, to recognize their volunteer service, Grossmont College's Griffin Radio was listed on the electronic message board at the Chargers home game.



- The Theatre Arts Department recently completed its production of “On the Verge,” a comedy featuring three women time-traveling from 1888 to 1952. The play was well received by the local community, with strong ticket sales and a glowing review in the East County Californian newspaper, stating “It was simply extraordinary acting, with lines so complex the acting skills were undeniable.”