



Student Access, Diversity

Title V Grant

Earlier this month, Grossmont College received notification that it will receive a \$2.62 million, five-year, Title V grant from the U.S. Department of Education to support Hispanic and Low-Income (HLI) students. With about 31 percent of students identifying as Hispanic, this grant will help many existing and future students succeed in their classes and progress toward graduation.

Safe Zones Ally Training

Safe Zones Ally Training took place on October 15th. The program's goal was to provide a welcoming environment for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, questioning, intersex, asexual and/or ally persons by establishing an identifiable network of support.

Latino Heritage Month

Latino Heritage Month took place Sept. 15 – Oct. 15 and featured several well-attended events, including mariachis, the Afro-Cuban Jazz Ensemble, Aztec dancers and a first-ever weekly film festival. Events were coordinated by the Latino Alliance and supported by the World Arts & Cultures Committee.



Learning and Student Success

Achieving the Dream

In September, Grossmont College hosted its first collegewide event as part of its new membership in Achieving the Dream, which will help the college integrate its many student success and equity initiatives and programs. At the event, faculty, staff, administrators and students participated in an interactive World Café experience to share knowledge and discuss what programs and initiatives they believed the college should focus on to make the most difference in areas targeted by previous planning activities. An Achieving the Dream Intranet website is in the works, and will feature additional information about this and future events.

Speech and Debate Team

The Grossmont College Speech and Debate Team won its first tournaments of the season. Two tournaments were held at San Diego State University. James Jovanovic won first and second place in Open Division Program Oral Interpretation on Oct. 4 and 3, respectively. Other first-time students received Recognized Speaker Awards, including Nick Rosebraugh with



seventh place, Bobby Aleman with eighth place, Kryztal Wager with ninth place and Kayra Frank with 11th place. Congratulations to the team and team coach and communication professor Roxanne Tuscany!

ASGC Hosted Constitution Day

Grossmont College and ASGC hosted Constitution Day last month. The daylong event featured a Constitution Wall, voter registration drive, student government tabling, Sons of the American Revolution in period costumes distributing copies of the Constitution and a lecture, “Black Lives Matter: Civil Rights and the Constitution” by Political Science Professor Joseph Braunsworth.

Culinary Arts Program Graduate

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, a new Italian restaurant and marketplace located in downtown San Diego.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

Facilities Update

- The Facilities Department has recently created a lactation room for breastfeeding faculty and staff to use. The small room, located in the 500s, features comfortable furniture, a small refrigerator and donated artwork to create a welcoming environment for employees who need a confidential and private space to pump breast milk as needed. The room will be available for use later this month; keys to the room are available for check out through Business Operations.
- Prop. V work continues with the recent selection of an architect for Science Math and Career Tech Complex, a \$51.2 million project scheduled to start construction in September 2017. Design work for the \$82.7 million Arts and Communication Complex is also underway, with construction set to begin in February 2017. The Arts and Communication Complex will replace aging classrooms and include a new 350-seat theater and concert hall.

Value and Support of Employees

- Last month, Dean of English and Social/Behavioral Sciences **Agustín Albarrán** completed National Community College Hispanic Council’s Leadership Fellows Program. The program addresses the lack of Hispanic leaders in American community colleges and helps to develop a pool of highly qualified Hispanics and assist them in attaining high-level positions in community colleges. As part of the program, Albarrán attended two three-day seminars this summer and fall, followed by the 2015 NCCHC Symposium.
- German instructor **Astrid Ronke** was recently recognized as a 2015 recipient of the AATG/Goethe-Institute Certificate of Merit for outstanding achievement in furthering the teaching of German in U.S. schools. Ronke was recognized by the American Association of Teachers of German and will receive the award at the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages National Convention held this November in San Diego.

- Several Dance Department faculty were recognized at this year's San Diego Fringe Festival. **Nancy Boskin-Mullin** received the Spirit of the Fringe Award for her work as director of the California Rhythm Project, **Melissa Adao** received the Outstanding Production Award for "HipHopcabHooray," **Blythe Barton** received the Outstanding Dance Production Award for "Reverberate," and the San Diego City College Collective, which includes **Debi Toth-Ward**, received the Outstanding Site Specific Performance Award for its "Blurred, Ruffled, and Unglued." Congratulations to the Dance Department and its faculty!

Economic and Community Development

Health and Wellness Events

Allied Health professions students, including Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) and Nursing students, recently lent their time to promoting health and wellness at local community events. CVT students recently volunteered at the Eric Paredes Save a Life Screening at Hoover High School in late September. The students helped with health screening interviews, and lead or performed echocardiograms, or EKGs. The Eric Paredes Save a Life Foundation provides free screenings to teenagers to help identify cardiac anomalies that may lead to Sudden Cardiac Arrest/Death (SCA/D). Nursing students volunteered at last month's Kids Care Fest, hosted by the Grossmont Healthcare District at the Lakeside Rodeo Grounds. They checked children for height, weight and immunization, and appeared on local TV.



Culinary Arts Recent Community Events

Grossmont College Culinary Arts students also participated in recent community events, including creating gourmet chocolates for the Team Pink da Point fundraiser for the Susan G. Komen San Diego Race for the Cure 2015 and working alongside Terra American Bistro chef Jeff Rossman at the San Diego Grown Dinner at Stehly Farms Organics in Valley Center. Students will also participate in the 13th annual Celebrate the Craft, a premier showcase for regionally grown ingredients and innovative cooking and winemaking taking place on Oct. 25 at The Lodge at Torrey Pines.

TechFest

The Theatre Arts Department, in conjunction with the San Diego Theatre Educators Association, hosted TechFest last month. One hundred local high schoolers from throughout the county visited Grossmont College for the day, and attended workshops and competitions related to behind-the-scenes work in theatre, including lighting, make-up and costumes. Participating high schools included West Hills, Monte Vista, Mission Hill, Granite Hills, Otay Ranch, La Jolla, San Ysidro, Orange Glen and Steele Canyon Charter. The event received support from Cheers Deli, Sodexo, and Barnes and Noble.

Annual Got Plans?

Grossmont College hosted the annual Got Plans College and Career Fair on Oct. 10 in conjunction with the Grossmont Union High School District. Thousands of middle and high school students and their families visited campus to learn about four-year colleges and universities, programs at Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges, and career programs available in East County. The event featured more than a dozen college- and career-oriented workshops, 80 colleges and universities, and was sponsored by the East County Education Alliance.



Theater Arts presents “Martians”

Grossmont College Theatre Arts has started its elementary school tour of “Martians!,” a play written and directed by Jerry Hager, theatre professor, and performed by Grossmont College students. The play is an original look at Orson Welles’ 1938 Halloween night radio broadcast that spread public panic about an extraterrestrial invasion. The touring group will visit 23 elementary schools and community programs throughout San Diego County from October through December. “Martians!” will be performed at the Stagehouse Theatre on Dec. 4 and 5.

You’re Invited

- The **Creative Writing Program’s Fall Reading Series** continues with the Three-Genre Reading featuring Lidia Yuknavitch, Bonnie ZoBell and Ron Salisbury at 7 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 12, in Griffin Gate. Yuknavitch will return to Grossmont College for a reading from her latest novel “The Small Backs of Children;” ZoBell, a Mesa College professor, will read from her new book “What Happened Here;” and Salisbury, a Grossmont College alumnus, will read from his poetry works. The Three-Genre Reading event is sponsored by the World Arts & Cultures Committee.
- The **Dance Department** will present its fall concert, “Breaking Boundaries,” at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 19, through Saturday, Nov. 21, at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre at 6611 University Avenue. The concert features student choreographers and dancers in a variety of genres. Tickets are available in advance for \$12 each or \$15 at the door. Call ext. 7766 for additional information.

