



Grossmont College welcomed its new **President, Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh**, at a reception on July 8 in Griffin Gate. Dozens of students, faculty, staff and administrators from across the District welcomed him to the campus community. Planning for additional welcome events for the campus and off-campus community is underway, with additional details available in the coming weeks.

Student Access, Diversity

EOPS Summer Institute Program

The Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Summer Institute Program kicked off earlier this summer with three cohorts of students, an expansion from years' past. The 75 total students are enrolled in either Math 90 (elementary algebra) with Counseling 130 (study skills and time management), Math 88 (pre-algebra) with Counseling 120 (college and career success), or English 105 (college reading) with Counseling 120. Funding for this year's Summer Institute Program came from a variety of sources, allowing the program to expand and enroll any incoming freshmen who needed a foundation in English and/or Math in order to be successful this fall. Other activities include a field day and barbecue, leadership training and weekly community events, such as Skype conversations with a Rwandan refugee and a visit to the Museum of Tolerance in Los Angeles. Coordinated by **EOPS Counselor Michael Perez**, the Summer Institute Program receives support from Admissions and Records, Financial Aid and Counseling, Math and English faculty, among others. The Summer Institute Program will host its closing ceremony featuring student work and a video summary from 2 – 3:30 p.m., Thursday, July 30, in Griffin Gate.



"7 Smart Strategies for 50+ Jobseekers" Session

Grossmont College will host a "7 Smart Strategies for 50+ Jobseekers" session from 1 – 3 p.m., Thursday, July 23, in Bldg. 55, room 522. The information session will also feature workshops on applications, resumes and cover letters; job search, networking and interviewing; and personal finance. To register for this free AARP Foundation-sponsored event, call 1-855-850-2525.

Student Success

Photography Exhibition

Work by graduates of the Photography Program went on display last month at the San Diego Public Library's Mission Valley branch. The exhibition, "Sight Unseen," includes works by 37 students enrolled in recently retired professor **Suda House's** capstone course. Included works highlight the theme from portraits to landscapes to digital collage. The exhibition is on display in the Community Room through July 25; this exhibit is free and open to the public.



San Diego County Fair Student Showcases

Several students were recognized at this year's San Diego County Fair Student Showcase, which awards prizes to local elementary, middle and high school and college student artists. This year's honorees included:

- **Celia Cabezas** received Best of Show and Best of Class for Image Collage, Grades 13 – 14, 1st Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult ROP; Instructor: Toni Renier.
- **Victoria Bueno** received Best of Class for Image Collage, Grades, 13 – 14, 2nd Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult ROP; Instructor: Toni Renier.
- **Jeffrey A Ignacio** received Best of Class for Color Photography, Grades 13 – 14, 1st Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult ROP; Instructor: Paul Turounet. He also received Best of Class for Cell Phone Photography, Grades 13 – 14, 1st Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult ROP; Instructor: Paul Turounet.
- **Josh Kieltsch** received Best of Class for San Diego County Lifestyles, Grades 13 – 14, 1st Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult ROP; Instructor: Amanda Dahlgren
- **Aaron Duggan** received Best of Show and Best of Class for Portrait Photography, Grades 13 – 14, 1st Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult EOP; Instructor: Paul Turounet.
- **Yu Han** received Best of Show for Cell Phone Photography, Grades 13 – 14, 2nd Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult EOP; Instructor: Shane Anderson.
- **Michael James White** received Best of Show for Photo Essay, Grades 13 – 14, 2nd Year Community College, Adult Education, Adult ROP; Instructor: Suda House.

Value and Support of Employees

Dean selected to 2015 Leadership Fellows Program

Dean of English and Social/Behavioral Sciences **Agustín Albarrán** has been selected to participate in the 2015 Leadership Fellows Program sponsored by the National Community College Hispanic Council and the University of San Diego School of Leadership and Education Sciences. The program is designed to develop a pool of highly qualified Latina/o higher education administrators who aspire to become community college presidents. The program includes presidential training seminars in San Diego and Fort Worth,



Tex.; mentoring; attending the NCCHC Leadership Symposium; and other professional development activities.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

Facilities Update

The campus landscape is getting freshened up for the upcoming fall semester. Reconstruction of parking lots 2, 3 and 4 continues, with an expected 100 additional spaces available upon completion before the start of the fall semester. New sustainable landscaping has also been installed around the campus' Perimeter Road, including rocks to assist with drainage and native, drought-tolerant plants.

Economic and Community Development

Mural at the San Diego County Fair

Ceramics technician **Al Ventura**, along with Visual Arts and Humanities students **Scott Smith** and **Ivy Crocker**, painted a mural at the San Diego County Fair. Located outside the Student Showcase Exhibit, the trio completed the mural prior to the showcase Special Awards Ceremony. Paint for the mural was donated by Frazee Paint in El Cajon.



Student Volunteers at the Annual La Mesa Flag Day Parade

Griffin Radio students volunteered as parade announcers at the annual La Mesa Flag Day Parade. Led by advisor and Media Communications Professor and Chair **Dr. Evan Wirig**, students announced the more than 80 parade units along the route that wended through downtown La Mesa on May 30. Student volunteers from Griffin Radio have provided a “professional flair” to the parade since 2008, with many students returning to volunteer because of their positive experience.



CVT program students volunteered at the Eric Parades Save a Life Event

In June, Cardiovascular Technology (CVT) program students volunteered at the Eric Parades Save a Life event in Rancho Bernardo. The event, sponsored by the El Cajon-based Eric Parades Save a Life Foundation, offered free heart screenings to teenagers courtesy of the CVT program student volunteers, and CPR and automated external defibrillator (AED) training. Students helped screen 1,167 teenagers, the organization's largest group to date, and found six with high risk and 18 with heart abnormalities. Eric Parades was a 15-year-old East County resident who died of Sudden Cardiac Arrest/Death in 2009.

Theatre Arts Department hosted 45 middle school students

The Theatre Arts Department hosted 45 middle school students from Lakeside, providing a preview of “Cinderella,” and a tour of the Stagehouse Theatre, and costume and scene workshops. After the Theatre Arts tour, students took a tour of the Grossmont College campus, visiting the Learning Technologies and Resource Center, Griffin Center and other campus buildings. “Cinderella,” a family-friendly pop musical, opens July 23 and runs through July 31. Tickets are \$8 - \$15 and available at the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office.



Griffin Athletics will host several camps for local youth

Griffin Athletics will host several camps for local youth this summer, including the Basketball Youth Camp with men’s basketball **Coach Doug Weber**, August 4 – 7 (co-ed, half-day only); and the Fletcher Hills Tennis Camp, with weeklong camp sessions (co-ed, half-day only) taking place July 6 through August 6 with women’s tennis **Coach Megan Haber**, who was recognized as a coach of the year by the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. Proceeds from each camp benefit the sponsoring program. More information on athletic youth camps is available through Grossmont College Athletics.