



Student Access, Diversity

Latino Heritage Month

Grossmont College will celebrate Latino Heritage Month, Sept. 15 – Oct. 15. Presented by the Latin@ Alliance and World Arts & Culture Committee, Latino Heritage Month will kick off with 16 de Septiembre: El Grito de Independencia (September 16: Shout of Independence) from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. in the Main Quad. It will feature music by Mariachi Imperial de San Diego, and the new student club, Hispanic Organization for Latino Awareness (HOLA), and Club EOPS selling carne asada tacos and sweet treats. Other events include a Latino Film Festival at 6 p.m., Tuesdays, Sept. 15 – Oct. 13, in Bldg. 26, room 220; a performance by the Afro-Cuban Ensemble at 11 a.m., Sept. 30, in the Main Quad; and Aztec Dancers performing at 11 a.m., Oct. 15, in the Main Quad.

Learning and Student Success

Collegewide Conversation about Achieving the Dream

Chris Hill, senior dean of College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness, will host a collegewide conversation about Achieving the Dream and balancing the concepts of college-ready students and a student-ready college. The event takes place 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, Sept. 18, in Griffin Gate. To RSVP, [sign up online](#).

AOJ Alumnus Next Chief of Police

Grossmont College Administration of Justice alumnus Jeffrey Davis will become the next chief of police for El Cajon Police Department in December. Davis attended El Capitan High School in Lakeside and transferred to San Diego Christian College after studying at Grossmont College. Davis has been a member, instructor and team leader of the city's SWAT Team and during that time, he responded to active shootings at two East County high schools.



Student Trustee Workshop

Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges' student trustees, Rafael Navarrete and Evan Esparza, respectively, participated in the Community College League of California Student Trustee Workshop in Costa Mesa. During the sessions they gained valuable information focusing on state issues, advocacy, trustee roles, responsibilities, student success and fiscal responsibilities. In addition they collaborated with colleagues and leaders to discuss the year ahead.

Student Leaders Conference

Associated Students of Grossmont College and Associated Students of Cuyamaca College participated in the second annual Student Leaders Conference, focusing on leadership development, communication skills and group dynamics. Funding was graciously sponsored by the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, and workshops were organized by the associate deans of Student Affairs from both campuses. Student leaders collaborated together in an effort to plan joint initiatives impacting the students.



Summer Leadership Retreat

Associated Students of Grossmont College student leaders held their Summer Leadership Retreat at Grossmont College. Student leaders participated in engaging workshops focusing on leadership, advocacy and planning for the best academic year ever!

Fiscal and Physical Resources

In three short months this summer, Facilities completed \$3 million-plus on campus construction, including repaving and restriping parking lots on the northwest side of campus, renovating Bldg. 36, installing new decks and energy-efficient maintenance equipment at the pool, and renovating the Veterans Resource Center in Bldg. 26. Thanks to the hard-working crew in Facilities, much of this work was completed in-house, saving fiscal resources for the college.

Value and Support of Employees

- Communication professor **Joel Castellaw** gave a spoken word performance with local nonprofit So Say We All during their June VAMP (Visual/Audio Monologue Performance) Showcase. The June theme was “Wedding Season,” and Castellaw’s performance, “I Take You To Be No Other Than Yourself,” was about same-sex marriage in California. The day after Castellaw’s performance, the U.S. Supreme Court released its landmark decision regarding legalized same-sex marriage. [Audio from his performance is available online.](#)
- Political science part-time faculty member **Ron Bee** recently co-edited a new online book, “Mapping Transatlantic Futures: German-American Relations in a Global World.” The book also includes an article authored by Bee, originally published in May 2015. Bee has served as managing director of the Hansen Summer Institute on Leadership and International Cooperation at University of San Diego, and is a lecturer in political science, and international security and conflict resolution at San Diego State University.



- Physics instructor **Philip Blanco** published a new article, “Rosetta Mission’s ‘7 Hours of Terror’ and Philae’s Descent,” in *The Physics Teacher*, an international journal for secondary and post-secondary physics educators. His paper investigates whether it is possible to model the November 2014 Rosetta spacecraft’s descent time and impact speed using concepts taught in introductory physics courses.
- AOJ professor and co-coordinator **Tina Young** was recently interviewed for a new Discovery Science program, “What on Earth.” The program investigates bizarre mysteries through a scientific lens. Young spoke about a satellite image that seemed to indicate a possible crime scene at a jetty in Holland, but later found to be a hoax.
- Several faculty members in Visual Arts and Humanities currently have their work on display as part of the Art Faculty Exhibition in the Hyde Art Gallery. The show, which is free and open to the public, is on display through Sept. 17. The gallery is open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.



Economic and Community Development

National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week Resource Fair

Student Health Services, in conjunction with the San Diego County Health and Human Services Agency, will present National Suicide Prevention Awareness Week Resource Fair from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., on Wednesday, Sept. 9, in the Main Quad. Professional community organizations and agencies will be on hand to answer questions and provide resources for suicide prevention and intervention. Additionally, a free one-hour suicide prevention/intervention training (QPR) will be held at 2 p.m. in Griffin Gate that same day.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

State Sen. Joel Anderson’s Office will host its annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on the Grossmont College campus. The program takes place 10:30 – 11:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 11, in the Main Quad. The event, held at Cuyamaca College in years past, is a tribute to commemorate fallen heroes, families and friends. This event is free and open to the public.

Constitution Day

Grossmont College will celebrate Constitution Day on Sept. 17. The day’s events include a lecture by Political Science Professor Dr. Joseph Braunwarth, “Black Lives Matter: Civil Rights and the U.S. Constitution,” that will take place at 11 a.m. in 51-577; a Constitution “Wall” outside Griffin Center where visitors can post thoughts throughout the day about what the Constitution means to them; a visit by the San Diego chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution in period costumes from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. outside Griffin Center; and a voter registration drive and student government information booth, also taking place outside Griffin Center from 11 a.m. – 1 p.m. Constitution Day is sponsored by ASGC, the Office of Student Affairs, the Financial Aid Office and the Political Economy Department.

You're Invited

- **Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department** kicks off its 2015-16 theatre season with Tennessee Williams' "Streetcar Named Desire" in October. To purchase tickets, please contact Alexis Popko at ext. 7267 or visit the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office in Bldg. 22A.
- The **Music Department** will host several concerts in September, including a chamber music performance by Duo Yrion at 4 p.m., Sunday, Sept. 20, at St. Bartholomew Episcopal Church in Poway (\$5 or \$10 suggested donation) and Novellus Ensemble at 7 p.m., Friday, Sept. 25, in Bldg. 26, room 221 (\$10 general admission, \$8 for seniors and \$5 for students).