



Student Access, Diversity

CTE/WD Open House

In December, the Division of Career Technical Education/Workforce Development held an open house for prospective and current students. Division programs and other social service agencies participated in the event that allowed students to learn more about career programs available at Grossmont College.

Student Enrollment

College and Community Relations, along with assistance from Creative Services, Business Services and Admissions & Records, mailed a postcard to three semesters' worth of stop-out students, or students who stopped attending Grossmont College without transferring, or obtaining a certificate or degree. This effort resulted in more than 700 students enrolling in spring semester courses, and will help those students continue towards their education goals.



Learning and Student Success

Week of Welcome

The Week of Welcome, held during the first week of classes, takes place Jan. 25 – 29. Several activities will be held throughout the week, including information booths on Jan. 25 and 26, and the All-Campus Information & Activity Fair from 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Jan. 27, in the Main Quad, among other events to be announced.

Speech and Debate Team – Fall Championship Tournament

The Speech and Debate team once again saw success at the Fall Championship Tournament held in December at Mt. San Antonio College. James Jovanovich placed third in Open Division Prose Interpretation and a finalist in Open Division Duo Interpretation, Xavier Daniels was a finalist in Open Division Duo Interpretation, and Alicia Leos was a finalist in the Jr. Division Program Oral Interpretation. Congratulations to advisor Roxanne Tuscany and all of the students who participated!

De-Stress Fest

Coordinated by the Inter-Club Council and Student Affairs, De-Stress Fest helped stressed students and employees alleviate and manage stress at the end of the fall semester. As part of De-Stress Fest, Free Finals Survival Kits and snacks were provided by ICC and the Associated Students of Grossmont College, with stress relief tips and aromatherapy provided by Student Health Services, and tea, chocolate and stress reduction techniques provided by the California Nursing Student Association.

Corrections Graduation

In December, the Corrections Academy through the Administration of Justice Department hosted its Corrections Graduation Ceremony. Fifteen students graduated in the ceremony, including four students who are currently employed and/or sponsored by local employers. Corrections Academy is a 14-week program that includes 200 hours of instruction in specific performance and instructional objectives for local and county jails, probation institutions and Community Correctional Facilities and federally funded private programs. Congratulations to the Corrections Academy graduates!



Nursing Pinning Ceremony

The Grossmont College Nursing Department held its pinning ceremony last month at Cuyamaca College. The fall class included 28 students from the Associate Degree Registered Nursing Program, which prepares graduates for national licensure to practice professional nursing in critical, acute, chronic, ambulatory and home health care settings. Congratulations to the Nursing Program graduates!

Fiscal and Physical Resources

- Thanks to student equity funding, Grossmont College was able to extend its outreach to East County, including additional advertising online, on the top two Spanish radio stations in San Diego County, and on Metropolitan Transit System bus ads currently appearing on routes in East County. The bus ads feature Guutaa Regassa, Grossmont College student and Extended Opportunity Programs and Services student employee.
- Student equity funding also supported the purchase of textbooks on diversity, equity and inclusion for faculty and staff to borrow through the Library for professional development purposes.



Value and Support of Employees

- Art Instructor and painter **Bill Mosley** recently published a collection of his artwork, "Verticals Over San Diego." Several receptions and book signings were held in December, with additional events this month. The book will be available for check out from the San Diego Public Library's downtown location.

- Business Office Technology faculty were recognized by the California Business Education Association 2015 State Conference. Nancy Buck, BOT assistant professor and CBEA Service/Awards Chair, presented the Outstanding Service Award to **Linda Snider**, BOT professor, and the Outstanding New Member Award to **Janice Fischer**, BOT office administration and lab technician. Additionally, the organization announced that **Lynn Keane**, BOT instructor, was appointed to serve as State Membership Director and Snider was named Strategic Planning Committee Chair for an additional year. Congratulations to BOT!

Economic and Community Development

Theater Arts Program

The Grossmont College Stagehouse Theatre and the Theatre Arts program was recognized as the Silver Star winner for “Best Live Theatre” in the East County Californian newspaper’s Best of East County 2015 Readership Poll. The Best of East County winners will be recognized in a special section of the East County Californian’s Jan. 15, 22 and 29 editions. The newspaper is available for free throughout East County.



Grossmont Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale

The Grossmont Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale hosted “Tchaikovsky meets Ellington,” at the San Diego School of Creative & Performing Arts last month. The event, which featured Tchaikovsky’s and Ellington’s “Nutcracker Suites,” and music and multimedia from the original “Star Wars” films, included guests artists and dancers from SCPA, and the Gaslamp Quarter Jazz Orchestra.