



Student Access, Diversity

Black History Month

Grossmont College will host several Black History Month events in February. Events include:

- the African-American Read-In at 7 p.m., Feb. 16, in 26-220;
- Jazz Kitchen featuring Jazz Studies student performers and lunch specials on Wednesdays at Griffin Grill in Griffin Center;
- two transfer workshops about Historically Black Colleges and Universities at 5 p.m., Feb. 16, in 70-103, and 2 p.m., Feb. 18, in 70-104; and
- discussions and screenings of two documentaries, including “Daisy Bates: The First Lady of Little Rock,” presented by History Professor Adisa Alkebulan, Ph.D., at 4:30 p.m., Feb. 23, in Griffin Gate; and “Black in Latin America,” presented by **History Professor Carlos Contreras, Ph.D.**, at 12:30 p.m., Feb. 17, in 51-575. All events are free and open to the public.

Student Outreach

In the two weeks prior to the start of the spring semester, Academic Affairs, College and Community Relations, Counseling Services and student volunteers worked together to communicate and provide counseling support to students. Coordinated by Academic Affairs and College and Community Relations, student volunteers from the Associated Students of Grossmont College and the Office Professional Training program called more than 2,500 students to inform them of drop-in counseling available during extended hours in Counseling Services. In the two weeks prior to the semester’s start, nearly 300 students were seen for drop-in counseling on Jan. 15, 16, 22 and 23, including more than 130 students during the two Saturdays.

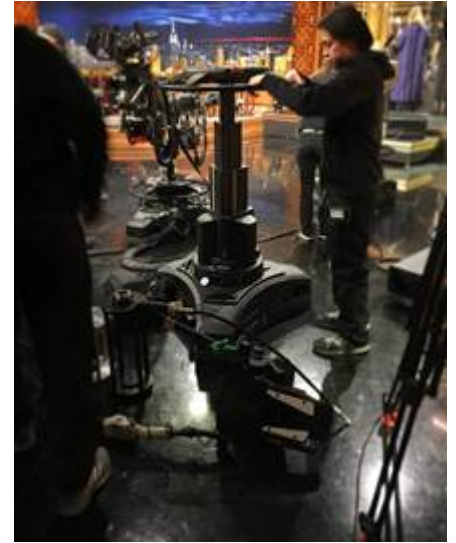
Learning and Student Success

California Community College Athletic Association Scholar Team Recipient

The women’s swim and dive team has been selected as a California Community College Athletic Association Scholar Team Recipient. This special award emphasizes academic achievement of all members of a specific team. The team will be honored at the CCCAA Convention next month. Congratulations to the team and **Coach Larry Larsen!**

Media Communications Alumnus

Media Communications alumnus Chris Cuilao recently joined “The Today Show” as an audio/camera technician. Cuilao previously worked for KUSI-TV, “The Tonight Show,” “Access Hollywood,” and the “The Meredith Vieira Show.” He credits both his associate’s degree from Grossmont College and Broadcast Education Association awards he received as a student as key elements in obtaining his newest position. Congrats to Chris and the Media Communications Department!



Theatre Arts – “Inside the Actor’s Process: Discovery”

Theatre Arts students are in the midst of a 15-high school tour of “Inside the Actor’s Process: Discovery.” The popular touring show focuses on poetic dialogue, soliloquies and scenes to transport guests into the discovery process each actor undertakes. “Inside the Actor’s Process: Discovery” also offered performances in the Stagehouse Theatre earlier this month.

Dance Department to Host Two Master Classes

The Dance Department will host two master classes for its students on Feb. 19, including a hip hop class featuring Anthony Rodriguez, a member and teacher at Culture Shock Dance Center, and a Freestyle 101 class featuring “America’s Got Talent” semi-finalist Sheng Poon. Master classes are \$10 per class or \$18 for both classes (must register in advance). Registration is available through the Dance Department at 619-644-7766.

Speech and Debate Tournament

The Grossmont College Speech and Debate team hosted a high school tournament on campus in late January. High school students participated in parliamentary, Lincoln/Douglas and public forum debates, with more than 14 high schools from throughout San Diego County participating.



OPT Fall Graduation

The Office Professional Training program hosted its fall semester graduation last month, featuring guest speakers Monica Zech, public information officer for the City El Cajon, and Amalia Hernandez, this semester’s student speaker who was chosen by her classmates. This semester’s graduating class included 22 students. The OPT program is an intensive 20-week program for office professional positions in industries such as accounting, insurance, banking/financial services and general office/administrative support. Students also receive support services including personal counseling and job placement assistance, as part of this low-cost, grant- and donor-supported program.

Week of Welcome

The Week of Welcome, held during the first week of classes, took place Jan. 25 – 29. Several activities were held throughout the week, including information booths, a special El Niño lecture by Earth Sciences faculty, and the All-Campus Information & Activity Fair.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

Prop. V projects continue to reach new benchmarks. Half of the design work for phase one of the Arts & Communication Complex Teaching and Performance Theater is complete. The Science, Math & Career Complex, which includes renovation of Bldg. 31 and Bldg. 36, is currently in the coordination and programming stage, which includes verification of department needs, and is anticipated to complete design programming by mid-February.

Value and Support of Employees

German instructor **Astrid Ronke** received a Goethe-Institute/AATG Certificate of Merit from the American Association of Teachers of German at their annual meeting in San Diego in late November. The award honors achievement in furthering German teaching in the U.S., and German teachers may be recognized for outstanding teaching, creative and successful activities promoting German, innovative curriculum and successful course design, successful interdisciplinary cooperation, and/or significant contributions to the profession. Astrid was one of six recipients recognized nationwide this year. Congratulations to Astrid!



Economic and Community Development

Student Health Services

Student Health Services is hosting a wide variety of community events on campus this month, including a Healthy Heart Days throughout February where students, faculty and staff can have their blood pressure taken, cholesterol tested and receive other information on cardiac disease and prevention. In conjunction with the San Diego Blood Bank, the Bloodmobile will be in the Main Quad Feb. 17 and 18, and donations can be scheduled in advance or via walk-in. To schedule an appointment in advance, visit www.mysdbb.org.

Theatre Arts Presents “Lucky Stiff”

Grossmont College Theatre Arts will present “Lucky Stiff,” a play that features zany, offbeat, hilarious murder mystery farce with a tuneful score, well-oiled plot, diamond thieves and budding romance. The Stagehouse Theatre features 7:30 p.m. performances of “Lucky Stiff” on March 10 – 12 and 17 – 19, and 2 p.m. performances March 12 and 19. Tickets are available online or at the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office.

Hyde Art Gallery Exhibit

Hyde Art Gallery is currently exhibiting “Contemporary Crafts,” which features works by Kathy Nida and James E. Watts. The multimedia exhibit features colorful quilts and sculptures. “Contemporary Crafts” runs through March 3. Hyde Art Gallery, located in the 200 complex, is open 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday; it is free and open to the public.

