

“Underwater Dreams” Documentary

Of the 256 attendees at the April screening of “Underwater Dreams,” a documentary written and directed by Mary Mazzio and narrated by Michael Peña, 184 were students. Underwater Dreams is the story of how the sons of undocumented Mexican immigrants built an underwater robot from materials purchased at Home Depot, defeating engineering powerhouse MIT in an international competition. Two former students from the team and one of their instructors spoke about the project during a panel discussion two nights later. Of the 180 attendees, 120 were students. **Barbara Gallego** and **Dave Dillon** collaborated on the events, which were intended to raise awareness of the challenges undocumented students face, awareness of the services available to them and awareness about privilege.



Learning and Student Success

Commencement 2016

Monica Zech, the public information officer and safety educator for El Cajon, will deliver the keynote address at Commencement 2016 at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, June 2. Ms. Zech became San Diego’s first woman air traffic reporter in 1984 and the first television reporter for the Automobile Club of San Diego. The student speaker is **Sandy Adwer**, who is graduating with an Associate of Science degree in human biology and plans to attend UC San Diego in the fall. Adwer and her family fled the turmoil in Iraq and lived in Syria for five years until the civil war there forced them to leave for the U.S. Adwer’s goal is to become a physician. At Grossmont’s 2016 Commencement, the number of degrees and certificates to be awarded is 3,270.

Respiratory Therapy Students

The **Respiratory Therapy students** placed first and second in the San Diego Regional Sputum Bowl Competition. They will be traveling to the state convention in June to compete for the State Title. The Sputum Bowl is modeled after College Bowl competitions with a question-and-answer format. Grossmont competed against teams that offered Bachelor of Science degrees in Respiratory Therapy. The winner of the California competition will then compete in the national competition in Texas. We are proud of the eight students who participated and wish them well in the state competition.



Speech and Debate Team

The Speech and Debate Team scored again with several awards at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament April 3 – 9 in Costa Mesa. **Xavier Daniels** and **James Jovanovich** received the Bronze Award in Duo Interpretation. Xavier Daniels also

won the Bronze Award in Prose Interpretation and James Jovanovich earned the Bronze Award in Program Oral Interpretation. **Jonah Naoum** and **Daniel Zaragoza** also participated in the event against 64 schools, including those from New York, Illinois, Wyoming, Texas, Oregon, Virginia, California and Arizona.

On April 24, **Alexis Groves** placed second in Novice Informative Speaking at the final tournament of the season at Saddleback College. **Michael Martin, Yahya Al Turaiki** and **Mellania Sog** participated in that event.

Broadcast Education award

Eric Lohmeier, a Griffin Radio student, won third place at the Broadcast Education Association Two-year/Small College National Audio Competition. Eric was the only award winner from a two-year college. The other winners were from small four-year colleges and universities. Eric received this award at the annual Broadcast Education Association Convention on April 17 in Las Vegas. This is the 24th national award earned by students who have participated in the BEA Competition since 2000.

Fashion Show Stars

Grossmont students **Angelica Faulstich, Landon Garrett-Cliston** and **D'Shea Wade** were featured on FOX 5 San Diego on Monday, April 25, to promote the "Exclusive Makeover Fashion Show." The fashion show held Thursday, April 28, in the Griffin Center was sponsored by the Student Placement and Career Center in coordination with Goodwill Industries of San Diego County and Aveda.

San Diego Education Consortium Spring Transfer Fair

More than 300 students, faculty and staff participated in the San Diego Education Consortium Spring Transfer Fair hosted by the Grossmont College Transfer Center on April 27th. Twenty-five schools were featured at the fair offering admissions options for the 2016-2017 academic year in a variety of programs/majors. Students learned about admission requirements, articulation agreements, financial aid opportunities, and majors offered. Please save the date for the Fall Transfer Fair which will be held on October 5, 2016!

Magnolia Academy Event

Between 400 and 500 students, parents and community members were on campus Saturday, May 14, at the Magnolia Science Academy **STEAM Expo**. The event showcased students' work in the arts and sciences.

Volleyball Champs

The Grossmont Women's Beach Volleyball Team, which had a phenomenal 24-0 season record, **won the 2016 State Championship!** Congratulations to the team and Coach Ivers!



Congratulations to our
Women's Beach
Volleyball Team for their
OUTSTANDING
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2016 STATE CHAMPIONS!!!

Great job Coach Ivers!!
Way to go Griffins!!!

Fiscal and Physical Resources

Main Service Replacement

This project includes an expansion of electrical to service the Arts and Communications Complex, Teaching and Performance Theater, Building 31, and Main Chiller projects. New data, fire alarm and security low-voltage conduits will be installed. Sections of Grossmont College Drive will receive repairs and re-pavement. Bid responses are currently under review and construction is anticipated to begin in June.

In preparation for the chiller plant expansion project to be done this summer, three large 48' trailers were on campus on May 6th. These trailers are located next to the existing Main Chiller, Building 71, as our temporary chillers. A fence has been installed around all chillers.

Value and Support of Employees

Doing What Matters

Grossmont College launched the **first “Doing What Matters” road show** in the San Diego/Imperial Valley Community College Region. The event allowed workforce development sector navigators, who are funded from the California Community College Chancellors Office, to visit and tour campus programs, meet with college leadership, and present on current trends in workforce to faculty and staff. The April 11 event started at 8:30 with networking, then a full hour of discussion with the college leadership. The tour followed the leadership meeting; then the group convened in Griffin Gate for presentations to more than 100 participants. The event was facilitated by **Dr. Katrina VanderWoude**, Vice President of Academic Affairs, and **Dr. Javier Ayala**, Dean of Career Technical Education.

Achieving the Dream

Our leadership and data coaches, Dr. Byron McClenney and Dr. Ken Gonzalez visited our campus on April 26th to plan our implementation strategy with the leadership team and our outreach, engagement and retention leads. Outcomes of the sessions included a discussion on prioritizing action steps based on what we would like to achieve five years from now, and to push boundaries to transform the student experience at Grossmont College.

Economic and Community Development

Earth Science STEAM Events

On April 13, Earth Science instructors **Scott Therkalsen**, **Tim Cliffe** and **Jennifer Duncan** participated in STEAM night at Chet F. Harritt Elementary School in Santee. With the help of Grossmont College earth science students, the instructors provided a hands-on earthquake demonstration, soils experiments and viscosity races demonstrating lava flows to more than 500 participants.



SeaPerch Qualifying Tournament

Between 75 and 100 middle- and high-school students were on campus April 16 for the fifth annual SeaPerch San Diego's Regional Qualifying Tournament. Students operated robotic submarines through an underwater maze set up in the Grossmont pool. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education competition was a qualifying event for the National SeaPerch competition May 20-21 at Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge.

Bike to College Day

Join your colleagues and classmates for a healthy commute for Bike to College Day on Friday, May 20. Grossmont once again hosts an official pit stop from 6 – 9 a.m. on the bike path near the onramp entrance to State Route 125 southbound, across from parking lot 1. The event is in conjunction with icommutesd.com **Bike to Work Day 2016**. T-shirts will be distributed to participants while supplies last.

Grossmont College Enters Its 6th Year in Biotechnology Training Partnership

Grossmont College will continue its 6 year partnership with statewide and local Biotechnology training groups and area High Schools this summer with its "Biotechnology Bootcamp". The Biology department partners with the San Diego Workforce Partnership (SDWFP) and the Southern California Biotechnology Center (SCBC) at Miramar College as part of the Life Science Summer Institute (LSSI). The LSSI is an 8 week program targeting area High School students. The program begins with a 6 day, 2 unit college level class covering a wide range of Biotechnology techniques and soft skills needed to work in a research lab. PCR, Transformation, ELISA, laboratory record-keeping and teamwork are just some of the topics covered. Students then move on to area research laboratories such as the Scripps Research Institute and the Salk Institute for Biological Sciences where they complete a 7 week internship in a working research laboratory. The program culminates with students presenting the research work they completed during the internship. SDWFP begins recruiting area high school students in January of each year. Recruitment targets a diverse group of students. All expenses for the program come from the college, SDWFP, state and other grant sources. This summer's "bootcamp" program runs at Grossmont runs from Jun 22 – 29. The class is taught by Professors Allison Shearer and Craig Milgrim with expert technical assistance provided by Sharon Farley-Furlan.