



Student Access, Diversity

Day of the Dead Activities

Club EOPS presented Day of the Dead activities, including an altar and fundraiser, on Wednesday, Nov. 2, in the Main Quad. The Day of the Dead is a Mexican holiday that honors deceased family and friends, and is celebrated on Nov. 1 and 2.

Brigham Young University Ballroom Dance Company

The Dance Department hosted the Brigham Young University Ballroom Dance Company on Oct. 17. The company presented a live performance/lecture demonstration of their show, "Swing 'n' Sway," in the Main Quad. The performance was made possible by a grant from the World Arts & Culture Committee.



Fall College Preview Day

On Oct. 29, Grossmont College held its first-ever Fall College Preview Day. Campus guests visited campus to interact with academic departments, student support programs and the new outreach team, as well as tour campus, view a mock crime scene hosted by Administration of Justice and visit the planetarium hosted by Physics, Astronomy and Physical Science Department. Guests included high school students, refugees, asylees and other East County community members.

Learning and Student Success

Breaking Boundaries

The Dance Department will present "Breaking Boundaries 2016," the annual student-choreographed dance concert, at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17, 18 and 19. The concert will be held at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre at 6611 University Avenue in San Diego. The dance concert will feature a variety of genres, including hip hop, modern, ballet, jazz and more. Tickets are available by calling ext. 7766 or at the Kroc Theatre Box Office one hour before each performance.

Thanksgiving Food Drive

The Inter-Club Council will once again host a Thanksgiving Food Drive. The Student Affairs Office will accept donations of mashed potato mixes, gravy jars or mixes, stuffing mixes, canned vegetables, packages of bread/rolls, canned cranberry sauce, canned pie filling and ready-made pie crusts. Donations will be placed into baskets that will then be given to students in need. Gift cards and certificates to purchase turkeys will also be accepted. To nominate a student to receive

a basket, please contact Barbara Gallego at barbara.gallego@gcccd.edu. Student information will be kept confidential and eligible students will be contacted on a first-come, first-served basis.

Hyde Art Gallery Student Art Exhibition

Hyde Art Gallery will host the fall 2016 Student Art Exhibition Nov. 21 through Dec. 13. A reception and awards ceremony will be held 5 – 7 p.m., Nov. 29. Hyde Art Gallery is located in Bldg. 25 in the Arts Complex.

Assistive Technology Showcase

The Occupational Therapy Assistant Program Class of 2017 will host its Assistive Technology Showcase from 6 – 8 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 17 in the upper and lower lounges of Bldg. 34. The showcase will feature students' inventions designed to assist friends and family members with physical impairments. The event is free and open to the public.

One Campus, One Theme Water Fair

The One Campus, One Theme Water Fair took on Nov. 8 and 9. The fair featured students' solution for local and global water issues. Attendees also voted on the best student projects, and faculty encourage students to vote.

Athletics Orientation Program

Athletics, in conjunction with Counseling, implemented a full orientation program earlier this semester. In only three weeks, 350 student-athletes completed comprehensive education plans, Title IX Safe Haven training, and a short survey. The new program will allow Athletics to track student-athletes success and create an early alert system, provide comprehensive academic and student services assistance, and better serve the needs of student-athletes. Due to its success, multiple orientations will be held in the summer and fall terms before students start classes.

Speech and Debate

The Speech and Debate received high marks at two recent tournaments. In October, the team competed in the Concordia Speech/Debate Tournament with Jonah Naoum placing third in Novice Persuasive Speaking and Bradley McFarland placing as a finalist in Novice Impromptu Speaking. Speech and Debate also competed at the Pasadena City College Tournament held in late October. Jonah Naoum placed first in Open Division Persuasive Speaking and Xavier Daniels tied for first place in Open Division Dramatic Interpretation. Congratulations to the team and their advisor Roxanne Tuscany, communications professor!



Value and Support of Employees

- Photography Professor **Paul Turounet's** self-published photobook has been shortlisted for the 2016 Paris Photo – Aperture Foundation First PhotoBook Award, one of the most prestigious awards for photobooks. Thirty-five photobooks were selected and will be profiled in The Photobook Review and exhibited at Paris Photo and Aperture Gallery in New York, Dec. 10, 2016 – Feb. 2, 2017. The winners were announced on Nov. 11.
- Professional Development is currently accepting Flex Week workshop proposals for spring 2017. This year's Flex Week takes place Jan. 23 – 27. Keeping in mind current college goals and initiatives, the committee is especially interested in workshops related to outreach, retention and student engagement. Proposals can be submitted online at <https://goo.gl/forms/gVOVARj1YYwmQO532>
- The Wellness Committee would like to invite faculty and staff to participate in wellness offerings this fall, including [Release and Recovery](#) on Mondays and Wednesdays, and [Zumba](#) on Mondays and Wednesdays. To register for the workshops, please click on the workshop titles. There will also be two opportunities to “Walk with the President,” at 8:30 a.m. on Nov. 10 or Dec. 1; attendees can meet Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh on the stairs on the Main Quad side of Bldg. 10.

Economic and Community Development

CTE Employer Engagement Event

On Thursday, Nov. 3, 30 local employers visited Grossmont College for the first-ever districtwide CTE Employer Engagement Event. Organized by career/technical education staff at Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges, the event sought to connect local employers with CTE students from both campuses. Event organizers hope to host similar events annually in the future.

San Diego Blood Bank Drive

Grossmont College will host a San Diego Blood Bank Blood Drive from 8:30 a.m. – 6:30 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 15, and 10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m., Wednesday, Nov. 16, in the Main Quad. All donors will receive a coupon for a free Chipotle burrito, burrito bowl, salad or tacos, courtesy of Chipotle. To schedule an appointment, visit www.sandiegobloodbank.org, click on “Donate Blood,” select “Appointments” and provide sponsor code: GROS.

Pop-up Exhibition

The Hyde Art Gallery is currently hosting a pop-up exhibition featuring San Diego Museum of Art Artists Guild. Six local member artists' painting, photography and 3-D assemblage are featured, including Christine Finkelson, Dottie Korn Davis, Ellen Dieter, Jeffrey Comulada, Kevin Inman and Leslie Pierce. The exhibition was open to the public through Nov. 14. A reception featuring light refreshments and live music was held on Thursday, Nov. 10.

You're Invited

- The **Theatre Arts Department** will present “These Shining Lives,” a historical drama recounting the true story of four women who fought for better working conditions at the Radium Dial Company factory. “These Shining Lives” will be presented at 2 p.m., Dec. 3 and 10, and 7:30 p.m., Dec. 1 – 3, and 8 – 10, at the Stagehouse Theatre. For tickets, visit the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office, www.grossmont.edu/theatrebrochure or call ext. 7234.
- Join **Griffin Athletics** as they cheer on football vs. Palomar College at noon, Nov. 12, at the football field. Tickets are free to students, faculty and staff with valid ID. Good luck to the fall sports going into playoffs!
- The **Music Department** will present several concerts this month, including Grossmont Guitar Ensemble at 2:30 – 3:30 p.m., Nov. 16, in Bldg. 26, room 221 (free); and Grossmont Symphony Woodwind and String Quintets at 7:30 – 9 p.m., Nov. 18, at Santa Sophia Catholic Church at 9800 San Juan Street in Spring Valley, and 2 – 3:30 p.m., Nov. 20, at All Saints Episcopal Church at 625 Pennsylvania Avenue in San Diego (tickets \$10/\$5).