



Community Colleges Certification Status



The Division of State Architect (DSA) is the State agency that provides compliance and certification services for public schools and colleges for construction projects. The DSA is required to review detailed school site facility plans. Over the years, there changes and delays in the review process, which created a significant backlog for the community college districts. It has taken years, but GCCCD is now off the backlog list.

We have successfully closed out the last of the old open projects. Thank you to our Facilities and Gafcon teams for years of diligent and detailed work completing these reviews.

What's behind the fence?

The District and Gafcon, Program Managers for Proposition V facility projects, are now attaching banners to construction sites. These renderings provide students, staff, and the community with a glimpse of what the project will look like and project details.



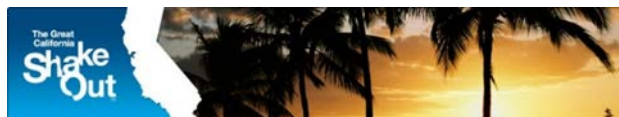
Marketing and Communications Department honored with awards



The Marketing and Communications department received three regional awards from the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations, the organization for community college communicators. The department received a gold medallion for the [Higher Edge Promise Scholarship video](#), and two silver awards for feature writing and photography. The writing piece told the story of [Sandy Adwer](#), Grossmont College's student commencement speaker, and the photo was of a soccer goalie that is now being used on the [Cuyamaca College website](#).

The Great California ShakeOut Earthquake Drill

On October 20 at 10 a.m., all District employees and students are being asked to participate in the Great California ShakeOut Earthquake Drill. Everyone is encouraged to practice “Drop, Cover and Hold” for 30 seconds. The drill is designed to help prepare for surviving and recovering from a big earthquake. The drill is being sponsored by the Districtwide Public Safety and Emergency Preparedness Council.



Grant management growing

This year, more than \$24 million in grants are being managed by the Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges, up from \$10 million last year. The growth is in large part to grants funding the Adult Education and Strong Workforce programs. The foundation has been recognized at the local and state level for its performance in leading regional projects for community colleges in San Diego and Imperial Counties, and helped create the statewide model for reporting and managing grants.

Welcome to new employees!



Stacy Teeters

Stacy has joined the Office of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness as a Research and Planning Analyst. She has been serving as an interim Research and Planning Analyst since March 2016. She has over 10 years of experience working in public and higher education as a researcher, educator, and student services professional. She earned her master’s degree in psychology from San Diego State in 2013. Prior to coming to the District, she served as an institutional researcher at San Diego Mesa College and Southwestern College.

Katie Cabral



Katie Cabral has joined the Office of Research, Planning, and Institutional Effectiveness as a Research and Planning Analyst. She previously evaluated mental health programs and conducted research at UC San Diego, and she has been an adjunct instructor at Grossmont, Cuyamaca, Miramar, and Southwestern Colleges.