



## Student Access, Diversity

### Literary Arts Festival

The 21<sup>st</sup> Annual Literary Arts Festival, presented by the Grossmont College English Department's Creative Writing Program, will run April 24 - 27. All events will be held in Griffin Gate (Bldg. 60) and are free and open to the public. This year's LAF events will feature several writers of all genres, including poet and performance artist of "Split," Denise Benavides; critically acclaimed author of "The Devil's Highway" and 16 award-winning books and member of the Latino Literature Hall of Fame, Luis Alberto Urrea; and performance poet and musician Gill Sotu, who uses his art to bring attention to important issues. Additionally, the ever-popular New Voices student reading, along with the Writing Project contest and poetry slam, will showcase student talent. For a full calendar of events, visit [www.grossmont.edu/LAF](http://www.grossmont.edu/LAF).



## Learning and Student Success

### Speech and Debate Team

The Grossmont College Speech & Debate Team competed in the CCCFA State Tournament held in Woodland Hills from March 9 – 12. The team placed in three categories, competing against 24 California community colleges. The three students awarded were Xavier Daniels, Daniel Zaragoza, and Jonah Naoum, with the Gold Award in Dramatic Interpretation, Silver Award in International Public Debate Association, and Bronze Award in Extemporaneous Speaking respectively. Congratulations to the team and their advisor **Roxanne Tuscany** for their incredible success!



### Fall Scholarships

Scholarship applications are now being accepted by the Grossmont College Financial Aid Office for the upcoming Fall 2017 semester. Students are encouraged to apply for the various scholarship awards, ranging from \$200 to \$1,250, before the deadline on May 19. Applications are available in the Financial Aid Office (Building 10-109) or on the [Financial Aid Website](#).

### Student of Note Nominations

Nominations for Students of Note are currently being accepted. All faculty and staff are encouraged to nominate students who have overcome significant obstacles to achieve a degree or certificate, and have received, or are receiving their degree or certificate during the 2016-17 academic year. The Students of Note Ceremony will take place at 6 p.m., Friday, May 19, in the downstairs lobby of Bldg. 34. All faculty and staff are invited to attend this event.

### PTK All-California Academic Team

Grossmont College is honored to have students Jessica Rose Lewis and Cody Morrin named to the 2017 Phi Theta Kappa (PTK) All-California Academic Third and Second Teams, respectively. These two students, along with other community college scholars, were recognized for their outstanding achievements during an awards luncheon on March 23 in Sacramento. PTK Honor Society recognizes academic achievement and provides opportunities for students at community colleges.



### Assess & Accelerate for Student Success

Grossmont College hosted “Assess & Accelerate for Student Success” on April 14. The presentation featured educational researchers John Hetts and Craig Hayward, and research, data and findings from the statewide Multiple Measures Assessment Project (MMAP) and California Acceleration Project (CAP).

## Value and Support of Employees

### Faculty Tenure Recognition

College leadership, department chairs, mentors/tenure committee members and family members celebrated newly tenured faculty at a Culinary Arts dinner in early April. Newly tenured faculty members for 2017 – 18 include: **Gabi Aliyev**, Nursing; **Sarah Babini**, Nursing; **Sara Ferguson**, English as a Second Language; **Joyce Fries**, Occupational Therapy Assistant; **Ticey Hosley**, Counseling; **Cathy Miller**, English; **Valerie Shadroff**, Nursing; and **Michael Stewart**, Administration of Justice. Congratulations to our newly tenured faculty!

### College Recognition Ceremony

This year’s College Recognition Ceremony takes place 3 – 5 p.m., May 11, in Griffin Gate. The event will recognize the outstanding service and achievements by faculty and staff during the past year. Support your colleagues and learn who will receive Innovator of the Year, Teaching Excellence Awards, Vice Presidents’ Support Staff Recognition, and much more!

### FLEX Week 2017 Proposals

The Office of Professional Development and the Faculty Professional Development Committee are now accepting workshop proposals for Fall 2017. [Proposals can be](#)

[submitted online](#), with priority consideration for proposals submitted by Friday, May 5. The fall FLEX Week takes place Aug. 14 – 18. The committee is especially looking for workshops related to the strategic plan initiatives, including outreach, engagement, retention and institutional capacity.

## Economic and Community Development

### Grossmont Gives Back

April is Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service 2017, and includes several community service learning opportunities. On-campus events include a Campus Beautification Project and a Campus Community Art Project. Off-campus projects include serving lunch and/or dinner meals to the hungry at Father Joe's Village at St. Vincent de Paul on April 21 and 28; and the 15<sup>th</sup> Annual Creek to Bay Cleanup on April 22 at La Mesita Park in La Mesa. To sign up or for more information, visit [grossmont.edu/csl](http://grossmont.edu/csl).



### You're Invited

- The **Dance Department** will present "Entrances and Exits," its annual faculty-choreographed, student-performed spring dance concert, at 7:30 p.m., April 20-22, at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre, 6611 University Ave. in San Diego. The concert is open to the public and will feature original choreography by Grossmont College dance faculty: Melissa Adao, Blythe Barton, Nancy Boskin-Mullen, Lesa Green, Kathy Meyer, David Mullen, Angela Moran, Colleen Shipkowski and Debi Toth-Ward, as well as guest choreographer and San Diego artist Kyle Sorensen. This year's show will feature a variety of dance genres, including hip-hop, modern, ballet and jazz. General admission, cash-only ticket prices: \$12 pre-sale through April 19 and \$15 at the door. Pre-sale tickets are sold at the ASGC Student Activities Window in Bldg. 10 near Financial Aid and through the Grossmont College Dance Department at ext. 7766.
- A first-ever **Sustainability Resource Fair** will be held from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., April 27, in the Main Quad. The fair is an opportunity for students and community to connect and engage with employers and to learn about careers in sustainability. Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges' academic programs featuring sustainability will also be present. [Students and community members can register online.](#)
- **Hyde Art Gallery** presents "Things We Carry," the work of bronze sculptor Joseph Castle, through April 25. "Things We Carry" consists of 15 monumental bronze wall reliefs, conceptualized and fabricated by Castle, that function as modular sacred spaces. The sculptures invoke different archetypal narratives, addressing the sometimes-subconscious symbols found throughout mythology

and religion to explore themes of life, death and transcendence. The Hyde Art Gallery is free and open to the public 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

- The **Grossmont Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale** presents "It's a Mystery" 7:30 p.m., Friday, April 21, at St. John of the Cross Catholic Church, 8175 Lemon Grove Way, Lemon Grove, 91945; and at 4 p.m. Monday, April 23, at the Point Loma Presbyterian Church, 2128 Chatsworth Blvd. in San Diego. A multimedia presentation of Charles Gounod's "March of the Marionette" will be featured, as well as Bernard Herrmann's score from the movie, "Psycho," Samuel Jones' "Aurum Aurorae," Leo Sowerby's "Medieval Poem," and Gabriel Faure's Requiem, Op. 48. General admission is \$10; \$5 for students.
- Sponsored by the World Arts & Culture Committee, the **Music Department** will present a special classical guitar concert featuring 8-String Brahms guitarist Paul Galbraith. This event, "Paul Galbraith on the Brahms Guitar," will be held at 7 p.m., Monday, April 24 in the Grossmont College Recital Hall (Bldg. 26, Rm. 220) and is free and open to the public. A master class will also be held at 8 p.m., Sunday, April 23, in the Hyde Art Gallery, where three student guitarists, coached by Galbraith, will perform. Seating is limited, please RSVP: [Anthony.Cutietta@gcccd.edu](mailto:Anthony.Cutietta@gcccd.edu).