



Outreach

Adult Learners to Campus

Earlier this month, Grossmont College welcomed two large groups of prospective adult learners to campus. The first visit was with 80 guests affiliated with the Pacific Consulting Group (PGG), a resettlement agency for recent refugees and asylees in East County. The second visit was for the Adult Reentry Open House, which welcomed 110 guests to campus. Both events featured presentations in English and Arabic on college programs and services. After lunch, guests were able to speak with Student Services professionals, take campus tours, meet with faculty and apply to the college.

CalWORKs Outreach

CalWORKs, a Student Services program that provides intensive instruction, counseling and support services to students currently receiving state assistance, has been busy with outreach in the community. Staff and faculty have been at events hosted at local libraries, sharing information about CalWORKs, as well as programs, departments and support services available at the college. CalWORKs' next outreach visit will be at the Valencia Park/Malcolm X Library as part of an event hosted by the County of San Diego Black Infant Health Program that promotes African-American infant and maternal health.

Summer Conservatory musical theater production

Hundreds of elementary and middle school students attended this year's Theatre Arts Department Summer Conservatory musical theatre production of "Treasure Island." Written by Theatre Arts instructor Jeannette Thomas, the family-friendly performance featured local high school and college students on stage and behind the scenes. The Summer Conservatory is free to participating students, thanks to generous donations from local community members.

Engagement

Via Rápida

In late July, Via Rápida, the federal Title V grant program that serves Hispanic and low-income students, trained its latest cohort of peer mentors. The peer mentors will work with new students to help them navigate the college's programs and services. The training took place over several days and included sessions with representatives from Student Services and Academic Affairs.

Week of Welcome

The Week of Welcome takes place the first week of classes and will feature several student events, as well as information booths on Monday and Tuesday to share campus maps, departmental and general information with students. Other events include the All Campus Activities and Information Fair, an open house for the newly named Accessibility Resource Center (formerly Disabled Students Programs & Services), Career Center Open House, Walk with the President, and financial aid workshop. For more information, contact Student Affairs or visit the [online campus events calendar](#).



International Students

Throughout the summer, Grossmont College has welcomed hundreds of international students as part of its orientations for fall 2017. The two-day orientation includes an English as a second language assessment, campus tour, presentation on the American education system, counselor meeting, F-1 visa requirements, ESL program presentation and registration.

Retention

Gizmo's Kitchen

Gizmo's Kitchen will host its grand opening event from noon – 2 p.m., Friday, Aug. 25, in Griffin Gate. Attendees will be able to learn more about the new campus food pantry, help put together food bags and learn about other volunteer services that support needy students to persist in their studies.



Accessibility Resource Center (A.R.C.)

There's a new office in Bldg. 60 – the Accessibility Resource Center. Formerly known as Disabled Students Programs & Services, the A.R.C. renaming is the result of many years of discussion among faculty, staff, administrators and students. By renaming the space, department faculty and staff hope to reduce stigma and increase student use of services. The A.R.C. Open House will be held from noon - 2 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 23.

You're Invited

Later this month, Hyde Art Gallery will open "If You Lived Here," an exhibition featuring work by artists with West Coast Drawing, a Southern California collective. "If You Lived Here" will showcase facets of California life. The exhibition runs Aug. 21 through Sept. 14. An opening reception will feature live music and light refreshments from 5 - 7 p.m., Tuesday, Aug. 29. The exhibition is free and open to the public.

