



Student Access, Diversity

Black History Month

February is Black History Month and will feature several events, including Jazz Kitchen with Soul Food Specials in Griffin Center on Tuesdays and Wednesdays, starting Feb. 7; artist and animator Tony Washington on Feb. 6; musical artist and activist Jasiri X on Feb. 9; Marlin Briscoe, the first starting African American NFL quarterback, on Feb. 22; a Region 10 Poetry Slam Festival on Feb. 23; screenings of the documentary, "Traces of the Trade: A Story from the Deep South," on Feb. 16 and 27, along with guest speaker Tom DeWolf, cousin of the filmmaker and author, on Feb. 28, among other events. Black History Month events are available on the [events calendar](#).

Learning and Student Success

Football Player Named to All-American Community College Football Team

Grossmont College football player, Adrian Tolbert, was named to the 2016 All-America Community College Football Team by the California Community College Football Coaches Association. Tolbert, a wide receiver, was the only Grossmont College student-athlete selected for the honor, which is the highest individual honor a California Community Colleges Athletics Association player can receive. Tolbert was the most prolific player in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference, finishing first in total yards, yards per game and touchdowns.



Water Polo Athlete Honored as All-American

Grossmont College water polo player, Rockne O'Brian, was named as All-American Community College and was selected to the First All-State Team. He was also selected as the PCAC Co-Most Valuable Player in 2016 and finished second in the state with 336 saves. Congratulations Rockne!

Student Athletes Named Honorable Mentions

Two Grossmont College student-athletes were named honorable mentions for Pacific Coast Athletic Conference players of the week. Khiya Mohamed, a freshman forward on the women's basketball team, and Ronald Blain, a freshman forward on the men's basketball team, were both recognized for their outstanding play in recent games against Mesa and Southwestern colleges, respectively.



**PCAC Honorable
Mention Players of
the Week – Ronald
Blain and Khiya
Mohamed**



Value and Support of Employees

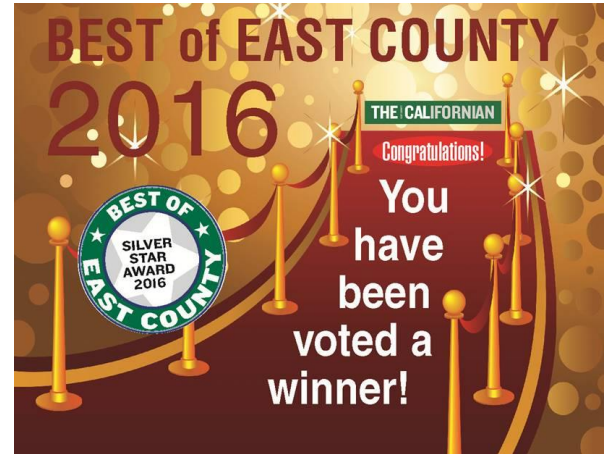
- Counselor **Dr. T Ford** was selected as the recipient of the 2016/17 President's Leadership award which was announced at the spring 2017 convocation. Her peers describe Dr. Ford as a "fearless, innovative leader, a completely student-centered educator, a stalwart support for all students, and an advocate for equity and diversity in the College, District, and Region." The primary focus of the award is the recognition of leadership in the performance of distinguished service to students, faculty and staff. Dr. Ford is highly deserving of this recognition. Congratulations!
- Counselor **Dave Dillon** has been named chair of the statewide Open Educational Resources task force for the Academic Senate for California Community Colleges. The task force will discuss and review available resources, provide professional development in the use of OER, work with the Chancellor's Office and other stakeholders in providing guidance regarding materials and adoption, and explore opportunities for a repository of OER materials and other ancillaries for California community college faculty. Information on OER at Grossmont College is available on [its new website](#).
- Photography Professor **Paul Turounet** will be featured in a group exhibition, "Weather on Steroids: the Art of Climate Change Science," Feb. 11 – May 21, at the La Jolla Historical Society at 780 Prospect Street in La Jolla. An opening reception will be held from 4 – 7 p.m., Friday, Feb. 7. The exhibition was organized by Tatiana Sizonenko, instructor in Arts and Humanities.



- Political Economy Professor **Todd Myers** was recently named Fellow to the Educational Advisory Council of the Federal Reserve Bank of San Francisco. In his volunteer role, Myers will provide guidance on economic educational programs produced by the Federal Reserve Bank and represent the Federal Reserve Bank at conferences and teacher development programs.

Economic and Community Development

The Stagehouse Theatre and Hyde Art Gallery were both recently recognized as the Best of East County by the readers of the East County Californian. The Stagehouse Theatre was a Gold Star Winner for Best Live Theater and Hyde Art Gallery was a Silver Star Winner for Best Art Gallery, and were selected by a readers poll. The Best of East County winners will be recognized at the Best of East County Party on Feb. 9. Congratulations to the Stagehouse Theatre and Hyde Art Gallery!



You're Invited

The **Hyde Art Gallery** will present “Lucid Dreaming,” Jan. 30 – Feb. 28, with an opening reception from 5 – 7 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15. “Lucid Dreaming” features works by two local San Diego artists, Alexia Markarian and Barbara Sexton, as well as important works by such artists as Hans Arp, Marcel Duchamp, Pablo Picasso, Henri Matisse, Meret Oppenheim, Man Ray and many others, side by side with African artwork. Exhibitions are free and open to the public; for hours, visit the [Hyde Art Gallery website](#).