



Student Access, Diversity

King Day Parade Breakfast

President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, along with Chancellor Cindy Miles, Cuyamaca College President Julianna Barnes and Governing Board Trustee Edwin Hiel, represented the district at the annual King Day Parade Breakfast presented by Alpha Phi Alpha. The breakfast celebrates the work of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. and brings together leaders from throughout the San Diego community.

Title V Peer Mentors Program

The Title V Peer Mentors program will launch its pilot program this spring, starting with training in early January. Along with campus ambassadors, peer mentors will participate in a weeklong orientation that will train them how to assist students.



Learning and Student Success

Week of Welcome

Spring semester classes start Jan. 30, with the Week of Welcome. “WoW” will include several activities throughout the week, including a Black History Month kick-off event, All Campus Information Fair and several Athletics events. On Jan. 31, softball kicks off the season with its first game of the season in a home game against Citrus College at 3 p.m., followed by a 2 p.m. home game on Feb. 4 against Golden West College. Baseball will also open up its season at home on Jan. 31 at 2 p.m. against Fullerton College, followed up by noon home game on Feb. 4 against Chaffey College. Women’s basketball will host Imperial Valley College at 6 p.m., Friday, Feb. 4, in the Main Gym; the first 100 fans will receive a free T-shirt. Admission to all Athletics events is free for faculty, staff and students with valid college identification. Faculty and staff interested in volunteering to staff information tables should contact Student Affairs at ext. 7600.

Women’s Volleyball

Women’s volleyball wrapped up their season in December with a third place finish in the CCCAA State Finals. The Griffins finished No. 1 in the state in hitting percentage, No. 1 in the state for aces per set, No. 2 in the state in kills per set, No. 2 in the state for points earned per set and No. 3 in the state for assists per set. Additionally, Coach Jamie Ivers was named Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Coach of the Year -- this was her seventh straight conference championship and has led three of her last four squads to the state championship. Additionally, sophomore setter Lauren West was named PCAC South Most Valuable Player and Gianni

Brown finished No. 1 in the conference and No. 17 in the state for digs per set, earning 1st Team All-Conference honors as well as being named to the CCCAA State Championship Team.

All-America Community College Football Team

Last month, 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.

Women's Basketball

Women's basketball freshman Sartori Roberson was named an Honorable Mention for PCAC Player of the Week following her performance in the opening game of the 29th Annual Grossmont College Holiday Tournament against Victory Valley College. Roberson scored 14 points and grabbed eight rebounds in the 70-51 victory. She had 16 points and five rebounds in the championship semifinals in a 85-73 loss to Santa Ana College. The Griffins finished fourth in the tournament with a 92-57 loss to Cypress College.

Men's Basketball

In mid-December, men's basketball won the Santa Barbara City College Tournament. The Griffins prevailed in the championship game, 67-65, over Bakersfield College. Freshman Ronald Blain was named as the tournament's Most Valuable Player and sophomore guard Daniel McCowen was selected to the All Tournament Team.

Invitation Speech and Debate Tournament

Late last year, the college hosted 26 colleges as part of the 24th annual Griffin Invitational Speech and Debate Tournament. The three-day tournament included Palomar College's tournament held on the Grossmont College campus, in addition to two days of the Griffin Invitational. Several students placed in the Palomar College tournament, including Jonah Naoum, who placed third in Open Persuasion, third in Open Speech to Entertain and seventh in Open Extemporaneous Speaking; and Daniel Zaragoza, who placed top novice in Open Extemporaneous Speaking. Several students also placed in the Grossmont College Invitational, including Bridget Riley, second in Novice Program Oral Interpretation; Daniel Zaragoza, second in Novice Impromptu; Amanda Afentakis, bronze in Novice Parliamentary Debate; Steven Soto, bronze in Novice Parliamentary Debate; Xavier Daniels, third in Open Duo Interpretation and finalist in Open Poetry; and Bradley McFarland, third in Open Duo Interpretation and finalist in Novice Impromptu.



Value and Support of Employees

Classified Convocation

Grossmont College hosted its Classified Convocation in early January. Featuring guest speakers including President Abu-Ghazaleh and Chancellor Miles, the event included two students who spoke about their experiences and the support they received from staff, and a professional development activity presented by Bryan Banville, professional development specialist.

College Convocation

College Convocation will kick off Grossmont College's Flex Week at 9 a.m., Monday, Jan. 23. Flex Week will include a wide variety of professional development activities for faculty and staff. For a full calendar of activities, visit the [Professional Development website](#).

Economic and Community Development

- The Theatre Arts Department will embark on its high school touring production of "Inside the Actor's Process: Ensemble" in February. The production, which explores the collaborative partnership between actors, designers and director, will visit about a dozen high schools throughout San Diego County. "Inside the Actor's Process: Ensemble" will debut at 7:30 p.m., Feb. 3, in the Stagehouse Theatre, with additional performances at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. on Feb. 4. Tickets are [available online](#), by calling ext. 7234 or by visiting the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

- Construction on the Campus Chiller continues through February. This project includes upgrading and expanding the existing central chiller plant to accommodate the increased air conditioning demand from new buildings, including the Teaching and Performance Theater and Building 36 Science, Math and Career Tech Complex. Plumbing and welding work is ongoing in the chiller room. The three cooling towers have been delivered and installation is underway. Completion is anticipated for February 2017.