



Student Access, Diversity

East County Education Alliance

Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and Grossmont Union High School District have been awarded a \$1.5 million state grant to further the work of the East County Education Alliance, a three-year partnership between the districts to help students make the transition to higher education. As one of only 14 community college districts statewide to garner the California College Promise Innovation Grant from the state Chancellor's Office, district officials say the funding affirms the collaborative efforts of East County's public education entities.

Black History Month Events

In February, hundreds of students, faculty, staff and community members attended Black History Month events, including guest speakers such as Marlin Briscoe, the first African-American NFL quarterback; activist and hip hop artist Jasiri X; and Tom DeWolf, featured in the documentary "Traces of the Trade" and author of "Gather at the Table." Other events included Jazz Kitchen featuring Soul Food Specials, African American Read In, Region X Poetry Slam Tournament and much more.

Learning and Student Success

Grossmont Gives Back

This April is Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service 2017. Throughout the month, the Community Service Learning program will offer a wide variety of opportunities for students, faculty and staff to give back to the local community. While events are still being confirmed, look for more information in the coming weeks.

Speech and Debate Team

The Grossmont College Speech and Debate Team competed at its second tournament of the spring season at Cerritos College on Feb. 17 and 18. The team brought home a Third Place Team Award and several individual awards, including Finalist Novice Impromptu Awards for Amanda Afentakis, Emma Compton and Daniel Zaragoza; Finalist Open Extemporaneous for Jonah Naoum; Finalist Open Drama for Xavier Daniels; and Bronze Awards in Novice Parliamentary Debate for Amanda Afentakis and Daniel Zaragoza. Congratulations to the team and their advisor, Communications Professor Roxanne Tuscany!



Scholarships Awarded

More than 132 Grossmont and Cuyamaca College students received \$70,000 in scholarships last month to recognize their academic excellence while overcoming incredible challenges and obstacles. The scholarships, ranging from \$200 to \$1,250, were awarded during the 2017 Scholarship Breakfast at Grossmont College. To be considered for the scholarship, students were required to write a personal essay, sharing their moving stories of the path they had taken to excel in college.

Value and Support of Employees

- **Raul Sandoval**, English faculty, has hosted several screenings of his new documentary, “Ticket to Write: The Golden Age of Rock Music Journalism.” The documentary was shown during San Diego Film Week and Noise Pop in San Francisco earlier this year. “Ticket to Write” features interviews with several rock critics popular during the heyday of rock journalism, roughly the mid-1960s through the early 1980s. “Ticket to Write” will be shown on KQED, the PBS affiliate in the Bay Area, several times this spring and is currently streaming on Amazon Prime.
- **John Oakes**, Honors Program Coordinator and Chemistry Professor, will receive the Honors Transfer Council of California Director’s Award at the annual honors conference on April 1 at University of California. Oakes is receiving the award based on his role as founding director of the Grossmont College Honors Program and for serving as the Scholarship Chair of the HTCC for the past 10 years. Congratulations to John on his award!
- Two faculty members in Business Office Technology recently presented at the Western Business Education Association conference in Bozeman, Montana, last month. **Linda Snider**, department co-coordinator, co-presented with a breakout session, titled “L.E.A.D.E.R.S.H.I.P.” (Leading Enthusiastic Ambitious Determined Energetic Responsible Helping Inspired Professionals). Snider is also on the WBEA Executive Board and attended related meetings, served as a session facilitator and introduced a session speaker. **Lynn Keane**, – CBEA (California Business Education Association) delegate and San Diego/Imperial (SDI) Section Representative; presented a breakout session on “Gamification”; volunteered as a session facilitator, introducing the session speaker, set-up the NBEA membership table and helped assist with new members, answering questions, distributing brochures and other publications about our professional organization. Joe Radzikowski speaks with Theatre students.
- There’s still time to nominate your campus colleagues for awards to be given at the College Recognition Ceremony, taking place Thursday, May 11, in Griffin Gate. For information on how to nominate colleagues for Innovator of the Year, Excellence in Teaching or for the Vice President Support Staff awards, [please visit the college website for submission forms](#). Those who have earned a new degree between February 2016 and January 2017, or have had significant publication(s), projects or works of art since May 2016, can send applicable information to Jeff Lehman at jeff.lehman@gcccd.edu.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

ASGC, Inc. Spring 2017 Grant Cycle

The ASGC Inc. spring 2017 grant cycle is now open for requests for funding activities and events that support the interests and concerns of Grossmont College students, enhance the quality of campus life, and create partnerships within the campus community. For the required form, please contact Irene Bauza at the Student Activities Window in Bldg. 10, at irene.bauza@gcccd.edu. The deadline for grant requests to be considered during the second phase must be submitted no later than noon, Friday, March 24.

Economic and Community Development

Annual STEAM Expo

Grossmont College will co-sponsor the annual STEAM Expo with Magnolia Science Academy on Saturday, March 18, in Griffin Center. The event, which starts with a welcome and keynote at 10 a.m., will feature STEAM-related projects and community partners until 1 p.m. Free parking will be available in Lot 5 that day.

Nursing's 50th Anniversary

Nursing will celebrate its 50th anniversary this Saturday, March 18, with its Open House from 1 – 4 p.m. in Bldg. 34. The free event is open to the public and features guest speaker Michael Jackson, president of the California Board of Registered Nurses, at 2 p.m., as well as tours of classrooms and interactive simulation labs.



Adult Re-Entry Program Open House

The Adult Re-Entry Program will host an Open House from 10 a.m. – 2 p.m., Thursday, March 16, in Griffin Gate. The event is designed for new and returning adult prospective students to learn about academic programs and student services. This event is free and open to the public. For questions or to RSVP, please email Renee Nasori at renee.nasori@gcccd.edu.

Stagehouse Theatre and Hyde Art Gallery Recognized as “Best Of”

The Stagehouse Theatre and Hyde Art Gallery were recently recognized at the “Best of” Awards hosted by the East County Californian. The Stagehouse Theatre was awarded first place for live theater and the Hyde Art Gallery was awarded second place for art galleries. The “Best of” Awards are selected through an online vote of East County Californian readers.

You're Invited

- For the second year in a row, community college alumni in San Diego and Imperial counties have a big reason to celebrate and to have more fun than you can shake a hockey stick at! On Saturday, March 25, community colleges in San Diego and Imperial counties are throwing **Community College AlumniFest**, hosted by California Coast Credit Union and the San Diego Gulls hockey club. Community College AlumniFest will feature a

pregame Bud Light Tailgate bash beginning at 5 p.m., followed by the Gulls vs. the Bakersfield Condors at 7 p.m. for just \$10, about half the price of a regular ticket. Tickets are available online at alumnifest.org.

- The **Theatre Arts Department** will present “A Piece of My Heart,” a prize-winning play about six brave women who experienced the Vietnam War first-hand. “A Piece of My Heart” performances take place at 7:30 p.m., March 16 – 18 and March 23 – 25, with 2 p.m. matinees on March 18 and 25 at the Stagehouse Theatre. For tickets, contact the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office at 619-644-7234, visit them in person in Bldg. 21, or order them online.
- The **Hyde Art Gallery**, with support from the World Arts and Culture Committee, will present bronze sculptor Joseph Castle’s “Things We Carry” exhibition March 13 – April 25. A free reception featuring live music and refreshments will be held from 5 – 7 p.m., Tuesday, March 21. The Hyde Art Gallery is free and open to the public 10 a.m. – 6 p.m., Monday through Thursday.
- The Inter-Club Council will host its **Spring Festival**, 11 a.m. – 2 p.m., Wednesday, March 22, in the Main Quad. The festival will feature games, prizes, fundraisers, food sales and opportunities for students to learn about campus clubs. This event is free and open to the campus community.
- Grossmont College Athletics has several sporting events taking place on campus this month, including several softball and baseball games. To view the events schedule, visit the new Athletics website at grossmontgriffins.com or visit the [campus online events calendar](#).

