



Student Access, Diversity

Summer Session

Open registration for summer session began Monday, May 8. This summer, the college will offer four-, six- and eight-week classes, starting June 12. Popular general education courses and Career/Technical Education (CTE) courses will be offered, including those in Administration of Justice, Business Office Technology and Culinary Arts. Earth Sciences is also offering a weeklong field study course (Geography 176/Geology 176) from June 10 – 18, to the Sierra Nevada Mountains and led by Professor Judd Curran. To learn more about summer session, visit www.Grossmont.edu/now.

Syrian Refugees

Last month, Student Services staff and faculty welcomed dozens of Syrian refugees as new students to our campus. The students received an orientation, provided with financial aid information and were warmly welcomed to the college by President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh and Vice President of Student Services Marsha Gable, along with representatives from CalWORKs, Financial Aid, Extended Opportunities Program/CARE and the Career Center.



Athletic Teams Post-Season Success

Several Athletics teams have experienced, or are experiencing, post-season success this spring, with conference championships for women's badminton, baseball, women's basketball, women's tennis, women's beach volleyball, and men's volleyball. Congratulations to all of our student-athletes and go Griffins!

Learning and Student Success

Speech and Debate Tournament

Speech and Debate capped off their year with seven awards from the National Phi Rho Pi Speech & Debate Tournament in Washington DC last month. Amanda Afentakis received a Bronze Award in Parliamentary Debate; Jonah Naoum received a Bronze Award in Parliamentary Debate and a Bronze Award in Parliamentary Speaking; Andrew Leone received a Bronze Award for Duo Interpretation; and Xavier Daniels received Bronze Awards for Duo Interpretation, Dramatic Interpretation and Poetry Interpretation. Additionally, several students were recognized at the PSCFA Cool-Off Tournament held April 30 at Rio Hondo College. Arlynda Filmore received first place in Poetry Interpretation, Candace Berry received second place in Informative Speaking, Emma Compton received third place in Extemporaneous Speaking; and Marissa Jennings and Theo Hayes were both finalists for Persuasive Speaking and Impromptu Speaking, respectively. Congratulations to the Grossmont Griffin Speech & Debate Team! The team will also host its annual Showcase of Speeches featuring controversial issues presented through poetry, drama and argument at 5:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 23, in Bldg. 26, room 220. Admission will be \$3 at the door. This event will feature adult themes and language.



Mental Health Awareness Week

The Department of Behavioral Sciences hosted its 5th annual Mental Health Awareness Week from May 2 -4 in Griffin Gate. The three-day event focused on creating awareness and having an informed dialogued around various topics related to mental health, with the goal of cultivating an understanding of mental illnesses and treatment options. Events included several open discussions and student panels, informational workshops, and guest speakers such as Licensed Married and Family Therapist Josilyn M. Perez.

De-Stress Fest

De-Stress Fest takes place May 22 – 25, and features several events in the Main Quad and near Griffin Center. Students will be offered free pancakes and coffee outside of Griffin Center from 8:30 – 9:30 a.m., May 22 and 24; therapy dogs in the Main Quad on May 22; and an adult coloring activity from 2 – 4 p.m., May 22 and 11 a.m. – 1 p.m., May 24, in Griffin Center; among other activities.

Value and Support of Employees

Beth Kelley, a professor in the Department of Exercise Science and Wellness, was appointed as an affiliate doctoral faculty member in the San Diego State University's (SDSU) Ed.D. Educational Leadership Program. This position allows her to serve on doctoral examination committees and doctoral dissertation committees, with additional roles that include teaching courses for the program. Kelley also received her Ed.D. in Educational Leadership, with a concentration in Community College/Postsecondary Education Leadership, from SDSU in 2014.

This year's **College Recognition Ceremony** took place on May 11. The event recognized the outstanding service and achievements by faculty and staff during the past year for Teaching Excellence, Vice President's Support Staff, Academic Rank, Tenure, President's Leadership, Innovator of the Year and much more!

Economic and Community Development

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Fiscal and Physical Resources

The campus chiller, an air-conditioning plant built to serve new structures in Grossmont College's near future, recently completed construction and will help the campus reduce its energy costs by nearly 70 percent. The \$8 million, 2,700-square-foot chiller plant that serves the cooling needs of the entire campus marks a milestone for Proposition V, the \$398 million bond measure approved by East County voters in 2012. The chiller is the first structure to be built using Prop. V funds.



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You're Invited

- The **Theatre Arts Department** will present the "Taming of the Shrew" at 7:30 p.m., May 18 – 20, and 2 p.m., May 13 and 20, at the Stagehouse Theatre. Written between 1590 and 1592 by William Shakespeare, the Theatre Arts Department's rendition features a modern twist and promises to be a wild and witty comedic romp. Tickets are \$10 for students, \$12 for faculty/staff, seniors and military, and \$15 general admission.

- **Grossmont Symphony Orchestra and Master Chorale** performed “If It Ain’t Baroque” at 8:30 p.m., May 12, at Santa Sophia Catholic Church. The program featured works by Vivaldi and J.S. Bach.
- The **Hyde Art Gallery** will present the Student Art Exhibition May 8 – 31. An opening reception with live music and refreshments is set for 5 – 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 16, with an awards ceremony recognizing student works starting at 6 p.m. The gallery is free and open to the public.
- Students were invited to participate in the **Inter-Club Council Spring Festival** on May 10th. Attendees learned more about campus clubs, and enjoyed interactive games, a photo booth and other activities, such as food sales and fundraisers.
- The **History Department** presents History of the Automobile on May 18. The event will feature a classic car show from 3 – 5 p.m. in the Main Quad, and a lecture and panel discussion from 5 – 7 p.m. in Griffin Gate in Bldg. 60. The car show will feature cars from different periods representing the changes in technology and design, while the panel discussion will explore the automobile’s impact on society. This event is coordinated in conjunction with the San Diego Automotive Museum, and is free and open to the public.
- The **Hyde Art Gallery** will host the Grossmont College **Animation Festival** at 4:30 p.m., May 18. The event will feature student works from several Digital Arts classes, including two-dimensional, cell animations, drawn and painted frame by frame on digital monitors. The event is free and open to the public.

