



Outreach

Griffin Athletics

On Saturday, Nov. 4, Griffin Athletics hosted about 50 football recruits at the game versus Golden West College. The Griffins defeated the Rustlers 36-34 in a wild fourth quarter that followed a 20-10 third quarter deficit. The final home game of the season also featured the cheerleading squad from Greg Rogers Elementary School, located in Chula Vista, and Polynesian Athletes, Hearts of Champions that presented a Polynesian dance performance. Polynesian Athletes, Hearts of Champions was founded by Rev. Benson Mauga, who is a father to five former Griffin football players.

Multicultural Fair

Also on Saturday, Nov. 4, Grossmont College participated in the Multicultural Fair hosted by the Newcomer's Collaborative at EJE Academies in El Cajon. President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh spoke at the event about his experience as a newcomer to the United States. Grossmont College staff, student ambassadors and peer mentors volunteered at the event that featured music, cultural dancing, free food giveaways and more. The Newcomer's Collaborative is part of the El Cajon Collaborative, a group of social services agencies that assist newcomers, including refugees and asylees, with resettling in El Cajon.



CTE/WD Hosted "Tech Talk"

The Division of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development hosted "Tech Talk," an information session on information technology at Grossmont College, on Nov. 9 in Griffin Gate. The event, attended by more than 100 students and community members, featured representatives from the cyber security, programming, video gaming and digital media industries. It also featured a drawing for a free Raspberry Pi, a single-board computer used to teach and learn basic computer programming.

Local High Schools Visit Campus

Two high schools visited Grossmont College in late October and early November. One hundred-plus students from E3 Civic High School visited Grossmont College to learn about academic programs and tour the college in late October. E3 Civic is a public charter secondary school located in downtown San Diego. In early November, Mt. Miguel High School students visited the both Cuyamaca and Grossmont colleges to learn about programs, services and to tour both campuses. Mt. Miguel is located in Spring Valley and is part of the Grossmont Union High School District.

Engagement

“What Is Justice”

In coordination with Student Engagement Coordinator Susan Berry, student Tonya Brye helped capture photos of the “What is Justice?” event held in the Main Quad in October. Brye’s photos included black and white pictures of students, faculty and staff. Those photographed wrote on their arms what they believed justice to represent. The gallery of images can be viewed online at www.bryephotography.com/More/Client-albums/What-is-Justice. Brye’s next project is to work with veteran students, staff and faculty to highlight the college’s veteran community.



Art Faculty Exhibition

The Hyde Art Gallery recently closed the Art Faculty Exhibition that ran Oct. 17 through Nov. 7. The exhibition featured creative works produced by faculty and staff in the Visual Arts and Humanities Department, including ceramics, drawing, jewelry, painting, photography and sculpture. The gallery will present the Student Art Show Nov. 20 through Dec. 8, with the opening reception from 4 – 7 p.m. and the awards ceremony at 5:30 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 28.

Speech and Debate Team

The Griffin Speech and Debate Team started off the season strong with a win at the first tournament of the season held at Palomar College and San Diego State University in October. The team took third place in the Community College Division at Palomar College for the IPDA Debate by Daniel Zaragoza and Amanda Afentakis. At SDSU, Arlynda Fillmore and Theo Hayes took third place for Open Division and Top Novice in Duo Interpretation, and Daniel Zaragoza took sixth place for Open Division in Extemporaneous Speaking. In late October, the team also placed well at the Pasadena Tournament. Theo Hayes placed second in Novice Dramatic Interpretation and Judah Hosanna was finalist in Novice Impromptu Speaking. Congratulations to the team and advisor Roxanne Tuscany!



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- The **Griffins women’s volleyball team** won the 8th-straight Pacific Coast Athletic Conference championship in a 3-1 win over San Diego City College on Nov. 3. Additionally, volleyball player Khalia Jordan was named PCAC Women’s Athlete of the Week for Oct. 27 – Nov. 3, alongside San Diego Mesa College’s Ana Sofia Salas. Jordan was recognized for playing “two brilliant matches,” said Coach Jamie Ivers.
- Two other **student-athletes** were recognized as Honorable Mentions by the PCAC, including Kyra Bruesewitz, women’s basketball player, who scored 37 points in a 123-39 non-conference win over Copper Mountain College; and Bryce Parsons, men’s basketball player, who scored 54 points in the College of the Desert’s Frank Garcia Classic.

- Additionally, the **Griffins men's water polo** won the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference regular season. Congratulations to the team and Coach Tyrent Lackey!

Retention

Student Success Fair

The Student Success and Support Programs team held the first-ever Student Success Fair in the Main Quad in early November. More than 160 students visited with the 19 Student Services programs tabling at the event, including Admissions & Records, Financial Aid, Counseling, Assessment, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS), Student Affairs, Student Activities, Career Center, Title V/Vía Rápida, Transfer Center, Accessibility Resource Center and Veterans Resource Center. Students who visited more than eight programs received a free pizza lunch and were entered into an opportunity drawing for one of 17 bags filled with Grossmont College prizes. The ultimate goal of the event was to have students learn about Comprehensive Education Plans, and 20 students signed up on the spot to schedule an appointment to meet with a counselor. The next Student Success Fair is scheduled for Tuesday, March 6, 2018.

Title V/Vía Rápida Meet and Greet

The Title V/Vía Rápida team held a Meet and Greet event in Griffin Gate on Nov. 8. During the meet and greet, college faculty and staff were able to meet the program's staff. Title V staff includes new Project Director Juan Reyna and Program Assistant Veronica Rosales, and other team members such as Peer Mentor and Embedded Tutor Coordinator Irene Palacios, Outreach/Assessment Specialist Diana Barajas, Vice President of Student Services Marsha Gable, and Interim Associate Dean of Student Services/SSSP Courtney Williams.

Institutional Capacity

Groundbreaking Ceremony

In late October, Grossmont College hosted a Groundbreaking Ceremony for the new Performing and Visual Arts Center. About 100 guests attended the event held in Lot 1 near the Stagehouse Theatre. During the event, Governing Board President Bill Garrett, District Chancellor Cindy Miles, President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh and Arts, Languages and Communications Dean Bill McGreevy spoke to the assembled crowd of faculty, staff, students, elected official representatives, construction team leadership, theatre patrons and donors. The event included a "dirt-turning," music performed by Jazz Studies students and light refreshments. The Performing and Visual Arts Center is expected to be completed in fall 2019.



Construction Update

Construction will begin this month on the Performing and Visual Arts Center, followed by renovation of Bldg. 31 and construction of a modular village to serve as temporary offices and classrooms. The modular village will be erected in Lot 5, adjacent to Griffin Center, in mid-

November, and Bldg. 31 faculty and staff will be moved during winter break. Renovation of Bldg. 31 is expected to start during the spring semester and is scheduled for completion in spring 2019.

Creative Write-a-Thon Fundraiser

The English Department is currently soliciting donations for its annual Creative Write-a-Thon fundraiser to be held on Saturday, Nov. 18, in Griffin Gate. Donations of new or gently used books, gift cards, literary novelties and collectibles, and other useful items for writers are welcome. The program also welcomes donations via the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges' Creative Writing Fund. All funds raised as part of this event help support the Creative Writing Program and its events, such as the annual Literary Arts Festival. For more information on how you can help, please contact program coordinators Daniela Sow at Daniela.Sow@gcccd.edu or Karl Sherlock at Karl.Sherlock@gcccd.edu.

You're Invited

- The Occupational Therapy Assistant program will host its annual **Assistive Technology Show** from 6 – 8:30 p.m., Thursday, Nov. 16, in the upper and lower lounges of Bldg. 34. The event will showcase assistive technologies developed by students in the class of 2018. This event is free and open to the public.
- The **Theatre Arts Department** will present “Bus Stop” at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 30, Dec. 1, 2, 7, 8 and 9; and 2 p.m., Dec. 2 and 9, in the Stagehouse Theatre. “Bus Stop” is an American classic featuring five weary travelers who must spend the night together in an all-night diner after their bus is forced to stop during a snow storm. “Bus Stop” inspired Joshua Logan’s 1956 film starring Marilyn Monroe. Tickets range from \$10 to \$14, and are available now through the Box Office located in Bldg. 20, room 121; online at www.grossmont.edu/theatrebrochure; or by calling 619-644-7234.
- The Dance Department will present its annual “**Breaking Boundaries**” dance concert. The multi-genre concert features pieces choreographed and performed by students. Performances take place at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 16, 17 and 18, at the Joan B. Kroc Theatre at 6611 University Avenue in San Diego. Tickets are available in advance for \$12 through the Dance Department, or \$15 at the door.
- The **Music Department** presents several concerts throughout November, including a Concert Band performance at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 7, at Cuyamaca College; the Guitar Guild at 2:30 p.m., Nov. 8, in Bldg. 26, room 221; CADENCE Vocal Jazz Fall Concert at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 9, in Bldg. 26, room 221; the Grossmont Symphony String Quartet and Wind Quintets at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 17, at the First Presbyterian Church of El Cajon at 500 Farragut Circle; the Piano Performance Studies Recital at 2 p.m., Nov. 19, in Bldg. 26, room 220; and the Grossmont Symphony String Quintet and Wind Quintets at 2 p.m., Nov. 19, at St. Gregory the Great Catholic Church at 11451 Blue Cypress Drive in San Diego. Tickets are \$5 for students, \$10 for seniors and \$15 general admission. For questions, please contact the Music Department at 644-7254.