



Outreach

Got Plans?

The Got Plans 2017 College and Career Fair, sponsored by the East County Education Alliance and hosted at Grossmont College, welcomed approximately 3,500 Grossmont Union High School District students and their families. More than 30 departments and programs from across the District participated in the event through tabling at the college fair. Representatives from Grossmont College Financial Aid and Scholarships, Career/Technical Education and Workforce Development, and outreach ambassadors and Counseling faculty from both campuses presented workshops throughout the day. A special thanks goes to Visual Arts and Humanities for not only tabling during the event, but also presenting an “open house” in their Digital Art and Photography classrooms in Bldg. 20, opening Hyde Art Gallery and an “open class” for ART 299: Studio Workshop for Public Art and Printing.



Career Expo

Last week, Grossmont College hosted its annual Career Expo that included a new element – apprenticeships. Sponsored by Grossmont and Cuyamaca College’s Career and Technical Education/Workforce Development divisions, more than 300 GUHSD students were bussed in from local schools, and toured campus and attended workshops in addition to visiting the more than 60 employers present at the fair.

Engagement

Latino Heritage Month

For Latino Heritage Month, Grossmont College hosted a wide variety of events, from a weekly Latino Film Festival and exhibit by Marienela de la Hoz in the Hyde Art Gallery to guest lectures by comic book illustrator Gabe Eltaebrand, CSU San Marcos Sociology Professor Dr. Marisol Clark-Ibanez and community activist Dr. Eduardo “Kiki” Ochoa. Events were organized, hosted and/or coordinated by Student Affairs, Latin@ Alliance, Music, Visual Arts and Humanities, Student Health Services, Sodexo, and faculty with History, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Dream Center and Cross-Cultural Studies.



Fall Reading Series

The Fall Reading Series kicked off with its annual event in conjunction with National Banned Books Week in September. “Banned Books/Banned Lives: #RISE” exposed a standing room-only crowd to spoken word poetry and performance prose based on classic resistance literature and performed by students, faculty, staff and administrators. The event celebrated freedom of expression and raise awareness about censorship and persecution.

Transfer Fair

The Grossmont College Transfer Center hosted its annual Transfer Fair in early October. More than 50 four-year colleges and universities were present to share information with prospective transfer students. Additionally, free pizza was offered to student attendees thanks to the generosity of Grand Canyon University.



Retention

Open Education Resource Initiative

Grossmont College was recently awarded a \$150,000 grant to support its growing Open Education Resource (OER) initiative. Thanks to the initiative of the OER program coordinator and anthropology instructor Lara Braff to complete the Zero Textbook Cost Program implementation grant, the college was awarded the maximum amount available. OER is high-quality teaching, learning and research resources that reside in the public domain or have been released pursuant to an intellectual property license that permits their free use and repurposing by others, and may include their resources that are legally available and free of cost to students. OER can include full courses, course materials, modules, textbooks, faculty-created content, streaming videos, tests, software and other tools. For more information on the Grossmont College OER initiative, visit www.grossmont.edu/oer.

AB 540 Ally Training

The college’s second AB 540 Ally training was conducted on Friday, Oct. 6. Eighteen faculty, staff and administrators underwent training on the needs, concern and issues of undocumented students and their families. The attendees become allies who are committed to providing undocumented students a safe and supportive environment. The training was conducted by Julio Soto, Raymundo Quezada, Denise Schulmeyer and Barbara Gallego and a powerful student panel of four undocumented students who shared how they experience being undocumented, discussed barriers to college access and what they seek in an ally. AB 540 Allies can be identified across campus by stickers placed in their office spaces such as this one:



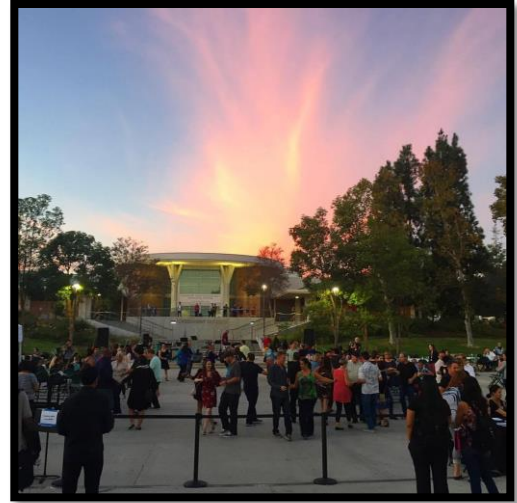
Institutional Capacity

Partnership Resource Team Visit

As part of the CCCCO Institutional Excellence Partnership Initiative, a partnership resource team visited various groups of faculty, staff, administrators and students on Oct. 4. The team responded to the college's request for assistance to help streamline the college's participatory governance structure and improve communications, fully integrate planning and the resource allocation process, and better integrate learning outcomes assessments into integrated planning. The partnership resource team will provide related research and recommendations in a report to the college in the coming weeks.

"Salsa Under the Stars"

The Music Department presented its inaugural "Salsa Under the Stars" concert and scholarship fundraiser last month. Featuring salsa dance lessons, food sales by student clubs, and live music performed by Music faculty and the Manny Cepeda Orchestra, the event helped raise money to provide about 30 scholarships for music students. More than 300 guests enjoyed the evening event staged in the college's Main Quad.



Groundbreaking Ceremony – Performing and Visual Arts Center

The groundbreaking ceremony for the new Performing and Visual Arts Center will be held at 10 a.m., Friday, Oct. 27, in Lot 1 near the Stagehouse Theatre. The ceremony will include speakers from the college and the district, and will be followed by light refreshments. The event is free and open to the public. For questions, please contact Grossmont.CommunityRelations@gcccd.edu.