



Outreach

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

On Sept. 11, Grossmont College hosted the eighth annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony sponsored by State Sen. Joel Anderson. Students, staff, faculty and community members attended the event that featured the Steele Canyon High School show choir, a welcome by President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh and keynote speakers Bill Hays, who spoke about his experience in New York on Sept. 11, 2001, and Josh Powell, Steele Canyon high school student and Associated Student Body representative. This was the second year Grossmont College hosted the event, after first hosting it on Friday, Sept. 11, 2015.



East County Speaking Tour

In August and September, President Abu-Ghazaleh embarked on his East County speaking tour of local faith organizations. In late August, he spoke to members of the Church of Our Mother of Perpetual Help, a Syriac Catholic Church located in El Cajon. In September, he spoke with members of the Kurdish Community Islamic Center in El Cajon. During both occasions he spoke to members about the opportunities for education available at Grossmont College, including student services, and career education training. Those interested in inviting him to speak with their faith community should contact Lorena Ruggero at 619-644-7840.

Got Plans 2017?

Grossmont College will host the 14th annual Got Plans 2017? College and Career Fair sponsored by the East County Education Alliance, a partnership between Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District and Grossmont Union High School District, from 9 a.m. – noon, Saturday, Sept. 30. Got Plans 2017? will feature workshops on college and careers, and a college and university fair featuring more than 100 higher education institutions from across the country. For more information, please visit the [Got Plans 2017? website](#).



Third Annual Southwestern Big Bay Bike Tour

The Grossmont College and East County community is invited to “Ride with the President” at the Third Annual Southwestern Big Bay Bike Tour. The 30-plus mile route will encompass San Diego Bay, and all proceeds will benefit the EOD Warrior Foundation. Those interested in riding with President Abu-Ghazaleh should notify Bernadette Black via phone at 619-644-7100.

Music Department hosts “Salsa Under the Stars”

The Grossmont College Music Department will host “Salsa Under the Stars,” a student scholarship fundraiser featuring the Manny Cepeda Orchestra and salsa dance lessons, at 6:30 p.m., Monday, Sept. 25, in the Main Quad. Tickets are \$20 general admission and \$10 for students, and [can be purchased online](#).

Engagement

One Theme/One Campus: Food Project

Grossmont College will host the first event of its new One Theme/One Campus: Food Project on Sept. 13. The event will feature a screening of “What the Health,” a documentary about the relationships between charitable health organizations and big business. The event is free and open to the campus community. This year’s theme of food is dedicated to promoting advocacy, exhibitions, learning and expression on the theme of “food.”



Latino Heritage Month

Latino Heritage Month at Grossmont College kicks off on Sept. 19 with the Latino Film Festival, featuring screenings of Latino/a films on Tuesday nights at 5:30 p.m. in Bldg. 26, room 220. Other Latino Heritage Month events include a lecture about undocumented Latino youth on Sept. 21; “Salsa Under the Stars” student scholarship fundraiser on Sept. 25 (tickets \$10/\$20); a presentation by comic book artist and illustrator Gabe Eltaeb on Sept. 27; a lecture by community activist Dr. Eduardo “Kiki” Ochoa on Oct. 12; “*Tiempos Complicados*,” an exhibition of art by Marianela De La Hoz in Hyde Art Gallery, Sept. 25 – Oct. 10; and the Latino Food Festival on Wednesdays, Sept. 20 through Oct. 11, in Griffin Grill in Griffin Center (Bldg. 60). All events are free and open to the public. All events, unless otherwise noted, are free and open to the public.

Banned Books Week

The English Department will host its annual Banned Books Week event in late September. This year’s event, titled “Rise,” will feature student-led, spoken word poetry and prose informed by resistance literature. The event takes place at 7 p.m., Thursday, Sept. 28, in Griffin Gate. The event is free and open to the public.



Retention

“We’re All In” Campaign

The Office Professional Development program has expanded its “We’re All In” campaign to administrators and staff, in addition to faculty. Members of the campus community are invited to pledge their participation through Sept. 17. In addition to classroom practices, the Office of Professional Development has developed campus practices to help participants champion learning beyond the classroom to encourage student participation in the numerous engagement/co-curricular learning activities available on campus. Practices included in the second phase of “We’re All In” include: showing students that you care; connecting students to campus support services, resources and engagement opportunities; showing your Grossmont College pride; and leading by example to create a positive college climate. For more information on “We’re All In,” please visit the [Office of Professional Development website](#).

Mental Health Services

Mental Health Services, a program of Student Health Services, is currently offering classroom presentations to faculty. The five to 10-minute presentations inform students about what services are available to them, and when and how to seek help. By showing students the resource available to them, Mental Health Services hopes to help students better manage the stress that can derail their success in and out of the classroom.