



Outreach

National College Fair

The Grossmont College Outreach Department will participate in the National College Fair hosted by the National Association for College Admission Counseling on April 19 at the San Diego Convention Center. The NACAC National College Fair welcomes 5,000 high schoolers from throughout San Diego County. Also, be on the lookout for the Outreach Department at the Santee Street Fair and the America on Main Street Festival in El Cajon next month.

Super Saturday

The Student Success and Support Services hosted its first Super Saturday on Saturday, April 7. The event was designed to help students who have applied complete the onboarding steps necessary to obtain priority registration for fall 2019. More than 50 people attended the event, filling it to capacity. Another Super Saturday will be held on Saturday, June 2, in Griffin Gate; attendees must have already applied to participate.

For prospective students who have not yet applied, they can apply and complete the onboarding steps to obtain priority registration for fall 2019 on Friday, May 4, as part of Fast Friday. Hosted by Student Success and Support Services, the event will help prospective students complete the application, complete orientation/advising and assessment all in one day. The event will be held in Bldg. 51, room 575.

Engagement

Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service 2018

April is Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service 2018. Coordinated by Community Service Learning, there are several volunteer events throughout the month, including a campus beautification project hosted on April 6 and lunch or dinner service at Father Joe's Village in downtown San Diego. Upcoming events include Chicano Park Day on April 21, where volunteers will lead and manage art workshops, and the first-ever Dodgeball Tournament to benefit the student pantry, Gizmo's Kitchen, on April 27. For more information on Grossmont Gives Back, visit www.grossmont.edu/csl.

22nd Annual Literary Arts Festival

The 22nd Annual Literary Arts Festival takes place April 23 – 26 in Griffin Gate. This year's event include reading and signing by writer Jim Ruland, coordinator for the Southern California-based "Vermin on the Mount" irreverent reading series; "New Voices" reading featuring outstanding student works; "Zine Fest" with Margaret Nee; a reading and signing by poet Ada Limon; student poetry slam competition; a "We Need Diverse" books panel featuring author Cindy Pon, poet Janine Joseph and poet Denise Benavides; "Why Lit Matters" student panel and

a reading and signing by writer Kazim Ali. For more information on the Literary Arts Festival, visit www.grossmont.edu/laf.

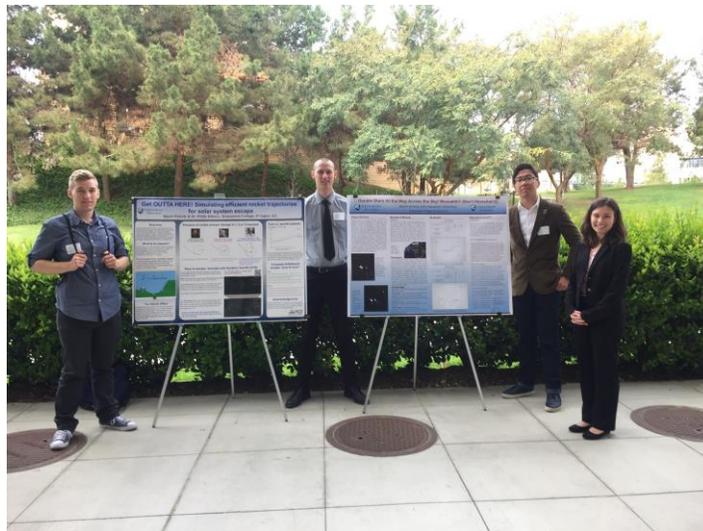
“What is Justice? Out to Protect”

Earlier this month, the college hosted a “What is Justice? Out to Protect” event featuring three law enforcement officers who shared their personal journey about their gender identity and sexual orientation. The event featured San Diego Police Department Officer Christine Garcia, the first openly transgender law enforcement officer in the San Diego region; SDPD LGBT Liaison Sgt. Daniel Meyer; and San Diego Sheriff’s Department Commander Dave Myers. Held in Griffin Gate, the event was attended by students interested in law enforcement careers; lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender and queer issues; and social justice topics.



Honors Transfer Council of California Conference

Four Grossmont College physics students and faculty mentor Dr. Philip Blanco attended the annual Honors Transfer Council of California conference held earlier this month at the University of California Irvine. All the students presented papers at the conference. Devin Potratz and Dr. Blanco displayed results of a feasibility study to send spacecraft out of the solar system, and students Bowen Armour, John Daniyarov and Isabel Kosic showcased their observations and analysis of double stars alongside mentor Dr. Sebastien Cormier. Armour, Daniyarov and Kosic’s research has been accepted for publication in a refereed journal. Congratulations to the students and their mentors!



ASGC Elections

The Associated Students of Grossmont College hosted its annual elections. Amy Bianchi is president, elect; Samantha Munoz is vice president, elect; Alexandra Ambrosio is vice president of finance, elect; and Edwin Hernandez is student trustee, elect. In addition, more than 17 students were elected as board members. The new officers, trustee and board members will be sworn in at the last ASGC meeting of the academic year in May. Congratulations to the newly elected group of student leaders!

Project Access Resource Center

The Science Club, including faculty advisor Jeff Lehman, visited the Project Access Resource Center at Meadowbrook Apartments in the Lomita neighborhood of San Diego, to provide some fun science education for the complex's children. Project Access is a nonprofit organization that partners with developers of affordable housing to provide free services to residents.

On Wednesday, April 18, San Diego Air & Space Museum Education Director Francis French will present "The Elephant in the Room: The story behind NASA's Apollo program – Humankind's greatest engineering achievement," in Bldg. 34, room 150, as part of Political Economy Week. The event is free and open to the public.



Retention

"Grad Coaches"

Grossmont College's student success liaisons have renamed themselves "grad coaches" in a better effort to serve students. Students can receive assistance from grad coaches via referral from a campus faculty or staff member, or they can self-refer by visiting them near the Tutoring Center on the second floor of the Learning and Technology Resources Center. Grad coaches will confidentially assist students with any issue that is hindering their college success, from academic issues to food and housing insecurity. For more information about the Grad Coaches program, please email Grossmont.GradCoaches@gcccd.edu.

Institutional Capacity

Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative

As part of its Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative project and new accreditation standards, Grossmont College is discussing changes to its participatory governance structure. The Governance Organization Steering Committee (GOSC) includes representatives from campus constituency groups, including faculty, staff and students, has met several times to envision a new structure. Campuswide forums will be held twice each day on May 2 and 3, where GOSC members will present activities to date and present a proposed structure to engage in discussion and gather feedback from the campus community.