



Outreach

Iron-workers Apprenticeship Training

As part of the Strong Workforce pre-apprenticeship grant in partnership with Ironworkers, Local 229, Grossmont College's Career Technical Education and Workforce Development division will host an iron-workers pre-apprenticeship training information session from 1 – 3 p.m., Monday, May 14, and 1 – 3 p.m., Monday, May 21. At the information sessions held in the Grossmont College Career Center in Bldg. 60, room 140, attendees will learn how to qualify in the free pre-apprenticeship program and career opportunities with Ironworkers Local 229. To RSVP, please visit tinyurl.com/ironworkersinfosession.

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In late April, more than 50 8th graders from Chet F. Harritt STEAM School in Santee visited Grossmont College as part of college and career exploration for the science, technology, engineering, arts and math-focused (STEAM) school. Led by campus ambassadors, the students visited the Hyde Art Gallery, the Patient Simulation Lab in Allied Health and Nursing, and the Culinary Arts dining room and kitchen. Following the tour, they participated in hands-on experiments with the Science Club before departing for the day.

Science Fair & STEM Event

In April, faculty from Physics, Astronomy and Physical Science; Earth Sciences and Chemistry departments, visited Fletcher Hills Elementary to present on various science topics during their Science Fair & STEM event. The Science Club held a variety of demonstrations, while Physics, Astronomy and Physical Science hosted their planetarium. This is the third year the departments have participated.



Family Orientation

Grossmont College held a Family Orientation on Monday, May 14. More than 50 families attended the event that helped them better understand the academic offerings, student services and other opportunities available to students at Grossmont College. The event, hosted by the Student Success & Support Program, is the first family orientation to be held in anticipation of the 2018-19 academic year.

Engagement

Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service

Hundreds of students participated in this year's Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service community-service learning event. Throughout the month of April, students volunteered on

campus and in the community, including events at Chicano Park and Father Joe's Villages. The annual event culminated in a campuswide dodgeball tournament that benefitted Gizmo's Kitchen, the on-campus food pantry.

Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month

Throughout May, Grossmont College is celebrating its first-ever Asian American Pacific Islander Heritage Month. The event started with an AAPI Mixer on May 1 in the Common Ground in Griffin Center and an Asian Food Truck hosted by Griffin Grill. On May 10, students enjoyed a guest lecture by University of San Diego Ethnic Studies Professor Dr. May Fu, spoken word and poetry by DJ Kuttin' Kandy and a screening of the documentary, "Mixed Match." Other upcoming events on May 17 include a student panel on microaggressions and mental health, fashion and dance show by the San Diego Kimono Club, and a Polynesian dance performance by Halau 'O Heali'i. For more information, visit the District or college calendar of events.



Speech and Debate Team

Grossmont College's Speech and Debate team ended the season on a high note with two awards captured at the Phi Rho Pi National Tournament held in Daytona Beach, Fla. During the national tournament, which includes competitors from junior and community colleges across the country, Theo Hayes took the Gold Award in Dramatic Interpretation and Amanda Afentakis took a Bronze Award in International Public Debate. Additionally, advisor and Communications Chair and Professor Roxanne Tuscany was recognized with a Service Award for her 30 years of service to the organization as director, coach and judge.

In additional accolades for the Speech and Debate team, Grossmont College hosted the PSCFA Cool-Off, the final tournament of the season for novices. Held on campus in late April, 16 teams from two- and four-year colleges competed. Grossmont College took a second place team award for community colleges. Additionally, Arlynda Filmore received first place in Program Oral Interpretation, Lingxin Liu received first place in Speech to Entertain, Franziska Collier received second place in Cultural Artifact, Sarah Farouq received second place in Persuasive Speaking, Melissa Sandoval received second place in Information Speaking, Daria Stevenson received third place in Informative Speaking, Kenia Ramierz was finalist for Dramatic Interpretation, Roberto Velasco was finalist for Extemporaneous Speaking, and Brendan Hawk received ninth place for Speaker Award in Parliamentary Debate. Congratulations to all the competitors and their advisor Roxanne Tuscany!



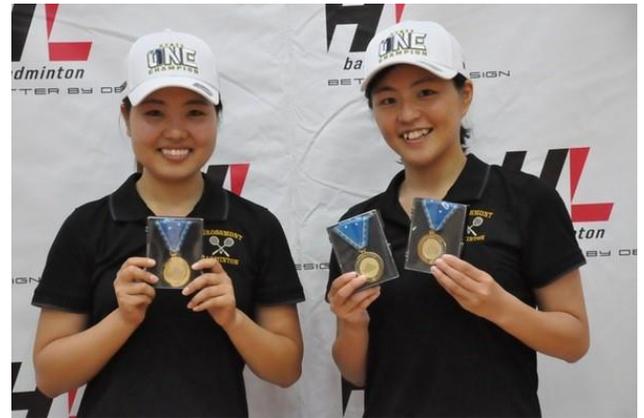
Mental Health Awareness Event

The Behavioral Sciences Department hosted its annual Mental Health Awareness event on May 8 and 9. During the two-day event, hundreds of students attended workshops that aim to reduce some of the stigma associated with mental health disorders. Workshops included learning more about stress-reduction, art making with mental illness, sexual violence in the queer community, and predicting psychosis, among other topics. Speakers for the various workshops include Dr.

Vincent Felitti, who spoke about childhood trauma and adult mental health; Grossmont College student, EOPS staff member and author Uhmbaya Laury who shared excerpts from her book, “Why My Cup?” and Dr. A’verria Martin, who discussed the impacts relationships have on mental health and how to develop nourishing relationships that promote wellness.

CCCAA State Women’s Badminton Tournament

This weekend, second-year student Yukari Naono became just the third player in state history to win back-to-back singles and doubles championships in the CCCAA State Women’s Badminton Individual Tournament. In the tournament held at San Diego City College, Naono took just 12 minutes to win her semifinal over Fresno City College’s Soua Kong, before sweeping Wan Jie Chen of Irvine Valley College in the finals with a 21-16, 21-18 title triumph. Naono and teammate Michiho Kobayashi captured the doubles state title in three sets against Pasadena College’s Natalie Ong and Amy Huang.



Retention

Food Drives

Throughout April and May, several programs and departments hosted food drives benefitting Gizmo’s Kitchen, the student pantry. In addition to the dodgeball tournament hosted as part of Grossmont Gives Back: Month of Service, the Grossmont College faculty/staff Wellness Committee, EOPS Club and various classes and departments hosted food drives that resulted in hundreds of pounds of food collected to benefit students in need.



As part of the college’s efforts to support food-insecure students, the Common Ground space in Griffin Center hosts CalFresh workshops every Monday afternoon, from 1 – 2 p.m. CalFresh is the statewide program for the federal Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program that provides nutrition assistance to low-income individuals and families. During the workshops, staff members help students apply online for benefits. In a matter of minutes, students can complete an application and, if eligible, receive benefits within 30 days.

Institutional Capacity

College Forums

In early May, Grossmont College hosted four forums regarding the college’s current and proposed participatory governance structure. More than 100 students, staff, faculty and administrators attended the forums designed to gather feedback on the proposed structure. In the proposed structure, members of the Government Organization Steering Committee, which includes representatives from each campus constituent group, hope to create a more transparent and streamlined process for gathering feedback and recommendations on issues of participatory governance. This summer and fall, steering committee members will continue their work with the campus community, with hopes of implementing a new structure as early as January 2019.