



## Outreach

### Resource Fair

The Outreach Department participated in the 8<sup>th</sup> annual resource fair hosted by Chaldean and Middle Eastern Social Services (CMSS). The event, which took place in mid-November, included workshops on social services, including education and academic programs at Grossmont College; and a resource fair of community organizations and social services agencies, including Grossmont College. Founded in 2005, CMSS is a local nonprofit that serves more than 17,000 refugees and immigrants each year.



### Theatre Arts Department

The Theatre Arts Department is readying for its high school touring production, "Inside the Actor's Process: Monsters, Magic and Mischief," which debuts Jan. 28, 2019. Directed for the second year in a row by Ben Cole, theatre arts adjunct faculty and Director of Theatre School Education and Outreach at North Coast Repertory Theatre, the production will visit 15 high schools throughout San Diego County. The show will also be performed at the Stagehouse Theatre at 2 p.m., Feb. 2 and 7:30 p.m., Feb. 1 and 2.

### SDICCCA Deans Academy

Grossmont College hosted the third session of the 2018-19 SDICCCA Deans Academy, focused on "Leading for Change." Speakers included Grossmont College President Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh and Palomar College Superintendent/President Dr. Joi Lin Blake. The SDICCCA Deans Academy is a professional development opportunity for community college deans and aspiring deans throughout San Diego and Imperial counties. Other sessions have included "Preparing for Upper-Level Leadership Positions" and "Enrollment Management" featuring leaders from San Diego Community College District, Southwestern College and the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office.

## Engagement

### Peer Mentors

The Via Rápida/Title V program is currently seeking paid peer mentors for the spring semester. Peer mentors provide encouragement and guidance that helps first-year students transition to college life, and serve as a resource and positive role model motivating students toward achieving academic excellence. Peer mentors participate in regular training and meetings

throughout the semester, and are assigned a small group of mentees to follow up with throughout the academic year. Peer mentors are asked to commit to mentoring for at least one year, and work an average of five hours per week.

### **CalWORKs/New Horizons**

The CalWORKs/New Horizons program, which serves low-income college student-parents who receive Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, is seeking gift card donations and bicycles for its annual holiday party to be held Dec. 17. The gift cards will be given to teenage children of CalWORKs student-parents and bicycles are for younger children. Additional gifts for younger children are generously donated through Toys for Tots. CalWORKs provides intensive instruction, counseling and support services, such as internships, job search employment preparation opportunities and childcare assistance to more than 900 Grossmont College students annually. To make a donation, please visit the CalWORKs/New Horizons located in Bldg. 60. Please note that the CalWORKs/New Horizons program office will move to Bldg. 38E on Dec. 18.

### **Retention**

#### **De-Stress Fest**

The Associated Students of Grossmont College and the Inter-Club Council presented De-Stress Fest, a week of activity dedicated to helping students take a break from the stress of finals week. Activities included power snack breaks, adult coloring activity, card games, and Pets for Pep, an event featuring therapy dogs that is hosted by Via Rápida.

#### **Region X OER/ZTEC Summit**

The Grossmont College Open Educational Resources (OER) work group hosted the first-ever Region X OER/ZTC Summit in early November. The daylong event was designed to increase awareness and value of OER and ZTC (zero textbook cost) resources, and its impact on student success. More than 100 attendees from community colleges located in San Diego and Imperial counties heard from keynote speakers James Glapa-Grossklaag, with the College of the Canyons, and Nicole Miller, transfer student to California Polytechnic State University San Luis Obispo from College of the Canyons.

#### **Pinning Ceremony**

The Grossmont College Nursing Program will host its biannual Pinning Ceremony on Thursday, Dec. 13, at the Samuel M. Ciccati Theatre at Cuyamaca College. During the event, students will be ceremonially “pinned” to mark the completion of their associate’s degree program. The event will also feature the presentation of a proclamation from State Assemblyman Randy Voepel recognizing the program for its 2018 Strong Workforce Gold Star for helping program graduates improve their earnings, attain a regional living wage and obtain a job in a related field.

#### **Corrections Academy**

The Corrections Academy will host its biannual graduation on Dec. 15 in Griffin Gate. The program will recognize its fall 2018 program graduates. The Corrections Academy is a 16-week adult corrections officer course that helps prepare students for careers as deputy sheriffs, corrections officers, custodial officers, police officers and detention officers. The course exceeds the minimum standards for the State of California, Board of State and Community Corrections, Standards and Training for Corrections for entry-level adult corrections officers.

### **National University Scholarships**

During the 2018-19 academic year, National University recently granted 10 scholarships to students who transferred from Grossmont College. The scholarships reduced tuition at the private nonprofit university by 40 percent. Founded in 1971, National University is the largest private nonprofit university in San Diego; its mission is to provide accessible, achievable higher education to adult learners.

### **Institutional Capacity**

#### **U.S. Department of State Deputy Assistant Secretary Visit**

In late November, Grossmont College hosted U.S. Department of State Deputy Assistant Secretary for Academic Programs Caroline Casagrande in the Bureau of Educational and Cultural Affairs, which includes the Fulbright Programs, the Gilman International Scholarship Program and the Critical Language Scholarship Program. Casagrande visited because of the college's success in hosting international students. President Abu-Ghazaleh and members of the international student team met with Casagrande, and shared information about the college's program and its students. Grossmont College ranks 39<sup>th</sup> nationally for international student enrollment at community colleges, according to the 2017-18 Open Doors Report.

