

## OUTREACH

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The **Outreach program** held three information sessions during spring break. The events were free and open to the public, and included dinner and information about enrolling at Grossmont College. Sessions in English, Spanish and Arabic were held March 26 through 28, with dozens of families attending throughout the week.



In partnership with the California Student Opportunity and Access Program (Cal-SOAP) Outreach program

staff will present several workshops at next week’s San Diego National College Fair hosted by the National Association for College Admission Counseling. Grossmont College will also host a booth at the event, which includes hundreds of colleges and universities from across the country.

## ENGAGEMENT

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Grossmont College **Media Communications students** won big at this month’s Broadcast Educators Association’s international conference held in Las Vegas. Justin Hofa, Marion Deguzman and LaTanya Ramos won the Award of Excellence in the 2019 Student Audio Competition in the PSA, Promotion or Commercial Category for their “Party Safety PSA,” an audio public service announcement. To listen the PSA, please visit [the department’s YouTube channel](#). This is the 26<sup>th</sup> BEA Award won by Grossmont College Media Communications students since 2000. The competition includes entries from



students at four-year and two-year colleges and universities in the United States, Canada, Europe and the Middle East. Congratulations to the team and Prof. Evan Wirig!

Grossmont College's **Speech and Debate** had a great showing at the California Community College State Championship Speech and Debate Tournament held in mid-March in Woodland Hills. The team placed fifth overall, with Andrew Jassick winning a gold award in Speech to Entertain; Theodrick Hayes winning a silver award in Drama Interpretation; Regina Forester winning a bronze award in Prose Interpretation; and Catherine Teixeira winning a bronze award in Extemporaneous Speaking. Congratulations to the team and Prof. Roxanne Tuscany!

The **Associated Students of Grossmont College** hosted its elections for officers, board members and student trustee on April 10 and 11. In total, eleven candidates vied for several positions. The winning candidates will be sworn in at the last board meeting of the year.

The Division of Career/Technical Education and Workforce Development held its first-ever **CTE job fair** last week. At the event, students were able to meet and speak with local employers working in industries related to the CTE division, including SeaWorld San Diego, Allied University Security Solutions, La Mesa Police Department and Jamul Casino, among others.



As part of a grant from the Foundation for Grossmont and Cuyamaca Colleges, Grossmont College students are performing "Shakespeare in Exile" throughout the San Diego community. As part of a project with the local organization, Write Out Loud, the students are performing various scenes from the works of William Shakespeare. The show itself is a "pop-up" performance that uses the truck bed of a 1970s Ford pickup, allowing the student actors a unique opportunity to perform outdoors. Local stops of the tour include local high schools, libraries, bookstores, coffee shops and the April 20 Shakespeare's Birthday Celebration at Copley Plaza at the Old Globe Theatre in Balboa Park.

## RETENTION

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Grossmont College hosted its first-ever free **farmers market**, which provided fresh produce to 150 students and staff with food insecurity. Sponsored by Gizmo's Kitchen, the event was held in Griffin Gate due to inclement weather. Based on positive feedback and student need, planning is underway to expand this to a monthly event.

As of February 2019, **Grossmont College CalWORKs**, which serves student-parents in our local community who receive Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) federal aid, has grown the number of students it serves by 11 percent. This year, the program has provided more than 750 students and their families with specialized counseling support, job search preparation, child care assistance and more to help prepare students for immediate and successful employment.

Last month, Grossmont College's CARE program hosted the **third annual Region X CARE Conference** for students in Griffin Gate. During the regional conference, staff and students shared best practices and highlighted the great things each campus is doing in our region. CARE, also known as Cooperative Agencies Resources for Education, is a California state-funded program designed to recruit and assist single parent recipients of CalWORKs.



## INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

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Grossmont College had a strong presence at last month's **Connecting the Dots workshop** hosted by the California Community Colleges Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Initiative (IEPI) in downtown San Diego. The workshop focused on data-informed integrated planning, the new Student-Centered Funding Formula and showcased the new Student Success Metrics dashboard that launched earlier this year. College attendees included faculty, staff and administrators from Academic Affairs; Student Services; Administrative Services; Research, Planning and Institutional Effectiveness; and College and Community Relations.