



G R O S S M O N T C O L L E G E

President's Report to the Governing Board July 16, 2019

OUTREACH



Dr. Marsha Gable, Vice President of Student Services, addresses new students in Griffin Center.

Throughout the summer, Grossmont College is hosting New Student Placement/Advising Workshops and open labs in English, Spanish and Arabic. During the sessions, students can learn about their assessment/placement scores, obtain an abbreviated educational plan, connect with student support services, and explore their transfer options.

In mid-June, Grossmont College administrators and staff, along with colleagues from Cuyamaca College, had the opportunity to attend and celebrate local high school, college and university graduates at the annual Knights of Columbus graduation celebration held at St. Peter Chaldean Catholic Cathedral in Rancho San Diego. Many of the graduates in attendance plan to attend Grossmont College, graduated from Grossmont College or graduated from a local university after transferring from Grossmont College. Additionally, several of the students celebrated are current staff members or student hourly employees.

Grossmont College's Division of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development will host its inaugural Career Academy Week July 23 – 25. From 10 a.m. – 2 p.m. each day, presentations will be offered in a variety of career education areas, such as information technology, culinary arts, entrepreneurship and drones. Guests will also be able to meet industry experts and take a campus tour during their visit. Career Academy Week is free and open to the public. To RSVP, please visit tinyurl.com/GCCareerAcademy.

Grossmont College hosted its second Family Orientation this year in mid-June. The event focused on providing valuable information to the students and parents in attendance. The crowd, which included more than 100 guests, heard about admissions information, financial aid, leadership opportunities and more, while enjoying a free dinner. The event was organized by several Student Services departments, including Outreach, Student Success & Support Programs, Student Development and more.

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Graduates at the Knights of Columbus event at St. Peter Chaldean Catholic Church pose with Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh (third from left, Career Services Supervisor Renee Nasori (third from right), Student Services Specialist Rita Arabo (second from right) and Community Liaison Dr. Khalid Alkhurie (far right).



Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh (middle) poses with Fletcher Hills Kiwanis Board member Ray Bellow (far left) and Chapter President Dave Liss.

On June 22, Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh visited with the Fletcher Hills Kiwanis Club to speak with the college’s neighbors about the economic impact and value of Grossmont College. Kiwanis is a global organization of volunteers dedicated to improving the world one child and one community at a time. Established in 1980, the Fletcher Hills Kiwanis Club is dedicated to serving the local community through various service and fundraising projects.

ENGAGEMENT

As part of the Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District contingent, Grossmont College participated in this year’s San Diego Pride Parade on Saturday, July 13. Dozens of employees and students marched with the college, giving away temporary tattoos, water bottles and rainbow lanyards to festival attendees. This is the third year that the District has participated in the San Diego Pride Parade. All participants in this year’s contingent received a free T-shirt and other giveaways.

The Summer Institute Program hosted by the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services is once again underway. This summer’s cohort of students have been enrolled in Counseling 120: College and Career Success and Cross Cultural Studies 114: Introduction to the Sociology of Minority Group Relations. In addition to their coursework, students participate in various cultural, educational and social activities, such as field trips to Chicano Park, campus tours of four-year universities and team-building activities.



SIP students participate in a field trip to Chicano Park.

At 7 p.m. on Thursday, July 18, in Bldg. 26, room 221, the Grossmont College Music Department will host a free Afro-Cuban Percussion Recital featuring students enrolled in Music 160: Introduction to Afro-Cuban Percussion with Music Instructor and local musician Manny Rivera-Cepeda. The recital is free and open to the public.



The cast of “The Little Mermaid” poses in the Stagehouse Theatre.

The Stagehouse Theatre will debut its performance of Disney’s “The Little Mermaid” on July 25. The play, which was selected as this year’s Summer Conservatory production, features high school and college cast and crew members in the well-known musical based on the 1990s animated film. “The Little Mermaid” will run through August 3. For tickets, visit Grossmont.edu/theatrebrochure.

Throughout the summer, Grossmont College Career Services has hosted summer workshops as part of its 21st century career workshop series. The free workshops, which are open to the public, are in a wide variety of topics from inclusive communication and leadership skills to building a resume and preparing for interviews. More information is available by visiting the Career Center in Bldg. 60 or calling 619-644-7611.



Representatives from the National Conflict Resolution Center host a workshop about inclusive communication.

RETENTION

To support student registration, the Outreach Department has hosted several registration assistance open labs for Grossmont College students. Held at least once a day during business hours, the open labs allow new and continuing students to drop in for registration assistance with trained outreach ambassadors. Hundreds of students have taken advantage of the expertise of the outreach ambassadors, with many more expected as open registration begins in mid-July.

The Grossmont College Music Department will host music scholarship auditions on Thursday, August 15. The scholarships offered assist students in paying for music lessons on their instrument of choice. For details regarding eligibility, interested applicants should visit the Music Department website at Grossmont.edu/music and click on "Scholarship Auditions."

To raise awareness of Gizmo's Kitchen, the college's food pantry, the Common Ground in Griffin Center has been hosting an ice cream social every Wednesday throughout the summer. During the socials, which are held from noon – 2 p.m. in room 206, guests can enjoy ice cream while learning about food insecurity and services offered by community partners and the college.