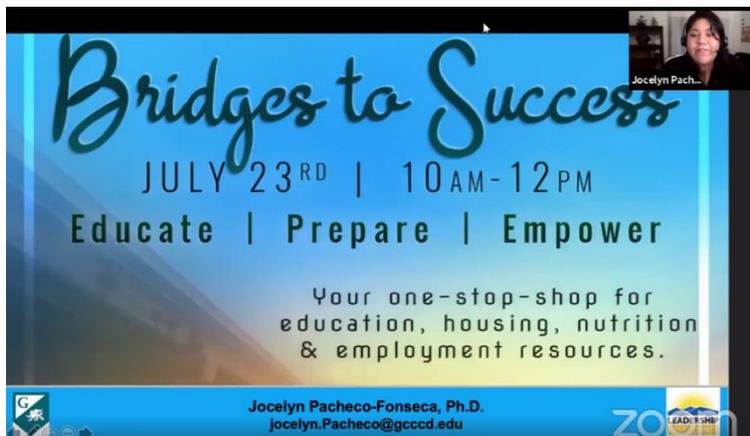




GROSSMONT COLLEGE

President's Report to the Governing Board August 18, 2020

OUTREACH



In late July, the Outreach program hosted its first-ever “Bridges to Success” event aimed at helping current and former foster youth plan for their future as they age out of the foster care system, and as a one-stop shop for education, housing, nutrition and employment resources. The virtual event was hosted on Zoom and Facebook Live and nearly 150 people were in attendance. Event speakers

included representatives from Outreach, Financial Aid, Guardian Scholars, Career Services and many local nonprofits and public agencies. This event was in partnership with the East County Chamber of Commerce.

Two adjunct Culinary Arts faculty are featured on the new season of Netflix’s “Sugar Rush,” baking competition program. Marianne Daquino and Holly Sims, who teach Pastry Arts and are program alumnae, competed on the episode, “Blackout,” that ended on a finale that included a glow-in-the-dark cake. [The newest season of “Sugar Rush” was released on Netflix on Friday, July 31.](#)



Earlier this year, English Professor Micah Jendian started a YouTube channel that includes videos of his readings of the work of William Saroyan, an Armenian-American novelist, playwright and short story writer. The channel, [William Saroyan Special: Stories Read Aloud](#), features readings of five of Saroyan’s work. According to Jendian, the stories are accessible, simple and rich, and fun and deep. Jendian also quotes award-winning journalist and author Marx Arax, stating “Saroyan’s voice is a perfect one for our time -- the time of coronavirus.” When COVID-19 began, Jendian created this YouTube channel as a short cut for those wishing to enjoying Saroyan’s work.

ENGAGEMENT

The Music Department is currently auditioning students for scholarships. Students are encouraged to film a performance and submit a video to the program for consideration. Students can also request accompanists if needed. Students often apply their music to the cost of attendance; maintenance, purchase or rental of equipment; specialized instruction or tutoring; or for travel costs associated with performances. For more information on how to audition, students can [visit the Music Department website](#).



GROSSMONT COLLEGE THEATRE ARTS DEPARTMENT
Auditions

"Hope at the End of the World" and "Sparkle"
Wednesday, August 12, 2020 from 6:30-9:30 PM
Auditions for "The Winter's Tale" will take place
Monday, September 21, 2020 from 6:30-9:30 PM

SUBMISSION PROCEDURES:

- Carefully read the show descriptions in the following slides.
- Click the link in our bio. Visit the Auditions tab to request an audition slot and submit your headshot and information.
- Zoom audition links will be sent out Monday, August 10, 2020
- Each audition will have a separate Zoom room.

The Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department believes deeply in upholding the principles of Anti-Racism, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion. Black, Indigenous, people of color and those who identify with the LGBTQIA community are strongly encouraged to audition. Our department welcomes everyone with an open heart and open arms.

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Performing Arts departments and programs are currently holding auditions for upcoming performances this fall semester. The Dance Department is currently accepting digital audition materials via FlipGrid through August 19. Students are auditioning to participate in a digital "Entrances & Exits" faculty-choreographed dance concert. Additionally, Theatre Arts is auditioning students via video submissions and Zoom this month for two fall productions, "Hope at the End of the World" and "Sparkle." Auditions for "The Winter's Tale" will take place in September.

RETENTION

Allied Health and Nursing has particularly good news to celebrate, thanks to pass rates for two recent cohorts of students. In an impressive feat, 100 percent of orthopedic technology program's 2019 students passed the exam administered by the National Board for Certification of Orthopedic



Technologists. While a score of 700 is required to pass, Grossmont College orthopedic technology students averaged a score of 827.9.

Additionally, respiratory therapy students performed well on their national exam administered by the National Board for Respiratory Care. Of all students who took the exam, 96.15 percent earned their Certified Respiratory Therapist credential, an essential step to becoming a Registered Respiratory Therapist (RRT).

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



Last month, contractors were able to transform the Child Development Center's outdoor classroom and play areas. The crew upgraded the landscaping and brought in new sand and turf into the center that serves as a statewide model for toddler and infant care, and as a Head Start preschool. The Child Development Center serves the families of students and employees.