



# GROSSMONT COLLEGE

## *President's Report to the Governing Board October 13, 2020*

### OUTREACH

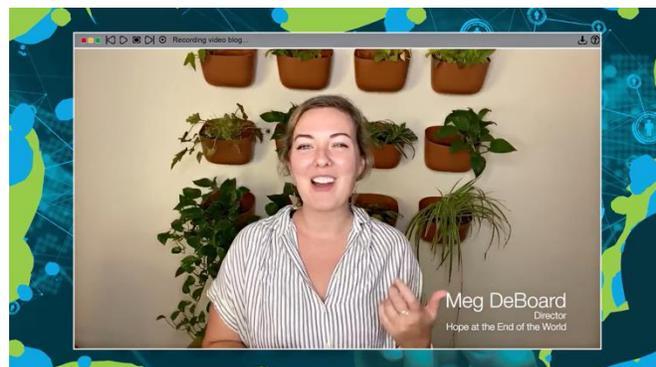


The Outreach Department hosted a Virtual Student Success Fair in mid-September on Zoom and Facebook Live. The virtual event was attended by 90 students and featured a total of 19 Student Services departments. Of those students that attended the event, 90 percent reported that they were “very satisfied” with the event and that they found the information presented “very useful.” Nearly

all students reported that they would attend next semester’s Virtual Student Success Fair. For a closed captioned replay of the event, visit the [Grossmont Outreach Facebook page](#).

The Via Rápida First Year Experience (FYE) Program, which is funded by a Title V Hispanic-Serving Institutions grant, will host virtual info sessions in early October. The program is currently accepting applications from first-time, first-year students. By participating, FYE students receive priority registration, peer mentorship, specialized counseling and much more. [More information about this event and a registration link are available online.](#)

The Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department will host an online opening night of its first fall production, “Hope at the End of the World,” at 7:30 p.m., Saturday, Oct. 3. “Hope at the End of the World” is a devised piece of theatre created by Director DeBoard and the student cast specifically for a Zoom audience. A truly collaborative piece of storytelling, "Hope at the End of the World" focuses its themes on events that are surrounding the world right now, along with universal themes of love, growth as an individual and as a community, and finding joy through difficult times. [The production will be available for viewing online via the Grossmont College website.](#)



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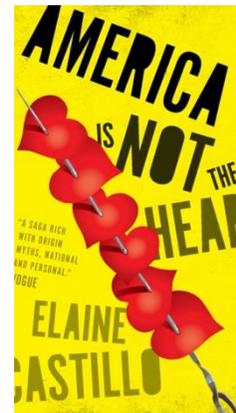
## ENGAGEMENT



Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges will partner for programming for this year's Undocumented Student Week of Action, which takes place Oct. 19 – 23.

Sponsored by the California Community Colleges, who serve the largest number of undocumented students in the state, the week is a system-wide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for the undocumented student population. Throughout the week, California's community colleges are encouraged to engage in advocacy and support efforts in solidarity with undocumented students throughout the state. A live flier of Undocumented Student Week of Action events is available at [tinyurl.com/undocuweek2020](https://tinyurl.com/undocuweek2020).

This October, Grossmont College will host its inaugural Filipinx Heritage Month, modeled after Filipino American History Month. Coordinated by the Asian Pacific Islander Committee, which plans the college's annual API Month in May, upcoming virtual events will feature a lecture by Grossmont College Counselor Desmond Morente on the legacy of colonialism and Filipino-Americans, a Filipino-American cooking demo by Culinary Arts Technician Kris Saradpon, and a book club reading and discussion of Elaine Castillo's "America is Not the Heart" co-hosted by English Instructor Daniela Sow and Philosophy Associate Instructor June Yang. For more information about API Committee and Filipinx Heritage Month, visit [Grossmont.edu/API](https://Grossmont.edu/API).



Grossmont College is reminding students to have their voice heard in the Nov. 3 election, through several voter registration events and social media posts. In mid-September, the college hosted its Constitution Day, which featured a special lecture, "The Constitutional Foundation of America's Caste System," by Political Science Professor Joseph Braunwarth; the college also hosted a National Voter Registration Day Power Hour on Sept. 22; and is planning to host a special lecture with Political Science faculty in October. The college will also serve as a polling site in partnership with the San Diego County Registrar of Voters and will accept ballots and host live voting in the week prior to the Nov. 3 election.

The Common Ground, which has evolved from a physical student space to a virtual student engagement space, has officially kicked off its virtual programming for the fall semester. This semester's virtual programming includes gaming sessions, Dungeons & Dragons role-playing game play, open mic night and a weekly hangout to help students socialize and get to know one another during distance learning. For more information about current programming, visit [The Common Ground's Facebook page](#).

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## RETENTION

In late September, the Tutoring Center launched a [drop-in tutoring service on Zoom](#), available from 9 a.m. to 8 p.m., Monday through Thursday, and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Friday. The Zoom room allows students to drop in and ask questions of tutors on a first-come, first-served basis with five to 15 minutes spent per question. Students are welcome to stay in the tutoring room as long as they want and ask more questions. Currently, math is available for drop-in tutoring, with more subjects added in the coming weeks. The Tutoring Center continues to offer 30- to 60-minute appointments on WOnline. To learn more about how the Zoom Room works, [view the online video](#).

In partnership with the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank, Grossmont College hosted its first drive-through food distribution in mid-September. More than 150 students were able to drive up and have food deposited into the trunks of their vehicles during a two-hour period. The event was coordinated by Gizmo's Kitchen and fully staffed by faculty and staff volunteers.



Along with the San Diego Workforce Partnership and the East County Chamber of Commerce, Grossmont College's Career Services and the Division of Career/Technical Education and Workforce Development will host a virtual Career Expo on Oct. 28. The event will allow hundreds of community members and current students an opportunity to meet and network with local employers representing in-demand industries in a virtual environment. To register or learn more about the event, visit [Grossmont.edu/CareerExpo](https://Grossmont.edu/CareerExpo).

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## INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



Several Grossmont College staff members, faculty and administrators are currently enrolled in the inaugural virtual Open Educational Resources Initiative course and certificate program offered through the Academic Senate of California Community Colleges. Co-taught by Grossmont College Counselor and OER advocate Dave Dillon, the free eight-week program encourages and supports professional development opportunities for current and future California Community College employees. The certificate program provides an overview of OER fundamentals, providing participants with the foundational knowledge needed to be an effective OER advocate and the opportunity to collaborate with faculty working on a current OER project. Topics covered include open licensing, open pedagogy, accessibility, curation of resources, and research about how OER affects student success. The program concludes in early November, and participants must complete course assignments, contribute to OER development or improvement, and create a concluding video to earn the ASCCC OERI Introduction to OER Certificate.