



# GROSSMONT COLLEGE

## *President's Report to the Governing Board April 20, 2021*

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### RECOGNITION



The Intercollegiate Broadcasting System has awarded First Place in the Best Community Outreach Category to Grossmont College's [Griffin Radio](#) for its coverage of the Via Rápida Día de Familia event in March 2020. Media Communications students Nicole Lopez, Daniela Mendez, Manny Garcia and Thomas Ortega worked on the Spanish-language project under the supervision of faculty advisor and Media Communications instructor Dr. Evan C. Wirig. The group was notified of their win during the virtual award ceremony held in early March. This is the first time Grossmont College students entered the IBS competition since joining the organization three years ago;

the group competed in their category against four-year student finalists from University of Kansas, University of Indiana, University of Seattle and Goshen College in Indiana.

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### OUTREACH

Three videos featuring Grossmont College's international students are currently posted to the [Study in the USA video website](#). The videos, which are produced by the International Students Program and American Collegiate English (ACE), feature international students talking about their experiences at Grossmont College. Study in the USA is an education guide website that has been sharing education opportunities with international students for more than 40 years.

The Grossmont College Outreach ambassadors will host several virtual Super Saturday and Super Tuesday sessions in May and June to assist prospective students with on-boarding for enrollment in fall 2021. During the virtual event, prospective students will be able to complete the application for the Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise, English and math placement, orientation and advising all in a few hours. To register for a Super Saturday or Super Tuesday event, visit [is.gd/super2021](https://is.gd/super2021).



In early March, Grossmont College partnered with Feeding America San Diego and the San Diego and Imperial Counties Labor Council for their first-ever East County food distribution. Dozens of Grossmont College employees volunteered on a cloudy Saturday morning to distribute perishable and non-perishable food items to hundreds of local residents.



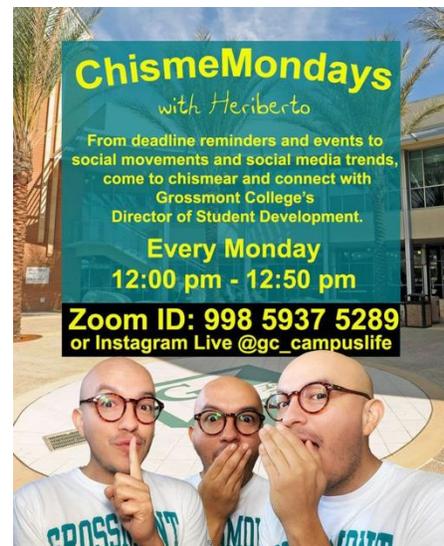
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## ENGAGEMENT



Grossmont College’s Asian Pacific Islander (API) Committee has organized two events for April. On April 6, the group of API employees, students and allies hosted “Combating Anti-Asian American Racism: Art, Activism, & Healing.” The event was moderated by Dr. Desmond Morente with Grossmont College Counseling and featured several panelists, including visual artist Rei Lo, Social Director of Hate is a Virus and UPRISERS Kari Okubo, Grossmont College Counselor and Marriage and Family Therapist Ji Eun Ko, and Associate Marriage and Family Therapist Shinyung Oh. On April 21, API Committee will also host “[COVID 19: An Attack on the Asian Community](#),” featuring Grossmont College Philosophy and Religious Studies Chair Dr. June Yang and Dr. Morente. [Event registration](#) is open to the public and attendees can also receive Grossmont College professional development credit.

Since March, Grossmont College students have been invited each Monday to virtual *chisme* sessions on Zoom with Director of Student Development Heriberto Vásquez. *Chisme* is a Spanish term for gossip, but the informal Zoom meetings, dubbed “ChismeMondays with Heriberto,” are an opportunity for students to learn about deadline reminders and events to social movements and social media trends.



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## RETENTION

The Grossmont College Library distributed dozens of laptops, calculators and Wi-Fi hotspots over the span of 20 hours before and after spring break. Students were able to check out the items on a first-come, first-served basis; all items are due June 7, the last day of the spring semester. Library staff distributed the items in a no-contact distribution event held on the lower level of the college’s parking structure.



The Office of Professional Development has invited Dr. Lasana Hotep, University of California Berkeley Director for Diversity, Equity, Inclusion and Belonging, for a three-part workshops series, “Taking You to Higher Heights with Dr. Lasana Hotep.” The workshops are part of an effort to continue the momentum towards establishing an anti-racist campus and becoming equity-advancing and -minded educators. The workshops are a continuation to the Spring 2021 Convocation message of cultivating a culture of anti-racism. The first workshop was in March, with the following two workshops held April 13 and 22. For more information, visit

the Office of Professional Development website at [Grossmont.edu/PD](https://Grossmont.edu/PD).

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## INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



April is Diversity, Equity and Inclusion (DEI) Month in the California Community Colleges. With many virtual events hosted by the state Chancellor’s Office, including Black Student Success Week during April 24 – 29, Grossmont College is also hosting its own activities. Events include a kick-off event on Friday, April 9; aforementioned API Committee-hosted events; and the Brown Bag with the President’s Taskforce on Anti-Racism, which will feature a presentation on “Implementing AB705 and Other Legislation in Equitable Ways” by the California Community Colleges Equity Alliance, among other events.

The final Virtual Annual Planning Forum series event will be held Friday, April 16. The event will focus on the Vision for Success and preparing for creation of the college’s 2022 – 2028 strategic plan. The two prior Virtual Annual Planning Forum events were held in February and March and focused on preparing for the future and building institutional capacity in the midst of a pandemic, and key takeaways from program review, outcomes assessment and curriculum review, respectively.