



# GROSSMONT COLLEGE

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

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### OUTREACH



The fall class schedule has been posted online and the Grossmont College Outreach Team is busy assisting students who may need a little help with the registration process. Appointments are required for the in-person registration assistance, which began June 28 and which are held Mondays and Tuesdays, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., and Wednesdays and Thursdays, from 1 to 6 p.m. The on-campus sessions continue through July 22.

In addition, part-time CAPS personnel are stationed at information tables at the main entry points on campus to answer questions and help students get reacquainted with the College. Students have the option of registering for on-campus, online, or hybrid classes.

Speaking about Outreach, between 4,000 and 5,000 Grossmont College students have downloaded the Grad Guru app to keep them apprised of College events.

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### RETENTION

Adult learners contemplating a return to the classroom were treated to a Grossmont College Adult Reentry program virtual open house and workshop on July 7 in preparation for the fall semester starting



August 16. The free workshop was aimed at helping adult learners to reacclimate to a school setting. Participants met with college administrators and staff, explored careers and majors, learned about financial aid and scholarship opportunities, discovered myriad student services and resources, heard inspirational student success stories, took a virtual campus tour, and received tips on registering for courses. As part of Grossmont College's Student Development Services, the Adult Reentry Center provides a multitude of resources for the returning adult student seeking help developing educational goals and career

options. Reentry students fit many profiles, from the high-school dropout wanting to give education another go, to military veterans unsure about their futures, to the displaced worker in need of new workforce skills.

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## INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY



Engineering work is in progress and major construction work is expected to get under way this fall to install solar panels on new shade structures that will be built in parking lots 4, 4A, and 7. Elsewhere, the project team is working with Grossmont College on the design for the remodel of Buildings 51 and 55. Construction is slated to begin in January of 2023.

Meanwhile, construction work on the Science, Math & Career Technical Complex – which will house an expanded Veterans Resource Center, classrooms, and faculty offices – is ongoing and the undergrounding of utilities has commenced.

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## ENGAGEMENT

Grossmont College’s new President, Denise Whisenhunt, has been busy meeting with faculty, professional staff since beginning her new role July 1. Wrote President Whisenhunt to the Grossmont College community:



“As perhaps the newest employee of our District, I want to extend a special thank you for your welcoming support on Day One.

“Today, I had the opportunity to walk around and connect with some of the people and programs on campus that make this college so amazing. Included among my brief visits was the opportunity to swing by the Child Development Center and also to visit and learn more about the Administration of Justice Department’s Forensic Technology program. Listening and learning today only reinforces my wanting to hear your voices and comments.”

President Whisenhunt comes to Grossmont College from San Diego City College, where she was appointed Vice President of Student Services in 2013 and where she served as Interim President for 14 months beginning in May of 2016.

President Whisenhunt earned her juris doctorate degree at The Catholic University of America in Washington, D.C. and her bachelor of arts degree in political science and literature from the University of California, San Diego.