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President's Report to the Governing Board August 17, 2021

The Grossmont College Strategic Plan, which evolved from Grossmont College's Achieving the Dream goals, is focused on outreach, engagement, retention, and institutional capacity.

OUTREACH

The Grossmont College Nursing Program is saving lives.

Approximately 120 nursing students at Grossmont College have administered thousands of COVID-19 vaccinations at San Diego County clinics and vaccination centers side-by-side with their instructors. First-



semester students were stationed at Kaiser clinics; second-semester students were assigned to Sharp sites; third-semester students and faculty worked with Champions of Health at sites throughout the county, including a retirement community in Fallbrook and Crestview Behavioral Health. Vaccination clinics were organized in collaboration with the Black Nurses Association. Second-semester students alone administered more than 10,000 vaccinations. In

addition, fourth-semester students and nursing faculty volunteered on their own to safely inoculate as many qualified individuals as possible.

The vaccinations are the latest in a string of Grossmont College collaborations with the community to rein in the COVID-19 pandemic. Among them: almost as soon as the pandemic began spreading in San Diego County in spring of 2020, the Grossmont College lent 18 ventilators from its Respiratory Therapy program to two local hospitals and the state as part of an effort to increase the supply of life-saving equipment for critically ill COVID-19 patients.

ENGAGEMENT

Grossmont College has taken the top prize in the 2021 SoCal Cyber Cup Challenge after two computer science students, Scott Graham and Gerald Wolf, registered the Grossmont College team – dubbed Reverse Shells By the C-Shore – for the competition just one day before the deadline.

Besides bragging rights, the championship comes with \$5,500 in scholarships for Grossmont College.



The 2021 SoCal Cyber Cup Challenge was held from February 15 through May 31. Sponsored in part by the Department of Defense, the 12th annual SoCal Cyber Cup is aimed at providing extensive training and mentorship to participating students interested in a future in the growing field of cybersecurity.

Computer Science and Information Systems degrees and programs at Grossmont College include Computer Programming, Cybersecurity and Networking, Web Design, and Information Technology Support Specialist. The federal [Bureau of Labor Statistics](#) projects the number of computer information security analysts to grow by nearly 41,000 jobs nationally – for a total of 31% – during the 10-year period ending in 2029. In California, information security analysts are earning an average annual wage of approximately 126,000. Web designers and digital designers with just an associate degree can earn as much as \$80,000 or more annually in San Diego County.

RETENTION

Care. Connection. Collective Impact. That was the theme of Grossmont College’s Fall Convocation, streamed live from the new Performing & Visual Arts Center. The event’s focus was on enrollment and retention, boosting enrollment rates and taking small steps to leap forward.

Convocation began with a five-minute video comprising photographs underscoring the impact Grossmont College is having as a caring community. Student speakers, meanwhile, detailed through spoken word and other artistic formats how today’s generation has been impacted like no other in recent memory.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Grossmont College President Denise Whisenhunt held an August 3, Cabinet Retreat at Point Loma Nazarene University. Highlights included developing goals for the coming year that include being committed to serving students equitably to ensure their success; supporting each other in actions and processes while balancing self-care and the care of others; being committed to showing up to get it right, not to be right, with respect, humility, and truth; and being committed to accomplish our work, from planning to execution – to get ‘er done.

