



Las Colinas Program Ceremony

In early July, Grossmont College and district staff, faculty and administrators had the opportunity to celebrate the first cohort of students to complete the Pathways to Success Academy at Las Colinas Detention and Reentry Facility. As part of a restorative justice partnership with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, 21 students earned credit in three college courses, including English reading, communication and counseling. The afternoon event's speakers included **Dr. Cindy Miles**, Chancellor of Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District; **Dr. Katrina VanderWoude**, Vice President of Academic Affairs; **Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh**, President; officials with the San Diego County Sheriff's Department, and several inmates who took an opportunity to thank program organizers and instructors.

Athletics Accolades



This year marks the second year in a row Grossmont College has won the Chet DeVore Award for athletic excellence. A state community college championship in baseball vaulted the college to the top to win the coveted Chet DeVore Trophy for the second straight year as the most successful men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program in the PCAC. In addition to becoming the first community college in San Diego County to capture a state baseball title, Grossmont netted conference or division titles in six sports to garner its third DeVore trophy in the award's eight-year history. It also earned

PCAC's top athletic honor in 2013-14 to claim the trophy named after the late Chester S. "Chet" DeVore, the founding commissioner of the 12-college conference.

Outreach

Syrian refugee community event

In partnership with the Syrian Community Network, a local non-profit organization dedicated to assisting local Syrian refugees and immigrants, Grossmont College hosted an Eye Glass Therapy Fair last month. The event featured free optometry appointments for eyeglass prescriptions, followed by a free pair of glasses for those that needed them. Dozens of Syrian refugees attended the event and were welcomed by representatives from Grossmont College programs and departments, including Outreach, Career Services, Business Office Technology and the Office Professional Training Program, Child Development, Accessibility Resource Center (formerly known as Disabled Students Programs & Services), CalWORKs, Extended Opportunity Programs and Services, Financial Aid and Scholarships, and Student Health Services.

International Student Orientation

This summer, the International Students program has hosted two orientations, with an additional orientation scheduled for August. In total, more than 150 students from as far away as Kuwait, Japan, Brazil and Ivory Coast will be introduced to Grossmont College. The day-and-a-half international student orientation includes onboarding activities, such as assessment, meeting with counselors and learning about campus services; information on acclimating to San Diego including public safety and health; and interactive activities and learning about campus clubs.

High School Drone Workshop

About 20 high school students visited Grossmont College in June to learn about drone programming. As students participating in the Organization of Black Aerospace Professionals (OBAP) Aviation Career Education Camp in San Diego, the students learned about the intricate coding required to program drones and the college's Computer Science/Information Systems Department. Speakers included **Dr. Javier Ayala**, Dean of the Division of Career Technical Education and Workforce Development; **Dr. Abu-Ghazaleh**; and **Robert Gillespie**, professor in Computer Science/Information Systems. The day's events included an opportunity to fly drones inside the lower gym and a campus tour by student ambassadors.



Caires Hoops Camp

Women's Basketball Head Coach and Exercise Science and Wellness Professor **Karen Caires** hosted her co-ed Caires Hoops basketball camp last month, for boys and girls ages 7 to 16. Dozens of young people from throughout the county enjoyed the four-day camp that focuses on basketball skills development. As part of the camp, campers work on their individual and team skills with Professor Caires and current and former members of the Griffins women's basketball team.

Engagement

Coach of the Year



Women's Basketball Head Coach and Exercise Science and Wellness Professor **Karen Caires** is the 2016-2017 recipient of the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference (PCAC) South Division Coach of the Year Award. The Griffins started this past season playing a highly competitive non-conference tournament schedule with a team that consisted mostly of first year freshmen. The Griffins put together an impressive second half of the season run winning eight of their last 10 contests and finishing 6-2 in the PCAC South Division. Grossmont

College secured the PCAC South Division Title for 2016-2017 and for her efforts, Caires was selected for the award by her fellow conference coaches.

EOPS Summer Institute Program

This summer, 60 students are participating in the Extended Opportunity Programs and Services (EOPS) Summer Institute Program. The six-week program, designed to help first-time, first-

generation college students build community and academic and cultural competency, includes enrollment in English 105 and Counseling 120 courses. The program also features weekly community events, such as a kick-off barbecue, field day and a field trip to the University of Southern California campus. In June, students participated in the Diversity Forum, where



students, faculty, staff and administrators watched a documentary about the Rwandan genocide in the 1990s and had a video conference call with Olivier Ndacyayisenga, a survivor of the Rwandan genocide and friend of Counseling Professor **Gabrielle Gosselin**. Last week, SIP hosted its Leadership Forum with keynote speaker Jamie Martinez, a former SIP student and Grossmont College alumnus who recently graduated with honors from University of California Berkeley with degrees in philosophy and psychology who will enter UC Berkeley Law this fall. The Leadership Forum also

included an interactive activity lead by GCCCD Student Trustee **Brandon Vivero** and Associated Students of Grossmont College President **Skylar Delacruz**, where SIP participants imagine creating their own clubs, including mission statements and purposes.

Pride Parade

Grossmont College hosted its first contingent in the annual San Diego Pride Parade that took place Saturday, July 15. This year's theme was "Allied in Action: United for Justice" and more than 100 Grossmont College students, faculty, staff and alumni participated in the parade. Grossmont College parade marchers held aloft college pennants and gave away water bottles and pencils to the parade's more than 100,000 cheering spectators along University Avenue in Hillcrest.

International Club summer events

The International Club has stayed active this summer with several fun activities throughout San Diego County. The group, whose membership includes international and American students, have gone hiking and visited SeaWorld Aquatica water park, the San Diego Zoo and the San Diego County Fair this summer. Event attendance ranges from about a dozen students to more than 55 students; upcoming events include a beach bonfire at South Mission Beach before summer's end.

Retention

Counseling Offers New Workshops

In an effort to better serve students on academic probation or academic dismissal, or who are academically at-risk, Counseling Services is offering a new Academic Probation & Dismissal Workshop twice a week through August. The two-hour workshop provides students with a one-stop opportunity to complete their General Petition Form alongside a counselor so they can get back on track for their academic goals.

EOPS Application Period

EOPS is accepting fall applications through July 28. The state-funded program recruits, enrolls and retains students who are identified as economically and educationally disadvantaged. Support services provided by EOPS include academic, career and personal counseling; priority

registration; book vouchers; public transportation passes; scantrons and blue books for exams; tutoring services; grants; and caps and gowns at graduation. Students can find the application and eligibility criteria on the EOPS website at www.grossmont.edu/eops.

OpenStax Textbooks Partnership

Grossmont College is one of 11 schools chosen to participate in the 2017 - 2018 OpenStax Institutional Partnership Program to encourage use of free, peer-reviewed textbooks on campus. The college was chosen to participate in this strategic partnership after a rigorous application process that included demonstrating willingness to drive adoption of open educational resources (OER). OpenStax institutional partners will receive individualized consulting from OpenStax and join a cohort of schools advocating widespread use of OER at their schools. Last year's institutional partner schools observed a 55 percent increase in the amount of students using OER, saving students approximately \$1.7 million in textbook costs. For more information about OER at Grossmont College, visit the OER website at www.grossmont.edu/oer.

Basic Needs Taskforce

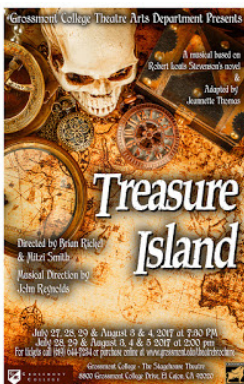


GROSSMONT COLLEGE STUDENT FOOD PANTRY

The college's Basic Needs Taskforce, which is working to provide support services to students who experience housing and food insecurity, will announce Gizmo's Kitchen, the college's food pantry, during the fall semester Week of Welcome.

Based on student feedback, Gizmo's Kitchen will be a "grab and go" student food pantry that will provide students with pre-packaged food items suitable for an on-campus meal and/or travel size personal hygiene bag. Located in Student Health Services, Gizmo's Kitchen will allow any enrolled student to visit twice a week and will be open 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Food and hygiene donations will be accepted in person in the ASGC Office and online monetary donations will be accepted through the [Foundation for Grossmont & Cuyamaca Colleges website](http://www.grossmont.edu/foundation). For more information about Gizmo's Kitchen, contact **Susan Berry** at susan.berry@gcccd.edu.

You're Invited



The Theatre Arts Department will present its Summer Conservatory production, "Treasure Island," at 7:30 p.m., July 27 – 29 and Aug. 3, 4; and at 2 p.m., July 28, 29 and Aug. 3 – 5. The new musical is based on the novel by Robert Louis Stevenson, and was adapted for the stage by Theatre Arts Instructor Jeannette Thomas. The production features local high school and college theatre students in on-stage and behind-the-scenes roles, and is directed by Brian Rickel and Mitzi Smith, who will also provide choreography. Tickets are on sale now and can [be purchased online](#) or via phone at 619-644-7234.