



Outreach

Super Saturday Events

Grossmont College Student Success & Support Program (SSSP) is currently planning Super Saturday events where new students will be able to complete orientation/advising and assessment all in one day to get priority registration. Upcoming Super Saturday events will be held on April 7 and June 2 in Griffin Gate from 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m. To participate, new students must have already completed their Grossmont College application. A video promoting Super Saturday is available online: <https://youtu.be/teCD-xKeDxY>.

Gompers Preparatory Academy

Grossmont College hosted 35 Gompers Preparatory Academy students and their families in early March. Students met with college officials, took a campus tour, had lunch with peer mentors and Grossmont College students, learned about career pathways, observed a drone demonstration and visited the Hyde Art Gallery. The event was coordinated by English and Social and Behavioral Sciences Dean Agustin Albarran.

Culinary/Hospitality Employer and Student Mixer

On March 14, the college hosted its first Culinary/Hospitality Employer and Student Mixer, which included speed interviews between 94 students and 16 local employers. More than 142 interviews took place and 400 job opportunities were shared with students. Local employers included Coronado Island Marriott, Manchester Grand Hyatt Hotel, Sheraton Carlsbad Resort & Spa, Viejas Casino & Resort, Hotel del Coronado, High Flying Foods, Hollywood Casino Jamul, Society of Saint Vincent de Paul, LEGOLAND, Campland on the Bay, Barona Resort & Casino, Loews Coronado Bay Resort and The U.S. Grant Hotel. Along with a welcome from Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, culinary college chefs, and celebrity chef and alumna Charity George, employers shared with graduates what they were looking for in future employees. A representative from Barona Resort and Casino remarked that they loved meeting the students and gave soft job offers to eight students. Additionally, one student from Mesa College drove 45 minutes to attend this evening mixer since she had never heard of such an event at her institution.



Engagement

Women's Beach Volleyball

ASGC will host the women's beach volleyball game on Wednesday, March 21. ASGC will provide a free lunch to students attending the competition, which features San Diego State University, Benedictine University and Point Loma Nazarene University. Barbecued hamburgers and hot dogs will be sold starting at 1 p.m. at the court located just north of Bldg. 41. Games versus SDSU are scheduled at 9 a.m., followed by Benedictine and Point Loma Nazarene at 2 p.m. Admission to the game is free for students, faculty and staff with GCCCD ID.

Speech and Debate Team

The Grossmont College Speech and Debate team won big again this month, with Theo Hayes garnering State Champion in Dramatic Interpretation and Prose Interpretation in the California Community College Forensic Association State Tournament in Sacramento. Additionally, Amanda Afentakis won a bronze award in international public debate. Congratulations to the team and Communications Professor Roxanne Tuscany, who serves as the team's advisor!



Young Choreographers Showcase

Three Grossmont College dance students were selected as finalists by a blind panel for the Young Choreographers Showcase presented by San Diego Dance Theater on March 3. Hannah Pritchett, Carlos Sierra and Stephanie Vasquez presented modern dance pieces submitted pieces they choreographed for the Dance Department's Breaking Boundaries dance concert last fall. Pritchett received the Audience's Favorite Award and a \$500 check for her piece, "the difference between what was and what is," an exploration of the past and how it haunts the present.

Student Athletes

Grossmont College beach volleyball duo Felicia Marshall and Khalia Jordan were recognized as Pacific Coast Athletic Conference Athletes of the Week for February 25 through March 3. Jordan, a sophomore transfer from Cal State Dominguez Hills by way of Chula Vista, and Marshall a sophomore from Clinton, Utah, and a transfer from Western Wyoming Community College, have led the team to a 6-0 start with six straight victories playing at No. 1. The Griffins opened the season by defeating Ventura College, 5-0; Santa Barbara City College, 5-0; Saddleback College 5-0; Mt. San Antonio College, 5-0; and Santa Monica College, 5-0; and head into a week where they'll face University of Mexico, Grand Canyon University, Abilene Christian University, Concordia University of Irvine, and Colorado Mesa University before opening their conference season on Friday against College of the Desert at Civic Center Park in Palm Desert.



National School Walkout

The Indivisible Club at Grossmont College led a National School Walkout event in the Main Quad at 10 a.m. on Wednesday, March 14. Student club president Sarah Farouq spoke to the 100-plus students, faculty and staff in attendance and lead a few chants before sharing the

microphone with a fellow student. Attendees were encouraged to vote in June and November elections, and to join the March for Our Lives San Diego event taking place later this month at the Waterfront Park in downtown San Diego.

ICC Spring Festival

The Inter-Club Council hosted its Spring Festival on March 14. Several student clubs participated in the event, despite the rain. Clubs sold food and shared information about their organizations with fellow students and passers-by.

Women's History Month

Grossmont College hosted several Women's History Month events in March, including a visit by award-winning author and illustrator Salina Yoon, a panel featuring women of color and leadership, and a double exhibit in the Hyde Art Gallery. The events were organized by the Arts and Humanities Department, gallery staff and the American Association of University Women chapter at Grossmont College. Funding for the visit by Salina Yoon was provided by the World Arts and Cultures Committee.

Theatre Arts

Theatre Arts is currently presenting "The Heir Apparent" at the Stagehouse Theatre through March 24. The production features Grossmont College students in a play adapted from "*Le Legataire universel*" by Jean Fracois-Regnard. The French comedy focuses on the young love between penniless Eraste and fair Isabelle, who can only marry if Eraste inherits the estate of his miserly and rich Uncle Geronte. Unfortunately, Geronte has also fallen for Isabelle and plans to marry her and leave her everything. What follows is joyful farce where everything works out in the end. For ticket information, or to purchase them online, visit Grossmont.edu/theatrebrochure.

Retention

Grad Coaches

Grossmont College's student success liaisons have renamed themselves "grad coaches" in a better effort to serve students. Students can receive assistance from grad coaches via referral from a campus faculty or staff member, or they can self-refer by visiting them in the Tutoring Center on the second floor of the Learning and Technology Resources Center. Grad coaches will confidentially assist students with any issue that is hindering their college success, from academic issues to food and housing insecurity. For more information about the Grad Coaches program, please email Shardai Zaragoza at shardai.zaragoza@gcccd.edu.

Food Donation Drive

The Grossmont College Wellness Committee is organizing a food donation drive for Gizmo's Kitchen, the college's student pantry, in conjunction with World Health Day on April 7. Interested departments and programs can host boxes for donation collection starting April 9 through 16. [A list of applicable food donations can be found online](#); donors can also donate money through the Gizmo's Kitchen Foundation account or donate grocery store gift cards. For questions about Gizmo's Kitchen, contact Susan Berry, student engagement coordinator, at susan.berry@gcccd.edu. To host a food collection box in your office or department, contact Cindy Hall, food drive coordinator, at cindy.hall@gcccd.edu.

Institutional Capacity

Construction Update

Construction on the Performing and Visual Arts Center has reached a new milestone – excavation of the orchestra pit. The 18-foot pit is currently being readied for installation of concrete molds that will serve as the new building’s foundation. Renovations for Bldg. 31 are currently in the bidding stage, with renovations scheduled to begin later this spring. Planning is also underway for construction of Bldg. 36.

Annual Planning Forum

Grossmont College held its annual Planning Forum on March 9. This year’s focus was on implementing the Guided Pathways model, including five pillars: promote the path, clarify the path, enter the path, stay on the path, and ensure learning. More than 100 faculty, staff, administrators and students attended the daylong session that included world café-style discussion, presentations on the college’s related initiatives and feedback from attendees that will be included in the college’s forthcoming Guided Pathways plan.

Salsa Under the Stars

The Music Department will host its “Salsa Under the Stars” scholarships fundraiser at 5:30 p.m. on Friday, April 13, in the Main Quad. The event will feature the Manny Cepeda Orchestra with Derek Cannon, and proceeds will benefit Music students. Salsa lessons will be offered from 5:30 – 6:30 p.m., and performances will take place from 6:30 – 9 p.m. Tickets are \$20 general and \$10 for students. Tickets can be [purchased online](#) or at the door.