



Outreach

Outreach for the Middle Eastern Community

Dr. Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh hosted an event for members of the college's and the region's Middle Eastern community. Held in Griffin Gate on July 11, about 150 people enjoyed brunch and meeting with the college's leadership and staff members. Guests had an opportunity to share feedback and ask questions, and learned more about the college's programs and services. The event was followed by a viewing of the World Cup semifinal game between England and Croatia.



Adult Reentry Program Open House

The Adult Reentry program will host its fall 2018 open house on August 2. At the event, prospective and new students will be able to learn about the college's academic programs and student services, meet college administrators and staff, understand in-demand jobs and labor market information, and take a campus tour. This event is free and open to the public. For more information, contact the Adult Reentry program at 619-644-7615.

Engagement

San Diego Pride

On Saturday, July 14, Grossmont College, along with District Services and Cuyamaca College, lead a contingent of students, staff and faculty at the San Diego Pride Parade. The 1.5-mile San Diego Pride Parade celebrates San Diego's LGBTQ community, and is the largest single-day event in the San Diego region. The event is among the largest Prides in the United States and attracts more than 200,000 people. The theme of this year's parade was "Persist with Pride."

Theatre Arts presents "Beauty and the Beast"

The Grossmont College Theatre Arts Department will present "Beauty and the Beast" July 26 through August 4 at the Stagehouse Theatre. "Beauty and the Beast" is a family-friendly original musical production featuring local high school students and community college students on stage and behind the scenes. College students mentor high school students, who gain valuable experience and college credit for their participation in the production. Thanks to the generous support of donors, all students are supported by scholarships. Tickets are on sale now at the Stagehouse Theatre Box Office, or can be purchased by calling at 619-644-7234 or visiting Grossmont.edu/theatrebrochure.

EOPS Summer Institute Program

As part of the Extended Opportunity Program and Services (EOPS) Summer Institute Program (SIP), Grossmont College hosted Rwandan genocide survivor and DJ Olivier Ndacyayasenga in late June. In a two-hour presentation and question and answer session, Ndacyayasenga shared his experiences related to the genocide in Rwanda and how his country has come to heal in the decades since it ended. The event was emceed by CalWORKs Counselor and SIP instructor Gabrielle Gosselin, who worked in Rwanda following the genocide. Ndacyiyasenga, who has spoken to former SIP students via video conferencing, emphasized the role of resilience, compassion and forgiveness in his presentation. Ndacyiyasenga's presentation was supported in part by a grant from the World Arts & Cultures Committee.



Student Murals

Students in Art Professor Jennifer Bennett's ART 299 course have been busy this summer, creating murals for the construction fence surrounding the Performing and Visual Arts Center project. Using donated vinyl banners, students have created a wide variety of art pieces. All art posted on the construction fence are approved by the Campus Art Review Committee, a sub-committee of the Facilities Committee.

Retention

Student Workshops

Several workshops designed to assist new and continuing students have been underway this summer, including New Student Advising, Academic Probation and Dismissal, Nursing and Allied Health Academic Planning, Exploring Majors and more. Offered by staff in Counseling, the Student Success and Support Program, and Outreach, the workshops are designed to help students on the next steps in their educational journey, whether it's better understanding their assessment scores and connecting with student support services, readmission to the college, or learning about majors and programs. Multiple sessions of each workshop are being offered throughout the summer, some as frequently as every day. For more information on workshops, prospective and current students can contact visit the Assessment and Counseling areas in Bldg. 10.

EOPS

Applications for EOPS are now being accepted through July 31. Students who enroll in the program will receive personal and academic counseling, priority registration, book vouchers, transportation assistance and much more. To qualify, students must register for 12 or more units, complete the FAFSA, Dream Act or California Promise Grant (formerly Board of Governors waiver) application, have less than 70 degree-applicable units and must have completed an assessment. EOPS is a state-funded program designed to assist students who are identified as economically and educationally disadvantaged.

Institutional Capacity

Annual Unit Plan

The College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness department is currently working with several campus departments on an annual unit plan pilot. The pilot is testing the proposed annual unit plan process, where departments will compare year-to-year progress on their key progress indicators and anticipate resource needs for the upcoming fiscal and academic year. The pilot will be completed later this month, with feedback available later this year.

College's Governance System

The Governance Organization Steering Committee has met several times this summer to redesign the college's participatory governance system. With representatives from each constituency, including students, classified professionals, faculty and supervisors and administrators, as well as representatives from professional development and executive leadership, the college has worked together to redesign the participatory governance system to better reflect updated accrediting standards and to implement changes recommended by the Institutional Effectiveness Partnership Institute's Partnership Resource Team that visited in 2017. The GOSC is looking forward to sharing a draft of the redesign with the college community in the coming months. More information about the redesign will be shared at the College's Convocation Ceremony on August 13.