



## **Outreach**

### **Counseling Services Workshops**

Grossmont College Counseling Services is hosting “Getting Back on Track Workshops” for students to better understand their academic status and how to complete a readmission petition for Admission & Records. The workshops are held throughout the month of January to assist students interested in readmission for the spring semester. Workshops will be held on Jan. 15, 16, 19 and 22. For more information, students can call Counseling Services at 619-644-7208 or visit their office in Bldg. 10.

### **Student Veterans Orientation**

Veterans Services will host a Student Veterans Orientation on Jan. 17 in Griffin Gate. During the event, student veterans/military-affiliated students will enjoy lunch while learning about tools and resources that can help them be successful students at Grossmont College. Representatives from the Accessibility Resource Center, Assessment, Career Center, Counseling, Financial Aid and Scholarships, Mental Health Services and Tutoring, among other departments, will provide presentations on their available services. Students will also have an opportunity to better understand their Veterans Administration benefits during the event. For more information, visit the Veterans Services Office in Bldg. 10 or call 619-644-7165.

### **Pathways to Success Academy**

Late last year, Grossmont College, in coordination with the San Diego Sheriff’s Department, hosted a ceremony for participants in the Pathways to Success Academy at Las Colinas Women’s Detention and Re-Entry Facility in Santee. Nearly 20 women were recognized for their participation this past fall semester in this unique program that offers Grossmont College courses at the facility, courtesy of the San Diego Sheriff’s Department. Taught by Grossmont College faculty, courses have featured subjects such as Counseling, English, Sociology, Science, Communications and more. The most recent ceremony featured an introduction from Las Colinas representatives, reflections from instructors and students, and a presentation of certificates by President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh and Interim Vice President of Academic Affairs Mike Reese.

## **Engagement**

### **Martin Luther King Jr. Parade**

Grossmont College, along with Cuyamaca College and District Services, will participate in the 39<sup>th</sup> annual Martin Luther King Jr. Parade on Jan. 21 in downtown San Diego. The parade features floats, high school bands and drill teams, and contingents representing local fraternities and sororities, churches, peace and youth organizations, and local universities and colleges.

[\*Those interested in marching with the college can register online.\*](#)

### **International Program Orientation Sessions**

International programs hosted orientation sessions for new spring 2019 students this month and late last year. In total, about 90 students attended the sessions that included a welcome from President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh, a campus tour and several presentations about campus life. Presenters included Campus and Parking Services, English as a Second Language, Associated Students of Grossmont College and the International Club, among others.

### **Week of Welcome**

Grossmont College will host its Week of Welcome during the first week of spring 2019 classes, from Jan. 28 through Feb. 1. The week's events will feature information tables on Monday, Jan. 28, and Tuesday, Jan. 29; Transfer Center Open House on Jan. 29; All Campus Activities and Information Fair and an Evening Student Success Fair on Jan. 30; and a Career Services Open House on Jan. 31, among other events. For a finalized calendar of events, visit the [Grossmont College events calendar](#).



### **Black History Month**

The college will host its annual Black History Month program in February. This year's event will feature a Black History Month kick-off event on Feb. 4 in the Main Quad, Jazz Kitchen with Soul Food Specials in Griffin Center on Tuesdays, Open Mic Night on Feb. 21, Movie Night on Feb. 6, Historically Black Colleges and Universities Workshop on Feb. 14, and Game Night on Feb. 13, among other events. For a finalized calendar of events, visit the [Grossmont College events calendar](#).

## **Retention**

### **Caring Campus**

On Friday, Jan. 11, representatives with the Institute for Evidence-Based Change in conjunction with Classified Senate, kicked off the Caring Campus initiative with about 50 classified professionals at Grossmont College. Caring Campus is a statewide initiative through the California Community Colleges Chancellor's office, and Grossmont College is one of the first colleges to participate in the new program. It is a coaching model that helps ensure the deep involvement of classified professionals in student success; it is based on a program that originated at Odessa College in Texas.

### **CalWORKS/New Horizons Program**

The CalWORKS/New Horizons Program, which provides intensive instruction, counseling and support services to students currently receiving Temporary Aid for Needy Families (TANF) cash assistance, is moving its offices. Located in Bldg. 60 alongside the EOPS/CARE/NextUp programs, the CalWORKS Program will move on Monday, Jan. 14, to Bldg. 38E, near the tennis and volleyball courts. To reach CalWORKS/New Horizons counselors or staff, please call 619-644-7552.

## Institutional Capacity

### Construction Update

Construction on the Exercise Science and Wellness and Athletics track and football/soccer field began late last year. During the past month, much progress has been made, including pouring concrete, placing asphalt and turf, and installing new goal posts. Additionally, new scoreboards are being installed on the track and football/soccer field and baseball field. Construction is expected to be completed soon.

Additional plans for installation of an ADA-compliant ramp are also underway. The updated facility and scoreboards are funded by general funds that were set aside incrementally over many years in planning for this renovation. It is not part of bond-funded construction.

### Participatory Governance Structure

During spring Flex Week, the Office of Professional Development will launch the college's training program for the new participatory governance structure. Council and committee members have been selected by constituency groups, including Academic Senate, Classified Senate, Administrators' Association and Associated Students of Grossmont College, and are expected to attend one of the upcoming training sessions. The new participatory governance structure will launch its first meetings in February 2019.



### Other Updates

The Administration of Justice Department hosted its Corrections Academy graduation ceremony last month. Corrections Academy is a 16-week Adult Corrections Core Course consisting of 221 hours of instruction in specific performance and instructional objectives for local and county jails, probation institutions and community correctional facilities, and federally funded private programs. This year's graduating class included 22 students, seven of whom were already employed by a private contractor, CoreCivic.

