



GROSSMONT COLLEGE

President's Report to the Governing Board February 18, 2020

OUTREACH

In early February, Grossmont College hosted a delegation of higher education administrators from Afghanistan. Organized by the San Diego Diplomacy Council, the college hosted 18 officials and their translators at a morning session in Griffin Gate. The officials met with Sr. Dean of College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness Catherine Webb and the college's accreditation team to discuss quality assurance and accreditation. The visit was one of many scheduled for the group at various San Diego



Students and college administrators at the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Educator's Breakfast

colleges and universities, including San Diego State University, University of San Diego and University of California San Diego.

Grossmont College administrators and student leaders attended the 2020 Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Educator's Breakfast hosted by the San Diego Zeta Sigma Lambda Chapter of the national Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity on Jan. 18. The event is hosted prior to the San Diego parade honoring Dr. King and all proceeds benefit student scholarships. Grossmont College students, classified professionals, faculty and administrators joined the District delegation in honoring Dr. King's legacy at the parade held in downtown San Diego on Jan. 19.

This month, two adjunct Culinary Arts pastry instructors will film an upcoming episode of "Sugar Rush" on Netflix. Chefs Marianne Daquino and HollyAnne Sims teach in the department's Baking and Pastry Program, which focuses on desserts, chocolate and bread baking, among other topics. Now in its second season, "Sugar Rush" is a timed competition where teams are expected to produce cupcakes, confections and cakes based on a common theme.



"Sugar Rush" is a reality cooking competition show on Netflix

Student Services personnel from Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges welcomed more than 50 high school and adult education counselors, administrators and classified professionals at its annual Grossmont Cuyamaca Partnership Symposium, held Feb. 6 at Grossmont College. The morning event included breakfast and presentations from Student Services departments, including Counseling Services and Financial Aid and Scholarships, amongst others. The event's goal is to provide information to high school and adult education partners regarding transition services for new students.

ENGAGEMENT

During the first week of classes, the college hosted its All Campus Activities Fair. The fair featured more than 20 programs, clubs and services, including Financial Aid and Scholarships, Transfer Center, Career Center, Gizmo's Kitchen, student clubs and much more. During the fair, Interim Vice President of Student Services Aaron Starck barbecued free hot dog and hamburgers for students who attended.

Known as the Week of Welcome, the first week of classes also featured information tables on the first two days, Career Center open house, TACO-bout it taco giveaway with Mental Health Services, men's and women's basketball games, Arabian Tea Gathering, an International Club-sponsored screening of "Detective Pikachu" with



Students learn about the Transfer Center at the All Campus Activities Fair

the International Club, and much more. Thanks to these events, hundreds of students found their way around campus, learned about new services and made new friends.



Students watch the Black History Month kick-off performance featuring African drumming and dancing

Grossmont College kicked off Black History Month on Monday, Feb. 3, with African drumming and dancing, and a student fundraiser barbecue hosted by the Sistahood Club. Dozens of students, classified professionals, faculty and administrators attended the event, which marks the start of a month of programming dedicated to Black and African American culture, history and accomplishments. Other events during the first week of Black History Month also include a Careers in Athletics Panel featuring free pizza at the Career Center, Jazz Kitchen and Soul Food Specials in Griffin Center, and a Real Talk session to discuss mental

health and wellness in the Black and African American community. Black History Month events are coordinated by the Black History Month Planning Committee, Umoja and the Sistahood Club, and sponsored by the World Arts & Culture Committee. For a full listing of Black History Month events, visit the college website.

The World Languages Department presented a Chinese New Year celebration on Feb. 5 in the Main Quad. The event celebrating the year of the rat was sponsored by the World Arts & Culture Committee. It featured a martial arts demonstration and free food samples representing the importance of certain foods that represent luck and prosperity in Chinese culture.

RETENTION



Students take advantage of the October mobile pantry giveaway

Gizmo's Kitchen will host its first mobile pantry giveaway of the semester on Tuesday, Feb. 18. Partnering with the Jacobs and Cushman San Diego Food Bank, Gizmo's Kitchen offers free food to any student with a college ID card. The mobile pantry is accompanied by a Basic Needs Resource Fair that features community services for food- and housing-insecure students, and on-campus services for students such as a free clothing closet, Cal-Fresh application workshop information and more.

Career Services has partnered with Jamul Casino to present a "How to Get Hired" workshop for students on Feb. 18. Representatives from the company provided students with information on what human resources managers look for in their ideal candidate and tips and tricks for resumes and interviews.

INSTITUTIONAL CAPACITY

Grossmont College sent a group of 11 faculty, classified professionals and administrators to the 7th Annual SLO (Student Learning Outcomes) Symposium held in early February at Monterey Peninsula College. This yearly event is focused on building support, networking and providing solutions for assessment of student learning. The symposium will include sessions on data disaggregation, building teams and faculty learning communities around SLOs, equity, Guided Pathways and much more.

The college re-opened Bldg. 31, the first phase of the Science, Math, & Career Complex, for spring semester classes. The building features renovated classrooms, and new instructional and HVAC technology. It also includes offices for Administration of Justice and Child Development & Family Studies faculty. With some ongoing work in non-academic spaces, a ribbon-cutting ceremony for Bldg. 31 will be announced in the coming weeks.