



G R O S S M O N T C O L L E G E

President's Report to the Governing Board May 19, 2020

OUTREACH



The Grossmont College Outreach team has continued its work while the campus is closed. During the month of April, the team created a virtual Help Desk via Zoom. Students can simply join the Zoom session any time during regular office hours to ask questions. The team is available at Zoom Meeting ID at 243 308 044, from 8 a.m. - 6 p.m. on Mondays and Tuesdays; from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays; and from 8 a.m. - 1 p.m. on Fridays. The team also continues to hold virtual application workshops and share information at virtual college fairs hosted with local high schools.

In partnership with San Diego County Health and Human Resources, Grossmont College began hosting a COVID-19 free testing site starting the week of May 4th as part of its mission to serve the East County community. Residents who have been recommended by their physician for testing will be able to schedule appointments online or by calling 211.

In mid-April, the [San Diego Union-Tribune interviewed Culinary Arts Coordinator and Instructor James Foran](#) about his win on the season premiere of Food Network's "Chopped." Columnist Karla Peterson also spoke with Foran about baking and how rewarding it is to teach.

Grossmont College's Division of Allied Health and Nursing assisted the local healthcare community by loaning 18 of the program's ventilators to the state. Additionally, several faculty members who asked to remain anonymous sewed dozens of masks using old student uniforms. The masks were distributed to the Alvarado Parkway Institute Behavioral Health system and to support units of the San Diego Police Department, such as the psychiatric liaison unit.

ENGAGEMENT

Due to campus closure, many Music ensembles have created digital videos of their members performing. In April, the Caravan World Music Ensemble posted "[NAVAI](#)," a song from Khorasan, the "land of the sun" located between Afghanistan and Iran, and the Grossmont College Guitar Guild posted three videos, "[Renaissance Dance](#)," Bulgarian folk song "[Gankino Horo](#)," and "[Eleanor Rigby](#)" by Sir Paul McCartney.



Grossmont College hosted its first-ever Presidents' Virtual Student Forum, featuring Grossmont College President Nabil Abu-Ghazaleh and Associated Students of Grossmont College President Leobardo Rubio. The virtual forum was a question-and-answer format hosted by Rubio. Students submitted questions in advance, with Abu-Ghazaleh providing answers.

Student Services hosted three live Virtual Student Success Fairs in April, including one evening event. The fairs are focused on updates from Student Services departments and other support services, such as Financial Aid & Scholarships, Admissions & Records, Counseling, and the Bookstore. Each participating department had three minutes to present their PowerPoint slide, and a Q&A session followed. During the most recent session, more than 100 people attended the event, which includes several Zoom Poll check-ins. Most students reported they were doing well and doing better than they thought considering the situation. During a final evaluation at event's end, 83 percent of attendees said the Virtual Student Success Fair was very informative.



Even with the campus closure, student reporters are still connecting with their audiences. Since the campus closure, the student radio station – Griffin Radio – has been broadcasting from [its YouTube channel](#). In total, the students have produced more than 30 videos featuring interviews, music programming, news and more. The station launched in late March and has more than 40 subscribers and more than 1,200 views of its videos. The student newspaper, The Summit, also released its first digital-only issue in April. The Summit can be [viewed online](#).

RETENTION

The Success Coaches are helping students virtually by providing tips for success in online classes and to help connect them with support resources. Students interested in speaking with a success coach via phone or Zoom can set up an appointment online or through text or email.

Grossmont College will host a virtual commencement ceremony on June 4 for its approximately 1,800 graduates. This year's ceremony will go live at 5 p.m. that day and will feature videos of student speakers and district and college leaders. Students will have an opportunity to submit a photo and inspirational quote or thank you for their personalized slide shown during the ceremony. To assist interested students, Student Affairs is hosting a Graduate Information Session in early May.

