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An Open Letter to My Classified Colleagues....

We have reached the end of the academic year. Commencement was a huge success and the college awarded the most certificates and degrees than it has in its history. As I looked at the students filing down in the honor line, I couldn't help but think with pride that the success of our students was in large part due to Classified staff. We are the first to meet them when they arrive to begin their process of admission and we support them throughout their college experience. Classified are on campus daily supporting students by doing our jobs -keeping a safe and clean campus, providing support in tutoring centers, the library and the tech mall, providing for the health and well-being of students, and supporting faculty and administrators in order for them to do their jobs -for each of us our daily work and the tasks we do supports students and their success. Finally, we are the last to see them as they end their journey and move onto the next phase of their lives. On behalf of the Classified Leadership,
THANK YOU!

Thank you for your above and beyond support of our students. Thank you for encouraging our students to persist in achieving their educational goals. Thank you

for working so hard on Commencement activities that sent our grads off into the world with one last reminder that Grossmont College is proud of them and their achievements!

We are also proud of our Classified Staff who completed their degree course this year. Anita Martinez, who retires this year after 18 years on the Grossmont campus, graduated with honors, earning both a degree and certificate in the BOT executive assistant program.

A special shout out needs to go to the grounds, facilities, custodial and maintenance teams who worked tirelessly in the heat to make sure the set up for graduation was perfect. Thanks guys!

The photo's below are a small sample of Classified Staff participating in Commencement activities with our students. They are by no means a complete picture of all of the Classified staff who made this year's Commencement the best yet! We want you to know we have seen the effort each and every classified member has put in during this academic year, ending with Commencement. We not only thank you but value all that you do.

Elaine Adlam R.N.
Student Health Services
Classified Senate Secretary





Robert Davis
Assistant College Cashier



The Veterans Recognition Dinner is to recognize and honor our student veterans who have earned a degree or certificate at Grossmont College. We have expanded it to include the Student Veteran of the Year award. We had 91 graduates earning 214 degrees and certificates.

The Student Veteran of the Year Award has three categories that encompasses what we expect in our student veterans; Outstanding Leadership, Academic Excellence, and Exceptional Perseverance. The Veteran's taskforce reached out to all of the faculty and staff this year for them to nominate a student veteran who they deem worthy of this award. Rodrigo "Roy" Rodriguez was presented with the award at this years veteran's dinner. His nominators regard Roy as an excellent role model for every student, but especially Veterans - "He's active in the VAO, tutors in the Anatomy Learning Center (he even comes in early or on his off days to help any students in need), and works as an embedded Work Study Tutor. Roy is always available to help students, and really focuses on success tips for Veterans in my classes and facilitates communication with instructors, with a positive attitude that emphasizes bringing out the best individual qualities in people. He's also an active father of 3 and will enter the Orthopedic Tech program this fall."

Robert Davis (pictured) was recognized for his commitment to veteran student success, impact in the community and representing Grossmont college valiantly.

Well done Robert and thanks for everything you do!

Nursing Pinning Ceremony...



Meet the Nursing programs graduating class of 2017. This year's pinning ceremony was held the Tuesday before the commencement ceremony. The pinning ceremony is the welcoming of graduating nursing students into the profession of Nursing. It's special to me because I remember the day I was pinned (let's just say it was a while ago) and being a part of this incredible profession has been the greatest experience of my life so, along with the Nursing Professions Department, I am excited to watch these students grow into it as I have. The use of medical terminology during the student speeches was a hoot too.

While sitting through the pinning ceremony for this class, I was blown away by the fact that I had interacted with every single one of them throughout their time here. I have had the privilege to mentor, counsel, and hug them when things got tough.

I know that all of the Nursing, Allied Health Professions Department and classified staff are proud of the graduates. It must feel fabulous to see the students they worked with every day receive their pin.

A special shout out to Pat Murray and Dan Lopez who have always made their lab available for students when they are needed. They too have mentored, counseled and hugged students when things got tough. Students have told me they couldn't have made it through the rigorous training without them.

Student Engagement... Nursing and Allied Health Professions Department... NAILED IT!



Commencement Volunteers...



2017 Commencement Volunteer Meeting

Classified Volunteers included: Pat Murray, Deanna Thompson, Yvonne Mather, Jacqueline Osbourne, Khalid Alkhurie, Monserat Arango, Maura Mehran, Holly Phan, Genie Montoya, Dan Lopez, Diana Barajas, Cindy Emerson, Cheryl Quitiquit, Tenille Venard, Pamela Benge, Camara Yonally, Wendy Woodward, Maryam Rastivan, Jessica Lee, Vaunette Allen, Rochelle Weiser, Leslie Blanchard, Kirstyn Wagner, Lilian Keriakous, Christie Gocke, Heriberto Vasquez, Juliette Harrington, Jane Galarneau, Chris Ray



The Pre - Show

Building 60 came alive as this is where the Graduates checked in and waited for Commencement to start. Thanks to the hard work of Juliette Harrington and her team, the students walked in to a transformed building 60. There were several selfie stations, a tiki bar that provided water and snacks. The highlight was watching the graduates clamor around the Glamour Station!



1,581 Graduates Earned 3,744 Degrees and Certificates



Anita Martinez Graduates With BOT Executive Assistant Degree and Certificate

With Honors



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