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### **Governing Board Highlights:**

- Board members spoke enthusiastically about the flex week convocation ceremony and the semester's start.
- Student Trustee, Zack Gianino and his counterpart from Cuyamaca (Jocelyn Estrada) attended a student trustee workshop accompanied by Associate Dean of Student Affairs Victoria Kerba-Miller.

### **College Convocation**

It was standing-room only in Griffin Gate for fall convocation, which took place Monday, Aug. 11. Grossmont College President Sunny Cooke spoke to faculty, staff and administrators about fall enrollment, accreditation, facility updates and Student Pathways to Success. Other speakers included GCCCD Board of Trustees President Bill Garrett and Chancellor Cindy Miles, who started off her presentation with laughing yoga, then spoke about the implementation of the new enterprise reporting program and the formal partnership with the Grossmont Union High School District, among other topics.

This year's Convocation also featured the presentation for Distinguished Faculty. The honor, bestowed by Academic Senate, was presented by Academic Senate President Sue Gonda to a full-time faculty member and, for the first time, a part-time faculty member to recognize the contributions adjunct faculty on our campus. This year's full-time Distinguished Faculty was Yolanda Guerrero, instructor in World Languages since 1983, and the inaugural part-time Distinguished Faculty was Michael Lambe, instructor in Mathematics. Before his retirement from the Grossmont Union High School District, Lambe taught high school math full-time, while working as a part-time faculty member at Grossmont College.



### **Student Access, Diversity**

#### **Week of Welcome (WoW!)**

With classes starting Aug. 18, planning for the Week of Welcome (WoW!) is well underway. The first week of classes will feature three volunteer-staffed information booths to help new students, 8 a.m. – 7 p.m., Monday, Aug. 18, and Tuesday, Aug. 19. The All-Campus Information

& Activity Fair, which features information on student services, clubs and academic programs and departments, will take place 10 a.m. – 1 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 20, in the Main Quad.

## *Student Success*

### *Student Trustee Workshop*

Zack Gianino and Jocelyn Estrada, student trustees for Grossmont and Cuyamaca colleges, respectively, joined representatives from the 112 California community colleges for the 2014 Student Trustee Workshop held in Burlingame, Calif. The workshop's purpose is to help student trustees become knowledgeable and influential education policy makers, and to help student trustees connect with one another and gain insight on advocating for their institutions.



### *Chet DeVore Award*

Grossmont College Athletics was awarded the 2013 – 2014 Chet DeVore Award by the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference. The award is bestowed on the conference member with the most successful men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program for that academic year. This past year, six teams won or tied for conference championships, including women's volleyball, women's water polo, women's tennis, men's basketball, men's water polo and men's swimming and diving. Grossmont College edged out Mesa College, 213.5 points to 211 points. The award is named after the late Chester S. "Chet" DeVore, founding commissioner of the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference.

## *Fiscal and Physical Resources*

### *Facilities Update*

New flooring and furniture have been installed in Griffin Center. The new additions provide a comfortable space for students to dine, study and socialize, while providing long-term durability. The new tile flooring was installed in the formerly carpeted areas near the Associated Students of Grossmont College Inc. office and Java Market.

Resurfacing of the tennis courts will commence on Sept. 1, with completion scheduled for December. The Auxiliary, Grossmont Middle College High School and American Collegiate English program offices will be temporarily moved from their current locations to office space in buildings 36 and 38B.

### *Value and Support of Employees*

Several faces – some old, some new – are stepping into interim leadership roles this academic year. New faces include Aaron Starck, Interim Dean of Admission & Records and Financial Aid; Mario Chacon, Interim Associate Dean of EOPS; and Taylor Ruhl, Interim Dean of Learning Technology and Resources.

Those transitioning into new roles include Chris Hill, Interim Vice President of Student Services through spring 2015; Janet Castanos, Interim Dean of English, and Social and Behavioral

Sciences, and Beth Smith, Interim Senior Dean for College Planning and Institutional Effectiveness. Additionally, 9 new faculty, 12 new classified staff members and four new supervisors and administrators join Grossmont College for the new academic year.

### *Economic and Community Development*

#### *The Three Musketeers*

The Theatre Arts Department presented its inaugural summer conservatory, featuring local high school and college students in acting and technical roles in *The Three Musketeers*. The production hosted five sold-out performances, including one attended by elementary school students participating in the La Mesa-Spring Valley School District summer care program.

