



Governing Board Highlights

- Trustees commented on the wonderful fall scholarship breakfast held Saturday, September 6th in Griffin Gate where 55 students were awarded scholarships.
- Trustees approved the adopted budget at the board meeting and complimented all the business office staff at district services and both colleges for their hard work on the presentation and booklet.
- High praise was given to Chris Tarman, Chris Hill and Scott Thayer who presented the Student Success and Support Plan work to trustees and college employees at a pre-board session held at 4pm. They appreciated the good work going on at both colleges focused on student success.

Student Access, Diversity

WOW!

The Week of Welcome! returned to Grossmont College during the first week of the semester. Faculty, staff, students and volunteers helped more than 2,000 acclimate themselves to campus through the information tables, a Campus Information Fair and various workshops and information sessions.



Financial Aid Workshops

Scholarships applications for spring 2015 will soon be available on the Financial Aid website later this month. Scholarships are awarded based on merit and need, and students are encouraged to apply for all scholarships for which they may be eligible. Information on scholarships can be found on the Financial Aid website at www.grossmont.edu/fa/scholarships. Additional reminders to students will be sent out through the college Facebook page and the main webpage.

Student Success

Accreditation

Led by Chris Hill, Grossmont College faculty, staff and administrators have been hard at work preparing the accreditation follow-up report to the Accrediting Commission for Community and Junior Colleges in preparation for the accrediting team's Oct. 27 visit. Since its completion, the follow-up report has been circulated among various college committees and will go to the board for final approval. Submission of the follow-up report is expected in early October.

Resources to Assist Students

Grossmont College faculty and staff have a new tool available to them to help direct students to appropriate resources. In addition to a flier of general and specialized student services, a new web page has been created to list services available, office hours and contact information, among others. To obtain the PDF flier or view student resources, visit www.grossmont.edu/resources.

Suicide prevention training was provided to faculty, staff and students on Tuesday, Sept 9. The training, dubbed “QPR: Question, Persuade and Refer,” helped train people to recognize the warning signs of a suicide crisis and how to question, persuade and refer someone to help. The hour-long training was based on the philosophy that three simple steps can help save a life. The program is provided by Grossmont College Student Health Services and the Office of Student Affairs, and made possible through Community Health Improvement Partners and the San Diego Suicide Prevention Council funded by the County of San Diego Health and Human Services Agency.

ASGC News

Executives and board members for the Associated Students of Grossmont College kicked off the semester with their first board meeting on Aug. 26. This year’s board is led by President Rafael Navarrette, a student-veteran and former member of the Student Veterans Organization.

Fiscal and Physical Resources

Grossmont.edu

The redesign of the Grossmont College website is underway, with all content transferred from the current website to the new website by October. Training will commence next month, with various times available to suit the needs of faculty and staff. All potential users should look forward to announcements related to training during the week of Sept. 8.

Strategic Enrollment Workshops

Grossmont College will host Enrollment Management Workshops on Sept. 15 and 16. All interested faculty and staff are encouraged to attend the workshops lead by Lynn Neault, vice chancellor of student services for the San Diego Community College District; Pam Deegan, retired vice president of instruction at Miracosta College; and Donna Boatright.

Value and Support of Employees

Pat Murray, senior health sciences technician, was one of those involved in last month’s bicycle collision at Fiesta Island that left one victim paralyzed. Since the accident, Murray helped organize the Aug. 19 Fiesta Island bicycle ride in honor of the victim. Murray was featured in a variety of media interviews and created ribbons to show support at the ride led by San Diego Mayor Kevin Faulconer and San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman.

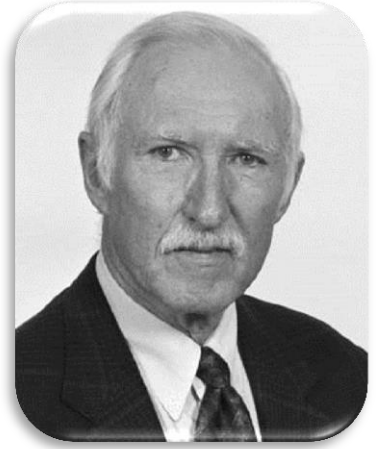


Economic and Community Development

Celebration of Life

The Grossmont College community celebrated the life of former President Erv Metzgar on Aug. 29. Metzgar family members, including his daughter, Johanna; son, Matthew; and wife, Pat; remembered Erv's time at Grossmont College in the 1970s and early 1980s. More than a hundred community members, including retired and current faculty and staff members, attended the event held in Griffin Gate. The family also started a memorial fund in Erv's memory with the Foundation for Grossmont &

Cuyamaca Colleges.



Important Remembrances

The campus community is invited to attend the second annual 9/11 Memorial Ceremony on Thursday, Sept. 11, in the Main Quad. The ceremony will feature keynote speaker U.S. Marine Corps Lt. Col. Douglas Luccio, who served in Operation Iraqi Freedom, and more recently as the senior advisor to the 1/215 Afghan National Army Brigade during Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan's Southern Helmand Province.



Grossmont College will host Constitution Day on Wednesday, Sept. 17, in various areas across campus. Highlights of this year's event include the Constitution "Wall" in Griffin Center where students can post their thoughts, questions, artwork and comments about what the Constitution means to them; a lecture on the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act; presentation by the Sons of the American Revolution's San Diego Chapter; and a voter registration drive at the Griffin Center patio.