



Board Highlights:

- Board members raved about attending the recent culinary arts dinners, theater production of Kimberly Akimbo, the Grossmont Symphony Orchestra collaboration with the San Diego Ballet and the Azerbaijan Ministry of Culture. They remarked that the performances and entire production were remarkably well done and thoroughly enjoyed by the audiences.
- Trustees also enjoyed the tour of the GC athletics/ESW facilities that had been planned by Mr. Jim Spillers. These were areas of the college they had not all seen before and they enjoyed gaining an understanding and appreciation for this aspect of the college. They also enjoyed spending time with the employees in the area and hearing from them.
- Student trustee Zack Gianino was very appreciative of his experience on the speech and debate team and also the wonderful coaching provided by Roxanne Tuscany. The team was congratulated on its exceptional performance at the first tournament of the season.
- Board members were provided with the annual distance education report featuring data on student outcomes and also an overview of planned activities to enhance online student success at both colleges.

Student Access, Diversity

Financial Aid / Scholarships

- Spring scholarship applications are now available through Financial Aid and Scholarships. Students can obtain scholarship applications in person or via download on the Financial Aid website. All spring scholarship applications are due Nov. 17.
- As part of a statewide effort, Financial Aid is presenting Manage Your Money Week, Oct. 20 – 23. The week of events features Financial Aid tabling at Griffin Center, financial aid and scholarship workshops, and a screening of the film “SPENT: Looking for Change,” a documentary that examines how the financial services industry serves those with low incomes. A schedule of events can be found on the Financial Aid website.

Student Success

Speech and Debate Team

The Grossmont College's Speech and Debate Team placed second for individual events for community colleges at its first tournament of the season, held Oct. 4 – 5 at San Diego State University. Eleven students competed, with seven first-time competitors. Individual awards went to Cameron Martin (first place, open division poetry), Zack Gianino (first place, novice division extemporaneous speaking; third place, novice division impromptu speaking), Alyssa Salacup (third place, open division prose), Kian Kline (sixth place, open division program oral interpretation), Brian King (fifth place, novice division extemporaneous speaking; seventh place, novice division extemporaneous speaking) and James Jovanovic received the Top Novice Speaker Award for open division program oral interpretation.

Iron Chef Competition

Two Grossmont College Culinary Arts students placed first place in the countywide Iron Chef competition held in September. Grossmont College students Jose Sidi and Talita Koppe placed first overall and received the People's Choice Award. Team coaches included Joe Orate, James Foran, David Litke and Greg Smith. Other competing culinary schools included Mesa College, Art Institute of San Diego, National Culinary School and San Diego Culinary.

Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness Resource Fair

Grossmont College Student Health Services partnered up with Center for Community Solutions to host the Sexual Assault Prevention Awareness resource fair on Sept. 16 and Oct. 16. Students were provided with information on how to prevent sexual assault, including safety tips, healthy relationships, boundaries, community resources and support.



Fiscal and Physical Resources

Planning Proposals for 2015-16

As part of the college's strategic planning process, programs and departments submitted planning proposals for the 2015 – 16 academic year in hopes of obtaining additional funding for innovations. While awards will be announced later this academic year, many departments are reviewing past efforts while simultaneously implementing current plans.

Value and Support of Employees

- Counselor **Dave Dillon** has authored a new textbook on study skills and time management. "Blueprint for College Success: Indispensable Study Skills and Time Management Strategies" was published by Montezuma Press earlier this month and is now available in the Grossmont College Bookstore.

- As a volunteer in the Salk Institute’s award-winning Education Outreach program, Chemistry adjunct **Jessica Woods** was recently featured in a newsletter article for the research institution located in La Jolla. As a program volunteer in the Mobile Science Lab, Woods goes into classrooms at local schools to share current experimental techniques.



- Grossmont College partnered with the San Diego State University’s community college leaders alumni group to host the SDICCA Classified Staff Recognition Reception. The inaugural classified staff award from the group was presented to Grossmont College’s own **Yvonne Mather**, who works in Disabled Student Programs and Services, in recognition of her exceptional service to students.

Economic and Community Development

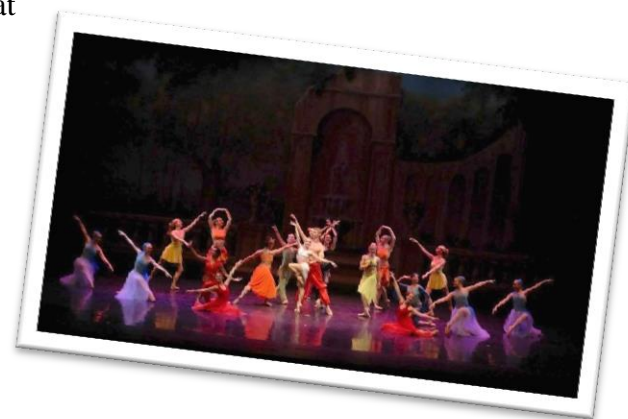
“The Fun Factory”

A group of theatre students is hitting the road in an elementary school tour of “The Fun Factory.” The production kicked off its tour at Lemon Avenue Elementary in La Mesa and will conclude its tour with a two-day run in Grossmont College’s Stagehouse Theatre Dec. 5 and 6. “The Fun Factory” celebrates the silent comedies of the early 1900s and is filled with “hijinks and guffaws.”



“Seven Beauties”

Grossmont Symphony Orchestra, along with San Diego Ballet, presented the American debut of “Seven Beauties,” in a sold-out, one-night-only performance at the San Diego Civic Theater in downtown San Diego. The production included original costumes and choreography by San Diego Ballet, and featured music by Azerbaijani composer Gara Garayev. Following the performance, the Azerbaijan Ministry of Culture hosted a reception that featured the presentation of several proclamations by elected officials and guest speakers, including Congresswoman Susan A. Davis and Nasimi Aghayev, Consul General of Azerbaijan in Los Angeles, and Chancellor Miles.



Celebrate the Craft

Faculty from the Grossmont College Culinary Arts program participated in Celebrate the Craft, a Slow Food San Diego event held Oct. 12 at The Lodge at Torrey Pines. Five students assisted other chefs and teaching assistant Marianne Daquino worked with program instructor James Foran and program technician Greg Smith to present samples on behalf of Grossmont College. The event helped Grossmont College Culinary Arts network with current and potential scholarship donors, and restaurant owners and chefs interested in placement of students for work experience and jobs.



Historic Photo Day

The Grossmont College Photography Program partnered with the La Mesa Historical Society to present the bi-annual Historic Photo Day in September. During the event, visitors observed the making of 19th century tintypes and explored the display of cameras and prints from the historical society's collection. Grossmont College faculty members were on hand to answer questions about the photographs, genres, processes and cameras and other photographic tools.

You're Invited

- The Fall Reading Series, presented by the Grossmont College Creative Writing Program, is well underway. The sixth annual Lester Bangs Memorial Reading takes place tonight, and includes a multimedia presentation that includes poetry, short readings, music and video from seven local artists, writers and musicians. At 7 p.m., Nov. 19, in Griffin Gate, local novelist Tammy Greenwood will read from her eight published novels, including “Two Rivers,” “Grace” and her most recent work, “Bodies of Water.” Greenwood has received support from the National Endowment for the Arts, the Sherwood Anderson Foundation and the Christopher Isherwood Foundation.
- Grossmont College Theatre will present “Scapin,” a modern adaptation of Moliere’s classic French farce, “*Les Fourberies de Scapin*.” The production is a salute to vaudeville and the irreverently fun tradition of *Commedia dell’arte*. “Scapin” debuts Nov. 13 and runs through Nov. 22 in the Stagehouse Theatre.
- Grossmont College Dance presents its annual “Breaking Boundaries” concert featuring student choreography at 7:30 p.m., Nov. 13 through 15, at the Salvation Army Kroc Center’s Joan B. Kroc Theatre. The concert features a variety of genres, from ballet to hip hop, and tickets are available in advance for \$10 or at the door for \$13 (cash only).