

Griffin Gate to host poetry and prose readings

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Several students chosen from Grossmont College's writing classes will be involved in a poetry and prose reading at the Griffin Gate on April 31 at 7:30 p.m. The program which started two semesters ago was originally designed to focus upon students published in *Firstdraft*, an annual Grossmont College publication which features writings from students.

The reading will include prose, poetry, and non-fiction (article writing) from the campuses two creative writing, poetry, fiction writing, and article writing classes.

"It's important to have a place where students could have a venue to read their work. We've had very good response from both the students and the audience," said Kamal Kapur, poetry instructor and reading coordinator.

The reading is intended to be an encouragement for all creative writing students, Kapur said.

"Writing is such a solitary type of act, it's beneficial to have a place where they can get feedback and response."

Kapur said she has recently considered plans for expansion. As for instance, she would like to see the readings expanded to include musical performances and faculty involvement.

"It would provide a place where students and faculty could come together," Kapur said.