



Dr. T. Ford
counselor



Dr. Mary Donnelly
English chair

Ford, Donnelly named top faculty

Theresa "T" Ford, of the Counseling Center, and Mary Donnelly, chair of the English Department, have been named Grossmont College Distinguished Faculty for the 1997-98 school year.

The announcements were made during the General Faculty Meeting preceding the beginning of the fall semester. The award brings a commemorative medallion and a cash stipend. Traditionally the award goes to a single faculty member, but the selection committee, noting the scope of their effectiveness on campus, recommended both Drs. Ford and Donnelly, saying they "have contributed to the overall excellence of Grossmont College in many ways and have served students, campus and community."

Dr. Ford has been a student counselor at

Grossmont College since 1979. Additionally, she has designed and helped implement several courses oriented toward early student success and adjustment to the college atmosphere. For example, she designed a full semester course specifically for students in Project Success, an individualized program designed for students with low reading levels.

She has also been instrumental in "Each One, Teach One," a one-day program for the first-year college student focused on providing the student with several workshops on how to study and how to succeed in college. The program has received national recognition.

Dr. Ford received her law degree from Thomas Jefferson College of Law in San Diego. She holds a

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master's in counselor education from San Diego State University. She completed undergraduate work at Barat College in Lake Forest, Ill.

Dr. Mary Donnelly, chair of the English Department, joined the Grossmont College faculty in 1974. She has served as chair of both the English and Reading departments, and as coordinator of the ESL and Learning Skills departments, and more lately of an innovative course-linking program called Project Success that has become a model for such programs across the country.

At Grossmont, more than 30 classrooms, and instructors from English, Speech, Humanities and Philosophy participate in Project Success.

She has also worked to create closer articulation between the English departments at Grossmont and Cuyamaca College. She has also been crucial to the development of the english Writing Center on campus. She is active in the East Country Tech Prep Consortium, and she developed a writing program for the San Diego County Sheriff's Department that teaches English to students in the Correctional Officer's

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Dr. Donnelly was graduated from the University of Washington in Seattle and received her doctorate in education from Northern Arizona University.

The Distinguished Chair award is an activity of the Academic Senate designed to encourage and reward excellence among the faculty. All full-time tenured faculty are eligible to receive the award. Criteria include teaching excellence as well as contribution to the discipline, active role in campus affairs, and involvement in the community as a representative of the college.