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Classified Behind the Scenes...



Front Row (Left to Right): Chris Weiss, Stephanie Rodriguez, Karoon Chanthavong
Back Row (Left to Right): Marty Hipwell, Jack Newman, Kelly White
Missing: James Duddy, Josh Ketchum, Jim Gillan, Dave Taylor

Classified Behind The Scenes...

When I first came to Grossmont College in 2010, I walked through the walkway of the old building 10 and as it opened up onto the quad, I was struck at the beauty of our campus. I knew this was a place I wanted to work. To this day, I walk around campus and I am amazed by the different landscapes we have, and it never gets old.

Did you know Grossmont College is 135 acres with 6 drought tolerant outdoor learning gardens and one nature trail for outdoor biology learning? Did you know that we have a grounds crew of 4 to make and maintain our beautiful grounds?

Jack Newman, Marty Hipwell, Jim Gillan and Kelly White are the team of classified staff who work to pull off this amazing feat. Jack Newman is the grounds crew lead. He has been at Grossmont for 22 years and has worked in the landscape business for 37 years. When asked what did he enjoy about his job? He replied, "I totally enjoy the responsibility of maintaining the diverse landscape of the campus".

A maintenance crew of five takes care of the 100 buildings on campus. They are responsible for 875,000 square feet, 100 bathrooms, 1000 offices and 275 classrooms. This team includes Chris Weiss - Locksmith, Josh Ketchum - maintenance lead, carpentry and remodeling, James Duddy - lead HVAC (heating and air conditioning) and Karoon Chanthavong - HVAC.

Karoon came to campus one year ago with 7 years of HVAC experience. He works with James Duddy.. When asked what he wanted his classified coworkers

to know, Karoon said, "It's unbelievable both of us keep the heating and air conditioning equipment going on the entire campus. The oldest equipment on campus is approximately 50 years old".

Rounding out the facilities and maintenance team is Stephanie Rodriguez. Described by her supervisor, Loren Holmquist, as "the glue that holds the whole Facilities and Operations Department together", Stephanie is the youngest employee and the only female in Facilities and Operations.

A few of the tasks Stephanie works on include the campus capital projects, monitors multiple budgets. She is the administrative assistant to the director and assists with personnel and customer service.

The reason I am highlighting the facilities department this month, is to demonstrate that contributing to the success of students takes many forms and as classified staff, we all have a role to play. If it was not for the efforts of this team, students would not be able to attend class, nor would they have grounds that provide a welcoming space, not just to attend our college, but to study and succeed in their education goals.

Thank you to this fantastic team of classified staff. You make a difference every day and your efforts are appreciated!



Elaine Adlam, RN ;
Classified Senate Secretary.

Going The Extra Mile...

One hundred forty classified staff members from Grossmont, Cuyamaca, and the District came together for 2017's Classified Professional Development Day (CPDD) on March 27th. Day event included breakfast, lunch, twenty different workshops, and dessert with an opportunity drawing for attendees.

Five overarching topics were chosen for the day's workshops: connections for success, leadership, technology, workplace wellness, and social advocacy. Special thanks goes to some of GCCCD's own for presenting-Bryan Banville, Dawn Heuft, John Thomas, Kasi Althaus, Priscilla Leyva, Rochelle Weiser, and Yvette Macy.



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Another point of note is that this year's CPDD workshops were offered at zero cost thanks to Human Resources (District), the Office of Professional Development (Grossmont), and the Chancellor in coordination with the community and classified staff volunteers.

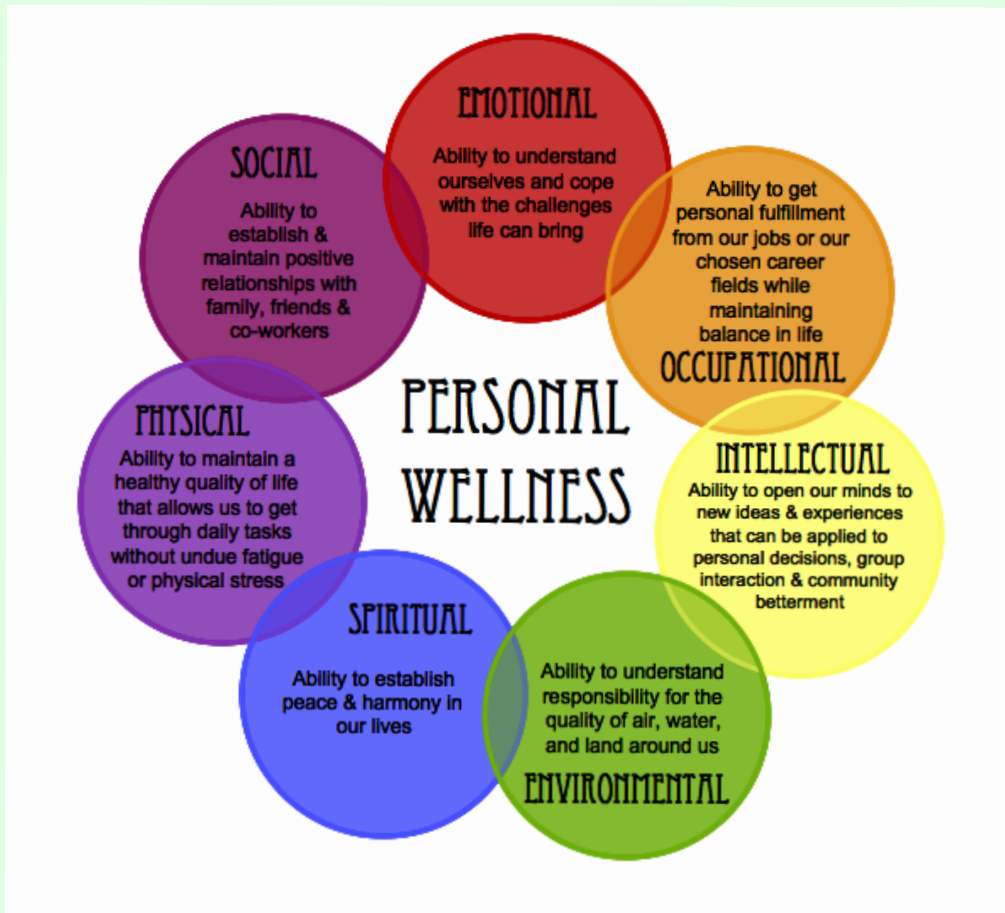
Classified Professional Development Day was brought forth with the support of a bill that provides general funds to colleges that support the professional development of their staff (AB2558) which was originally reported to GCCCD in 2014 and discussed at the Classified Staff Professional Development Advisory Council in early 2016.

The Classified Senate appreciates the feedback we have received and will endeavor to include your suggestions next year. Thank you so much for participating. It was really great spending time with you all!

Wellness...



The wellness committee has been working on a strategic plan for wellness that incorporates the seven dimensions of wellness:



In addition to incorporating the seven dimensions the data from our health care providers has given us key areas to focus on for the well-being of all employees here at Grossmont College.

Some of the events the committee has planned for you are - a backyard chickens workshop, gardening, a new wellness class incorporating stretching and relaxation, and a Know your Numbers Challenge - watch your e-mail for more information on these events!

If you would like to join the Wellness Committee please contact:

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for more information!

Wellness Cont....



Walk with the President:

May 4th

8.30am - 9am

Meet in front of Building 10 (Quad Side)

We would like to encourage you to participate in this activity. It is super fun and a fantastic opportunity to spend time together.

Help Me Out!...

Your ideas and suggestions are needed! If you have a story idea or you would like to ask a question regarding Classified Senate or things that colleagues might be helped by as well, let me know by emailing me at: Elaine.Adlam@gcccd.edu. For more information about what Senate is working on go to:
* our website: <http://www.gcccd.edu/classified-senate/default.html>

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