

AUGUST 2019

VIA RÁPIDA - FYE

Welcome to Grossmont College!

ACADEMIC CALENDAR

AUGUST 19TH

**Semester Length/First
8-Week Classes Begin**

AUG 19TH - SEP 1ST

**Add/Drop Period
(full semester classes)**

AUGUST 30TH

**Last Day to Apply
Pass/No Pass-1st 8-Week**

AUGUST 19 - 30TH

FREE PARKING



August Orientation

DONT FORGET!

Session #1: Monday, 8/12 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Session #2: Tuesday, 8/13 - 11:00am-5:00pm

Session #3: Wednesday, 8/14 - 9:00am-3:00pm

Session #4: Thursday, 8/15 - 11:00am-5:00pm

**IF YOU HAVEN'T RSVP'D, PLEASE USE THE LINK
EMAILED TO YOU TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT OR
CALL 619-644-7244**

Lunch will be provided.



MEET THE VIA RÁPIDA TEAM



Dr. Marsha V. Gable

VICE PRESIDENT OF STUDENT SERVICES

Dr. Gable has worked at Grossmont in her current position for 3 years, and prior she was the Dean of Counseling Services at Cuyamaca. She's approaching her sixth year working in the district. A strength of hers would be over 14 years working with federally funded grant programs targeted at meeting the needs of low-income and first-generation students and assisting them in reaching their educational goals. Dr. Gable has experiences as an administrator and associate faculty at a number of community colleges (Palomar, MiraCosta, Mt. San Jacinto, and Santa Ana) along with having worked at CSU San Marcos overseeing University Outreach. The highlight of serving as the Vice President of Student Services at Grossmont College with oversight of Title V is her ability to impact change and to ensure the needs of all students are being met to enhance their educational success and completion.



Courtney Williams, M.S.

ASSOC. DEAN OF STUDENT SERVICES

Courtney has been in education for the last 19 years. Her experience started out as a 4th grade teacher and over the years moved into higher education through different roles. In 2013 she started working in the California Community College system. Courtney's background includes planning and coordinating multiple projects and events as well as providing leadership. Throughout her career in education, student success has been the most important, and the most enjoyable part of her job. She is excited at the opportunity to be a part of Title V and help expand services that help students discover their goals and learn about the ways that they can achieve those goals which in turn they will share with their families and communities.



Juan Carlos Reyna, M.S.Ed.

HSI TITLE V DIRECTOR

Your success is at the center of everything we do in the Via Rápida FYE program! We have high expectations of you and we hope that you hold us to the same standard. Please expect for our collective team to provide high quality support throughout your first year at Grossmont College. Our goals are for you to feel a sense of belonging on campus, become involved, identify an academic and/or career pathway, and make significant progress towards your goals. We are a program that values each and every single one of you. As students, you bring rich cultural wealth to Grossmont College and without you, there is no "us." As a Latino immigrant who navigated the education system with a low-income status, first-generation, English as a Second Language (ESL), and formerly undocumented; The odds of me earning a college degree were significantly stacked against me. As a current Doctoral Candidate at SDSU, I have affirmed that statistics can't define us or determine what we can or cannot do. I believe that any student can earn a college degree. Colleges may be complex, sometimes intimidating, and may seem overwhelming. However, you have what it takes to succeed. Count on me, Juan Carlos, and the Via Rápida team to help you navigate the college to achieve success. We are excited to have you join our community at Grossmont College and are thrilled to have you as part of the Via Rápida FYE program.



Abby Algarin, M.Ed

PROGRAM COORDINATOR

Abby graduated from CSU San Marcos with a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology with a concentration in children, youth and families in December 2011. She earned her Master's degree in Education concentration in Guidance and Counseling from Point Loma Nazarene University in May 2017. Abby had a passion for the right to education and student success, no matter what the student's path may be. She loves working within the community college field because community colleges are for anybody and everybody, offering various paths of education and career. In her free time Abby enjoys practicing in yoga, reading, lounging by the pool or on the beach, and trying new coffee shops and restaurants.



Gabriela Soto

OUTREACH/PLACEMENT SPECIALIST

Gabriela is a former community college student who participated in the First Year Experience (FYE) program at Cuyamaca College. She earned her Associate's degree and transferred to San Diego State University where she earned her Bachelor's degree in Sociology. Being a first-generation Latina college student who grew up in a low income household, Gabriela understands first-hand the struggles many students face when attending college. She credits her success to being part of the FYE program and wants to give back to her community by helping students reach their educational goals. Gabriela is a passionate about social justice and is an advocate for undocumented students, she aspires to make higher education accessible to underrepresented students.



Veronica Rosales, M.A.

PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Veronica received her Bachelors Degree from San Diego State University in Criminal Justice and minors in Sociology and International & Conflict Resolution. She is proud to have completed her Master's degree from SDSU in Education with a concentration in Counseling this month. Veronica is looking forward to working with students in a different capacity. Her goal is becoming a counselor for community college students. Veronica comes from undocumented parents and grew up in a rural town in Central California but wishes to share the knowledge and support she received in her education and past work experience to extend that support to any and all students so they can succeed and reach their own dreams.

VIA RÁPIDA COUNSELORS FALL 2019 SCHEDULES

Carissa Cardenas

Mondays: 9am-6pm
Thursdays: 12pm-5pm
Fridays: 8am-1pm

Gerardo Ortiz

Mondays: 9am-6pm
Tuesdays: 9am-6pm



To book an appointment with Via Rápida Counselors:

- Call Via Rápida (619) 668-1748
- Stop by the Via Rapida Office #10-102
- Call the Counseling Dpt. (619) 644-7211
- Stop by the Counseling Front Desk



FIRST DAY HACKS

AT GROSSMONT COLLEGE



PARKING

- Get to school early because parking will be limited.
- Find a parking spot closer to classes.
- Legal parking spots are located at: Parking structure, Parking lot 7, Parking lot 1, The alley next to Building 100.

FINDING CLASSES

- Have a campus map
- Go to building 10 near, Admission & Records to ask an Outreach Ambassador
- Go to building 55, to the white tent to get directions.
- Go to a student service center to ask for directions (Career Center, Building 10, Tech mall, Library, ASGC)



PLACES TO EAT

GRIFFIN CENTER (BUILDING 60)

- Griffin Grill (Burgers, Fries, Pizza, salads, Burritos, Oatmeal, Hot Dogs, Pasta)
- Java Market (Coffee, Fruits, Pastries)

BOOKSTORE (BUILDING 62)

- Snacks
- Drinks
- Coffee



FALL 2019 OPEN HOUSE

ADULT RE-ENTRY

FREE EVENT FOR ADULT LEARNERS!



- MEET COLLEGE ADMINISTRATORS & STAFF
- LEARN ABOUT PROGRAMS AND STUDENT SERVICES
- COMPLETE A CAREER ASSESSMENT
- IN-DEMAND JOBS AND LABOR MARKET INFORMATION
- ADMISSIONS, COURSE REGISTRATION & FINANCIAL AID ASSISTANCE
- TOUR CAMPUS!

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Career Services

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED

Grossmont College
8800 Grossmont College Drive
El Cajon, CA, 92020
Griffin Gate (Bldg. 60, Room 180)

For more information, contact
Renee.Nasori@gcccd.edu

08. 01. 19
10AM-1PM

Free Event, RSVP
Required:

[https://tinyurl.com/
y5gw4hkr](https://tinyurl.com/y5gw4hkr)



FREE COLLEGE TUITION!

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS SEPTEMBER 10TH

AS A FIRST-TIME COLLEGE STUDENT, YOU'LL NEED TO TAKE THESE STEPS TO RECEIVE THE GROSSMONT-CUYAMACA COLLEGE PROMISE:

- Be a first-time college student (*California resident or AB540 eligible*)
- Sign the Promise Pledge at: MyCollegePromise.net
- Submit a FAFSA or California Dream Act application
- Complete the college onboarding (*Application, Orientation, Assessment, and Education Plan*)
- Attend as a full-time student (*At least 12 units per semester*)
- Maintain a 2.0 college GPA (*to remain eligible*)

DISCLAIMERS: *Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise covers tuition (enrollment) fees and mandatory fees (student health, representation, and Cuyamaca construction fee). Books, supplies, parking permits, and other class fees are not included, although additional financial support may be available through financial aid for eligible students. If you start in the spring semester, only spring fees will be covered.*

Apply: MyCollegePromise.net

CONTACT VIA RÁPIDA:

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