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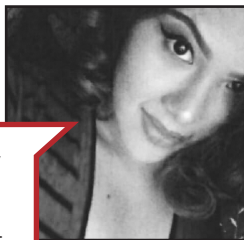
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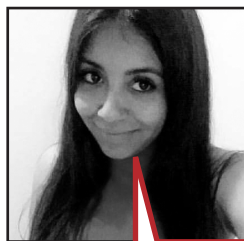
What do you wish you knew when you first started at Grossmont?

COMPILED BY SHERIDAN MARTINEZ



I wish I knew that it would be a little hectic about registering for classes unless I had priority registration.

—Maricarmen Gutierrez



I wanted to know what financial programs they had because I am first generation to enter college and I was clueless at first about grants, EOPS, BOG, etc....I could of saved a lot of money if I knew earlier.

—Karen Ramirez



I wish I knew that Grossmont had such an awesome newspaper publication.

—AJ Tagnani



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Good to know

These features are about to make your life at Grossmont a whole lot easier.

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PRICE MATCHING AT OUR BOOKSTORE

The Grossmont College Bookstore is now offering price matching on textbooks. To obtain price matching, students must print prices for textbooks listed on Amazon and the Barnes & Noble websites to the bookstore. Reseller stores on Amazon.com and BN.com are not eligible for this offer.

GET YOUR MONEY FASTER

Instead of waiting for a check for financial aid or college refunds, students have two options: Sign up for direct deposit or get a CashCard.

If you choose direct deposit, you'll get your money sent to your checking or savings account in three to five business days. Note that even if you've had direct deposit in the past, you need to sign up for the new system.

To get money in minutes, you can receive it via the GCCCD CashCard, a Money Network Enabled Mastercard. Features of the CashCard include:

- Fast and secure access to financial aid balance or refund.
- A free account with no minimum balance or monthly fees.
- The ability to be reloaded by college, friends, family and employers (with your authorization).
- Convenient ATM access through 55,000 ATMs nationwide
- FDIC-insured funds to protect against fraud.

The CashCard can be used anywhere Mastercard is accepted. For more information, visit www.gcccd.edu/cashcard.

ASK GROSSMONT

At the bottom of Grossmont's website, you'll find a new, helpful feature called "Ask Grossmont." It's a new online question and answer database that makes it easy to ask common questions, including the Top 10 frequently-asked questions:

1. What kind of majors are offered?
2. How do I get a course catalog?
3. What programs do you offer?
4. How do I register for classes?
5. How can I get a transcript?
6. How do I apply?
7. Do you have any job openings?
8. How do I get an email account?
9. What is academic advising?
10. How do I get a student benefit sticker?

A few tips: Type in full questions, not keywords and symbols, and ask one question at a time—for example, "How do I apply?" instead of "How do I apply and find scholarships?"

Push button, get answer, thanks to "Ask Grossmont," available at the bottom of each page on the website, www.gcccd.edu.

WEEK OF WELCOME AUGUST 22-26

Each fall, Grossmont College welcomes back its students with the Week of Welcome, a.k.a. WoW! Sarah Varghese, the Interim Associate Dean of Student Affairs, shared some highlights from this year's WoW!, which is being held Aug. 22-26. More is being added, so be sure to check the calendar online or ask for a copy at one of the information booths.

INFORMATION BOOTHS

WHEN: Monday and Tuesday, 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

WHERE: Buildings 36, 55 and Griffin Student Center

WHAT: Stop by for campus maps, departmental and general information and a free WoW! surprise while supplies last.

ALL CAMPUS ACTIVITIES AND INFORMATION FAIR

WHEN: Wednesday, 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Main Quad

WHAT: Get departmental, program and club activities and information. Find out how you can get involved on campus. There will be music, food and more.

TRANSFER CENTER OPEN HOUSE

WHEN: Monday, 10 a.m. to noon
Tuesday, 2 to 4 p.m.
Thursday, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: Building 10, Room 173 (10-173)

WHAT: Are you planning to transfer to a four-year college or university? You're invited to the Transfer Center's fall Open House. Come to explore the valuable resources the Transfer Center provides throughout the year.

ARABIC LANGUAGES ORIENTATION SESSION

WHEN AND WHERE:

Wednesday and Thursday:
- 8:30 to 10:30 a.m. in 51-573
- 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. in 53-538
- 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in 55-525

WHAT: The Arabic Language Program Orientation Sessions offer resources and information on the requirements for a certificate and an associate degree in Arabic.

POP! POP! INTO STUDENT GOVERNMENT AND LEADERSHIP

WHEN: Wednesday, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

WHERE: ASGC Office, Griffin Center

WHAT: Free popcorn! Meet your student government representatives and learn about how you can get involved. Presented by the Associated Students of Grossmont College.



MTS INFO BOOTH

WHEN: Thursday, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

WHERE: Griffin Center, Alcove

WHAT: Learn more about public transportation, including schedules and maps. Spin the wheel for great prizes!

FINANCIAL LITERACY RESOURCES

WHEN:

Wednesday and Thursday, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

WHERE: Lobby of Building 10 (next to Financial Aid)

WHAT: Stop by to obtain info, tools and resources regarding financial education and literacy.

POKÉSTOP CAMPUS TOURS

Explore campus, get insider info from a fellow student and find major PokéStops! Available by appointment; presented by the ASGC.



WHAT NOW?

Starting college can be a cinch when you're in the know.

BY ASHLEY STOUT

You did it! You finished high school, got that diploma and are on your way to the next big step in your life. Or maybe you've been away from the classroom for a while, and you've decided to come back. Do you know the next steps that need to be taken? What classes you need? Are you a little confused? Don't worry, we are here to help with a guide to your junior college success!

PICK A MAJOR

You need a major. This area of study will carry you starting off here at Grossmont to whatever school to which you choose to transfer. A good way to figure out what you want to do is to figure out what you are passionate about or interested in. Usually something that you like to do will make college a lot more enjoyable and less stressful. And if you are still trying to figure it out, then you can be an undecided major and work on your general education classes.

GET SOME CLASS(ES)

After you have – or haven't – decided a major, it's time to focus on what classes you're going to take. The best decision is to go see one of the many counselors here at Grossmont. They will set you up with an Education Plan to help you transfer as fast as you can, if that is your goal.

But if you want to figure it out on your own, pick up a California State University General Education Advising Form for the academic year of 2016-2017. This form will give you all the updated classes you need for transfer. The form is broken down into sections A through E. Each section is a different core focus: English, Science, Arts, Social Science, and Lifelong Learning and Self Development. In each of these sections you select the certain courses you would like to take to finish each section.

Aside from these courses, you are required to take classes for your major that you have picked. For more information on courses, pick up a course catalog from the bookstore on campus.

MAP IT OUT

So you got your classes down and you are ready for the first day of school. But do you know where any of your classes are? The Grossmont campus is 135 acres and floods with more than 18,000 students at the beginning of the school year; it will get a little confusing, and more often than not, you will get lost a couple times. The campus has maps all around campus to show you each part of the school; many buildings also have brochures that have a map in them. But you can also find the campus map online, and it wouldn't hurt to print it out before you come.

Log into your WebAdvisor and look at your schedule then mark each building your class is located. This will help you get around easier. If all else fails, ask a fellow student or teacher you see nearby. You might as well make a new friend while you are at it.

Being a new student can be a little nerve-racking, but you will sure see that with the right plan, you are on your way to success here at Grossmont College! Hope you enjoy your first month of school Griffins!

STAY ON TOP OF DEADLINES

Avoid missing important deadlines this year by downloading GradGuru, a smartphone app that contains Student Services deadlines and reminders, as well as student success tips.

According to its website, the app sends free push notifications and free reminders for every upcoming deadline at the schools in which you enrolled. The great thing about it is that you don't have to constantly check the app to keep your deadlines straight.

"Once you've downloaded GradGuru, you don't ever have to open the app again if you don't want to," the app makers claim on their website. "We bring the reminders and tips to succeed to you. Everything pops right up like a text message."

In addition, the app helps you know what steps you need to take to get through school or transfer more quickly. You can also earn badges for doing things like checking in with your advisor, making an education plan and keeping a 3.5 GPA. Once you earn enough badges, you can redeem them for cash you can use for school expenses.

The app is free and can be downloaded to Apple and Android phones. Students can visit grossmont.edu/college-info/grad-guru for more information or search "GradGuru" in the app store.





TRAFFIC JAM

Ignoring campus parking rules can be costly. **BY ASHLEY STOUT | PHOTOS BY KYLE CASCANTE**

Nothing is more frustrating than the first two weeks of school for many students and teachers on campus because of one thing: Parking. The honks, foul language and bad parking jobs during the first two weeks makes parking on campus horrendous. It is a free-for-all until everyone has time to purchase the student and staff parking permits for the semester.

The permit for the semester is \$40, and it lets you park anywhere on campus. At Grossmont, we are lucky enough to have many parking lots on every side of campus, and a four-story parking structure so everyone can find parking.

Once the first two weeks are up and passes have been purchased, the horror that is parking on campus comes to a calming end. But there are always that select bunch of students who think they can slide by without a permit. These students take up the spots of many parking spaces, for which other students have already paid.

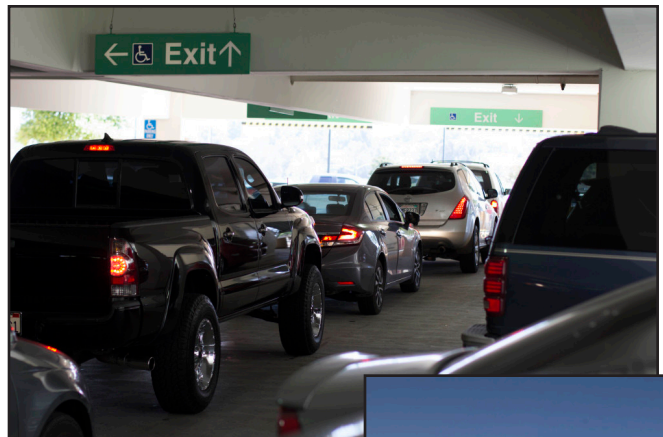
But the campus police never let things slide. Officers make their rounds around each parking

lot and structure, going car to car to make sure no one is in violation. Contrary to how it may feel when you get a ticket, campus police are not out to get students; they are here to make sure rules are followed and people who pay for a parking spot get one.

Those who violate the parking permit rule will be issued a citation, according to Nicole Conklin, the director of Campus and Parking Services, who informed students via email that parking citation rates have increased this summer "in accordance with the California Vehicle Code."

The price for not having a parking permit has increased to \$45, the same price for staff who do not have one. The long list of citations you can get on campus is pricey, and many students do not know about all of them. So you know what *not* to do, we have them all listed for you on here.

So in these next few weeks, make sure to purchase your parking permit, or pay a bigger price! It's better to pay \$40 at the beginning than risk later citations. Plus, you'll be able to experience the calm after the first-two-weeks parking storm.



ABOVE: BRENNEN SMITH OBSERVES A FULL LOT.
LEFT: CARS WAIT TO EXIT THE PARKING STRUCTURE.
BELOW: FINDING A PARKING SPACE CAN BE DIFFICULT, ESPECIALLY IN THE FIRST TWO WEEKS.

PARKING CITATION	COST
Failing to display parking permit	\$45
Blocking an exit or traffic lane	\$45
Parking in an undesignated area or no parking zone	\$45
Parking across two stalls	\$45
Improperly displaying permit	\$45
Violating posted signs	\$45
Violating time zones (10, 15, 20, 30 and 60 minutes)	\$45
Failing to display current registration	\$45
Altering or counterfeiting a permit	\$100
Parking in a red zone or blocking a fire hydrant	\$100
Misusing a disabled placard	\$400
Parking in disabled parking without placard	\$400



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FRIDAY, SEPT. 16

JIMMY BUFFETT
FALL OUT BOY
 DARYL HALL & JOHN OATES
 STEVE AOKI
 GROUPOVE
 GAVIN DEGRAW
 ECHOSMITH
 ANDREW MCMAHON
 IN THE WILDERNESS
 CITIZEN COPE SOLO/ACOUSTIC
 ST. PAUL AND THE BROKEN BONES
 SUGAR RAY
 SHOVELS & ROPE
 GIN BLOSSOMS
 MATOMA
 DUMPSTAPHUNK
 ORIANTHI
 FINISH TICKET
 STEVE POLTZ
 POWERS
 LAWRENCE TAYLOR
 FUTURE THIEVES
 LEX
 ANDREW LUCE
 THE KICKBACK
 THE DUSTBOWL REVIVAL
 LEROY SANCHEZ
 SHAWN JONES
 BARLEY

COMEDY

DANA CARVEY
 JEFF ROSS
 DOUG BENSON
 PUDDLES PITY PARTY
 DEBRA DIGIOVANNI

SATURDAY, SEPT. 17

AEROSMITH
 LENNY KRAVITZ
 THE CHAINSMOKERS
 DJ SNOOPADELIC
 GOO GOO DOLLS
 THIRD EYE BLIND
 CAPITAL CITIES
 FLO RIDA
 LUDACRIS
 STEEL PULSE
 COLLECTIVE SOUL
 THE STRUTS
 COLVIN & EARLE
 RAC
 KARL DENSON'S TINY UNIVERSE
 ROONEY
 THE MOWGLI'S
 MATT COSTA
 THE RECORD COMPANY
 THE KNOCKS
 JUDAH & THE LION
 BAHARI
 BRYCE FOX
 THE SHELTERS
 STOKESWOOD
 NANCARROW
 SCOT NERY'S BOOBIE TRAP
 ALMOST MONDAY

COMEDY

THE CAST OF SILICON VALLEY
 DARRELL HAMMOND
 JANEANE GAROFALO
 BRIAN POSEHN
 TAYLOR WILLIAMSON
 DJ DOUGGPOUND

SUNDAY, SEPT. 18

JACK JOHNSON
 THE AVETT BROTHERS
 REBELUTION
 JASON ISBELL
 CYPRESS HILL
 SHAKEY GRAVES
 BLUES TRAVELER
 G. LOVE & SPECIAL SAUCE
 THE WILDFEATHERS
 ATLAS GENIUS
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 DONAVON FRANKENREITER
 ALO
 AMERICAN AQUARIUM
 THE AGGROLITES
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GROSSMONT BRIEFING

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JAZZ HANDS FOR GROSSMONT

Grossmont College music faculty will be featured in a concert series called the “**White Box Live Jazz,**” which takes place at the White Box Theater in Liberty Station, located in Point Loma. Every Sunday in August, the show begins at 5 p.m. The lineup includes some names you will find oh-so familiar: The Danny Green Trio, with Justin Grinnell on bass, on Aug. 21; and **Blurring the Edges, with Benedetti, Trip Sprague and Peter Sprague, on Aug. 28.**

Grossmont students, don’t forget to snag your tickets for \$10; any guest you choose to bring with have to get general admission for \$20. VIP tickets for the “supper club” experience from the LOT restaurant are \$30. Tickets are available at whiteboxlivejazz.brownpapertickets.com or at 619-225-1803. Come enjoy some music from your Grossmont favorites. —**AS**

FAIR-LY OUTSTANDING

Many Grossmont College students were recognized for their work at the San Diego County Fair this summer. Several students were recognized for best in class and best in show in their categories:

- **Tiffany King**, photography, cellphone photography
- **Kalina Luckenbach**, photography, portrait photography
- **Adrien Magpantay**, photography, panoramic images
- **Jianna Osawa**, fine art category, pastel
- **Joseph Ross**, photography, monochrome images
- **Ashley Stout**, school newspapers, best features
- **Lulu Wang**, photography, cellphone photography
- **Dean Williams**, fair theme category, “Mad About the Fair”

Congratulations to students and their instructors for their awards and hard work. —**JC**

SPIKED WITH SUCCESS

For the second time in three years, Grossmont College has won the Chet DeVore Award for having the most successful men’s and women’s intercollegiate athletic program in the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference.

Grossmont College’s strong performances in women’s beach and indoor volleyball are credited for the El Cajon campus edging out San Diego Mesa College to claim the prestigious trophy.

PCAC championships were also captured by Grossmont College in 2015-16 in baseball, women’s swimming and diving and women’s tennis.

Grossmont last won PCAC’s top athletic honor – named after the late Chester S. “Chet” DeVore, the founding commissioner of the 10-college conference – in the 2013-14 academic year. —**JC**

**Special thanks to Lorena Ruggero, the director of College and Community Relations at Grossmont College, for her help in gathering this information.*



WORK WORK WORK

Grossmont’s Hyde Art Gallery is premiering its first exhibition of the fall semester. Running **Aug. 22 through Sept. 13**, the show is named “Worker’s Working.” This exhibit is the first of its kind to combine Grossmont and Cuyamaca artwork. It will showcase many new and different pieces of artwork that show the artists’ strengths from both colleges’ art departments.

The Hyde Art Gallery is open Monday through Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. Admission is always free. —**BY ASHLEY STOUT**



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