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Greetings, Grossmont College Colleagues,

This month's news is a little lighter as we find ourselves at the end of our Fall 2025 semester. I know we will have a strong finish and be ready to welcome back everyone in the new year.

Decisions

Food Services

We are working on all options for food service to begin in the new year, including reopening Java Market and expanding options through fresh vending in spaces across campus. More to come soon.

Gizmo's Kitchen

We are proceeding with expanding our basic needs spaces. We have had some suggestions for a renaming (from our students) and will consider that as we proceed.

AUP 2024-2025 Final Recommendations

As previously reported, decisions for faculty and classified positions were made in September, and we are now ready to approve facilities, technology, and budget augmentations that were requested in last year's submissions. These were announced at the College Council meeting on December 4th.

Spring Convocation

Save the date for spring convocation: **January 26, 2026**. We will meet from 10 a.m. to noon, and serve box lunches for folks to take to their afternoon meetings. The theme of the gathering is **Partners in Purpose**, as we will be inviting a panel of local leaders from our community to join us as we deepen our knowledge and connection to the many communities served by Grossmont College. We are encouraging faculty to <u>sign up</u>

through the VRC early so we can ensure enough lunches. Classified and admin will get a link to register.

Directions

Spring registration has begun, and a big shout-out goes to our student services professionals for doing a big push to engage students who qualify for priority registration. We saw a significant increase during the various priority sessions and continue to see healthy enrollment going into our semester break.

Our **department chairs are working to align** courses for 2025-2026 (next academic year) **into our block schedule**. This is an opportunity to provide aligned passing time for students and to use our spaces efficiently as we address space utilization across campus.

At the most recent DEC meeting, Chancellor Neault presented options for a **new increased district-wide campus safety plan** for policing across Grossmont College and Cuyamaca College. Constituent groups have the opportunity to lend their voices to the options through your senates and for students through our ASGC. You can find the presentation here. I encourage you to provide feedback on the plan to your constituent leaders so that we can hear from everyone interested in weighing in.

Distinctions

Allied Health and Nursing Occupational Therapy Assistant faculty member Joyce Fries and her colleagues have just recently had their paper published: Robyn Wu, Diane Tom, Domenique Embrey, and Joyce M. Fries, Comparing Occupational Therapy Students' and Occupational Therapy Assistant Students' Perceptions of an Intraprofessional Class Session (MS #2150) has been published to Journal of Occupational Therapy Education. Also, this paper will be presented by the group as a poster at the National Association of Occupational Therapy Assistants conference in Anaheim next year.

Thank you to the **Classified Senate** for hosting the yearly **Thank You Grams**. Classified Professionals distributed more than 270 thank-you grams to our campus community. They are truly lovely to receive and a sweet reminder of how our efforts impact each other every day!

A hearty thank you and congratulations to **MaryAnn Landry** for her 19 years of service to Grossmont College. She is retiring this month!

The Griffins are Beach Bowl champions! Grossmont College Football Team closed its football season on a high note with a 21–20 win over West Los Angeles in the Beach Bowl. This bowl victory reflects the determination and growth our student-athletes demonstrated throughout the year, culminating in a strong 7–4 season.

Look for the **Griffin Monthly** soon for even more campus news.

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