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OASIS Awards Ceremony

By Gary Schwartzwald



Over 160 people attended Outstanding Adult Students, Instructors, and Staff (OASIS) Awards Ceremony on May 3rd at the Ronald Reagan Community Center in El Cajon.

This year we added an OASIS award category and were proud to induct the first two members into the Grossmont Adult School Hall of Fame, Colette Fleming and Larry Timmons.



Hall of Fame:
Colette Fleming
Larry Timmons



Outstanding Students: (alphabetical order)
Aymen Alnaes, Izett Barnett, Kara Burke,
Darrel Doliber, Helga Doliber, Susan Hewitt,
Frank Kuoja, Alma Martinez, Elvira Martinez,
Laura Williams



Outstanding Instructors: Bill Orsini, Bev Downing, Marian Kubota, Kim Whitacre, Patsty Roeder, Georganne Parisi, Ed Schaffroth



Outstanding Staff: Myrna Ames, Lydia Jones, Renee (Dusty) Schendel, Vicki Gagliardi

Fabulous desserts were provided by ROP Instructor **Todd Bull** and his students at El Cajon Valley High School.

Everyone had a great time and many even walked away with a fabulous door prize!
We hope to see you at OASIS next year.

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Facebook yet?**



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 **Health Occupations Awards, Records, and Conferences**
By Carol Otjens 

A recent graduate from the Health Occupations Center LVN program, **Raylene Phipps-Markwell**, was hired at Promise Hospital here in San Diego. *Promise Hospital is like any other hospital except our patients require and receive specialized care and extensive therapy over an extended period of time.* Raylene has been working at Promise for the past year. Last week was "Nurse Appreciation Week". Raylene received "LVN of the Year" at Promise Hospital! This is a huge accomplishment!

The Health Occupations Center vocational nursing program received a certificate from the Guinness Book of World Records for their participation in a Kaiser Permanente Super Saturday event last year. Southern California Kaiser was able to administer a world record of flu injections during a specific time period. Congratulations!

The California Healthcare Interpreting Association (CHIA) held its 13th Annual Education Conference in San Diego from April 26 - 27, 2013. Twenty students from the Healthcare Interpreting Program and their instructor, **Roberta Gottfried**, attended thanks to the Perkins grant..... which generously paid for their registration fees.

The conference theme, "From Ad Hoc to Patient-Centered Communication," emphasized the importance of trained Healthcare Interpreters as facilitators of communication in the patient-centered encounters between patient and provider.

This year, a special effort was made to address issues relevant to the Arabic refugee community, such as PTSD and Mental Health. Panel presentations on Saturday addressed current language access initiatives in five San Diego hospitals. Sessions were held to increase interpreters' knowledge in pediatric medicine and interpreting for parents in the neonatal intensive care unit.

This was the first professional networking event for most of our students. They were highly enthusiastic about their experience and look forward to sharing their newly learned skills with their community. The group would like to extend a special thanks to **Carol Otjens** for facilitating their participation.



 **ESL Students Get a Major League Visitor**
By Robyn Wiggins 

In May 7th, 2013 Padre's Star Outfielder Chris Denorfia came to the El Cajon Valley Library. While there Mr. Denorfia read stories, signed autographs, and took pictures with many people. A large portion of these people were from one of El Cajon Adult's Beginning High/Low Adult ESL classes. Students in this class brainstormed several questions to ask Mr. Denorfia, in order to practice their English in a public, real-world setting. **Sihama Potrus** told him that her son was a huge Padres fan. He was happy to take a photograph with Sihama and sign an autograph for her son.



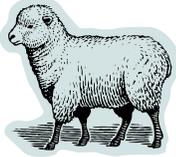


Steele Canyon Adult By Tim Lindley



Here it is getting close to another finish of a school year and events at Steele Canyon Adult Center are still going strong. Just like in the past our teaching staff is out in the community with their students being active.

Margaret Tyler (Home Arts teacher at Steele Canyon Adult Center) had the students from her Spinning classes entered in The Bonita Museum & Cultural Center “Back To Back” Wool Challenge last spring in May. Her student teams accomplished the task of the challenge. The challenge was for a team of students to blade shear a sheep, spin, and ply an adult sized long sleeved sweater in a day. Congratulations to her Spin classes for a job well done.



Drew Bandish (Art teacher at La Mesa Enrichment Center) this past spring in May displayed his work along with some of his students’ work in several exhibits located throughout the county. The exhibits with artwork on display included the following:

- The Pastel Society of San Diego – Gallery 21 Spanish Village at Balboa Park
- The San Diego Watercolor Society Gallery at Liberty Station
- The Main Street 5 Gallery in El Cajon
- The Foothills Fine Art Gallery at Historic Porter Hall in La Mesa
- Congratulations to Drew and his students for their fine art work that was displayed



Family University By Brian Wilbur



The theme for the 17th annual Family University was “Down on the Farm”. There were over 175 parents and 200 children in attendance at Foothills Adult Center on May 18.



The event was a great success. The children enjoyed the activities and crafts. I’d like to extend a special thank you to the

Parent Education staff, Adult School Custodial staff, community agencies, and to all of the volunteers for all their help before, during, and after the event.



WASC Update By Jennifer Owens



I have good news and bad news. The good news is that we won’t have to work during spring break next year. The bad news is that our WASC visitation date has been moved up to March 24-26, 2014. We originally scheduled the visitation before the school calendar was approved. When we found out our visit was during spring break, we immediately contacted WASC to reschedule our visit. Fortunately, the date was far enough in advance for us to make the change without a problem. So I know we will all enjoy spring break even more knowing that WASC will be behind us.



CCAIE Update
By Vicki Gagliardi



With the release of the May Revise, Governor Brown has proposed that Adult Ed remains as is for the next two years. Meaning our Grossmont Adult School would continue under K-12 leadership and would also remain in flexibility. However, he has **proposed** guidelines for Adult Ed. funding over the next two years, with an interesting proposal for Adult Ed after those two years. If you would like to keep abreast of Adult Ed's status, please visit the CCAIE web page (www.ccaestate.org). Although the May Revise has some positive proposals for Adult Ed, there is still a fight to be fought! We need to keep informed and stay strong.



2013-14 Calendar
By Gary Schwartzwald



The 2013-14 Grossmont Adult School calendar is attached to the last page of this newsletter. There are a few things to be noted.

- The calendar meets the same number of weeks it did last year. We've built the calendar to allow for additional teaching days if there are any positive changes in the budget.
- The President's holidays vary slightly from the High School calendar. The Adult School will take a Friday/Monday holiday in February rather than two Mondays. This avoids Monday classes having so many days off in the Winter Trimester and aligns with most of the elementary schools in our District.
- The WASC Visiting Committee will be onsite March 24-26, 2014. Please plan accordingly: exciting lessons, healthy attendance, and no field trips!



Foothills News
By Jeff Meredith



Beginning January 1st, 2014 the GED test will be changing. Paper and pencil is out and computer based testing is in. Foothills Adult School will be partnering with Pearson Vue to continue offering the GED test online. We will be placing 10 computer test stations into room 13 for our new online testing. There are a lot of things to iron out prior to this switch to computer based testing but we are hoping to have everything in place by January 1st.

Chad Williams, our newest correctional education teacher (ABE and GED at South Bay Detention Facility), has been doing some moonlighting on the side. Chad



is the varsity baseball coach at Grossmont High School. This year Chad has led the Foothillers to another league championship with a 22-8 record and is headed to the CIF playoffs. Good luck to Chad as they open play as the number 2 seed in Division I on Wednesday, May 22nd.

Important Dates	
Date	Event
June 7	Spring Session ends
June 11	Graduation ceremony
June 12	Summer registration begins
June 29	Super Saturday
July 1	Summer Session begins
July 4	Independence Day
August 2	Summer Session ends
August 21	Fall registration begins
August 28	Back-to-School meeting
September 3	Fall session begins
September 6	CCAIE First Friday Fling

Grossmont Adult School 2013-14 Calendar

-  Trimester starts
-  Trimester ends
-  Holiday (No classes)
-  No classes
-  Accreditation (Mar 24-26)

Summer 2013 July 1-Aug 2 (5 weeks)
 Fall Sept 3-Dec 13 (14 weeks)
 Winter Jan 6-Mar 14 (10 weeks)
 Spring Mar 17-June 6 (10 weeks)
 Summer 2014 TBA (# weeks)

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