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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE TO HONOR CESAR CHAVEZ MEMORY MARCH 26  
FREE FILM AND DISCUSSION: "The Fight in the Fields"**

**El Cajon** – "When I went to work with Cesar (Chavez), I didn't know what a union was...But that was all right, because he told me it's not going to be a union. It's going to be more than a union." So spoke LeRoy Chatfield, (formerly Brother Gilbert) one of Chavez' key strategists for eight years, who is also one of many contributors to the independently-produced film "The Fight in the fields: Cesar Chavez and the Farmworkers' Struggle."

Grossmont College World Arts and Cultural Organizing Committee is sponsoring a free screening of the film and a discussion in honor of Cesar Chavez March 26, beginning at 7 p.m. in Griffin Gate in the Student Center. Grossmont College History Instructor Carlos A. Contreras, Ph.D., will moderate the event.

According to Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., Grossmont College president, "We are pleased to offer this event featuring a well-known documentary produced with funding from the National Endowment for the Humanities, and to extend an invitation to the public to attend. This film is not a traditional biography, but the story of a social history."

The documentary premiered at the 1997 Sundance Film Festival and has been broadcast nationwide on PBS. More than two years in the making, "The Fight in the Fields" uses archival footage, newsreel, and contemporary interviews with Ethel Kennedy,

former California Governor Jerry Brown, Dolores Huerta, and Chavez' brother, sister, son and daughter, among others.

Grossmont College World Arts and Cultural Organizing Committee sponsors events to “foster a climate of appreciation and respect for the diversity of values, ideas and cultural expressions represented by students, staff, faculty and surrounding community.”

Grossmont College is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon. For driving directions and maps, go to [www.grossmont.edu](http://www.grossmont.edu).

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