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**AUTHOR VICTOR VILLASEÑOR TO HEADLINE GROSSMONT COLLEGE
SIXTH ANNUAL LITERARY ARTS FESTIVAL APRIL 28**

El Cajon - Author Victor Villaseñor will headline the sixth annual Grossmont College Literary Arts Festival Monday, April 28, with a reading and book signing beginning at 7:30 p.m. in Room 220 on the college campus. A gifted speaker as well as a prolific writer, Villaseñor's bestseller, *Rain of Gold*, is now published in seven languages and used by thousands of teachers and school systems across the country. Villaseñor's candid themes include pride in heritage, the strength of family, world peace, the power of the written word, and dedication to education and personal achievement.

"We are pleased to bring a such a prominent speaker to our campus and to our community," said Grossmont College President Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr. "Victor Villaseñor is a role model for our students and an inspiration for us all. He will kick off a series of marvelous events scheduled during the Literary Arts Festival. It is my pleasure to invite the public to attend these free events."

This year's festival theme is *Beyond Borders*. Other events include:

April 30: *SLAM/JAM* Poetry Reading Contest, 12 – 3 p.m., Student Center

April 30: *Storming the Reality Studio* Lecture by Dr. Larry McCaffery, 7:30 p.m. Griffin Gate

- May 1: ***These Stories Saved My Life*** Performance Artist and Playwright Furahaa Saba,
Chronicling the Experiences of African American Women Living in the
Deep South, 7:30 p.m. Griffin Gate
- May 2: *Reading of One-Act Plays*, GC Theatre Department Playwrights Project, 7 p.m.
Theatre Lab.
- May 5: *Across the Line/El Otro Lado* Border Poets, 7:30 p.m. Griffin Gate
- May 6: *Student Readings* – Creative Writing Students, 7:30 p.m. Student Center
- May 8: *Faculty Readings* - 7:30 p.m. Griffin Gate

The Literary Arts Festival is a project of the Grossmont College Creative Writing/English Department. Professor Stephanie Mood is the festival chairperson. For events scheduled in Room 220, patrons should use parking lot 1; for events held in Griffin Gate and the Student Center, please use parking lot 7.

Grossmont College is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon. For driving directions, go to www.grossmont.edu.

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