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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE FOUNDATION TO HOST ANNUAL GALA,**

**INTRODUCE WALK OF FAME RECIPIENTS AT BARONA NOV. 1**

**El Cajon - Grossmont** College Foundation will host its annual fund-raising party to recognize alumni, students and business partnerships at the Walk of Fame Gala Saturday, Nov. 1 at the Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino Convention Center. The program will highlight the induction of Grossmont College alumnus Brad Daluiso into the college's Walk of Fame, honor the Grossmont Health Care District/Grossmont Hospital as the Walk of Fame Business Partner, and present a new major Foundation scholarship to Grossmont College student Laurie Atkinson. Festivities begin at 5:30 p.m. with a reception and silent auction, followed by dinner and entertainment, the Walk of Fame recognition ceremony, and live auction.

"We are looking forward to welcoming our community to celebrate with the Grossmont College Foundation and our Grossmont College family," said Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., college president. "I am especially pleased to inaugurate the first Walk of Fame Business Partnership Award by recognizing the Grossmont Health Care District and Grossmont Hospital, and to honor Brad Daluiso for his outstanding contributions. Our

student scholarship recipient Laurie Atkinson represents the best and brightest of Grossmont College, and illustrates why the work of the Foundation is so important to our community's future."

Daluiso, a former member of the Grossmont College football team, went on to play professional football as a kicker with the New York Giants. He is a member of the Grossmont College Foundation Board of Directors and chairs the organization's annual Celebrity Golf Tournament. He is the 11th alumnus to be selected by a campus committee for this honor, which includes a bronze plate imbedded in the Grossmont College Main Quad. Previous recipients include actors, professional athletes, authors, advocates for special causes, and Viejas Tribal Chairman Anthony Pico as well as Dave Scott, KUSI News Meteorologist and reporter, who received the award in 2002.

The Grossmont College Foundation will inaugurate the Hall of Fame Business Partnership award this year with the presentation to the Grossmont Health Care District/Grossmont Hospital in recognition of involvement leading to a significant impact on students, faculty and campus programs. The GHCD and Hospital have collaborated with the college to enlarge and enhance educational opportunities offered by the college, and have made substantial and innovative contributions to Grossmont College's health occupations programs.

Atkinson will receive a new major scholarship sponsored by the Grossmont College Foundation. Selected by the college's scholarship committee, Atkinson is a reentry student, a small business owner, and parent to four foster daughters 13, 15, 16, and 17, as well as her birth daughter, who is 19. She maintains a 4.0 grade average and received the Outstanding Business Student award during the 2001-2002 school year. Her ultimate goal

is to complete her Grossmont College degree in business and to transfer to SDSU where she will work towards a degree in criminal justice.

According to Grossmont College Foundation Executive Director Howard Kummerman, “In addition to the silent and live auctions, patrons will be treated to fabulous food, and unique entertainment.” Major event sponsor is Barona Valley Ranch Resort and Casino. Other sponsors include C.W. Driver, Gafcon, and Coca Cola. For more information, to donate auction items, and to reserve seats at \$100 each. log onto the Grossmont College Foundation website at [www.grossmont.net/home/foundation/gala](http://www.grossmont.net/home/foundation/gala) or contact Howard Kummerman, 619-644-7109.

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