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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE ADULT RE-ENTRY DARES  
FUTURE STUDENTS TO DREAM JANUARY 4**

**EL CAJON** - New and potential students interested in learning more about the realities of college life as ‘re-entry’ adults are invited to attend a free orientation titled “Dare to Dream” Tuesday, January 4, 9:30 – 12:30 p.m. on the Grossmont College campus.

The free workshop will be held in the Griffin Gate area of the Student Center and is open to the public. The Grossmont College Adult Re-entry Center offers the orientation to help make returning to the classroom a little less daunting. “This event is especially geared to older students and is designed to allay their fears about heading back to school after years – even decades—of being away from an educational environment,” said Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., college president.

Speakers, including peer panelists, will talk about their experiences as returning students, and will offer tips on making the transition back into the classroom.

Information on admission procedures, counseling, telephone and Web registration, financial aid, job placement and more will be provided.

Among the student panelists to be featured is Jaime Ryon, who has been enjoying her 'reinvention' as an older student. Along the way Ryon has been a single parent and an ordained minister. Peter Anderson, a re-entry student who seeks to attend pharmacy school and who has been active in student government, will share his personal story with participants. The third panelist, Elmira Dzhavadova, is an immigrant who began her Grossmont College experience as an English as a Second Language student, received her associate degree and was recognized as a Student of Note.

Prospective students may RSVP by calling the Adult Re-entry Office at 619 644-7697, or 619-7615. They may also sign up at the door January 4. Free parking is available in student parking lots 5 and 7.

Grossmont College is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon. A campus map and driving directions are available at the Grossmont College website: [www.grossmont.edu](http://www.grossmont.edu).

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