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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE OFFERS NEW CHANCE  
FOR YOUNG ADULTS WITHOUT DIPLOMAS**

**El Cajon** - Young adults 18 -24 without high school diplomas have a new chance to improve their basic skills and begin to build vocational skills in a short-term project beginning January 24 at Grossmont College.

“Pathway to Success” is a six-month program that will assist those without high school diplomas get their education back on track. Funded by one of only five statewide demonstration grants from the California Community College Chancellor’s Office, the \$200,000 program will provide assistance with tuition, books, counseling, tutoring, financial aid, and vocational program placement. Participants must be California residents 18-24 years of age, without a high school diploma, and not a current college student.

After academic assessment in English and math, participants will be enrolled in Grossmont College “Project Success” courses, which provide linked classes with integrated tutorial support to ensure academic success in reading and writing. Pathway to Success students will also participate in guided career exploration to identify and focus on future career goals. A counselor will monitor student progress and assist with referrals to appropriate campus learning support resources.

According to Grossmont College President Dr. Ted Martinez, Jr., “We are pleased to provide yet another opportunity for young adults to refocus on their education. Grossmont College provides a supportive environment for these re-entry students to shore up their academic skills and to begin anew.”

The College District’s Institutional Research and Planning staff will provide research protocols for tracking students’ post-program participation.

Grossmont College will begin taking applications for this program January 3. As participation is limited to 35 students, potential students are urged to apply early.

For more information, contact Dr. Mary Leslie at 619-644-7533 or Annalisa Nunez, 619-644-7247 after January 3, or Sue Jensen 619-644-7493 after January 13.

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