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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE ADULT REENTRY  
SHARES “KALEIDOSCOPE OF POSSIBILITIES”  
FOR FUTURE STUDENTS JAN. 4 & 5**

EL CAJON - New and potential students interested in learning more about the realities of college life as ‘reentry’ adults are invited to attend a free orientation titled “A Kaleidoscope of Possibilities” Wednesday, January 4, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m. or Thursday, January 5, 5:30 p.m. – 7:30 p.m. on the Grossmont College campus.

The free orientation will be held in the Griffin Gate area of the Student Center and is open to the public. The Grossmont College Adult Reentry Center has found that students who attend an orientation develop a comfort level with college programs and procedures, an excellent ‘first step’ and foundation for college success.

For adults who are currently employed, Grossmont College provides mid- and high-level training for new jobs and retraining for those interested in new career directions. People from other countries can also come to Grossmont College for training to begin a new career path in the United States.

“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. “Our Reentry Center provides assistance for mature workers, and helps students of all ages successfully integrate new training opportunities into their careers.”

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 Maggi Davis who is enjoying her new focus as a transfer student at SDSU where she will be studying graphic design. Davis, a Grossmont College reentry student with a family to support, survived injuries of a traffic accident, but realized she would need retraining for a new career. She found the support and opportunity at Grossmont College to begin again.

Another panelist who also overcame physical challenges to pursue her education is Stacey Rossi, a recent Grossmont College graduate and student Walk of Fame honoree. Rossi is also continuing her studies at SDSU.

Prospective students may RSVP by calling the Adult Reentry Office at 619 644-7697, or 619 644-7615. They may also sign up at the door January 4 and 5. 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:

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