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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE ADULT RE-ENTRY SHOWS
FUTURE STUDENTS THE WAY AUG. 3 AND 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 free orientations titled “Opportunity...and the Places You Will Go” Wednesday, August 3 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, August 4 5:30 -7:30 p.m. on the Grossmont College campus.

The free workshops will be held in the Griffin Gate area of the Student Center and are open to the public. The Grossmont College Adult Re-entry Center offers the orientations to help make returning to the classroom more comfortable for students who have been away from school for awhile. “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 Dawn Monday, who has been enjoying her 'reinvention' as an older student. Along the way Monday has been a single parent and guardian of other family members. She has recently transferred to UC San Diego where she is majoring in sociology. Rick Walker, also a single parent and former navy corpsman who is active in student government, will share his personal story with participants. The third panelist, Sam Villa, is a re-entry student enrolled in Grossmont College's respiratory therapy program who says he is "looking forward to starting the next half of my life." Cecilia Mund took advantage of short-term training program through the Office Professional Training program (OPT) to prepare her for entry into a new career in the insurance industry. Mund says, "I am kicking myself in the head for not going back to school years ago! I feel great."

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 for either session. 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.

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