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**GROSSMONT COLLEGE ADULT RE-ENTRY INVITES**  
**FUTURE STUDENTS TO ORIENTATION**  
**WORKSHOPS AUG. 1 AND 2**

**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 "Focus on the Journey" Tuesday, August 1, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Wednesday, August 2, 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. Dean Colli, interim 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 Katherine Ann Schwartz, who has been enjoying her 'reinvention' as an older student. Along the way Schwartz has suffered many inquiries requiring major surgeries. Armed only with vocational training, she decided to return to school to pursue a degree in Business Administration/Accounting. A 2006 honor grad with a grad point average of 3.86, Schwartz has much to share with re-entry students who may be looking for encouragement and inspiration.

Charles E. Brown, Jr., another panelist, is a military veteran who will graduate from Grossmont College at the end of the next semester. Brown has been active in student government. Another current Grossmont Colleges student, Mahogany Jones, is a single parent whose goal is to teach older adults how to succeed against the odds.

The fourth panelist, Nancy Kerry, is Assistant to the City Manager, City of Solana Beach. Kerry, who now has a master's degree, transferred from Grossmont College to SDSU. Kerry says, "I had always thought about college, but no one in my family had a college degree....but I decided to take a chance to get the formal education to help me make a better life."

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, 92020. [www.grossmont.edu](http://www.grossmont.edu).

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