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GROSSMONT COLLEGE NURSING PROGRAM BEGINS 40TH YEAR

El Cajon - The Grossmont College Nursing Program celebrates the beginning of its 40th year when classes begin August 20. Lisa Maloy and Cheryl Mattas, both of whom recently joined the Grossmont Nursing Faculty, look forward to the beginning of the new semester.

Maloy says, "Nursing is not an easy profession, but it has many rewards. I find the same to be true of teaching. There are many challenges in guiding students through a program with high expectations and standards. However, the students rise to the challenge on a consistent basis. The rewards in teaching are many, from observing the day-to-day development of knowledge and skills, to the interactions with highly successful graduates in the community.

"The faculty in the Nursing Department at Grossmont College welcome new faculty members with open arms. It is a cohesive group of professionals who are there with a single purpose - the advancement of the nursing profession through the development of competent and caring nurses for our community. There is a faculty mentoring program that provides valuable support and 'nuts and bolts' knowledge to new instructors. Resources are available to faculty so that the focus can be directed towards teaching and interacting with the students."

Cheryl Mattas agrees. "Over the years I have interviewed, hired, trained and worked with Grossmont graduates and have been impressed with the high standards and preparation they bring into the nursing field. It is certainly a rigorous program that has a great track record as being the "Gold Standard" of performance in the community.

"As a new faculty member I have come to realize the challenges I face with continuing to uphold those high standards. I received so much support my first six months here not only from the faculty in the nursing program but everyone I came in contact with seemed to want to help. From the human resources department, the business office, the dean and the director, my colleagues, the library, duplicating services, the professional studies program instructors, the respiratory therapy department, cardiovascular department, the list goes on.

I would encourage anyone who would want to teach at Grossmont College to know that as one of the top 100 community colleges nationwide, it is set apart from the rest because of the demand for academic excellence in teaching; wisdom in understanding the ever changing world of learning and adapting to those changes in a positive way; optimism in being able to make

changes to meet student needs; never forgetting the commitment to students. I am very proud to be a part of a group so committed and to be on the journey with the students as they discover a brand new world.”

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