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GROSSMONT COLLEGE ADULT REENTRY INVITES
FUTURE STUDENTS TO FREE ORIENTATION
WORKSHOPS JAN 2 AND 3

EL CAJON - New and potential students interested in learning more about the realities of college life as 'reentry' adults are invited to attend free orientations titled "Explore Life's Possibilities" Wednesday, January 2, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m., and Thursday, January 3, 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 Reentry 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. Sunita Cooke, college president.

Workshops will feature information on admission procedures, counseling, telephone and Web registration, financial aid, job placement and other topics of interest to returning students will be provided.

Speakers, including peer panelists, will talk about their experiences as returning students, and will offer tips on making the transition back into the classroom. Panelists include MaryAnn Landry, who returned to school in 2003. She obtained an Associate degree and now serves as Administrative Secretary to the Dean of Humanities, Social and Behavioral Sciences. Rebeca Martinez is a single parent who had trained as a nursing technician in Mexico. She completed an Associate degree in Science, and is currently in the Orthopedic Technology Program. Charles Brown is a military veteran studying health care management at Southern Illinois University after graduating from Grossmont College.

Prospective students may RSVP by calling the Adult Reentry Office to leave a message at 619 644-7697. They may also sign up at the door for either session. Free parking is available in student parking lot 7. Grossmont College is located at 8800 Grossmont College Drive, El Cajon, 92020. www.grossmont.edu.

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