



OCTOBER 2021

Via Rápida - First Year Experience
Monthly Newsletter

**LATINX HERITAGE
MONTH!**
SEPT. 15 - OCT. 15



ACADEMIC CALENDAR

October 9: First 8-Week Session Ends

October 11: Second 8-week Session Begins

October 14: 1st 8-week Session grade deadline

IMPORTANT DATES:

October 1: Federal Student Aid 22-23 application opens! (FAFSA & DREAM ACT)

October 18 - 22: Undocumented Student Action Week

October 22: Deadline to meet with a mentor at least **ONCE**. Make an appointment through **WC Online**.

**Requirement for spring priority registration.*

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OCTOBER 22ND DEADLINES

October 22nd is the last day Via Rápida FYE students have to meet with a mentor at least **ONCE** in order to receive **priority registration** for the Spring 2021 semester.

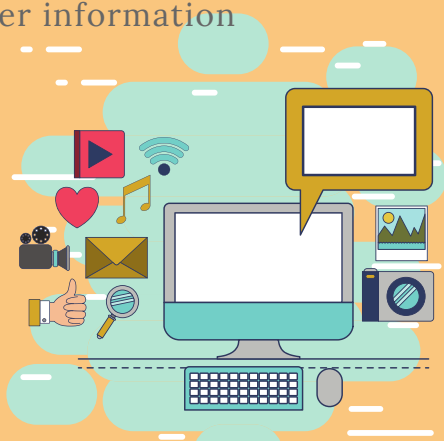
If you haven't met with your mentor make an appointment through WC Online or email us at grossmont.viarapida@gccd.edu

UNDOCUMENTED STUDENT WEEK OF ACTION

OCTOBER 18-22, 2020

Supported statewide by the California Community Colleges Chancellor's Office, Undocumented Student Action Week (USAW) is a system-wide campaign to advocate and provide support resources for our undocumented student population. During the week of October 18-22, 2021, Grossmont College will host a series of events to promote advocacy and stand in solidarity with undocumented students in the community. For further information click [here.](#)

ACADEMIC SERVICES



Are you struggling with classes? Grossmont College has services to support you! Do not struggle with classes on your own, if you need a helping hand check out the [tutoring center.](#) Even while you are schooling from home there is [NetTutor](#) offering free 24/7 online support. It is available in your canvas courses and you can also go online at www.nettutor.com and use our access code: 032-445-9091. Click [here](#) to learn how to use NetTutor.

If you are still struggling with accessing these services make sure to reach out to your peer mentor via [WOnline.](#)

Apply to Student Financial Aid!

Starting **October 1st** you can complete your new 22-23 financial aid application through the links below:

- [Free Application for Federal Student Aid \(FAFSA\)](#)
- [CA Dream Act application](#) (if you are a Dreamer)



SHORT TERM COURSES

STARTING IN OCTOBER

It's not too late to accelerate your educational journey. Sign up for a short-term class today and enjoy long-term success tomorrow. Don't wait; classes fill up quickly.

Fall 2021 - New classes offered every two weeks

Students taking short-term courses must submit proof of vaccination one week before classes start.

For list of courses click [HERE](#).

COUNSELING APPOINTMENTS ARE AVAILABLE

Our Via Rápida FYE counselors have plenty of availability to meet with you. Schedule an appointment through the Online Appointment System - [E-SARS](#).

We encourage you to meet with a counselor to create a Comprehensive Education Plan (**CEP**). A CEP will outline the remainder of the courses you need to take, semester by semester, to graduate in a timely manner! This is important so you can see what you need to take during each semester and reach your educational goals.

Check out this [video](#) on **WHY** you should make an appointment.

We currently have three FYE counselors:

- **Diana Ramirez**
- **Gerardo Ortiz**
- **Carissa Cardenas**



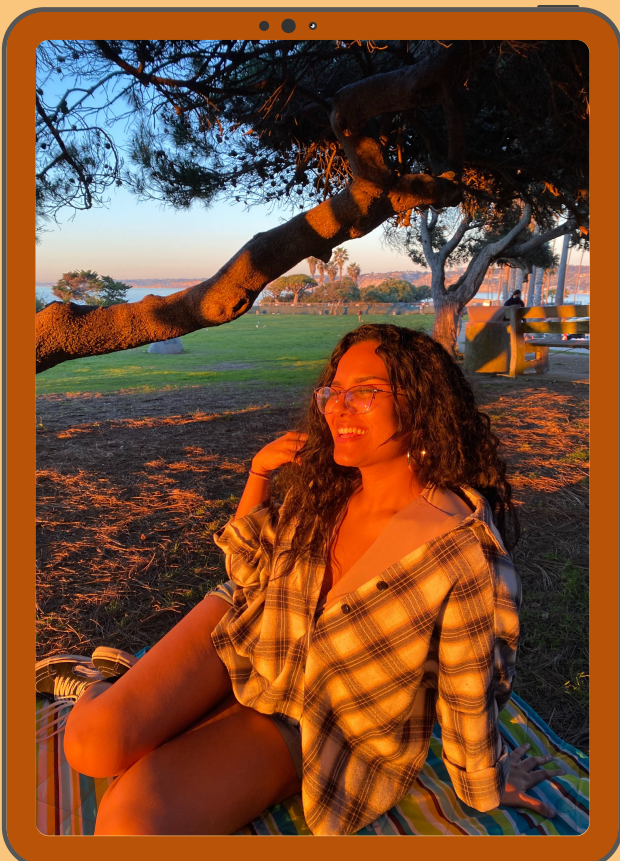


LATINX HERITAGE MONTH CELEBRATION -

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For the list of events click on the link [HERE](#). To register to attend events click on the link [HERE](#).



STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Jazmine is majoring in nursing and planning to transfer to a 4-year university to continue pursuing her goal of becoming a registered nurse. She hopes to open a few clinics of her own in the future. Jaz keeps in touch with her mentor and responds to her messages or announcements in a timely fashion. She also takes advantage of school resources like the library services. Jazmine has also seized the opportunity of the Promise program by fulfilling all the requirements way ahead of the deadline. She is passionate about her own education, and also very kind to people which ties very well to her long-term career goal

LATINX *Heritage* **MONTH**

September 15 - October 15, 2021

PRESENTATIONS
PANELS

**HISPANIC SERVING
INSTITUTION
CELEBRATING
CULTURE &
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ACTIVITIES
FESTIVITIES

National HSI Week - Sept. 13 - 19

Undocumented Student Action Week: Oct 18 - 22

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A Latinx Experience: Overcoming Barriers and Achieving Success

Presenter(s): Gabriela Soto & Dr. Juan Carlos Reyna

Date/Time: September 14

Time: 11am-12:30pm

Más Allá del Closet: Celebrating Our Voices

Presenter: Gibran Guido

Date: September 16

Time: 1:00pm-2:15pm

Latinx Entrepreneurs Panel

Date: September 23

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Mujeres in STEM Panel

Date: September 29

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Mariachi Performance & Presentation

Presenter(s): Mariachi Mi San Diego

Date: September 16

Time: 11am-12pm

Using Data to Inform Equity-Minded Support for Latino/x Men

Presenters: Dr. Marissa Vasquez & Dr. Juan Carlos Reyna

Date: September 22

Time: 1pm-2:15pm



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Salsa Concert w/ Manny Cepeda

Presenter: Manny Cepeda

Date: October 1

Time: 10:00am-11:00am

An Evening with Paul Espinoza

Presenter: Paul Espinoza

Date: October 4

Time: 7pm-8pm

Ballet Folklórico History & Performance

Presenter(s): Ballet Folklórico en Aztlan

Date: October 8

Time: 11:30am-12:20pm

Latinx Heritage Month Conclusion

Presenter(s): Heriberto Vasquez

Date: October 15

Time: 11:00am - 11:50am

Affirmando the Right to Self-Compassion

Presenters: Diana Ramirez & Cristina Carrillo

Date: October 4

Time: 12:30pm-2:00pm

Queering Latinidad at Grossmont College

Presenter(s): Yolanda Catano

Date: October 6

Time: 11:00am-12:30pm

Ni de Aqui Ni de Alla: Resiliency of First-Gen Students

Presenter(s): Carissa Cardenas & Gerardo Ortiz

Date: October 11

Time: 1:00pm-2:30pm



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