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Benjamin Hart

Benjamin Hart has a grade point average pushing 4.0, is on the Cuyamaca College Vice President's List, is a member of Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, and was recently named to the All-California Community College Academic Team as among the top students in the state. Now, Hart has his sights set on transferring to UC San Diego, earning a bachelor's degree in electrical engineering and opening his own business. It has been, Hart says,

Community college, high school boards to hold joint meeting



The Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District board will be holding a joint meeting with the

Grossmont Union High School District and the Mountain Empire Unified School District boards at 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 21, in Room I-207 in the Cuyamaca College Student Center.

The Mountain Empire Unified School District, serving rural East San Diego County, is joining the Alliance, which was created in 2014 to provide students a smoother path to college and careers.

The three boards will review the work of the East County Education Alliance in the past year. The goals of the partnership are to increase the number of students graduating from high school to be college-ready and to increase the job-readiness of college grads.

The partnership also led to the start of the [Grossmont-Cuyamaca College Promise](#), a program that provides a free year of tuition at Grossmont or Cuyamaca College for first-time students who are attending college full-time.

East County Career Expo at Cuyamaca College



*Careers
Made Here...*
East County Career Expo

*Position your COMPANY in front
of our diverse job seekers!*

More than 50 employers from throughout the county will be recruiting applicants for an array of available jobs

during Cuyamaca College's annual East County Career

a stunning turnaround for someone who spent more than a decade living on the streets as part of San Diego's homeless population.

"I'm a pretty determined person," said Hart, 34. "If you put one foot in front of the other in the right direction, eventually you're going to get to where you want to go."

Hart embodies how Cuyamaca College can help students transform their lives and create a future secure for themselves and their families.

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- [Grossmont College theater students take Shakespeare on the road](#)
- [College district wins multiple](#)

Expo set for 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Wednesday, May 1, in the Student Center. This year, all attendees, including job-seekers are asked to [register](#).

It's a great opportunity to speak with company recruiters and to practice skills like a firm handshake and making eye contact while speaking directly and confidently. It is also a time to come dressed professionally with a resume to engage with potential employers.

The career fair is free and open to the public.

And to take care of those hunger pangs, a food truck will be on campus during the day.

Student-run Coyote Music Festival always a howling good time



Some of the region's top young musical talents converge May 4 at Cuyamaca College when the 11th Annual Coyote Music Festival returns to the Rancho San Diego campus' Grand Lawn. The free, family-friendly festival features [groups](#) with

styles ranging from dream pop to alternative folk and rhythm and blues playing on two stages from noon to 4 p.m. Food trucks and vendors will be on hand, too.

The entirely student-run event culminates a semester-long Music Industry Seminar class that covers everything involved in staging a music festival, including marketing, promotions, production, booking, staging, and sound engineering. Cuyamaca College is the only community college in the county offering a transfer program that combines music with marketing and production.

Grossmont College hosting apprenticeship fair

For the second year in a row, the Grossmont College Career Education and Workforce Development Division is sponsoring an Apprenticeship Fair from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. Tuesday, May 7, in the Main Quad. More than 35 apprenticeships and employers are registered to participate. Connect and learn more about apprenticeship

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programs in trades including electrical, masonry, plumbing, construction, carpentry, roofers and ironworkers.



Other industries and employers are also represented, including the state Department of Rehabilitation, the county Registrar of Voters, insurance brokers, childcare and early education. The Apprenticeship Fair is free and open to the public.

'Failure: A Love Story' takes Grossmont College stage



Grossmont Theatre Arts presents "Failure: A Love Story" by Philip Dawkins and directed by Brian Rickel at 7:30 p.m. May 9-11 and 2 p.m. May 11 and 18 at the Stagehouse Theatre.

It is 1928 and the jazz era is in full swing while life in Chicago is roaring. By the end of the year, all three Fail sisters will meet their demise. Living out their daily lives above the family clock shop on the Chicago River, they meet Mortimer Mortimer, who will fall madly in love with all three sisters.

The power of love wins out over success and failure in this magic fable filled with whimsy, music and an irreverent chorus sure to ignite the heart and the imagination.

Tickets are \$10, \$12 and \$15 and can be purchased [online](#) or by calling (619) 644-7234 or going to the box office between 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Monday-Thursday and one hour prior to all performances.

Grossmont marks Asian Pacific Islander Heritage Month

May marks national Asian Pacific American Heritage Month and Grossmont College is hosting a series of events to pay homage to the generations who have added to the nation's rich



tapestry and continue to contribute to its multicultural success. The events are coordinated by the API Student Club and API Committee, and sponsored by the World Arts and Cultures Committee and Student Affairs. The events are free and open to the public.

Monday, May 13: 9:30-10:45 a.m.: "The Model Minority Myth" lecture and discussion by May Fu in Griffin Gate, Bldg. 60

Tuesday, May 14:

- 9:30-10:45 a.m.: "The Things We Don't Talk About: API Identity, Roots, Celebrations and Struggles," in Griffin Gate, Bldg. 60
- Noon-12:45 p.m.: Japanese Fashion Show and Dance by the San Diego Kimono Club in the Main Quad
- 2-3 p.m.: Buddhism talk with Interfaith Chaplain Noriko Kawai in Griffin Gate, Bldg. 60

Wednesday, May 15:

- 10-11 a.m.: Tinikling Dance, the traditional Philippine folk dance, by Boone Elementary School in the Main Quad
- 11 a.m.-noon: Indian dance at the Main Quad
- 10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: API food trucks and vendors in the Main Quad

Thursday, May 16: 9:30-10:45 a.m.: "Mental Health and Racial Micro-aggressions in the API Community" panel discussion, Griffin Gate, Bldg. 60

Music events at Grossmont,

Cuyamaca colleges

Wednesday, May 1, 6 p.m.

Grossmont College

World Music Ensemble

featuring the music of the Middle East and directed by Farhad Bahrami. Building 26, Room 220



Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors, \$5 students

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Grossmont College Piano Faculty Concert

Building 26, Room 220

Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors/faculty/military, \$5 students

Thursday, May 9, 7:30 p.m.

Nathan Hubbard Trio

Samuel M. Ciccati
Theatre, B-117 at
Cuyamaca

Tickets are \$10, general admission, \$5, presale; \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased [online](#)



Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.

Grossmont College Cadence Vocal Jazz Ensemble

Recital Hall Building 26, Room 220

Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors/faculty/military, \$5 students

Thursday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.



Cuyamaca College Rock, Pop and Soul Ensemble

Samuel M. Ciccati
Theatre, B-117
Tickets are \$10, general admission, \$5, presale; \$5 for students. Tickets can be purchased [online](#).

Friday, May 17, 2019 at 7:30 p.m.

Grossmont Symphony Orchestra

Santa Sophia Catholic Church
9800 San Juan St, Spring Valley, CA 91977

Admission: \$15 general, \$10 seniors, \$5 students

Sunday, May 19, 6:30 p.m.

Justin Grinnell Jazz Group

Grossmont College Recital Hall Bldg 26, Room 220

Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors/faculty/military, \$5 students

Monday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Afro-Cuban and Jazz Ensembles

Grossmont College Recital Hall Bldg 26, Room 220

Admission: \$10 general, \$8 seniors/faculty/military, \$5 students

Monday, May 20, 7:30 p.m.

Grossmont College Concert Band

Spring concert under the direction of Russ Sperling.

Cuyamaca College, Samuel M. Ciccati Theatre

Admission: \$10 gen., \$8 seniors/faculty, \$5 students

Tuesday, May 21, 7:30 p.m.

Cuyamaca College Concert Band

Rancho San Diego Winds (Cuyamaca College, Valhalla and Steele Canyon High Schools)

Cuyamaca College, Samuel M. Ciccati Theatre

Admission: \$10 general, \$5 students, \$5 presale. Tickets can be purchased [online](#).

Wednesday, May 22, 2:30 p.m.

Grossmont Guitar Ensemble

Grossmont College, Building 26, Room 221

Admission: Free

Wednesday, May 22, 7:30 p.m.

Tien-Hsin Cindy Wu and Orion Weiss



**Mozart, Vol. 2
ECHO Concert series**

Samuel M. Ciccati Theatre, B-117, Cuyamaca College
Tickets range from \$5-\$15 and can be purchased [online](#)

Friday, May 31, 7:30 p.m.

Grossmont Master Chorale with the GSO Symphonic Brass Section

Saint John of the Cross Catholic Church

8086 Broadway, Lemon Grove, CA 91945

Admission: \$15 general, \$10 seniors, \$5 students



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