

# NEWSLETTER

## COLLEGE TOUR SERIES

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### GROSSMONT COMMUNITY COLLEGE

On March 2, 2023 the HealthAcademy students at Sweetwater High School took part in an amazing opportunity to visit Grossmont College and San Diego State University.

The students first toured Grossmont College where a student ambassador, Justin, gave a tour of the school. Students were able to walk the perimeter of the school as Justin pointed out important buildings to visit in order to register and apply for classes. There are many student sources available, many of them include free services and tools. There are administrators, counselors, and tutors available to help students apply and receive services.

Students also viewed the medical wing where a variety of certificates are available. Students could begin a career while still attending school to achieve other certificates or continue to focus on one area.



*Students Ready to learn about nursing program.*

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## SAN DIEGO STATE UNIVERSITY (SDSU)

At San Diego State University, the director of the nursing program, Dr. Michael Gates (RN, Associate Director, and Associate Professor), took students inside the medical building to show them the state-of-the-art medical manikins and machines used to teach students the basics of nursing. The students were allowed to touch the medical manikins and see where they would be able to practice IV's and shots. There was even a birthing manikin.

Students learned the qualifications needed to attend the SDSU nursing program and Dr. Gates stressed the idea of doing their best because the program is impacted. Students would not be able to be accepted as an inside transfer because this would impact the acceptance rates from the community colleges; they must apply as a nursing major.



*Dr. Gates presenting to Health Academy Students.*

It was an eventful day that culminated with some time to visit the bookstore, cafeteria or food fair that was taking place in the quad that day. The students learned a lot and are now able to think about some of the opportunities that are available for their future.



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