



Standing with our LGBTQ+ Community

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Dear GCCCD community,

We are heartbroken to hear about the deadly attack at an LGBTQ nightclub over the weekend in Colorado Springs, Colorado, that left five dead and dozens more injured.

This attack came on the eve of Transgender Day of Remembrance and is a horrific reminder of the violent hate and discrimination the LGBTQ+ community still faces in this country. Violence against the LGBTQ+ community is on the rise, and we join the LGBTQ+ community in Colorado Springs and across the country in mourning this senseless loss of life. Our hearts go out to the victims' family and loved ones.

At Grossmont-Cuyamaca Community College District, we take pride in providing a learning environment where all students and employees feel welcome and included.

We want to take this moment to remind you of the services available to LGBTQ+ students and employees.

Resources Available for Students

Grossmont College

- Free mental health appointments are available at the Grossmont College Health and Wellness Center. Please call 619-644-7192 to schedule an appointment or visit the [Health and Wellness Center](#) webpage.
- The [LGBTQ Resources page](#) contains information about Grossmont College's Safe Zone Ally Program, Grossmont College's OUT at Grossmont program and local LGBTQ resources.
- Grossmont College's student affairs team will be holding support circles for our LGBTQ+ students. Dates and locations will be announced.

Cuyamaca College

- Personal counseling is available at the Cuyamaca College Health and Wellness Center. Please call 619-660-4200, email Cuyamaca.pc@gcccd.edu or visit in person. More information is also available through the Health and Wellness Center's [Personal Counseling](#) webpage.
- The [Pride Resource Center](#) provides resources on Cuyamaca College's Safe Zone Ally Program, OUT at Cuyamaca program, trans and gender nonconforming information and more.

Resources Available for Employees

- The [mental health and support page](#) on the District's website contains a variety of information and resources available to employees.

Please take care of yourselves, your families and each other, and know that our colleges and District are here to support you.

Sincerely,

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