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Pictured here, third year AME (Arts, Media & Entertainment) pathway students from Mrs. Mafnas' 3D Animation class holding up their free passes into Disneyland's California Adventure.

## Preparing GHS Students for Real World Success

By the year 2050, experts estimate that nine out of ten jobs will require technical skills, as well as education beyond the high school level. Employer surveys reveal a gap between skills the workplace values and those that most high school or college graduates actually have. That is why Career Technical Education (CTE), a program where multi-year sequenced courses integrate core academic knowledge with technical and occupational savvy, is becoming ever-more valuable preparing students for success.

Grossmont High School has five different CTE "Student Pathways" which not only provide the "real-world" connection between school and employment, but also allow GHS students to earn college credit and/or fulfill UC

requirements while still in high school. They include Arts, Media and Entertainment (AME); Information Technology (IT); Education & Child Development; Transportation; and Sports Medicine, designed to introduce students to careers that facilitate the total care of athletes.

While completion of the Student Pathways does provide students with skills that could land them an immediate job, most students are college-bound and getting an early start on earning college credit. In the AME pathway, by the time students complete the three year program, they will have had the opportunity to earn up to 9 college units of transferable college credit. The AME pathway classes also fulfill UC "f" and "g" requirements.

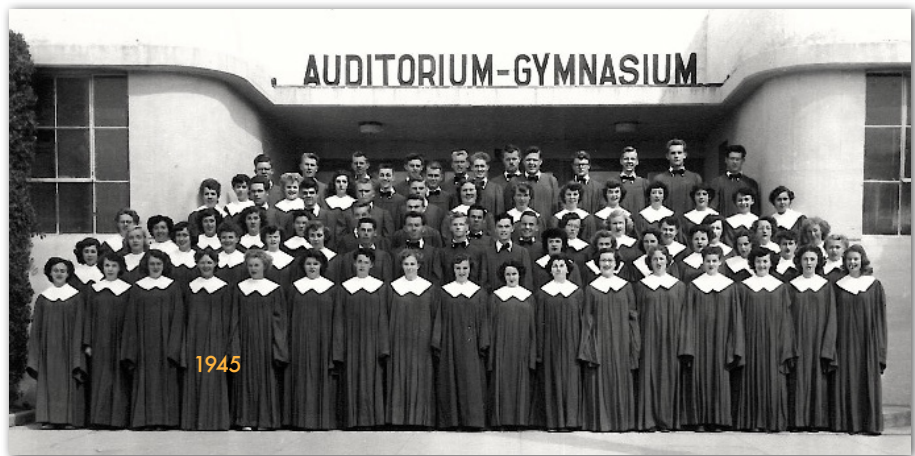
In the IT pathway, students fulfill the UC "g" requirement and can earn up to 6 transferable college units. The Education & Child Development and the Sports Medicine Pathways are two-year sequences and also earn college units.

Pathways students also benefit from unique field trips and learning experiences. Recently, AME students spent the morning in the Disney Animation program learning about the different types of animation and how animations have been created, from the early days until now. They got to create storyboards, learned to draw Donald Duck, and made some early types of animations. After learning all about animation behind the scenes, they spent the afternoon having fun at California Adventure.

Take Your Memories... Leave Your Footprint

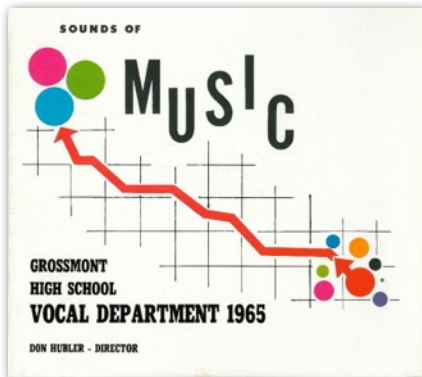


# Living Traditions: Red Robe Choir



For a school and community that loves its history, there is one organization that former members may love more than any other: the Red Robe Choir. The first recorded instance of the Red Robe name is in the 1939-1940 yearbook, even though the choir began wearing red robes as early as 1935. In all of Grossmont High School's history, there have only been four choir directors: Merle Donahue from 1929 to 1962; Don Hubler from 1962 to 1972, Bob Boucher from 1972 to 1986 and Dr. Ed Basilio from 1986 to the present. Each choir director has had a different area of emphasis while maintaining the beloved tradition. Mrs. Donohue managed choral conducting for thirty-two Christmas Pageants, a highlight of the East County arts scene until it ended in 1988-1989. Both Don Hubler and Bob Boucher placed considerable emphasis on contest singing and responding to invitations to perform, at which the Red Robe Choir excelled.

Dr. Edwin Basilio succeeded Boucher in 1986 and shifted the emphasis from contests and festivals to European singing tours, (although the Men's Ensemble will participate in the USD Invitational Choir Festival this month). Dr. B's first international trip in 1989 was to the former Soviet Union; since then, the choir has performed at St. Peter's Basilica at the Vatican, Notre Dame Cathedral in Paris, the Duomo in Milan, the Sacristy in Pisa, the Berliner DOM in Germany, Mozart's church in Salzburg, Austria, St. Matthew's and St. Stephen's in Budapest, St. Vitas in Prague, Westminster Abbey, Lincoln and Durham Cathedrals in England, St. Giles in Scotland, Christ's Church in Ireland (where Handel's *Messiah* was premiered) and the National Cathedral in Madrid among many other historical landmarks. This year, the choir visited and performed in Amsterdam, the Normandy, Brittany and Loire Valley regions of France, and once again performed in the Notre Dame Cathedral of Paris.

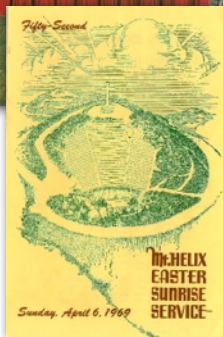


Album from the 1965 (Hubler) Choir.



Above: The Red Robe Choir (Boucher) in 1977.

Right: Program from the 1969 Mt. Helix Easter Sunrise Service.



2013: Performing in Notre Dame Cathedral.



2012-2013 Red Robe Choir at Mont St. Michel in Normandy.



## Where Are They Now?

### Dr. Ellen Ochoa, Class of 1975

Dr. Ellen Ochoa (GHS Class of 1975) became the first Latina to go to space when she boarded the space shuttle Discovery in 1993. She made history again recently by becoming the first Hispanic and second female director of NASA's Johnson Space Center. Dr. Ochoa, who is one of three GHS astronauts, will be in charge of overseeing approximately 13,000 workers as the JSC's new director. The JSC is where astronauts are trained to go on space missions. It also houses the Mission Control Center, which directs all space shuttle missions. Before taking her new position, Dr. Ochoa was the deputy director at the Center for five years.

Dr. Ochoa joined NASA in the late 1980s as a research engineer and moved up the ranks until becoming an astronaut in July 1991. She was 34 years old when she served her first space mission

aboard the space shuttle Discovery in 1993. She went on three additional shuttle missions after that, logging a total of 978 hours in space.

While at Grossmont, Dr. Ochoa didn't consider space exploration as a career path, partly because there were no female astronauts as role models. She went on to earn a bachelor's degree in physics from San Diego State University and a master's degree and doctorate in electrical engineering from Stanford University. It was during graduate school that Ochoa became interested in space exploration. She joined the NASA research team when she was a doctoral student at Stanford. That's when her NASA career began.

Dr. Ochoa is a member of the GHS Hall of Honor and a credit to Grossmont High School.

### A Great Night Of Rock And Roll ...

The recent Sixth Annual Rock and Roll Dance to benefit GHS sports was the best one ever - dancing, dining, fun and friends, with a silent auction to boot. Kudos to the committee of representatives from the sports that benefitted. If you are interested in your sport or club being part of the dance next

year, contact the GHS Educational Foundation. Special thanks to all Silent Auction donors and bidders, especially Taylor Guitar, which donated a beautiful electric guitar valued at more than \$1,700. Don't miss it next year!



### Sixth Annual Rock and Roll Dance and Silent Auction

## Fabulous Founders!

In November, the GHS Educational Foundation, GHS Museum and GHS Alumni Association announced the Founders Campaign. Its goal was to find 100 special people and organizations to donate \$1,000 to start a GHS Legacy Fund, in order to provide the school with a permanent source of income. To date, 31 Fantastic Founders have stepped up to the plate! Our goal is to complete the Founders Circle in time for the dedication of the new Humanities Building in the Fall of 2013. Thank you to these generous donors!

- Bill Anders
- Bill Ashman
- Barona Band of Mission Indians
- Dani Barton
- Bill and Claire Black
- Jon Burdick
- Willie Clarke
- Ben & Diane Cloud
- Hugh Cobb
- Bill & Sharon Davis
- Bill Funke
- Barbara Groce
- Halgren/Whitcomb Family
- Jerry Halterman
- Judy Cox Heggie
- Ed Kintzele
- Jeanne Kintzele
- Patricia Laabs
- Mary Lou McClellan
- Sharon Ritchey
- Robert & Eileen Rugg
- Carol Sample
- Gloria Sever
- James Spackman
- Edward Stadler
- Bob Stockton
- Turner Construction
- Sandra DeWaide Tuttle & Marty DeWaide Price
- Cecile Walters
- Bill Woolman

# foothiller photo gallery



The cast and crew of the Foothiller Players production of "The 25th Annual Putnam County Spelling Bee" is pictured below. The musical played to standing room only crowds over a two-week run in March. Next: Advanced Theater One Acts on June 12 and 13 at 6:00 p.m.



In March, students participated in one of GHS' most cherished traditions: the ASB convention! Check out the list of the 2013-2014 Officers and Commissioners on the Fantastic Foothillers Page.



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players

In February, incoming freshman found out just how great it is to be young and a Foothiller when student leaders, staff and volunteers combined forces to put on a successful "Freshman Showcase," pictured directly below. Bottom left, the Sports Medicine pathway class recently took a field trip to the Chargers' facility for a tour by the head Athletic Trainer, James Collins, ATC.



sports med  
pathway



freshman showcase

Share your news! Help us manage Foothiller Footprints by letting us know any news about current or former Foothillers. Send an e-mail to [foothillerfoundation@gmail.com](mailto:foothillerfoundation@gmail.com), and please like GHS Foothiller Foundation on Facebook.



**ghs air bands**

Above, the winners of the GHS Air Bands competition. Right, the members of the 2012-2013 varsity basketball team, which won the league title. With ten returning players for 2013-2014, expectations are high!



## Etch Your Name in Grossmont High School History

For the first time, there is an opportunity for students, families and alumni to write their name in GHS history ... literally. When the new Humanities Building opens in Fall 2013, it will feature a commemorative wall with personalized tiles, beautifully etched with the names of Foothillers who have "left their mark" on campus. The money raised by the tile sales benefit students through the Grossmont High School Educational Foundation Legacy Fund.

Tiles can also be used to celebrate a graduating senior, a graduating class, a multi-generation GHS family or even thank a teacher. Ordering is simple at [grossmont.donationtiles.com](http://grossmont.donationtiles.com). While the Humanities Building will be the largest, most prominent building on campus, there is limited space, so take advantage of this once-in-92-year opportunity and order today.

## It's Time To Pass The Cap!

May 6 - 10 is Teacher Appreciation Week, and the GHS Educational Foundation is holding its annual "Pass The Cap" campaign to show GHS teachers just how much they are appreciated. Money raised from "Pass The Cap" is used to fund teacher mini-grants to support innovation and excellence in the classroom - in other words, things that teachers would like to be able to offer their students but that fall outside the budget. Donating is easy: just drive by any of the GHS entrances during the week and drop off a donation into the coonskin cap containers that volunteers will be holding. All donations (dollars, coins, checks) are welcome. If just half of the GHS student body donated \$5 to the mini-grant campaign, it would reach its goal of a dozen \$500 mini-grants.



**Monday, May 6  
through  
Friday, May 10  
MWF mornings  
6:45- 7:15 a.m. and  
8:30 - 9:00 a.m.  
TTH mornings  
7:45 - 8:15 a.m.**

**Volunteers welcome!  
E-mail  
foothillerfoundation  
@gmail.com**

The mission of the GHS Educational Foundation is to enhance the overall educational experience of students by raising, managing, and disbursing funds to support the academic, artistic, athletic, and facility needs of the school. Working closely with the Alumni Association and the GHS Museum, we also work to honor and preserve the past while stepping confidently into a future of new challenges for public education. We are a 501(c)3 non-profit organization, modeled after some of the most successful high school foundations in San Diego County, and we invite you to join us: students, parents, staff, alumni and supporters, interested in supporting Grossmont in any capacity. Register in the alumni database, visit the Museum, buy a tile or make your annual donation via registration packet or online at [www.foothillersfoundation.com](http://www.foothillersfoundation.com). Please, take your memories ... but leave your footprints for the benefit of tomorrow's Foothillers.

# Grossmont Museum and Alumni News

We are excited by the continued response of classes to donate benches to the campus to honor their year. The Classes of 1971 and 1972 have a new bench in the lower quad along with the Class of 1949. The Class of 1964 is working to create a bench as part of their reunion plans. Please contact us at [ghsmuseum@guhsd.net](mailto:ghsmuseum@guhsd.net) or 619-668-6140 if your class is interested in celebrating your graduation with a royal blue bench.

Some wonderful additions to the Museum collection the past two months include those from Jack McClure, Class of 1939, who donated his ASB and CSF cards as well as two 1938 Foothill Echoes, the 1939 Commencement Program and Invitation. Please consider sharing mementos of your GHS history with the Museum.

At Homecoming, Dave Wortman, Class of 1979, told us about the lower quad flagpole's history, which we confirmed in the Foothill Echoes, dated November 3, 1978. The purpose of the Victory Flagpole was to "instill spirit and pride in Grossmont teams and to let the students know how the teams were doing." Instead of flying the flag only when teams win, we have created a permanent reminder of our history. The ASB choose the design and slogan, Whose House? G House! Stop by Grossmont to see the flag in person.

Last year, Bob Stockton, Class of 1955, generously and thoughtfully donated money to the Museum, asking us to create a bronze plaque commemorating the opening of the Museum. Below the 1920 school (and Museum) logo, the plaque reads, "GHS Museum, Dedicated October 17, 2008, Established by Connie and Lynn Baer, on behalf of all who have loved Grossmont, (Plaque donated by Bob Stockton, Class of 1955).

Finally, we are delighted to share with you that the Class of 1962 donated \$1,000 to the Museum to help us purchase a Mac Book Pro computer and class member Bill Woolman purchased a HP printer, scanner, and fax for us. We are humbled and excited to have these resources to support our efforts to preserve, display, and share GHS history.



## Class Reunions: Summer & Fall 2013

Class of 1963: September 20th & 21st  
Town & Country Hotel, Mission Valley  
For info contact: Karen Osberg (Templeton)  
[karent@designsandmoreonline.com](mailto:karent@designsandmoreonline.com)

Class of 1973: July 19 & 20th  
Harry Griffen Park & Anthony's Restaurant  
For info. contact: [Stevedanna@cox.net](mailto:Stevedanna@cox.net)

Classes 1977 thru 1985: August 11th, 3:30pm  
Picnic at Harry Griffen Park  
See FaceBook page: "[GrossmontHighSchoolReunionBbq](#)"

Class of 1983: July 13th  
Double Tree San Diego, Downtown  
Seaport Ballroom 6:00 PM  
For info: Reunion Specialist link & page  
on GHS Alumni Web site:  
<http://grossmontalumni.net>

Class of 1993: July 26th  
San Diego Maritime Museum-  
Ferryboat Berkeley 7:00 PM  
For info: Reunion Specialist link & page  
on GHS Alumni Web site:  
<http://grossmontalumni.net>

Class of 2001 Date not set  
see class web site:  
<http://grossmont2003.com>

Information can be found on all these reunions at the  
GHS Alumni Web site at <http://grossmontalumni.net>.

# Fantastic Foothillers!

## Star Student of the Month Awards (January - March)

**Art** - Alexandra Conner, Matthew Collins.

**Business/Tech** - Krista Timm, Terra Joyner,  
Parker Brown.

**Counseling** - Olivia Peterson, Marcelina Blea.

**English** - Daniel Valoria, Elijah Creek,  
Shannon Bredeson

**Specialized Education** - Marcel Sanchez,  
Deaunte Barnes, Chester Starvish,  
Taressa Metcalf, Kenneth Kocibal.

**Mathematics** - Arleen Moua, Kevin Tran,  
Rachel Allingham

**NJROTC Program** - Aaron Harris, Jacqueline Fuentes,  
Jonathan Ferino

**Performing Arts** - Jessica Baynes, Sarah Gough,  
Lionela Brava-Lopez.

**Physical Education** - Hayley Motta, Brianna Nevez,  
Sedona Mattia.

**Science** - Kyle Conner, Donald Sheahan,  
Carmen Escobar.

**Social Science** - Reem Al-Safar, Luke Anderson,  
Erik Bergstrom.

**World Language** - Matthew Linquist, Vanessa Barajas,  
Wilson Sov.

**Perfect Attendance** - Georganna Hemphill

## 2013-2014 ASB Officers

Delaney Burger - President

Kira Elliott - Vice-President

Katrina Torgerson - Secretary

Austin Stephans - Finance

Carlye Chandler - Community Service

Amy Cohen - Elections

Lane Griffith - Senior Class President

Nicole Laethem - Activities

Mackenzie Manns - Spirit

Ranier Martinez - Student Affairs

Ryan McDonald - Technology

Preston Meek - Sales

Lantz Morgan - Publicity

Tony Murphy - Student Organizations

Shayna Sands - Junior Class President

## Winter Sports Stand-Outs

### Boys Soccer

Tyler Adamos - First Team, All League

Darren Brown - First Team, All League

Ethan Sauls - Second Team, All League

Miguel Ramirez - Second Team, All League

### Girls Soccer

Danika Brown - First Team, All League

Sarina Mazzone - First Team, All League

Naomi Willey - Second Team, All League

Lili Pingle - Second Team, All League

### Boys Basketball

Tommy Rutherford - First Team, All League

Austin Swisher - Second Team, All League

## AP Goes Wild!

Congratulations and thanks to all those fine Foothillers who challenged themselves academically this year with one or more Advanced Placement (AP) class – this year we will have a record setting number of students taking the AP exams, the most in the history of the school. GHS students will also be taking tests in the most subject areas compared to any other school in our district this year. Your contributions to the GHS Educational Foundation helped fund AP test fees for students in need. Way to go Grossmont students, teachers and supporters!

**Save The Date!** Royal Blue Regiment Dessert Show and Silent Auction, Friday, April 26th, 6:30 p.m., GHS Old Gym

Please join the Royal Blue Regiment for our annual Dessert Show and Silent Auction. The evening will feature performances by the Band, Orchestra, Jazz Band, as well as individual student performers. There is a Silent Auction for lots of great prizes including many gift baskets, a week-long stay in a La Jolla condo, tickets to the San Diego Zoo, museum tickets, and much much more! Adult admission is \$10. Families are \$25 (for the whole family), Kids 8th grade and under are free. Thank you for supporting music at Grossmont High. We hope to see you there!

# Class of 2013

Spring is always a busy time for GHS seniors, with many special activities and deadlines. Here's a quick list: mark your calendars!

**Senior Prom** - May 18, Westin Hotel.  
\$65 through April 30, \$75 May 1.

**Senior Awards Ceremony** - June 6, 6:00 p.m. Old Gym.

**Senior (Grad) Night** - June 14, Disneyland. Meet at GHS 2:00 p.m., return 3:00 a.m. Tickets are now \$175 and available online.

**Graduation** - June 19, 10:00 a.m.  
The GHS "Graduation Porch Package" (second floor of Science Building) will once again be available via online Silent Auction. Includes continental breakfast and two reserved parking spaces. Auction will open May 20 and close June 14 at [www.foothillerfoundation.com](http://www.foothillerfoundation.com).

The GHS Alumni Association, Museum, and Educational Foundation all operate on donations to support our efforts to enhance the athletic, artistic, and academic activities at Grossmont and foster Foothiller pride.

Please detach and return with your donation:

Foothiller Friend Legacy Donation of \$150 \_\_\_\_\_

(4x8" gray tile on the Humanities Building)

Foothiller Founder Legacy Donation of \$1,000 \_\_\_\_\_

(8x8 inch gray tile at the entrance to the Old Gym)

GHS Alumni Association Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

GHS Museum Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

GHS Educational Foundation Donation: \_\_\_\_\_

Total amount enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_

(Make check payable to GHS Educational Foundation and mail to  
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