

Grossmont edges Mesa for PCAC's Chet DeVore Award

SAN DIEGO (July 14, 2016) – Grossmont College edged San Diego Mesa by 0.431 points to earn possession of the 2015-16 Chet DeVore Trophy, emblematic of the Pacific Coast Athletic Conference member college with the most successful men's and women's intercollegiate athletic program during the academic year.

This is the first year that the DeVore Award standings have been determined by a formula that divides each college's total points by its number of intercollegiate sports.

Grossmont's strong performances in women's sand and indoor volleyball, totaling 41 raw points turned out to be the difference as the Griffins won the DeVore Award for the second time in three years.

The Griffins' sand volleyball team won conference and state championships, each worth 20 points, and their indoor team also picked up 20 points for winning the conference title. The G-House's sand team also received a bonus point for a third place in state individual pairs. Grossmont also won conference titles in baseball, women's swimming & diving and women's tennis.

In placing a strong second, Mesa received 40 raw points from its women's water polo team that won both the conference state titles. The Olympians also received 32 raw points from its men's swimming & diving team, which scored 20 points for capturing the PCAC championship and tacked on 12 bonus points for four individual state titles.

The Olympians also took home conference titles in men's tennis, men's water polo and women's cross country, and Mesa's Danielle Garrido won the state singles championship in women's tennis.

Mesa, which fields intercollegiate teams in 21 sports, accumulated the most raw points, 187, compared to 166 points for Grossmont, which fields 17 intercollegiate teams.

Palomar placed third in the DeVore Award standings, followed by Mt. San Jacinto in fourth place. Cuyamaca rounds out the top five finishers.

The DeVore Award is named after the late Chester S. "Chet" DeVore, founding Commissioner of the Pacific Coast Conference. DeVore was President / Superintendent of Southwestern College in Chula Vista from 1961, when he supervised construction and development of its new Chula Vista campus, until his retirement as one of the nation's most respected community college CEOs 21 years later. He became the first Commissioner of the PCAC, the host conference for community college athletics in San Diego County and Imperial County, in 1982. He served until his retirement from that post in 1998.

CHET DEVORE AWARD WINNERS

2015-16	GROSSMONT COLLEGE Athletic Directors: Jim Spillers/Donivan Marthis
2014-15	PALOMAR COLLEGE Athletic Director: Scott Cathcart
2013-14	GROSSMONT COLLEGE Athletic Director: Jim Spillers
2012-13	PALOMAR COLLEGE Athletic Director: Scott Cathcart
2011-12	SAN DIEGO MESA COLLEGE Athletic Director: Dave Evans
2010-11	SOUTHWESTERN COLLEGE Athletic Director: Terry Davis
2009-10	PALOMAR COLLEGE Athletic Director: Scott Cathcart

DeVore, a World War II hero and Purple Heart and Bronze Star recipient who left a long legacy both in academics and athletics at college, conference, state and national levels, died in January 2011. He was 92.

FINAL 2015-16 DEVORE AWARD STANDINGS

1. Grossmont College	166.0 points / 17 sports = 9.764 POINTS
2. San Diego Mesa College	196.0 points / 21 sports = 9.333 POINTS
3. Palomar College	161.2 points / 21 sports = 7.676 POINTS
4. Mt. San Jacinto College	75.0 points / 11 sports = 6.818 POINTS
5. Cuyamaca College	71.0 points / 11 sports = 6.454 POINTS
6. MiraCosta College	24.5 points / 6 sports = 4.083 POINTS
7. San Diego City College	40.0 points / 13 sports = 3.076 POINTS
8. Southwestern College	43.0 points / 16 sports = 2.687 POINTS
9. San Diego Miramar College	10.0 points / 5 sports = 2.000 POINTS
10. Imperial Valley College	0.0 points / 10 sports = 0.000 POINTS