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Cristina Garcia's impact at Collin College translates to national honor.



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Slate of Learning Communities courses announced for fall semester. One class, two professors, six credits.

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## Campus Dates

It's August! The fall dates are heating up.



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## Top 5 ways to ace an online class

Thinking about taking classes online? It is different than a typical lecture class, but with these tips you'll be prepared.



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Register now. The fall semester will be here in no time.

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Important things to remember as the fall semester arrives.  
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Collin College's nursing program, which officially will be recognized for this prestigious designation at a national ceremony in September, becomes Texas' first and only Center of Excellence in Nursing Education. Of the more than 1,800 nursing programs in the country, only 19 have been named a Center of Excellence.

"To be among only 19 nursing programs in the country with this distinctive recognition is truly a phenomenal honor and a direct representation of our remarkable faculty, staff and students," Brenda Goodell, chair of the Collin College Board of Trustees, said.

The New York City-based NLN invites schools to apply for Center of Excellence status based on their demonstrated sustained excellence in faculty development, nursing education research, student learning and professional development. Programs must also have a proven commitment to continuous quality improvement. Specifically, Collin College earned the designation in the categories of professional development and enhancing student learning.

According to District President Cary Israel, "We are grateful to the National League of Nursing for recognizing our program. More importantly, the Centers of Excellence initiative inspires all of us to strive to the highest level with our academic programs."

Collin College's nursing program is well known in the community for service learning and civic engagement. For example, nursing students provide the majority of volunteer staffing at a local clinic for the underinsured and underserved. They also assist at an equine facility that

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provides therapeutic riding programs to riders with physical, emotional and cognitive disabilities.

Since 2006, more than 650 Collin College nursing students served more than 215 community partners in response to community needs, providing more than 4,000 service hours each semester totaling more than 40,000 service hours in five years.

“This designation validates the hard work of the faculty, staff and students. It indicates that we have demonstrated we are providing an excellent environment for our student’s nursing education that enables them to be successful,” Dr. Nell Ard, director of Collin College’s Nursing program, said. “It also indicates that our students and graduates are prepared for their careers in nursing and will be an asset to the profession and to the organizations lucky enough to hire one of them.”

The Collin College nursing program also has a history of high pass rates on the registered nurse licensure exam. In fact, 2011 Collin College nursing graduates scored a 97.3 percent pass rate, far exceeding the state average of 89.3 percent. The program also has been lauded by The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board for having one of the top three graduation and licensure rates in the state.

Collin College’s first-time Center of Excellence designation extends from 2011 through 2015.

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Cristina Garcia recently received the Pearson Prize for Higher Education, the highest honor the Pearson Foundation awards.



*Cristina Garcia*

This prestigious recognition is only awarded to 20 out of 20,000 applicants from universities and colleges across the United States, and it comes with a \$10,000 scholarship.

"I could not have done this (earn the Pearson National Fellowship) without Collin College," said

Garcia, who graduated in May from Collin College and is currently enrolled at The University of Texas at Dallas. She is pursuing a master's degree in political science. "Collin College inspires me to achieve greatness and to excel in my studies," she added, "and I wanted to give recognition to the college that has changed my life."

As a National Fellow, Garcia will attend a Pearson Student Leadership Summit, Aug. 9-11, in Washington, D.C.

"While at Collin College, Cristina Garcia was very motivated and engaged in college activities," Cary Israel, Collin College district president, said. "Cristina embodies what Collin College represents. Her leadership skills are evident. She demonstrated academic excellence and had a strong passion for community service. We are extremely proud of this accomplishment and wish her success as she continues her educational journey."

At Collin College, Garcia founded Volunteer Outreach in Civic Engagement (VOICE), a student organization that educates students about representative government, volunteerism and becoming active in their communities as well as registering to vote.

She also was an active member of Phi Theta Kappa, Student Leadership Academy, LULAC (as 2011 Distinguished Officer) and Student Government Association as a Senate member.

In addition, she took on leadership roles in events and/or projects such as Love Where You Live in Plano, Frisco's Community Garden, Rock the Vote, the annual Dr. Martin

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Luther King Jr. Power Breakfast and walk and LULAC's Youth Leadership Summit.

According to the Pearson Foundation, the Pearson Prize recognizes and supports exemplary students who have distinguished themselves through local public service efforts while still completing their undergraduate studies.

Students must complete at least one year of college at a two- or four-year school and demonstrate leadership in community service to become eligible for the Pearson Prize.

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As registration continues for the fall semester, students should consider a Learning Community.

These unique opportunities combine two courses in one class. Upon completion, students receive six total credit hours. Many of which go towards an associate degree and core completion.

Learning Communities also provide a different learning environment as professors engage in lively discussion amongst themselves and the students.

This semester's courses:

**Preston Ridge Campus  
America's Global Experience: War, Politics, Genocide and Foreign Policy**

TR - 8:30-11:15 a.m. - Coffelt/Stewart

**American Identity: Who Are We and How Did We Get Here?**

TR - 8:30-11:15 a.m. - Angel-Cann/Gunderson

**Body Language: Dissection Speech and Anatomy**

MWF - 10-11:50 a.m. - Conner/Grose

**Communicating Current Events**

TR - 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - Blach/Aronoff

**Rumors of Reality: Politics, The Media and Our Social Conscious**

MW - 9-11:45 a.m. - St. John/McKenzie

**We Are What We Eat**

TR - 11:30 a.m.-2:15 p.m. - Shaham-Albalancy/Davaloo

**Spring Creek Campus**

**Sensational Trials in Modern American History: Lizzie, Manson, OJ and More**

MWF - 10:30-11:50 a.m. - Marble/Coulter

**Astrobiology: Life in the Universe**

TR - 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - Sherman/Thomas  
Lab: MW - 9-10:20 a.m. and F - 9-11:50 a.m.

**Navigating the Social World Throughout One's Lifespan: You're Born, You Live, You Die ... Is That All There Is?**

TR - 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - Stern/Lusk

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#### **Dance and Video: Visual Motion**

TR - 1 p.m.-5:30 p.m. - Snelson-Figueroa/McMillion

#### **Hopscotch Through Life: A Class on Health Concepts and Childhood Development**

TR - 10 a.m.-12:45 p.m. - Adams/Zweig

#### **Outsiders Looking In: Arists, Misfits and Rebels**

MW - 1-3:45 p.m. - J. Sears/L. Sears

Space is limited. Enroll now.

Visit

[www.collin.edu/academics/learningcommunities/index.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/learningcommunities/index.html) for more information.

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Students are invited to apply to the **Student Leadership Academy** for the fall 2011. Students interested in the Student Leadership Academy must have a desire to work hard, a commitment to personal leadership development, have and maintain a 2.5 cumulative grade point average, and submit a completed Student Leadership Academy application packet. Application packets are available at the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement (Spring Creek Campus, Room F102) or you may download an application packet at [www.collin.edu/academics/sla](http://www.collin.edu/academics/sla). Call 972.881.5927 or email [csce@collin.edu](mailto:csce@collin.edu) for more information.

Applications are available for the **Southern Methodist University pre-admission program**. The deadline for fall admission to the program is Monday, Aug. 1. Criteria for students are a GPA of 2.95 with less than 30 transferable hours and a GPA of 2.7 with more than 30 transferable hours. The application is available [here](#). Go to <http://transferu.collin.edu/smu.html> for more information.

**THE ARTS** gallery is hosting its **Invitational Student Art Show** through Wednesday, Aug. 3. The gallery is located on the Spring Creek Campus. The Invitational Student Art Show is the annual exhibition of Collin College art students nominated by faculty. Summer hours are Monday and Wednesday, 9 a.m.-5:30 p.m.; Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit [www.collin.edu/theartsgallery](http://www.collin.edu/theartsgallery) for more information.

**All College Day** is Friday, Aug. 12. All campuses are closed.

**"THE ARTS faculty"** runs from Monday, Aug. 15-Thursday, Sept. 15, at **THE ARTS** gallery located at the Spring Creek Campus. "THE ARTS faculty" will feature 2D and 3D design, ceramics, commercial art, digital art, drawing, figure drawing, jewelry and art metals, painting, photography and more. A reception for the show is set from 4-7 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 31 at the gallery. **THE ARTS** gallery hours are: Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit [www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery) or call 972.881.5873 for information about future shows.

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The **Collin College Lions Club** and **Collin College Tennis Team** are hosting the third annual Carwash Fundraiser from 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Saturday, Aug. 27, at the 7-11 at 110 W. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano. Tips and donations accepted and will support the Collin College Lions Club and tennis team. For additional information, contact the Collin College Lions Club at [cccclionsclub@collin.edu](mailto:cccclionsclub@collin.edu).

The 2011-12 Auteur Film Series begins at 7 p.m., Wednesday, Sept. 14 with a free screening of ***The Truman Show*** at the Angelika Film Center in Plano. Truman Burbank is unaware that his entire life has taken place on an enormous TV set and has entertained millions worldwide. One day Truman begins to break free from the "script," disintegrating *The Truman Show's* carefully constructed "reality." The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by Collin College faculty and staff. All screenings are open to the public. Seating is limited. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences. Visit [www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html).

The 2011-12 Auteur Film Series will screen ***Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*** at 2:30 p.m., Monday, Oct. 3, at the Living Legends Conference Center at the Spring Creek Campus. In this farcical homage to telenovelas, Pepa is a Spanish television actor abandoned by her married lover. So naturally, she throws her phone out of the window, dopes her gazpacho, and sets her bed on fire. The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by Collin College faculty and staff. The series All screenings are open to the public. Doors open 30 minutes before the film begins. Seating is limited. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences. Visit [www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html).

The Collin Theatre Center will stage ***The Pillowman*** Oct. 6-16 at the John Anthony Theatre to open its new season. *The Pillowman*, by Martin McDonagh (*The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *The Cripple of Inishmaan*, *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*), is the viciously funny and seriously disturbing tale of a writer in an unnamed totalitarian state who is interrogated about the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child-murders occurring in his town. The Pillowman was Nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and six Tony Awards. Directed by Brad Baker. The John Anthony Theatre is located at the Spring Creek Campus. Visit [www.collintheatrecenter.com](http://www.collintheatrecenter.com) for ticket information.

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## Top 5 ways to ace an online class

**5 Top 5 ways to ace online college classes**

1. Put regularly scheduled time on your personal calendar and keep to that time. Treat your online courses like they are on-campus courses.
2. Take an Online Student Support Center Orientation. This shows what to expect in eCollin. See [online.collin.edu/orientations.html](http://online.collin.edu/orientations.html).
3. Understand online learning before taking a class. Take the SmarterMeasure quiz at [tinyurl.com/4owy8vg](http://tinyurl.com/4owy8vg) to find strengths and weaknesses before enrollment.
4. Online courses are not easier. Plan for the same degree of rigor as classes on campus.
5. Keep up. Most online courses have regularly scheduled assignments and tests. It's easy to get behind!

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### How to register

Registration at Collin College is through CougarWeb. Students can find a log-in button to CougarWeb at the college's website or go directly to <http://cougarweb.collin.edu>. Then go to the "Registration Tools" channel on the home tab. For help logging into the portal, call the Student Help Desk at 972.377.1777. A username and password are required in order to register online.

Through CougarWeb, online registration is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week unless otherwise noted. Students can also view the latest version of the e-schedule outside of the portal at [www.collin.edu/academics/class\\_schedule.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/class_schedule.html). However, they will not be able to register until they log into CougarWeb.

The college accepts VISA, MasterCard or Discover credit cards online. Personal checks are accepted in person or over the web using the college's secure Webcheck program.

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## Fine art faculty placed in spotlight

In the Fine Arts Division of Collin College, those that teach, do.

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### Payment deadline set for early registration

Fall early registration payment deadline is 8 p.m., Wednesday, Aug. 10. After the early registration payment deadline date, any new course enrollment must be paid for on the same date as the enrollment activity. Also, CougarWeb is not available Thursday, Aug. 11, and all offices are closed Friday, Aug. 12.



A new payment plan for the fall term **is** available Aug. 2-10 and 12-19. The improved installment plan allows you to sign a promissory note agreement on-line through CougarWeb, pay the initial required payment of 50 percent plus a \$25 processing fee, and schedule the required automatic installment payments.

The funds for the scheduled installments will be deducted from your saved payment method at the close of business on the installment due dates of September 15 and October 13. Sign up for the plan, then cross it off your 'to do' list, as the automated process using your saved payment method completes installment payments for you. Also new this fall, there is a \$25 per payment fee for late payments.

Students must be 18 years of age to initiate a payment plan. For students under 18, parent or guardian may initiate a plan on the student's behalf at any Collin Cashier location.

For more information on payments or to sign the required promissory note for the payment installment plan and set up you installment payments, go to [www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/bursar/index.html](http://www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/bursar/index.html).

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Collin College's chapter of **Psi Beta**, the national honor society in psychology for community and junior colleges, have received the **Ann G. Robinson College Life Award**. The honor was bestowed on the chapter for its history of supporting student research. In addition, the chapter received the **2010-11 Chapter Excellence Award**, an honor given to just a few chapters across the nation.

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## Cougar Links

Thanks to all of those who have given feedback to Cougar Links and have shared some of their favorite things online with the rest of the college.

If you'd like to share, send any links to [mrobinson@collin.edu](mailto:mrobinson@collin.edu).

### [Macrophotography](#)

Who knew brussel sprouts were so beautiful?

### [Hermione Potter](#)

Gender roles, bravery and Harry Potter. An essay on Hermione as Harry. *Cougar Links* is getting way too geeky.

### [Can A Playground Be Too Safe?](#)

The healing of getting hurt.

### ['The Tastes Of Drinking Water'](#)

New York City and its incredible, edible water.

### [And, Finally, Vikings](#)

I hope vikings are the new pirates. Doing my part.

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