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Construction junction: Be aware of turning dirt at Spring Creek Campus

Think of construction obstructions before going to class.

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Collin College pays tribute to victims of 9/11

Students, faculty and staff are invited to a Sept. 11 memorial Friday, Sept. 9 at the Central Park Campus.

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One in the hand: CougarAlert puts weather, emergency updates at fingertips

Sign up to receive CougarAlert in case of emergencies or campus closures.

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Honor a firefighter with special e-card

As the 10th anniversary of 9/11 approaches, send a special message to a local hero.

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Campus Dates

If your calendar isn't full, you aren't trying.

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Between The Lines

A new regular resource for students looking to make their mark.

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A lot of accolades for our favorite college.

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Register to vote at all three campuses.

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Construction junction: Be aware of turning dirt at Spring Creek Campus



The new Spring Creek Campus library will come online in late 2012.

This fall, the Spring Creek Campus is starting the construction of its new library.

The construction is concentrated on the west side (fountain side) of campus.

Students taking classes at the Spring Creek Campus should plan on arriving earlier than normal in order to accommodate potential longer parking and walking times. Be advised that some campus road sections will be closed and traffic patterns will be shifting during construction.

The new 85,000 square-foot library facility—complete with classrooms, faculty offices, study rooms and a resource center—will open in fall 2012.

The added space will ease the growing scarcity of classroom space and faculty offices caused by booming student enrollment. Enrollment at Spring Creek Campus alone has grown by more than 4,300 students or 46.7 percent in 10 years. To date, 13,614 students are using a campus meant for 7,000.

In addition, the new Spring Creek building will free up space in the existing structure that houses the current library. This 50,000+ square-foot space will be repurposed into campus services, faculty offices and classrooms.

In total, the historic Spring Creek Campus expansion will add 20 classrooms, 36 study rooms, faculty/staff offices and a number of conference and workrooms in addition to the expanded space for library services and resources.

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Collin College students, faculty and staff are welcome to honor and remember the victims of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks during an upcoming ceremony.

In accordance with the 10th anniversary of the attacks, Collin College is hosting a ceremony at 9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 9, at the Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney, adjacent to the campus' parking garage.

The ceremony will include a processional by a Drum and Pipe Corps from area fire departments. Also, a remnant, a 90-pound piece of steel, from one of the World Trade Center buildings will be on display.

In honor of those who lost their lives, a final alarm signal bell will be sounded by the members of McKinney Fire Department Truck 2.

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One in the hand: CougarAlert puts weather, emergency updates at fingertips

With the fall semester back online, students are encouraged to sign up for Collin College's emergency notice system, CougarAlert.



In case of campus closure due to icy roads, snowy conditions or an emergency situation like the shooting incident at the Central Park Campus last August, students, faculty and staff can be notified via text message with updates and news.

The system allows students and employees to subscribe for free and choose whether to receive the alerts via text or phone message, digital phone message or e-mail. While there is no fee to subscribe, standard text messaging fees from service providers may still apply.

The college will send CougarAlerts for emergencies that require unscheduled closure or evacuation of a single campus or the whole district.

This includes, for example, inclement weather, power outages, police emergencies, catastrophes and/or hazardous chemical exposures. CougarAlerts will not be used for promotional purposes or for scheduled closures, such as holidays.

Visit www.collin.edu/cougaralert.html for more information or to subscribe to CougarAlert.

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Honor a firefighter with special e-card

Collin College challenges everyone to make a statement to those that keep our communities safe as the country commemorates the 10th anniversary of 9/11.

The college and the Texas Campus Compact have joined together to promote a statewide initiative: "Live. Learn. Serve. Remember."

Collin College encourages everyone to fill out a Firefighter Appreciation E-Card. Once submitted, the cards will be distributed to area fire chiefs.

Each e-card is a vote of appreciation to our local firefighters, letting them know what they mean to the community as we all remember the events of Sept. 11, 2001.

Also, the e-card includes a pledge to commit to fire safety and education in the home and the community.

Send an e-card now by going to www.texascompact.org through Oct. 15.

Contact Fire Science Director Pat McAuliff at pmcauliff@collin.edu or 972.548.6836, or the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement at csce@collin.edu or 972.881.5927 for more information.

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Campus Dates

Labor Day

Monday, Sept. 5

All campuses are closed.



"THE ARTS faculty"

Through Thursday, Sept. 15 - 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.;

Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

THE ARTS gallery, Spring Creek Campus

2D and 3D design, ceramics, commercial art, digital art, drawing, figure drawing, jewelry and art metals, painting, photography and more.

Contact: www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery or 972.881.5873

Carter Blood Drive

9 a.m.-4 p.m. -- Wednesday, Sept. 7

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Give blood, get a free cholesterol screening and a T-shirt.

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Preston Ridge Campus Shawnee Room

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Central Park Campus Conference Center

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Carter Blood Drive

9 a.m.-4 p.m. -- Thursday, Sept. 8

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Give blood, get a free cholesterol screening and a T-shirt.

9/11 Memorial Ceremony

9:30 a.m., Friday, Sept. 9

Central Park Campus Parking Garage

Processional from area Drum and Pipe Corps and a remnant of one of the World Trade Center buildings. Open to public.

Passport to the World - Stadt Wien: A City of Vibrant Life

Noon-1:30 p.m. - Friday, Sept. 9

Living Legends Conference Center

A presentation by Dr. Donald Weasenforth on the city of Vienna.

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Rock The Vote!

11 a.m.-1 p.m. - Tuesday, Sept. 13
Preston Ridge Campus Cougar Den
Register to vote and more.

Contact: www.collin.edu/academics/csce/Vote.html

Auteur Film Series – *The Truman Show*

7 p.m. - Wednesday, Sept. 14
Angelika Film Center, Plano

The free screening will be followed by a panel discussion led by Collin College faculty and staff. Seating is limited. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences.

Contact:

www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html

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Central Park Campus Atrium

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Plano Balloon Festival

Starting at 3 p.m. - Friday, Sept. 16
Spring Creek Campus is closed.

Plano Balloon Festival

Saturday, Sept. 17
Spring Creek Campus is closed.

Plano Balloon Festival

Sunday, Sept. 18
Spring Creek Campus is closed.

Distinguished Speaker Series - Dr. Gregory Markus

7-9 p.m. - Thursday, Sept. 29

Living Legends Conference Center

Dr. Markus will present on "Creativity in Community Empowerment. He is a professor of political science at the University of Michigan and a research professor at the Institute for Social Research.

Contact: www.collin.edu/csce

Auteur Film Series - *Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown*

2:30 p.m. - Monday, Oct. 3

Living Legends Conference Center

The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by Collin College faculty and staff. Seating is limited. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences.

Contact:

www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html.

Collin Theatre Center - *The Pillowman*

Oct. 6-16

John Anthony Theatre

The Pillowman, by Martin McDonagh, 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.

Contact: www.collintheatrecenter.com

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Between The Lines

Welcome to Collin College and the first monthly article of "Between the Lines" featured throughout the fall and spring semesters.

"Between the Lines" is a compilation of Student Development and Transfer Programs departmental insights, recommendations, suggestions, fun facts and cougar information that we hope will help you become a savvy Collin College student.

Academic Advising

It's never too early for advising. . .

So, you are finally settled into your fall classes and ready to conquer the semester. Now is the time to come in and get your advising for the spring semester. Do not wait until the schedule appears online or until registration starts to stop by for advising. Come in and get the in depth advising regarding your degree completion, transferring and any other questions you may have.

We hope to see you soon. Visit

www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/advising/index.html.

Collin College Counseling

Ever dream of attending Hogwarts? Of learning potions and defense against the dark arts? Of wearing robes and carrying wands? Of knowing the magic of courage, confidence, daring and wonder?

While you may not be transforming cats into goblets or playing quidditch, you may be fighting with the demons of anxiety or overwhelm. Perhaps your polyjuice potion wore off and you no longer feel like who you thought you were.

Collin College's counseling services believe that you have the magic within yourself to tackle your challenges. Sometimes you need to look into the "Mirror of Erised" or to have someone to talk to. Conjure us at personalcounseling@collin.edu or at 972.881.5126.

Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs

As long as you are making satisfactory progress (review our Financial Aid Satisfactory Academic Progress document online at www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/financialaid/SAP.html) anyone can qualify for assistance. Being a successful student is now your No. 1 job so let us help you reach your academic dreams.

There are many steps to the financial aid process so make sure to respond to any communication you receive from us. Even though our priority deadline was May 1, 2011, we process aid

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all year long.

Go to www.fafsa.ed.gov to begin the process. Our school code is 016792.

Events and Important Dates

Thursday, Sept. 1

"Project Graduation" Welcome Activity in the Atrium at the Spring Creek Campus. Free lunch and information tables. Gather the requested items at the fair and when you "graduate" you will get a Friends of Collin College T-shirt (while supplies last).

Tuesday, Sept. 6

Census Date: prior to census date a dropped course will not appear on a student's transcript. The day after census date a "W" will appear on the transcript.

Tuesday, Sept. 13

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Central Park Campus Atrium
"Get a Scoop" and come learn how to get involved in various student organizations. Free ice cream afterwards.

Wednesday, Sept. 14

11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. – Preston Ridge Campus Cougar Den
"Get a Scoop" and come learn how to get involved in various student organizations. Free ice cream afterwards.

Thursday, Sept.15

11:30 a.m.-1:30 pm – Spring Creek Campus Atrium
"Get a Scoop" and come learn how to get involved in various student organizations. Free ice cream afterwards.

Thursday, Sept. 15

Second tuition installment due at the bursar's office.

Tuesday, Sept. 20

10 a.m.-2 p.m. College Transfer Fair at Central Park Campus.
Visit <http://transferu.collin.edu/transferfairs.html>.

Free Fall Study Skills Seminars:

www.collin.edu/academics/programs/study_skills_DevEd.html

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Celebrate Chocolate at the "Chocolate Conference"

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Michele Brown, chair of the Pastry Arts program at Collin College, was featured in a segment promoting the Chocolate Conference on WFAA's "Good Morning Texas" Aug. 26. The segment also featured a chocolate hat created by pastry arts student **Erika Galleges**.

Former theater student **Thomas Charles LeGalley** is making his Broadway debut as the costume designer for *Lysistrata Jones*, a pop musical adaptation of the ancient Greek play starting in December at the Walter Kerr Theatre.

Dr. Joanne Fletcher, professor of dental hygiene presented "The Role of Inflammation in Periodontal Disease and Rheumatoid Arthritis" American Dental Hygienists Association (ADHA) National Convention in Nashville in June. She also presented "Is Supermarket Shopping Dangerous to Your Health? The Role of Sodium and the Dental Hygiene Patient" to the Greater Collin County Dental Hygiene Society in July and at the Southwest Dental Conference in Dallas in January.

Collin College's chapter of **LULAC** was honored by the city of Plano City Council at its August 8 meeting with a proclamation after the student organization swept the Council, Man, Woman and Sponsor of the year awards at the LULAC national convention in July.

Dr. Joan Kennedy, professor of English, published an article titled "Oral Interpretation of Literature: Readers' Theater" in the Winter/Spring 2011 edition of the College English Association *Forum*.

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Holly Stone (third from right), director of the Center for Academic Assistance, receives the part-time Recognition for Service and Excellence Award at All College Day Aug. 12..



Ruth Payton (third from right), assistant to the dean of Social and Behavioral Sciences, receives the full-time Recognition for Service and Excellence Award at All College Day..



The nominees for the Associate Professor of the Year Award.



Rania Stanbouly, associate professor of French, receives the Associate Professor of the Year Award.



Professor of political science Meredith Martin receives the Professor of the Year award at All College Day from district president Cary Israel.

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Rock the Vote! at Collin College

Register to vote at one of three Rock the Vote! events in September.

The Rock the Vote! events are set from 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 28, at the Spring Creek Campus atrium; Wednesday, Sept. 29, at the Preston Ridge Campus Cougar Den; and Thursday, Sept. 30, at the Central Park Campus atrium.

All Rock the Vote! events are free and open to the public.

Visit www.collin.edu/academics/csce for more information.



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