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## Dance Fusion welcomes alumni back



*Collin Dance Ensemble members Reyna Mondragon and Havyn Blythe*

Some familiar faces are returning to Collin College Friday-Saturday, Nov. 11-12, for the annual Dance Fusion.

Collin College dance alumni Melinda Castro, Melissa (Nagel) DeGroat, Jennifer Dension, Philip Elson, Emmy Walker and Nicole Womack will be special performers at this year's concert held at the John Anthony Theatre located on the Spring Creek Campus.

Showtimes are 8 p.m., Friday, Nov. 11 and 2 p.m. and 8 p.m., Saturday, Nov. 12. Tickets are \$8 for general admission and \$6 for senior citizens and students.

Dance Fusion 2011 will feature the Collin Dance Ensemble, the resident dance company at Collin College, along with dance companies run by alumni, including Emagination Aerial Dance, Epiphany DanceArts, Philip Elson Dance and Elledanceworks Company.

Emagination Aerial Dance Company is a professional performance and outreach Aerial Arts duo under the direction of Collin College dance alumni Emmy Walker and Travis Moon. Emagination Aerial's Professional Outreach Program for university and college dance departments puts together residencies and workshops at schools around the country to teach and promote aerial dance.

Aerial dance is an exciting and new art form that is making its mark in the dance world opening up a new realm of creativity with the variety of aerial equipment including silks, trapeze, lyra, hammock, slings, corde lisse, Spanish web and harness work.

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Epiphany DanceArts is a dance company that specializes in performances, private lessons, master classes, and artistic outreach. Founded in 2010 by DeGroat, they routinely perform at hospitals, schools, civic centers, and churches to share with others our wealth of experience performing and teaching.

Philip Elson Dance is the creative identity that represents the choreographic and directed work of choreographer and Collin College Alumni Philip Elson. These works encompass live performance as well as dance films. Elson's work primarily focuses on ideas of the body and its relationship to the cultural forces it experiences. Elson's independent work has been presented in four regions of the United States and in Berlin, Germany.

The Collin Dance Ensemble, the resident performing company for Collin College, under the direction of Tiffanee Arnold, tours throughout Dallas-Fort Worth performing in local concerts and festivals such as The Dallas Dance Festival, The Fort Worth Dance Festival: Up and Running, Dances at a Gathering at the Eisemann Center, The University of Texas at Dallas, Allen Dance Festival and Dallas' Dance for the Planet. The dance company attends and performs at the American College Dance Festival annually and has been selected for the Gala Performance at that festival five times. Former residencies include Battleworks Dance Company from New York, Pilobolus Too of the Pilobolus Dance Theatre, Eisenhower Dance Ensemble from Michigan, Elledanceworks Dance Company from Dallas and Taylor 2 of Paul Taylor Dance Company.

In addition to Collin Dance Ensemble, Collin College's dance program has a strong reputation for excellence in dance education, choreography and performance, propelling students into prestigious university dance programs. The associate of arts degree with electives in dance curriculum includes multiple levels of ballet, modern, jazz, tap, dance appreciation, improvisation and choreography.

All tickets will be sold online at [www.collin.edu/dance](http://www.collin.edu/dance).

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**Events set for Veterans week**

In the 11<sup>th</sup> hour of the 11<sup>th</sup> day of the 11<sup>th</sup> month of 1918, an armistice was signed formally ending the major hostilities of the First World War.

The next year, Nov. 11 was officially deemed a national holiday, known now as Veterans Day.

Collin College has slated a series of events Monday-Friday, Nov. 7-11 to honor veterans with a series of film screenings, events and service projects.

The following events are planned and sponsored by Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement, Student Veterans Association, Counseling, faculty and Phi Theta Kappa. In addition volunteers from across the college are working the events.

**Restrepo screening**

7 p.m. – Monday, Nov. 7  
Preston Ridge Campus, F148

Screening of the noted documentary *Restrepo*. Free and open to the public. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

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Noon- 1 p.m. – Wednesday, Nov. 9  
*Spring Creek Campus Atrium*  
Free poetry reading honoring veterans.

#### **Marine Corps Birthday**

Noon - Thursday, Nov. 10  
*Preston Ridge Campus Cougar Den – Spring Creek Campus atrium – Central Park Campus atrium*  
Celebration of the Marine Corps birthday. Free and open to the public. Cake will be served.

#### **Veteran's Day Barbecue**

11 a.m.-1 p.m. – Friday, Nov. 11  
*Preston Ridge Campus Cougar Den – Spring Creek Campus atrium – Central Park Campus atrium*  
Free and open to Collin College staff, faculty and students.

Email the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement at [csce@collin.edu](mailto:csce@collin.edu) for more information.

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## To protect and serve: College police are on patrol



*Collin College police officers hold the same licensure as any municipal officer or state trooper.*

The Collin College Police Department is like any other law enforcement entity.

They are here to protect and serve.

“We hold the same exact state license as any officer in any city or state trooper. All of our officers have at least two years of experience, which is the minimum before we hire anyone. Most of our officers have been officers for 15 or 20 years. We have a lot of experience under our belt. It’s a diverse breadth of knowledge that we have,” said Collin College Police Chief Mike Gromatzky of the Collin College Police Department.

In short, a Collin College police officer can cite, arrest and detain just like any police officer in Plano or Allen, a state trooper or a sheriff’s deputy.

For example, recently the force received a tip of a suspicious group of men at the Spring Creek Campus parking lot. The police found the group and discovered that they were car burglars and were responsible for a number of incidents at the college and a residential burglary in Plano. The suspects were arrested by Collin College police.

The force includes 28 sworn officers, and 22 of them are on patrol, meaning they walk and drive the hallways, sidewalks, parking lots and meeting areas of the Central Park Campus, Collin Higher Education Center, Courtyard Center, Preston Ridge Campus and Spring Creek Campus.

Chief Gromatzky calls them proactive patrols with the intent of deterring criminal activity and interceding in case

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of emergency, a reckless driver or a crime in progress.

“Primarily, we’re looking for people that are taking things,” Chief Gromatzky said. “We are lucky. We don’t have a lot of problems with violent crime. We try to be very present to help deter people from doing things. It’s very similar to what any other police officers do anywhere else. The day-to-day is the same. We’re a bit more service oriented.”

The Collin College Police Department can also help students, faculty and staff in case their vehicle needs a battery jump or if they feel unsafe and would like an escort to their car. They also host crime prevention seminars and can call a locksmith in case someone locks their keys in the car (the police do not have the tools to unlock doors).

“We’re a full-service police department like any other,” Chief Gromatzky said.

For any on-campus emergency dial 5555 from any campus phone or from an off-campus phone dial 972.578.5555.

Email [ccccpublicsafety@collin.edu](mailto:ccccpublicsafety@collin.edu) to file a non-emergency complaint or concern or visit [www.collin.edu/campuspolice/](http://www.collin.edu/campuspolice/) for more information.

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## Forces seeks entries about the veteran experience

Collin College's literary journal, *Forces*, is seeking submissions from the college community or public.

This year's issue will feature poetry, short stories, photography, art, letters and any other contribution that involves or focuses on veterans.

In commemoration of the 10<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Sept. 11, 2001 and the ongoing sacrifice of servicemen and women, *Forces* will consider for publication any piece of art, writing or photograph that focuses on the trials and highlights of those serving the country stateside or abroad regardless of when or how they served.

Submissions can be from anyone no matter their affiliation with a veteran.

Deadline for submissions must be postmarked by Thursday, Dec. 1.

Submission criteria:

- Contributor must provide contact information
- Send only copies of works (no originals)
- No email submission will be accepted
- No hand-written submissions

Send submissions to: %Forces: R. Scott Yarbrough, Forces Editor, Room BB109, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX, 75074.

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## Speaker Series hosts astrophysicist

The Distinguished Speaker Series at Collin College is where astrophysics get extreme.



*Dr. David Baker*

As part of its 2011-12 program, the series will host Dr. David Baker, chair of the physics department at Austin College, at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Nov. 1, at the Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.

All Distinguished Speaker Series events are free and open to the public.

Dr. Baker will present on "Creativity and Extreme Astrophysics." His past research includes environmental physics, planetary physics, physics education and Earth system science education.

Visit [www.collin.edu/academics/csce](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce) or call 972.881.5900 for more information.

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## Campus Dates

### Student Leadership Academy II – LEAD 2301

8:45 a.m.-11:30 a.m. – Fridays during spring semester  
Preston Ridge Campus

Applications are now available for Student Leadership Academy II, a unique course that incorporates experiential learning, service-learning and research. The course is a three-credit course and transfers as an elective. Application packets and forms must be submitted to the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement at F102, Spring Creek Campus. Applications are available online at [www.collin.edu/academics/sla/](http://www.collin.edu/academics/sla/).

Contact: [csce@collin.edu](mailto:csce@collin.edu), 972.881.5927

### Respiratory Care Information Session

10:30 a.m.-noon – Tuesday, Nov. 1  
Preston Ridge Campus, Room F148

Receive program packets, and learn about admissions, expectations, career options, salary and more.

Contact: [www.collin.edu/rcp](http://www.collin.edu/rcp) or 214.491.6215

### Transfer Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Wednesday, Nov. 2  
Spring Creek Campus Atrium

Ask questions about transfer, upper-level coursework, financial aid, scholarships, pre-admission programs and more. Bring a copy of their transcript for advising.

Contact: <http://transferu.collin.edu>

### Restrepo screening

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### Surgical Technology Information Session

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7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, Nov. 8

*Preston Ridge Campus Shawnee Room (F148)*

Learn about admissions, career options, salary, course sequence, prerequisites and more.

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*Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus*

Screening of Taking Chance. Free and open to the public. Pizza and refreshments will be served.

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#### **Expressions Concert**

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*Spring Creek Campus Atrium -- Preston Ridge Founders*

*Atrium -- Central Park Cafe Perks*

Free poetry reading honoring veterans.

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#### **Marine Corps Birthday**

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*Preston Ridge Campus Cougar Den*

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*John Anthony Theatre -- Spring Creek Campus*

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**Contact:** Tickets available only at [www.collin.edu/dance](http://www.collin.edu/dance)

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#### **Network**

7 p.m. - Thursday, Nov. 15

*Living Legends Conference Center - Spring Creek Campus*

Next installment of the Auteur Film Series' focus on television in film. Rated R, this Sidney Lumet film spotlights news anchor Howard Beale, who suffers a mental breakdown after he learns he's going to be fired for low ratings. The network exploits Beale's breakdown by giving him his own show. Free and open to the public.

**Contact:**

[www.collin.edu/academics/csce/ateurfilmseries.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/ateurfilmseries.html)

**“Parallels”**

*Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m.; Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; and Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

*Thursday, Nov. 17-Saturday, Dec. 10*

*THE ARTS gallery – Spring Creek Campus*

See sculpture from one of the foremost female artists in the nation, Frances Bagley. Admission is free. The exhibition is open to the public.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery), 972.881.5873

**Frances Bagley**

*4:30 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. – Thursday, Nov. 17*

*THE ARTS gallery – Spring Creek Campus*

Renowned artist Frances Bagley will present talks about her work and inspiration. Free and open to the public.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery), 972.881.5873

**Chili Cook-Off**

*11 a.m. - Friday, Nov. 18*

*Central Park Campus Conference Center*

Free to chili cook-off participants. \$5 general admission.

**Thanksgiving Break**

*Wednesday, Nov. 23-Sunday, Nov. 27*

No classes on all campuses.

**Spring Registration**

*Begins Tuesday, Nov. 29*

Register for spring classes online.

**Contact:** Returning students go to <http://cougarweb.collin.edu>. New students go to collin.edu

**Forces – Call For Entries**

*Deadline: Thursday, Dec. 1*

*Forces*, Collin College’s literary journal, is seeking poetry, stories, photography, art, letters or any other piece of work that involves veterans and the veteran experience from students, staff, faculty or any member of the public. Submissions must be postmarked by Dec. 1. Must provide contact information, send only copies of works, no email or handwritten submissions.

**Contact:** Send submissions to: %Forces: R. Scott Yarbrough, Forces Editor, Room BB109, Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano, TX, 75074

**Student Artist Pottery Sale**

*9 a.m.-7 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 1*

*Spring Creek Campus atrium, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano*

The sale will feature hand-thrown or hand-built pottery, ranging from bowls, plates, bottles, vases, pitchers, teapots, mugs and sculptures. The Student Artist Pottery Sale is open to the public with free admission. Pieces, which are utilitarian, functional, decorative and unique, are made of stoneware, porcelain and earthenware. A portion of the Student Artist Pottery Sale’s proceeds benefit Collin College’s ceramics department.

**Atlas Of Mud**

*Thursday, Dec. 1-Sunday, Dec. 11*

*Black Box Theatre - Spring Creek Campus*

Presented by the Collin Theatre Center, this is the regional premiere of Jennifer Fawcett's play, *Atlas of Mud*. Ten years after the world flooded and people fled to the boats, the desperation to find land has become lethal but the satellites still see nothing but water. Guarded by the military, one boat holds special cargo: Seeds to plant when land is found, birds to find the land and a child called Mud. \$10 general admission, \$8 for students and senior citizens.

**Contact:** [www.collintheatrecenter.com](http://www.collintheatrecenter.com), 972.881.5809

**Surgical Technology Information Session**

*7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, Dec. 6*

*Spring Creek Campus Conference Center*

Learn about admissions, career options, salary, course sequence, prerequisites and more.

**Contact:** 214.491.6215

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**Cougars aim high in 2011-12**

Head coach Jim Sigona and his men's basketball team face another season of challenges.

And he thinks his team is up for it.

"We take each game individually and try to play one game better than the last, and, hopefully, we're playing our best basketball in March," Sigona said, referring to the post-season starting with the Region V tournament. "If everything comes together, you have a chance in March. For us it's all about conference. You can have the worst non-conference, but it's about what you do in conference."

Thing is, when the season starts in early November, the process begins and it will not be easy. Sigona said there could be up to six teams from the North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference and Western Junior College Athletic Conference in the nation's top 25 poll, including Collin College (finished 15<sup>th</sup> in the nation last season), Odessa College, McLennan College, South Plains College, Midland College and Howard College. Three of the last five national champions have come from Region V.

Collin College has two non-conference games against South Plains and another against Odessa.

"When we get to the regional tournament, Howard and Midland were Nos. 1 and 2. It's usually like that every year. It's very competitive. Our regional is the best in the country," Sigona said. "Some say it's harder getting through the regional tournament than the national tournament. But there's nothing you can do. It's the way it works. You have to get better and better so you're playing well at the regional tournament."

Sigona is returning three key players: First Team All Region Kameron Price, Second Team All Conference Donald Price and Alex Isailovic. In addition, Amos Wilson is returning after red shirting 2010-11.

However, the Cougars will not suffer from lack of experience. A crop of transfer students is boosting the roster including Darington Banks, a Second Team All Conference from Grayson County College, Tyler Hysell (Plano East High School) from John Brown University, Kedereck Tate-Phillips from Independence Community College, Jason Pospichal (Prestonwood Baptist in Plano) from Augustana College and Andre Corley from Lone Star College – Tomball.

In addition, Sigona expects contributions from the 2A Texas high school Player of the Year Hondo Webb from Melissa High School, the 6-7 David Samuels and The Colony's Brent Okpoh.

"We've got some guys that can score," Sigona said. "We've got good shooters. The key for us is how we'll be able to defend and rebound. We don't have great size. Offensively,

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we have guys that can score and if someone's struggling there's someone that can come in and pick them up."

The Cougars play all their home games at Cougar Hall located on the Spring Creek Campus. Admission is free to students and employees. General admission is \$3.

Games can be streamed at [www.livestream.com/collincougarbasketball](http://www.livestream.com/collincougarbasketball).

Visit [www.collin.edu/athletics/mens/](http://www.collin.edu/athletics/mens/) for schedule, roster and more.



*Aleksandar Isailovic*



*Donald Price*



*Kameron Price*

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## Between The Lines

## Student Life

To honor and celebrate our veterans, a full week of activities will be held throughout Collin College the week of Nov.7-11. We hope you can join us as we celebrate and honor America's veterans for their service, sacrifice, patriotism and bravery.

The following events are planned and sponsored by Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement, Student Veterans Association, Counseling, faculty and Phi Theta Kappa. In addition volunteers from across the college are working the events.

**Monday, Nov. 7:**

- 7 p.m., *Restrepo* (film/panel discussion), Preston Ridge Campus, Room F148

**Tuesday, Nov. 8:**

- 7 p.m., *Restrepo* (film/panel discussion), Central Park Campus Conference Center

**Wednesday, Nov. 9:**

- Noon-1 p.m., *Expressions* (original poetry presentations honoring Veterans), Spring Creek Campus atrium
- 7 p.m., *Taking Chance* (film/panel discussion), Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center

**Thursday, Nov. 10:**

- Noon, Marine Corps Birthday (celebration of Marine Corps Birthday-cake served) Spring Creek Campus and Central Park Campus atriums, Preston Ridge Campus Quad or Cougar Den

**Friday, Nov. 11:**

- 11 a.m.-1 p.m., Veteran's Day Barbecue, Central Park Campus and Spring Creek Campus atriums, Preston Ridge Campus Quad or Cougar Den. Free and open to students, faculty and staff.
- Text for Vets (benefiting Wounded Warriors) Central Park Campus and Spring Creek Campus atriums, Preston Ridge Campus Quad or Cougar Den. All day.

**Campus Veteran Activities**

- Letters to Soldiers (send appreciation letters to soldiers)
- Sheets for Soldiers (collection drive for new twin sheet sets)
- Blue Star Mothers (collection drive for soldiers overseas)

Most locations for collections/letters are campus atriums, Founder's Hall, the Quad, or Cougar Den at Preston Ridge Campus.

For details contact, [csce@collin.edu](mailto:csce@collin.edu) or <http://calendar.collin.edu/CalendarNow.aspx>.

Contact Michael Gregorash at [mgregorash@collin.edu](mailto:mgregorash@collin.edu) or 972.377.1789 if you'd like to volunteer for Veterans Day events.

**Financial Aid**

Are you a veteran? If you would like to see if you are eligible for benefits while attending Collin College, go to [www.collin.edu](http://www.collin.edu) and under "Getting Started," click on the "Veterans" link to begin the process.

You will need to complete the packet of information, turn in a copy of your DD214 and Certificate of Eligibility, and turn in a copy of all your transcripts from previously attended colleges. If you have exhausted your benefits and are a Texas resident, you may be eligible for the Hazlewood Exemption.

Call the Financial Aid/Veterans Affairs Office at 972.881.5760 with any questions.

**Collin College Counseling**

Personal and Career Counseling is available free of charge by appointment on all campuses for students enrolled at Collin College.

Personal Counseling

- Central Park, Preston Ridge and Spring Creek Campus, Monday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Contact Counseling Services at 972.881.5126 or [personalcounseling@collin.edu](mailto:personalcounseling@collin.edu) to schedule an appointment.

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### **Career Counseling**

- Central Park Campus – Monday-Tuesday and Thursday-Friday  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Wednesday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.
- Preston Ridge Campus – Monday-Tuesday  
8-8 p.m. and Wednesday-Friday from 8 a.m.-5 p.m.
- Spring Creek Campus – Monday, Wednesday-Friday  
8 a.m.-5 p.m. and Tuesday from 8 a.m.-8 p.m.

Contact Career Services at 972.881.5781 or [career@collin.edu](mailto:career@collin.edu) to schedule an appointment.

### **Transfer Programs**

Last call for those interested in a honkin' big scholarship?

Are you one of the students who are working on your online application for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship? Up to four qualified students with sophomore status and transferring fall 2012 may be nominated by the Collin selection committee for this need-based scholarship of up to \$30,000 per year. Collin's internal deadline for completed online applications is Thursday, Nov. 10.

To learn more about the JKCF Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, criteria, and for online application materials, go to <http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/>. For suggestions for preparing a successful scholarship application, go to <http://transferu.collin.edu/scholarshiptips.pdf>

### **Events and Important Dates**

- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Wednesday, Nov. 2 - College Transfer Fair at Spring Creek Campus
- Monday-Friday, Nov. 7-11 - Collin College Veteran's Week events

For the Collin College's calendar of events for November, go [here](#).

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**Bob McPherrin**, associate professor with the Institute for Hospitality and Culinary Education, has published a children's book titled *The Mysterious Tale of Culpepper Mansion*. It is the start to a series of children's book. Read more here.

**Matthew Ware Coulter**, professor of history, presented "Experiencing Life as an Historian" at the annual conference of the National Society for Experiential Education Oct. 19-21 in Dallas. Coulter's presentation featured experiential learning activities used in his classes, including several projects that involve local history. Experiential education focuses on having students learn by doing what professionals in the field do.



*Harvest Boxes awaiting delivery to those in need collected at the different Collin College campuses.*



*Ding, ding, ding. Special delivery.*

The All College Council collected more than **235 boxes** of food and other items, and \$250 in financial contributions for

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the Meal on Wheels program. The college increased its total from 135 boxes donated last year. The employees at Central Park donated 92 boxes this year.

The **American Heart Association** named Collin College as a “Gold” standard winner and the recipient of the *Innovation Worksite Health Award*. Collin College has been listed among the 50 2011 Dallas “Fit Friendly” Companies and is one of only five to be recognized for worksite innovation.

The National Counsel for Marketing and Public Relations recently presented the college with seven **Medallion Awards**, including two gold Medallions, four silver Medallions and one bronze Medallion. The contest had a record-setting number of more than 200 entries from a region that spans Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, New Mexico, Colorado, and Wyoming. Collin’s winning projects included: *Connection* newsletter (gold); Advertising wrap on mail truck (gold); “Whole new world, one student at a time” TV ad series (silver); Cougar Fast Facts card (silver); spring dance concert photo (silver); “Sweet Success” feature story (silver); and “Michelle Adams helps women stay clean at Recovery Inn” feature story (bronze).

Pastry Arts student **Erica Gallegos** won second prize for her division in the Oklahoma Sugar Arts Show. Student Aamina Masood received the Texas Chef’s Association/American Chef’s Federation scholarship for her assistance at their Circle of Honor Event.

Altrusa International, Inc. of Richardson chose the Small Business Development Center Director **Marta Frey** as one of four finalists for the Outstanding Women of Today in the Education category.

**Donna Hatch** and **Joyce Sizemore**, professors of nursing, presented “Nursing World: A Service Learning Project” at the National League for Nursing Education Summit in late September in Orlando.

Student **Holly Sanchez** was one of seven individuals named by Gov. Rick Perry to the Early Childhood Intervention Advisory Committee. The committee serves Texas families who have infants and toddlers with disabilities or developmental delays.

**Dr. Levi Bryant**, professor of philosophy, published the book *The Democracy of Objects* and the article “The Ethics of the Event: Deleuze and Ethics without Αρχή. In September, Dr. Bryant presented “*Wilderness Ontology, Speculative Realism: A Round-Table with Jane Bennet, Levi Bryant, and Graham Harman*,” at CUNY Graduate Center. He has also launched a new journal, “O-Zone: A Journal of Object-Oriented Studies.”

About **500** students attended the recent Community Partner Fairs along with the 33 community partners Sept. 27-29 at all campuses. Students visited with service agencies and learned of their missions and opportunities to serve.



All College Council's second annual **Silent Auction** held on All College Day raised \$3,750 for the Collin College Foundation.

The **Spirit T-Shirt** initiative netted the college \$5,367 in funds for student scholarships. This includes a \$500 commitment in matching funds from Computer Associates.

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How Jon Franzen, David Foster Wallace, Jeffrey Eugenides and Mary Karr pushed each other to greatness.

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