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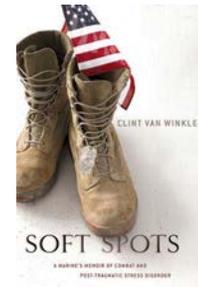
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Men, women notch a set of five-game winning streaks as fall schedule winds down.

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Through a unique agreement, Collin College nursing students can have concurrent enrollment with Texas Tech University Health Service Center's Anita Thigpen School of Nursing.

Students will be able to participate in the program while completing the associate of applied science (AAS) degree in nursing in addition to an associate of arts or science (AA or AS) degree. Having completed their core curriculum, the student will have a seamless transition to a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN) at the Anita Thigpen School of Nursing.

"Collin College believes that partnerships with local and regional universities are vital in streamlining the track toward a bachelor's degree," said Brenda Willard Goodell, chair of the Collin College Board of Trustees. "Without our nursing professionals, our hospitals and communities would struggle as the need for healthcare continues to increase."

According to Dr. Nell Ard, director of the Collin College nursing program, the agreement is a response to the Institute of Medicine's "The Future of Nursing: Leading Change, Advancing Health" report published in October 2010. The report called upon nurses to achieve higher levels of education and training to respond to the increasing demands of patient needs.

"This agreement with one of our university partners continues a spectacular year for our nursing program," said Cary Israel, district president at Collin College. "Our college takes great pride in being a primary hub for healthcare professionals that work in our community's clinics, emergency rooms, intensive care units, hospital rooms and surgical units."

As a perk to the student, the BSN program will be online making it possible for students to earn a bachelor's degree without leaving Collin County. With a degree plan, students

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can complete all core curricula at Collin College. Texas Tech University will offer the "bridge" courses online.

In July, Collin College's nursing program was named a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education™ by the National League of Nursing. The program became 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.

"We are honored to be a Collin College partner," said Dr. Yondell Masten, R.N., dean of nursing at Texas Tech University. "As evidenced by the Center of Excellence in Nursing Education designation, Collin College graduates are excellent candidates for helping the nursing profession meet the Institute of Medicine future of nursing recommendations. We look forward to and are extremely excited about our partnership with Collin College."

Visit [www.collin.edu/nursing](http://www.collin.edu/nursing) for more information.

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## Hot Career: Video game developer



Cougar News looks at some of the hottest careers and degrees.

### Video Game Developer

According to [a recent story](#), it was reported that the video game industry (to the surprise of no one) is a \$50 billion industry. Behind every great first-person shooter, sports, adventure or role playing game, there's a great team of designers and developers.

### Where Does Collin College Fit In?

Collin College offers an associate of applied science degree and certificate in animation with tracks in 3D Animation and another in Game Art.

For more than 20 years, the Communication Design department has offered industry-standard education in the creative service fields of **animation**, digital video, graphic design, web and interactive design. All full-time faculty have industry experience and all associate faculty are practicing professionals. Current industry practices and standards are a central component of classroom instruction.

The 3D Animation Track emphasizes creative concept development and technical skills in the execution of 3D animation and 3D still imagery for advertising, industrial visualization, entertainment and corporate communication. The Game Art Track emphasizes concept development for games as well as 2D and 3D art and animation skills for the computer gaming industry. Students will also learn level design and the integration of high-end 3D computer graphics with game engines in a group project

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### How Much Can You Get Paid?

Per the International Game Developers Association, programmers have an average income of about \$62,500 and game designers average out at about \$57,500. Audio, production and visual arts professionals earn similar average salaries. Individuals have been known to get six figures.

### Are There Jobs?

Texas has the second most gaming jobs in the United States (behind California) with more than 3,000 current jobs. About 70 percent of game developers go into the entertainment side, but the other 30 percent work in government, education or the healthcare field.

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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

### Spring Registration

Ongoing

Register for spring classes online.

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

### Cougars vs. El Centro College

2 p.m. - Saturday, Dec. 31 - Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, faculty and staff.

### Cougars vs. Tomball College

2 p.m. - Tuesday, Jan. 3 - Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, faculty and staff.

### Lady Cougars vs. San Jacinto College

6 p.m. -- Friday, Jan. 6 -- McClennan County College, Waco

### Lady Cougars vs. Angelina College

3 p.m. -- Saturday, Jan. 7 -- McClennan County College, Waco

### Cougars vs. Richland College

2 p.m. - Saturday, Jan. 7 - Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, faculty and staff.

### Cougars vs. Cisco College

3 p.m. -- Saturday, Jan. 14 -- Cisco

### Cougars vs. El Centro College

7 p.m. - Wednesday, Jan. 11 - Spring Creek Campus

Free to students, staff and faculty.

### Winter Break

Thursday, Dec. 22-Monday, Jan. 1

All campuses are closed.

### Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Day

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*Monday, Jan. 16*

Remember the man and his dream. All campuses are closed.

### **Spring Semester**

*Tuesday, Jan. 17*

Spring classes start.

### ***Pleasantville***

*7 p.m. - Tuesday, Feb. 7*

*Living Legends Conference Center*

Free and open to the public. Screening of *Pleasantville*. Runs 124 minutes.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html)

### ***Color Adjustment***

*2:30 p.m. - Monday, Feb. 27*

*Central Park Campus Conference Center*

Free and open to the public. Screening of the documentary *Color Adjustment*, which scrutinizes America's racial consciousness through the performances of black actors in major network programming.

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At little piece of Collin County is hanging on the Christmas tree at the state capitol building.



*Professor Rex Kare and his ornament currently hanging at the state capitol.*

At the behest of State Representative Jerry Madden, the college was charged with making a holiday ornament for the tree at the capitol building.

The assignment went to associate faculty member of art Rex Kare.

Using papier mâché as a base, he utilized silver wiring and enamel paint to create a hot air balloon with the design of the state flag. Kare's inspiration was the annual Plano Balloon Festival saying it was "one of the most visible" events in the area.

Kare teaches painting and life drawing at Collin College. He earned his bachelor's degree at the University of Dallas and his master of fine arts from the New York Academy of Art. He has taught since 1997 and had his work exhibited in New York City, Houston and Dallas.

Kare's other commissions include the restoration of the stained glass windows at the St. Cecilia Church in Dallas, St. Margaret Mary Parish ins Cedar Park, Texas, and the St. Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Plano. He's also painted the dome and tabernacle at the St. Martin de Porres Parish in Lake Charles, La.

"I thought I'd be a doctor like my father," Kare said. "I changed plans after starting college as a pre-med major."

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## Pre-Admission Spotlight: Austin College

*Applying for pre-admission to any one of Collin College's 10 partner colleges and universities allows students to connect early with the college/university as they complete the first two years of their bachelor's degree at Collin College.*

*Students are guaranteed admission to the partner university when admission requirements are met. These special partnerships provide Collin College students benefits that may include guaranteed tuition, access to college and university events, faculty advising, university/college email accounts and bookstore discounts.*

### Austin College

*Sherman, Texas*

### About Austin College

Austin College is a private, residential, co-educational college dedicated to educating undergraduate students in the liberal arts and sciences while also offering select pre-professional programs and a graduate teacher education program. Founded by the Presbyterian Church in 1849, Austin College continues its relationship with the church and its commitment to a heritage that values personal growth, justice, community, and service.

Learn more at [www.austincollege.edu](http://www.austincollege.edu).

### What Do You Get?

Through this collaborative partnership, Collin College students will experience the benefits of attending Austin College before they transfer. One significant part of this agreement is developing a student-faculty connection. As soon as a Collin College student is accepted to the program, Austin College will assign a faculty advisor in the student's field of study for personal academic advising each semester.

### Links

Read [the agreement](#).

Visit [TransferU](#).

Discover [Pre-Admission Partnerships](#).

*A pre-admission partner workshop is set from 6-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 6, at the Living Legends Conference Center at the Spring Creek Campus. Seating is limited. Register at [destinationcollege@collin.edu](mailto:destinationcollege@collin.edu) by Wednesday, Feb. 29. Registration opens Wednesday, Feb. 8.*

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Fun fact: Ice Cube was an architecture student before he was rapper.

### [Kirk And Spock Are Friends](#)

Fake sci-fi books for kids. Very fake.

### [2011](#)

In photos.

### ['Ten Thing Everyone Should Know About Time'](#)

As it turns out, we'll be celebrating the new year 80 milliseconds too late.

### [Insomnia Drugs And Comas](#)

The former is battling the latter. And working.

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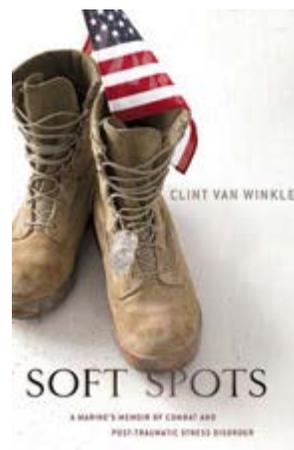
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## Book-in-Common speaker coming in spring

The 2011-12 Book-in-Common author is coming in the spring.

This year's selection is *Soft Spots: A Marine's Memoir of Combat and Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder* by Clint Van Winkle.

Van Winkle was a sergeant in the United States Marine Corps, and, in 2003, was part of the first wave of troops that crossed over into Iraq. In his memoir, he shows how his combat experience has affected him physically, mentally and emotionally once he returned stateside.



The Book-in-Common program picks a book every year for the purpose of students, faculty, staff and the community to read it and incorporate it into the classroom spanning across various disciplines.

The program culminates in a visit and lecture by the author at Collin College. This year's visit is in the spring semester. The dates are:

- 7 p.m., Tuesday, April 3, Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center
- 7 p.m., Wednesday, April 4, Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center
- 1 p.m., Thursday, April 5, Central Park Campus Conference Center

All lectures are free and open to the public.

Past Book-in-Common selections include: *Big Fish* by David Wallace; *First They Killed My Father* by Loung Ung; *All Souls* by Michael Patrick MacDonald; and *When the Emperor was Divine* by Julie Otsuka.

Visit [www.collin.edu/academics/bookincommon](http://www.collin.edu/academics/bookincommon) for more information.

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**Jennifer Hembd**, student, has been offered an internship at the Johnson Space Center during the spring semester. She will work with the multimedia team archiving for the Shuttle Retirement Project.

Several Collin College **culinary students** were featured -- along with their recipes -- in the December issue of **Frisco Style**. See the students and their confectionary genius [here](#).

The All College Council raised \$2,015 for its **Children's Holiday Wish Fund**, which will assist Collin College employees and their families during the holidays.

Pastry Arts chair **Michele Brown** -- and her fruitcake -- were mentioned in a post in *Newsday*. Read it [here](#).

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## Cougar Sports Corner

### Lady Cougars launch into winning streak

After starting 2-4, the Lady Cougars have their sea legs and have won five straight games and six of their last seven. Heading into January (there are no games scheduled until 2012), the Lady Cougars are 8-5.

Not only are the Lady Cougars winning, they're winning big. In their winning streak, they've beaten the opponent by an average of 30 points. They also are 5-2 at home.

All games at the Spring Creek Campus are free to Collin College students, faculty and staff.

**Lady Cougars 75, South Plains 61**

**Lady Cougars 77, OBU JV 41**

**Lady Cougars 84, Mountain View 45**

**Lady Cougars 79, Tomball 41**

**Lady Cougars 91, Mountain View 64**

*Upcoming games:*

*Friday, Jan. 6 - 6 p.m. - vs. San Jacinto College - Spring Creek Campus*

*Saturday, Jan. 7 - 3 p.m. - vs. Angelina College - Spring Creek Campus*

*Saturday, Jan. 14 - 2 p.m. - at Cisco College*

### Men ride their own win streak, protect home court

The men's basketball team is taking full command of their non-conference schedule posting an 11-3 record, with eight of their victories being by double digits.

The Cougars are also an impressive 7-1 at the Spring Creek Campus.

**South Plains 76, Cougars 61**

**Cougars 66, NMMI 62**

**Cougars 94, Mountain View 82**

**Cougars 60, N. Oklahoma - Tonkawa 50**

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**Cougars 79, Mountain View 68**

**Cougars 65, North Lake 50**

*Upcoming games:*

*Saturday, Dec. 31 - 2 p.m. - vs. El Centro -- Spring Creek Campus*

*Tuesday, Jan. 3 - 2 p.m. - vs. Tomball College - Spring Creek Campus*

*Saturday, Jan. 7 - 2 p.m. - vs. Richland College - Spring Creek Campus*

*Wednesday, Jan. 11 - 7 p.m. - vs. El Centro - Spring Creek Campus*

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