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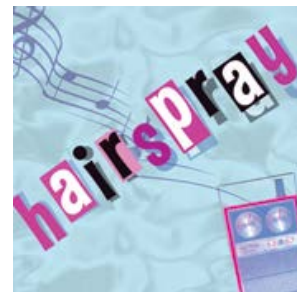
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Production of 'Hairspray' kicks off spring season

Get the beat at Collin Theatre Center's latest show. [\[Click Here for Full Story\]](#)



What's new at a library near you

For a healthy 2012, look no further than a Collin College library. But you don't have to take my word for it. [\[Click Here for Full Story\]](#)

Up-and-coming country artist playing Collin College

Zane Williams is performing for free Feb. 20. Boot scootin' a possibility. [\[Click Here for Full Story\]](#)



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Visiting professor talking presidential race

The Distinguished Speaker Series gets political with its latest lecturer.



Dr. Caroline Tolbert, professor of political science at the University of Iowa, will present "Iowa, New Hampshire or South Carolina? Picking Presidential Candidates in 2012" at 1 p.m., Wednesday, Feb. 15, at the Central Park Campus Conference Center, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney.

Dr. Caroline Tolbert

Dr. Tolbert is the author of more than six books, as well as dozens of articles in scholarly journals. Her research explores political behavior, elections and representation widely defined. Dr. Tolbert was the general program chair of the 2008 Midwest Political Science Association Meeting. She is also the former co-director of The University of Iowa Hawkeye Poll.

Dr. Tolbert was named the solo Collegiate Scholar by the University of Iowa in 2009. The award is given to top faculty members standing for promotion to Full Professor in the College of Liberal Arts and Science for Excellence, in research and teaching.

All Distinguished Speaker Series events are free and open to the public. The lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session.

Visit www.collin.edu/academics/csce or call 972.881.5900 for more information.

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Hot Career: Engineering

Engineers

In [a recent story on CNN](#), engineering was named one of the top hottest careers for 2012. The engineering field can be very refined in that one area could have a lot of job growth compared to other areas of expertise. Engineering covers a wide variety of specialties: From aerospace to civil to mechanical to petroleum.

For example, in a story about [hot careers for 2018](#), the *Wall Street Journal* pinpointed biomedical engineering: "Jobs in this field, which centers on developing and testing health-care innovations such as artificial organs or imaging systems, are expected to grow by 72 percent, the Labor Department says."

Where Does Collin College Fit In?

First of all, engineers need a minimum of a bachelor's degree for entry-level positions. Still, that does not mean you can't finish your core and graduate from Collin College before transferring.

Collin College offers an associate of science in Industrial Engineering in addition to field of study programs in Engineering and Engineering Technology. Also, the college offers an associate of applied science (AAS) in Electronic Engineering Technology in addition to a Biomedical Instrumentation Electronic Specialization AAS.

To support the transfer process, Collin College has articulation agreements with several local universities. Collin College has the Bachelor of Science in Industrial Engineering Articulation Agreement with Texas A&M University-Commerce and the Collin College-The University of Texas at Dallas Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering (BSEE) Articulation Agreement.

How Much Can You Get Paid?

Engineering grads are some of the highest paid in the United States. The bottom 10 percent of salaries are in the \$55,000/annual range and the average is around \$75,000. Salaries depend on experience and areas of expertise. Nuclear and aerospace engineers typically make more than agricultural and health and safety engineers.

Are There Jobs?

As of 2008, there were 1.6 million engineers – of all kinds – in the United States, and according to the U.S. Department of Labor and Statistics, that's expected to grow by 11 percent through 2018. Areas of high growth include biomedical, civil and environmental engineering. In the CNN story, they cite the Society for Human Resource Management survey, which showed that 88 percent of employers were seeking more qualified engineers.

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Don't Hate Week

Through Friday, Feb. 17

Central Park Campus

Join Active Minds in Don't Hate Week, an anti-bullying initiative with a series of events throughout the week. Email activeminds@collin.edu for a full list of events.

Cougars vs. Southwestern Christian College

Lady Cougars vs. Southwestern Christian College

5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. -- Wednesday, Feb. 15 -- Spring Creek Campus

Contact:

www.collin.edu/athletics/mens/basketball/schedule.html,

www.collin.edu/athletics/womens/basketball/schedule.html

Cooking In Other Women's Kitchen's: Domestic Workers in the South, 1865-1960

(African American History Month)

11 a.m.-noon and noon-12:45 p.m. -- Monday, Feb. 21 --

Living Legends Conference Center

Rebecca Sharpless, professor of history at TCU and author of *Cooking In Other Women's Kitchens*, will present about her book and host a question-and-answer session afterward.

Contact: Professor Cathy Whitney at cwhitney@collin.edu

Polysomnography Information Session

6:30-8 p.m. - Tuesday, Feb. 21

Spring Creek Campus, Living Legends Conference Center

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

Contact: www.collin.edu/sleep

Transfer Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m. -- Wednesday, Feb. 22

Preston Ridge Campus Founders Hall

Meet with university representatives. Bring a transcript. Learn about financial aid, transfer, pre-admission programs and more.

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

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

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6-7:30 p.m. - Monday, Feb. 27

Spring Creek Campus, Room BB118

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Contact: www.collin.edu/rcp

Live Smart! Health and Safety Fair

9 a.m.-2 p.m. -- Friday, March 2

Central Park Campus Conference Center

Get free health screenings, give blood and more.

Hairspray

8 p.m. - March 1-3 and 7-10; 2:15 p.m. - March 4 and 10-11

John Anthony Theatre, Spring Creek Campus

An adaptation of John Waters' cult classic pop musical about a teen in the 1960s with the need to dance. Directed by Brad Baker and Mark Mullino. Choreographed by Paul Morelan. General admission is \$15 and \$10 for students and senior citizens.

Contact: www.collintheatrecenter.com

Transfer Fair

10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Thursday, March 8

Spring Creek Campus atrium

Meet with university representatives. Bring a transcript. Learn about financial aid, transfer, pre-admission programs and more.

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

Being There

7 p.m. - Wednesday, March 21

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Screening of the Hal Ashby classic from 1979 starring Peter Sellers. Supporting the Auteur Film Series of TV in film.

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

Technical Education Fair

9 a.m.-3 p.m. - Monday, March 26

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Talk with workforce programs at Collin College and university representatives about transfer. Free.

Contact: 972. 377.1655, 972.548.6778

Job Fair

1-4 p.m. – Wednesday, March 28

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Dress for success and update your resume. Find full- and part-time opportunities, professional, technical and service positions, and some internships.

Contact: 972.881.5781

Collin College Jazz Fest

8 p.m. - Friday-Saturday, March 30-31

John Anthony Theatre and Plano East Senior High School

The 20th annual Jazz Fest will feature guest artists Wayne Bergeron and Clay Jenkins. Friday performance at the John Anthony Theatre. Saturday performance at Plano East.

Admission is \$10. At 8:30 on Saturday, about 30 high school



bands from the area will perform.

Contact: kberg@collin.edu, 972.881.5108.

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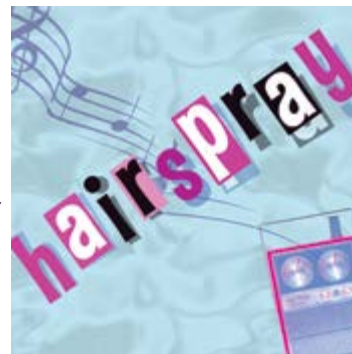
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Production of 'Hairspray' kicks off spring season

You can't stop the beat.

The Collin Theatre Center is staging the hit Broadway musical comedy and major motion picture *Hairspray* to start its spring slate of shows.



Showtimes are at 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, March 1-3 and 7-10 and at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, March 4 and Saturday-Sunday, March 10-11. All shows will be at the John Anthony Theatre at Collin College's Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Plano. Tickets are \$15 and seating is general admission.

Tickets can be purchased at www.collintheatrecenter.com.

Audience members will be guided to Baltimore in the year 1962, where big hair, big heart and change are in the air.

This inspiringly fun musical, winner of eight 2003 Tony Awards including Best Musical, *Hairspray* features a plump teenager with big hair trying to integrate a television show while searching for true love at the same time. Traci goes from outcast to insider when she wins a spot on the popular Corny Collins Show. But can she beat the program's reigning princess, win the love of Link Larkin and integrate the show against the wishes of the nicest kids in town?

With plenty of 60s-inspired [dance music](#), *Hairspray* is suitable for most audiences, but parental discretion is advised.

Hairspray is based on the New Line Cinema film written and directed by John Waters, who served as a creative consultant on the musical comedy. It features a book by Mark O'Donnell and Thomas Meehan. *Hairspray* features an original score by Academy Award-nominated Marc Shaiman (who co-wrote the music and lyrics for the acclaimed

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animated musical, *South Park: Bigger, Longer & Uncut*) and lyrics by Marc Shaiman and Scott Wittman.

For tickets and other information, call the Collin Theatre Center Box Office at 972.881.5809 or visit www.collintheatrecenter.com.

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What's new at a library near you

By Eboni Harris and Lisa Huang

Special Contributors

At the risk of sounding cliché, welcome students and faculty to the spring semester at Central Park Campus.

We here at the library are excited for a fresh start and to see lots of fresh faces: new students and faculty, returning students and faculty, and community members. To show you how eager we are to see you, we've got some new books just for you to help you kick off your new semester and new year right.

Who here wants to shed holiday pounds? You don't have to raise your hand, but you might want to check out the library's new *The Eat This, Not That! No-Diet Diet: The World's Easiest Weight-Loss Plan* by David Zinczenko and Matt Goulding.

If you like Dunkin' Donuts, Olive Garden, Mickey D's and Burger King, this is your kind of diet. If you have kids, you can even *Eat This, Not That! For Kids!: Be the Leanest, Fittest Family on the Block* and make all the neighbors jealous.

Not into dieting and would rather dance away the pounds, try our *Dancing with the Stars: Ballroom Buns and Abs* fitness DVD. If you like what you've heard so far, come see us and see what else we've got for loving to get rid of love handles.

Do you have diabetes and get tired of boring diets filled with foods you don't want to eat or do you just get the "I have diabetes" blues? Check out our newest cookbook, *The Diabetes Comfort Food Cookbook: Food to Fill You Up Not Out* by Robyn Webb. Get great recipes for delicious lasagnas and macaroni and cheese and never feel guilty for stuffing your face.

On a more somber note, new additions to the Central Park Campus' Consumer Health Collection also cover subjects like breast cancer. To husbands, fathers, sons, and brothers helping wives, daughters, sisters, aunts or mothers cope with this horrible disease, remember *Stand by Her* by John W. Anderson. For a true, personal account of a regular man in a supporting role as his loved ones fight breast cancer, you may never find a better story.

And for those of you who didn't forget that February is Heart Health month, we have some titles *From the Heart* by Kathy

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Kastan that really *Take It to Heart* by Pamela Serure and tell you *How to Keep from Breaking Your Heart* by Dr. Barbara H. Roberts.

Come to the Central Park Campus library to find the mentioned titles and much more in our Consumer Health Collection and in our general collection. We love to see you, love to serve you, and we always love to hear you tell us what other titles we can buy to help you start your new semester just right.

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Up-and-coming country artist playing Collin College



Zane Williams plays the Living Legends Conference Center Monday, Feb. 20

The Commercial Music Department at Collin College will host an up-and-coming, award-winning singer-songwriter as a part of the Music Buzz concert series.

Zane Williams will perform at 7 p.m., Monday, Feb. 20, at the Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center.

All Music Buzz events are free and open to the public. Williams will perform a 45-minute music set. Jim Catino, vice president of A&R at Sony/BMG Nashville said, "The first time I heard Zane he blew me away ... incredible songs, great storyteller. I'm really excited about Zane's future and think he's going to be around for a long time."

Williams is a Texas-born singer-songwriter, who has spent nine years in Nashville and honed his craft by performing at hundreds of colleges and universities nationwide. And though the experience was invaluable and helped mold him into the artist he is today, it wasn't until he returned to Texas in 2009 that he really hit his musical stride.

Texas legend Radney Foster produced Williams' newest album, *The Right Place*, featuring 10 songs

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that shine with a brilliant simplicity that takes the listeners on a colorful emotional journey through a Texas roadhouse on a Saturday night. From the funky, swinging swagger of "I Am What I Am," and the hauntingly romantic "Six Steel Strings," to the hopeful optimism of "Live To Love Again" and the irreverently bawdy fun of "99 Bottles," the album proves that all his musical soul-searching was well worth the trip.

Williams wrote the top-20 hit single "Hurry Home" for Arista recording artist Jason Michael Carroll and was the grand prize winner of CMT/Nashville Songwriter's Association Song Contest and has opened for George Jones, the Nitty Gritty Dirt Band, Radney Foster, Max Stalling, 1100 Springs, Aaron Watson, John Michael Montgomery, Josh Gracin, and Chris Cagle.

Visit www.collin.edu/music or call 972.881.5107 for more information.

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Professor **R. Scott Yarbrough's** poem "Ketchup" appeared in the annual literary journal of literature *The Evansville Review*, Volume XXII, a publication of Evansville University. With this publication, Yarbrough joins a prestigious list of past contributors including Arthur Miller, Edward Albee, John Updike, Rita Dove, Dana Gioia and W. D. Snodgrass. Also, another of Yarbrough's poems, "Vein Faced Dolls with Eyes", appeared in *Bluestem*, formally *Karamu*, an annual publication of Eastern Illinois University.



Scott Yarbrough

The **Collin College Mock Trial** team successfully advanced to the Mock Trial Championship Series after finishing seventh in the Mock Trial Regionals in Houston. Collin College advanced to nationals for the fourth year in a row beating teams from Baylor University, The University of Texas and The University of Texas at Dallas.

Don Weasenforth, professor and dean of Developmental Education, was selected to serve on a statewide six-member leadership committee for the Texas Developmental Education Initiative.

Marta Frey, SBDC director, was inducted into the "Million Dollar Loan Club" by the North Texas Small Business Development Center Network for helping acquire \$3.5 million dollars in economic development for Collin SBDC clients in 2010-11.



Marta Frey

Dr. Diana Gingo, professor of English, received her doctoral degree in English from the University of North Texas.

Linda Qualia, director of Counseling Services, received the Collin County Council on Family Violence Advocate of the Year award.

Annie Chaddick, outreach coordinator, received the Student Development Excellence Award from Collin College.

Adam Miller, professor of philosophy, published his fourth book, *Speculative Grace: An Experiment with Bruno Latour in Object-Oriented Theology*.

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Dallas Cowboys great Herschel Walker spoke at the Central Park Campus Feb. 13 in support of Active Minds' kick-off of a week of events spreading the word about bullying.

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Cougar Sports Corner

Lady Cougars Hit The Conference Grind

The Lady Cougars are hanging on in conference currently sitting in fourth in Region V with a 4-5 conference mark and four games back of first place.

Weatherford College 69, Lady Cougars 42

Lady Cougars 61, Ranger College 44

Cisco College 66, Lady Cougars 59

Hill College 62, Lady Cougars 51

Men Stumble In Conference

Despite sitting in third place in the NTJACAC, the Cougars have hit a road bump on their journey to the post-season. They've lost three of five and are 4-3 in conference. The top four teams in the conference reach the Region V tournament.

Weatherford College 65, Cougars 63

Ranger College 77, Cougars 72

Cougars 69, Hill College 65

Upcoming games:

All home games are played at the Spring Creek Campus and are free to students, staff and faculty. Go to www.collin.edu/athletics/mens/basketball/schedule.html or www.collin.edu/athletics/womens/basketball/schedule.html.

Cougars at McClennan County College

Lady Cougars at McClennan County College

2 p.m./4 p.m. - Saturday, Feb. 18 - Waco

Cougars at Temple College

Lady Cougars at Temple College

5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. - Wednesday, Feb. 22 - Temple

Cougars vs. Weatherford College

Lady Cougars vs. Weatherford College

2 p.m./4 p.m. -- Saturday, Feb. 25 -- Spring Creek Campus

Cougars vs. Ranger College

Lady Cougars vs. Ranger College

5:30 p.m./7:30 p.m. -- Wednesday, Feb. 29 -- Spring Creek Campus

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