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The presidential nomination process, does it work and how can it be better.
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Collin College squad takes it to A&M, UT, Baylor and others in regional contest.
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Music professor passes away

Sabine Madriguera served as director of guitar studies in addition to leading the college's student ensembles.
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The basketball season is over. How did our Cougars and Lady Cougars do?

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The Distinguished Speaker Series at Collin College will welcome Dr. Bruce Perry from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 1.

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Priority online registration for Collin College's Maymester and summer terms begins Monday, March 12 while online registration for all students opens Thursday, March 15.

Priority online registration for students with 50+ hours begins Monday, March 12; 30+ hours, Tuesday, March 13; and 1+ hours, Wednesday, March 14.

New state law mandates effective Spring 2012, all new students under the age of 30 are required to provide proof of having received the bacterial meningitis vaccination or booster 10 days prior to the start of semester term in which they are attending. Students can fax documentation of having received the vaccine or booster to 1.972.548.6702 or 972.377.1792. For additional information about meningitis, exceptions or exemptions, email admissions@collin.edu or visit www.collin.edu/meningitis.

Registration at Collin College is done through CougarWeb and payment must be made at the time of registration. 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. 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.

For more information, visit www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/. For more general information, visit collin.edu or call 1.877.COLLIN1.

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Dr. Caroline Tolbert's presentation Feb. 15 at the Central Park Campus started with a simple question:



Dr. Caroline Tolbert

"Why Iowa?"

The smallish Midwestern state has seven total electoral votes. It is not a battleground state. It is known more for growing corn than most anything else.

That excludes being instrumental in the nomination of presidential candidates.

Dr. Tolbert is a professor of political science at the University of Iowa and spoke at Collin College as part of the Distinguished Speaker Series. She's the author of more than six books and dozens of articles. Her research explores political behavior and elections.

"This is a story as to why you start with Iowa. I'm from Iowa and there's a lot of backlash regarding Iowa starting the nomination process," Dr. Tolbert said.

2008

"On the day of the Iowa caucus, my faith in the American people was vindicated. What you started here in Iowa has swept across the nation. So the people of Iowa I will always be grateful to all of you."

Then-congressman Barack Obama said that in the winter of 2008 after winning the Iowa caucus. This was before "hope" and "change" would define his campaign that would take the presidential election the next November.

By the time of the Iowa caucus, Obama was a virtual nobody. The Democratic frontrunner was congresswoman Hillary Clinton. "She had the most money and the most media attention all across the country. On the Republican side, Mitt Romney had the most money, name recognition and media attention. Erase Iowa and we would have likely seen a Clinton-Romney presidential debate."

Instead, the unlikely happened. Obama took on a grassroots, door-knocking, face-to-face campaign in Iowa. It worked. The underdog jumped up and bit the favorite.

According to Dr. Tolbert's research, Obama spent more time and money into face-to-face campaigning. Romney, who lost Iowa in 2008, spent very little time and money in

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grassroots campaigning. In 2012, Romney won (or tied Rick Santorum) Iowa. Per the research, he dramatically increased the amount of face-to-face, door-to-door campaigning.

"That's what political science is all about: Finding patterns. Obama is not president by accident. He's president because he used the rules smartly and effectively to win the campaign," Dr. Tolbert said.

The Peanut Farmer

Obama's improbable springboard to prominence during and after the Iowa caucus was not the first time a Democratic candidate found himself from going from unknown to the White House.

It was 1976 and the little-known governor of Georgia Jimmy Carter was running for the Democratic presidential nomination. Iowa would propel Carter into the national spotlight providing him the momentum for a run for the Oval Office. It also propelled the Iowa caucus into what it is today: The marquee primary and what Dr. Tolbert thinks is a good indicator of who runs for president.

Carter won Iowa in 1976 getting 28 percent of the caucus votes. The nearest competitor – Birch Bayh – received 13 percent. Carter would win 13 of the first 14 primaries and caucuses, including Texas, Florida, Pennsylvania and Illinois.

"The way the system is set up, winning Iowa can be important in picking a president," Dr. Tolbert said. She added that "winning" Iowa might not always result in more delegate votes. Candidates like Santorum have benefited with outperforming preconceived media expectations.

"You don't have to win Iowa. You have to do better than what the media expects you to do," she said. "Santorum was not predicted to be one of the frontrunners to win or tie the Iowa caucus. Obviously Obama did this in 2008."

By outperforming media expectations in Iowa, and maybe winning outright, candidates build momentum, donors are more likely to, for lack of a better word, "buy" in and the media begins to cover them more in upcoming primaries.

Case in point: Mitt Romney, a Republican nominee candidate in 2008. After failing in Iowa, he lost momentum, money and media attention. Thus, he lost the confidence of the other Republican voters in other states, according to Dr. Tolbert.

"He might have been a good president. But he sent signals in Iowa and New Hampshire that he can't win the nomination and that he would not be able to beat Obama," she said.

In reality, Iowa is not the only important early primary. Dr. Tolbert points to New Hampshire and South Carolina as being very vital, which makes the current Republican nomination process interesting because Santorum and Romney effectively "won" Iowa, Romney won New Hampshire and Newt Gingrich won South Carolina. Essentially, the nomination will boil down to Super Tuesday on March 6 when 10 states will hold their respective primaries and caucuses.

In polls administered by Dr. Tolbert and her partners, 50 percent of voters knew that Obama had won the Iowa

caucus in 2008. By Super Tuesday, 55 percent knew.

"If you knew Obama had won Iowa, you were more likely to think he was going to win the party's nomination," Dr. Tolbert said. "If you believed a candidate was electable, you were much more likely to vote for that candidate. People are strategic and don't want to throw away their vote. The bottom line is knowing that Obama won Iowa made people believe that he was viable and increased the probability of them voting for Obama."

The Caucus

Whereas a primary resembles a general election – people go to a polling location and privately cast a vote – the caucus is different.

A caucus is a meeting of local party business – officers are elected and operations are discussed. Then, an individual will stand up and give a summary of a nominee candidate. In Iowa, the Democratic caucus is a public vote. People will stand up and go to a corner of the room as a "vote" for a nominee. On the Republican side, it's a private vote. There are two rounds of voting and a candidate must get 15 percent of the vote to remain in the race. If a candidate doesn't get 15 percent, those voters must choose another candidate in the next round.

More than 50 percent of eligible voters participate in the New Hampshire primary. About six percent of eligible voters turn out for the Iowa caucus. This is why grassroots tactics like knocking on doors works in Iowa.

"The whole name of the game is mobilizing voters to turn out," Dr. Tolbert said. "Grassroots is how you get people out on a cold January night caucusing rather than just casting a ballot. It tests these candidates. If it's just an election, you can throw money at the problem. And if you have money you can just run ads attacking each other. You can't buy a turnout in a caucus. You have to have grassroots politics and volunteers."

Fairness

Criticism of the current nomination process points to the perceived unfairness of Iowa – a small state – starting the process (or any one state starting the process). This is amplified by the small turnout in the caucus holding such a giant impact.

Options include a national primary in which every state votes on the same day, which would eradicate the weeding-out process currently in place with states going in a sequential order.

Other options include a regional primaries or a graduated primary system where the small states would vote, then the medium-sized states, then medium-large states then the large states. In this situation, the small states voting first would not have the delegates for someone to clinch a nomination and it would keep the "weeding-out" element in play.

"Lots of people don't like this system. Every year there's so much grumbling. Why don't we change? Because the parties can't agree on anything else. They're stuck," Dr. Tolbert said.

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Mock Trial reaches nationals for fourth straight year



The Collin College Mock Trial Team placed seventh in the regional tournament in Houston to qualify for American Mock Trial Association Championship Series for the fourth year in a row.

For the fourth consecutive year, Collin College's Mock Trial team is making history.

The squad is advancing to the American Mock Trial Association Championship Series for the fourth straight year. Collin College was the only two-year institution to go three straight times to national competition. Now, they have set the bar higher with their fourth trip. This year's Championship Series is March 23 in Memphis.

The Mock Trial team consists of Chris Arnell of Allen, An Nguyen of Richardson, Kimberly Smith of Rowlett, Gaea Ferrer of Plano, Michelle Davis of Allen, Camille Dickerson of Plano and Chad Horton of Plano.

The Collin College Mock Trial team advanced by finishing seventh in the Mock Trial Regionals in Houston where they beat teams from Baylor University, The University of Texas, Texas A&M University, University of Houston, Tulane University, The University of Texas at Dallas and others.

Collin College will compete against 600 other colleges and universities at the Championship Series. In 2009, Collin College was the first two-year institution to qualify for nationals.

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Music professor passes away

Collin College is mourning the loss of groundbreaking professor Sabine Madriguera.



Madriguera, 42, passed away Feb. 22 after a two-year battle with cancer. She was the director of guitar studies at Collin College, where she started in the fall of 1999. The flags at all Collin College campuses were lowered to half-staff in her honor.

“Sabine’s passing is a great loss to Collin College,” said Cary Israel, district president. “She exemplified the caring, hard-working and scholarly standard that we hold true at Collin College for our professors. Her impact on the lives of her students, colleagues and anyone who heard her music is immeasurable.”

Sabine Madriguera

Madriguera’s student ensembles at Collin College were highly competitive and even earned top honors at The University of Texas at Brownsville Guitar Ensemble Festival and Competition.

Professor Madriguera held a master’s degree in guitar performance and pedagogy from Hochschule fuer Musik “Hanns Eisler” in Berlin, Germany, and she was a member of the advisory board to the Allegro Guitar Society. In 2005 she became the first director of the Guitar Orchestra for Cross Timbers Youth Orchestra. Madriguera had previously taught at The University of Texas at Dallas, Brookhaven College and the Music School Treptow in Berlin, Germany.

Madriguera’s husband, Enric, also teaches guitar at Collin College.

In 1996, Sabine and Enric formed Duo Madriguera and were featured at international festivals in Austria, the Czech Republic, Mexico, Peru and Spain. Duo Madriguera has performed in prestigious halls like the Sala Manuel Ponce in Mexico City and the Teatro Villa de Madrid, for the Sociedad Espanola, which is the guitar society of Madrid. In 2009, Sabine and Enric embarked on a four-city tour of Peru co-sponsored by Partners of the Americas and the U.S. Embassy.

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“Sabine was a wonderful professor with a great talent for inspiring students, which stemmed from her passion for music and her natural talent. She will be greatly missed,” said Dr. Colleen Smith, district senior vice president of academic affairs and student development.

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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

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.

Polysomnography Information Session

Noon-1:30 p.m. – Monday, March 5

Central Park Campus Conference Center

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

Contact: www.collin.edu/sleep

Surgical Technology Information Session

2-3 p.m. – Tuesday, March 6

Spring Creek Campus, Room BB132

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

Contact: www.collin.edu/surgtech

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>

Respiratory Care Information Session

Noon-1:30 p.m. – Friday, March 9

Central Park Campus Conference Center

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

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Health Information Management Information Session

2-3:30 p.m. – Monday, March 19
Preston Ridge Campus, Room L220

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

Contact: www.collin.edu/hit

Polysomnography Information Session

6:30-8 p.m. – Tuesday, March 20
Preston Ridge Campus, Room L244

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

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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

Health Information Management Information Session

11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Monday, March 26
Central Park Campus, Room B110

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

Contact: www.collin.edu/hit

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

Higher Education Information Session

7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, April 10

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Meet with representatives from Dallas Baptist University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Woman's University, the University of North Texas and The University of Texas at Dallas, all partners offering programs at the Collin Higher Education Center. Registration required.

Contact: chec@collin.edu

Good Night and Good Luck

7 p.m. - Thursday, April 19

Angelika Film Center, The Shops at Legacy, 7205 Bishop Road, Plano

Continuing the Auteur Film Series' TV in film theme, *Good Night and Good Luck* follows newsman Edward R. Murray as he defies pressure from the network and sponsors and exposes the fear-mongering tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy during the Red Scare.

Contact:

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

Higher Education Information Session

10 a.m.-noon – Saturday, April 21

Collin Higher Education Board Room, First Floor

Meet with representatives from Dallas Baptist University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Woman's University, the University of North Texas and The University of Texas at Dallas, all partners offering programs at the Collin Higher Education Center. Registration required.

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Andrea Leavey - Poetry Reading

2:30-3:30 p.m. - Monday, April 23

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

A free poetry reading from Andrea Leavey's new collection of poems, *To Find A New Beauty*. Leavey is a former English faculty at Collin College.

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Former Collin College theater student **Jason Ralph** will make his Broadway debut in *Peter and the Starcatcher*. Ralph follows in the footsteps of other Collin College alumni who have performed on Broadway including Brendan Quigley (*Wicked*), Brian J. Smith (*Come Back Little Sheba*), Thomas Charles LeGalley (*Lysistrata Jones*), Kelli Sawyer (*Avenue Q*), Michael Urie (*How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*).

Dr. Mike Itashiki, associate professor, earned his doctoral degree in sociology from the University of North Texas.



Ralph Woods, student, placed second in Pearson Publishing's National Writing Rewards Contest for his essay titled "The Rise of Social Media: The Downfall of Progress" and received a \$500 prize. For Woods' recognition, professor of developmental writing **Marti**

Dr. Mike Itashiki

Miles-Rosenfield received an honorarium, which she donated to the ESL Excellence Fund.

Joan Reese, associate professor of English, had *Final Notes*, her first chapbook of poems, published by Naked Mannekin/Fractal Edge Press. Reese's poems and fiction have appeared most recently in *Blue Fifth Review*, *Zocalo Public Square*, *Lost in Thought Magazine*, *A Baker's Dozen*, *Eunoia Review* and in two anthologies, *Flash Fiction Fridays Anthology* and *The Lost Children Anthology*. Her creative nonfiction piece, "The Lost Boy," was recently read by Robert Vaughan, host of Flash Fiction Fridays at NPR affiliate station WUWM.

Former Collin College students **Erica Kenney** and **Michael Lundie** were inducted into Southern Methodist University's Robert Stewart Hyer Society. Only 27 students were inducted into the Hyer Society, named after SMU's first president and is the most prestigious academic society on campus.

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Smart living: Annual fair set for March 2

Learn ways to put yourself first during the annual Live Smart! Health and Safety Fair.

This year's event is set from 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Friday, March 2, at the Central Park Campus, 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney.

The Live Smart! Health and Safety Fair is free and open to the public.

Attendees can:

- Get free health screenings, including hearing, glucose and body fat
- Give blood
- Attend informative safety demonstrations
- Take home information and facts about wellness from medical experts
- Enter to win door prizes

The event is sponsored by Collin College, Baylor Regional Medical Center, Children's Medical Center at Legacy, Texas Health Presbyterian Hospital Allen, The Medical Center of Plano, Centennial Medical Center and Medical Center of McKinney.

For more information, call Dr. Linda Adams at 972.881.5777.

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Cougar Sports Corner

Lady Cougars Force Play-In Game

The Lady Cougars battled for the post-season and met their mark finishing tied for fourth in conference with a 7-7 record and 16-14 overall. They will play McClennan College in a play-in game Friday, March 2 for a spot in the Region V tournament in Lubbock

The Lady Cougars won three of their last five to force the play-in game.

Hill College 62, Lady Cougars 51

Lilia Inoubli had a double-double with 12 boards and 12 points in the loss. Sam Offord offset a 1-10 shooting performance by hitting 10 of 12 from the charity stripe scoring 12 points. Taylor Jones led all Lady Cougars with 15 points.

Cisco College 66, Lady Cougars 59

Janell Beacham and Zbeyda Aremi scored 13 points apiece and Sam Offord had 12 points, nine boards and five assists in the loss.

Lady Cougars 66, Southwestern Christian College 50

McClennan College 49, Lady Cougars 46

Lady Cougars 53, Temple College 47

Weatherford College 58, Lady Cougars 42

Lady Cougars 75, Ranger College 44

Men Hit 20 Wins, Narrowly Miss Playoffs

Four the fifth straight year under head coach Jim Sigona, the men's basketball team has reached 20 wins in a season. In fact, they've reached 20 wins 10 times and 19 wins four other times.

Unfortunately, the Cougars missed the post-season finishing fourth in their conference with a 7-7 conference record, tied with Weatherford and Temple colleges.

As a tie-breaker, the three teams' power rankings - judging their records against the best teams -- were compared and Collin College fell short.

Ranger College 78, Collin College 72

Andre Corley led the men with 18 points and Amos Wilson chipped in 16 in the conference loss. The Cougars hit 10 three-pointers; however, 17 turnovers hurt them against the the conference leader.

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**Cougars 98, Southwestern Christian College 57
McClennan College 65, Cougars 52
Temple College 73, Cougars 63
Weatherford College 77, Cougars 80
Cougars 79, Ranger College 65**

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Brain expert to visit Collin College

The Distinguished Speaker Series at Collin College will welcome Dr. Bruce Perry from 7-9 p.m., Thursday, March 1.



Dr. Bruce Perry

Presenting on "Creativity in Neuroscience," Dr. Perry is the senior fellow of The ChildTrauma Academy in Houston and an adjunct professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the Feinberg School of Medicine of Northwestern University in Chicago.

Dr. Perry is one of the nation's foremost experts in children's mental health and neuroscience. Previously, he had served as the Thomas S. Trammell Research Professor of Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine and chief of psychiatry at Texas Children's Hospital. The ChildTrauma Academy is a leading center of research and education on child maltreatment.

He is the co-author of *The Boy Who Was Raised as a Dog: And Other Stories from a Child Psychiatrist's Notebook -- What Traumatized Children Can Teach Us About Loss, Love, and Healing* and *Born for Love: Why Empathy is Essential – and Endangered*.

Dr. Perry has conducted both basic neuroscience and clinical research. His neuroscience research has examined the effects of prenatal drug exposure on brain development, the neurobiology of human neuropsychiatric disorders, the neurophysiology of traumatic life events and basic mechanisms related to the development of neurotransmitter receptors in the brain.

His clinical research and practice has focused on high-risk children – examining long-term cognitive, behavioral, emotional, social, and physiological effects of neglect and trauma in children, adolescents and adults. His clinical research over the last 10 years has been focused on integrating concepts of developmental neuroscience and child development into clinical practices.

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Dr. Perry served as a consultant on a number of high-profile events dealing with traumatized children including survivors of 9/11, the Oklahoma City bombing, the Branch Davidian siege in Waco, the Columbine school shootings and the earthquake in Haiti. He has been featured on National Public Radio, *The Today Show*, *Good Morning America*, *Nightline*, CNN, MSNBC, *U.S. News and World Report*, *Time*, *Newsweek*, *Washington Post*, the *New York Times* and *Rolling Stone*.

Dr. Perry did his undergraduate work at Stanford University and Amherst College. He attended medical and graduate school at Northwestern University, receiving both master's and doctoral degrees. He completed a residency in general psychiatry at Yale University School of Medicine and a fellowship in Child and Adolescent Psychiatry at The University of Chicago.

Dr. Perry's lecture will be at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center, 9700 Wade Blvd. in Frisco. Distinguished Speaker Series events are free and open to the public. His lecture will be followed by a question-and-answer session and book signing.

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

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ACC seeks nominations for ROSE awards, service

The All College Council is seeking nominations to serve and for the annual Recognition of Service and Excellence (ROSE) awards.

Nominations for Collin College's All College Council are open to any employee, who wants to make a difference.

Individuals can nominate his or herself or someone he or she think could commit for a two-year term, attend monthly meetings, be active in ACC subcommittees and foster the college's core values and mission.

- Build a spirit of community through service outreach activities.
- Enhance internal communication throughout the district.
- Work with leadership to review and provide recommendations pertaining to procedure and policy changes.

ACC initiatives include:

- Meals on Wheels Fall Harvest Boxes
- Children's Holiday Wish Fund
- Recognition of Service and Excellence (ROSE) Award
- Scholarships to Collin College students

The nominee must have completed at least one year of service at Collin College. The term of office is from Sept. 1, 2012-August 31, 2014. Be sure the nominee is willing to serve if elected.

Nomination deadline: Friday, April 6.

The ROSE awards are annual nods to a full- and part-time Collin College employee.

A ROSE award nominee should support the college's core values, demonstrate outstanding service, promote understanding and trust, be a good steward and showcase the spirit of volunteerism.

Nominees must:

- Be a full- or part-time staff member
- Have completed two years of service with the college
- Have no disciplinary actions for the past three years

A staff member is ineligible for nomination for three years

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after previously winning. Current All College Council members are ineligible.

Nomination deadline: Friday, March 30.

Go here to make a nomination:

www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_ROSE_Award.

ROSE award winners will be announced at All College Day in August.

Contact Lisa Huang at ext. 6734 or ACC@collin.edu for more information about All College Council and the ROSE awards.

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Academic Advising

March is a great month to come in and get your in-depth advising and degree planning done. As always, it is never too early to start planning for the next semester.

Admissions

Classes fill up quickly for Maymester and summer I, II and III. You can avoid disappointment by registering early. CougarWeb registration is based on credit hours completed at Collin College:

March 12 -- 50+ hours

March 13 -- 30+ hours

March 14 -- 1+ hours

March 15 -- open for all

Counseling Services

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

Personal Counseling

Personal counseling is available at the Spring Creek, Preston Ridge and Central Park campuses Monday-Friday 8 a.m.-5 p.m.

Contact Counseling Services at 972.881.5126 or personalcounseling@collin.edu to schedule an appointment.

Career Counseling

Career counseling is available at each campus:

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

Contact Career Services at 972.881.5781 or career@collin.edu to schedule an appointment.

College Readiness Workshops, Central Park Campus, Center for Academic Assistance A104

- Noon- 1 p.m. – Wednesday, March 28 - "How can reading my textbook help me take better notes?"

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Personal Enrichment Seminars, Preston Ridge Campus, Room J228

- Noon-1 p.m. – Thursday, March 22 - "Steps to Increasing and Projecting Your Confidence"

Emotional Wellness Seminars, Spring Creek Campus, G212

- Noon-1 p.m. – Tuesday, March 13 - "Preparing to Party: Spring Break"
- Noon-1 p.m. Wednesday, March 28 - "How to Stop Worrying, Learning to Cope"

The Be Project

Wanna Be an Advocate for Healthy Relationships? Join the Be Project and Be a Part of the Solution. The Be Project is open to all current students and will meet on a weekly basis for eight weeks. If you are interested in participating, contact Counseling Services at 972.881.5126 or htcollier@familyplace.com.

Read Student Health 101 magazine and enter to **win \$1,000** <http://readsh101.com/collin.html>.

Job Fair

1-4 p.m., Wednesday, March 28

Legends Conference Center at the Spring Creek Campus in Plano

Students save time, money, and gas by meeting company recruiters in one convenient location. You may have the opportunity to obtain part-time and full-time employment and explore career opportunities with local employers. Invite your family members, friends, and neighbors. The Job Fair is open to the community. For information call 972.881.5781.

Financial Aid

Hope everyone's semester is off to a great start. It is time to file your FAFSA for the 2012-13 award year -- do not delay.

For veterans, we will once again have an early registration for our students using veteran benefits. The date is not yet determined for summer and fall registration, but the first one should be in early March. Watch both your Cougarmail and your personal email for updates.

If you have any questions about financial aid or veterans affairs, call us at 972.881.5760.

Student Life

"And the award goes to. . ." [insert **YOUR** Student Organization Name here!]

Nomination Forms for **2011-2012 Student Organization Awards** are available now. The forms are due to the Student Life office at noon, Friday, March 30. Incomplete or late nominations will not be accepted, no exceptions.

Categories are:

- Advisor of the Year
- Best New Advisor of the Year
- Distinguished Officer of the Year
- New Organization of the Year
- Organization Member of the Year
- Organization of the Year
- Philanthropic Organization of the Year

The Nomination Forms are available on the [Student Organization Newpage](#).

Awards will be presented during the 10th Annual Student Organization Awards Reception at 5:30 p.m., **Friday, May 4** at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center. The reception begins at 5 p.m.

Transfer Programs

Are you planning to transfer in the fall?

Did you know you can make that transition much easier with the work ethic and participation skills you develop right here at Collin College.

Some suggestions:

- Make sure you know how you are doing in class. Ask questions early and often. Don't wait until it is too late to get back on track. Do you know where to look for assistance? If not, ask classmates, your professor, or an academic advisor.
- Do you have a study group going? They can be a great way to work through problems, discuss difficult material, and study for exams. Talk to people around you in class or send email through your class Blackboard account. Some groups meet in a coffee shop while others prefer the library or other campus location. If you are an introvert, consider a study partner instead of a group. There are many on-line resources. Here is a site that is well organized, but another may be more useful for you: [How To Study.org](#).
- Get connected on campus! Challenge yourself to attend at least one event per semester on campus. There are a wide variety of opportunities for seminars, visiting lecturers, performances, and other events. Use the Collin calendar link below to find these.

For more information about transferring, contact the Transfer Programs Office at 972.985.3734 or visit <http://transferu.collin.edu>.

Events and Important Dates

- 9 a.m.-2 p.m. - March 2 - Live Smart: Health and Safety Fair, Central Park Campus
- 6-8 p.m. - March 6 - Pre-admission Partnership Workshop, Spring Creek Campus
- 10 a.m.-2 p.m. - March 8 - College Transfer Fair, Spring Creek Campus
- April 15 deadline for Collin College Foundation



Scholarships:

www.collin.edu/foundation/scholapp/application.html

*For the Collin's calendar of events for February, go to:
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