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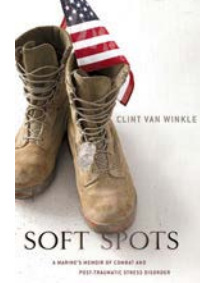
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### Book-in-Common author making visit

Book-in-Common organizers throw a change-up, host Clint Van Winkle in spring.

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### Collin College student goes SURFing

Student gets invite to UT Southwestern research program.

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### Campus Dates

Book-in-Common is here and much more!

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### Ready, set, create: Art Day open to public

And it's free. Enjoy demonstrations, talks, events, tours and more.

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### 'Good Night and Good Luck' enters Auteur 'wasteland'

Film series closes out 2011-12 season with George Clooney flick.

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### Last chance to nominate for All College Council

Put a name in the hat.

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### Tutoring available to all enrolled students

Small-group and online tutoring services are free to all currently-enrolled students in a variety of subjects.

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It's all about the money, early registration dates for new and returning veterans and organizational tips to use right now.

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### College News

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Sopranos, prehistoric penguins, the final frontier and James Cameron being James Cameron.  
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## Book-in-Common author making visit

The 2011-12 Book-in-Common program will place its focus on the experiences of the country's veterans – on and off the battlefield.

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



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

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.

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 relates how his combat experience has affected him physically, mentally and emotionally once he returned stateside.

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; *The Poe Shadow* by Matthew Pearl; 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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## Collin College student goes SURFing

One Collin College student is taking the summer to do a little SURFing.

Marcus Shanks, of McKinney, was selected to participate in The University of Texas Southwestern Medical Center's 10-week Summer Undergraduate Research Fellowship (SURF) program. Shanks will learn and work in UT Southwestern's Graduate School of Biomedical Sciences, one of the premier biomedical research institutes in the nation.

More than 1,000 students apply for the SURF program and this year only 85 were chosen.

"When I told my kids that I was going to be conducting scientific research over the summer, one of them asked, 'So does this mean that you are going to be like Einstein?' I told him no, that I would be working *with* people like Einstein," Shanks said. "It feels good to have been selected among the many qualified candidates. It is a great opportunity and I hope to meet many people that can help guide my career in research."

Shanks plans to transfer to The University of Texas at Dallas in the fall and eventually be a researcher in the biomedical field specializing in neuroscience.

"I'm interested in mental illness," Shanks said. "I want to work toward improving the lives of those who suffer from mental disorders like bipolar disorder, schizophrenia and Alzheimer's disease. My family has a long history of it. I've seen a lot of the pain it causes up close."

For more information about Collin College biotechnology classes and undergraduate research, visit [collin.edu](http://collin.edu).

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### All College Council Nominations

*Through Friday, April 6*

Nominations to serve on the All College Council is open to any staff or faculty member. Participate in the council's many service projects. Go to

[www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012\\_nominations](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_nominations).

**Contact:** [acc@collin.edu](mailto:acc@collin.edu)

### Food For Fines

*Sunday-Saturday, April 8-14*

*Collin College Libraries*

To celebrate National Library Week, join the Collin College libraries in fighting hunger. For every can of food donated, the library will forgive \$1 in late fines.

**Contact:** <http://collin.libguides.com/LibraryWeek2012>

### Scholarship Application Deadline

*Through Sunday, April 15*

The deadline to apply for a scholarship from the Collin College Foundation for the 2012-13 year is Sunday, April 15. Go to <https://www.collin.edu/foundation/scholapp/application.html> to fill out an application.

**Contact:** 972.599.3145

### Nursing Information Session

*2:30-4 p.m. – Monday, April 2*

*Living Legends Conference Center*

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

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/nursing](http://www.collin.edu/nursing)

### Nursing Information Session

*6:30-8 p.m. – Tuesday, April 3*

*Central Park Campus Conference Center*

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

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/nursing](http://www.collin.edu/nursing)

### Clint Van Winkle - Book-in-Common

*7 p.m. -- Tuesday, April 3*

*Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center*

Lecture from author and veteran Clint Van Winkle.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/bookincommon](http://www.collin.edu/bookincommon)

### Surgical Technology Information Session

*6:30-7:30 – Tuesday, April 3*

*Spring Creek Campus, Room BB133*

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

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/surgtech](http://www.collin.edu/surgtech)



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#### Clint Van Winkle - Book-in-Common

7 p.m. -- Wednesday, April 4

Living Legends Conference Center

Lecture from author and veteran Clint Van Winkle.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/bookincommon](http://www.collin.edu/bookincommon)

#### Polysomnography Information Session

6:30-8 p.m. – Wednesday, April 4

Spring Creek Campus, Room J131

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

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/sleep](http://www.collin.edu/sleep)

#### Clint Van Winkle - Book-in-Common

1 p.m. -- Thursday, April 5

Central Park Campus Conference Center

Lecture from author and veteran Clint Van Winkle.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/bookincommon](http://www.collin.edu/bookincommon)

#### Spring Holiday

Friday-Sunday, April 6-8

All campuses are closed.

#### Respiratory Care Information Session

Noon-1:30 p.m. – Monday, April 9

Central Park Campus Conference Center

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

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

#### Higher Education Information Session

7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, April 10

Living Legends Conference Center

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](mailto:chec@collin.edu)

#### Blood Drive

9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Wednesday, April 11

Central Park Campus Conference Center, Preston Ridge

Campus Shawnee Room, Living Legends Conference Center

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

#### Passport to the World - "Rebels and Revolutionaries: The Story of Concord, Massachusetts"

Noon-1:30 p.m. – Wednesday, April 11

Living Legends Conference Center

Professor Dallie Clark will discuss Transcendentalism and literature in the days of Emerson, Thoreau and Alcott. Free and open to the public.

**Contact:**

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

#### Health Information Management Information Session

6:30-8 p.m. – Thursday, April 12



*Spring Creek Campus, Room BB128*

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

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/hit](http://www.collin.edu/hit)

**Blood Drive**

*9 a.m.-4 p.m. - Thursday, April 12*

*Living Legends Conference Center*

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

**Art Day**

*Noon-4:30 p.m. - Saturday, April 14*

*Spring Creek Campus - Fine Arts A Module*

Visit the fine arts department for their second annual Art Day. Visit THE ARTS gallery's latest show and enjoy special demonstrations, events and art talks. Meet art faculty and tour the facilities.

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

**“Die Brücke: Common Bond”**

*Saturday, April 14-Thursday, May 10*

*THE ARTS gallery, Spring Creek Campus*

Artwork from more than 30 local artists and educators inspired by the work of John Brough Miller and his mentor, Maija Grotell. Free and open to the public. Hours: 9 a.m.-8 p.m., Monday-Thursday; 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday; 10 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday.

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

**Polysomnography Information Session**

*6:30-8 p.m. – Tuesday, April 17*

*Central Park Campus Conference Center*

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

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/sleep](http://www.collin.edu/sleep)

**Earth Day**

*11 a.m.-2 p.m. - Wednesday, April 18*

*Preston Ridge Campus*

Recycle, enjoy free music, art and games. Visit with vendors and learn new ways to be Earth friendly. Events are set at each main campus from April 14-21.

**Contact:** [CASE@collin.edu](mailto:CASE@collin.edu)

**Veterans Priority Fall Registration**

*10 a.m.-8 p.m. - Friday, April 20*

*Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center*

For returning veterans, this is an opportunity for returning students, who are veterans, to register for the fall 2012 semester. Also receive advising, check degree plans, review completed VA forms, collect veteran resources and more.

**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](http://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.

**Contact:** [chec@collin.edu](mailto:chec@collin.edu)

**Andrea Leavey - Poetry Reading**

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

*Living Legends Conference Center*

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.

**Respiratory Care Information Session**

*1:30-3 p.m. – Tuesday, April 24*

*Preston Ridge Campus, Room J108*

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

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

**"Do You Lose If You Snooze?"**

*1-2 p.m. -- Wednesday, April 25*

*Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center*

Amber Allen, director of the Polysomnography Technologist program, and Dr. Christine DeLaTorre, professor of business management, discuss the effect of sleep on productivity. Free and open to the public.

**Veterans Priority Fall Registration**

*10 a.m.-8 p.m. - Thursday, May 31*

*Living Legends Conference Center*

For new veteran students, this is an opportunity to register for the fall 2012 semester. Also available are advising, admissions, cashier for payment, veteran resources and more.

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## Ready, set, create: Art Day open to public



*A student lays down some design during Art Day 2011 at the Spring Creek Campus.*

Collin College's Fine Art department at the Spring Creek Campus invites everyone to their second annual Art Day.

Art Day is free and open to the public. Set from noon-4:30 p.m., Saturday, April 14, it is an excellent opportunity to meet with art faculty and tour the facilities at the campus. Events include free art talks, demonstrations and special events.

Art Day coincides with the opening of THE ART gallery's latest show "Die Brücke: Common Bond," which runs through Thursday, May 10.

The exhibition features the work of more than 30 local artists and educators inspired by famed Texas sculptor John Brough Miller and his mentor, Maija Grotell.

The Fine Arts facilities at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway in Plano, are located in the "A" module on the north side of the campus.

Collin College Fine Arts includes drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, art metals and art history.

Visit [www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery) or call 972.881.5873 for information about future shows.

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## 'Good Night and Good Luck' enters Auteur 'wasteland'

The Auteur Film Series finishes its 2011-12 theme of "Films from the Wasteland: TV and the Recline(r) of Civilization" with *Good Night and Good Luck*.



The free screening will be at 7 p.m., Thursday, April 19, at the Angelika Film Center, located at The Shops at Legacy, 7205 Bishop Road in Plano. The event is open to the public.

*Good Night and Good Luck*, directed by George Clooney, chronicles veteran journalist Edward R. Murrow, who hosts *See It Now*, a CBS news program in the early years of television. Defying pressure from the network and sponsors, Murrow exposes the fear-mongering tactics of Senator Joseph McCarthy, crusader against communism.

The film runs 93 minutes. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences.

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

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## Last chance to nominate for All College Council

The deadline to nominate for All College Council is Friday, April 6.

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

Individuals can nominate him or herself or someone he or she thinks 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.

Make a nomination at [www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012\\_nominations](http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2012_nominations).

Contact Lisa Huang at ext. 6734 or [ACC@collin.edu](mailto:ACC@collin.edu) for more information about All College Council.

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Do not get left behind in class. Collin College provides free tutoring services to all currently-enrolled students.



Upon request, students are assigned either small-group or online tutoring, when available. When group or online tutoring is not available, students are given the private tutor list. Private tutoring services are paid by the student.

Students must submit a tutor request form in order to receive detailed information about the available tutoring services. The form is [available here](#) on the tutoring webpage and in the following offices:

- Central Park Campus, Room D117
- Preston Ridge Campus, Room F109
- Spring Creek campus, Rooms G121 or G200

**Group tutoring is available for the following courses:**  
 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- BIOL 1406, 1408
- BIOL 2401, 2402, 2421
- CHEM 1405, 1411, 1412, 2423
- CRIJ 1301
- ENGL 0300, 0305, 0315, 1301, 1302
- GOVT 2301, 2302
- HIST 1301, 1302
- HUMA 1301
- MATH 0302, 0305, 0310
- MATH 1314/1414, 1316, 1325, 1342
- MATH 2312, 2413, 2414
- PHYS 1401, 2425
- PSYC 2301
- READ 0300, 0305, 0310

**Online tutoring is available for the following courses:**  
 (SUBJECT TO CHANGE)

- ACCT 2301, 2302
- ACNT 1303
- BIOL 1406, 1407, 1408, 1409
- CHEM 1412 and below
- ECON 1301, 2301, 2302
- ENGL 1302 and below
- ESLG 0305, 0310, 0315
- ESLW 0305, 0310, 0315

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GRAM 0300

MATH 2414 and below (not including Math 2305, 2318, 2320, 2373, or 2415)

PHYS 2426 and below

SPAN 1411, 1412, 2311, 2312, 2321, 2322

Writing for any class.

Visit

<http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/tutoring/index.html>

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### Collin College Foundation Scholarships

Supporting Collin College students is the main focus of the Collin College Foundation. The foundation strives to ensure that no deserving student is unable to pursue their dreams of higher education because of financial need.

Scholarships are awarded every summer for the upcoming fall semester. Scholarship amounts vary depending on academic studies. Some of them are eligible for renewal for the spring semester based on fulfillment of the scholarship criteria. Renewal is not guaranteed for all scholarship recipients. The [application](#) is for the fall 2012 Scholarship Cycle.

Scholarships are only awarded to students enrolled for six or more credit hours. Scholarship recipients must reapply for a scholarship every year.

Students who participate in one of Collin College's 10 pre-admission partnership programs and are transferring fall 2012 have priority status when applying for the Transfer Scholarship (item IV in the application).

All scholarship applicants are encouraged to apply for financial aid through the Collin College [Financial Aid Office](#). To be considered for a scholarship through Collin College Foundation, you must complete the [online application](#) by midnight April 15, 2012.

For additional information or questions, call 972.599.3145. [www.collin.edu/foundation/students/index.html](http://www.collin.edu/foundation/students/index.html)

### Tips for a Successful Scholarship Application

<http://transferu.collin.edu/scholarshiptips.pdf>

### Admissions

#### Veterans Priority Registration for fall 2012

- Friday, April 20 from 10 a.m.-5 p.m. at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center for **returning vets**.
- Wednesday, May 30 from 10 a.m.-8 p.m. at the Spring Creek Campus Living Legends Conference Center for **new vets** (those not enrolled in spring 2012).

### Financial Aid

Maymester/Summer is just around the corner. We will begin running enrollment reports to identify continuing financial aid students and will award you for whatever you

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are eligible. Please watch your Cougarmail/Cougarweb for updates. Also, remember to file your 2012-13 FAFSA. The process often takes quite some time, and it is better to be as early as possible. Our priority date for paperwork is May 1.

If you have any questions, call 972 881.5760.

### Academic Advising

Fall priority registration begins Tuesday, April 24. Priority is based on number of hours earned at Collin College.

- April 24: 50+ hours
- April 25: 30+ hours
- April 26: 1+ hour(s)
- June 19: Open registration

### Organization Tips

**What format do you use for record keeping?** While it may not be exciting, keeping records certainly is necessary. Whether it is tracking the bills you pay or the classes you take, keeping records now will make your life easier later. When you write or update your resume, it will be so helpful to have your transcript, as well as notes about courses you have taken.

If you think about how the courses and other experiences have helped you learn and grow, it will help shape your resume, essays, and/or applications. Make sure you also track volunteer experiences and assignments at work. Take some time periodically -- maybe at the end of each semester-- to update the organizations in which you are involved, as well as your activities and volunteer hours. The format is up to you. Some like paper records; some use a spreadsheet or e-portfolio. Save information on your hard drive or in the cloud, just save it!

### Events and Important Dates

#### April 15

Deadline for Collin College Foundation Scholarships:  
<https://www.collin.edu/foundation/scholapp/application.html>

#### May 1

Financial Aid priority date for paperwork

For the full calendar of events, go to  
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**Cary Israel**, district president, is the recipient of the Texas Hall of Honor for Distinguished Chief Executive Officer from Phi Theta Kappa, the honor society for two-year institutions.



*Cary Israel*

More than 325 students, faculty and community members attended the presentation "Creativity in Neuroscience" by **Dr. Bruce Perry** at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center on March 1. Dr. Perry is with the Child Trauma Center in Houston.

**Lisa Vasquez**, associate vice president for College and Public Relations, has been elected to the Council of Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) District 4 Board of Directors for a two-year term.

**Dr. Tracey McKenzie**, professor of sociology, published an article titled "POV: The Professor as Entertainer: Keeping Students Captivated and Engaged" in the March 19, 2012 issue of *Community College Week*.



*Dr. Tracey McKenzie*

The **Collin Association for Sustainable Efforts (CASE)** is collecting clothing for World Wear. Turn used clothing green by donating gently worn shoes and clothes to the project and help the Collin College Foundation raise funds for students. World Wear will donate 15 cents to the Foundation for every pound donated. Collection bins are located at the Central Park, Preston Ridge and Spring Creek campuses.

**Dr. Terry Hockenbrough**, director of the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement, earned a doctorate in public affairs from The University of Texas at Dallas.

The Collin College **men's and women's tennis** teams were ranked No. 1 and No. 3 in the nation.

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He's a dork, but this is cool.

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An oral history of the second-best show in TV history.

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Not only my new band name, but also something reconstructed.

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