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Student gets prestigious transfer scholarship

The Jack Kent Cooke Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship is the largest of its kind in the nation. Only 50 students awarded.

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Mock Trial team shows its mettle on national stage

Team goes toe to toe with big universities. Individual makes history.

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Sign up for classes. Be aware of changes to payment, "swapping" classes and more for fall semester

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Second annual event gives public an inside look at fine arts at Collin College.

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Chapter picks up where it left off in 2011.

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Annual event keeps tradition of putting the planet first.

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Student gets prestigious transfer scholarship

A Collin College student has received one of the most renowned scholarships in the nation.



Cameron Woolley

Cameron Woolley, of Plano, is one of 50 college students nationwide to receive the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. The prize is \$30,000 per year for Woolley to complete his bachelor's degree.

It is the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the nation.

Woolley plans to transfer to Southern Methodist University in the fall and pursue a degree in economics and risk management. His long-term plans include going to law school and a career in intellectual property law.

"I am thrilled and deeply honored to have been awarded this amazing opportunity," Woolley said. "I would like to thank the professors and administrators who have taught me so much in my years at Collin College, and my incredible family for their love and support. My time at Collin College has been the most exciting part of my life, and I am overwhelmed by the realization that this is only the beginning."

Criteria for the scholarship including academic achievement, financial need, critical-thinking ability, will to succeed, and breadth of interest and activities as judged by a panel of distinguished university faculty and admissions professionals.

Woolley's been a student assistant to the Honors Institute director since September 2011 in addition to being the founder of The Honors Community and an honors student. He also is the current president of the Student Government Association.

Woolley served on the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Committee at Collin College and earned the Dr.

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Martin Luther King Jr. Unity Scholarship this past January. His volunteer work also includes programs with the Plano Kiwanis Angels, the Frisco Community Garden and with the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement. He is a graduate of Collin College's Student Leadership Academy and the treasurer of the Mock Trial team and Political Science Club.

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Mock Trial team shows its mettle on national stage



Collin College's Mock Trial team in Houston following their showing at regionals.

Collin College's Mock Trial team made some more history.

The squad competed at the American Mock Trial Association Championship Series in Memphis and came away with a groundbreaking achievement.

Chris Arnell was one of only three at the series to achieve at perfect score at the competition, the first from a student from a two-year institution.

In 2009, Collin College was the only two-year college to make the national competition – this year was its fourth straight year to qualify, which is still a first in the nation. About 150 student attorneys competed amongst more than 600 colleges and universities from around the nation.

Collin College's team beat out other squads from Vanderbilt University, the University of Washington, the University of Georgia and the University of Tennessee.

The Mock Trial team consists of 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

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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.

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Summer, Maymester registration ongoing

Registration for Collin College's Maymester and summer semesters is open until the first day of class.

The first day of Maymester is Monday, May 14 and Summer I and III classes begin Monday, June 4.

Also, most new students under the age of 30 are required by a state mandate 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.

Fall Registration Coming For All, New Payment News

Fall online registration for all students will be open from Tuesday, June 19-Tuesday, Aug. 28.

For students registering for classes from April 24-Aug. 1, your payment is due Wednesday, Aug. 1 by 8 p.m. If you register anytime after Friday, Aug. 3, you will need to pay that same day.

Effective starting fall 2012, the college's add/drop policy has changed. After Aug. 26, any new courses added to a student's schedule will be charged at the 100 percent tuition and fee assessment rate. "Swapping" courses with no fee assessment will no longer be available after a term begins.

Any courses dropped (even on the same day) will only be refunded at the percentage rate as determined by the state refund guidelines and approved tuition rates.

- July 25-Aug. 24 – Installment plans available online
- Aug. 1 – Early Registration Payment Deadline
- Aug. 3-26 – Pay same day you register
- Aug. 27 – New add/drop policy begins. All course registration charged 100 percent. Courses dropped refunded based on state refund percentage

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guidelines.

For more information, email cashier@collin.edu or call the Bursar's Office at 972.548.6616 (Central Park Campus), 972.377.1637 (Preston Ridge Campus) or 972.881.5634 (Spring Creek Campus).

Registration Information

Registration at Collin College is done through CougarWeb. 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 about registration and admissions, visit www.collin.edu/gettingstarted/register/.

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Art Day at Spring Creek Campus a hit

Collin College's Fine Arts department at the Spring Creek Campus hosted all that wanted to stop by to their second annual Art Day April 14.

Art Day was free and open to the public and included free art talks, demonstrations and special events. Go to <http://www.collin.edu/webgalleries/artday2012/> to see more photos.



Jessa Riggas, 12, of Rockwall, lays down a zebra print in a screen printing exercise during Art Day 2012 at the Spring Creek Campus.



Faculty from the Santa Fe University of Art and Design led a workshop in 3D sculpture creating houses out of cardboard.

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I like to ride by bicycle, I like to ride my bike: A Collin College art student takes his creation for a ride.



Art Day is for the dogs.



Art professor Luke Sides pours molten iron into a mold.

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PTK collects armful of awards at regional

Collin College's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa received 12 awards at the recent Regional PTK Conference in Odessa.

Alpha Mu Tau took home the following awards:

- Communication Award
- Yearbook Award
- District Hall of Honor Member (Richard Pearce)
- District Hall of Honor Member (Christine Vasily)
- Administrator Award (sponsor Donna Okaro)
- CEO Hall of Fame (District President Cary Israel)
- Member Hall of Honor for Texas Region (David Grissom)
- Advisor Hall of Honor for Texas Region (Jules Sears)
- Member Hall of Honor for Texas Region (Richard Pearce)
- HIA Participation Award
- College Project Participation Award
- HIA Issue 7 Award of Distinction

Phi Theta Kappa is the international honor society for two-year colleges.

Last year, Greg Shimko was named one of the 25 International Distinguished Members, and, as a chapter, Alpha Mu Tau was named one of the top 30 Distinguished College Projects, one of the top 50 Distinguished Chapters, and they received one of 30 Honors-In-Action awards. They also were named one of the world's top 10 Distinguished Chapters.

Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society is the largest honor society in American higher education with 1,250 chapters on college campuses in all 50 of the United States, Canada, Germany, the Republic of Palau, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, the Federated States of Micronesia, the British Virgin Islands, the United Arab Emirates and U.S. territorial possessions.

Membership to Phi Theta Kappa is based primarily upon academic achievement. The organization offers a myriad of opportunities for scholarships, intellectual enrichment and personal development through programs based on the Society's Hallmarks.

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Collin College celebrates Earth Day



Earth Day 2012 at the Preston Ridge Campus invited students, staff and faculty to learn more about being Earth-friendly April 18.



Earth Day attendees talk about recycling and the impact of plastic water bottles on the environment.



Earth Day is the perfect opportunity to recycle a few ideas. LULAC students present showcase their ideas.

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A student at Earth Day makes a point about human trafficking.



I'm with the band: Earth Day included food, music and more.



The Preston Ridge Campus' hip-hop 101 class showed a few moves, got jiggy.

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“Die Brücke: Common Bond”

Through 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

Pottery Sale

9 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 2

Spring Creek Campus Atrium

Unique pottery from the Collin College ceramics department. One day only.

Humanities Exhibit

10 a.m.-4 p.m. – Friday, May 4

Spring Creek Campus Atrium

See exhibits from Humanities students including music, photography, poetry and other visual art. Students explore what it means to be human by examining creativity throughout the ages. Open to public. Refreshments served from 2-3:30 p.m.

Jazz Spring Concert

8 p.m. -- Saturday, May 5

John Anthony Theatre

The annual Jazz Spring Concert will feature the Jazz Lab Band, the Latin Jazz Ensemble, Jazztet One, Combo Too and Jazz Combo PM. Music will range from the traditional jazz to more contemporary styles. Tickets are \$5 at the door or free for students with an ID.

Contact: kberg@collin.edu

Collin College Commencement

7 p.m. -- Friday, May 11

Allen Event Center

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Maymester Begins

Monday, May 14

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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.

Summer I and III Classes Begin

Monday, June 4

Classes begin for summer I and III semesters.

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Fine arts hosting one-day pottery sale

Collin College is hosting a one-day sale of student artist pottery from 9 a.m.-7 p.m., Wednesday, May 2 at the Spring Creek Campus atrium.

The sale will feature hand-thrown or hand-built pottery, ranging from bowls, plates, bottles, vases, pitchers, teapots, mugs and sculptures. The Student Artist Pottery Sale is open to the public with free admission.

Pieces, which are utilitarian, functional, decorative and unique, are made of stoneware, porcelain and earthenware.

The Spring Creek Campus is located at 2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, in Plano.

A portion of the Student Artist Pottery Sale's proceeds benefit Collin College's ceramics department.

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Kris Berg, professor of music, released his first CD of big band music titled *This Time/Last Year*. The record includes six original compositions and three arrangements of standard tunes, all written by Berg. It was recorded in Dallas and features The Metroplexity Big Band, which includes some of the best local musicians including Collin College faculty **Kevin McNerney** and **Micah Bell**. Special guest musicians include Wayne Bergeron and Clay Jenkins, saxophonist Chris Vadala and trombone icon Delfeayo Marsalis. The album will be distributed May 8, but it is available now from Berg.

Gloria Cockrell, professor of business, English and management, published *Making Marketing Meaningful*, a Principles of Marketing textbook.

The **men's** and **women's tennis teams** each finished fourth in the nation by the Intercollegiate Tennis Association. Each will compete in their respective national tournaments starting May 6 for the women and May 13 for the men.

Student **Dylan Rafaty** published a book titled *Occupy Special Education – Children Should be Seen and Heard*. The book is part memoir and commentary about Rafaty's educational experience from the perspective of special education student.

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