This fall, Brandy Prince will start her junior year at Southern Methodist University (SMU). She just transferred after completing her sophomore year at Collin College and earned a full scholarship. In two years, she will graduate with a prestigious degree for roughly the cost of two years at Collin College. Today students like Brandy are becoming the rule rather than the exception as thousands of students save without sacrificing quality.

Policy makers and the general public are asking whether student loan debts outweigh the quality of the degrees and their earning power. We believe community colleges like Collin College are a bastion of hope for those who fear they will be priced out of higher education. As you will see in this special edition of our community newsletter *Connection*, the quality of Collin College is among the finest in the nation. Yet the cost—both to the individual student and the taxpayer—is low.

A paramount collegiate experience is filled with realizations… such as the first time you realize your professor wrote the textbook, or learn that a graduate who took your biology class held a beating heart in his hands or hear that the student who sat in your seat a few years ago is starring on Broadway. Collin College students can expect these epiphanies and many more because we demand excellence.

In the pages that follow, we would like to share a few recent awards and highlights that make your local college a leading institution of higher education and a great value. Collin College is home to one of the top three Phi Theta Kappa international honor society chapters in the world; however, the college has the lowest tuition in Texas. The college earned a AAA bond rating from both Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s in 2000 and reaffirmed the rating in 2010, yet the Board of Trustees lowered the tax rate for the last 10 years.

The transformation of and path to excellence have been blazed, but we must continue to move forward to ensure a vibrant community.

Thank you for helping us on this magnificent journey.

Brenda W. Goodell
Chair, Board of Trustees

Cary A. Israel
District President

TUITION & FEES

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Source: Collin County Tax Assessor and Texas Association of Community Colleges
3rd in the World
Collin College’s Phi Theta Kappa student honor society is the third ranking chapter in the world (out of 1,200) and the highest-ranking chapter in Texas. The chapter won more awards at the international conference in 2011 than any other chapter in the world! Here are just a few of their remarkable honors earned since 2009:
- Distinguished Chapter, 2011
- Distinguished Member, Gregory Shimko
- Distinguished College Project, Katie Ye
- Distinguished Honors in Action Project, Naznya Rehman
- Five Pinnacle Awards in 2010, the maximum amount for a chapter in one year.
- Texas Hall of Honor; Bethany Allen, 2009 chapter president
- Distinguished Officer for the State of Texas, Daniel Sanabria
- Continued Excellence Award, 2009, for the top chapter in Texas that has consistently been a top chapter for several years in a row.

Asteroid Discovery!
Competing with students from nine countries on four continents, Collin College students Adrian Boysselle, David Golynskiy and Deepak Joseph discovered a new main belt asteroid, known now as “2010 CK12,” between Mars and Jupiter. NASA presented research awards to them as part of the International Asteroid Search Campaign. The Minor Planet Center, an office of the International Astronomical Union located at the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics, published their names with their finding. The discovery was part of a Collin College Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Natural Sciences project with physics professors Dr. Mike Broyles and Dr. Greg Sherman.

Best in U.S.
Collin College’s young adult council of the League for United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) is one of the most prestigious in the country. LULAC has honored the Collin College student group 19 times at the national level and 22 times at state. This year, the council swept all the national and state awards.
- National Young Adult Council of the Year, 2011
- National Young Adult Man of the Year, Francisco Luevano
- National Young Adult Woman of the Year, Cristina Garcia
- National Advisor of the Year, Professor Lupita Tinnen
- Texas Young Adult Council of the Year, 2011
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- Texas Young Adult Woman of the Year, Cristina Garcia
- State Deputy Director, Cristina Garcia
- Texas Advisor of the Year, Professor Lupita Tinnen
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Alzheimer’s Research
Two of Collin College’s former biotechnology students, Rosemary Wilson and Steven Connell, were published in the journal Cell. Wilson and Connell are co-authors of the article “Identification of Candidate IgG Biomarkers for Alzheimer’s Disease via Combinatorial Library Screening.” Cell is a highly respected biweekly publication of exceptional research articles in areas including molecular biology, biochemistry, cancer research and cell biology.

Mock Trial v. Harvard, Brown & Tufts
The Collin College Mock Trial Team advanced to the national Championship Series of the American Mock Trial Association, competing against teams from Harvard, Brown, Tufts, Cornell and other universities. In the 27-year history of the tournament, no other community college has ever advanced that far, and this was the third year in a row that the Collin College team achieved this distinction. Collin College placed ahead of Boston College, Boston University, Holy Cross, Elon University and, the host university, Brandeis University. Recent individual honors include:
- Championship Series Top Witness Award: Dr. Ahmetovic, 2011
- Regional Outstanding (Plaintiff) Attorney Award: Brandy Prince, 2011
- Regional Outstanding (Defense) Attorney Award: Brandy Prince, 2011
- Regional Outstanding Witness: Cameron Woody, 2011
- All-Regional Witness Award: Austin McBride, 2009

Tennis National Championship
Collin College men’s tennis team capped off a brilliant season in 2010 after the top-ranked squad earned its first National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) Division I national championship. Additional season highlights included:
- NJCAA Men’s National Singles Champion: Damian Hume
- Intercollegiate Tennis Association’s Player of the Year: Damian Hume
- NJCAA First Team All-American: Rodolfo Bustamante

Microbiology Fellowship, Cornell
The American Society for Microbiology selected Collin College student Stephanie Brown for the 2010 Microbiology Undergraduate Research Fellowship. She was the only community college student in the country selected for the program, which targets underrepresented microbiology undergraduates with graduate school potential. Through the fellowship, she conducted Salmonella research at Cornell University.

Broadway & Hollywood
Michael Urie, Collin College theatre alumnus, won a Drama Desk Award as part of the ensemble of The Temperamentals. The Drama Desk is an organization of theatre critics, writers and editors that honors excellence in all areas of New York theatre. Broadway, Off-Broadway, Off-Off-Broadway and not-for-profit. Urie also won a 2010 TheatreWorld Award for his work on the Off-Broadway show, The Temperamentals. The TheatreWorld Awards are given annually to the top performances from actors making their New York stage debuts. Urie is well-known for his role as Mark on the Golden Globe Award-winning series Ugly Betty.
National Civic Fellow
Campus Compact, a national organization dedicated to promoting community service in higher education, honored Collin College student Ricardo Alvarado as a Newman Civic Fellow. The Newman Civic Fellows Award recognizes inspiring college student leaders.

MIT Summer Research Program
Collin College alumnus Vincent Nguyen, who is attending Columbia University’s general studies program, was selected in 2010 to attend the Massachusetts Institute of Technology Summer Research Program.

Zoological Science Cover Story
Professor of Biology Chris Doumen and student Helen Zhu’s article Identification of a Cytoplasmic Manganese Superoxide Dismutase (cMnSOD) in the Red Swamp Crawfish Procambarus clarkii: cDNA Cloning and Tissue Expression was published in the April 2009 edition of the international journal Zoological Science. Zhu also designed artwork for the journal’s cover.

Texas Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student
Dental hygiene student Staci Taylor was selected as the Outstanding Dental Hygiene Student in Texas. In addition, Taylor and her research partner Mary Hanacik earned first place honors for their table clinic, “Probiotics: Prevention of Oral Diseases” while Collin College dental hygiene students Terra McClain and Mandy Spaugh took home second place honors for their table clinic, “Periodontal Tissue Regeneration: A Promising Future.”

Diversity Leadership
The Plano Independent School District awarded the 10th annual Diversity Leadership Award to the Collin College International Student Association and Middle Eastern Student Association for promoting diversity. The groups volunteered at a number of Plano ISD and Frisco ISD multicultural events, sharing traditional cultures, religions, art, language and dances from the Middle East, India, Pakistan, Argentina, China and Mexico.

New Christian Artist of the Year
Former student Chris August swept the 42nd Annual Dove Awards, earning the prestigious “New Artist of the Year” and “Male Vocalist of the Year” titles, as well as “Pop/Contemporary Album of the Year” for his shining debut album “No Far Away.” The singer/songwriter earned the most awards of any new artist in 2011.

Pearson Prize
The Pearson Foundation selected Collin College graduate Christina Garcia to receive the 2011 Pearson Prize for Higher Education, an award that recognizes students who are giving back to the community. Garcia competed against 20,000 applicants to receive a $10,000 scholarship and become one of only 20 Pearson Prize National Fellows across the country.

Top Licensure Rates
In 2011, Collin College nursing students had a 97.5 percent passing rate on their National Council Licensure Examination to become registered nurses (RNs). The state RN average was 89.5 percent passing rate.

The dental hygiene class of 2010 had a 100 percent pass rate for the 2010 National Dental Hygiene Board Exam.

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Smithsonian
Collin College student Brian Rickards was one of the top 10 finalists in the Smithsonian magazine’s sixth annual photo contest in the “Americana” category. Rickards’ photograph of “Route 66 Restaurant at Night” was one of 17,000 entries worldwide.

Cisco
Student Richard Sprouse was awarded the John Morgridge Scholarship by the Cisco Learning Institute in 2009. This scholarship is awarded to one person per state and is based upon their commitment to networking technology and community service.

Jazz Honors
The Collin Jazz Lab Band and the Collin Latin Jazz Ensemble were recipients of an “Outstanding Band” award at the 2010 Elmhurst College Jazz Festival. Collin College was the only community college to receive the award. Several students also received “outstanding musician” awards including Bobby Browne, Austin Freeman, Ryan Goodman, Scott Haupt, Jeff Leinbaugh, Gordon Malone, Jarod Schmitt, Kyle Shafto, Josh Stover and Josh Trent.

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Outstanding Faculty

U.S. Professor of the Year
The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education named Collin College Sociology Professor Dr. Tracey McKenzie the 2009 U.S. Professor of the Year. The highly-coveted award is considered the pinnacle of collegiate teaching, and Dr. McKenzie’s honor marks an unprecedented third national winner at Collin College in nine years. In 2007, Developmental Math Professor Dr. Rosemary Karr was, like McKenzie, named U.S. Professor of the Year. And Theatre Professor Brad Baker secured the honor in 2000. The competition also spotlighted Collin College Psychology Professor Jennifer O’Loughlin Brooks in 2006 as Texas’ top college or university professor.

Basketball Coach of the Year
The North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference (NTJCAC) selected Jim Sigona, Collin College men’s basketball coach, as 2009 Coach of the Year. This is his fourth NTJCAC Coach of the Year win.

National Mentorship Award
Professor Pat Pierson won the American Health Information Management Association’s Triumph Award as an outstanding mentor, recognizing commitment to students in the Health Information program.

Global Challenge Winner
Dr. Mounir Errami, associate professor of biology, won an InnoCentive Challenge in 2010 for his submission on drug localization and quantitation in the retina. InnoCentive is the global innovation marketplace where creative minds solve some of the world’s most important problems for cash awards up to $1 million. This is the second time this year that Dr. Errami has won a challenge. Commentary from Dr. Errami also appeared in a 2001 article titled “Funding: Researching Outside the Box” in the international science and medicine journal Nature. The article discussed open innovation that offers scientists novel ways to apply their expertise to solve scientific and business problems for companies, government agencies and organizations.

Johnston & Johnson Award
The American Dental Hygienists’ Association (ADHA) awarded Joanne Fletcher, associate professor and former program director, with the 2010 Johnston & Johnson/ADHA Award for Excellence in Dental Hygiene. This prestigious award recognizes an individual dental hygienist who has made “outstanding accomplishments that have had a significant impact on the practice and future of the dental hygiene profession.”

Top CPA Professor
Paula Miller was awarded the Texas Society of CPA’s Outstanding Accounting Educator Award. The award is given to professors who have demonstrated excellence in teaching and who have distinguished themselves through active service to the accounting profession.

English Teaching Award
The Texas Teachers of English to Speakers of Other Languages (TexTESOL) named Dr. Don Weasenforth, dean of developmental education, the 2009 TexTESOLer of the Year.

Texas Chef of the Year
Michele Brown, professor of culinary arts, was named Texas Pastry Chef of the Year by the Texas Chefs Association.

Piper Professor
Dr. Peggy Brown, professor of English and Humanities, was the 2009 Piper Professor honoree following Dr. Rosemary Karr, professor of developmental mathematics, who received the distinguished honor in 2008. Dr. Brown was one of 15 professors statewide to be honored. She is also the fifth Piper Professor to have taught at Collin College.

National Psychology Award
Jennifer O’Loughlin-Brooks, professor of psychology, received the Society for the Teaching of Psychology Wayne Weiten Teaching Excellence Award.

Historical Commission Award
Dr. Kyle G. Wilkinson, professor of history, received the 2008 T.R. Fehrenbach Award for his book Yeomen, Sharecroppers, and Socialists: Plain Folk Protest in Texas, 1870-1914. The T.R. Fehrenbach Book Award, sponsored by the Texas Historical Commission, honors original research and publication of material that preserves records and recounts the prehistory and history of Texas. Also, the East Texas Historical Association awarded the Ottis Locke Award to Dr. Wilkinson for the best book on East Texas history.

Elite Nursing League
Dr. Nell Ard, RN, CNE, was selected for the National League for Nursing’s Academy of Nursing Education. She joined the academy’s 65 fellows representing nursing schools and programs throughout the United States.

Tennis Coach of the Year
Region V of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) named Collin College Tennis Coach Marty Berryman the 2009 Coach of the Year. Berryman has been named NJCAA Division II Coach of the Year eight times and is a member of the NJCAA Men’s and Women’s Tennis Hall of Fame.

Dr. Tracey McKenzie
Dr. Rosemary Karr
Brad Baker
Jennifer O’Loughlin-Brooks
Dr. Peggy Brown
Dr. Kyle G. Wilkinson
Dr. Nell Ard
Jim Sigona
Pat Pierson
Dr. Mounir Errami
Joanne Fletcher
Paula Miller
Dr. Don Weasenforth
Michele Brown
Early Childhood Certification

The Child Development Lab School at Collin College’s Spring Creek Campus was one of the first early childhood programs to earn accreditation from the National Association for the Education of Young Children, the nation’s leading organization of early childhood professionals, in their new accreditation system.

U.S. Embassy Invitation

Professor Sabine Madriguera was invited by the Public Affairs Section of the U.S. Embassy to perform as a representative of the United States at the annual International Guitar Festival in Lima, Peru.

New York Times Best Seller

The cable network TNT recently announced production of a new series based on Professor of Communications Ceilidh Tilden Charleson-Jennings’ New York Times Best Seller Scent of the Missing: Love and Partnership with a Search-and-Rescue Dog penned under the name Susannah Charleson.

“It is every man’s obligation to put back into the world at least the equivalent of what he takes out of it.”

Albert Einstein

The National League of Nursing (NLN) has named Collin College a Center of Excellence in Nursing Education, the first and only institution of higher education in the state of Texas to earn this prestigious designation. Only 19 of the 1,800+ nursing programs in the United States hold this designation, and Collin College joins honorees such as Johns Hopkins University and Villanova University.

Collin College was one of only 12 community colleges nationwide selected by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching for the 2010 Community Engagement Classification, based on community engagement and student service. Collin College was one of eight colleges or universities in Texas to receive this exclusive honor.

Collin College opened Collin County's first university center, the Collin Higher Education Center, in 2010, featuring junior- and senior-level undergraduate classes as well as master’s and doctoral programs.

- Partner universities include Dallas Baptist University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Woman's University, The University of Texas at Dallas and the University of North Texas.
- The McKinney Economic Development Corporation donated property and $2 million for a parking garage for the project, which constituted the largest gift in Collin College history.
- The university center was featured in the December 2010 issue of American School & University as one of the designs included on the 2011 Industry Events Calendar for School Designs. The campus also received the “Platinum Award for Best Designer Element” for the design of its central atrium in a competition from CollegeDesigner.com.
- The May 2010 issue of University Press magazine featured an article on university centers including the Collin Higher Education Center. The article focused on the centers as “partnerships for greater degree completion opportunities” and concluded that, “This much is true: university centers can be an efficient and effective model.”

The Jeffersonian-style architectural design of the new Collin College library building at the Central Park Campus in McKinney has become a community icon showered with accolades.

- The campus received national exposure in College Planning and Management in a four-page magazine spread heralding the campus design in 2009.
- Choice magazine featured the Central Park Campus library on the cover of its March 2010 issue. Choice reaches almost every undergraduate college and university library in the United States.
- The McKinney Chamber of Commerce and City of McKinney honored the facility with the “Institutional Building Design Award.”
- The architectural project details were also featured on SchoolDesigns.com.
Collin College received the coveted AAA bond rating from Standard & Poor’s and Moody’s, a direct reflection of quality leadership and fiscal management.

Military-Friendly
Military Advanced Education named Collin College one of the “Top Military Friendly Colleges & Universities” for 2010-11. Institutions are chosen based on the accessibility and benefit of their programs and services to military personnel and veterans.

Fiscal Management Accolades
The Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada presented Collin College with the Distinguished Budget Presentation Award. Eight recipients were recognized nationally, and Collin College was the only college. Also, the Purchasing Department was awarded the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award. This is the fifth consecutive year Collin College has received the award from the National Purchasing Institute. The college was one of only 28 agencies in Texas and one of only 18 higher education agencies in the United States to receive the award.

Frisco Person of the Year
Sam Roach, member of the Collin College Board of Trustees and former chairman, was named Frisco Style magazine’s 2010 Person of the Year.

James H. Boswell Award
Trustee Jenny McCall received the 2010 James H. Boswell Award by Star Children’s Charity. The award is given annually to an individual who exemplifies leadership and community philanthropic spirit.

Republicans’ Highest Honor
The Collin County Republican Party presented the Judge John King McVeigh highest honor award to Trustee Dr. J. Robert Collins.

National Pacesetter
National Council for Marketing and Public Relations selected Collin College District President Cary A. Israel the national Pacesetter of the Year. Of the nearly 1,200 community colleges in the U.S., only the nation’s finest collegiate CEOs compete for this top honor.

Exemplary Programs
The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board designated Collin College’s child development, nursing and real estate programs as having exemplary status in 2009.

Association Presidency
Dr. Alicia Huppe, dean of enrollment and academic success, was elected to be the 2012-2013 president of the Texas Association of College and University Student Personnel Administrators.

Plano Educators of the Year
The Plano Community Forum named Gaye Cooksey, dean of fine arts, 2011 Educator of the Year. Dr. Barbara Money, vice president of student development, was selected for the honor in 2009.

Small Biz Center of the Year
The Collin Small Business Development Center (SBDC) was named the 2009 SBDC of the Year by the North Texas SBDC Network Office. Collin SBDC was chosen based on exceeding milestones, quality of counseling, creating innovative programs and demonstrating economic development in the area.

Health Librarian Honor
Lisa Huang, the Allied Health Sciences librarian at the Central Park Campus, was named Librarian of the Year by HealthLINE, a Metroplex organization of librarians involved in the health and medical library field. HealthLINE includes institutional members such as UT Southwestern Medical Library, UNT Health Science Library, Cancer Resource Center and corporate members such as Alcon.

Plano Citizen of the Year
The Plano Chamber of Commerce named Collin College District President Cary A. Israel the 2010 Citizen of the Year. He also received the Leadership Achievement Award during the Collin County Business Press’ “21 Leaders for the 21st Century” event.

National Psychology Awards
Collin College’s student chapter of Psi Beta national psychology honor society won the Ann G. Robinson College Life Award for encouraging and supporting student research. Psi Beta also honored Collin College with a 2010-11 Chapter of Excellence Award.
Six Collin College students received full tuition scholarships to SMU this fall.

Willow Blythe  Brandy Prince
Nancy Karanja  Huong Vo
Austin McBride  Katie Ye

Collin College students excel academically and transfer to prestigious universities like these and many more:

Amherst University  Texas A&M University
Columbia University  The Juilliard School
Cornell University  Southern Methodist University
Harvard University  The University of Texas at Austin
Yale University  The University of Texas
Rice University  Southwestern Medical Center
Stanford University  University of California, Berkeley
Massachusetts Institute of Technology

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Michael Bloomberg
Source: Newsweek, Nov. 12, 2007

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