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The college will formally recognize these individuals on Nov. 13 at a ceremony underwritten by **Baylor Regional Medical Center of Plano** at the college's Spring Creek Campus in Plano. The tribute not only salutes the pillars of the community but also paves the way for the future leaders of Collin County through a scholarship endowment fund for outstanding students.

Living Legends debuted in 2003, and the late Gladys Harrington, credited for starting Plano's first library, was the first recipient. In its second year, the tribute has expanded to include five honorees from throughout Collin County.

According to Cindy Bauge, with the college's Board of Trustees and Foundation, the selection committee chose the individuals who best exemplified the college's core values of Learning, Service and Involvement, Creativity and Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect, and Integrity. "The honorees have truly had a profound impact on Collin County. All five of them have volunteered in their communities for more than 50 years, and they show no sign of stopping. They are exceptional people and great examples for our young scholars."

Cary Israel, the college's president, encouraged friends, family and colleagues of the honorees to join in the celebration of these Living Legends. "Recognition is probably not what motivated these individuals to give so much of themselves, but they certainly deserve to be acknowledged. We could not possibly count all of the people they have inspired and affected. They truly are legendary."

The community is invited to participate and may purchase tables of eight for \$400 or individual tickets at \$60. In addition, corporations and/or families are encouraged to express their appreciation of the 2004 Living Legends by becoming Humanitarian Sponsors through a special \$5,000 contribution.

Make your reservations today for this exciting tribute! Call 972.881.5611 for more information.

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- ...Convergent Technology
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If not, then you might want to drop by one of our campuses today and take a tour. More changes are in the wind.

Collin Cougars

The new cougar mascot is one of the most notable new faces on campus this fall. This furry feline was selected by the student body to boost campus spirit and was officially unveiled this fall, just in time for tennis and basketball seasons.



According to *The Dallas Morning News* "There is a growing sense of school spirit at CCCCD. That enthusiasm is good, not just for the school, but for the entire community."

The college has also adopted a new logo (pictured at the top of this article).

New Faculty

This fall, 40 new faces will join the faculty at CCCCD. It is all part of a continuing commitment to academic excellence and student success. Students will learn from distinguished professors in art, biology, early



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childhood development, geology, office systems technology, nursing, physical education, political science, speech, theatre and many other disciplines.

Help us welcome these new professors!

Brett Adams, History

Jeff Allen, Physical Education

Sonja Andrus, English

Mindi Bailey, Humanities

Rebecca Boatman, Art Appreciation

Elise Bowler, Economics

Dr. Carroll Bottoms Weaver, Biology

Dr. William Brannon, English

Dr. Salena Brody, Psychology

Dr. Paul Bryant, Philosophy

Dulce de Castro, Foreign Language

Dr. Donna Cain, Biology

Dr. Carlton Clark, English

Dr. Istvan Csato, Geology

Mark Dobeck, Business Administration

Kimberly Eagleton, Nursing

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Traci Ramsey, Physical Education

James Richards, Economics

Joyce Sizemore, Nursing

Valerie Smith, Psychology

Gerald Sullivan, Anthropology & Archaeology

Dr. Keith Volanto, History

Jessica Weisel, Speech

Dr. Dierdre Wendel, Political Science

Hope Williams, Political Science

New Gateway to the Community

Through a bond passed by voters in 2001, the college is "opening new doors" for the growing student population. At Spring Creek Campus, a new doorway and a gleaming new training/conference center are nestled on the northeast corner of the campus along with additional classrooms and offices. Here, the college will continue its tradition of bringing well-known speakers from around the globe to students and hosting programs that foster community vitality.

Across campus, the face-lift continues: the old conference center, just across from the theatre, is being renovated to house a much larger bookstore. Student Development is expanding into the space made available with the bookstore's move. These join the new I-wing addition with its upgraded science labs and multimedia classrooms, and a new parking lot, both of which opened last fall. All of this is intended to give

breathing space to a student population that is booming every year.

Frisco Campus Transformation

Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco will soon be putting on a new face as well. Located in the heart one of the area's fastest-growing cities, this campus will open a major addition in spring 2005 to better serve students, faculty and the community.

Students will soon be hitting the books in a new 50,000 square foot library, consuming mass quantities of data in new laboratories and classrooms, and sailing through a new breezeway connecting Heritage and Alumni halls. Opening in spring, the new library will be five times larger than the current library, will seat 700 students and will have a collection of 80,000 books, 10,000 electronic resources and 300 magazines. Frisco residents will also notice a light tower that will be visible from Preston Road.



Rendering of Preston Ridge Campus addition.

The addition will help bring more "core" curriculum classes to residents in west and northwest Collin County along with an expanded fine arts program.

All of these initiatives are intended to increase access and high quality educational programs for students, two of the college's steadfast goals.

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On August 26, engineering students from CCCCD helped Board of Trustees Chairman Sam Roach accept a \$1 million donation from Phil Ritter, senior vice president of Texas Instruments. (Pictured above from left are Laura Chavez, Abena Ahenkan, Sam Roach, Phil Ritter, Nathan Klick and Raphael Moira.)

The Science, Math, Advanced Research, and Technology (SMART) educational initiative will provide CCCCD with scholarships for academically qualified high school and community college students who intend to pursue or are pursuing four-year degrees in engineering and related fields. The objective is to fuel a pipeline of highly skilled professionals in careers in science, math and engineering.

"We are honored to be the recipient of TI's generosity. Through the SMART initiative, the district will make a significant impact on the region's future scientific and technological workforce," said Sam Roach, chair of the college's Board of Trustees.

According to CCCCD president Cary Israel, the endowment comes at a time

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when many students do not have the resources to obtain a college education. "TI's historic gift helps cement the value of CCCCD's outstanding instruction in math, science and engineering. It will allow CCCCD to open doors and tear down barriers that keep students from pursuing a college education."

SMART builds on the success of existing partnerships CCCCD has with the Plano Independent School District (PISD) and The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD), the top transfer destination for CCCCD students. The program will include juniors and seniors at PISD, freshmen and sophomores at CCCCD, juniors and seniors at UTD and faculty from each of the educational partners.

"Our decision to support the Collin County Community College District shows the confidence we have in its ability to encourage more students to enter engineering and technical disciplines. Not only is CCCCD a springboard to four-year institutions for its students, it will also supply North Texas employers with the necessary workforce to remain competitive," said Phil Ritter, TI senior vice president.

The first tier of the program is designed to provide financial support for qualified PISD juniors and seniors who concurrently enroll in math, science, pre-engineering or engineering courses at CCCCD. Additionally, the district will actively recruit high school students into engineering studies. In the second tier of SMART, additional support will be provided for freshmen and sophomores already enrolled in high-tech courses who also have dual admissions with UTD. Another component of the program will include mentoring and advising for each student to increase retention.

"With UTD's goal of being a top 50 engineering school in five years, it's imperative that we do the best job we can of cultivating local students," said Dr. Bob Helms, dean of the UTD Erik Jonsson School of Engineering. "SMART takes a major step in aligning the synergy between all three partners to create greater opportunities to boost our rate of high-quality technical graduates."

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National Science Foundation

The National Science Foundation (NSF) recently awarded the college a **\$2.47 million** grant to develop a degree in the field of "convergent" technology. This major grant, which runs through July 31, 2008, is by far the largest from the foundation in the college's history.

Convergence is the integration of voice, data, video and image technology, and the new grant program will create an associate degree model that will be free to colleges and universities nationwide. CCCCD has been an advocate of convergent technology since 2002 when it opened the first academic convergence lab at a community college in the state of Texas. El Centro College and the northeast campus of Tarrant County College will also participate in the grant.

For more information, contact Ann Beheler at abeheler@cccd.edu or 972.377.1700.

Texas Workforce Commission

The 2005 Collin County Advanced Manufacturing & Information Technology Consortium will begin training in September with funds from the Texas Workforce Commission's Skills Development Fund Grant program.

The focus of this \$563,856 grant is high-tech and information technology training for six companies in Collin County who use advanced technologies in the manufacturing or delivery of their products and/or services. A total of 565 individuals from these companies will be upgrading their high tech, organizational process, information technology, management, and communications skills. The grant runs through August 31, 2005.

For more information, contact Pyeper Wilkins at pwilkins@cccd.edu or 972.985.3768.

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New to the board this year are Stacy Anne Arias and Dr. David Hammel. A CCCC student, Arias was very active in the Civic Engagement program and plans to major in public policy at the university level. She is also involved in other community organizations including CASA of Collin County, Collin County Council on Family Violence, Texas Council on Family Violence, Coalition of Victim Advocates and the Plano/Frisco YMCA.

Hammel brings 31 years of senior management experience with major U.S. corporations to the board. He also served on the city council and as mayor for the city of Parker for six years. Hammel is involved in numerous community and civic organizations, including the CCCC Foundation, Inc. Board, U.S. Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology for Universities, Metroplex Mayor's Association, Collin County Planning Board, and the Governor's Task Force to Develop Texas Energy Policy, among many others. He holds a Ph.D. in engineering and economics from the University of Arizona.

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Hundley was a member of the very first graduating class at CCCCD in 1987. "Back then, 12 students made up the graduating class," said Hundley. "Somehow, I got the graduation time wrong, and I literally missed it. I did get my Honors ropes that day, thanks to the registrar, and I did get my degree."

Making the grade

Hundley's start at the college was the first step towards reaching her goal of becoming a counselor. "I knew I wanted to be in a field where I helped people," said Hundley. She now is responsible for assisting about 350 students at Plano Senior High School. "When I attended the college, I was a non-traditional student in my thirties. The encouragement and support I received from my professors did as much for me as the education itself. Academically, I felt prepared to go the next step."

The first in her family to attend college, Hundley said she was naïve about what it would take to be accepted into a university. Then, one of her instructors at CCCCD told her about a program at the University of North Texas. With an Associate of Arts degree from CCCCD in hand, Hundley transferred to the University of North Texas and was accepted into the prestigious Meadows Excellence in Teaching program. She went on to earn three more degrees: a Bachelor of Science in Education, a Master of Education in Secondary Education and a Master of Education in Counseling.

Coming full circle

Now, as a counselor, Hundley finds it rewarding to encourage high school students and help them pick their educational paths, much like she was encouraged in college. Hundley remembers her CCCCD professor's suggestion to consider UNT and believes you never know when a certain nugget of information will be a student's goldmine. "My experience at CCCCD was such a positive one. Because there are many different routes students can take to reach their goals, I let many of them know about the programs the college offers," said Hundley.

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Lauren Clegg, now a senior at PSHS, first met Hundley when she was a sixth grade counselor at Wilson Middle School. Now her counselor in high school, Clegg said that Hundley helped her realize the importance of becoming involved and encouraged her to become active in student congress and student council. "She is just a really great counselor. She wants us all to do well and feel good about ourselves."

Lending support makes a difference

Longtime colleague and friend Nancy Boyd, who is the director of guidance for Plano Independent School District, has seen Hundley blossom professionally. She credits CCCCDC with starting Hundley on a successful educational journey. In fact, it was Boyd who encouraged Hundley to go to college. They even went together to register for Hundley's first college classes. "I wanted Vanessa to gain the assurance that she was capable of doing college-level work," said Boyd. "I knew that at CCCCDC she would get the education she needed to go on to a university and that she would be in a supportive, caring environment."

Taking the next step

Hundley said that counseling high school students has helped her realize that goals are important at every stage in life. "We forget as we get older that goals keep us motivated and excited about what we do. I believe that you are never too old to learn something new and take on a new challenge."

What is Hundley's next challenge? "I'd like to complete my certification for principalship and eventually work toward becoming an assistant principal either in the Plano Independent School District or another district. It may be a long way off, but the timing for me to start is right."

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All funds raised from this evening will be used to provide much-needed scholarships for CCCCD students.

For more information, contact the Foundation at <http://foundation.ccccd.org>.

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Faculty & Staff Highlights



The North Texas Junior College Athletic Conference named **Jim Sigona**, men's basketball coach, Coach of the Year for the second consecutive year. He also was chosen by the Coca-Cola Global Games to lead Team USA as head coach for the 2004 games.

Craig "Yo" Erickson, director of technical theatre, appeared in Disney's feature film *The Alamo* in the role of Tom Waters.



Professor of history **Dr. Matthew Coulter's** book, *The Senate Munitions Inquiry of the 1930's: Beyond the Merchants of Death*, Greenwood Press, is cited and directly quoted in Kevin Phillip's book *American Dynasty*, New York: Viking Press, 2004. The book spent more than 15 weeks on the New York Times Bestseller List.



Barbara Money, dean of students, graduated from Leadership Plano and **Rex Parcels**, provost of the Central Park Campus, graduated from Leadership McKinney.



Dr. Toni Jenkins, executive vice president, was named to the board of directors for Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano, scheduled to open at the end of 2004. She was also elected to the College Board Southwestern Regional Council Academic Assembly.

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Warner Brothers Publications published original compositions by **Kris Berg**, professor of music, titled "Chicken Scratch" and "Fowl Play."

Gail Cronauer, professor of theater, co-produced and co-starred in *AIR*, the movie, which was shown on KERA Channel 13.



Professor Sandra Herron wrote an essay titled, "Hispanic Literature" that was published at the Monograph Heritage and History series at the NAAA Affiliates. She also had a poem titled, "The Angel" published in the anthology *Lucas y Sombras* in Spain.

Rex Reece, professor of art, and his design class were chosen to paint a 10 x 81 foot mural for the Douglass Community Center in downtown Plano. The mural depicts the neighborhood's past and present activities and provides a look toward the future.

CCCCD was named a "Top 10 Digital Community College" in a national survey by the Center for Digital Education and the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC) in their second annual Digital Community Colleges Survey.

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Student News

Fulbright Scholar

CCCCD Honors graduate Dena Abbas Pritchett, who received a full scholarship to SMU, has been awarded a Fulbright grant. She plans to study women's issues in the United Arab Emirates with a particular emphasis on the impact of education. The research and study will be completed within one academic year while enrolled at the American University of Dubai.



SGA Regional President

The Student Government Association (SGA) was nominated to the highest executive position in North Texas. CCCCD will be known as "the president's school" for the next two years with student **James Nunn** at the head of Region 2 of the Texas Junior College Student Government Association.

Special Olympics Tennis

The men's and women's tennis teams hosted a series of tennis clinics in September and October for 24 local Special Olympians. The teams piloted a clinic last year, and it was so successful twice as many Special Olympians participated this year.



Texas Academic All-Stars

Three students from CCCCD were named to the 2003-2004 All-Texas Academic Team of *Phi Theta Kappa*, an international honor society for college students. **Sydney Portilla-Diggs**, a student majoring in English and Spanish, was named to the first team and both **Stacy Arias** and **Sandra Wilson** were nominated to the second team.

Hoop Dreams

The CCCCD men's basketball team enjoyed a phenomenal year, setting a new school record with 29 wins and capturing its third conference championship in four years. The Division I members of the National Junior College Athletic Association ranked Collin County Community College as #2

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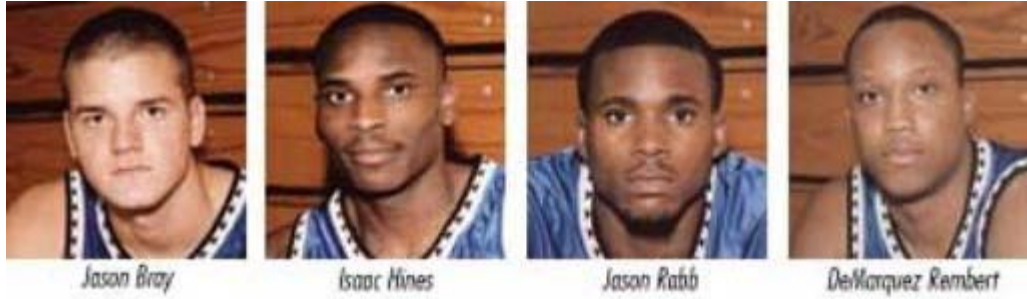
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in the nation. Collin finished 13-1 in conference play and 29-3 overall. Several players including **Jason Bray**, **Isaac Hines**, **Jason Rabb** and **DeMarquez Rembert** received conference recognition. Hines was also named Texas Junior College Player of the Year and second-team NJCAA All-American.



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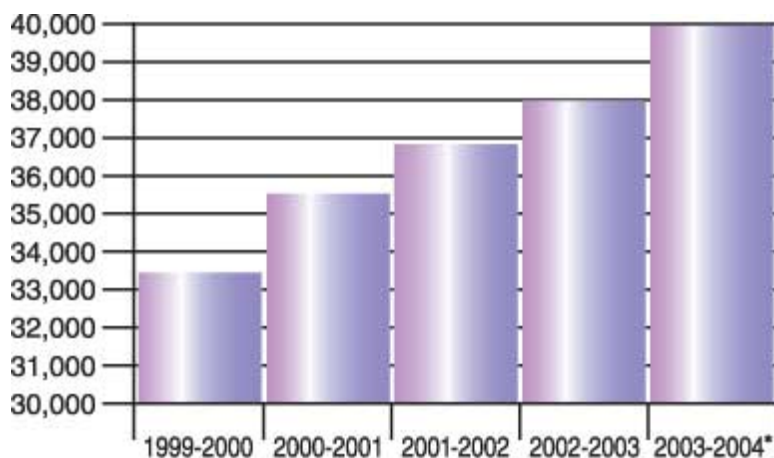
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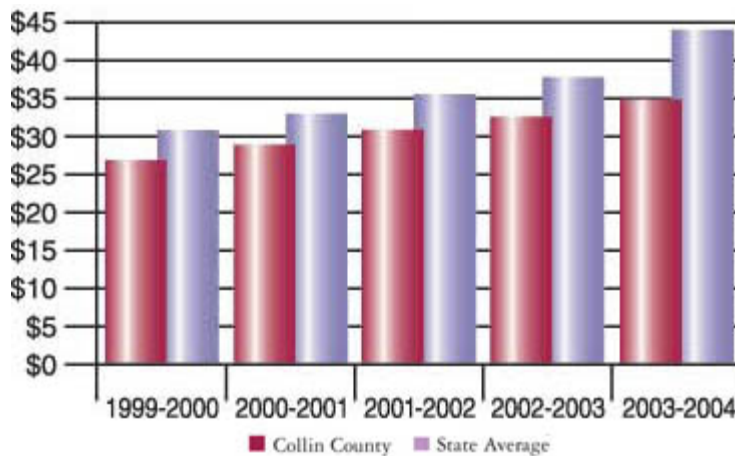
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*Estimated

Community College Tuition & Fees Per Credit Hour



CCCD totals represent tuition and fees including building use fees and student activity fees for the spring semester.

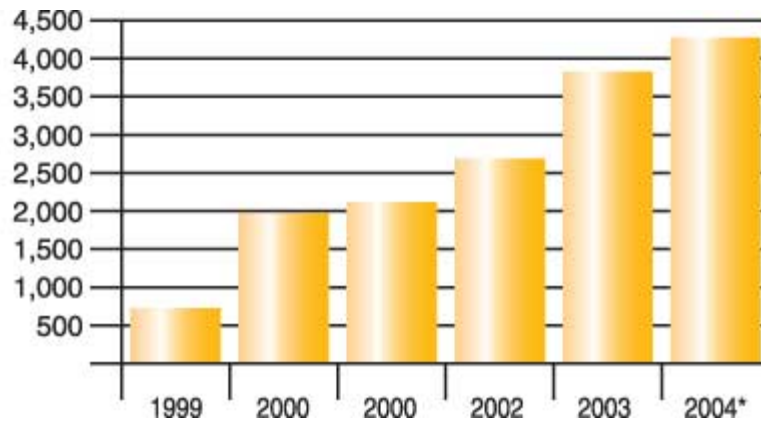
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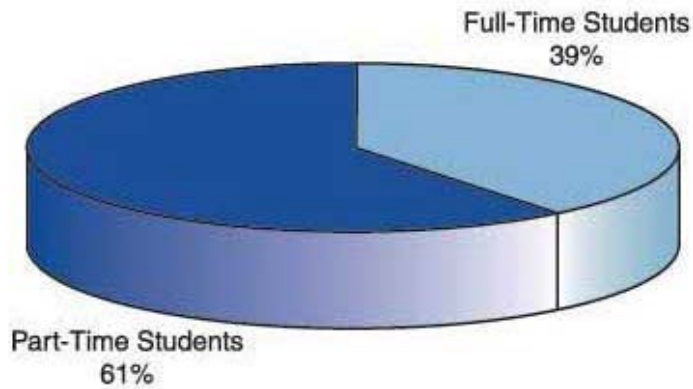
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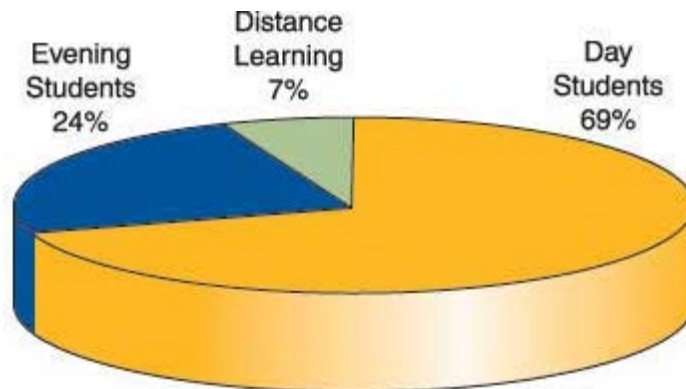


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Collin, Texas Tech sign consecutive admission agreement

Collin County Community College District (Collin) and Texas Tech University (Texas Tech) have teamed up to provide students a new route to a degree. Officials from both institutions signed an agreement – titled “Red Raider Bound” – granting qualified Collin students guaranteed admission to Texas Tech, among other perks.

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Destination College©: The Higher Education Help Desk

Destination College© is a new initiative at Collin that will help local families prepare for success in college. Watch for upcoming workshops as well as tutoring services, discounted SAT/ACT reviews, refresher courses and more!

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Call for entries is underway for 2006 Living Legends, underwritten by Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano

Do you know someone who has made a significant contribution to the community? If so, a living legend might be among your circle of colleagues, friends or family.

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Where are they now? Dr. Guillermo Ameer's discoveries to make the human body just like new

A quirk of fate steered Dr. Guillermo Ameer from electrical to chemical and biomedical engineering, bringing him acclaim and bringing the world a realm of medicine previously unknown. A Collin graduate, Dr. Ameer is one of 10 Illinois recipients to receive stem cell funding this year, and his research may soon alter the way surgeons practice medicine.

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UTD offers fixed tuition for Collin students

It is a good time to be a student at Collin. More specifically, it is a good time to be a Collin student bound for The University of Texas at Dallas (UTD).

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Student News

Collin's chapter of the League of United Latin American Citizens (LULAC) swept the national awards competition at the U.S. convention.

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The spotlight is shining on Collin faculty and staff. Learn how your community college is earning national acclaim.

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How has enrollment grown over the last 20 years? How can college fit into a busy schedule? How do businesses access custom training? What special topics are professors studying this year? Click below to find out.

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While Cindy Garcia worked as a waitress, she imagined what it would be like to stand in front of a classroom full of third graders. She is now pursuing a degree in education at Collin County Community College (Collin) because of the generosity of individuals in the community. Garcia is acting on her dream, but there are more dreamers than scholarships to go around.

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Red carpet rolls out March 4 for sponsors of Plain & Fancy Ball Texas-Style

Because student need for financial aid is at an all-time high (see related story, above), the college is now seeking supporters for the second annual [Plain and Fancy Ball](#).

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Where are they now? Former student fights bioterrorism

NAME: Elizabeth Dalton

TITLE: Senior Program Analyst, Anteon Corporation

MISSION: To stop terrorists from gaining or using biological weapons; to protect the public if they do

Her life sounds like a spy novel: Flowing past officers of every branch of the military, winding through the Pentagon's outer ring, opening doors marked "Classified Personnel Only" with her thumbprint...Though it sounds like a work of fiction, this is practically an everyday occurrence in the life of Elizabeth Dalton, a biological weapons expert and former Collin student.

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College expands throughout Collin County

Due to student enrollment growth, Collin is expanding facilities at the Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco. Plans are underway to build a 50-60,000-square foot facility for classrooms and faculty offices between Founders and Heritage halls (site pictured at right). The new building will make the campus more comprehensive in order to offer more courses.

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Collin honors 2005 'Living Legends'

Recently, Collin recognized pillars of the community at its annual Living Legends Tribute, underwritten for the

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second consecutive year by Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano.

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Third Collin student in five years named to elite All-USA Academic Team



When Adele Bailey made remarks in Boston on behalf of the new inductees into the All-USA Academic Team, the spotlight was hers alone onstage in front of college leaders and students from across the U.S. However, she was far from alone back home in achieving the honor. She is one of three Collin students in the last five years to earn the ultimate prize for American community college students.

(Pictured at left during the Phi Theta Kappa annual convention are Collin President Cary Israel, former New York Mayor Rudolph Giuliani, Adele Bailey and Collin Board of Trustees Chairman Sam Roach.)

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2005 Collin County Legends revealed!

Collin is proud to announce the 2005 Living Legends--Richard and Diane Dill of McKinney, Jan Miller of the Anna and Celina communities, Rita G. Smith of Wylie, and Bob Warren of Frisco. Mark your calendar for the third annual tribute ceremony November 12, underwritten by *Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano!*

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College offers new programs

The breadth of any community college is not based on where it has been, but where it is going. Collin has a very bright future, which is showcased in the many new programs, certificates and degrees being offered.

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College receives second \$1 million gift

Collin has received an unrestricted \$1 million gift from the estate of Royden Lebrecht. The bequest is the college's second \$1 million gift in as many years, and it will create scholarships as well as the first endowed chair in the college's history--the Lebrecht Chair for the Center for Scholarly and Civic Engagement.

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Where are they now?

An insider's view of the White House

Geoff Bailey was one of 100 recent interns at the White House, and he was one of only seven interns selected to work in Vice President Dick Cheney's office. Assigned to

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the White House photographer, he has numerous tales of the wonders of life on Capitol Hill. *(Pictured at left is former Collin student Geoff Bailey along with U.S. Vice President Dick Cheney.)*
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Special Faculty Feature: Educational Philosophies

Meet some of our esteemed faculty as they share their philosophies on higher education.

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Special Thanks, Plain & Fancy Ball

Collin County Community College District thanks High Society sponsors of the Plain & Fancy Ball. Watch for details on the next Plain & Fancy Ball set for March 2006!

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Plain & Fancy Ball turns educational fairytale to reality for Collin County Community College students

Time is running out to get the hottest ticket in town! Don't miss your chance to strut your stuff on the red carpet at the first-ever "Plain & Fancy Ball" at Collin County Community College while mystery judges pick the Most Fabulous, Most Elegant, Best Couple and Most Creative attire. Check out the [video!](#) (Load with QuickTime through attached link)

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College helps area brace for health care shortages

Collin County's population in 2004 was estimated at 615,200, and that number will climb to one million by 2025. Nationwide someone turns 50 every eight seconds, and the fastest-growing age bracket in Collin County is 65 plus. With Collin County's population growing and aging, the demand on the health care industry is mounting. You might be surprised to know what your community college is doing to help.

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College accepting applications for 'SMART' scholarships

High school and college students interested math, science, computer science or engineering take note! Scholarships are available thanks to Texas Instruments.

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Where are they NOW?



Dr. Clint Feagin & Amanda Self Feagin

Seven years ago if you asked Clint Feagin and Amanda Self what the Farmersville natives wanted to be when they grew up, Clint would have said he definitely wanted to be an expert in his field and Amanda would have told you she was undecided. Today, after earning their degrees, the high school sweethearts are married and have grown into a veterinarian and a teacher.

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New Frisco addition now open

Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco is now the second-largest campus in the Collin County Community College District with the opening of a 103,000 square-foot

expansion.
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Student Highlights

Collin was one of only three colleges and universities nationwide recognized as an Outstanding Delegation for participation in the Model U.N. program.

From left to right: Professor Dierdre Wendell, Abena Ahenkan, Benjamin Painter, Jon Lucas, Josh Lucas, Josh Curlett, Fauzia Khan, Professor Hope Williams (seated)
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Q: What do Rice and the University of Texas have in common with Collin County Community College?

A: Accreditation by the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools (SACS)

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You might be surprised to see how many graduates from area high schools come to Collin County Community College. Check out the percentages.

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Welcome to our community e-newsletter!

Today, members of the community are receiving the very first issue of Collin County Community College District's electronic newsletter *Connection*. Enjoy!

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ABC News anchor Peter Jennings broadcasts at CCCCD

Peter Jennings of ABC's World News Tonight joined several local journalist in town hall meeting to discuss "Media Matters" with college students.

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Collin County Community College offers challenging academics

True or false: Students want easy classes. Surprisingly, many of today's best and brightest college students want a challenge rather than a walk in the park.

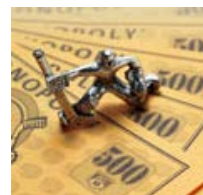
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An Evening of MONOPOLY On Ice: CCCCD Foundation, Inc. hosts fourth annual fundraiser

The Collin County Community College District Foundation, Inc. hosts the fourth annual "An Evening of Monopoly."

The twist this year is that it will be on ice!

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Appraisal District says tax growth down; planning strengthens college

Good news! *The Dallas Morning News* reported recently that Collin County Community College District has the lowest tax growth rate of any educational entity in the county, referring to data from the Central Appraisal District of Collin County.

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Where are they now? Former student featured as lead character in animated cartoon series

Riding the crest of a recent tsunami is voice actress and former CCCCD drama student, Laura Bailey. Bailey is a voice-over actress, sometimes called a re-dub artist, in that subculture of Japanese animation known as anime (A-ni-may).

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Collin County Economic Summit set for March 30

Business and community leaders interested in the future of the local economy will get a preview at the 2004 Collin County Economic Summit set for March 30.

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Hats off and congratulations to our many outstanding students like Bizu Ejigu, picture at the right.

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