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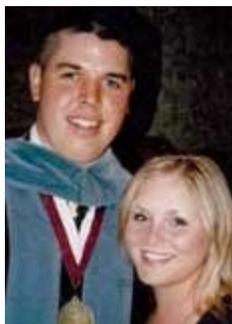


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Dr. Clint Feagin & Amanda Self Feagin

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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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Collin County Community College District and its Foundation invite the community to the county's first-ever Plain and Fancy Ball, which benefits student scholarships and academic excellence at the college. Everyone who is in vogue will want to attend from 7 to 10 p.m. on Saturday, March 5, 2005 and sashay down the red carpet toward the new conference center at the Spring Creek Campus, 2800 East Spring Creek Parkway in Plano.



This year's Plain and Fancy Ball offers chic nouveau glamour to replace the games of "An Evening of Monopoly." The successful Monopoly fundraiser raised more than half a million dollars and assisted nearly 800 students in its four-year run.

But what will you wear to this unique ball? While Cinderella relied on her fairy godmother for an extreme fashion makeover, you can let your imagination go to work as you design your own distinctive fashionable ensemble that combines comfortable, everyday-wear (plain) with sophisticated, elegant, "After Five" evening wear (fancy). Or you can bring the fairytale to life by sporting "After Five" attire from head to toe (fancy).

Why not pull out that treasured antique brooch or your grandfather's top hat and wear them with your favorite casual outfit? Or, adorn yourself in high-fashion with a couture gown and your most comfortable sneakers (plain). Here are a few [tips](#).

As the evening begins, cast your award-winning smile toward the bright camera flashes from paparazzi as you step onto the red carpet. Expect the unexpected through an array of fun, unusual and light-hearted activities throughout the evening. You can kick-up the heels of those dancing shoes with 10-minute dance lessons and then relax by listening to the musical stylings of a cool jazz band. Before the clock strikes 10 p.m., couples will be recognized as "Most Fabulous," "Most Elegant," "Best Couple" and "Most Creative." There will also be awards for the winners of a dance contest.

The Collin County Community College Plain and Fancy Ball is the most unique fundraising adventure in Collin County to support the worthy cause of education. Don't be left out — you can participate by becoming a sponsor. [Sponsorship levels](#) range from \$20,000 to \$1,000.

Sponsorship levels include: "Philanthropist" (\$20,000), "High Society" (\$10,000), "Jet Set" (\$5,000), "In-Crowd" (\$2,500) and "Hipster" (\$1,000).

To become a Plain and Fancy Ball [sponsor](#) or for more information, please contact the Collin County Community College District Foundation, Inc. at 972.881.5611.

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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.

Health Care Training

Thousands of nurses, respiratory therapists, dental hygienists, medical transcriptionists, emergency medical technicians and paramedics are already in the local workforce after training for their careers at Collin County Community College. Now, the college is working on new strategies to supply more healthcare professionals to the market.



According to college President Cary Israel, "There are several hospital expansions and new construction projects underway, and we are working directly with local hospital administrators, physicians and other health care providers to fill the gaps as we develop our new strategic plan. The intent is to expand programs and create new ventures to ease the shortages."

Proposed programs include gerontological health, cancer screening, digital imaging, surgery technician, cardiovascular technician and phlebotomy.

Several grant projects are underway to fund expansions of health care training facilities and launch new programs.

However, students still need scholarships to make sure there are enough quality health care workers available to care for Collin County residents. You can make a difference and help protect the health of Collin County. Give the gift of education! (See Plain & Fancy Ball story).

Consumer Health Information Center

The library at the college's Central Park Campus at 2200 W. University Drive in McKinney is now a regional Consumer Health Information Center. Here, medical professionals and people from the community can research conditions, illnesses and diseases.

"The National Institutes for Health and the National Library of Medicine

are very concerned about health literacy," said Bobbie Long, executive director of the library. "In this age of managed care, we have to study for ourselves because our doctors have limited time."

Free and open to the public, the library has an extensive collection of health information books, periodicals, videos and databases along with personal assistance from a specialized librarian.

Nursing and allied health students from the college have already turned to the library to learn more about treating patients. Now, the college hopes to spread the word to Collin County residents and local health care professionals.

College plans expansion of nursing, healthcare facility



Recently, the U.S. Department of Labor identified Registered Nursing as the top occupation for job growth through 2012. Collin County Community College District is developing plans to expand the James and Pat Aston Center for Health Studies at the Central Park Campus in McKinney.

The immediate goal, with a \$120,000 challenge grant received from the Hoblitzelle Foundation, is to reconfigure classroom space to accommodate more students.

In its tenth year, the James & Pat Aston Center houses the college's nursing, respiratory therapy and emergency medical technician programs. This facility contains a simulated hospital environment with 16 patient beds, a respiratory therapist training lab, an EMT training lab, a computer simulation lab and lecture space. Approximately 250 allied health professionals receive training at the center annually, with more than 100 graduates annually.

Phase I of the expansion calls for increasing enrollment and relocating labs to create an additional 10-bed simulated hospital setting. Each new station will have a mobile cart containing supplies, free-standing stations providing power, compressed air and oxygen hookups, and a wireless laptop computer simulated learning experiences.

From 1995 to 2003, the nursing program tripled its annual enrollments and graduated 424 students. The average pass-rate on the licensure exam is an impressive 96.87 percent. This spring, the program will begin admitting students twice a year to meet demand.

According to Harvey Fishero, CEO of Medical Center of Plano, there are about 1,500 registered nurses in Collin and Denton counties currently. However, the projected need is for 3,000 RNs by 2007, a 100 percent increase. The college is determined to ease this shortage. Businesses interested in joining in the expansion of the James and Pat Aston Center for Health Studies may contact the CCCCD Foundation, Inc., office at 972.548.6611.

College, partners to serve the healthcare needs of northeast Texans

Collin County Community College District is leading an effort with five partners—Grayson County College, North Central Texas College, Northeast Texas Community College, Paris Junior College and Texarkana College—to increase the supply of health care faculty. Together, these institutions have formed the Northeast Texas Workforce Consortium for Health

Professionals (NTWCHP).

A July 2003 U.S. Department of Labor report stated that community colleges are facing shortages in health care faculty and practitioners. These professionals, who are often required to have advanced degrees to instruct, frequently command higher salaries practicing in hospitals and clinics than in education. It is a vicious cycle: shortages of practitioners (doctors, nurses, technicians, etc.) limit the capacity of the system to provide patient care, while faculty shortages at the training end restrict capacity to increase student enrollment and thus to graduate more practitioners.

The NTWCHP just received a grant to address this dilemma by assessing workforce needs, assets and educational programming and by developing a plan to alleviate shortages of health professionals and allied health faculty.

The first year's activities will focus on data analysis, regional plan development and the implementation of educational activities designed to impact enrollment in at least one area with a shortage of health care workers. Subsequent years will see the refinement and development of additional educational activities and dissemination of the NTWCHP model to other areas.

These are just a small part of your community college's effort to protect your health.

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With the rising costs of a college education, what could be SMARTer than free college classes?

Plano Independent School District (PISD) high school juniors and seniors and current Collin County Community College District students who are interested in studying **math, science, computer science or engineering**, may be eligible for a Science, Math, Advanced Research and Technology (SMART) scholarship, sponsored by Texas Instruments.

Selected PISD juniors and seniors can take free college classes at Collin through a SMART scholarship of up to \$400 a year. To qualify, students must:

- Be accepted into the early admissions program with Collin
- Major in mathematics, science, computer science or engineering
- Be eligible to transfer from Collin to The University of Texas at Dallas
- Intend to pursue an engineering or an engineering-related career

Collin freshman students can get up to \$2,500 a year for tuition, fees and books. To qualify, students must:

- Major in mathematics, science, computer science, engineering or pre-engineering fields of study.
- Be accepted into the dual admissions program between Collin and The University of Texas at Dallas
- Intend to pursue an engineering or engineering-related career

Apply now for fall 2005 scholarship eligibility. For more information, contact Wayne Jones at wjones@cccd.edu or **972.377.1715**.

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Former Collin County Community College District students, Clint is one of three veterinary doctors practicing at Quitman Animal Clinic in Quitman, Texas, and Amanda is a kindergarten teacher at Winnsboro Elementary School in Winnsboro, Texas. This couple can testify that education transforms lives.

The first in her family to graduate from college, Amanda thought Collin County Community College suited her perfectly.

"I chose to go to Collin because I wanted to stay close to home. I have always thought that Collin was a respectable college. I do not think I would have been as successful going to Texas A&M University if I had not started at Collin," said Amanda who graduated cum laude from Texas A&M University. "People underestimate Collin. I enjoyed going there, and I felt ready to go on to A&M."

Environment is very important to Amanda as a student and as a teacher. One of her first professors at Collin County Community College, Scott Yarbrough, helped Amanda feel comfortable at college.

"I loved him to death. He let us be creative with writing, and he made the class feel warm and welcome. Professor Yarbrough made me see that learning could be fun," Amanda said.

Today, Amanda has come full circle and tries to return the favor to her students, like the little boy in her class who asked her day after day when it was time to go home. Now, he is thriving in the school environment and, like his teacher, says school is fun.

According to Clint, a college education is invaluable. He says if you put your mind to it, you can do it. Considering the fact that Clint was accepted to Texas A&M University's veterinary school on the first application and graduated magna cum laude, there is no question as to whether or not he put his mind to it.

Clint started at Collin the summer after he graduated from high school. He took speech, English and all of his mathematics classes at the college and took his upper-level pre-veterinary classes at Texas A&M University-Commerce. "The atmosphere and the facilities are very nice at Collin, and the classes were well taught. I believe you get as much out of a class as you put in. I had high aspirations, so I was diligent in my studies, and I got as much out of the classes as I needed and more. Just because Collin is not a four-year university doesn't mean that you cannot get a good education there. They offer quality in a variety of different disciplines," he said.

Both Clint and Amanda, who just moved into a custom home, are happy they took the time to get an education. They are even more pleased that they spend their working days at jobs they love. Looking back, Amanda says it is all worth it. "I could not be a teacher if I did not go to college. I see things differently than before I went to college. I think it is very important to become educated, and I love seeing the light bulb come on when the kindergarten students get it. I am never, ever bored. It is a lot of work, but I get to be a kid all day long. I thrive on it, and I am excited every morning to go to work."

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The expansion at this once-rural location features an enormous new library and classroom building.

Academically, the expansion will allow a comprehensive college experience by offering more core/general education classes and fine arts. Architecturally, the new structure connects all of the buildings to a central hub, creating a quad feel.



The centerpiece of the expansion is a gleaming, 50,000 square-foot library with floor-to-ceiling windows, natural lighting and open areas for seating. The library seats 700, and boasts a collection of 80,000 books. It will also house an Honors Institute. The expansion includes a meeting room that seats about 150 people, a music hall with a piano, faculty offices, numerous classrooms, computer-based math and English labs, a lecture hall with tiered-seating and a small stage at one end for performances or video screenings, and much more.

"When the trustees proposed this campus, it was a very undeveloped area," said Sam Roach, chairman of the college's Board of Trustees and a Frisco resident. "Now, Frisco has shopping centers, world class hotels several professional sports teams. The expansion of Preston Ridge increases opportunities for our students and creates a world-class institution of higher learning."

The project is part of a \$57 million bond package passed by Collin County voters in 2001.

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Kris Gonzalez

Sociology student **Kris Gonzalez** won third place, behind students from Northwestern University and Yale University, in an essay contest sponsored by the Institute for Humane Studies at George Mason University. One of only a handful of winners from among 1,700 entries worldwide, Gonzalez's essay, "Comparative Advantage vs. A Race to the Bottom," compared maquiladoras, assembly plants in Mexico to factories in India.

Chris Megert and the Love Jones debuted their first album, "A Beautiful Thing." Megert, a CCCCD commercial music student, single-handedly produced, recorded, mixed and mastered the C.D. Megert describes his group's sound as "pop/rock with a soulful edge."

Robert Lee Russell, III, of Plano was accepted into The Second City, one of the most famous comedy theater troupes in the country. Begun in Chicago in 1959, Second City's alumni list includes the likes of John Belushi, Mike Meyers, Bill Murray, John Candy and Gilda Radner.



Robert Lee Russell, III



The Model United Nations program

recently honored a group of Collin students at a national conference in Washington, D.C. The delegation was one of only two community colleges in the nation to participate and was assigned to represent Canada in mock international relations exercises. For their superior work, the Collin student delegates won six of seven committee awards saluting their research, knowledge and negotiation skills. Collin was also one of only three colleges and universities nationwide recognized as an "Outstanding Delegation." This was the first time the college had participated in the Model U.N. program, and Professors Hope Williams and Dierdre Wendell led the students through six weeks of preparation.

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Anthony Armstrong



Jennifer Brooks



Brooke Brantley



Susan Kamath



Marilyn Massey

Anthony Armstrong, associate professor of English, earned a Bronze Quill Award of Excellence for Creative Marketing Writing from the Dallas Chapter of the International Association of Business Communicators. Honorees are selected annually for outstanding accomplishments in the communications field.

A feature story in the American Psychological Association's Monitor on Psychology praised Collin Psychology Professor **Jennifer O'Loughlin-Brooks** and **Valerie Smith** for a program to teach psychology students the value of undergraduate research. The article hailed the program as a model for community colleges nationwide.

Brooke Brantley was selected as Contributor of the Year for 2004 by the Dallas Chapter of the Texas Chef Association. Honorees are chosen from chef members, associate members or purveyor/supplier members who have made outstanding contributions to the chapter over the past year.

Susan Evans, associate dean/athletic director, was accepted into the 2004-2005 Citizenship McKinney Program.

Susan Kamath, hospital lab coordinator and associate nursing faculty at CCCCD, volunteers as the director of nursing at Children and Community Health Care of McKinney, a free clinic developed to serve the working uninsured and those who do not qualify for insurance through Medicare or CHIPS. CCHC is a faith-based community clinic that offers primary, specialty and dental care. Collin Service-Learning students from a variety of disciplines and programs such as nursing and dental hygiene have the opportunity to work as readers, greeters and language interpreters in community education, child care and other areas.

Dr. Nelson Rich, professor of biology, and CCCCD students continue to work on the Collin County Flora Project, which documents the presence, distribution and abundance of the native and naturalized vascular plant species in Collin County, Texas. Data from this study will be useful to environmental consultants, municipal planners, as well as long-term, ongoing studies at the state and national levels. In addition, Dr. Rich published Checklist of Vascular Plants of Collin County, used by botany students and available to local researchers and community members.

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Janet Sheppard, director of Continuing Education, was accepted into the Leadership Plano Class 2004-2005.

Marilyn Massey professor of developmental math, was inducted as president of the Texas Association for Developmental Education (TADE).

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It is a little known fact that community colleges have the same standards for accreditation as universities. That means that your community college must adhere to the same standards of quality as fine universities like Duke, Southern Methodist University, Wake Forest, Vanderbilt, Rice and University of Texas.

SACS, which reviews on a 10-year cycle, recently conducted its reaffirmation process for Collin County Community College District, and initial comments were very positive.

In fact, the review committee praised Collin County Community College District for its "Quality Enhancement Plan" (QEP). Each institution applying for accreditation or renewal is required to create a QEP that engages the whole college and addresses institutional improvement. With input from administration, faculty, trustees, students and staff, CCCCD developed a plan to create a "community of scholars," guiding students to become "learned" individuals.

According to college President Cary Israel, "They were very excited about our QEP's creativity and boldness toward fostering a scholarly community. They emphasized that this topic is rarely posed by institutions of higher education."

The final report is expected in June 2005.

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College accepting applications for 'SMART' scholarships

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High School Graduates 2004

Enrolled at Collin County Community College District

Percentage of Graduating Classes Enrolled*

ALLEN	28%
ANNA	34%
BLUE RIDGE	28%
CELINA	21%
COMMUNITY	23%
FARMERSVILLE	24%
FRISCO	32%
McKINNEY	28%
McKINNEY NORTH	27%
PLANO EAST	29%
PLANO SENIOR	25%
PLANO WEST	15%
PRINCETON	22%
PROSPER	28%
WYLIE	26%
ROCKWALL	11%
ROYSE CITY	5%
THE COLONY	26%
TOTAL SERVICE AREA	24%

*Based on self reported 2004 high school graduates

Data Source: CCCCD Student Information System, Brio Extraction, 10/14/2004.

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