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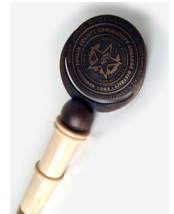
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Today, the local workforce depends on the graduates of Collin College. Thousands of graduates protect and serve us, our families, children and friends daily as nurses, teachers, firefighters, EMTs, dental hygienists, police officers, respiratory therapists and surgical technicians.



"The voters who established the college nearly 25 years ago had a great vision to build a strong, vibrant community," said Cary A. Israel, president of the college. "However, without scholarship donations, this pipeline will be depleted. If every Collin student and graduate suddenly disappeared, the consequences would be problematic, to say the least."

Five thousand Collin College students currently rely on financial aid and gifts. According to President Israel, many more need help. "If we want to keep professionals by our side during our most anxious moments, we must generate more scholarship dollars."

To donate or learn more about giving opportunities, call 972.599.3145.

Statistics about graduates in service professions:

- Just in the last five years, 221 registered nurses have been certified. Collin students have a 98.28 percent pass rate on the state licensure exam.
- In May 2008, 80 students graduated from the alternative teacher certification program. Thirty-three of those are teaching in Plano, Frisco, Allen, Melissa, Farmersville, Princeton, McKinney and Wylie ISDs.
- About 500 students enroll in the Collin County Law Enforcement Academy at Collin College's Central Park Campus every year. The program is one of the top 10 law enforcement programs in the state, and during the past five years, 100 percent of students in the program passed the Peace Officer Licensing Exam.
- The Collin County Sheriff's Department employs 104 Collin College alums out of 164 sworn employees.
- The Allen Police Department employs 14 Collin College law enforcement grads, totaling 16 percent of their department.
- Of Wylie's 47 sworn officers, 31 graduated from Collin College – about 65 percent.



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Dr. Bob Collins, chair of the college's Board of Trustees, carries a card with these core values in his coat pocket because he believes it is important to review and practice values like Integrity daily. "Integrity can be thought of in mathematical terms; Integrity and integral have the same root. They are both wholeness. It means our actions and words correspond; what we say and what we do are integrated.

Another one of our core values is Academic Excellence. The evidence is that our students who transfer do well at universities, many at tier one universities. The college has garnered numerous academic awards. We are one of the few colleges that have more than one U.S. professor of the year," Dr. Collins said.

The core values were developed in 2000 through a group effort by the trustees, faculty, staff and administrators. Since then, these values have become a guiding force.

They are the selection criteria for the Living Legends of Collin County. The college measures outstanding faculty and employees by their demonstration of the core values. These values are the basis for employee evaluations. The core values are even emblazoned on the college seal, and they lead each year's commencement procession as they are embossed on the college mace.

Perhaps the best illustration of the college's core values is seen in the actions of the college's students. For example, service and involvement were demonstrated recently when students and faculty contributed 731 pounds of food, equaling 935 meals, through a program chaired by Professor Cheryl Wiltse and sponsored by faculty with the Book in Common* program.

According to student Megan Grinels, who recently led a relief drive for victims of Hurricane Ike, "Donating a bag of blankets or canned goods gives people a sense of purpose. We give to others in gratitude for what the college does for us. The core values are not just words; they are actions that the college accomplishes. We have pride in those words," Grinels said.

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Stephen Terrell

Allen Mayor

Stephen Terrell – “Collin College is convenient and a great value for anybody – young or old – looking for an opportunity to get an education for less money. Collin College helps people who are older and are looking to go back to college for a second career or for high school graduates who want to get a solid education. The college is also good for someone who wants to look into a new interest.”



Don Smith

Farmersville Mayor

Donald Smith – “Our educational and economic growth is directly linked to Collin College. The college is an invaluable partner for us now and will become even more important as the growth and development in eastern Collin County continues. It is increasingly clear that ongoing, accessible, convenient and affordable higher education opportunities are essential to developing and sustaining a well-educated population and workforce.”



Maher Maso

Frisco Mayor

Maher Maso – “Almost every aspect of our growth is impacted by the success of Collin College including our economic development efforts, quality of life, public safety, financial health of Frisco and so much more. From a quality of life and financial perspective, the partnership that Frisco has with Collin College has allowed us to create some very creative tools to improve our community. The participation of Collin College has touched the lives of all of our citizens, whether they attend as students or simply live in our community.”



Bill Whitfield

McKinney Mayor

Bill Whitfield – “Value. Collin College offers a very high quality education for a much lower investment than other colleges and universities in this area. By pursuing their degrees at Collin College, students can have the best of both worlds ... an excellent education at an affordable price. Collin College will continue to play a major role in McKinney's growth and have a proactive impact on our community. With education always being a prime consideration when families consider a future home, the presence of a quality educational

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institution is a tremendous attraction.”



Pat Evans

Plano Mayor

Pat Evans – “For Plano, Collin College has just been major as a source of cultural enrichment for the city. I can’t imagine Plano without the college. I think it makes a huge difference to have such a well-educated core of people here participating in the workforce. The college is a major selling point when we are looking to bring corporations and businesses to town. It also provides further training for their employees. My favorite thing about Collin College ... I’ve been to many performances in the community from the music and theater departments. They are such talented groups of students.”

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Where are they now?

The measure of success for any company—small or large—often comes down to the “bottom line” or amount of profit generated. This is why companies seeking to do business at an elite level call someone who can advise leaders on how to navigate change, improve processes, assess market conditions, interpret performance statistics, train and counsel employees, create job-application guidelines and give psychological tests.

As an industrial psychologist, former Collin College student Dr. Sydney Anne Barcus loves to perform the aforementioned duties with the goal of ensuring that organizations are reaching their full potential, from the “bottom line” to employee morale.

Despite her passion for the job, however, Barcus admits she has not always dreamed of a career in this profession.

In fact, she was one semester away from earning a bachelor of arts degree in fine art from the University of North Texas (UNT) before deciding to perform a U-turn and pursue a psychology degree. As the first in her family to earn a degree, she had a lot at stake.

Collin College fuels passion for psychology

Prior to this life-altering decision, the once self-employed artist, who was in her 30s when she enrolled at Collin College, had high hopes of enhancing her skills to further her art career.

It was not until taking a Collin College class taught by Dr. Chris Grooms, professor of English, that Barcus realized pursuing an arts degree was not her real dream.

“Dr. Grooms assigned everyone in his rhetoric class to research the field we were interested in,” Barcus said. “The assignment challenged me to consider how a career in this field would impact my life and helped me realize how I longed to make a difference in the business world.”

“I became passionate about psychology and completely focused on this field. I was enthralled by the scientific component, which is so much more concrete than my art experience,” Barcus said. “Ultimately, what made me want to be in this field is I wanted to enhance people’s experience in the workplace, by applying proven scientific methods to allow data to drive effective change initiatives. This is a win-win situation for both the individual, through increased job satisfaction, and organization, through enhanced profits.”

After transferring from Collin College to UNT, Barcus graduated number one in her class with a bachelor of science degree in psychology in 2004 before also earning her doctorate at UNT.

“There is no doubt that my academic success was built upon the strong foundation I acquired at Collin College,” Barcus explains. “One of the things that really stood out for me



Dr. Sydney Barcus

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was the caliber of professors at Collin College. Many of my professors, even in the art department, had Ph.D.s and the classes were small and interactive. It was a very exciting time in my life. The feedback, guidance and input at Collin College were unsurpassed."

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Dr. Sydney Anne Barcus

Impact on the corporate world

Barcus' primary duties as the global manager of organizational development at Pegasus Solutions, a world leader in hospitality IT outsourcing, cover performance appraisals such as ongoing one-on-one coaching with the CEO and all organizational leaders. She also designed and launched Pegasus' corporate university.

"Industrial psychology is a very demanding field and requires a lot of dedication and meticulous work, but it is also really rewarding to have that kind of an impact on how the corporate world functions. The effort and enthusiasm I put in at Collin College is the same effort and enthusiasm that makes me successful as an industrial/organizational psychologist."

Now that his wife has finished college and established her career as an industrial psychologist, Barcus' husband is planning on taking communication and business classes at Collin College. "He hopes to have the same awakening experience I did," Sydney Barcus said, "so Collin College was the obvious choice."

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Pearl McGregor, respiratory care student, was awarded the Coca-Cola Two-Year Colleges Scholarship. One of 400 award recipients across the nation, she was recognized for her commitment to academics and the community.


Pearl McGregor

Convergence Technology student **Brett McCormick** and **Patrick Neff**, a graduate of Collin's Convergence Technology program, were among 55 students from around the country who were given the National Science Foundation's Advanced Technology Education Student Award for Excellence. McCormick and Neff gave demonstrations of college projects they worked on at a showcase session in Washington, D.C. This marks the third year in a row that Collin College students have earned this honor.

In November, the **Political Science Club** competed at an invitational Mock Trial Tournament at Baylor University. The only community college present, the club competed against Baylor, Southern Methodist University, Rice, Houston Baptist University, The University of Texas at Dallas and others. Collin student **Jacob Nekunazarazad** won the "Top Attorney Award" and the team from Collin College placed fourth. The team advances to the regional tournament in February.

Megan Parker, a former Collin College student, recently published the article "Service Learning Through Philanthropy in a Psychology of Death and Dying Course" in the Journal for Civic Commitment with Psychology and Sociology **Professor Debbie White** and Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, executive director of the North Texas Branch of the Society of St. Vincent de Paul. The article describes the process and results of a pilot program within a Collin College psychology course, which targeted philanthropy in service-learning and stimulated creativity and leadership in students who applied academic theories while volunteering in the community. **Meg Grinels**, a student in Professor White's Death and Dying class, spearheaded a community-wide effort to help victims of Hurricane Ike. The organization recently honored the student effort.


Elizabeth Disco-Shearer, Debbie White, & Megan Parker.

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Faculty and staff highlights



Paula Miller

Paula Miller, professor of accounting, received the Texas Society of Certified Public Accountants' 2008 Outstanding Accounting Educator Award. The honor goes to Texans who demonstrate excellence in teaching and who distinguish themselves through service to the accounting profession.

Collin College's **biotechnology program** was the subject of a declaration of recognition from Gov. Rick Perry and first lady Anita Perry for its leadership in upholding the Texas Skills Standards Board's recognized industry standards for colleges.

Collin College President **Cary A. Israel** was named the "Pacesetter of the Year" on Oct. 21 by district 4 of the National Council for Marketing and Public Relations. The honor recognizes a chief executive officer at a community college who has demonstrated extraordinary leadership and support of college communications and marketing.



Cary A. Israel

Dr. Keith Volanto, professor of history, co-authored the book *Beyond Myths and Legends: A Narrative History of Texas*. Dr. Volanto wrote five chapters chronicling Texas history from the 1920s-1960s.



Dr. Kyle Wilkison

Dr. Kyle Wilkison, professor of history, published the book *Yeomen, Sharecroppers and Socialists: Plain Folk Protest in Texas, 1870-1914*, which analyzes the lives of "plain-folk" during the changing times of the late 1800s to the early 20th century including the roles of politics and religion.

Counselor **Pam Love-White** has been named the 2008 Outstanding Community College Counselor by the Texas College Counseling Association. She is a Licensed Professional Counselor in the state of Texas and a Nationally Certified Counselor.



Pam Love-White

Steve Hardy, associate vice president for Continuing Education and Workforce Development, was appointed to serve on the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board. The Board provides leadership to an extensive network of workforce centers and service providers in a 14-county area of North Central Texas.

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Steve Hardy

Counselor **Amy Lenhart** has been selected as chair of the Community College Taskforce for the American College Counseling Association for the upcoming year. She currently serves as President for the Texas College Counseling Association.



Amy Lenhart



Carolyn Jones

Carolyn Jones, coordinator of Financial Aid/Veteran Affairs, has been elected as president-elect for the Texas Association of Student Financial Aid Administrators. She will serve as president-elect until October 31, 2009 , at which time she will become president.

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Collin College is seeking community input for its next strategic plan through a series of town hall meetings scheduled in Plano, Farmersville, Celina, Allen, Frisco and McKinney.

"The purpose of the town hall format is to encourage community dialog for our next three-year strategic plan," said Dr. J Robert Collins, who chairs the college's Board of Trustees. "Our community is full of insightful people, so we are eager to hear their hopes for the future of higher education."

The series begins on Jan. 29 and continues through March 12. A full schedule is below.

- Jan. 29, 7:30 a.m. - Plano
Collin College, Courtyard Center, Room B409, 4800 Preston Park Blvd.
- Feb. 19, 6:30 p.m. - Farmersville
Farmersville High School, Cafetorium, 499 Hwy 78 N.
- Feb. 26, 6:30 p.m. - Celina
First Baptist Church of Celina, Fellowship Hall, 841 N. Preston Road
- March 2, 6:30 p.m. - Allen
Allen Public Library, Civic Auditorium, 300 N. Allen Drive
- March 4, 6:30 p.m. - Plano
Collin College, Spring Creek Campus, Conference Center, 2800 E. Spring Creek Pkwy.
- March 5, 6:30 p.m. - Frisco
Collin College, Preston Ridge Campus, Room LC104, 9700 Wade Blvd.
- March 12, 7:30 a.m. - McKinney
Collin College, Central Park Campus, Conference Center, 2200 W. University Dr.

According to college president Cary Israel, strategic planning helped set the stage for the district's success. "We have grown exponentially while receiving national commendations. That would not have been possible without solid planning," he said. "As we begin the next cycle, community feedback continues to be vital. We encourage local residents to join us and share their big ideas. This will be a very interactive and engaging town hall."

Collin College will celebrate its 25th anniversary in 2010, and enrollment districtwide reached 21,000 in the fall 2008 semester.

To attend town hall meeting, please RSVP by visiting www.collin.edu/townhall. For more information, call 972.758.3875.

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Did you know?

Largest Collin County Business Employers **Number of Employees**
Comparison to Collin College

COUNTRYWIDE*	9,262
EDS/HP*	5,000
JC PENNEY (CORPORATE HQ)	4,850
PEROT SYSTEMS	2,732
RAYTHEON	2,500
COLLIN COLLEGE	2,387
ALCATEL*	2,280
AT&T INC	2,140
CHC ACQUISITION CORP	2,000
DR PEPPER/SNAPPLE	1,700

Source: Business employment count from the North Central Texas Council of Governments
* Totals subject to change pursuant to recent acquisitions and reorganizations.

Supporting Texas businesses

Collin College is proud to do business with more than **500** Texas businesses, **200** of which are in Collin County, such as the ones below.

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| 14th Street Gallery | E Instruction | PLSN/FOH Bookshelf |
| 3 Day Framing & Gallery | ECI Video | Paco Pumps Grundfos CBS Inc |
| 4-L Engineering Company Inc | ENV Services | Page Boiler Works Inc |
| A New Deal Irrigation | Eagle Tours Inc | Party America |
| A-1 Little John Inc | Earthbound Trading Company | Pasco Equipment Inc |
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Auteur Film Series explores (In)Justice in cinema

As always, the Auteur Film Series is free and open to the public.

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Fall registration continues; payment deadline looms for early registration

Classes begin Monday, Aug. 23. Get registered and paid up.

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Campus Dates

August is a time for those back-to-school sales and a tasty schedule of upcoming events.

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Quick Facts

Financial aid: The need is always growing.

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Top six in-demand careers

Getting started in the top in-demand careers while at Collin College.

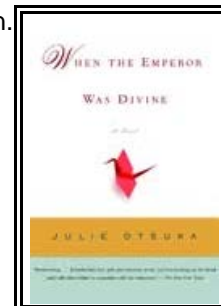
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Book Review: 'When The Emperor Was Divine'

A review of this year's Book-in-Common.

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These folks have given. Have you? A fundraiser where \$1 goes a long way.

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Collin Cougar seeks help in scholarship endeavor

Give \$1. Give \$5. Give \$20. With Collin Cougar, there's no such thing as a small gift.

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Registration for fall classes is ongoing

Register today. If you don't, you might miss out on that class you need. And that would just be a shame.

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College News

Visuals from the recent nursing and robotics camp at Collin College.

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Jazz camp to feature nightly concerts

The 16th annual Collin College Texas All-Star Jazz Camp brings best, brightest of young musicians with a who's who of instructors.

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Learning Communities announced for fall 2010

Space is limited for these unique learning opportunities.

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Campus Dates

That noise you hear just ahead in the distance is the fall semester. Already, it's teeming with events.

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Food for the brain, the belly and the soul.

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Collin Cougar's fundraising efforts continue

Raising \$1,500 for a scholarship. He could use your help.

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On-campus employment available

Are you looking for a job on campus? Here's how.

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College News

Middle of summer and our students, faculty and staff can not help but remain busy.

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This may come as a surprise, but we are all Africans

Recently, Collin College sociology professor Dr. John Glass shared his findings about humans' native, unified homeland—Africa. If you are thinking, "I'm Irish, Russian, Chinese, Polish, Hispanic or Italian, how can that possibly be true?" keep your mind open and check out the ideas behind his seemingly outlandish premise.

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Quick Facts

What percent of our professors are holding doctorates?

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Campus Dates

These dates are so awesome, they may not be ready for the public.

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From the arts and sciences, links from the great, vast Internet.

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Collin Cougar wants to make a difference, could use help

Mascot seeks to raise \$1,500 for scholarship.

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Fall registration due to open

Priority registration begins June 22. Open registration begins June 25.

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Dean's List announced for spring

Maybe you made the list. Maybe you didn't. There's only one way to find out.

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College releases President's List for spring 2010

The quest for the vaunted 4.0.

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Deadline approaching for SMU pre-admission program

Why wait? Apply now for the SMU pre-admission program to get your transfer scene in order.

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College News

Many are making headlines.

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Campus Dates

Working summer while getting ready for the fall.

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Free HIV testing at Spring Creek Campus June 22

Because awareness, education and an early diagnosis are the best defenses.

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High School to College:

Collin College helps area high school students fast-track to college degrees

Can you reduce the time to degree? Where can you turn for help to make sense of the different college options? Kim Rahebi and Christina Shafer found the answers to these questions and more at Collin College where they got a jump start on their college degrees with the dual credit program.

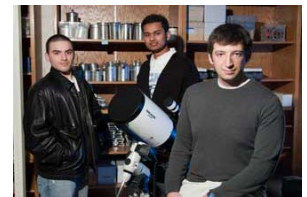
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Students discover asteroid and receive NASA award

Three Collin College students discovered a four-and-a-half-billion-year-old rock that most likely formed at the beginning of the solar system.

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Research offers unique opportunities for undergrads at Collin

Whether it is extracting DNA from soil, analyzing the conservation movement or exploring the physics of table tennis, students at Collin College have an opportunity that few undergraduates do—conducting research.

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Farmersville city manager credits Collin law academy

John Moran compares the makeup of a city to a person. No matter the town's size, the new Farmersville city manager explains, it has its own personality that differentiates it from other cities.

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Did you know?

More than 2,000 local high school students enrolled in dual credit courses from Collin College last fall. Click here to see how many were from your local high school.

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Collin College celebrates third U.S. Professor of the Year Award winner in nine years

Congratulations to Dr. Tracey McKenzie who was selected as the 2009 U.S. Professor of the Year by the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education. Her honor makes Collin College the only community college in the nation with three U.S. Professors of the Year.

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New university center opens: Baccalaureate, graduate programs now nearby at the Collin Higher Education Center

On January 11, juniors and seniors will step into classrooms at a magnificent, new Collin College campus for the first time, where they will find the finest bachelor's, master's and doctoral degree programs from area universities.

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Where Are They Now?

In honor of the college's silver anniversary, *Where Are They Now* shines the spotlight on three outstanding alumni.

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Forging an Era of Fusion:

A reflection on the future of education in Collin County

As the college celebrates its 25th anniversary, President Cary Israel shares insight into higher education trends and America's success in the next 25 years.

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Historic Faculty Excellence

With three U.S. Professor of the Year recipients in the past nine years, one Texas Professor of the Year, five Piper Professors and two Fulbright Scholars, the faculty members at Collin College continue to earn state and national acclaim.

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Collin College offers associate degrees for future hot jobs

The U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics expects the number individuals employed to increase by 16 million by the year 2016. A direct result of this increase will be the number of high-growth jobs, many of which can be accessed through associate degrees from Collin College.

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College moves to new home on the web

Effective Jan. 11, 2010, Collin College will change its web address.

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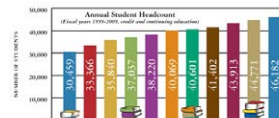
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One year ago, Collin College published its first report card. We now present an updated report card to show progress over the past year.

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College unveils partners, programs for university center

In January of 2010, the landscape of higher education in Collin County will change dramatically.

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Collin College lowers/freezes costs

The economic crisis has taken a heavy toll on all walks of life. However, students at Collin College will soon see a welcome sight on the horizon as they plan for spring semester—lower fees.

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Where are they now?

Former Collin College student goes *Greek*

Last year 1.6 million people watched Scott Michael Foster on television. More than six feet tall with tousled brown hair and piercing blue eyes, Foster plays the fun-loving character Cappie on the hit ABC Family show *Greek*.

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Collin College graduate works in U.S. district court

Nicholas Palmer was planning to become a professional musician, but his path from oboe player to lawyer intercepted a particular class at Collin College. After that class, Palmer chose law and never turned back. Today he is an attorney clerking for the U.S. District Court, Northern District of Texas, in the chambers of Judge Jane Boyle.

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Texas Top 3: Nursing program earns acclaim

The state of Texas recently honored the Collin College nursing program as one of Texas' best in terms of graduation and licensure rates.

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Did you know?

Collin College is celebrating its silver anniversary, so in this issue of Did You Know compares statistics from the college's inception to today.

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As a 22-year teaching veteran, Dr. Peggy Brown's enthusiasm for her profession and students shines through in her efforts to "nurture, inspire, challenge and engage" her students. The English and humanities professor's idealistic spirit caught the attention of the Minnie Stevens Piper Foundation recently, which awarded her the 2009 Piper Professor award for superior teaching at a Texas college or university.

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NASA hand picks 11 Collin students as aerospace scholars

NASA selected 11 Collin College students as Community College Aerospace Scholars. The students participated in a three-day, Mars-exploration project, designed for science and engineering students, at the Johnson Space Center.

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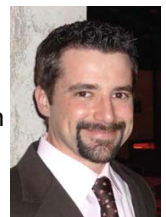


Where are they now?

Dr. Chad Lemaire graduates No. 1 in med school

Growing up on an alligator farm, Chad M. Lemaire did not imagine that he would attend medical school, let alone graduate at the top of his class. However in 2006, the former Collin College student graduated No. 1 in his class at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston and became the outstanding student in a class of 175 at one of the country's top medical schools.

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Create a legacy honoring those you love and respect

Collin College is announcing an opportunity for patrons to make a high-profile and profound tribute. The college has earmarked a handful of landmark buildings and facilities for permanent naming rights tied to scholarship funds.

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Crème de la crème:

Frito-Lay food scientist finds recipe for success in Collin College culinary program

Susan Licker had already earned a master's degree in food science from Cornell University. But when she wanted to broaden her expertise with skills she could use in her job in product development at Frito-Lay Inc. in Plano, she turned to Collin College.

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Prestigious book award for Collin professor

Dr. Kyle G. Wilkison received the 2008 T.R. Fehrenbach Award for his book *Yeomen, Sharecroppers, and Socialists: Plain Folk Protest in Texas, 1870-1914* from the Texas Historical Commission.

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Learn about students attending college during high school, alumni starring on television and nursing excellence.

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Collin College releases report card

Accountability is one of the hottest words in higher education. In fact, the State of Texas is considering a report card to compare success measures for colleges and universities. Collin College is so committed to accountability that we are proactively releasing a report card to the community.

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Coming soon: Bachelor's, Master's and Ph.D's

Soon, local residents will not have to leave Collin County for junior and senior-level college classes as well as graduate and doctoral programs. Collin College is finalizing program plans for the new Higher Education Center in which university partners will offer a variety of bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees.

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Where are they now?

War-torn dreams lead brothers to become physicians

Read how war-torn dreams led two brothers who are Collin College alumni to become physicians. Dr. Tri Phung is now an anesthesiology resident and Dr. Vu Phung is a family practice resident.

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Honor societies emphasize excellence at Collin College

Collin College has six academic honor societies. These organizations promote the college's core value of "Academic Excellence," as students are required to achieve and maintain a minimum grade point average in addition to volunteering.

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College commits to water conservation effort

McKinney, Texas uses 50 percent more water for outdoor irrigation than the national average. That alarming statistic led city officials to develop a water conservation plan, and when Collin College officials began the expansion of Central Park Campus, college leaders worked with the city to adopt an innovative landscaping plan to conserve water.

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When Collin College students step into class this spring, they may be face-to-face with America's top community college professor as veteran math professor Rosemary Karr donned a new title as the 2007 U.S. Professor of the Year.

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Collin College, Austin College enter pre-admission agreement

The distance between Sherman and Collin County just got shorter for local college students.

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Collin College President named 'Best in the West'

Dr. Cary A. Israel, president of Collin College, is the recipient of the Chief Executive Officer Award for the Western Region of the Association of Community College Trustees.

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New higher education center to bring 4-year degrees, graduate programs to Collin County

Bachelor's degrees in your backyard. Master's degrees in McKinney. Both will go from headlines to reality in a couple of years as Collin College prepares to welcome university degree programs to a new campus in the heart of Collin County.

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Where Are They Now? Two Brians find their personal paths to success

Are you still occasionally reminded of a professional calling you have yet to fulfill? Do you ever wonder how your life might be different if you acted on that longing? Take a look at two former Collin College students who share the first name of Brian but lead very different lives—the lives of their dreams.

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Hard hat alert at Collin College campuses

McKinney, Plano and Frisco are undergoing renovations and construction. Come visit us and check out the changes.

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Collin College Foundation to present 2008 Collin Cabaret

Mark your calendar as the Collin College Foundation presents the 2008 Collin Cabaret, An Evening of Entertainment for Education on Feb. 16.

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The Guild of Honor

Dedication to students, love for advanced learning. These are a few factors that drive Collin College faculty to excel in the classroom. Join us as we spotlight some of the professors who have earned remarkable, national honors and brought acclaim to your community college.

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New CougarAlert text messaging system keeps students, employees safe

Campus safety may be as near as a cell phone text message with the new "CougarAlert" system. Collin College just introduced this new system to add to the convenience and safety of students, faculty and staff.

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Collin College one of ten in nation to get 'Encore Careers' grant

Accountants, statisticians and engineers over the age of 50 looking at retirement or a re-career should know they can make a big difference.

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