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Federal grant to be used for training in Convergence Technology field.

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Game show highlights knowledge of local leaders.

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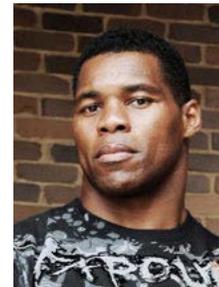
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Herschel Walker is coming Oct. 11 to discuss mental illness awareness.

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### Campus Dates

Film series, distinguished speakers, theater productions and more.

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### Between The Lines

In this month's issue, check out seminar information, academic advising opportunities, ID information, Collin College events and one honkin' big scholarship.

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### Collin Theatre Center stages thriller

No. Not the Michael Jackson hit single.

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It's *The Pillowman*. Still spooky. Less dancing.

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### College News

Kudos and events at Collin College.

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### Cougar Links

Some awesomely funny and fascinating stuff from the Internet.

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## Collin College awarded \$20 million grant

A consortium led by Collin College has been selected for a \$19,998,974 grant, part of nearly \$500 million in federal grants targeted for training and workforce development to help unemployed workers who are changing careers.

More than 200 community colleges around the country applied and 32 were selected by the U.S. Department of Labor in coordination with the U.S. Department of Education.

"This is the largest grant in college history, and it is very important to the economy," said Brenda Goodell, who chairs the Collin College board of trustees. "We live in a time when people are likely to experience a layoff at some point in their life. However, it is possible to land on your feet in a new, better career. This grant will help displaced workers retrain on the technology of the future."

Collin College leads a consortium of six community colleges in the National Information, Security and Geospatial Technology Consortium (NISGTC). Partner colleges include Bellevue College (Seattle), Bunker Hill Community College (Boston), Del Mar College (Corpus Christi), Moraine Valley Community College (Chicago), Rio Salado College (Arizona) and Salt Lake City Community College as well as Collin College.

Cary A. Israel, Collin College president, said a key to receiving the grant was partnering with innovative community colleges from around the nation for the consortium. "Our consortium stretches from coast to coast," Israel said. "Collin College is the only lead college in the state of Texas announced yesterday for this landmark federal grant program. We are very grateful to everyone who took part in the proposal for this grant, particularly our partner colleges in the consortium. In this economy, it is vital to develop training programs that respond to the ever-changing world of technology."

The NISGTC will focus training toward occupations that map to four IT disciplines: networking and data communication; applications development and analytics; geospatial technologies; and cybersecurity. Each consortium member was chosen for expertise in these areas.

Careers targeted in this grant include computer software engineers, application developers, computer security specialists, database administrators, network systems and

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data communications analysts, geodetic surveyors and  
surveying and mapping technicians.

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## 'We the people': Constitution Day sparks debate, discussion



*A theatre student reads the U.S. Constitution during Constitution Day events at the Spring Creek Campus.*

Constitution Day 2011 evoked a lot of questions.

Thanks to some local leaders, there were answers. Well, *sometimes* there were right answers.

Collin College hosted Constitution Day events at the Central Park, Preston Ridge and Spring Creek campuses Sept. 16 as part of a nationwide celebration of the birth of the document that spells out the unalienable rights bestowed on American citizens. The U.S. Constitution was formally adopted on Sept. 17, 1787.

At the Central Park Campus, several students, faculty and staff watched a pair of panels -- made up of community leaders and local government -- battle each other in a "game show" featuring questions about U.S. history, politics and other facts.

"One must be how old to be a U.S. House member?"

"25."

"Before the 12<sup>th</sup> amendment was passed, how did we choose our vice president?"

"Whoever came second in the presidential election."

"It's really a remarkable document," Cary Israel, district president, said. "This is a Constitution that has stood the test of time with a message that, I think, is as profound and poignant today as it was to our founding fathers.

"I don't know if we have the foresight, and I say this

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humbly, or the concept and courage of the men and women who put pen to parchment to document our basic rights. They had a true vision for our country and they knew the only chance that future generation had for life and liberty was to change the fabric of society."



*Students were encouraged to offer their opinions and thoughts on the U.S. Constitution's Bill of Rights.*



*Students were challenged to Constitutional trivia at the Spring Creek Campus.*



*Local government officials battled during a quiz show at the Central Park Campus.*



*Two panels of elected and appointed officials in Collin County squared off answering questions about U.S. history, government and the Constitution.*

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## Application open for Jack Kent Cooke Foundation transfer scholarship

Collin College is seeking applicants for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation (JKCF) Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship.

The scholarship supports outstanding community college students with financial need for transfer to four-year colleges and universities.

The Foundation provides up to \$30,000 per year for each student selected, making it the largest private scholarship for two-year and community college transfer students in the country.

Each award is intended to cover a significant share of the student's educational expenses including: tuition, living expenses, books and required fees for the final two to three years necessary to achieve a bachelor's degree. Awards vary by individual and are based on the cost of tuition as well as other grants or scholarships the student may receive.

To be eligible for the program, students must be nominated to the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation by Collin College's Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Selection Committee. Students cannot apply directly to the Foundation.

The selection process for these awards is rigorous and highly competitive with about 50 scholarships awarded each year out of hundreds of nominees throughout the country.

### Minimum Eligibility Requirements

- Be a current student at an accredited U.S. community college or two-year institution with sophomore status as of Dec. 31, 2011 or a recent graduate (since spring 2007).
- Plan to enroll full-time in a baccalaureate program at an accredited college or university in fall 2012.
- Have a cumulative undergraduate grade-point average of 3.50 or better on a scale of 4.0.
- Be nominated by his or her two-year institution. The Collin College Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Selection Committee can nominate up to four students.
- Have significant unmet financial need.
- Have not previously been nominated for the Jack Kent Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer

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### Scholarship.

While the Foundation considers academic excellence first in evaluating candidates, competitive applicants must also demonstrate unmet financial need, which has two components:

- Education costs that are appreciably greater than the total amount of other scholarships or grant awards.
- Insufficient student and family income to meet educational costs.

Collin College's internal deadline is **Thursday, Nov. 10** for all students to have their applications and supplemental documentation uploaded to their Jack Kent Cooke Foundation online accounts.

Visit [www.jkcf.org](http://www.jkcf.org) or

[www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/) for more information or applications.

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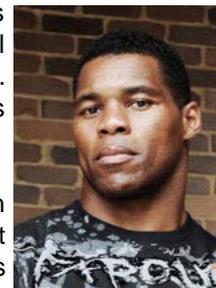
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## Former Dallas Cowboy coming to Central Park Campus

Collin College will host former Dallas Cowboy and football legend Herschel Walker from 1-3 p.m., Tuesday, Oct. 11, at the Central Park Campus Conference Center.



Herschel Walker

Walker is being hosted by Collin College's Active Minds, a student organization that increases awareness of mental health symptoms, illness and provides resources for education.

In 2008, in his autobiography *Breaking Free*, the former Heisman Trophy winner wrote about his struggles with dissociative identity disorder.

The purpose of the event is to create avenues for students to talk about mental illness and make them aware of symptoms in themselves and others.

The event is free and open to the public.

Visit [www.collin.edu/campuslife/active\\_minds.html](http://www.collin.edu/campuslife/active_minds.html) for more information about Active Minds. Email [activeminds@collin.edu](mailto:activeminds@collin.edu) for more information about the event.

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## Campus Dates

### "American DREAM"

*Through Thursday, Oct. 13*

*Monday-Thursday, 9 a.m.-8 p.m./Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m./Saturday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.*

*THE ARTS gallery, Spring Creek Campus*

Professor Lupita Murillo-Tinnen's portraits of undocumented college students. Free, open to the public.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery](http://www.collin.edu/THEARTSgallery)

### Auteur Film Series - Women on the Verge of a Nervous Breakdown

*2:30 p.m. - Monday, Oct. 3*

*Living Legends Conference Center*

The film will be followed by a panel discussion led by Collin College faculty and staff. Seating is limited. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences.

**Contact:**

[www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html)

### Faculty/Staff Annual Giving Campaign

*Monday, Oct. 3-Friday, Oct. 28*

Make a gift to the annual giving campaign. A gift, in any amount, makes the difference in whether a financially struggling college student receives a scholarship. A gift can be made conveniently through payroll deduction.

**Contact:** Campus champions [Dawn Richardson](#) and [Terri Karlseng](#) (Preston Ridge Campus); [Debra Lamb](#) and [Pam Sawyer](#) (Spring Creek Campus); [Martha Tolleson](#) and [Barbara Stroden](#) (Central Park Campus); [Marie Piet](#) (Courtyard Center); and [Margaret Yates](#) (CHEC, Allen Center).

### Rockin' The Ridge

*11:30 a.m.-1 p.m. - Wednesday, Oct. 5*

*Preston Ridge Campus Quad*

Food, music, giveaways and more. The All College Council will have a bake sale.

### Transfer Fair

*10 a.m.-2 p.m. - Wednesday, Oct. 5*

*Preston Ridge Campus Founders Hall*

Ask questions about transfer, upper-level coursework, financial aid, scholarships, pre-admission programs and more. Bring a copy of their transcript for advising.

**Contact:** <http://transferu.collin.edu>

### Personal Disaster Preparedness Training Workshop

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6-10 p.m. - Thursday, Oct. 6

Central Park Campus Conference Center

Offered by the Collin County Department of Homeland Security. Free and open to the public. Space is limited and registration is required.

**Contact:** [csce@collin.edu](mailto:csce@collin.edu) or

[www.collin.edu/academics/csce/ERPpreparedness.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/ERPpreparedness.html)

### Collin Theatre Center - The Pillowman

Oct. 6-16

John Anthony Theatre

*The Pillowman*, by Martin McDonagh, is the viciously funny and seriously disturbing tale of a writer in an unnamed totalitarian state who is interrogated about the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child-murders occurring in his town. *The Pillowman* was nominated for the Pulitzer Prize and six Tony Awards. Directed by Brad Baker.

**Contact:** [www.collintheatrecenter.com](http://www.collintheatrecenter.com)

### Surgical Technology Information Session

7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, Oct. 11

Central Park Campus Conference Center

Learn about admissions, career options, salary, course sequence, prerequisites and more.

**Contact:** 214.491.6215

### Herschel Walker

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**Contact:** Active Minds,

[www.collin.edu/campuslife/active\\_minds.html](http://www.collin.edu/campuslife/active_minds.html)

### Passport to the World: Le Cinque

Noon – Wednesday, Oct. 12

Living Legends Conference Center, Spring Creek Campus

Professor Whitney Pisani will share the intrigue of Le Cinque Terre, Italy, which is a portion of coast on the Italian Riviera.

**Contact:** [csce@collin.edu](mailto:csce@collin.edu) or 972.881.5927.

### Respiratory Care Information Session

Noon-2:30 p.m. – Wednesday, Oct. 12

Spring Creek Campus Conference Center

Receive program packets, and learn about admissions, expectations, career options, salary and more.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/rcp](http://www.collin.edu/rcp) or 214.491.6215

### Diabetes Education

9-11:45 a.m. – Saturday, Oct. 15

Central Park Campus Pike Hall

A free diabetes education workshop covering health records as a diabetic and dining out with diabetes. Presented in English and Spanish. Free. Registration is required at door or before the event.

**Contact:** [c-Brazeal@tamu.edu](mailto:c-Brazeal@tamu.edu) or [sandy@cchc-vim.rog](mailto:sandy@cchc-vim.rog)

### Transfer Fair

4:30-6:30 p.m. – Wednesday, Oct. 19

*Spring Creek Campus Atrium*

Ask questions about transfer, upper-level coursework, financial aid, scholarships, pre-admission programs and more. Bring a copy of their transcript for advising.

**Contact:** <http://transferu.collin.edu>

**Auteur Film Series – Quiz Show**

*7 p.m. – Thursday, Oct. 27*

*Preston Ridge Campus, Room F249*

The film will be followed by a panel discussion. Free, open to the public.

**Contact:**

[www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/csce/auteurfilmseries.html)

**Respiratory Care Information Session**

*6:30-8 p.m. – Monday, Oct. 24*

*Spring Creek Campus Conference Center*

Receive program packets, and learn about admissions, expectations, career options, salary and more.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/rcp](http://www.collin.edu/rcp) or 214.491.6215

**Respiratory Care Information Session**

*10:30 a.m.-noon – Tuesday, Nov. 1*

*Preston Ridge Campus, Room F148*

Receive program packets, and learn about admissions, expectations, career options, salary and more.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/rcp](http://www.collin.edu/rcp) or 214.491.6215

**Transfer Fair**

*10 a.m.-2 p.m. – Wednesday, Nov. 2*

*Spring Creek Campus Atrium*

Ask questions about transfer, upper-level coursework, financial aid, scholarships, pre-admission programs and more. Bring a copy of their transcript for advising.

**Contact:** <http://transferu.collin.edu>

**Surgical Technology Information Session**

*7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, Nov. 8*

*Preston Ridge Campus Shawnee Room (F148)*

Learn about admissions, career options, salary, course sequence, prerequisites and more.

**Contact:** 214.491.6215

**Respiratory Care Information Session**

*Noon-1:30 p.m. – Monday, Nov. 14*

*Central Park Campus Conference Campus*

Receive program packets, and learn about admissions, expectations, career options, salary and more.

**Contact:** [www.collin.edu/rcp](http://www.collin.edu/rcp) or 214.491.6215

**Surgical Technology Information Session**

*7-9 p.m. – Tuesday, Dec. 6*

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### Collin College Counseling

Personal Enrichment Seminars offer students information on time management, study strategies, emotional intelligence, increasing confidence and stress management.

Students gain tips on how to manage their time and study more effectively, how to handle frustrations and cope with their emotions, how to improve their self-esteem, and how to manage stress, perfectionism, and procrastination. These seminars have been offered at Preston Ridge Campus for several years and students find them educational, with participation in an interactive dialogue format encouraged.

Contact Ginny Topfer at 972.377.1671 and [vtopfer@collin.edu](mailto:vtopfer@collin.edu) for more information.

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Just for you, several free opportunities to sharpen your college skills. During the month of October, you can learn how to remember what you study for a test, how to manage stress and how to get a handle on time issues.

The College Readiness Workshops are in room A104 at Central Park Campus from 1-2 p.m. Snacks included. For more information and exact dates, contact Marilyn Rice at [mrice@collin.edu](mailto:mrice@collin.edu) and Pamela Love-White at [plove-white@collin.edu](mailto:plove-white@collin.edu).

### Student Life

Do you have your Collin College ID? The school year is well underway. Classes are going along, and you're coming up on your first tests.

If you're a new student, you will need to get a Collin College ID made. If you're a returning student, and you have an old ID (one made prior to June 15 of this year), you will need to get a new ID made at any of our Student Life offices:

- Spring Creek Campus (F130) 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday-Thursday and 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Friday
- Central Park Campus (C119) 8 a.m.-5 p.m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday
- Preston Ridge Campus (A185) 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Monday and Tuesday and 8 a.m.-8 p.m. Wednesday, Thursday-Friday

All you need to have your ID made is your 9-digit College

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#### Financial Aid

So far, the Financial Aid Office has awarded \$87.5 million in aid. The Bursar's Office has paid out \$23.8 million to date.

#### Academic Advising

Did you know that Collin College has a pre-law advisor? Professor Robert Franklin is available every Friday from 10 a.m.-12 p.m. in the advising area at Spring Creek Campus. If you are interested in pre-law this is your chance to get some professional advice.

Also, we have advisors from the University of North Texas, Texas A&M University, Texas Woman's University and The University of Texas at Dallas that come to our campuses to meet with students. Stop by the advising area at your campus to see what days they are available and to make an appointment.

The university advisor schedules are also available going to <http://transferu.collin.edu> and clicking on "College/University Visits/Events."

#### Transfer Programs

Any interest in a honkin' big scholarship?

The Jack Kent Cooke Foundation has opened the online application process for their Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship. Up to four qualified students with sophomore status and transferring fall 2012 may be nominated by the Collin selection committee for this need-based scholarship of up to \$30,000 per year. Collin College's internal deadline for completed online applications is Thursday, Nov. 10.

To learn more about the Cooke Foundation Undergraduate Transfer Scholarship, criteria and for online application materials, go to [www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/](http://www.jkcf.org/scholarships/undergraduate-transfer-scholarships/).

#### Events and Important Dates

##### Wednesday, Oct. 5

Rockin' the Ridge at Preston Ridge Campus

##### Wednesday, Oct. 5 – 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

College Transfer Fair at Preston Ridge Campus-Founders Hall

Contact: <http://transferu.collin.edu/transferfairs.html>

##### Wednesday, Oct. 19 -- 4:30-6:30 p.m.

College Transfer Fair at Spring Creek Campus

Contact: <http://transferu.collin.edu/transferfairs.html>



*View October events in CougarCAL, Collin College's online calendar, at <http://calendar.collin.edu/CalendarNow.aspx>.*

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## Collin Theatre Center stages thriller

The Collin Theatre Center opens its 2011-12 season with Martin McDonagh's *The Pillowman*.



McDonagh is the writer of *The Beauty Queen of Leenane*, *The Cripple of Inishmaan* and *The Lieutenant of Inishmore*. *The Pillowman* received a nomination for a Pulitzer Prize and has won six Tony Awards.

*The Pillowman* is the viciously funny and seriously disturbing tale of a writer in an unnamed totalitarian state who is interrogated about the gruesome content of his short stories and their similarities to a number of child-murders occurring in his town.

Showtimes are at 8 p.m., Thursday-Saturday, Oct. 6-8 and Wednesday-Saturday, Oct. 12-15, and at 2:15 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 9 and Saturday-Sunday, Oct. 15-16.

Tickets are \$10 for general admission and \$8 for students and senior citizens.

The Sunday, Oct. 9 and Friday, Oct. 14 performances will be sign interpreted for the Deaf or Hard-of-Hearing.

*The Pillowman* play contains adult language and adult situations, and may not be appropriate for young audiences. It is up to the parent/guardian or patron to make the determination if an event is age appropriate for yourself or your child prior to purchasing tickets. Ushers will not prevent entry of children and young people.

Visit [www.collintheatrecenter.com](http://www.collintheatrecenter.com) for more information or to purchase tickets.

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## College News

Collin College received a check from Oncor rewarding two of its campuses – **Collin Higher Education Center** and the **Courtyard Center** -- for recently installing energy efficient lighting and cooling equipment. By installing the more efficient lighting and cooling systems, the college received a cash incentive from Oncor for \$30,947.17 as part of its participation in Oncor's Educational Facilities Program, and it reduced the energy costs for the two campuses by an average of 207,837 kWh annually.

Collin College's **Simulation Lab** and simulation training program were highlighted in the September 2011 issue of *AARC Times*, the publication of the American Association for Respiratory Care.

**Dr. Michael Phillips**, professor of history, published "The Current is Stronger: Images of Racial Oppression and Resistance in North Texas Black Art During the 1920s and 1930s" in the publication *The Harlem Renaissance in the West: The New Negroes' Western Experience*.

Counselor **Amy Lenhart** was elected to the Board of the American College Counseling Association.

**Dr. Elaine Zweig**, chair and professor of child development, was reappointed to the North Central Texas Workforce Development Board by the Texas Workforce Commission. She also serves as Workforce Development Committee Chairperson.

During the **Rock the Vote!** events at the Central Park, Preston Ridge and Spring Creek campuses, 733 individuals registered to vote.

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