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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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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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Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) and the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching. Dr. Karr beat professors throughout the nation's community colleges to earn the honor. She has taught for 26 years with 17 years on faculty at Collin College.

This marks an unprecedented third time a Collin instructor has won Professor of the Year accolades. Just last year, psychology professor Jennifer O'Loughlin Brooks took the honor of top college or university professor in Texas, and in 2000 theatre professor Brad Baker was, like Dr. Karr, named U.S. Professor of the Year.

"Rosemary Karr is a remarkable professor with a natural gift for teaching. She truly deserves this honor, and she is a fine example of our outstanding faculty," said college President Cary Israel.

But for this humble professor who once aspired to be a nun, the greatest reward is helping her students embrace mathematics. After teaching upper-level math at a university for 15 years, Professor Karr realized that legions of students were intimidated by the subject. That led her to shift her professional gears and focus on teaching developmental math.

Former student Angie Voss said she feared algebra in her early college years before she enrolled in Dr. Karr's class. "I learned quickly that (she) wanted her students to learn, and she soon became an inspiration to me. That class started me on my journey to a career in teaching. Today, I am a high school math teacher, a subject few young women elect to teach."

President Israel believes Professor Karr's achievement will underscore the importance of developmental math as a national public policy issue. "Universities and colleges across the United States are struggling with the number of freshmen who need remedial math. If our nation wants to fight off global competitors like India and Canada, we must replicate and showcase innovative teaching strategies from professors like Dr.

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Karr.”

Dr. Karr is well-known for her service and leadership in mathematics education and developmental education. She is president of the National Association of Developmental Educators and was recently commended by the organization with the Outstanding Service to Developmental Education Students award. She has been named outstanding professor at Collin College three times and has received countless honors for teaching, civic engagement, scholarship and student organization leadership.

Rosemary Karr graduated Magna Cum Laude from Eastern Kentucky University with a B.S. in Mathematics, and earned an M.A. at the same university in Mathematics Education. She holds a Ph.D. in Higher Education (Computer Education) from the University of North Texas.

Interesting Facts

U.S. Professor of the Year

- Collin is the ONLY college or university in Texas to have two national Professors of the Year.
- Of 65 national awards since 1981, Dr. Karr is the third math professor ever recognized.
- Dr. Karr is the first community college math professor to be recognized nationally.
- Dr. Karr is the first development education professor to be recognized nationally.
- Only six other institutions — such as the University of California-Berkley, Rutgers University, Williams College— have more than one U.S. Professor of the Year.

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Collin College and Austin College in Sherman signed a special pre-admission agreement for qualified Collin students on January 22. This is the ninth such agreement between Collin College and universities from around the state.

"This is a very exciting project, and Collin College is proud to partner with an institution of Austin College's caliber," Dr. J. Robert Collins, chairman of the Collin College Board of Trustees, said. "This partnership presents a new opportunity, a new path for our students to achieve a bachelor's degree, one of the great accomplishments in one's educational experience."

The pre-admission partnerships allow Collin College students to finish their associate degrees while establishing a relationship with the institution at which they plan to complete their bachelor's degrees. In addition to ensuring credit hours transfer, the partnership provides a number of other perks.

"In 2000, Collin College signed the first pre-admission agreement with the University of North Texas. This was truly groundbreaking, and we had no way of knowing how popular it would be with students," Cary Israel, Collin College president, said. "These partnerships shorten the time to degree for our students and provide them the tools and skills to succeed in the workforce."

The agreement with Austin College will allow a student to work closely with an Austin College faculty advisor in the student's area of academic interest. Collin students will meet with their Austin College faculty advisor once a semester to review course selections and ensure a seamless transfer of credit toward a bachelor's degree.

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According to Oscar C. Page, president of Austin College, "We are pleased to enter a partnership with Collin College. The quality of programs at Collin is excellent and with this partnership students are provided unique opportunities to develop a relationship with Austin College that will make their transition to the four-year institution seamless. We are honored to enter into such an agreement with this fine institution."

Students chosen to participate in the agreement will be privy to special events and visits from Austin College officials and scholarship opportunities. Other perks include an Austin College e-mail account, an Austin College Web hopper account providing the student with access to the college's online degree audit, an Austin College student ID, an Austin College parking pass, access to Austin College's library, and access to Austin College lectures, art exhibits, musical and theatrical performances and sporting events.

"Students have many options today, and we are pleased to be working with Collin College because one of the best pools of prospective students is in the community college systems of Texas. These students are well-prepared to continue their education at a residential liberal arts college, and our proximity to the Collin College campuses makes this program beneficial to a large number of students. To achieve positive transitions, we partner with wonderful counselors," said Nan Davis, vice president for institutional enrollment for Austin College.

To be admitted into the program, students must meet with an Austin College faculty advisor and executive director of transfer admission each semester, follow the program of study as recommended by the advisor, maintain a 3.0 grade point average with less than 30 hours or a 2.75 grade point average with more than 30 hours, and be in good academic standing.

Other partnering universities include Baylor University, Southern Methodist University, Texas A&M University, Texas A&M University-Commerce, Texas Tech University, Texas Woman's University, The University of Texas at Dallas and the University of North Texas.

For more information about the pre-admission program, visit www.transferu.ccccd.edu.

Austin College is a leading national independent liberal arts college located approximately 30 miles north of the greater Dallas metroplex in Sherman, Texas. Founded in 1849, making it the oldest institution of higher education in Texas operating under original name and charter, the 1,300 student residential college is related by covenant to the Presbyterian Church (USA). Recognized nationally for academic excellence in the areas of international education, pre-professional training, and leadership studies, Austin College is one of 40 schools profiled in Loren Pope's influential book *Colleges that Change Lives*.

Collin College serves about 44,000 credit and continuing education students annually and offers more than 100 degree and certificate programs. The only public college in the county, Collin College is a partner to business, government and industry, providing customized training and work force development.
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"Dr. Israel is a true asset to the college because he is an astute CEO who is passionate about higher education as well as the community," said Dr. J. Robert Collins, chairman and founding board member of the Collin College Board of Trustees. "Under his leadership, the college has established award-winning initiatives as well as unique programs to serve the changing student population. We are thankful for his service and look forward to continued success under his leadership."

Dr. Cary A. Israel

Since his tenure began in 1999, Collin College has been recognized for excellence by numerous organizations including Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the American Association of Community Colleges, the Carnegie Foundation, the National Council of Instructional Administrators, and the League for Innovation in the Community College.

In addition to college awards, Dr. Israel has garnered numerous personal awards including ACCT's Best CEO in the East award, the Community Award from the Plano Community Forum, 21 Leaders of the 21st Century from Inside Collin County Business, PTK International Honorary Member and Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, the National Council for Continuing Education and Training National Leadership Award and Keeping America Working Award. Most recently he received the Community Service Award from the Collin County League of United Latin American Citizens for inspiring young adults in the community. Also, he was recently named to the national executive advisory council for SunGard Higher Education.
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The Collin Higher Education Center puts higher degrees within reach of commuters who might not otherwise be able to travel. The Center will have space for as many as 5,000-6,000 students seeking junior- and senior-level college courses and graduate degree programs. Universities provide the degree programs, and students will pay tuition rates set by the universities.

Jennifer Jewell, 42, of McKinney, started her path toward a bachelor's degree in October at Collin College. After finishing her freshman and sophomore core classes at the college, she plans to transfer to Texas Woman's University in Denton next fall and study accounting and business administration.

"For me, I'd rather stay in McKinney and not have to drive to Denton," Jewell said. "I work full time, and I go to school full time."

Jewell works full time as an office manager at a Plano physical therapy practice, so travelling to college will be a challenge. She believes the Collin Higher Education Center will be a great opportunity for students like herself who can't commute for hours or move to College Station, Waco, Denton or other famous college towns.

Adam Bell, 21, thinks the university center will catch the attention of a lot of graduating high school seniors as well. He earned his associate of science degree from Collin College in December and transferred to Texas A&M University to study life science. His career goal is to become a dietician.

"The Higher Education Center is a good idea. The location for those wanting to get a bachelor's degree is excellent. It's convenient for those who want to stay close to home and still go to Texas Tech, Baylor or A&M," Bell said. "They can get their degree and stay in the area."

Bell added that the center will provide prestige of the university partners without

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forfeiting the smaller class sizes that epitomize Collin College. Collin College will continue to offer associate degree programs, which is expected to feed nicely into the higher education complex.

By the time the 2010 high school graduating classes cross their respective stages, the new university center will be open. Collin College plans to break ground this February and open the facility in spring 2010 at the intersection of Central Expressway and Hwy. 121 in McKinney.

“We have been deluged with requests for upper-level classes, and now we will have the capacity to bring these additional degrees to our students,” said Dr. J. Robert Collins, founding trustee and chair of the Collin College Board of Trustees.

While officials have not yet finalized list of programs, some of the most requested degrees are business, nursing, education, psychology and criminal justice. More than 300,000 of Collin County's 724,000+ residents already have a baccalaureate degree, so the master's degree is expected to be a hot commodity.

According to college president Cary Israel, “University centers have been successful across the country, and our Higher Education Center will offer convenient access to quality degree programs. With its fast-growing, educationminded population, Collin County will certainly be a location where a university center can thrive.”

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From Collin College to Yale University to practicing medicine

It was late in the morning when former Collin College student Brian Cook raced toward the pediatric emergency room entrance of Yale Hospital into the parking lot to meet a frantic husband and his very pregnant wife. In a matter of minutes, he helped deliver a baby in the back seat of the car. As a student at Yale University's Physician Associate Program, Cook did it all—from births to amputations to eight-and-a-half hour open-heart surgeries. Today he is an orthopedic surgery Physician Assistant (PA) working on the upper extremity team led by Dr. Brian Bear at Rockford Orthopedic Associates in Rockford Illinois, one of the leading orthopedic centers in northern Illinois specializing in sports medicine and orthopedic trauma. Cook is one of nine PAs in the 10-

Brian Cook

surgeon practice. As a surgical PA, he practices medicine under the supervision of Dr. Bear, who typically performs more than 700 surgeries and sees more than 2,000 patients annually.

According to Cook, if he had it to do all over again, he would still take his prerequisites at Collin College.

"Collin College had the classes I needed, offered a flexible schedule, and best of all the professors were highly motivated to teach at the highest levels. I was surprised by the number of professors with doctorates at Collin. If you go to most other schools, in the basic sciences you are not going to get professors with Ph.D.s in chemistry or highly experienced clinicians teaching anatomy, like Dr. Fred Jury and Dr. Mary Weiss, who have been teaching for years. Instead, you will get a graduate student. The professors at Collin College bend over backwards to explain difficult topics. As a result, their expectations of students are high, and grades at Collin are not given out, they are earned. I appreciated that. **Some people think if you take classes at a community college, you cannot get into good professional programs. Well, I attended Collin College and graduated from Yale,**" he said.

As an orthopedic surgery PA, Cook assists in surgery, conducts initial evaluations, performs casting, splinting, joint injections, fracture and dislocation reductions in

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addition to a variety of other medical procedures. He says he chose to become a PA because he likes the diversity of the career field.

“I can work in orthopedic surgery, the emergency department or internal medicine. I can work in any state in just about any area of medicine. What is most exciting and rewarding is when you see patients in excruciating pain and accurately identify what happened, give them medicine or fix the problem and see their pain reduced. With a dislocated finger, you can give a nerve block, painlessly push it back in place, and the patient is better. In more extreme situations, we can repair massive upper extremity injuries with surgery and proper rehabilitation. The result is that people get their lives back,” Cook said.

From Collin College to founding a business in graphic design and animation

Collin College graduate Brian Allen describes college as a hallway with windows and doors. You can hang out in the hallway, look through the window or walk through the door and make an impact. Allen stepped over the threshold, earned a degree in 3-D animation entertainment, secured a job as a graphic designer and founded a small business. “I have the ability to take people to the next level with my artwork. I look for areas where I can draw and be creative,” Allen said.

Allen is a graphic designer for Proterra Advertising and is in charge of animation and web design. In addition to his weekday job, Allen owns Bunchalotta Studios, which provides branding, web design, renderings and a variety of additional services for small businesses. He founded the company in 2005 to facilitate his freelance work. Today, he serves as art director and hires the freelancers.

Brian Allen

As a Collin College student, Allen discovered the college’s Small Business Development Center (SBDC) and gained an understanding of copyright and trademark costs. He also took business writing and Internet marketing seminars.

For Allen, attending college was a long-awaited treat. After serving in the Navy, he worked as a welder to support his wife while she went to school. When he got his turn to earn a degree, he soaked up every part of the college experience. The recipient of the 2004-2005 Co-op Student of the Year, he worked as a student ambassador, drew cartoon illustrations for the campus newspaper and founded the Student Animators Workshop at the college.

“I worked in welding for two years and traveled all over the U.S. You get extremely hot, cold and tired, but I knew that it would be my turn to go to college next. I wasn’t a rich man, so I had to work before and during college. While I was in school doing homework until 2 a.m., I thought about sledgehammers and how I did not want to run them anymore,” Allen said.

When Allen had one year of 3-D animation classes, he and the other members of the Student Animators Workshop attempted to make a 3-D movie.

“I was getting ahead of myself, but I didn’t know that then. I went to my professor, Marshall Pitman, and he attended our meetings and gave hours of his time to show us how to do it correctly. **It is amazing that someone dedicated that much time to my dream.** One day I asked to see his portfolio, and he said, ‘You guys are my portfolio.’ That is the stuff you hear on greeting cards, but that is how it is at Collin College. Those kinds of things change your life,” Allen said.

Cook and Allen have two names in common; Brian and Collin College. But both men share something more important. They have achieved their goals and their longing has been replaced with satisfaction and a rewarding sense of accomplishment. How many people with your first name are pursuing their dreams at Collin College?



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Trustees and college leaders broke ground on renovation of the Central Park Campus in McKinney.

The college's campuses in McKinney, Plano and Frisco are undergoing renovations and construction. Come visit us and check out the changes.

FRISCO

Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco has a new front entrance in the form of a 65,248 square foot building situated between Heritage Hall and Founders Hall. The new edifice, which completes the campus quadrangle, houses four new science laboratories, a new mathematics laboratory, 23 classrooms and 17 faculty offices. Students will be able to take organic chemistry, astronomy and physics in the new facility as well as a variety of additional science classes offered in other buildings on the Frisco campus. A new Frisco-based culinary arts facility is slated for construction this spring and is targeted to offer classes in the 2009 spring semester.

PLANO

Follow the blue neon sign and red wall tile to Spring Creek Campus' newly remodeled Cougar Café. The bright and airy eating area includes coffee drinks from the Dean of Beans. In addition to increased square footage, a fresh coat of paint and extra lighting, the studentfriendly area offers more wall outlets for laptop use. The Spring Creek Campus remodeling also included complete renovation of the music department with an overhaul of music rooms, practice rooms, and the sound studio. The college also updated the Spring Creek Campus fire alarm system and refurbished 20 restrooms.

McKINNEY

Collin College's first campus will soon be redefined in a three-phase renovation. A new 73,000 square foot Jeffersonian-style library will be the hub of academic activity, and a stately four-to-five story clock tower will serve as the new campus focal point. Space will be converted into classrooms and a new comprehensive tutoring center, offering students assistance in algebra, biology, physics, chemistry, writing and more. The addition of chemistry and physics laboratories will complete the comprehensive course offerings on this campus. The construction will also provide two more science

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labs and a new surgical technology lab. Students will have access to a one-stop center for financial aid, registration and advising. In addition, the cafeteria will be converted into a conference center that can accommodate 200 people.

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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.

Professors of the year

Dr. Rosemary M. Karr

U.S. Professor of the Year, 2007

Professor of Developmental Mathematics At Collin College since 1990

"When students develop a fluency in the language of mathematics, comprehension in the application and skill in the utilization of mathematical tools, they strengthen critical thinking skills necessary for success in today's complex world. The opportunity to reach a diverse population of students and alleviate their fear of mathematics while bringing alive their desire to achieve is why I teach. Those who have chosen teaching as a profession understand when I say, 'My head is in mathematics, while my heart is in teaching.'"

Brad Baker

U.S. Professor of the Year, 2000

Chair of Theatre At Collin College since 1992

"Albert Einstein once said, 'Imagination is more important than knowledge.' As an educator, I encourage my students to take responsibility for their own learning and encourage creativity and imagination as part of the learning process. As an artist and a professor of theatre artists, I believe strongly that art and knowledge should benefit society/communities. Art should not be

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created in a vacuum, and art is not about the seeking of applause. Art must paradoxically observe and comment on society as it is, while informing and arming society for continual change. This is why I believe so strongly in civically-engaged learning."

Jennifer O'Loughlin-Brooks
Texas Professor of the Year, 2006
Professor of Psychology At Collin College since 2002

"My educational philosophy involves representing a positive role model for my students, creating a nurturing classroom environment, enabling students to grow both in and out of the classroom and preparing students to face the challenges of life. My approach emphasizes the development of cognitive skills, such as critical thinking. As a science, psychology for me is not only a discipline— it is a way of approaching the world. Thus, it is best learned through experience, through tackling and unraveling real-world problems."

2007 Recent Honors

Angela Putman
Paragon Award and Horizon Award for Phi Theta Kappa Advisers, 2007
Professor of Communications Studies At Collin College since 2004

"My teaching philosophy is basically to inspire my students to become lifelong learners both inside and outside the classroom. I believe learning doesn't just happen when we're in class ... for most of us it simply starts there. I want my students be become critical thinkers and to question what they see going on in the world. Then, I hope they'll use that knowledge to find their own way to make a difference."

Lupita Murillo Tinnen
National Young Adult Advisor of the Year,
League of United Latin American Citizens, 2007
Professor of Photography and Mexican- American Fine Art Appreciation At Collin College since 2005

"When teaching or working with students, I first and foremost treat each person as an individual. Just as I was taught to find my own voice, I strive to teach others to find theirs. Although my teaching objectives vary depending on the course, I use every opportunity to inspire and empower. Being a professor, I believe that one of my main duties is to serve as a role model. I try to be as encouraging as possible but also promote student responsibility and accountability."

Donna White

Human Anatomy and Physiology Society President's Award, 2007
Professor of Anatomy and Physiology At Collin College since 1999

"My goal is to educate and unlock potential in someone. I believe in creating an environment where my students are exposed to and given the opportunity to learn something new. Sometimes that 'something new' is to truly understand something they've 'known' for a long time...even themselves! I require that my students dig beneath the generalities that they have used to understand and explain concepts earlier in their education to get to the essential, fundamental, actual causes of the form and function of the human body. Not every student will be successful at mastering the content of the courses I teach. My hope is that every student will learn something about themselves that they will cultivate to create a happy, successful life -- one in which they continue to learn something new as often as possible!"

Professors in Print

Publishing is part of the grand tapestry of academia. Collin College's faculty has a strong presence in scholarly print around the world. Here are a few of those faculty authors, the name of their works and where that work was published.

Dr. Levi Bryant,
professor of philosophy,
published Difference
and Givenness:
Deleuze's
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Empiricism and the
Ontology of
Immanence.

Dr. Chris Doumen,
professor of biology, co-
authored an article on
genes in the American
Journal of Physiology.

Dallie Clark, professor
of humanities, published
"Drawn to the Ordinary
World: An Interview
with Former U.S. Poet
Laureate Ted Kooser"
in Sojourn.

Dr. Amina El-

Dr. Kyle Wilkison,

Dr. Joan Kennedy,

Ashmawy, professor of chemistry, co-authored “And Gladly Teach”, an American Chemical Society project.

professor of history, edited and contributed to The Encyclopedia of American Social Movements.

professor of English, published “Sor Juana de la Cruz: In Defense of Feminine Intellect” in the Journal of Intercultural Disciplines.

Ceilidh Charleson-Jennings, chair of Communication Studies at Spring Creek Campus, has sold her nonfiction book, Scent of the Missing: A Handler’s Journey Beside a Search-and-Rescue Dog, to publisher Houghton Mifflin (Fiction/Nonfiction Division). Authored under the pseudonym Susannah Charleson, the book is slated for hardback release in 2009.

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The Collin College **Psi Beta National Honor Society in Psychology** for Community and Junior Colleges was awarded second place in the Outstanding Chapter category at the 2007 American Psychological Association national convention in San Francisco.

Collin College's **Alpha Mu Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa** is now a "Five-Star Chapter." The chapter was recognized regionally and nationally as well as internationally at the organization's international convention.

Collin College student and Rockwall resident **Susan Blick** was chosen as a Leader of Promise by the international honor society Phi Theta Kappa. Only 30 students in the international organization were selected for the honor.

Susan Blick

Tracy Fanous won the Outstanding Poster award at the American Chemical Society's Southwest Regional Conference recently. Tracy is a member of Collin's Center for Advanced Studies in Mathematics and Natural Sciences (CASMNS) program.

Mary Hawkins, the college's first graduate of the convergence technology program, was given the Terry O'Banion Award by Microsoft and the League for Innovation in the Community College. The award included a \$5,000 prize.

Collin College's **Model United Nations** group won four awards at the American Model United Nations Conference in Chicago. The 16 Collin students represented two countries, Jordan and Saudi Arabia.

Mary Hawkins

- The **Jordan delegation** won the outstanding delegation position paper award. • The Saudi Arabia delegation won the outstanding delegation position paper award.
- **Andrew Parsell**, representing Saudi Arabia, won first place, in the General Assembly 1st Committee, out of approximately 200 delegates.
- **Kay Treacher** and **Candice Barnard**, who worked as a team and represented Saudi Arabia, won first place in the Economic and Social Council, out of approximately 75 delegates.

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Approximately 140 universities and colleges participated—only about 10 of which were community colleges. Approximately 1,400 students total attended.

Biology Professor **Chris Doumen** and CASMNS student **Helen Zhu** had their sequence of the red swamp crawfish (*procambarus clarkii*) genome officially entered into the national gene bank.

Marcia Wharen, a paralegal student, received a Dallas Area Paralegal Association (DAPA) Scholarship. Wharen is the second Collin College paralegal student to win the gift.

For a complete list of student, faculty and staff awards, visit www.ccccd.edu/recognitionbook

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Tiffanee Arnold

The Psi Beta National Honor Society in Psychology awarded **Jennifer O'Loughlin-Brooks**, chapter advisor and professor of psychology, the 2007 Psi Beta/Virginia Staudt Sexton National Faculty Advisor Award at the national convention in San Francisco.

*Jennifer
O'Loughlin-Brooks*

Dr. John Hardesty, professor of chemistry, was awarded a U.S. patent titled "An Electrically Conductive MDF Surface," a modification to the manufacturing process for an engineered wood panel that would allow the panel to be powder coated using a relatively environmentally benign coatings technology.

Dr. John Hardesty

Dr. Rosemary Karr, professor of developmental education, received the Outstanding Service to Developmental Education Students Award from the National Association for Developmental Education in February 2007.

Dr. Rosemary Karr

Debra Morris, assistant director of purchasing, was awarded the Collin County Governmental Purchasing Forum's first annual Outstanding Service Award.

Debra Morris

Tino Trujillo, Collin College founding trustee, recently received the 2007 Fred Moses Minority Business Development Award at the Plano Chamber of Commerce's Excellence in Business Awards Luncheon.

Tino Trujillo

Myrtle Watkins, a writing consultant at the Preston Ridge Campus Writing Center, was honored by the North Texas Writing Center Association as their Outstanding Tutor for 2007. Watkins was instrumental in founding the Collin College writing centers as well as the Writing Center Association.

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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.

CougarAlert immediately notifies students and employees of unscheduled campus closures, power outages, evacuations or emergencies. The system will only be used for emergency communication, and it can deliver text messages, automated voice messages or email.

After the Virginia Tech tragedy, colleges nationwide are upgrading campus communication and emergency procedures. CougarAlert is intended to improve the speed with which students and staff learn of important safety precautions at Collin College. Students and employees can subscribe to this free service at www.ccccd.edu/cougaralert.

Subscribers can add up to five addresses or numbers at which to receive notification. Emergency information and campus closures will continue to be posted on the college's homepage at www.ccccd.edu as well.

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

Collin College received a one-time, one-year MetLife Foundation/Civic Ventures Community College Encore Career Project grant.

The purpose of the grant is to create and market new ways for individuals 50 years of age and older to transition into "encore" careers in education, healthcare and social services — all three are areas facing critical labor shortages.

Collin College is only one of 10 community colleges out of 115 to receive the Civic Ventures grant. Specifically, Collin College will work toward encouraging individuals to retrain as math teachers.

For more information about an encore career or the grant, contact the Collin College Teacher Certification program at 972.377.1062 or visit www.ccccd.edu/teachered

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Test your knowledge of community colleges!

What is the percentage of U.S. undergraduates attending community colleges?

- ☐ A. 17%
- ☐ B. 26%
- ☐ C. 35%
- ☐ D. 46%

Answer: D. Forty-six percent of the undergraduate students in the United States are enrolled.

Source: American Association of Community Colleges, U.S. Department of Education and the College Board, 2007.

What percentage of community college students plan to earn a bachelor's degree?

- ☐ A. 11%
- ☐ B. 26%
- ☐ C. 42%
- ☐ D. 64%

Answer: C. 42% of community college students plan to transfer to a four-year institution to earn a bachelor's degree.

Source: AACC, National Profile of Community Colleges: Trends & Statistics, 3rd Edition.

What is the percentage of nurses in the United States educated at community colleges?

- ☐ A. 15%
- ☐ B. 32%
- ☐ C. 50%
- ☐ D. 69%

Answer: C. Half of all nurses and a majority of other health care workers in the U.S. are educated at community colleges

Source: American Association of Community Colleges, Fact Sheet, 2007.

What percent of total community college revenues, on average, come from state government?

- ☐ A. 17%
- ☐ B. 31%
- ☐ C. 38%
- ☐ D. 68%

Answer: C. On average, community colleges receive 38% of their funding from the

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state.
Source: American Association of Community Colleges, Fact Sheet, 2007.

Research shows that the public economic benefits of higher education include which of the following?

- o A. increased tax revenues
- o B. greater productivity
- o C. increased consumption
- o D. increased workforce flexibility
- o E. decreased reliance on government financial support

Answer: All of these economic benefits result from citizens' participation in higher education.

Source: Institute for Higher Education Policy, "Reaping the Benefits: Defining the Public and Private Value of Going to College," 1998.

Quiz source: Community College Survey of Civic Engagement.

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Life is a Cabaret: College hosts annual fundraiser

The Collin Cabaret will feature singing, music, dancing, food and more -- all for raising money for much-needed scholarships.

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Stop drops and enroll: New law limits dropped courses

Often, when students feel that a class is a little hard, a little boring, or they're not exactly "compatible" with the professor, they drop it. But starting this semester, students will have to give each dropped course careful consideration.

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Scholar-in-Residence, poet Collins sets Feb. 27 lecture

Collin College's Honors Institute will host a poet Billy Collins Wednesday, Feb. 27, as its 2007-08 Scholar-in-Residence.

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Faculty and Staff Spotlight

Ten questions with professor and pastry chef Michele Brown. Note: If you're looking to lose weight, do not read this.

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The heat is on: Salsa Stand-Off cooks at Spring Creek

The second annual Salsa Stand-Off was held Feb. 12. That's hot.

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Campus Dates

You officially have something to do.

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Every year, about three million people begin looking for a job, some for the first time and others to replace a lost job. Think you've got competition?

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College hosts free university pre-admission workshop

For those who have heard about university pre-admission partnerships, but want to learn more, mark down Thursday, Feb. 21.



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How many people attended the MLK breakfast? Which faculty member was published recently? Who's making news?

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Try this recipe out from a Collin College culinary arts student.

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Hospitality & Food Service Management Program

Greetings From The Program Chair



Greetings,

Just an update on where we stand with the new Culinary Arts facility. Collin College's Board of Trustees has approved Hunt Construction Group as Construction Manager-at-Risk for the Culinary Arts Facility at Preston Ridge Campus (PRC). This means the project is moving in the right direction. If we are on schedule, the construction should start in March, which should allow for culinary classes to begin at PRC in Spring 2009.

The new Culinary program has been given the green light by the Curriculum Advisory Board at the College. The new Culinary program will be presented to Collin College's Board of Trustees at the February meeting. The final step for approval is taking the proposal to the State of Texas Coordinating Board. I will keep you posted.

Cheers!

Karen

A journal entry from Sheila Kao

8 a.m. ☺ Check in at the lab (aka culinary kitchen), making sure the instructor has all the material he needs.

9 a.m. :- Garbage disposal is reported not working, ice machine is still out and steamer is to be repaired. Emergency calls are made to AHS facility.

10 a.m. ☺ Arriving at Kazy's Gourmet Shop at Dallas to purchase sushi grade tuna. They do not have side of a salmon so I head out to Central Market at Plano for the purchase. The wind is blowing hard and my little SUV is swaying left and right ☺

Scary!

11:30 a.m. ☺ Back to the kitchen and tasted wonderful dishes prepared by International Cuisine Class. Garbage disposal is fixed. The perpetrator is a metal fork. The repair man for the steamer is still here. I bring a plate to the head of the AHS facility thanking him for prompt response to our little emergency.

12:00 p.m. ☺ Checking emails at the office, then the electricity goes out completely due to strong wind.

1:00 p.m.- Jeff and I go back to the pitch, dark kitchen to finish up a big pot of veal stock, which is simmering from the night before. We prop open the door to the cafeteria for some light to come in and strain the stock. I prepare trays of food for tomorrow's classes with the help of a flashlight.

2:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. ☺ Electricity comes back. We clean up the kitchen. Jeff is such an asset to our program and I cannot do what I do without his help. I think my over-achiever-ness has rubbed off on him a bit over the years and we both developed the same attachment to our kitchen. Thank you, Jeff, not just on a black-out windy day.

☺Happiness is when what you think, what you say, and what you do are in harmony.☺

ABOUT THIS NEWSLETTER

This newsletter will let you know about upcoming activities and programs in the Hospitality & Food Service Management department and the Hospitality and Culinary Student Association (HCSA). For a format other than text for this newsletter please copy the link below:
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HCSA President's Note



First let me extend my appreciation to Chef Morris Salerno of The Grotto in Highland Village for our wonderful chef's table, how excellent that was! I hope everyone that attended found it as amazing as I did. We are currently working on our 3 course Valentines dinners that are on sale now, for \$20.00, that serves 2 people ~ what a bargain!

We are very excited about our next chef's table! It will take place in March, at Shinsei Restaurant in Dallas, tickets will go on sale soon, so watch our boards for more information. Please check our website for new pictures, from our recent events and keep a close eye on our website calendar, as we are busy adding new events.

Thank you very much, for your continued participation in HCSA.

I am honored and excited to serve you!

Cynthia Stafford

President, Hospitality & Culinary Student Association

Valentine's Dinner Menu: Kissed with Craisins Salad, Bread with Herb Butter
and
Smoked Chicken Heart Shaped/Striped

Pasta

OR
Smoked Mozzarella Heart Shaped Pasta
with Marinara Sauce
and
Delicious Brownies for Dessert!

Order today and make your Valentines Dinner special, delicious, inexpensive and easy!

For Questions and/or to Place your order: e-mail to HCSA@CCCCD.EDU or Cynthia Stafford 214-808-7909. Please select the campus where you will pick up your meal SCC, PRC, CPC and CYC on 2/14/08 between 2:00 Ð 3:00. Please include a cell phone number on your order. Cash or Checks only please. Limited quantities available. Deadline is 2/10/08.

Niblets from the Culinary Department

Chef Michele Brown

If I had a show on the Food Network, it would be called **OCooking with FoodO** and would be about cooking with food. I would really like to have a PBS show and interview the chefs, kind of follow them around the market, the kitchen and their favorite spots.

The **most memorable dining experience** I ever had was - there are so many; one of my favorites was the recreation of OBabette's FeastO at the James Beard House, Andy DOAmico of Sign of the Dove chef. Another was at Tabla with my sister



for lunch last year on my birthday. Food so good you want to kiss the waiters!!!

The **best culinary advice** I received was **“If you don’t know, ask.”** Nicola Zanghi used to make us stop prep and get to know the produce that was being delivered, smell it, taste it and figure out how to use it if it was exotic to us.

The **worst culinary advice** I received was **“Just wing it.”**

Chef Will Whitlock



If I had a show on the Food Network, it would be called **“Cookin’ with Big Chef”** and would be about everything from basic to advanced techniques and procedures utilizing all types of cuisines.

The **most memorable dining experience** I ever had was my first Valentine’s dinner with my wife, then girlfriend, 9 years ago. It was a restaurant called First.

The **best culinary advice** I received was **always be open to learning new things in different ways.** Your way is never wrong if we all make it to the end with the same result.

The **worst culinary advice** I received was **“quit.”**

Calendar of Events

February is National Hot Breakfast Month

Wednesday, February 6	Pay A Compliment Day College Transfer Fair CPC - Atrium 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Sunday, February 10	Last day to order Valentine's Dinner from HCSA To place an order, please email HCSA@ccccd.edu
Wednesday, February 13	Get a Different Name Day - yes, it's an official day! College Transfer Fair PRC - Founders Atrium 10:00 am - 2:00 pm
Thursday, February 14	HCSA Valentine's Dinner Pick Up 2:00 - 3:00 pm at your selected campus
Tuesday, February 19	Beauty Undressed SCC Conference Center 11:00 am - 1:00 pm Award winning songwriter Sharon Cutts uses story telling and music to explore the relationship between eating and mood disorders.
Wednesday, February 20	College Transfer Fair SCC - Atrium 10:00 am - 2:00 pm

Recipe of the

Month
from Jonathon Azevedo
HCSA Treasurer and Culinary Student

Shrimp Creole

- 2 lbs shrimp peeled and deveined
- ¼ cup vegetable oil
- 1 cup onion diced
- ½ cup celery diced
- ½ cup bell pepper diced
- 2 cloves garlic minced
- ½ cup flat leaf parsley minced
- ½ cup green onion chopped
- 1 (14oz. can) diced tomatoes
- 1 (8oz. can) tomato sauce
- 1 (6oz. can) tomato paste
- 1 cup water
- 1 ½ tsp. salt
- 1 tsp. black pepper
- ½ tsp. cayenne pepper
- 2 bay leaves
- 1 tbsp. lemon juice
- 2 tsp. Worcestershire sauce
- Dash of hot sauce
- 1 tbsp. parsley chopped

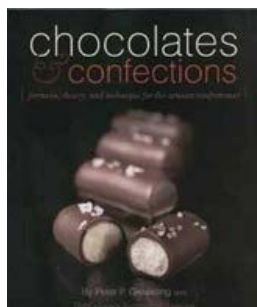
Combine oil and flour in a Dutch oven; cook over medium heat, stirring, until mixture is golden colored. This should take about 15 to 20 minutes. Add onion, celery, green onions, green pepper, and garlic. Cook, stirring often, 15 minutes or more until vegetables are tender. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce and paste, the water, salt, black and red pepper, bay leaves, lemon juice, Worcestershire sauce, and hot sauce. Bring to a boil; cover and reduce heat. Simmer for 1 hour, stirring occasionally. Add shrimp and simmer for about 10 minutes more, or until the shrimp turn pink. Remove the bay leaves. Stir in parsley and serve over rice. Serves 8.

Enjoy!

Book Review

by Michele Brown courtesy of Cheftalk.com

Chocolates and Confections: Formula, Theory, and Technique for the Artisan Confectioner by Peter Greweling (author) and the Culinary Institute of America



This is an artisan style book for the serious chocophile.

Before reading this review, please understand that if you love chocolate, science, beauty and truth, you need this book in your culinary library; as reference or simply as inspiration. This is no fluff piece; this is the Diamond Standard, bringing together technical tomes and coffee table-book beauty. I am bringing this book into my classroom for the section on chocolate work. Although we are a small community college and can spend minimal time working with chocolates and confections, Chef Greweling's "*Chocolates and Confections*" will be a learning tool

to be referenced well into the professional career of any pastry chef. My hopes are that the more serious students will either add this book to their reference library now or aspire to owning it when they get their first paycheck.

Peter P. Greweling, CMB has been teaching confections at CIA and I have heard only the most wonderful complements on his teaching style, knowledge and professional demeanor from both former students and colleagues alike. It becomes clear such high praise is warranted and shines through in the pages of his book, with his thoughtful presentation of ideas, detailed explanations, and care in writing technique. Step by step, he takes you through the scientific reasoning behind the most beautiful confections: from marshmallow to toffee, pralines to perfection in tempering technique, fat or crystallization, unfolding the essence of procedure from top to bottom.

Those who know just a thing or two about chocolates and confections may not be prepared for the contents of this book. Even with a good supply of the latest books from the best sellers list, the novice will be both blown away and inspired with the technical merit of *Chocolates & Confections*. The professional will be enlightened by the chemistry and explanation of the intricacies and mysteries of chocolate and sugar confection. This is not a history of chocolate, but a compendium of 140 formulas featuring full analysis and explanation of each pitfall and how to correct disasters (when applicable). Chef Greweling has written many of the formulas in a manner that puts the novice at ease while adding the degree of technical difficulty and immaculate explanation worthy of textbook level with the beauty of a photo journal.

Tip of the Month

My tip of the month is to stay focused on your goals, but to remember to have fun while working towards them. Stress can take the life out of what you are working to gain. Your work suffers if you are stressed. Remember why you decided to go into this line of work and enjoy yourself!!

By the way, on Valentine's Day if you need someplace to go, come and join me at **Ruth's Chris Steak House**. A table for two will definitely put a smile on your face.



Enjoy life,
Kathryn Martin
Pantry & Pastry Chef
Ruth's Chris Steak House
(photo courtesy of Plano Profile)

Thinking Corner



With so much emphasis on romantic love during the month of February, we tend to overlook other important relationships such as friendships. Love comes in all kinds of forms. Remember to love yourself first and then honor all those in your life who have made a difference in your life, whether it be a neighbor, an old friend or colleague at work. Paying a compliment, giving a warm hug, or simply sharing conversation over a cup of coffee is all that it takes. Your thoughtfulness and time is what matters.

Enjoy the moments! It is all those little moments that keep you whole.

With much love this Valentine's day,
Vernie

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A Family Affair.

Delon and Loraine Whetten know a thing or two about sending children off to college. Five of their six children have attended Collin College over the years. Check out their story and their tips for parents of college-bound students!

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Collin Students 'Baylor Bound'

Collin College students are heading south to Waco looking for green and gold. These students are not searching for treasure. They are seeking a bachelor's degree.

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College Announces New Programs

Collin College is introducing three new degrees— surgical technology, health information technology and technical information and knowledge management.

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Where Are They Now?

Collin Graduate Makes a Difference in South Africa.

Many people talk about joining the Peace Corps, eliminating world hunger or devoting themselves to causes that make the world a better place. Collin College graduate Marcela Guerrero Casas is actually doing it.

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A Collin lab instructor has discovered an albino version of the famous state flower, the bluebonnet, growing at the college's Spring Creek Campus. Learn more about this discovery and all the doctorates on the faculty roster in our special feature "Did You Know?"

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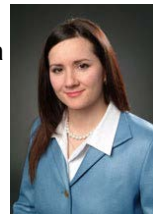
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Collin professor named best in Texas

Texas' top professor is not at one of the Lone Star State's public or private universities. The number one faculty member in the state is a professor of psychology at Collin County Community College. The Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching and the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) named Collin's own Jennifer O'Loughlin-Brooks the Texas Professor of the Year!

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Collin, Texas A&M University join forces to celebrate the new 'Aggie Bound' admission agreement

Dogs and cats may be natural enemies, but one canine/feline combo just called a truce. Reveille, the famed Collie mascot of Texas A&M University, and Collin the Cougar joined forces in December when their respective colleges signed a special agreement. Now students who begin their college education at Collin can have guaranteed admission to complete certain degrees at Texas A&M.

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MONOPOLY® back by popular demand!

Back by popular demand, the fast-paced fundraiser MONOPOLY® returns this spring! Take a stroll on the Boardwalk at [MONOPOLY® Madness](#) at 7 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 24 at The Shops at Willow Bend to help raise scholarship funds for deserving students.

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Collin named one of six colleges in the nation to watch

Recently, Collin was recognized as one of six colleges and universities and one of 16 civically-engaged organizations to watch across the United States.

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Where are they now?

Former Collin student is celebrity in hit TV series *Ugly Betty*

Former Collin student Michael Urie shared his acting talent with more than 16 million television viewers in the premiere episode of ABC's new comedy "Ugly Betty." Now North Texans can see his hit character every Thursday night.

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High school students double up with dual credit

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Lev Zaltsberg is proud of his son Dmitry for many reasons. But when Dmitry started college full time, Dad was glad he suggested “dual credit” classes at Collin for his son’s senior year at Plano West.
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College honors Living Legends

Collin honored (from left) Mike Newman & Jean Newman, Fred Moses & Mazzie Moses, Raymond B. Cooper and (seated) Helen Hall at the Fourth Annual Living Legends Tribute, underwritten by Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano
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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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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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Financing Higher Education:

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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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(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.)

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.

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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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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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Did you know...

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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Texas Instruments makes \$1 million gift to CCCC

Texas Instruments created a \$1 million scholarship endowment for CCCC students who want to become engineers. This is largest endowed gift in the college's 20-year history! *(Pictured from left are students Laura Chavez and Abena Ahenkan; Sam Roach, chair of the CCCC Board of Trustees; Phil Ritter, senior vice president of Texas Instruments; and students Nathan Klick and Raphael Moira.)*



Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano to sponsor 'Living Legends' Tribute Nov. 13

Professor John and Dr. Myrtle Hightower of Plano, Gerry Ruschhaupt of McKinney and Dr. Erwin and Elizabeth Pink of Frisco have been selected as the 2004 Living Legends. They will be honored on November 13 in a ceremony underwritten by Baylor Regional Medical Center at Plano.



National Science Foundation, Texas Workforce Commission announce major grants to CCCC

Good news abounds at Collin County Community College, where two foundations have announced major grants.

Collin County Community College puts on a new face

Fall and change are in the air. If it has been a while since you set foot on a Collin County Community College District (CCCC) campus, then you might be surprised to find that it has changed quite a bit since your last visit.



Meet the CCCC Board of Trustees

The business of governing a college rests on the Board of Trustees, which plays a vital role in guiding the college and shaping its success. Community members with a passion for higher education comprise the Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees.

Where are they now? Graduate from first class now a counselor at Plano Senior High School

Timing is everything. Ask Collin County Community College District alumna Vanessa Hundley. When she

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arrived late for her college graduation, the ceremony had ended, but that did not stop her from pursuing her dreams. She is now a counselor at Plano Senior High School.

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Final 'MONOPOLY®' raises record total for scholarships

Thanks to generous corporate and private sponsorships, “An Evening of MONOPOLY® on Ice” raised a record amount for scholarships this year, bringing in more than \$180,000.

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Check out charts and graphs showing enrollment, tuition comparisons, distance education growth, and more!

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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 CCCC

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.

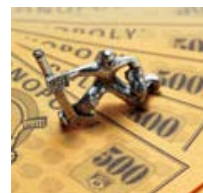
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An Evening of MONOPOLY On Ice: CCCC Foundation, Inc. hosts fourth annual fundraiser

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 CCCC 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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