

Collin College, Allen ISD share VISION for Technical Campus



A VISION for the future of education in Collin County is taking shape just off of Hwy. 121 in Allen. It is a vision of partnership and progress, of planning and aspiration, which will provide students with the best educational options Texas has to offer.

In the fall of 2020, the Collin College Technical Campus, a 340,000 square-foot, three-story comprehensive campus dedicated largely to career and technical education (CTE), will join the Allen ISD STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Center at a site just east of Exchange Parkway, creating what could be a model for dual credit learning, shared facilities, and institutional cooperation between secondary and post-secondary schools.

The college is working on significant partnerships with Allen, Frisco, McKinney, and Plano ISDs, which will allow the districts to expand CTE options without duplicating costly technical programs. Technical dual credit programs will benefit from the larger shared student base of the four districts while also reducing the students' post-secondary educational costs and preparing them more efficiently for the local job market. Local educational leaders have been engaged in discussions for the last two years and are excited as planning is becoming reality.



Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin (left) was joined for groundbreaking ceremonies for the Collin College Technical Campus by (left to right) Allen ISD Superintendent Dr. Scott Niven and board members Louise Master, Amy Gnadt, Kelley Rowley, Sarah Mitchell, Vatsa Ramanathan and David Noll.

"We have a phenomenal opportunity to do great things for the students of Collin County, and Allen in particular, thanks to our working relationship with Allen ISD and the partnerships we have formed," Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin said. "In addition to the technical programming shared by all four districts, Allen High School will have a Dual Credit Academy located at the Collin College Technical Campus. The adjacency to the STEAM Center will add highly-technical career-oriented experiences right next door."

At the heart of this cooperative dual credit learning effort between Allen ISD and Collin

College is a 40,000 square-foot dual credit learning environment that will be located at the technical campus and funded by Allen ISD. Reserved for Allen students during the day, the space will greatly expand the learning opportunities for dual credit students in Allen ISD. Collin College will use the space when Allen High School classes are not in session,

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Collin College to offer baccalaureate degree in cybersecurity

Seven new associate degrees also approved by Board of Trustees

The Collin College Board of Trustees approved a new Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity degree at the Dec. 11, 2018 board meeting. In the same meeting, the board approved five new associate of applied science degree programs as well as certificates and occupational skills awards.

The new associate degrees include Automotive Service Technician, Biomedical Equipment Technology, Collision Repair, Industrial Automation, and Sport and Recreation Management. At the Feb. 26 meeting the board approved two additional associate of applied science degrees in Veterinary Technology and Insurance Management.

All of the new degrees, including the previously board-approved Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN) degree, will be implemented upon approval by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges.

In the last legislative session, Collin College was among the community college districts in Texas authorized to offer selected baccalaureate degrees with the passage of Senate Bill 2118, which was signed into law by Gov. Greg Abbott in 2017. The college's first planned bachelor's degree, the BSN, is currently being reviewed by the Texas Board of Nursing.

"Collin College is entering a new era with our bachelor's degrees," said Dr. J. Robert Collins, founding trustee and Collin College board chair. "While we remain committed to our mission

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Technical Campus receives real estate honor from DBJ



Dan Bowman, Allen EDC; Dr. Toni Jenkins, Collin College senior vice president of campus operations; and Dr. Bill King, vice president and provost of the Collin College Technical Campus.

The Collin College Technical Campus was named the Best Real Estate Deal of 2018 in the education category by the *Dallas Business Journal* at a ceremony April 9 at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Dallas.

The project was recognized for its architectural design that includes trade bars based on major career concentration areas and exterior spaces for project-based learning, giving students the opportunity to learn on the same equipment they will later use in their careers.

The DBJ honored 54 projects across 20 categories, with values totaling more than \$6.3 billion.

"We were thrilled to be recognized and are grateful to our partners at the Allen Economic Development Corporation for nominating us for the award," said Dr. Toni Jenkins, Collin College senior vice president of campus operations.

IT'S GROW TIME!

Getting close at the Collin College Technical Campus and Wylie Campus



WYLIE CAMPUS



ALLEN TECHNICAL CAMPUS

Behind the construction fencing and trees, the foundation is being laid for the next two campuses in the Collin College district. These bird's eye views of the Collin College Technical Campus in Allen and the Wylie Campus illustrate the construction progress.

Just as a strong foundation is necessary in building construction, the same can be said for students seeking a strong career. Collin College provides students with the foundation and skills to launch their careers in the workforce or continue their studies at the university level.

Slated for a fall 2020 opening, the **Collin College Technical Campus** will offer programs in automotive service and repair, construction, health care, and information technology and manufacturing, as well as general academic classes, student support services, green spaces, cooperative project areas, and covered parking.

Also slated for a fall 2020 opening, the **Wylie Campus** will offer a comprehensive educational experience to southeast Collin County and Rockwall County, which is in the college's service district.

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providing night and weekend educational opportunities for other students that would not have been available otherwise.

The ISD will reclaim the 8,500 square-foot dual credit space currently used by the college at Allen High School, allowing for new uses by Allen ISD.



Dr. Scott Niven

"We think it is a great investment," Allen ISD Superintendent Dr. Scott Niven said. "We have outgrown the current facility at our high school as dual credit has continued to grow. We were looking for different options, and this gives us a lot more square footage for our students during the day, and it gives space for Collin College in the evening. This is going to make a huge difference."

Dual credit enrollment at Allen High School grew from 495 students in Fall 2016 to 784 students in Fall 2018, and the district believes the program can be a boon for students seeking a college degree. The district is currently developing a program for students to earn an associate degree while still in high school, significantly decreasing the tuition

burden for students continuing to earn a four-year degree.

"I think that parents and students are seeing the benefit of taking dual credit in both college preparation and financially," Dr. Niven said. "Success for our students looks many different ways. We want to make sure those pathways are open and all students have opportunities for success."

For some students, that pathway to success will be career and technical education in programs like automotive, construction management, computer-aided drafting and design, and HVAC. The proximity of the Collin College Technical Campus to the STEAM Center provides several opportunities for the districts to work together.

"We are very excited about what we can do in collaboration with the STEAM Center," said Dr. Toni Jenkins, senior vice president of campus operations for Collin College. "There are opportunities to allow Allen students to experience the technology at the technical campus. There are also opportunities for Collin to work directly with students at the STEAM Center."

"I think that both parties are looking to the future. Finding ways to work together will provide tremendous opportunities for all of our students."

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as a community college, we can play a critical role in addressing the needs of high-growth, high-paying career fields by offering these selected bachelor's degrees."

According to District President Dr. Neil Matkin, community colleges such as Collin College are able to respond quickly and efficiently to demands in the marketplace. "It is essential that we remain responsive to the needs of our community, and these baccalaureate programs represent an important step forward for higher education in Texas," he said.

Designed to build on Collin College's existing certificate and associate degree programs in cybersecurity, the new bachelor's degree will include 120 semester credit hours, 42 general education credit hours and 78 credit hours dedicated to specific skills for industry professionals.

According to Collin College Interim Executive Vice President Dr. Sherry Schumann, labor market analysis shows an increasing demand for employees in the information technology industry, especially those with a bachelor's degree in cybersecurity.

"The new cybersecurity baccalaureate degree features applied skills and is an extension of our current certificate and associate degree," Schumann said. One of the college's current priorities is to expand career and technical programs in response to labor market demands. Like the cybersecurity BAT, the five new associate degrees have been endorsed by industry advisory committees.

"Collin College designed credit certificate and associate degree programs with student success in mind," said Schumann. "We offer stackable credentials. This means that students have the opportunity to take courses within a level I certificate, which will apply to a level II certificate and ultimately apply to an associate degree. As students complete certificate levels they earn credentials which are respected in their career fields."

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Why Collin College: Two families share their stories

A legacy is something passed down from those who have come before. In education, the term also refers to a student whose relative also attended an institution.

Collin College’s legacy of outstanding, affordable education is strong within the community because so many of its graduates have encouraged their sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, and other family members to build on the foundational knowledge a Collin College education provides. Below you’ll find stories of two families who know Collin’s legacy because their members are legacies as well.

The Maclin Family: College legacy is one of shared family experiences

Seeing family members walk across the graduation stage is a special experience. You feel a sense of pride for them, knowing they have worked their hardest to achieve a goal.

Imagine how your heart swells seeing three members of your family walk across the stage in the same night.

Collin College student Damitia Maclin had that opportunity in 2018, when her mother Damita Maclin, uncle Chris Parker, and grandmother May Parker all strode across the Allen Event Center stage for spring commencement.



Three generations of one family attended Collin College last fall, and a mother, son, and daughter all graduated in Spring 2018.

Left to right, Damitia Maclin, Damita Maclin and May Parker

“It was very inspiring, mostly because, after seeing them struggle so much, I realized you can actually make it if you push through and just keep trying,” Damitia said. “And you know, the (confetti) cannons at the end of the ceremony were great. I really want that. I am going to get my diploma and those cannons.”

Her mother Damita’s journey to a college degree began more than two decades before the confetti flew on graduation night. She was injured in a car accident during her freshman year at her first college and lost a scholarship because of missed classes. A series of setbacks, including multiple surgeries, the birth of her two children, and even a short period of homelessness kept her goal of earning a college degree just out of reach.

“Every time I turned around, something else was happening, but I couldn’t let anything stop me,” she said. “I always thought ‘I’ve got to go back.’ I wanted to teach my children what you start you should finish.”

It took years, but Damita’s unconventional route to degree completion, taking one or two classes per semester, often with Collin Weekend College or online, paid off with an Associate of Applied Sciences in Office Systems Technology degree. And while it was her determination and drive which earned her the degree, she credits Collin College with providing a welcoming environment and the tools to help her succeed.

Damita was so taken with her Collin College experience that she began recruiting family members.

“I bragged so much about Collin College that I got my brother to go, and my brother got my mom in,” she said. “When my daughter graduated high school, she wanted to build up her GPA, so she decided to go to Collin College too.”

May, Damita’s mother, is now pursuing a human resources degree at The University of Texas at Dallas. She currently works as a corporate secretary at Fannie Mae but hopes to continue her corporate climb.

“I have a toe hold on the bottom rung, and I’d like to get a grip,” she said shortly before her graduation.

With two generations of recent Collin College graduates coming before her, Damitia Maclin has a pair of examples to follow in her own climb to success.

The Clark family: Five sisters merge athletics and academics

The Clark family motto “Never give up, never let up, and it’s never too late” hangs above the mantel in their Frisco home.

“That quote defines every one of our children,” said Melissa Clark. “They read it every day as they walk out the door.”

When it was time for Paul and Melissa Clark’s daughter Sharron to select a college, the couple knew they wanted a top-notch tennis program, but they also wanted their daughter to have an exceptional education.

“Sharron was recruited by many schools,” Melissa said. “The academics at Collin College are stellar. The first thing Tennis Coach Marty Berryman asked us is, ‘What is your academic plan?’ Our daughters were in Phi Theta Kappa honor society and on the president’s list because they had professors who cared about teaching.”

Sharron was the first of five Clark daughters to attend Collin College on a tennis scholarship. Four of the five hold associate degrees. The youngest, Rebekah, is currently taking classes at the college.

According to Melissa, their daughters are natural tennis players, a trait she attributes to her husband, Paul. She notes the eldest two of the five daughters, Sharron and Lauren, played in the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) nationals, took out the number three seed, and placed third overall in the national semifinals.

Paul says he highly recommends Collin College.

“It gives you a first-class education rivaling any university while maintaining its spirit of community,” Paul said.

Melissa adds that, as tennis players, her daughters were encouraged by Berryman to give back to the community by volunteering throughout the year at numerous events such as health fairs, Special Olympics, and Lion’s Club activities.

“Collin has given us so much,” Melissa said. “You may get a student ID number, but you are not a number at Collin. They know your name. You get more bang for your buck. You get the best education and just as many opportunities as a university but at a higher quality because in a smaller environment you can develop friendships and reach out to professors. When anybody asks where to go to college, we tell them to go to Collin.”



The Clark Family with Coach Marty Berryman. Melissa and Paul Clark and five of their seven girls. Left to right, Sharron Clark-Heil, Lauren Clark-Justesen, Paul Clark (father), Melissa Clark (mother), Coach Marty Berryman, Rachel Clark, Mary Clark, Rebekah Clark (current player).

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From performance to painting, student art has a home at Collin College

When watching a performance by *OneSound*, Collin College's a cappella show choir, it is hard not to be reminded of the movie "Pitch Perfect." The singers dip, sway and dance to the music, sliding aside as one vocalist, then another, steps up to lead the group through a new take on pop hits.

"It is a lot of fun being able to take songs people have heard before and make them into something different," vocal performance major Carmen Witwer said. "It is a really cool experience to be able to alter songs to make them faster or slower, to have a different feel or a different meaning."

OneSound took third place in the Southwest Quarterfinal of the International Championship of Collegiate A Cappella (ICCA) competition, held at Allen High School in March. The group bested others from four-

year schools including Texas Tech, Texas State, Tulane, and The University of Texas at Austin to place in the competition.

OneSound performs regularly at Collin College and surrounding venues, but it is not the only avenue for students in the performing arts and fine arts to share their passions.

Collin College has a thriving student fine arts culture with many opportunities for the public to enjoy their work.

Theatre, dance, and musical performances dot the calendar all year long, with big productions like "Footloose: The Musical" filling the John Anthony Theatre and smaller, more intimate shows in performance spaces around campus.

Fine art students who work in sculpture, painting, drawing, metalwork, and other physical media display their work in temporary exhibits throughout Collin

College's campuses. Selected works are featured in an annual show at THE ARTS gallery on the Plano Campus.

Machaela Page, an art student at the college, has had her drawing and sculpture displayed in two small shows and the Collin College Student Open Exhibition.

"It is pretty surreal in the moment," Page said. "You don't feel the excitement much leading up to the show, but once you get inside the gallery and see your artwork up against all of these incredible pieces that people made, you realize, 'Oh, wow. This is really cool.'"

Learn more about
Collin College's Fine Arts programs
and see event calendars at
<http://www.collin.edu/finearts/>.

The Arts at Collin College



Students make an impact outside of the classroom

The lights flash and the music swells as the dancers take the floor. A modern dance performance has just concluded, and instructors are tutoring the assembled crowd to do “The Shoot.” This is the fourth dance lesson of the day, and there are plenty more to go.



Welcome to CougarThon, a six-hour dance marathon fundraiser for local Children’s Miracle Network hospitals organized by the Alpha Mu Tau Chapter of the Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society. By the day’s end, the organization will have raised more than



Lee Ta

\$5,700 to help fund medical care for children in need.

“We try to offer volunteer opportunities like this one for students to get involved and serve the community,” PTK Vice President of Service Lee Ta said.

“We believe scholars become better leaders when they serve others. It is a very good experience.”

Education does not end at the classroom door for students like Ta and the members of PTK. Whether through student organization events, class-related volunteer projects, or programs to help fellow students, Collin College students have opportunities to make as much of an impact outside of school as they do in the classroom.

The Alpha Mu Tau Chapter of PTK is an excellent example of student organizations reaching out to the community. Last year, the organization was recognized with an international award for its opioid epidemic awareness event, “Prescribed Pain,” which raised money for a local drug counseling organization.

It is not the only organization on campus doing good work, however.

The Student Chapter of the American Dental Hygienists’ Association raises money for programs like “Give Kids



a Smile.” And last fall the Muslim Student Association joined forces with the Student Government Association to raise awareness about domestic violence.

Outside of various campus organizations, students can also participate in service learning projects which enable them to research a community need, partner with a service organization, and apply academic learning objectives in a service project that meets that community need. The idea is to help students learn by helping others,



fostering a sense of civic responsibility, and developing social and practical skills. The projects are tied to specific classroom learning objectives and associated with a grade.

Students volunteer at animal shelters, clean up clogged waterways, help children with special needs, and work with dozens of local charitable organizations.

Nursing student Matthew Clay has worked with Meals on Wheels and the Medical Reserve Corps of Collin County and has helped organize the college’s annual Nursing Camp as part of the the program’s required 12 hours of service learning per semester. Clay said he has learned things from each of his volunteer experiences that will contribute to his abilities as a nurse but feels like he gained the most from working with the Medical Reserve Corps. He helped with a vaccination clinic in the fall and recently learned how to educate others in tourniquet preparation.



Matthew Clay

“It has definitely enhanced my nursing knowledge, and I feel empowered to take that knowledge into the community to teach others in the event that an emergency arises,” he said.

Students even have an opportunity to make a direct impact on each other’s lives by donating to the college’s Student-to-Student Scholarship Fund. Established in 2018, students can make a donation, when they pay their tuition and fees online, that will assist other students in need. The program has been highly successful, according to Vice President of Advancement Lisa Vasquez.

“The power of the student body together makes a mighty force for good. In this case, Collin students have donated almost \$7,000 to support scholarships for their classmates,” she said.

Serving the community: Dual credit students join forces with Habitat for Humanity

If you ask Farmersville High School senior Jesus Duran what he likes about dual credit classes, he will tell you that they provide him with a great opportunity to make a living. That is because Duran is taking Collin College Heating Ventilation and Air Conditioning (HVAC) classes.

“The HVAC program is a really great opportunity because it helps us with a career right out of high school,” Duran said.

Recently Duran and his classmates had the opportunity to bring their textbook learning to life while they simultaneously helped the community. High school juniors and seniors in the college’s HVAC program helped install air conditioning and heating units in four Habitat for Humanity homes.

“You feel really good if you help the community, and it makes you a better person,” Duran added. “I feel like I am actually doing something in my life with this program.”

According to Brian Sanders, HVAC discipline lead, 40 high school students are enrolled in the college’s dual credit HVAC program.

“We committed to help install units in 30 additional Habitat houses,” Sanders said. “We are thrilled that our first dual credit students will graduate high school this May with a Level 1 HVAC certification from Collin College, which allows them to work in the HVAC field.”

Princeton High School student Brent Sexton also enjoyed working on the Habitat homes.

“I get to work with my hands,” Sexton said. “I recommended HVAC to a friend who joined the program. I told him if you want a good job after high school where you are not sitting at a desk all day, this is a good industry to go into.”

Greg Tabor, Career and Technical Center director for Princeton High School, values the robust partnership between the high school and the college.

“This is a great opportunity for students to volunteer for Habitat and learn the value of helping their community,” Tabor said. “Twenty years from now, they will be able to say, ‘Hey, I worked to put the AC unit in this house.’ HVAC gives students the opportunity to go further and chase their dreams.”

Ernesto Perez of Princeton High School said the volunteer opportunity was another way to gain additional hands-on experience in the field.

“I wanted to get to know Habitat better and see what it’s all about,” Perez said. “It feels good to give back to the community and help people.”



Dual credit students (left to right) Ernesto Perez, Brent Sexton, and Jesus Duran

Collin celebrates 30th anniversary of **FORCES** literary and fine art journal

Art can transport you to another world, inspire you to take an adventure, and change your perspective—forever. This year marks the 30th anniversary of *Forces: Literary and Fine Art Journal*, a publication which continues to leave a creative legacy in its wake.

Through the years *Forces* has evolved into a full-color, perfect-bound journal which showcases poetry, prose, artwork and photographic images that impact readers as well as the students, faculty members, and staff who submit their work to the publication.

After publishing her poetry in *Forces*, Collin College alumna Beth Ayers served on the executive board of the Poetry Society of Texas. She currently chairs the annual Collin County Poetry Contest.

“The publication of my poetry in *Forces* gave me greater confidence in myself and my poems,” said Ayers, whose first work was published in the 2003 edition. “This led to more writing, more sharing, and continued growth. *Forces* is an exemplary publication, worthy of recognition and appreciation. Each issue is filled with thought provoking, inspiring work.”

Forces Editor and English Professor R. Scott Yarbrough could not agree more.

“This publication is a touchstone and a living, beating heart, archiving the development and mentality, place, and reflection of the college and the ever-changing Collin County community,” Yarbrough said.

“From an academic standpoint, many understand art only from the creative side and seldom know that someone has to book the band before they play, someone has to print the picture, someone has to buy the paint and canvas — the trip from creative conception to finished product is a rare journey to be able to take a student on. The student editors get a once in a lifetime opportunity to go from first thought to published work — that journey is priceless and cannot be taught in a classroom,” Yarbrough said.

It is *Forces*’ eclecticism and sheer beauty that captivate Texas Poet Laureate Carol Coffee Reposa.

“In my view the journal’s impact is immeasurable because of its sustained ripple effect in the culture of the North Texas community and beyond,” Reposa said. “I would love to see more journals like *Forces* across the nation because such publications have the potential to reach many people and thus do great good.”

To view *Forces*, visit

<https://digitalcommons.collin.edu/forces> or

<http://www.collin.edu/news/publications.html>.



Collin College announces leadership appointments



Kim Davison

Kim Davison has been appointed chief of staff. Davison was one of the first Collin College employees and served the college as director of Personnel Services in 1985. Her longstanding Collin College career includes many titles. Most recently she served as senior vice president of organizational effectiveness. Davison holds a B.S.Ed. in secondary education from Baylor University and an M.S. in labor and industrial relations from the University of North Texas.

Michael Dickson has been appointed chief innovation officer. He served Collin College as a consultant from 2016-2019. In addition to serving as a technology consultant, Dickson served Western Illinois University in several positions including founder and executive director of the Center for the Application of Information Technologies (CAIT), director of University Technologies (U-Tech), special assistant to the president for technology, and vice president for technology (CIO). He holds a B.A. in education from Western Illinois University and an instructional software engineering certification from the University of Strasbourg.



Michael Dickson

Dr. Toni Jenkins has been appointed senior vice president of campus operations. Most recently, Jenkins served as a consultant for the college from March 2017-December 2018. Jenkins was one of the first Collin College employees and served as director of admissions and student recruiting in 1985. Prior to her retirement in 2011, she served the college in several roles including executive vice president and vice president/provost. Jenkins holds an Ed.D. in supervision curriculum and instruction in higher education from Texas A&M-Commerce, an M.S. in interdisciplinary studies: educational facilities management from the University of North Texas and a B.S. in sociology from Arizona State University.



Dr. Toni Jenkins



Dr. Bill King

Dr. Bill King has been appointed vice president and provost of the Collin College Technical Campus, currently under construction in Allen. He served as executive director of facilities and construction from 2016-2019. Previously, he was executive director of facilities and construction (auxiliary services) for Tyler Junior College. King holds a B.S. in industrial engineering from Texas A&M University, an M.B.A. from Stephen F. Austin State University and a Ph.D. in higher educational administration from Texas A&M University.

Transfer pathways tailored to students

Transferring to a university was a breeze for Sara Vega — she never had to leave Collin College’s Frisco Campus. Vega earned an associate of arts degree from Collin College in May 2017 and started taking classes from Texas A&M University-Commerce (TAMU-C) immediately afterward. She didn’t have to change her driving routine, and she didn’t have to learn to navigate a new campus because her university classes were located on the same campus as her associate degree classes. The fact that she could stay in the same place and take bachelor’s degree classes on the Frisco Campus or online made all the difference for Vega.



Vega’s father works for Toyota, and she recently moved to the North Texas area.

“The Frisco Campus is 15 minutes from my house,” Vega said. “I appreciate the convenience.” With the lowest in-county tuition in the state of Texas, Collin College offers students the opportunity to earn degrees without incurring large amounts of debt which could take years to pay.

According to Interim Executive Vice President Dr. Sherry Schumann, Collin College has robust partnerships and numerous articulation agreements with area universities.

“Every student is different, and we take that into consideration,” Schumann said. “Our advisors take a deterministic approach and work with students to select the best completion pathway option for each individual.”

TAMU-C classes at the college’s Frisco Campus are just one opportunity for area residents to stay in Collin County and earn

bachelor’s degrees. Collin College is also home to the Collin Higher Education Center (CHEC) which provides a venue for students to take junior- and senior-level classes and earn graduate degrees from the college’s five university partners.

Students can earn a variety of bachelor’s degrees ranging from psychology and child development to political science as well as several master’s and doctoral degrees. University representatives are housed at CHEC and available to assist students.

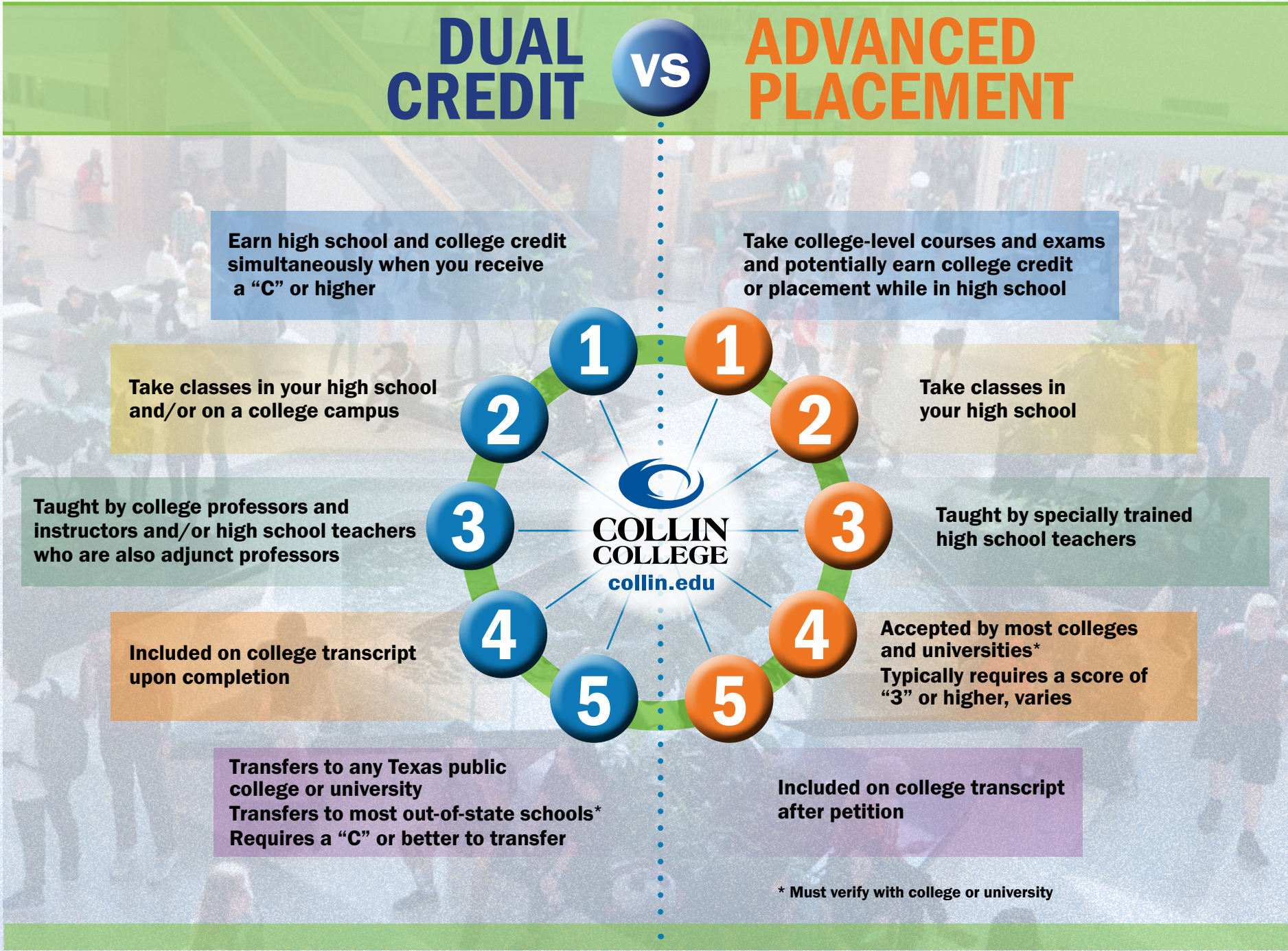
Collin College also offers pre-admission agreements for students who want to begin their university experience while still attending Collin. The college has 10 university partners. Collin College students participating in pre-admission programs have access to a variety of options at their desired transfer university, such as access to university libraries and student-priced tickets to events. Each of the college’s pre-admission partners offers different benefits.

From start to finish, area residents can come to Collin College campuses for higher education solutions.



For more information about Collin College’s preadmission programs, visit <http://www.collin.edu/transferu/Pre-admnProg.html>.

For more information about the CHEC, visit <http://www.collin.edu/chec/>.



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Follow the BCOC for humor, tips, and motivation in 280 characters or less.

District President honored by Collin County Business Alliance



The Collin County Business Alliance (CCBA) honored Dr. H. Neil Matkin, district president of Collin College, with its annual Leadership Award at the organization's seventh anniversary luncheon in Plano. Sanjiv Yajnik, president of financial services at Capital One and chairman of the CCBA, said Dr. Matkin has been an "incredible advocate for Collin County" and cited the growth of the college and the ambitious master plan currently underway as hallmarks of his leadership.

The CCBA Leadership Award is presented annually to an individual who has demonstrated exceptional leadership in Collin County. Past winners of the award have included U.S. Rep. Sam Johnson, State Senator Florence Shapiro, and Dallas Mavericks General Manager Donnie Nelson. The CCBA was formed in 2011 with the mission of making the county an even more vibrant place to live and work. A key objective of the alliance is to bring the business community together and serve as a catalyst for positive change. More information is available online at <http://collincountybusinessalliance.com>.

Collin College named Outstanding Business of the Year

Collin College was named the Outstanding Business of the Year by the McKinney Chamber of Commerce at the 2019 McKinney Community Awards Celebration in February. The award is presented annually to an organization that has enhanced the economy of McKinney through the successful, long-term, and profitable operation of its business. Collin College was acknowledged for exhibiting community involvement and innovative leadership, and exemplifying outstanding customer service. "Innovation and Involvement are two of the core values we are passionate about at Collin College," said Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin. "It is gratifying to know the community values the college's contribution to the continued growth and well-being of McKinney and all of Collin County." The event took place at the McKinney Sheraton. Some of the past winners of the Outstanding Large Business of the Year include Medical City McKinney, Raytheon, McKinney Independent School District and Methodist McKinney Hospital. "Collin College has been a tremendous partner for the business community," said Lisa Hermes, president and CEO of the McKinney Chamber of Commerce. "They listen to the needs of businesses and develop programs and training opportunities to help develop the right skills for a strong workforce. Collin has a strong reputation for exceptional faculty and training while being excellent stewards of our tax dollars."



Pictured with the Outstanding Business of the Year Award are (L to R): Presenter Kyle Armstrong, president of Baylor Scott & White Medical Center in McKinney; Dr. Jon Hardesty, vice president/provost of the McKinney Campus; and Dr. Neil Matkin, district president. Photo credit: AimeeLouise Photography

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