

**Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees**

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Resource: Dr. Abe Johnson  
Senior Vice President Campus Operations

- AGENDA ITEM:** Consideration of Approval of the Scholars for Teaching Excellence Program with the University of North Texas
- DISCUSSION:** The Scholars for Teaching Excellence Program (STEP) is a program aimed at addressing the staffing need for dual credit courses through the University of North Texas, offering a 30-credit-hour program or an 18-credit-hour graduate certificate in the requested disciplines. Independent school districts (ISD) in our service area will work with Collin College to select qualified ISD teachers chosen through a well-defined selection process. The program's successful participants are required to commit to teaching Collin College dual credit courses in their school district for a minimum of three years. Collin College will cover the cost of this program. The estimated tuition and fees for the graduate certificate are \$6,800 per certificate, and the estimated tuition and fees for the program are \$11,300. The academic disciplines included in this program are subject areas in critical need of staffing for the dual credit course sections. These include English, Mathematics, History, Political Science, and Economics. The total cost for the first six years will be \$706,000, and the revenue for the same period will be \$2,729,000, with the net ROI of \$ 2,023,000.
- DISTRICT PRESIDENT'S RECOMMENDATION:** The District President recommends approval for the Scholars for Teaching Excellence Program in partnership with the participating ISDs and the University of North Texas.
- SUGGESTED MOTION:** "Mr. Chairman, I make a motion that the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approves the Scholars for Teaching Excellence Program in partnership with participating ISDs and the University of North Texas.