

**COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT  
BOARD OF TRUSTEES  
Meeting Minutes  
April 24, 2018**

The Collin County Community College District (“Collin College,” “Collin,” or “District”) conducted its work session and regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting on April 24, 2018, in the Board Conference Room 135 and the Board Room 139, Collin Higher Education Center, with Chairman J. Robert Collins presiding. Trustees in attendance were Dr. Collins, Dr. Stacey Donald, Mr. Andy Hardin, Mr. Mac Hendricks, Mr. Steve Matthews, Dr. Raj Menon, Mr. Fred Moses, Mr. Jim Orr, and Mr. Adrian Rodriguez.

**WORK SESSION CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Collins called the April 24, 2018, Work Session of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District to order at 5:30 p.m., in the Board Conference Room 135 at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, Texas 75069. In addition to board members listed above, attendees included District President Neil Matkin, Executive Vice President Brenda Kihl, Sr. Vice President of Organizational Effectiveness Kim Davison, Sr. Vice President of Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services Sherry Schumann, Chief Financial Officer Ken Lynn, and Chief Public Relations Officer Tom Delamater.

**CERTIFICATION OF NOTICE**

Shirley Harmon, Executive Assistant to the District President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees certified that the meeting was posted according to Article 551.001 of the Texas Government Code.

**DISCUSSION ITEMS**

Discussion items included the following:

1. Century Court Apartments Update presented by Ken Lynn, Chief Financial Officer
2. Mobile Go Center and Embedded Counselors presented by Sr. Vice President of Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services Sherry Schumann

No formal action was taken.

**ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Chairman Collins recessed the meeting to executive session at 6:32 p.m. in the Board Conference Room 135, as authorized by Article 551.001, Texas Government Code, Sections 551.071 Consultations with Attorney; 551.072 Deliberations about Real Property; and 551.074 Personnel Matters.

The Executive Session adjourned at 7:00 p.m. There being no further discussion, the Work Session also adjourned at 7:00 p.m.

## **REGULAR MONTHLY MEETING CALL TO ORDER**

Chairman Collins convened the regular monthly meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District at 7:02 p.m. in Boardroom 139 and welcomed those in attendance. Trustees in attendance were Dr. Collins, Dr. Stacey Donald, Mr. Andy Hardin, Mr. Mac Hendricks, Mr. Steve Matthews, Dr. Raj Menon, Mr. Fred Moses, Mr. Jim Orr, and Mr. Adrian Rodriguez. Other attendees included District President Neil Matkin, Collin College administrators, faculty, staff, vendors, and community members.

Chairman Collins called on Shirley Harmon, Executive Assistant to the District President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees, to certify posting of the notice of the meeting.

## **CERTIFICATION OF THE NOTICE OF THE APRIL 24, 2018, MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

Ms. Harmon certified the notice of the April 24, 2018, Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees regular meeting was posted according to Article 551.001 of the Texas Government Code.

## **PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE**

Mr. Hardin led the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag, and Dr. Menon led the pledge to the Texas flag.

## **APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE MARCH 27, 2018, REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES**

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Mr. Matthews, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the minutes of its March 27, 2018, regular meeting.

## **RECOGNITION OF SPECIAL GUESTS**

Chairman Collins recognized a student from the Leadership Development Institute class taught by Professor Michael Rose, who was in attendance at the meeting.

## **PUBLIC COMMENTS**

No public comment was presented.

## **PRESENTATIONS**

1. Recognition of Students Selected for All Texas Academic Team – District President Neil Matkin said he was pleased to announce that Collin had five students that were honored at a medallion ceremony and reception on March 30 at the University of Texas at San Antonio as members of the All Texas Academic Team. The event was sponsored and hosted by Phi Theta Kappa Honor Society, the Texas Association of Community Colleges, and the community college presidents.

For this honor, students had to be nominated by their school and enrolled in a minimum of six hours in Fall 2017. Some of the judging criteria for nominees included academic excellence and intellectual rigor, leadership and service, and how students have extended their education beyond the classroom to benefit society. While grade point average was one part of the criteria, leadership and involvement in their community and college was also a critical consideration.

Dr. Matkin said that the students are role models, and we are proud to have them represent Collin College. The students named to this year's All Texas Academic Team from Collin College are Marilyn Abedrabbo of Plano, Cheyenne Gregory-Myers of Little Elm, Gabriel Medina of The Colony, David Parker of McKinney, and Adi Weissfield of Plano. Photos were taken as the audience recognized their accomplishments with applause. Ms. Weissfield was unable to be in attendance.

2. Phi Theta Kappa Recap of 2017 – David Parker, President of Collin's Alpha Mu Tau chapter of Phi Theta Kappa said that at Phi Theta Kappa's International Convention in Kansas City earlier this month, he was named 2018-2019 International Vice President of Division II. He gave the following recap of activity and awards for Alpha Mu Tau during the 2017-2018 school year:

2017-2018 Alpha Mu Tau Chapter representatives attending the Phi Theta Kappa's 100<sup>th</sup> International Convention in Kansas City, Missouri included:

- David Parker, Chapter President & International Vice President, Division II, of Phi Theta Kappa
- James Carter, Chapter Vice President of Leadership & Chapter Campaign Manager to David Parker
- Fadi Istelinides, Chapter Secretary & Texas Regional President of Phi Theta Kappa
- Monique Spence, Chapter Vice President of Service & 1st Place Winner of the International Phi Theta Kappa Job Interview Competition
- Mariah Carvalho, Chapter Vice President of Scholarship
- Adriana Solis, Chair of Service Committee & active Chapter Member
- Samiha Wafi Sharif, active Chapter Member, Campaign Team Member, & Campaign Booth Designer Israa Ali, active Chapter Member & Campaign Team Member
- Huong "Lee" Ta, active Chapter Member & Campaign Team Member
- Liz Mogas, active Chapter Member & Campaign Team Member
- Brandy S. Jumper, Faculty Chapter Advisor
- Dr. Jennifer Blalock, Administrator & Chapter Campaign Specialist Distinguished Chapter Award

At International, the Alpha Mu Tau Chapter received the following awards:

- Distinguished Chapter Award
- Distinguished Honors in Action Project Award
- Distinguished College Project Award
- International Job Interview Competition – 1<sup>st</sup> Place Winner: Monique Spence
- Top 100 Chapters
- Five Star Level – Texas Region, College Completion and Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion

Alpha Mu Tau also won the following Regional Awards, Texas Region:

- Five Star Rating in the Chapter Development Plan (the highest rating available)
- Five Star Competitive Edge Completion, Fadi Istelinides
- District II Hall of Honor Students: Fadi Istelinides, Monique Spence, James Carter, David Parker, Adriana Solis, Adi Weissfield, Jessica Dressler, Jessica Myron, Vanessa Storaci, and Professor Brandy S. Jumper
- Horizon Award for Chapter Advisors, Dr. Jessica Hargis
- Certificate of Appreciation for service to the Texas Region, Dr. Jessica Hargis
- Texas Phi Theta Kappa (5 years of service pin), Dr. Jessica Hargis
- Hall of Honor for Officers, Monique Spence
- 'Tejas' Outstanding Friend of Texas Award, Dr. Jennifer Blalock
- College Project Award of Merit
- Honors in Action and College Project Participation Award, Alpha Mu Tau
- Honors in Action Award of Distinction- Theme 1: Myth & Reality (top scoring project for Theme 1 in the Region, Rank #1 out of 92 chapters)
- First Finalist, Most Distinguished Chapter (second highest scoring chapter in the Region, Rank #2 out of 92 chapters)
- The Alpha Mu Tau Chapter of Collin College campaigned for Regional Office and was elected to the position of Texas Regional President for the 2018 – 2019 academic calendar year. Chapter Secretary Fadi Istelinides spearheaded the campaign and will proudly represent Alpha Mu Tau as President for the Texas Region.

Mr. Parker also announced that Alpha Mu Tau's Honors in Action project on opioid awareness raised over \$1,500, which was matched by an anonymous donor. In addition, the chapter's "Cougarthon" dance marathon raised over \$3,000 for the Children's Miracle Network. In closing, Mr. Parker thanked the Board of Trustees for their support and advocacy.

3. Recognition of Retirees on the Occasion of their Retirement – President Matkin read the following tribute while Chairman Collins presented gifts to retirees Stephanie Meinhardt and Martha Tolleson.

In 1986, before Stephanie Meinhardt was a full-time employee, she immediately responded to a student in crisis during one of the first registrations. When seeing her quick response, then President John Anthony stated, "Who is that? Hire her." The rest is history. Stephanie became a Student Development Advisor in 1986, before being named Director of Testing in 1987, a role in which she was responsible for the development and implementation of the college's testing and assessment program. In 1999, Stephanie became Registrar/Director of Admissions. In 2007, she accepted the role of Dean of Academic Advising and Student Success. She is currently Dean of Student and Enrollment Services. Her 32-year tenure at Collin College has been a valuable component of the college's growth and success. Stephanie Meinhardt has truly made a positive impact on the lives and futures of thousands upon thousands of students. We will greatly miss her dynamic personality, her ability to defuse difficult situations, and her mission of always putting students first.

Professor Martha Tolleson was hired in the fall of 1985 to serve as a liaison between Grayson College and Collin College. She began her 32-year career as a faculty member in January 1986. Martha served as the first Coordinator of English, Chair of English for Central Park Campus; Discipline Lead for English, Chair of the Council on Excellence, Secretary of the Faculty Council, Co-Chair of the Link Program, Co-Chair of the Trends in Teaching Composition and she has served on numerous curriculum and hiring committees. Professor Tolleson has taught over 10,000 students in her college career. She was named the Collin Faculty Member of the Year in 2016. She enjoys the classroom and really believes in giving back, serving as a mentor to full-time and part-time faculty in all disciplines, and supporting administration with invaluable feedback and sharing of ideas.

Dr. Matkin said that Stephanie and Martha's combined 64 years of service, leadership, and expertise have been invaluable to Collin College and its students. Both have contributed so much to the development and growth of Collin that it is hard to find adequate words to express our appreciation. He asked everyone to please join him in wishing them the very best in retirement.

4. Announcement of the 2018 Outstanding Professor of the Year Finalists – Professor Kimberly Harris, Chair of the Council on Excellence announced this year's finalists for Outstanding Professor of the Year as she read information about their outstanding attributes and presented statements from their students. The finalists for 2018 Outstanding Professor of the Year are:

Bill Ardis, Professor of Math, Frisco  
Lee DeBoer, Professor of Criminal Justice, McKinney  
Ana Giron, Professor of Spanish, Plano  
Sukanya Subramanian, Professor of Biology, Frisco  
Aaron West, Professor of Music History, Frisco

5. Announcement of the 2018 Outstanding Associate Faculty of the Year Finalists – Dr. Jon Hardesty, Vice President/Provost of the Central Park Campus announced this year's finalists for the Associate Faculty of the Year as he read information about their outstanding attributes and presented statements from their students. The finalists for 2018 Outstanding Associate Faculty of the Year are:

Penny Aguirre, Associate Professor of Integrated Reading/Writing, Plano  
Eilene Carver, Associate Professor of Art, Frisco  
Paul Dolliver, Associate Professor of Geology, Plano  
Cindy Gay, Associate Professor of Dental Hygiene, McKinney  
Allison Gillies, Associate Professor of Art, McKinney  
Maite Palma, Frisco Campus

The finalists received standing ovations in recognition from all in attendance. The 2018 Outstanding Professor of the Year and Associate Faculty of the Year will be announced at All College Day in August.

### **2018-4-1 Personnel Report for April 2018**

Discussion: The Personnel Report for April 2018 included seven administrative appointments, three faculty appointments, two staff appointments, four promotions/changes, three resignations/terminations, and six sabbatical leave requests.

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Mr. Rodriguez, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved items 1a through 1f of the Personnel Report for April 2018 as presented.

President Matkin introduced Kim O'Bryon who will begin on May 7 in the position of Executive Assistant to the District President/Secretary to the Board of Trustees. She will work alongside Shirley Harmon until Ms. Harmon's retirement on August 31.

### **2018-4-1a Approval of Administrative Appointments**

By action stated above, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved the following administrative appointments:

<b><u>NAME</u></b>	<b><u>TITLE</u></b>	<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>DEPARTMENT</u></b>	<b><u>REASON</u></b>
Gaye Cooksey	Dean, Evening and Weekend College	05/14/18	Provost	Lateral
Abe Johnson	Vice President/Provost	05/14/18	Executive Vice President's Office	Lateral
Mary McRae	Vice President/Provost	05/14/18	Executive Vice President's Office	Lateral
Tom Martin	N: Vice President, Institutional Research O: Associate Vice President, Institutional Research	05/01/18	Institutional Research	Reclassification
Leo "Cameron" Neal	N: Associate Provost, Instruction O: Dean, Academic Affairs	05/14/18	Executive Vice President's Office	Promotion
Larry Robertson	N: Director HR/Benefits, Compensation, & HR Systems O: Director HR/Compensation and HRIS	05/01/18	Human Resources	Reclassification
Donald Weasenforth	N: Vice President/Provost O: Associate Provost, Instruction	05/14/18	Executive Vice President's Office	Promotion

2018-4-1b Approval of Faculty Appointments

By action stated above, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved the following faculty appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Tamara Basham	Professor, Environmental Science	08/14/18	Academic Affairs	Replacement Daphne Babcock
Rhonda Lewis	Professor, English	08/14/18	Academic Affairs	Replacement Karen Hayden
Kimberly O'Neil	Professor, Political Science	08/14/18	Academic Affairs	New Position

2018-4-1c Approval of Staff Appointments

By action stated above, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved the following staff appointments:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Laura Davis	Police Communication Center Supervisor	04/03/18	Police Department	New Position
Jose Rodriguez	Facilities Operations Coordinator, Conference Center	03/21/18	Physical Plant Support Services	New Position

2018-4-1d Approval of Promotions/Changes

By action stated above, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved the following promotions/changes:

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
David Campbell	N: Manager Facilities and Plant Operations II O: Manager Facilities/ Plant Operations I	04/01/18	Physical Plant Support Services	Reclassification
Diana Hopes	N: Dean of Academic Services O: Director, Academic Planning/QEP	04/01/18	Academic Services	Promotion
Karen Murph	Coordinator Curriculum	04/01/18	Academic Services	Reclassification
Erwin Whitlock	N: Operator/Maintenance Technician Supervisor O: Plant Operations/ HVAC Technician	04/01/18	Physical Plant Support Services	New Position

2018-4-1e Approval of Resignations/Terminations

By action stated above, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved the following resignations/terminations:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>LAST DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Kristine Smith	04/02/18	<1	Accountant	Finance and Budgeting
Stephanie Meinhardt	04/30/18	32	Dean of Students	Student Development
Martha Tolleson	08/01/18	32	Professor, English	Academic Affairs

2018-4-1f Approval of Sabbatical Leave Requests

By action stated above, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved the following sabbatical leave requests:

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>DIVISION</u>	<u>LEAVE PERIOD</u>
William Ardis	Mathematics	Fall 2018
Wendy Commons	English	Fall 2018
Laura Foster	Integrated Reading and Writing	Fall 2018
Kerry Loinette	Communication Studies	Spring 2019
Clay Randall	Economics	Fall 2018
Gerald Sullivan	Anthropology	Spring 2019

**2018-4-2 Reports Out of the Finance and Audit, and Campus Facilities and Construction Committees and Approval of the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for Use of the Rockwall ISD's Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy**

Discussion: Rockwall Independent School District (RISD) will open the Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy in Fall 2018. The Academy will be the career and technical education hub for RISD and is also designed to house up to two higher education partners to offer college courses. Use of the facility will enable Collin College to continue serving the Rockwall region.

The RISD facility will have ample parking and a separate entrance for college students. The space will include 4 classrooms, 1 computer lab, 3 offices, and 1 storage space for a total of 4,980 sq. ft., plus additional space that will be shared with a future 4-year higher education partner. In addition, Collin College will have 6 designated classrooms to offer dual credit courses at the facility during regular school hours.

A draft Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for the use of space at the RISD Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy was presented to the Finance & Audit and Campus Facilities and Construction Committees for review and discussion on April 17, 2018.



Mr. Moses reported to the board as chair of the Finance and Audit Committee and Mr. Hardin reported as chair of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee on those committees' review and recommendations regarding the interlocal cooperative agreement with Rockwall ISD. Mr. Moses and Mr. Hardin presented their respective committees' recommendations for board approval of the agreement as presented.

On motion and second out of the Finance & Audit Committee and the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Interlocal Cooperative Agreement for use of space at Rockwall ISD's Dr. Gene Burton College and Career Academy.

#### **2018-4-3 Approval of City of Plano 2018 Historic Tax Exemption**

Discussion: The City of Plano has approved an ordinance to provide eighty-six (86) Heritage Resources a partial tax exemption from the current year's Ad Valorem taxation in the amount of \$242,338.00. A list of properties was provided for review by the Board of Trustees.

On motion of Mr. Moses, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the City of Plano 2018 Historic Tax Exemption as presented.

Mr. Lynn answered several questions from trustees saying that each taxing entity has to approve before the exemptions are effective, that the properties presented will result in approximately 50% overall exemption, and that Plano is the only city who has asked for historic exemptions.

#### **2018-4-4 Approval of a Private Offer to Purchase Struck Off Property**

Discussion: A private offer of \$77,500.00 has been made on the struck off property located at 202 & 203 East Erwin Avenue, McKinney, Texas, in Collin County.

On motion of Mr. Matthews, second of Mr. Rodriguez, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved a private offer of \$77,500.00 to purchase struck off property located at 202 & 203 East Erwin Avenue, McKinney, Texas, in Collin County.

#### **2018-4-5 Approval of Bid Report for April 2018**

Discussion: The Bid Report for April 2018 consisted of two new solicitations and one contract revision.

On motion of Mr. Moses, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Bid Report for April 2018 as presented.

**I. NEW SOLICITATIONS**

Purchase Request #1		
Contract for Classroom Lecterns	\$	75,000.00
Purchase Request # 2		
Purchase of Seated Risers and Portable Audience		67,022.00
<b>TOTAL OF NEW SOLICITATIONS</b>		<hr/> <b>142,022.00</b> <hr/>
 <b>II. CONTRACT REVISIONS</b>		
Purchase Request #3		
Additional Funds for Purchase of Technology Products and Services		650,000.00
<b>TOTAL OF CONTRACT REVISIONS</b>		<hr/> <b>650,000.00</b> <hr/>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	\$	<hr/> <b>792,022.00</b> <hr/>

**INFORMATION REPORTS**

The following reports were provided for the Board’s information:

- Statement of Net Position as of 03/31/18
- Summary of Revenues and Expenditures as of 03/31/18
- Monthly Investment Report as of 03/31/18
- Public Safety Training Center Construction Update for March 2018
- AECOM Monthly Report for March 2018
- Follow Up to February 27 and March 27, 2018, Questions from Board Members:
  - 1) Bids on Vehicles/Cost of Issuing a Solicitation for Procurement
  - 2) Racial Profiling Report:
    - Traffic Citations and Arrests, January 1, 2017 – December 31, 2017
    - Racial Makeup of Collin College Police Department

**DISTRICT PRESIDENT’S AND BOARD ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Comments on: Workshops, Seminars, and Conferences taking place at the College; Awards Received; Accomplishments, Appointments at the Local, State, and National Level; Published Articles and Newspaper Reports; College Reports/Metrics and Upcoming Events.

**District President Matkin announced the following:**

1. Dr. Matkin said it was with a heavy heart that he announces the passing two of Collin College colleagues.

Professor Chris Grooms passed away on Friday, April 20. He served as Professor of English at Collin since August 1989. He held a BA in History and English, an MA in English from Stephen F. Austin State University and a PhD in Literature from the University College of Wales, where he was honored as a Gregynog Scholar in 1986, 1987, and 1988. With his deep love for Welsh culture, language, and history, Dr. Grooms brought a unique perspective to Collin College. He was a prolific writer, researcher, and an accomplished folk and classical guitarist. When he joined Collin College, he was listed as one of the 25 members of the British Folk Music Society in the world. Most importantly, however, Chris had a gift for connecting with and engaging students.

Also, President Matkin shared the news of the passing of Donna Olson of Allen, former Associate Faculty in Collin's Health Information Management program. She taught in the program from Spring 2012 through Summer 2017. Donna held an MBA from California Coast University and had a career spanning over 20 years in health information management. In recent years, she had taught health information technology and management courses at several community and technical colleges.

Dr. Matkin asked that everyone join him in keeping Chris' and Donna's families and friends in thoughts and prayers.

2. Collin College Fire Academy and Paramedic program graduate Andrew Needum has been recognized for his heroic efforts in assisting a Southwest Airlines passenger during a mid-air emergency in route from New York to Dallas. A firefighter from Celina Fire Department, Needum was on the flight with his family when a fan blade from the engine separated causing severe damage to the engine and a window on the aircraft. The female passenger seated near the window suffered blunt trauma from flying debris and was partially ejected through the window. Needum immediately responded to help pull the passenger back into the aircraft and administered CPR along with a nurse who was a passenger onboard. Sadly, despite their heroic efforts, the passenger did not survive. Needum graduated Collin College Fire Academy Class No. 46 in April 2010, and recently returned to Collin for his Paramedic training. He successfully completed his training and was awarded the Spirit Award for Paramedic Class No. 23 at the graduation ceremony in March.

3. About 80 people attended the college's 20<sup>th</sup> Annual Science Day event at Spring Creek Campus on April 7. Science Day is a free event for parents, teachers, students and siblings of students at Bowman, Otto, and Wilson middle schools and is designed to get students excited about science and math early in their school careers. Dr. Matkin said that while he has a list of names to thank that will appear in his monthly update, he wanted to take this opportunity to recognize and give special thanks to Professor of

Biology Cathy Donald-Whitney whose leadership of Science Day for 20 consecutive years has resulted in an amazing program for participants, and to acknowledge Professors Doug Boliver, Deborah Cardenas, and Mary Weis who have participated in all 20 Science Day events.

4. High winds and frigid temperatures could not keep the Texas Big Star Half Marathon and Cougar Run 5K from breaking records on April 14 at Preston Ridge Campus. Hosted in partnership with the North Texas Community Giving Foundation, the event finished with 1,816 registered runners and sponsorships topped \$98,000. Special thanks to the Big Star Half Marathon Committee, Vice President of Advancement Lisa Vasquez and her team, Vice President/Provost Dr. Abe Johnson, the Collin College Police Department, Preston Ridge Campus Plant Operations, and countless volunteers.

5. The Texas Commission on Law Enforcement has requested that the Collin College Law Enforcement Academy pilot a Special Forces veteran's peace officer course. This will be an accelerated course designed for beginning peace officers who have previously completed Special Forces training. The Collin College Law Enforcement Academy is one of only three providers in Texas being asked to offer this new course. Thank you to Vice President/Provost Jon Hardesty, Dean Gary Hodge and Law Enforcement Academy Director Scott Donaldson for their work in bringing this program to Collin College.

6. Sixteen students from Collin College represented Honduras at the National Model United Nations conference in New York in late March. Students Samantha Sayers and Mohammad Khan won a position paper in the General Assembly committee and the entire team won Outstanding Delegation, the highest award at the conference.

In other Model United Nations news, Model UN student Jackson Reed has been accepted into the College of Engineering at The University of California, Berkeley, where only 9 percent of transfer applications are admitted into the program. Model UN student Rochelle Offret was accepted into both Stanford University and Harvard University. Only 2 percent of transfer students are admitted to Stanford and only 1 percent of transfer students are admitted into Harvard.

7. The generosity of Collin's employees and students showed in All College Council's "Spring Into Action" Meals on Wheels project. A total of 469 boxes of food and supplies as well as \$656 were collected for an in kind contribution of more than \$19,400. Boxes are distributed to seniors throughout Collin County. Thank you to Chair Samantha Dean and the All College Council, Spring Into Action Co-Coordinator Bonnie Ford and Karla Pilcher, and all of the volunteers and donors who made this drive a success.

8. A video was played of Sr. Vice President of Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services Sherry Schumann's recent interview by NBC Channel 5 related to student-funded scholarships. Dr. Matkin thanked Dr. Schumann on spearheading the development of this program and for inclusion of it in student orientation materials.

President Matkin also announced that today is Chairman Collins' birthday.

**The Board announced the following:**

Trustee Moses congratulated Dr. Schumann on the interview that aired on Channel 5 News. He said this is a great program to get students involved early in charity and giving, involvement in something bigger than themselves. Mr. Moses said he worked with Dean Terrence Brennan over the last month regarding the services provided by Collin's ACCESS program and presented information a couple of weeks ago at the Mariposa Fair. He thanked Dean Brennan and the staff involved in the ACCESS program for their great work.

Trustee Hardin said that since he does not work in higher education every day, seeing the faculty and associate faculty recognized for their work and hearing what the students say about them makes him feel his time on the Board is worthwhile. He said he wished he had those instructors when he was in college. Mr. Hardin thanked all for their hard work. He also commented that he attended the Big Star Marathon and CougarRun with his rotary club, which cooked and served 2,000 pancakes to the crowd of runners and attendees.

Trustee Orr thanked Dr. Schumann for the Channel 5 interview. He congratulated Dr. McRae and Dr. Neal on their new positions. Mr. Orr welcomed Ms. O'Bryan to Collin College. He commented to Professor Clay Randall that his sabbatical request was very interesting and he looked forward to the results.

Trustee Menon congratulated David Parker, Faculty Advisor Jessica Hargis, and the members of the Alpha Mu Tau Chapter of Phi Theta Kappa on their awards and success. He mentioned that Trustee Donald is also having a birthday this month. Dr. Menon said he attended the Tom Deluca student engagement event and Mr. Deluca brought up 25 to 30 students and hypnotized them for a program of great fun. He also attended the 9<sup>th</sup> annual Undergraduate Interdisciplinary Student Research Conference on April 18 at the Spring Creek Campus. He said next year will be the 10<sup>th</sup> year of the conference, and he would like to see corporate sponsors to help make the event bigger. Dr. Menon gave a "shout out" to Dr. Neal who he knows from their days at Leadership Plano.

Trustee Donald echoed what Trustee Hardin said about Collin's faculty and how amazing they are. She commented on Phi Theta Kappa faculty advisors and said those not in education do not know how much they put into the role and how they are sponsors for all the great student accomplishments. She welcomed Kim O'Bryon to Collin College. Dr. Donald said Dr. Chris Grooms was a mentor to her, a gentle spirit who loved Wales and folk music. Professor Tony Howard told her the first thing Professor Grooms asked when he became ill was about his students. She had the opportunity to sit with Chris' family, and it was amazing. Dr. Donald reminded everyone about early voting and urged all to vote.

Trustee Rodriguez said he recently attended the play *Magic Flute* at the Spring Creek Campus. He commented that Professor Laura Bray did a fantastic job. Mr. Rodriguez congratulated the Phi Theta Kappa representatives on their outstanding accomplishments and commented on Collin's amazing Professor and Associate Professor of the Year finalists.

#### **ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned the April 24, 2018, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District at 8:19 p.m.