

**COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
August 1, 2017**

The Collin County Community College District (“Collin College,” “Collin,” or “District”) conducted a regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting on August 1, 2017, in the Board Room, 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, Dr. Raj Menon, Mr. Fred Moses, Mr. Adrian Rodriguez, and Ms. Nancy Wurzman. Trustee Jim Orr was absent. Other attendees included District President Neil Matkin, Collin College administrators, faculty, staff, community members, and vendor representatives.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Collins called the August 1, 2017, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District to order at 5:40 p.m. The Board met at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, Texas 75069.

ADJOURNMENT TO CLOSED OR EXECUTIVE SESSION

Chairman Collins recessed the meeting to closed session at 5:40 p.m. in Room 135, Board Conference Room, 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.

OPEN SESSION

Chairman Collins reconvened the meeting at 7:06 p.m. in Boardroom 139 and welcomed those in attendance. He 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 AUGUST 1, 2017, MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Harmon certified the notice of the August 1, 2017, Collin County Community College District Board of Trustees meeting was posted according to Article 551.001 of the Texas Government Code.

PLEDGES OF ALLEGIANCE

Mr. Moses led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Dr. Donald led the pledge to the Texas flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JUNE 27, 2017, REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez, second of Ms. Wurzman, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the minutes of its June 27, 2017, regular meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment was presented.

PRESENTATIONS

1. Nursing Program Update – Donna Hatch, Dean of Nursing

Dean of Nursing Donna Hatch presented an update on Collin College's Nursing Program focusing specifically on how nursing programs get rated at the state or national level. Her presentation is outlined below:

The Accreditation/Regulatory Landscape

- Department of Education (DOE)
- Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)
- Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)

- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)
- Texas Board of Nursing (BON): State-level regulation of graduate licensure

Six Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN) standards:

Standard 1: Mission and Administrative Capacity

- Strength: Recognized as a Center of Excellence by the National League of Nursing

Standard 2: Faculty and Staff

- Commended for the involvement with and dedication to students

Standard 3: Students

- Strength: Excellent student support services, particularly library support and counseling services
- Strength: Seamless articulation support for Collin and graduates transitioning to RN-to-BSN programs with Texas Woman's University and Texas Tech University

Standard 4: Curriculum

- Following complete revision of the curriculum of the Associate Degree in Nursing to reduce it from 72 to 60 semester credit hours, Collin's Nursing department maintained compliance.

Standard 5: Resources

- Strength: New Health Science Center
- Strength: State-of-the-art Nursing Labs
- Strength: Excellence in library resources including a librarian dedicated to allied health science programs

Standard 6: Outcomes

- The Nursing program had a low number of surveys returned six (6) months after graduation from students and had to complete a follow up report. ACEN has now removed this criterion as a standard. Follow up report was accepted, and will be confirmed at ACEN Board meeting in July 2017.

National League for Nursing (NLN)

- There are 1,937 nursing programs in the United States. Only 40 nursing programs earned the designation as Centers of Excellence.
- Collin is in the top 2% of nursing programs in the United States.
- First in the State of Texas.

Texas Board of Nursing (BON)

- All nursing programs in Texas must maintain a first-time pass rate of 80% or greater for graduates taking the National Council for Licensure Exam (NCLEX).
- Since the opening of Collin College's nursing program in 1990, the program has never had to complete a self-study for pass rates falling below 80%.

Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB)

- Nursing Shortage Reduction Program (NSRP) Grants
- Two state-funded grant programs administered by the THECB designed to assist publically supported nursing programs with expanding to meet the projected shortage of registered nurses in Texas in future years. 1) Regular NSRP, 2) Over NSRP

Regular NSRP

- Based on increasing the number of graduates annually
- Per Mr. Ed Buchanan from the THECB, the Collin nursing program is the only nursing program in the state to qualify for the Regular Nursing Shortage Reduction Fund every year since the program's conception in 2006.

Over NSRP

- For the past 4 years, Collin's nursing program has qualified for the Over Nursing Shortage Reduction Program.
- This program is more difficult to qualify for because it is based on the growth of admissions to a nursing program over a funding biennium: 12% growth in year one and 18% growth in year two.

registerednursing.org

- "We have ranked the top 30 nursing schools in Texas by analyzing current and historical NCLEX-RN pass rates," meaning the percentage of graduates who pass the exam, out of the 99 RN programs in the state meeting the group's criteria.
- Programs reviewed include schools that offer an Associate in Nursing (AND/ASN), a Bachelor's in Nursing (BSN), or a Direct-Entry MSN Degree.

Best RN Programs in Texas

- #16 Collin College, 2200 W. University Dr., McKinney, TX 75071 (972) 548-6790
- Rigorous theoretical and clinical studies make for a challenging and beneficial nursing program. Collin College's ADN program in McKinney, Texas will offer graduates the challenges of real world nursing in a safe and supportive learning environment. Learn more by visiting the Collin College nursing website.
- Score 91.04 | Programs: Associate in Nursing
- <http://www.registerednursing.org/state/texas/#adn-programs-in-texas>

Conclusion – Collin's Nursing Program

Meets or exceeds strenuous ACEN accreditation standards

Is recognized as a Center of Excellence by the National League for Nursing

Exceeds state and national NCLEX exam pass rates

Has benefited from continuous support by the THECB's Nursing Shortage Reduction Program grants since their inception

Setting the stage for organizations like [registerednursing.org](http://www.registerednursing.org) to help us pass the word to aspiring Student Nurses.

Ms. Hatch commended the Board of Trustees for its support. Trustee Menon commended her on the "tremendous" report and asked her to identify what makes the program so good. Dean Hatch responded that it was the nursing faculty and their dedication to students and passion for teaching. She also gave credit to the Board of Trustees and the college's leadership that has afforded the program the facilities and a program that is able to attract the best of the best. Ms. Hatch said she and the faculty are very proud of the program's graduates, 98% of whom go on to hold baccalaureate degrees in nursing, and many who become nurse-leaders.

President Matkin passed along a compliment from another community college president who was very grateful to Ms. Hatch, the faculty, and staff for visiting her college and helping with its nursing program.

2017-8-1-1 Personnel Report for August 1, 2017

Reference: Policy DAA (Local) Employment Objectives – Equal Employment Opportunity and Policy DC (Local) Employment Practices

Discussion: The Personnel Report for August 1, 2017 included the following recommendations: 2 administrative appointments, 7 faculty appointments, 6 staff appointments, 7 promotions/changes, and 12 resignations/terminations.

On motion of Mr. Moses, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Personnel Report for August 1, 2017, items 1 a, 1b, 1c, 1d, and 1e as presented.

2017-8-1-1a Approval of Administrative Appointments

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Millie Black	N: Interim Dean, Academic Affairs O: Interim Associate Dean, Academic Affairs	08/01/17	N: Academic Affairs O: Academic Affairs	Replacement
Don Weasenforth	N: Associate Provost, Instruction O: Dean, Academic Affairs	08/01/17	N: Executive Vice President's Office O: Academic Affairs	New position

President Matkin introduced Drs. Black and Weasenforth and congratulated them on their new positions.

2017-8-1-1b Approval of Faculty Appointments

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Nancy Ballard	Professor, Biology (A&P)	08/15/17	Academic Affairs	Replacement
Khimen Cooper	Professor, English	08/15/17	Academic Affairs	New position
Jeffrey Courtright	Professor, Philosophy	08/15/17	Academic Affairs	Replacement
John Farrin	Professor, English	08/15/17	Academic Affairs	Replacement
Sarah Fish	Professor, English	08/15/17	Academic Affairs	New Position
Anagha Phansalkar	Professor, Biology (Temporary)	08/15/17	Academic Affairs	Replacement
Donna Smith	Professor, Surgical Technology (Temporary)	08/15/17	Health Sciences	Replacement

2017-8-1-1c Approval of Staff Appointments

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Traci DeRose	Police Officer	07/17/17	Police Department	Replacement
Marina Kuryshina	Technical Coordinator Student and Enrollment Services	07/17/17	Student and Enrollment Services	Replacement

Walter Pinder	College and Career Counselor (Temporary, Innovation Challenge)	07/14/17	Dual Credit	New position
Brittney Portnoy	College and Career Counselor (Temporary, Innovation Challenge)	07/31/17	Dual Credit	New position
Ashley Stevens	College and Career Counselor (Temporary, Innovation Challenge)	07/31/17	Dual Credit	New position
Robert Storey	College and Career Counselor (Temporary, Innovation Challenge)	07/31/17	Dual Credit	New position

2017-8-1-1d Approval of Promotions/Changes

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

<u>NAME</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>	<u>REASON</u>
Kathy Brown	N: Buyer O: Purchasing Assistant	07/01/17	N: Purchasing O: Purchasing	Replacement
Teresa Danner	N: Campus Career Center Manager O: Career Services Specialist	09/01/17	N: Career Services O: Career Services	Reclassification
Greg Forge	N: College and Career Counselor (Temporary, Innovation Challenge) O: Coordinator of Special Admissions	07/24/17	N: Dual Credit O: Dual Credit	Promotion
Karen Martin	N: Coordinator, Culinary Arts Lab O: Lab Assistant	06/21/17	N: Developmental Education/ Workforce O: Developmental Education/ Workforce	Replacement
Taylor Ogden	N: Facilities Operations Assistant O: Plant Operations Assistant	06/19/17	N: Plant Operations O: Plant Operations	Replacement
Lilia Quezada	N: Manager Student Information Systems/Reporting O: Associate Registrar/Student IS Coordinator	07/3/17	N: Student & Enrollment Services O: Student & Enrollment Services	Replacement
Krystal Sanders-Pierce	N: College and Career Counselor (Temporary, Innovation Challenge) O: Administrative Assistant	06/19/17	N: Dual Credit O: Admissions	Promotion

2017-8-1-1e Approval of Resignations/Terminations

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

EMPLOYEE	LAST DAY	SERVICE	TITLE	DEPARTMENT
Margaret Breedlove	07/31/17	25	Professor, ESL	Academic Affairs
Scott Brown	06/20/17	8	Professor, Biology	Academic Affairs
Jill Foltz	08/11/17	4	Professor, Art	Workforce
Dae Kang	07/14/17	<1	Plant Operations Technician, HVAC	Plant Operations
Karen Larmon	08/07/17	8	Professor, Integrated Reading and Writing	Developmental Education/ Workforce
Karen Holowinski	06/02/17	2	Professor, Nursing	Nursing
Diana Harmon	08/14/17	2	Professor, Nursing	Nursing
Martha Francis	08/31/17	5	Professor, Psychology	Academic Affairs
Mary Sue Owen	08/10/17	2	Professor, Respiratory Care	Health Sciences
Michael Jones	08/31/17	7	Professor, Chemistry	Academic Affairs
Ashley Napurano	07/21/17	3	Assistant Director, Child Development	Child Development Center
Lucy Zhu	07/13/17	3	Student Life Specialist	Student Life

2017-8-1-2 Approval of the 2017 Calculated Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Rate

Reference: Policy CAI (Legal) Appropriations and Revenue Sources, Ad Valorem Taxes

Discussion: The document “2017 Property Tax Rates in Collin County Community College District” was provided in the board packet and serves as a notice concerning the 2017 property tax rates for Collin County Community College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year’s tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year’s *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year’s *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case, these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value. Information provided by Kenneth Maun, Tax Assessor Collector shows that last year’s total tax rate was \$0.081222/\$100, this year’s effective tax rate is \$0.074902/\$100, and this year’s rollback tax rate is \$0.080704.

On motion of Mr. Moses, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the 2017 Calculated Effective Tax Rate and Rollback Rate as presented on the following page.

2017 Property Tax Rates in Collin County Community College District

This notice concerns the 2017 property tax rates for Collin County Community College District. It presents information about three tax rates. Last year's tax rate is the actual tax rate the taxing unit used to determine property taxes last year. This year's *effective* tax rate would impose the same total taxes as last year if you compare properties taxed in both years. This year's *rollback* tax rate is the highest tax rate the taxing unit can set before taxpayers start rollback procedures. In each case these rates are found by dividing the total amount of taxes by the tax base (the total value of taxable property) with adjustments as required by state law. The rates are given per \$100 of property value.

Last year's tax rate:

Last year's operating taxes	\$79,766,017
Last year's debt taxes	\$3,110,073
Last year's total taxes	\$82,876,090
Last year's tax base	\$102,036,504,888
Last year's total tax rate	\$0.081222/\$100

This year's effective tax rate:

Last year's adjusted taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property)	\$81,658,789
÷ This year's adjusted tax base (after subtracting value of new property)	\$109,020,613,720
=This year's effective tax rate (Maximum rate unless unit publishes notices and holds hearings.)	\$0.074902/\$100

This year's rollback tax rate:

Last year's adjusted operating taxes (after subtracting taxes on lost property and adjusting for any transferred function, tax increment financing, state criminal justice mandate, and/or enhanced indigent healthcare)	\$78,593,654
÷ This year's adjusted tax base	\$109,020,613,720
=This year's effective operating rate	\$0.072091/\$100
x 1.08 =this year's maximum operating rate	\$0.077858/\$100
+ This year's debt rate	\$0.002692/\$100
= This year's total rollback rate	\$0.080550/\$100
+Additional rollback rate for pollution control	\$0.000154/\$100
=Rollback tax rate	\$0.080704/\$100

Statement of Increase/Decrease

If Collin County Community College District adopts a 2017 tax rate equal to the effective tax rate of \$0.074902 per \$100 of value, taxes would increase compared to 2016 taxes by \$2,530,821.

Schedule A - Unencumbered Fund Balance

The following estimated balances will be left in the unit's property tax accounts at the end of the fiscal year. These balances are not encumbered by a corresponding debt obligation.

Type of Property Tax Fund	Balance
Maintenance & Operations (M/O)	0
Interest & Sinking (I&S)	1,000,000

Schedule B - 2017 Debt Service

The unit plans to pay the following amounts for long-term debts that are secured by property taxes. These amounts will be paid from property tax revenues (or additional sales tax revenues, if applicable).

Description of Debt	Principal or Contract Payment to be Paid from Property Taxes	Interest to be Paid from Property Taxes	Other Amounts to be Paid	Total Payment
Series 2010 Limited tax Refunding Bonds	2,425,000	639,875	5,000	3,069,875
Total required for 2017 debt service			\$3,069,875	
- Amount (if any) paid from Schedule A			\$0	
- Amount (if any) paid from other resources			\$0	
- Excess collections last year			\$0	
= Total to be paid from taxes in 2017			\$3,069,875	
+ Amount added in anticipation that the unit will collect only 100.00% of its taxes in 2017			\$0	
= Total debt levy			\$3,069,875	

This notice contains a summary of actual effective and rollback tax rates' calculations. You can inspect a copy of the full calculations at 2300 Bloomdale Road, McKinney, TX 75071.

Name of person preparing this notice: Kenneth L. Maun
 Title: Tax Assessor Collector
 Date Prepared: 07/25/2017

2017-8-1-3 Report Out of the Finance and Audit Committee and Vote on Consideration of the Proposed Tax Rate for 2017

Reference: Policy CAI (Legal) Appropriations and Revenue Sources, Ad Valorem Taxes

Discussion: Chair of the Finance and Audit Committee Nancy Wurzman reported on the Committee’s discussion on the proposed tax rate for 2017. The average taxable value of a residence homestead in the Collin County Community College District last year was \$317,345; this year the average taxable value is \$344,382. Ms. Wurzman said the proposed tax rate of \$0.079810/\$100 would be a decrease over last year’s rate of \$0.081222/\$100 and would result in a tax increase of \$17.10 for the average residence. The Finance and Audit Committee recommended approval of a 2017 tax rate of \$0.079810 per \$100 of assessed property value.

On motion and second out of the Finance and Audit Committee, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved a recorded vote on consideration of the proposed tax rate for 2017 for Maintenance & Operations Tax Levy of \$0.077118 per \$100 of assessed property and Debt Service Tax Levy of \$0.002692 per \$100 of assessed property value, for a total of \$0.079810 per \$100 of assessed property value:

- Adrian Rodriguez - voted Yes to approve
- Dr. Stacey Donald – voted Yes to approve
- Dr. Raj Menon – voted Yes to approve
- Andy Hardin – voted Yes to approve
- Mac Hendricks – voted Yes to approve
- Nancy Wurzman – voted Yes to approve
- Fred Moses – voted Yes to approve
- Dr. Bob Collin – voted Yes to approve

Jim Orr was absent and did not vote.

	Actual 2016	Proposed 2017
Maintenance & Operations Tax Levy	\$0.078174/\$100	\$0.077118/\$100
Debt Service Tax Levy	<u>\$0.003048/\$100</u>	<u>\$0.002692/\$100</u>
TOTAL	<u>\$0.081222/\$100</u>	<u>\$0.079810/\$100</u>

2017-8-1-4 Action to Schedule Two (2) Public Hearings Related to the 2017 Proposed Tax Rate

Reference: Policy CAI (Legal) Appropriations and Revenue Sources, Ad Valorem Taxes
The governing body of a taxing unit may not adopt a tax rate that exceeds the lower of the rollback tax rate or the effective tax rate calculated as provided by Tax Code Chapter 26 until the governing body has held two public hearings on the proposed tax rate and has otherwise complied with Tax Code 26.06 and 26.065.

Discussion: As noted in Tax Code Chapter 26, the Board of Trustees is required to take action to schedule two public hearings related to the 2017 Proposed Tax Rate.

On motion of Mr. Moses, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved action to schedule two public hearings related to the 2017 tax rate as follows:

The first public hearing will be held Thursday, August 10, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, Texas in Board Room 139.

The second public hearing will be held Tuesday, August 15, 2017, at 5:30 p.m. at the Collin Higher Education Center, 3452 Spur 399, McKinney, Texas in Board Room 139.

2017-8-1-5 Report Out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee and Approval of First Amendment to Post-Closing Agreement Relating to Certain Land Owned by the College in Collin County, Texas

Discussion: Collin College and The George White Family Limited Partnership entered into that certain Post-Closing Agreement dated effective June 3, 2009, and recorded August 18, 2009, as Document No. 20090818001039850. George White subsequently conveyed the Seller Property to Celina Development. Celina Development subsequently conveyed a portion of the Seller Property to Bluewood Phase 1. The Post-Closing Agreement establishes an agreement for the parties (The College and Bluewood Phase 1) to each contribute equal shares of the required right-of-way and easements for the roadway. The agreement also establishes a cost-sharing arrangement between the parties for constructing a 4-lane undivided concrete roadway along the common boundary of the properties from County Road 88 to the south boundary of the College's property.

It was not anticipated at the time the Post Closing Agreement was signed in 2009 that Bluewood Phase 1 would sell any of the property prior to the roadway being constructed. However, Bluewood Phase 1 now intends to sell approximately 440 lots to homebuilders on September 1, 2017. The proposed First Amendment to the Post Closing Agreement would release the lot owners from the road construction cost-sharing arrangement and maintain the cost sharing obligations between the College and Bluewood Phase 1 per the original agreement.

Chair of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee Andy Hardin reported the Committee's recommendation to table approval of the First Amendment to Post-Closing Agreement relating to certain land owned by the college in Collin County, Texas.

On motion and second out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved action to table approval of the First Amendment to Post-Closing Agreement relating to certain land owned by the college in Collin County, Texas.

2017-8-1-6 Report Out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee and Approval of Waiver of Right to Enforce Restrictive Covenant Agreement Relating to Certain Land Owned by the College in Collin County, Texas

Discussion: The College and The George White Family Limited Partnership entered into that certain Restrictive Covenant Agreement dated effective August 14, 2009 and recorded August 18, 2009 as Document No. 20090818001039840 relating to certain land located in Collin County. The George White family Limited partnership subsequently conveyed the Owner Property to Celina Development. Celina Development subsequently conveyed a portion of the Owner Property described in Exhibit A to Celina Independent School District ("CISD") and Celina Development subsequently conveyed a portion of the Owner Property to Bluewood Phase 1.

As provided in the Agreement, the Owner Property shown with hashed lines on Exhibit "B" of the Agreement shall be restricted to residential uses with neighborhood commercial uses being allowed adjacent to County Road 88 (the "Use Restriction"). The CISD Property is intended to be used for elementary school purposes, but lies within the hashed area of Exhibit "B" which is restricted to residential uses. The parties desire to waive their right to enforce the Use Restriction against the owner of the CISD Property.

Chair of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee Andy Hardin reported the Committee's recommendation to table on approval of the Waiver of Right to Enforce Restrictive Covenant Agreement relating to certain land owned by the college in Collin County, Texas.

On motion and second out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved action to table the approval the Waiver of Right to Enforce Restrictive Covenant Agreement relating to certain land owned by the college in Collin County, Texas.

INFORMATION REPORTS

The following reports were provided for the board's information:

- Statement of Net Position as of 06/30/17
- Summary of Revenues and Expenditures as of 06/30/17
- Monthly Investment Report as of 06/30/17
- AECOM 2017 Capital Improvement Program Monthly Report for June 2017

Ken Lynn of Administrative Services complimented the staff for transforming the accounting system to a full system, especially Associate Vice President Julie Bradley and Barbara Johnston. Mr. Lynn said system allows for enhanced transparency, eliminates guessing, and makes Collin's accounting much more realistic.

David Dailey from AECOM presented the AECOM June 2017 monthly report.

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:

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1. Dr. Matkin said he was sad to report the passing of two long-time Collin employees.

Lynne Meyer passed away on July 8. Lynne started working for Collin in January 1992, and worked in a number of positions, including as a tutor coordinator and then as an academic advisor supporting the health care professions. She retired from her full-time position in 2009 and continued as a part-time advisor through last December. She truly had a passion for helping students in nursing and all of the health care professions. Even after retirement, Lynne was also a major contributor to the "Dog Days of Finals" program, bringing her golden retriever, Roger, to campus.

Walt Nilsen passed away on July 29. He started at Collin in 1985 under President John Anthony as Director of Physical Plant. In 1986, he became Director of Facilities, Plant, and Construction and continued in the position until retiring in 2002. Walt was instrumental in overseeing successful new construction and renovation projects of many of Collin's facilities. Those who knew him will remember his colorful stories, his beautiful voice belting out a heartfelt version of "Danny Boy," and his genuine love for Collin College. Walt was married to Rebecca Crowell, who recently retired after 32 years of service to Collin.

Dr. Matkin asked that everyone join him in keeping Lynne and Walt's families in their thoughts and prayers.

2. Student teams from Collin College took first and second place at the State Sputum Bowl competition during the Texas Society for Respiratory Care Convention in Waco. The Sputum Bowl is a quiz show-format respiratory care knowledge competition where two teams square off and try to get the correct answers off the fastest. Questions include science, math, and respiratory care content. Collin's teams beat out 11 other teams to face off against each other in the finals. Congratulations to both Collin teams on their efforts and to coaches Professors Angie Switzer and Julie Boganwright for their hard work in preparing the students for this contest.

3. Collin College's Psi Beta chapter has been chosen for the 2016-17 Alberta Johnson/Ruth Cousins Building Bonds Psi Beta Award and Chapter Excellence Award. The award recognizes the collaborative efforts of a Psi Beta (two-year) and a Psi Chi (four-year) chapter that have made a significant impact at the local, state, regional or national level. Congratulations to the students who took part in all of the activities which led to the award and to Collin College's Psi Beta chapter advisors Professor Jennifer O'Loughlin-Brooks and Associate Professor Patricia Coble.

4. The Commission on Accreditation for Respiratory Care has approved Collin College's Respiratory Care program for continuing accreditation until 2027. The program also achieved 100 percent RRT credentialing success for the Class of 2017. Note that National pass rates for the Therapist Multiple Choice Exam is 81.37 percent and 60 percent for the Clinical Simulation Exam – and Collin achieved 100 percent! Congratulations to Dean Gary Hodge, Respiratory Care Program Director Araceli Solis and the programs faculty and staff on these impressive achievements.

5. Associate Professor Roger Goldesberry was recognized as Hospitality Educator of the Year by the Hotel Association of North Texas. He received an award of \$500 along with the honor, which he plans to donate to Institute of Hospitality and Culinary Education scholarships at Collin College. Congratulations to Professor Goldesberry on this honor. We thank him for paying it forward to help students with their education.

6. Congratulations to Breanna Pierce, a second-year Respiratory Care student, who was presented with the Marguerite Kageler Education Grant from the Respiratory Care Foundation of Texas at the Texas Society for Respiratory Care Convention in Waco in July. The grant of \$1,000 was in recognition of academic achievement.

The Board announced the following:

Trustee Moses congratulated the staff on all of the great work they do. He said when he interviews for employees at his company, he is always glad to see applicants who came from community colleges. He thanked all for the quality of work that is turned out at Collin College.

Trustee Wuzman said there is a tremendous amount of work being done to start new facilities, and she gave appreciation to all of the colleagues who are making that happen.

Trustee Hardin talked about all the “cool” things that are going on at Collin College. He said he especially enjoys the dual credit program and how it can really make a difference. He looks forward to great results.

Trustee Menon acknowledged and congratulated Interim Dean Millie Black and Associate Provost Donald Weasenforth. He said it an exciting and busy time, especially with four board meetings in August. He is glad to see that the college's tax rate is going down at the same time he is hearing all the great things that are going on at Collin.

Trustee Donald congratulated Drs. Black and Weasenforth and thanked them for being an integral part of the college experience for students. She also congratulated Dean Hatch.

Trustee Rodriguez commended Collin's nursing program and Dean Hatch. He congratulated Drs. Black and Weasenforth on their new positions.

Chairman Collins extended his gratitude to the board committee members. He thanked Ken Lynn for the great financial reports.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned the August 1, 2017, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District at 8:11 p.m.