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The Community Update from Collin County Community College District ♦ FALL 2003

Salute to Public Service:

College instills community spirit in students, graduates



Greg Grimes lives and breathes community service. Grimes, who is profiled on page 2, is a battalion chief for the City of Allen Fire Department and a graduate of Collin County Community College.

He is one of thousands of people who touch lives every day and ask for nothing in return. As the county has grown from a series of small towns to a major metropolitan area where city limits are virtually invisible, the role of public service has never been more important. And one of the best-

kept secrets in Collin County is the role Collin County Community College plays in serving the community.

Some of the college's most **notable programs** produce classroom teachers, fire fighters, nurses, police officers, emergency medical technicians, dental assistants and hygienists, respiratory therapists and other public service or health care workers. These individuals protect the homes, families, health and livelihood of nearly 576,000 residents and dedicate their professional lives to serving others in need. Since the inception of these programs, the college has produced more than 1,300 fire, law enforcement, education, and health care professionals for the local workforce.

At CCCC, service is more than just a passing interest, it is a part of our core values, which state **"We have a passion for**

Learning, Service and Involvement, Creativity and Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect, and Integrity."

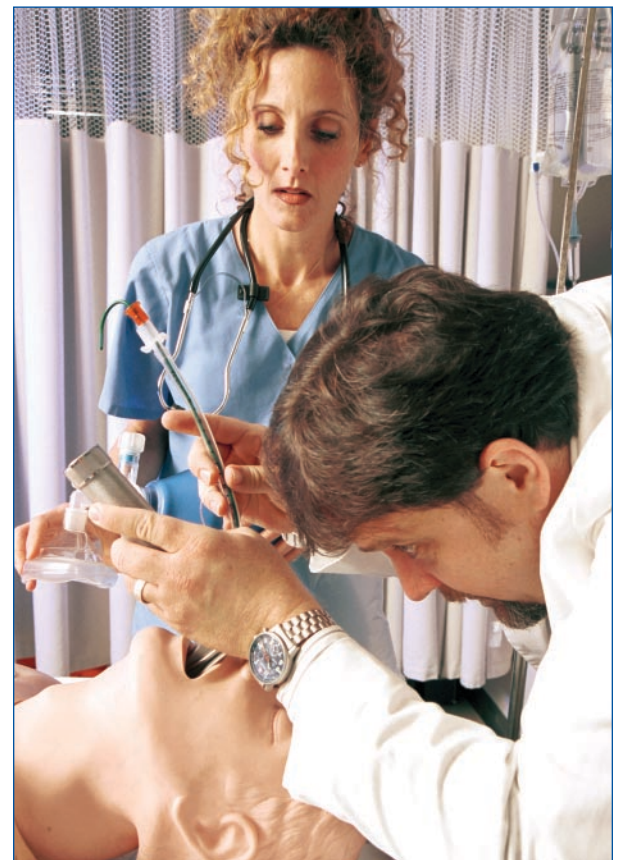
This fall, the college will open the Center for Civic Engagement and Scholarship to bring together faculty, students and community partners involved in academic initiatives that focus on scholarship, leadership and community involvement. The Engaged Scholars initiative will draw on student interest in community service to create deeper learning for students while also instilling democratic values of citizenship and civic engagement.

Programs such as **Service Learning** and **Civic Engagement** teach students the value of public service and channel individuals into nonprofits organizations where they can make a difference.

In the last year, approximately 1,200 CCCC Service Learning students have worked at more than 200 local community organizations and nonprofit agencies. They have contributed more than 18,000 hours of labor whether it be working one-on-one with at-risk youth, delivering Meals-on-Wheels in Allen or designing websites for the Volunteer McKinney Center.

Because of the dedication of these students, CCCC has been honored with a number of accolades. For example, CCCC's Service Learning program is one of only 20 community college programs in the nation recognized by the national Campus Compact organization as a

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Respiratory therapy student Tricia Imel observes as David Gibson, director of respiratory care, demonstrates a technique.

New Committee of 100 assists with 2003-2006 strategic plan



MORE THAN 100 VOLUNTEERS FROM THE COMMUNITY HAVE MET COUNTLESS HOURS TO HELP DEFINE THE FUTURE DIRECTION OF THE COLLEGE. ON BEHALF OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THANKS ARE EXTENDED TO MEMBERS OF THE NEW COMMITTEE OF 100 FOR THEIR TIME, CREATIVE IDEAS AND FORTIFYING ENERGY.

THESE MEMBERS — FROM PROFESSIONALS AND EXECUTIVES TO INTERESTED CITIZENS — CAME TOGETHER OVER THE PAST TWO YEARS TO SHARE THOUGHTS AND STRATEGIES ON HOW TO CONTINUE TO MEET GROWING EDUCATIONAL NEEDS OF COLLIN COUNTY.

THE COLLEGE HAS SEEN DOUBLE-DIGIT GROWTH IN ENROLLMENTS OVER THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. THE NEW COMMITTEE OF 100 STUDIED FUTURE COLLEGE NEEDS AND REQUIREMENTS AND OFFERED IDEAS AND STRATEGIES TO MEET THOSE GOALS. THEIR WORK IS INCLUDED IN THE NEW 2003 — 2006 STRATEGIC PLAN.

FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE STRATEGIC PLAN OR THE COMMITTEE OF 100, CONTACT THE PRESIDENT'S OFFICE AT 972.758.3801.

Building for the Future

Thanks to a bond program passed by voters in 2001, construction projects are underway to accommodate the growing number of students enrolled at CCCC.

Construction of the I Wing at the Spring Creek Campus was completed in April. The new building contains 19 general-purpose classrooms, 17 faculty offices, two science labs and two high-tech classrooms for business and industry training. The new remote parking lot on the east side of Spring Creek Campus was also completed, providing 554 additional parking spaces.

The college will break ground later this year on a 105,000 square foot expansion project at the

Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco. The new facility will have a new library, art studios, music labs, a large lecture hall, general classrooms and faculty offices. In 2005, renovations will be done to Founders Hall consisting of 20,000 square feet for student support services and administrative offices and 6,000 square feet for a science lab retrofit and testing center.



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WHERE Are They Now?

Greg Grimes is battalion chief for the City of Allen Fire Department. He is also a graduate of CCCC's very first fire academy class over a decade ago.

Greg was born in Plano, Texas, and has lived in Collin County all of his life in Allen, Plano and McKinney. His parents have lived in Plano for more than 30 years. Greg graduated from Plano East Senior High School in 1989 and married his high-school sweetheart, Angie. He and Angie now have two daughters.

In 1991, Greg along with 19 other students enrolled in CCCC Fire Academy Class No. 1. This first class included one female, two brothers, and one set of twin brothers. When they graduated in May 1992, most were hired by local fire departments immediately. Of those, three have so far reached the ranks of captain, and one, Greg, has become a battalion chief.

Pat McAuliff, director of fire science, remembers his students well. "While many of the students in Class No. 1 were outspoken, even a bit wild at times, Greg Grimes remained quiet and took it all in before making any comments or taking action," said McAuliff. "As a result, his

decisions were sound, and his performance was solid. Greg wanted to get the job done right."

Greg also happens to have an identical twin brother who graduated alongside him in Class No. 1. His twin, Britt Grimes, is now a paramedic in the Richardson Fire Department.

One of Greg's most memorable experiences was when he got to help a fellow firefighter from the Richardson Fire Department, where his brother Britt works.

Back in 1999, Greg was captain of station No. 3 when his team responded to a medical emergency involving a heart attack. The victim, a 40-year-old male, had taken some medication that had some unexpected side effects. The victim knew he was having a heart attack and called in the report himself, but by the time Greg's crew got to the house, the man was unconscious. They

immediately recognized him. He was the captain of the Richardson Fire Department and a friend of Britt Grimes.

"It was a successful CPR resuscitation,"

Greg remembered. "We revived him, and he is back at work today, hopefully no worse for wear. So that was very memorable, being able to help someone from my brother's



Greg Grimes, battalion chief for the Allen Fire Department, with his twin brother Britt Grimes, a paramedic with the Richardson Fire Department.

Fire graduate reaches upper rungs

own department." For their efforts, he and other members of the response team received recognition from the Allen City Council.

The facilities for training future firefighters in Collin County had humble beginnings but grew into some of the most high tech in North Texas. In 1991, the department borrowed equipment from McKinney, rented some from Sherman and used other city's facilities.

"It was a very interesting program back in 1991," said Grimes. "The program showed us all the basics and got us well underway into our careers."

In 1996, the department, along with the city of McKinney, built fire station No. 2 on college property just across the street from the campus. In 1999, it added the Fire-Rescue Training complex, a live-fire burn facility located just north of Central Park Campus in McKinney. This 12,000 square foot complex features seven exterior façades, an interior space with moveable wall panels, an adjoining classroom building and a five-story elevator shaft.

"What I have seen evolve over the last eight or ten years in the program has been tremendous," said Grimes, who occasionally teaches at CCCC. "Now the facilities are state-of-the-art. I would love to go back and go through the fire academy again. If I had it to do all over again, I would go in a second."

CCCC salutes Battalion Chief Greg Grimes for his accomplishments. He is a stellar example of community service.

College names first 'Living Legend'



Gladys Harrington with CCCD Trustee Cindy Bauge, who presented Mrs. Harrington with an honorary degree.

This summer, a new program was born to capture the history of Collin County through the eyes of its own "Living Legends." In CCCC's inaugural Living Legend Tribute, the college featured Collin County icon Gladys Harrington, who also happened to be celebrating her 102nd birthday.

This exclusive, ongoing tribute will honor and foster community involvement recognizing local individuals whose actions have profoundly shaped the progress of our community. Hosted by CCCC, the program not only honors pillars of the community but also paves the way for academic excellence by establishing the **Living Legends Endowment Fund**, which will support

Living Legends

education for the leaders of tomorrow within the community college district.

Mrs. Harrington was born in Paris, Texas, on May 29, 1901. A Plano resident since the age of 16, Mrs. Harrington put her time and talents into community service, after raising two sons.

Among her many accomplishments, she is credited with being solely responsible for starting Plano's first library and serving as chairman of the Plano Public Library Board for 13 years. She also helped found the Plano Chamber of Commerce, Plano Heritage Association and the Fine Arts League of Plano.

At the May 29 luncheon, Mrs. Harrington was presented with an honorary degree from CCCC to acknowledge her lifetime of dedication and remarkable achievements.

Subsequent Living Legends will be selected using CCCC's core values as criteria: Learning, Service and Involvement, Creativity and Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect, and Integrity. Civic leaders, representatives from the private and public sectors, college officials and foundation representatives will nominate and select the candidates. To learn more about this innovative program, call the CCCC Foundation, Inc. at 972.881.5611.

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FACULTY & STAFF



CCCCD faculty and staff are among the best in the country. Many have been recognized for their work and chosen to be leaders in various capacities outside the college. The following are just a few accomplishments of the outstanding CCCC faculty and staff.

Inside Collin County Business has selected **Dr. Tom Rodgers**, Spring Creek Campus provost, as one of the “21 for the 21st Century.” The annual list salutes 21 of the top business leaders whose community service has made a significant impact on Collin County.

Craig “Yo” Erickson, director of technical theatre, has been selected as the winner of the National Faculty Fellowship in Lighting and Design, awarded by the Kennedy Center/American College Theater Festival. Erickson was personally selected by renowned Broadway lighting designer Beverly Emmons for a summer fellowship in Washington D.C.

Brenda Kihl, director of the Center for Teaching, Learning and Professional Development, was elected to the National Association of Community College Teacher Education Programs (NACCTEP) Executive Board as a member-at-large. She will represent

the interests of community college teacher preparation programs nationwide.

Stephanie Meinhardt, registrar and director of admissions, and **Marisela Cadena-Smith**, assistant director of public relations, were chosen to participate in the National Institute for Leadership Development, LEADERS program, an international program for administrators and faculty in higher education.

Daphne Hall Babcock won the Horizon Award for Best Regional Advisor for Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), an international honor society for



Stephanie Meinhardt



Marisela Cadena-Smith



Daphne Hall



John Perrine

two-year colleges.

John Perrine, professor of telecommunications, won the 2002 Working Connections Best Practice for supplemental class materials he prepared on network security. He will present the materials at the Washington Working Connections IT Faculty Development Institute.

June VanCleaf, professor of photography, published a book titled “*The Way Home: Photographs from the Heart of Texas*,” on the photography of the people and culture of West Texas. The book is published by Texas A&M University Press.

Amina El-Ashmawy, professor of chemistry, authored a solution manual titled “*The Practice of Chemistry Study Guide and Solution Manual*” to accompany *The Practice of Chemistry*, W.H. Freeman Publishing Co.

Sabine Madriguera, professor of music, released a classical guitar CD titled “*Duo Madriguera*.”

STUDENT



Redman scholars named

Four students were named as Redman Scholars, receiving \$12,000 scholarships to The University of Texas at Dallas. UTD chose **Jonilalio Albiola**, **Michael Mosley**, **Robert Sturm** and **Dillon West**. UTD offers only 16 Redman Transfer Scholarships each year. Redman is the most prestigious scholarship available to transfer students, providing \$3,000 per semester toward students’ tuition, fees and other expenses.

LULAC recognizes leaders

The college’s Hispanic student organization, CCCC-LULAC (League of United Latin American Citizens) Young Adult Council, swept nationals, bringing home three of four awards at the annual, national convention. **Robert Villareal** received the Man of the Year award, **Stefanie**

University of Texas at Dallas. Among the finalists, Bryan was the only contestant from a Texas two-year college.

Pete Knudsen of Weston, Texas won second place in the black-and-white category of the 23rd annual college photography contest sponsored by *Photographer’s Forum* magazine, a national publication. Knudsen’s award-winning photo is from his book, *Silent Glory*, a collection of images taken on assignment with the McKinney Fire Department before and after the 9-11 tragedy.

Chris Cantrell of Richardson advanced to the national finals of the Kennedy Center American College Theater Festival. Cantrell competed for the



Chris Cantrell

coveted Irene Ryan Acting Scholarship, given to only two student performers each year. Cantrell joined only 16 other regional winners from across the nation who had advanced to this level of competition. After an exciting performance in the final round, Cantrell was awarded a coveted one-year fellowship with the Shakespeare Theatre in Washington, D.C.

Nine mathematics and physics students were among 120 accepted into the Community College Aerospace Scholars Program, a joint educational



Bryan Burns

venture run by the state of Texas and NASA’s Johnson Space Center in Houston. The students worked in teams, role-playing as robotics engineers and project managers, to make plans for an imaginary Mars

rover. Two of the students, **Leslie Fortner** of Rockwall and **Robert Hollingsworth** of Plano, contributed to the winning team’s design.

Nursing students awarded scholarships

Three nursing students received scholarships from the Collin and Fannin County Medical Society: **Monique Legere**, **Lynn Shehan** and **Rajesh Vemulapalli**. These scholarships are awarded based on academic excellence as well as financial need. Freshman Rajesh



Monique Legere

Vemulapalli of Plano is currently working toward becoming a nurse anesthetist. Sophomore Monique Legere of Allen graduated in May and plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in nursing, working in the medical-surgical area. And Lynn Shehan of McKinney is planning to specialize in critical care nursing.

Honor society wins prestigious awards

CCCCD’s chapter of **Phi Theta Kappa**, an international honor society for two-year colleges, won numerous awards at its annual, regional convention. The organization named the CCCC group a Five-Star Chapter, the highest level of achievement and a level that it has maintained for several years. The chapter’s overall performance in all four hallmarks was awarded a Top Texas Chapter plaque, one of 15 recognized among 83 state chapters. The chapter received the Pinnacle Scholarship Award, and officer **Jennifer Flusche** of McKinney won the award for outstanding chapter member.



Robert Villareal, Stephanie Rodriguez and Lisabeth Lassiter

Rodriguez received the Woman of the Year award and **Lisabeth Lassiter** received the Advisor of the Year award. These honors follow wins at the regional and state level.

CCCCD students shine

Student **Bryan Burns** of Plano was a competitor in the final round of the second annual Texas Guitar Competition at the

Did you know...

- CCCCD enrolled nearly 40,000 students last year, and 56% of those were female.
- More than 85% of CCCCD students are employed.
- CCCCD employs 840 credit faculty plus 294 continuing education faculty.
- The largest student population at CCCCD is between the ages of 18-22, followed by the those who are 23-29 and 30-35.



■ **On average, 27% of all Collin County high school graduating seniors enroll at CCCCD in the fall after graduation.**

■ **The top three transfer universities are UTD, UNT and UT (Austin).**

■ **Last year, more than 160 students received \$162,000 in scholarships from the CCCCD Foundation, Inc.**



- In the last three years, CCCCD has offered training to 92 businesses impacting more than 9,800 employees.
- 400+ people played Monopoly® in one room to raise more than \$157,000 for scholarship dollars. (See sponsors on page 2.)
- CCCCD was awarded more than \$5 million in grants over the past three years.

community spirit *continued...*

“model of exemplary practices” related to civic engagement. The college was also a founding member of the Texas Campus Compact. Service Learning and the Learning Communities program received the 2001 Bellwether Award honoring CCCCD’s “Engaged Scholarship” initiative.

Collin County is growing faster than map companies can produce accurate maps, so maintaining a real sense of community becomes a challenging proposition. Without the dedication and perseverance of literally thousands of volunteers committed to the community including the trustees, the Committee of 100, patrons and others, the college would not have been able to achieve the success it has today. Collin County Community College is working to knit the community together through student service and by providing the education needed to keep our community safe, healthy and economically vibrant.



Fulbright shares insight on scholars program with CCCCD and community

Harriet Mayor Fulbright, wife of the late Senator J. William Fulbright who created the renowned international student exchange program, recently visited the college as one of its distinguished Scholars-in-Residence.

The **CCCCD Scholar-in-Residence** program brings acclaimed scholars, educators, and other leaders to CCCCD in an effort to provide students with an enriching educational experience and exposure to a variety of scholastic achievements. Mrs. Fulbright spoke to the college and community on the impact the program has in fostering mutual respect, understanding and compassion among students and educators of different cultures.

Pictured at left: Harriet Mayor Fulbright



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