

# HONORS INSTITUTE



COLLIN COUNTY  
COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

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age, sex, national origin, disability or veteran status.

COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE

## CORE VALUES

We have a passion for:

Learning

Service and Involvement

Creativity and Innovation

Academic Excellence

Dignity and Respect

Integrity



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**Professor of Sociology**  
 M.A. in Sociology,  
 Columbia University  
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 Brooklyn College, City  
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**Areas of expertise:** sociology of  
 science, technology and  
 knowledge, and racial/ethnic  
 studies

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**Professor of History**  
 Ph.D. in History,  
 University of Kentucky  
 M.A. in History,  
 Louisiana Tech University  
 B.A. in History,  
 Austin College  
**Areas of expertise:** U.S. Civil  
 War history, U.S. women's history

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**Professor of History**  
 Ph.D. in History,  
 University of Texas at Dallas  
 M.Div. in History,  
 Southwestern Theological  
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B.A. in History,  
 Dallas Baptist University  
**Areas of expertise:** American  
 religious history, colonial history

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**Professor of Accounting,**  
 J.D.,  
 Southern Methodist University  
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 M.B.A. in Federal Taxation  
 University of North Texas  
 B.A. in Sociology  
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**Areas of expertise:** financial  
 accounting, wills, trusts, probate

**Kyle Wilkison**  
**Professor of History**  
 Ph.D. in American History,  
 Vanderbilt University  
 M.A. in American History,  
 Texas A&M University -  
 Commerce  
 B.A. with High Honors in History,  
 Texas A&M University -  
 Commerce  
**Areas of expertise:** American  
 social history, labor history, the  
 American South

The Honors Institute offers intellectually  
 gifted and highly motivated students  
 challenging courses characterized by rigorous

## HONORS-PREMIER ACADEMIC CHALLENGES AND REWARDS

academic standards. Designed for small,  
 interactive class settings, these courses are  
 reading, writing, and discussion intensive.  
 Honors professors are highly credentialed,  
 award-winning academicians who seek to  
 exemplify scholarship for their students.  
 Honors students have both the opportunity to  
 win recognition here at Collin County  
 Community College District (CCCCD) and  
 enhanced opportunities for admission and  
 scholarships to reputable four-year colleges  
 and universities.



*"Honors faculty and students  
 develop intellectual  
 relationships that challenge  
 and reward both."  
 —Kay Mizell*

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Ph.D. in Humanities,  
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**Areas of expertise:** rhetoric and  
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M.Ed. in Educational Counseling,  
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**Areas of expertise:** academic  
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**Areas of expertise:** rhetoric,  
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Ph.D. in Zoology,  
Oklahoma State University  
M.S. in Biology,  
University of Louisiana - Monroe  
B.S. in Biology,  
Southeastern Oklahoma State  
University

**Areas of expertise:** vertebrate  
biology, vascular plant taxonomy

**Elizabeth Gaye Siber**

**Professor of Art**

M.A. in Art History,  
University of North Texas  
B.F.A. in Studio, Weaving and  
Textile Design,  
University of North Texas  
**Areas of expertise:** art history, art  
appreciation, weaving

HONORS COUNCIL

The Honors Council provides intellectual leadership and administrative support for the Honors Institute. The council seeks to define and provide Honors students with rigorous and enriched course work, as well as innovative and open forums to the college as a whole. Faculty members of the council regularly teach Honors courses in their disciplines.

**Peggy Brown**  
**Professor of English and Humanities**  
Ph.D. in Humanities,  
University of Texas at Dallas  
M.A. in Aesthetics Studies,  
University of Texas at Dallas  
B.A. in English,  
University of Texas at Dallas  
A.A. in Liberal Arts,  
Richland College  
**Areas of expertise:** translation theory, creative writing, theory of photography

**David Cullen**  
**Professor of History**  
Ph.D. in History,  
University of North Texas  
M.A. in History,  
University of North Texas  
B.A. in History,  
University of North Texas  
**Areas of expertise:** history of behavioral sciences, the civil rights movement, the social and cultural movements of the 60s

**Sid Dunkle**  
**Professor of Biology**  
Ph.D. in Entomology,  
University of Florida  
M.S. in Zoology,  
University of Wyoming  
B.S. in Biology,

Baldwin-Wallace College  
**Areas of expertise:** predatory insects, particularly dragonflies and damselflies

**Chip Galloway**  
**Professor of Mathematics**  
M.S. in Mathematics,  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
M.S. in Statistics,  
Southern Methodist University  
B.S. in Mathematics,  
Stephen F. Austin State University  
**Areas of expertise:** math history

**Glenn David Garrison**  
**Professor of Political Science**  
Ph.D. in Political Science,  
University of North Texas  
M.A. in Political Science,  
University of Arkansas  
B.A. in History & Political Science, Hendrix College  
**Areas of expertise:** American government and politics, mass media and politics

WHAT TO EXPECT FROM HONORS CLASSES

Honors classes offer:

- ◆ Class environments that foster open dialogue and debate among students and professors
- ◆ Opportunities to participate in innovative class projects
- ◆ Professors who strive to make classes challenging and rewarding
- ◆ Highly motivated and academically gifted students engaged in learning

Honors courses appeal to diverse

academic interests:

American Government	Human Genetics
American History	Humanities
American Literature	Leadership
Art Appreciation	Microeconomics
Biology	Philosophy
College Algebra	and Religion
English	Rhetoric and
French	Composition I & II
Graphic Arts	World Literature



"Honors courses are intended to be rigorous and demanding, but the greatest benefit lies not in who is teaching them but in who is taking them. Honors courses are different because Honors students are different"  
— Kyle Wilkison, Ph.D.  
professor of history

Each semester, the CCCC CD class schedule lists the complete course offerings including new courses.

Students may earn an Honors degree from the Honors Institute at CCCC. Honors degrees are awarded to CCCC students who complete 12 or more hours of Honors courses in at least two academic areas while

## THE HONORS DEGREE

maintaining a 3.5 grade point average. Earning an Honors degree from CCCC leads to valuable academic opportunities, including:

- ◆ More favorable standing with four-year universities that recruit CCCC students
- ◆ Entry into university Honors programs
- ◆ Access to scholarships recognizing academic excellence
- ◆ Recognition for achievement



*"Through the Honors Institute, I have been able to experience learning in an open environment. We participate in free and open discussions and are provided with several different levels of thinking and challenge. I have learned so much."*

*—Christen Luther  
CCCC Honors student*

Honors courses are open to students who maintain a minimum 3.5 cumulative grade point average. Enrolling in Honors courses is similar to registering for any CCCC course.

## ENROLLMENT IN HONORS COURSES

To register, students must enroll in a course section designated as "Honors."

## FOR MORE INFORMATION

Visit the Honors Institute web site at <http://iws2.cccd.edu/honors/>



*"As a mature student, I was a little apprehensive about returning to school. The honors program was a pleasant surprise for me. Suddenly, I am surrounded by students and faculty who are as excited about learning as I am!"*

*—Sydney Portilla-Diggs  
CCCC Honors student*



Faculty have also:

- ◆ Published and reviewed books and works in scholarly journals
- ◆ Presented papers at national and international conferences
- ◆ Conducted field research or served as visiting professors in Australia, Kazakhstan, Madagascar, Thailand and Turkey, as well as various colleges and universities in North, Central and South America.



*"Thoughtful, enthusiastic, and capable students sweeten my Honors classes and lure life on."*

*— Peggy Brown,  
professor of English*





The Honors Institute faculty challenges students to obtain higher academic achievement by setting the standard. Members of the Honors faculty have earned numerous prestigious awards, including:

## HONORS INSTITUTE FACULTY

- ◆ A Rockefeller Grant
- ◆ A Fulbright Grant
- ◆ Grants from the National Endowment for the Humanities
- ◆ Inclusion in "Who's Who Among American College Professors"
- ◆ "Outstanding Faculty Member of the Year" Awards
- ◆ Nominations for the Minnie Stevens Piper professorship, presented annually to the top 10 professors statewide



*"The Honors Institute is more than just an 'H' on your transcript; it's about building a community of people who have the same passions, dreams and overall direction in life. Honors transforms what would be a good class into one of those classes you remember for the rest of your life."*

*—Jessica Shreve  
CCCCD Honors student*