

COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
Meeting Minutes
February 28, 2017

The Collin County Community College District (“Collin College,” “Collin,” or “District”) conducted its regular monthly Board of Trustees meeting on February 28, 2017, in the Board Room, Room 139, Collin Higher Education Center, with Chairman J. Robert Collins presiding. Trustees in attendance were Mr. Andy Hardin, Mr. Mac Hendricks, Ms. Jenny McCall, Dr. Raj Menon, Mr. Adrian Rodriguez, Mr. Larry Wainwright and Ms. Nancy Wurzman. Mr. Jim Orr was absent. Other attendees included District President Neil Matkin, Collin College administrators, faculty, students, staff, community members, and vendor representatives.

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Collins called the February 28, 2017, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District to order at 5:50 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 5:51 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 7:10 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 FEBRUARY 28, 2017, MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

Ms. Harmon certified the notice of the February 28, 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. Hendricks led the pledge of allegiance to the American flag and Ms. Wurzman led the pledge to the Texas flag.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE JANUARY 24, 2017, REGULAR MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Ms. McCall, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the minutes of its January 24, 2017, regular meeting.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017, SPECIAL CALLED BOARD RETREAT OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Mr. Rodriguez, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the minutes of its February 8, 2017, special called board retreat.

APPROVAL OF THE MINUTES OF THE FEBRUARY 8, 2017, SPECIAL CALLED MEETING OF THE COLLIN COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT BOARD OF TRUSTEES

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Ms. McCall, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the minutes of its February 8, 2017, special called meeting.

PUBLIC COMMENT

Miss Collin County Jessica Zeller introduced herself to the Board of Trustees. She has been a student at Collin College's Spring Creek Campus for four years, and was named Miss Collin County in January 2017. Ms. Zeller is a music major who will be appearing in one of Collin's theatrical productions this spring. She told the board she is involved with both the Miss Texas and Miss America organizations and will be competing for the title of Miss Texas this year. She said she is available to promote the college. On behalf of the Board of Trustees, Chairman Collins congratulated Miss Zeller and wished her luck in the pageant competition.

Professor of Physical Education/Wellness Program Coordinator Linda Muysson and Director of Simulation Lab Jackie Langford presented information on the upcoming Health and Safety Fair to be held on March 3 at the Central Park Campus Conference Center in McKinney. Dr. Muysson said the 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Fair would feature many of Collin's health programs as well as over 40 vendors and hospitals. A variety of free screenings, a blood drive, and other services will be available at no charge. Mr. Langford said there would be several pieces of exciting equipment on display such as a water rescue boat from Wylie, medical helicopter (weather permitting), police and fire department displays, and a special appearance from "Winona." He said you have to attend to find out more information about "Winona."

WELCOME

Chairman Collins welcomed students from Professor Jessica Hargis' political science class at the Preston Ridge Campus and one student from Professor Judi Wohead's speech class the Central Park Campus. The students are enrolled in the classes as part of Collin's Leadership Development Institute.

PRESENTATIONS

1. **Collin Foundation Strategic Fundraising Plan** – Vice President of Advancement Lisa Vasquez presented information about the Collin Foundation's newly approved strategic fundraising plan 2016-2017. She said it was based on the college's master plan. While developing the plan, feedback was solicited from students, donors, and Foundation board members with the goal to "Aim High." Ms. Vasquez presented data on student need that showed the number of financial aid applications increasing 33% from 2010 to 2016. Pell grants awarded during that period increased 12%, while total enrollment increased by 4%. Scholarship funds awarded during that period increased from \$240,500 to \$726,246. Compared to Texas Peers, Collin falls in the 25 percentile with funds raised annually totaling between \$500,000 and \$999,999. Percentage of the student body receiving scholarships totaled 2.05.

Ms. Vasquez said the goal areas include major giving, corporate giving, scholarships, program support, and alumni. Stretch goals include the following:

- Triple the number of new members in the President's Circle – add 33 new members and increase to 130+ members.
- Increase funds raised annually to \$1.5 million per year – engage with corporate partners new to the area.
- Increase membership in the Million Dollar Club by 50% - add two 7-figure donors.
- Launch new signature event – grow to raise \$250,000.
- Secure half-million in gifts for strategic program support annually – quadruple FY16 total of \$123,000.
- Triple the engagement of alumni – create affinity groups (Pride Clubs), increase alumni participation in the Cougar Run, engage alumni in mentoring, internships, and career networking.

President Matkin said that he and Ms. Vasquez have been discussing lifetime givers and looking at setting up a system whereby Collin students could give and pay it forward to help other students, even in small amounts.

Trustee Menon commented about the opportunity to engage corporate partners and said many of them give in-kind as opposed to direct funding.

Chairman Collins thanked Ms. Vasquez on the great presentation and wished her luck in attaining the Foundation's stretch goals.

2. Embedded College & Career Counselors – Sr. Vice President of Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services Sherry Schumann presented information on Collin's new program of embedded college and career counselors in the local high schools. She said the Master Plan stated that Collin would increase its outreach into four-year schools and universities, and investigate embedding counselors in high schools. The program is a 3-year initiative to embed 16 counselors during the school year; in the summer, those counselors would return to Collin campuses to work with students. Dr. Schumann said that early and ongoing contact with high school students by Collin counselors will:

- build confidence;
- establish an expectation of attending college;
- assist students in establishing relationships with college counselors; and
- impact college-going rates and Collin College penetration rates.

Dr. Schumann said the average penetration rate for Collin College over the last five years is 24%. She said career counseling must take place at an earlier stage of student education and career planning, even into the middle school grades. College and career counselors:

- Increase outreach and create streamlined pathways from high school to college
- Provide onsite resources for college bound students and those weighing college and career options
- Provide career counseling resources for high school students
- Assist in coordination of Collin's College Express activities
- Create a bridge for the transition between high school and first time college at Collin College

Dr. Schumann said that Collin will provide college and career counselors assigned to yet to be identified high schools during the academic year with return to campus in the summer months, collaboration with ISD partners to improve college and career readiness, and a Collin College point of contact to assist in all *College Express* services. The college is requesting that the ISD partners provide an understanding of the role of, and expectations for, the college's on-site career counselors; office space at the high school; input and involvement in the selection of the counselors; approval to gather data from high school student participants; to facilitate communication with students, staff, and parents; and an addendum to the MOU Partnership Agreement for ISDs with embedded college and career counselors. Regarding the timeline for implementation, Dr. Schumann said information was provided to the area superintendents in January. In early February, meetings were held with leadership and key P-12 and student services personnel. Postings for jobs will take place in late February, with screening and interviews to take place in March; hiring will be ongoing, but on-campus training with Collin's licensed counselors will begin as counselors are hired, April-July. The counselor's new assignments at the high schools will begin in late August or early September.

In answer to Trustee Hardin’s question, Dr. Schumann said there are metrics that can judge success; data gathering will begin as soon as the program starts in fall 2017. She agreed with Trustee Menon that some of it would need to be longitudinal.

President Matkin said he has heard from some of the superintendents who are very excited about the program. He said Collin College wants to help the students every way we can, and will not target only Collin-bound students. We want to help students be a part of a college-going community.

2017-2-2-1 Personnel Report for February 2017

The Personnel Report for February 28, 2017, included one administrative appointment, one staff appointment, three promotions/changes, and three resignations/terminations.

On motion of Mr. Wainwright, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved Items 1a through 1d of the Personnel Report for February 2017 as presented.

2017-2-2-1a 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>
Adam Pitluk	Executive Director, Corporate College and Workforce Training	03/06/17	Workforce and Economic Development	New

In answer to questions regarding Mr. Pitluk’s experience, Sr. Vice President Sherry Schumann said that he brought a unique set of skills and experiences with CEOs to the table that were identified during the interview process.

2017-2-2-1b 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>
Diana Hopes	Director, Academic Planning/Quality Enhancement Plan and Special Projects	02/06/17	Academic Services	Replacement Charity Lewallen

President Matkin acknowledged Charity Lewallen’s work and wished her well in her future endeavors.

2017-2-2-1c 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>
Gloria Hurtado Diaz	N: Reports Coordinator, Institutional Research O: Technical Coordinator, Student and Enrollment Services	02/13/17	N: Institutional Research O: Testing and Assessment	Replacement David Malone
Mary Beth Kasprisin	N: Director, Nursing O: Clinical Coordinator, Nursing	01/12/17	N: Nursing O: Nursing	Repurpose
Coleen Schwyzer	N: Supervisor, Accounts Payable O: Accounts Payable Associate	02/01/17	N: Financial Services O: Financial Services	Replacement Randy Novotny

2017-2-2-1d Approval of Resignations/Terminations

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

<u>EMPLOYEE</u>	<u>LAST DAY</u>	<u>SERVICE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>	<u>DEPARTMENT</u>
Rebecca Crowell	03/31/17	32	Coordinator, International Students/Advisor Associate	Admissions and Advising
Matthew Gintonio	02/28/17	3	Advisor	Student and Enrollment Services
Marie Piet	02/28/17	22	Solutions Provider	Workforce and Economic Development

President Matkin recognized long-time employee Rebecca Crowell who is retiring on March 31. Currently Coordinator for International Students, she has been with Collin College for 32 years; in fact, she was the fifth person hired in 1985. In addition to her work with Collin’s international students, she has worked in Special Admissions, with home school and dual credit students, and in Admissions & Recruitment. Ms. Crowell has exemplified the college’s core values during her time here and, as evidence of this, she received Collin’s highest staff award, the ROSE award, in recognition of her service and as a reflection of her integrity. She has also been involved in many organizations, including All College Council and the International Student Association.

Dr. Matkin thanked Ms. Crowell for her service to Collin and her passion for student success. He wished her the best in her future endeavors.

2017-2-2-2 Second Reading and Approval of Local Board Policies

Discussion: Board (Local) policies were presented for second reading and approval.

BCB (Local) Board Committees: This proposed edit codifies that the Board's Finance and Audit Committee will receive periodic updates on the activities of the Internal Audit Office and review the annual audit plan and the Internal Audit Charter prior to consideration by the Board of Trustees.

CDC (Local) Audits: This proposed edit to CDC (Local) clarifies that all College operations (rather than only college accounts) are subject to internal audit.

Mr. Wainwright reported that the Organization, Education, and Policy Committee had reviewed the policies at its January 24, 2017, meeting and recommended the revisions to Board (Local) Policies BCB and CDC as presented.

On recommendation as a motion and second out of the Organization, Education, and Policy Committee, and the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved revisions to Board (Local) Policies BCB and CDC as presented.

2017-2-2-3 Report Out of the Organization, Education, Policy Committee and First Reading of Local Board Policies

Discussion: Chairman of the Organization, Education, and Policy Committee Larry Wainwright reported that the committee met prior to the board meeting to review local board policies. He said the committee recommended the revisions to policies as presented for first reading:

- FFD (Local) Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation
- FFDA (Local) Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation – Sex and Sexual Violence
- FFDB (Local) Freedom from Discrimination, Harassment, and Retaliation – Other Protected Characteristics
- FK (Local) Student Activities
- FLD (Local) Student Rights and Responsibilities – Student Complaints
- FM (Local) Discipline and Penalties
- FMA (Local) Discipline and Penalties – Discipline Procedures

This being a first reading, no action was taken.

2017-2-2-4 Approval of the Notice of Election for the May 6, 2017, Trustee Election

Discussion: Chapter 4, Sections 4.001-4.008, of the Texas Election Code requires the responsible authority to give Notice of Election for the May 6, 2017, election for Trustee Places 1, 2, 3, and 5.

On motion of Mr. Wainwright, second of Ms. Wurzman, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Notice of Election (English and Spanish versions) to be held on Saturday, May 6, 2017, for the purpose of electing four (4) members of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District in Trustee Places 1, 2, and 3 for 6-year terms ending in 2023, and Place 5 for a 2-year term ending in

2019; designating location of polling places and the dates and hours available for both early voting and on election day; with the understanding that a complete listing will be provided to the board when finalized.

2017-2-2-5 Approval to Remove from the Table the Consideration of the Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Plan of the Office of Internal Audit

Discussion: In order to give the Finance and Audit Committee an opportunity to review the 2017 Audit Plan of the Office of Internal Audit, the Board of Trustees, at its January 24, 2017, meeting tabled consideration of the approval of the 2017 Audit Plan. Finance and Audit Committee Chair Mac Hendricks reported that the committee recommended removing the 2017 Audit Plan from the table for consideration.

On recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee as a motion and second, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved removing from the table for consideration and action the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Plan of the Office of Internal Audit.

2017-2-2-6 Report Out of the Finance & Audit Committee and Approval of the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Plan of the Office of Internal Audit

Discussion: As required by the Internal Audit Charter, a risk assessment was conducted utilizing a risk-based methodology to identify auditable areas of the College. An annual audit plan was developed based on the risk assessment.

On recommendation from the Finance and Audit Committee as a motion and second, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Fiscal Year 2017 Audit Plan of the Office of Internal Audit.

2017-2-2-7 Approval of Academic Calendar for the 2017-2018 Academic Terms

Discussion: The 2017-2018 Academic Calendar was developed and reviewed by the College Calendar Committee, with representatives from Faculty, Academic Deans, Curriculum Office, Dual Credit, Financial Aid, Public Relations, Student and Enrollment Services, Human Resources, Institutional Research, Payroll, and Bursar. The dates were set in accordance with the state mandated start dates and in consultation with the ISDs. The Academic Calendar was sent forward from the Calendar Committee to the Executive Leadership Team for final review.

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Ms. McCall, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the 2017-2018 Academic Calendar as presented.

2017-2-2-8 Approval of an Incidental Fee in the Amount of \$25 for Credit Card Chargebacks Effective with the Fall 2017 Semester

Discussion: A credit card chargeback occurs when a cardholder disputes a transaction charged to their account. The chargeback is the reversal of a prior sales transaction. Disputes of amounts on an authorized credit card charge for tuition and fees result in a

total reversal of the charge. In order to dispute the chargeback, the College is required to provide appropriate documentation such as the credit card slip with signature, invoice, or proof of delivery within an allotted timeframe. A credit card chargeback fee will cover the administrative costs of collecting the valid tuition and fees. The proposed fee of \$25 is the same amount the District currently charges for returned checks.

On motion of Ms. McCall, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved an Incidental Fee in the amount of \$25 for credit card chargebacks effective with the fall 2017 semester.

2017-2-2-9 Approval of Increase in Student Activity Fee Effective Fall 2017

Discussion: The Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee (SAFAC), made up of faculty, staff, and Student Government Association (SGA) representatives, has recommended increasing the student activity fee from \$1 to \$2 per credit hour. The student fee was last increased from .50 cents to \$1.00 in Fall 1997. Unduplicated credit headcount for FY1997 was 17,688, while the unduplicated credit headcount for FY2016 was 41,489. In 2016-2017, 80% of the SAFAC funds were already allocated as of January 2017. The increase in student fee revenue will assist in funding the continued growth of programmatic requests from student organizations and departments to enhance students' collegiate experience, including the addition of intramurals.

Sr. Vice President of Academic, Workforce, and Enrollment Services Sherry Schumann and Student Government Association President Madeline Keck discussed the need to increase the Student Activity Fee. Dr. Schumann said the fee is used to fund travel and programs for student activities to enhance the student experience. Ms. Keck said funds are requested through the Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee (SAFAC), on which she serves as a member. She said at least two student representatives must be present for SAFAC to conduct business. SAFAC requires an extensive application process that it reviews thoroughly to look at how awarded funds will impact students. Requests have increased and, as of January 2017, the majority of funds for the fiscal year have been utilized. Ms. Keck said the requested \$1 increase in the student activity fee would increase opportunities for students.

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Ms. Wurzman, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Student Activity Fee increase of \$1 per credit hour effective Fall 2017.

2017-2-2-10 Approval of Tuition Increase Effective Fall 2017

Discussion: Executive Vice President Brenda Kihl said a tuition increase of \$3 per credit hour for in-district residents, \$4 per credit hour for out-of-district residents, and \$5 per credit hour for out-of-state/out-of-country residents was being recommended effective fall semester 2017. The increase in tuition is expected to generate approximately \$2 million in additional revenue during fiscal year 2017-2018. The additional revenue will help offset the rising instructional costs.

On motion of Mr. Wainwright, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved a tuition increase of \$3 per credit hour for in-district residents, \$4 per credit hour for out-of-district residents, and \$5 per credit hour for out-of-state/out-of-country residents, effective Fall 2017.

2017-2-2-11 Approval to Authorize the District President to Negotiate and Executive a Contract for Consulting and Professional Services to Assist Collin College in Planning and Start-up Activities for Facilities Outlined in the Master Plan

Discussion: District President Neil Matkin said Collin College has started initial plans for the expansion of facilities outlined in the College Master Plan. To ensure a successful start-up, it is important to begin a coordinated planning effort lead by an individual who is versed in college policies and procedures, knowledgeable in higher education best practices, and familiar with Texas regulations that govern academic and workforce programs. The recommended action would allow the District President to negotiate a contract with Toni P. Jenkins, LLC to provide services related to collaborative planning with employees and community representatives to identify program outcomes and facility needs at new campuses and centers outlined in the master plan. Dr. Jenkins has over 25 years of experience working at Collin College developing workforce programs and facilitating collaborative projects. She will be able to initiate planning immediately upon approval of a contract.

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez, second of Dr. Menon, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved authorizing the District President to negotiate and execute a contract for consulting and professional services related to planning and start-up activities for the expansion of facilities outlined in the master plan.

2017-2-2-12 Report Out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee and Consider Approval of Authorization for the District President to Negotiate and Execute a Contract with AECOM Technical Services, Inc. for Bond Program Management Services

Chairman Collins announced that the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee had not finalized its review and discussion of this agenda item. No action was taken.

2017-2-2-13 Report Out of the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee and Ratification of the District President's Negotiation and Execution of a Contract for the Purchase of Land for Future District Instructional and Support Facilities and Approval of a Budget Amendment to Effect the Purchase

Chairman Collins announced that the Campus Facilities and Construction Committee had not finalized its review and discussion of this agenda item. No action was taken.

2017-2-2-14 Approval of the Appointment of Authorized Representatives to Engage in Investment Transactions with Texpool

Discussion: The Texas Local Government Investment Pools (the "TexPool Portfolios") have been organized in conformity with the Interlocal Cooperation Act, Chapter 791 of the Texas Government Code, and the Public Funds Investment Act, Chapter 2256 of the

Texas Government Code. These two acts provide for the creation of public funds investment pools and permit eligible governmental entities to jointly invest their funds in authorized investments. Texpool requires governing body approval of representatives who are authorized to conduct business on behalf of the Board of Trustees. The authorized representatives change from time-to-time, which requires an amended notification.

On motion of Mr. Wainwright, second of Ms. McCall, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College unanimously approved the appointment of Julie Bradley, Barbara Jindra, Suzanne Armstrong, and Shannon South as authorized representatives of Collin College and, as such, are authorized to engage in investment transactions with TexPool, and further, that TexPool be notified of such approval.

2017-2-2-15 Approval of an Offer to Purchase Struck Off Property

Discussion: A private offer of \$10,500 was made to purchase struck off property located at 2650 FM 546, McKinney, TX being .242 acres of land out of abstract 517 in the R.H. Locke Survey in McKinney, TX.

On motion of Dr. Menon, second of Mr. Rodriguez, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District approved, on a vote of seven for and one recusal, the private offer of \$10,500 to purchase struck off property located at 2650 FM546, McKinney, TX, being .242 acres of land out of abstract 517 in the R.H. Locke Survey in McKinney, Texas. Ms. McCall recused herself from the vote.

2017-2-2-15 Approval of Bid Report for February 2017

Discussion: The Bid Report for February 2017 consisted of two new solicitations, one contract renewal, and one contract revision totaling \$994,530.00.

On motion of Mr. Rodriguez, second of Mr. Wainwright, the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District unanimously approved the Bid Report for February 2017 as presented.

INFORMATION REPORTS

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

- Expenditure Reports January 2017
- Statement of Net Position as of 01/31/17
- Summary of Revenues and Expenditures as of 01/31/17
- Monthly Investment Report as of 01/31/17
- Follow Up on Questions from Board Members
 - Selection Process for General Contractor for the Public Safety Training Center
 - Cost of Online Instruction
 - Tuition Comparison for Regional Community Colleges and Universities
 - Student Activity Fees
 - Collin's Dual Credit Program

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 discussed the information being included in the board packets under Information Reports to answer questions raised by board members. He said he hopes the information is helpful.
2. He was honored to accept the Chairman's Award on behalf of the Board of Trustees and Collin College at the Frisco Chamber of Commerce's Number Ones Gala on February 3. In announcing the award, the presenters noted the college's strategic plan, advocacy, legislative and other outreach efforts, as well as the liaison work done by Vice President Workforce and Economic Development Jennifer Blalock.
3. Collin College's Political Justice League Mock Trial Team participated in a three-day statewide competition hosted by The University of Texas at Dallas and sponsored by Baylor Law School February 17-20. Collin College was the only community college present at the 18-school competition, and won two of four rounds against The University of Texas, UT Dallas, UT Arlington, and Houston Baptist University. Congratulations to the team, and thank you to Vice President/Provost Mary McRae, Dean Don Weasenforth, Associate Dean Millie Black, Team Advisor Professor Julie Hershenberg, and Assistant Coach Omar Roman.
4. Collin College hosted 18 local high school culinary programs at the Texas ProStart Culinary Competition on January 28 at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center. The Frisco Career and Technical Education team took first place and now moves on to the state competition. Roger Kaplan, chair of the Texas Restaurant Association Education Foundation (TRAEF), was so impressed with the hospitality exhibited by Collin College that he has donated a \$500 scholarship on behalf of the foundation. We appreciate Vice President/Provost Abe Johnson, Dean Jim Barko, Associate Dean Karen Musa, and the faculty and staff of the Collin's Culinary Program for coordinating and hosting this event.
5. The readers of the Star Local Media newspapers have spoken and Collin College has once again been named a winner of the "Best Higher Education" category for cities where the college has a presence. Collin College took top honors in that category for the Allen American, the Frisco Enterprise, the McKinney Courier-Gazette and the Plano Star Courier. Congratulations to all of the employees and students who make Collin College a great place to learn and work.
6. The 5th Annual Stetson & Stiletto Standoff was hosted by the Collin College Foundation at the Spring Creek Campus Library on February 18. The event raised more

than \$177,000 – a \$26,000 increase over last year. In addition, a surprise announcement revealed a \$150,000 gift for an endowed scholarship fund and a naming opportunity for the centers for academic assistance district-wide, courtesy of Associate Professor of Mathematics Anthony Peterson. Special thanks to Vice President of Advancement Lisa Vasquez, Development Officer Patricia Gregory, Special Projects Coordinator Kim Davis, Coordinator of Advancement Services Darlene Weingart, and all of the volunteers who helped put on a great event to raise money for student scholarships.

7. The National Institute for Staff and Organizational Development (NISOD) has chosen to recognize the following Collin College faculty with a 2017 Excellence Award:

English Professor Scott Cheney
Biology Professor Nicole Grose
Paralegal Professor Cynthia Gruver
Music Professor Kimberly Harris
Nursing Coordinator Beth Kasprisin
Music Professor Fernand Vera
Environmental Technology Professor James Smith
Dental Hygiene Professor Kandice Swarhout-Roan

The award recipients will be celebrated at a special dinner during NISOD's Annual International Conference on Teaching and Leadership Excellence, May 27-30, in Austin.

8. Collin College hosted the 25th Annual Collin County Governmental Purchaser's Forum Meet & Greet at the Preston Ridge Campus Conference Center on February 22, 2017. This year 116 vendors met with public purchasing professionals from 15 Collin County area agencies and 3 cooperative purchasing organizations to learn how to do business with governmental agencies. The event provided a variety of ways for the vendors to learn with presentations by several agencies, a Government 101 presentation, and a reverse tradeshow. Collin College has hosted this free event that serves as a great outreach to our vendor community for all 25 years. During the forum's business meeting, the college was presented with a certificate of excellence in recognition of outstanding contribution to the forum and the procurement profession. Thank you to Acting Vice President of Administrative Services/CFO Ken Lynn, Director of Purchasing Cindy White, and the Purchasing Staff.

The Board announced the following:

Trustee Rodriguez congratulated Ms. Vasquez and her staff on the success of the Stetson & Stiletto event. He also congratulated Dr. Muyyson and Mr. Langford on the Health Fair and said he knows it takes a lot to put together an event that large. He wished all a great spring break.

Trustee Hardin thanked the students for attending the meeting and told them he hoped they are getting credit for it. He invited them to attend any meeting.

Trustee Menon said he attended Community College Day in Austin along with Trustee Rodriguez and three busloads of Collin students. He encouraged participation in the future from all students.

Trustee Wainwright said the board had spent the first part of the evening talking about facilities. He said the college also has to have great teachers and administrators. He gave appreciation to the college's employees.

Trustees Wurzman echoed Mr. Wainwright's comments. She wished all a safe and great spring break.

Trustee Hendricks echoed Ms. Wurzman's comments.

Trustee McCall congratulated Rebecca Crowell on her service to Collin and her retirement. She congratulated Ms. Vasquez on a great job.

Chairman Collins thanked Jessica Zeller for coming. He gave appreciation to the students for attending the meeting.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, Chairman Collins adjourned the February 28, 2017, meeting of the Board of Trustees of Collin County Community College District at 8:50 p.m.