



Faculty Council

NEWS + UPDATES

March 2024 Newsletter

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Note from the FC President...

Happy Week 9! I hope that you all had a great Spring Break. One thing I am thankful for is that Daylight Saving Time began during the break!! :) It is election season, and you have the opportunity to elect COE and Faculty Council Representatives to represent you. Every spring, representation in each of these Councils is rebalanced based on the number of Full Time faculty in departments across the district. Please be on the lookout for your ballot in each election.

Spring Graduation is not that far off. I look forward to seeing many of you on Friday, May 10 at 7pm at the Allen Event Center. This is a great chance to see some of your former students and share in their excitement!

Faculty are such an important part of our graduates' day, and we want to convey our support for them. Please make sure that you are fully present in this event and are not engaged in other activities such as crossword puzzles, electronic devices, knitting/cross-stitching, books/novels, etc.

If you are looking for Student Support opportunities, there are great opportunities listed in the Upcoming Events section of the newsletter! Campus wide events such as Shamrock Fest (Wylie), the Celina Carnival, Open House at the Technical Campus, Springfest (Plano), and the Total Solar Eclipse events (multiple campuses) give everyone plenty of fun choices! Also, annual Appraisals are now live and Multi-year Contract applications start soon- this newsletter has everything you need to know to be "in the know."

Best,

Rebecca

Did you know?

- It is time to begin thinking about Multi Year Contract applications for next year, **and you can now find your status in Workday!** No more waiting for an email or wondering if you need to prepare. To check your status:
 - Log in to [Workday](#) and click on your picture in the upper right corner. Select "View Profile."
 - In the left margin, select "Job."
 - In the center panel (under the "Search" tab), select "Employment Data."
 - Your Contract Status will be listed under the heading "Employee Contract."
 - **You are up for a Multi Year Contract application IF** you are listed as:
 - C12 - Second One-Year FT Contract
 - CC12 - First COE Contract - Year two of three
 - 3YX.2 (CE2) - Contract Extension - Year two of three
 - You are up for a Contract Extension IF you are listed as:
 - CC2 - Second COE Contract - Year two of three
- **Your 2024 Annual Appraisal is available NOW** to complete in Workday! You can begin recording your activities now to avoid the time crunch at the end of the semester.
- Other common questions asked by those applying for a Multi Year Contract include:
 - How do I prepare my board report? There's an app for that at <https://faculty-contract-app.web.app/auth>. If you have never used the app, you will need to create an account using the **Signup** link provided on the page.
 - Can I put items on the Board Report that I am recording on my Summer/Fall Addendum? Yes! The Board Report is your report to the Board of Trustees, and you can add any accomplishment during the reporting period to your Board Report.
 - Can I add items to the Board Report that are not in my appraisal or my addendum? Everything you add to your Board Report should be included in one of your appraisals or your summer/fall addendum. If you forgot to record something in a past appraisal, you should include it at the end of your summer/fall addendum with an explanation of why it was not in a past appraisal.

In Other News...

- **Dr. Neil Matkin will be our guest speaker** at the next Faculty Council meeting on Friday, April 5, 1:00 pm in CHEC 107. Dr. Matkin will discuss upcoming initiatives that will impact faculty and how the Faculty Council can engage and work with him in these efforts.
- A rare, **total solar eclipse** will occur on April 8, and we are in the path of totality! DFW has not seen a total solar eclipse since 1878, so this may be a once in a lifetime event for students. Totality will last around 4 minutes (depending on where you are in the DFW area) and will be at its maximum around 1:43pm. There will be **Total Eclipse Events** throughout the Collin District. These are great student support opportunities and a chance to experience something amazing:

Plano:

- April 8 – 11 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
- Panel Discussion – 11 a.m. – LLCC
- Solar Telescopes – Quad area – 12 p.m.
- Atrium Activities – food and games – 12 p.m. – 3 p.m.
- Free Solar Glasses while supplies last
- Partial Eclipse Starts at 12:20 p.m. – Totality at 1:41:47 p.m.

Contact **Dr. Greg Sherman** for more information.

Wylie:

The Total Eclipse Event on April 8th will take place from 12-3 with free food, games, music, activities and solar telescopes during the whole event. Solar glasses and food tickets will be given at check in while supplies last. The event will take place in the Courtyard between Campus Commons and the Student Center.

Parking available in Lots C and D at the Wylie Campus.

Contact **Dr. Julia Wickett** for more information.

McKinney:

The Total Eclipse Event on April 8th will take place from 12-3 with free snacks for students, free solar glasses, and solar telescopes available!

Contact **Dr. Susmita Jyotishmati Dutta** for more information.

Frisco:

April 8, 12:00-2:00 pm, entirely outside. Games, food, activities in the 'central quad' of the campus (the grassy one in the center of all the buildings), with the solar telescopes in the 'library quad' area (between library and IT building). Free solar glasses will be available while supplies last, and there will be lots of other goodies and treats handed out.

Contact **Dr. Christian Aars** for more information.

Celina:

Contact **George Herrera** for more information.

- The **Council on Excellence election** will be open for voting from **March 25–April 2**.
- The **Faculty Council election** will be open for voting from Need Dates

- **Reminder:** Our [compensation procedures](#) permit campus faculty to teach up to 60% of their regular load online if 1) online sections are available and 2) they are not needed to teach face-to-face or dual credit courses (see p. 15).
- [Guidelines for Teaching Assignments](#) provides information about how Full-time faculty class assignments are prioritized. It is under My WorkPlace, and at the middle of the page near the bottom under "Inside Collin" and titled "Guidelines and Priority Order for Teaching Assignment."

Upcoming Events...

- **Women's History Month Event**, Dr. Melissa Langley Biegert, "'Be Prepared' for Life: Juliette Gordon Low and the Radical Origins of the Girl Scouts of America," Frisco Campus Conference Center, March 28 at 4:00-5:30 p.m.
- **Workforce Program Plano Campus Workforce Fair**, March 28, 1:00-3:00 pm, Atrium - Plano.
- **Shamrock Fest** at the Wylie Campus will be on March 28, 11am-2pm.
- **Student Invitational Exhibition**, March 27- April 10 will be held at The Art Gallery on the Plano Campus.
- **Book-in-Common Morgan Talty**, author of Night of the Living Rez, will present at the Frisco Campus Conference Center, April 9, at 7 p.m.
- **Auteur Film Series: "A Star is Born"**, April 9 at 7 pm, Angelika Film Center in Plano
- **The Interdisciplinary Committee on Race, Poverty and Crime** presents a panel discussion on Disenfranchisement Laws, Frisco Campus Conference Center, April 10, 5:30-7:30 p.m.
- **Dance InterACTION**, April 12-13 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **Choir and Keyboard Ensemble Concert**, April 15 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **FORCES- 35th Anniversary**, April 15, 2024- April 19, 2024, 8:00 am-9:00 pm, SC A175 -Art Gallery
- **Open House at the Technical Campus**, April 13 from 9 am-2 pm.
- The Celina Carnival will be held on April 17, 4:00-7:00 p.m.
- **Mindhacks: Emotional Intelligence by the Mindfulness Committee** – April 17 – 5:30 p.m. – 8:00 p.m. – held at the Collin Higher Education Center (board room).
- **Honors Voice Gala**, April 18 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **OneSound Concert**, April 20 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **Guitar Ensemble Concert**, April 24 at 7 pm, John Anthony Theatre
- **Springfest** will be held at the Plano Campus on April 24 from 11am-2pm.

Faculty Accolades

- The 2023 Academic Instructor Circle of Excellence was awarded to **Cybersecurity Professor James Freedle**, recognizing his profound impact on teaching, instructional assessment, student experiences, leadership, and engagement with the cybersecurity community
- **Karina Taylor**, Professor of Veterinary Technology and the 2023 Recipient of the Margi Sirois Veterinary Technician Educator of the Year Award, participated in a virtual town hall on February 2 as a part of the Association of Veterinary Technician Educators 2024 Annual Conversation.
- Dr. Jason Snyder published "A Modern Spin on Archimedes' Quadrature of the Parabola" in The College Mathematics Journal.
DOI: 10.1080/07468342.2023.2278998
- **Professor Christina Friedl** and **Dr. Cathy Donald-Whitney** presented at the 77th Annual Convention of the Texas Community College Teachers Association in March.
- **Dr. Sharon Eaves** will attend the Southwestern Psychological Association conference on March 28, 2024, in San Antonio, TX, to present research with four Collin College students. The presentation is titled "The first-year experience, at-risk college students, and college retention rates."
- **Professor Andy R. Galloway** acted as Captain in judging Senior and Junior Documentaries for the Regional History Day contest held on February 24 at the Plano Campus.



Do you have news or photos to share with your colleagues or questions you would like answered? Please email rorr@collin.edu so that we can include more faculty accolades or answer your questions in this monthly newsletter!

Faculty Convocation, originally scheduled for Friday, April 12, has been moved to Fall 2024. Keep an eye on your email for more information soon!

The next Faculty Council meeting will be held on Friday, April 5, 2024 in CHEC 107 and by Zoom. Lunch will be served at 12:30pm and the meeting will begin at 1:00pm. Dr. Matkin will be our guest speaker. Other topics of discussion will include academic freedom, shared governance, Board policies that affect faculty, and more.

Check out our updated [Faculty Council Website](#) (must be logged in to CougarWeb) for our meeting schedule, list of FC Reps, Committees and Task Force minutes, copies of previous newsletters, and more!

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