

NEWS + UPDATES

April 2025 Newsletter

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Note from the FC President...

Dear Faculty Colleagues,

This is the last newsletter of this 2024-25 academic year, and it is hard to believe how fast the year has flown by. I have enjoyed producing the newsletter these past two years, but it would not have been possible without Professor Casey Carter, who made every newsletter beautiful and accessible. I also want to thank Professors Hannah Adams, Will Brannon, and Lynn Jones for being the “behind the scenes” editors, correcting my mistakes and my typos!

This newsletter includes the results for our recent Faculty Council election and a number of updates that affect faculty, many of which will be discussed at the upcoming Faculty Council meeting on Friday, May 2, at 1 pm in CHEC 107. Of note are changes in DOS procedures for academic dishonesty and discussion on faculty recommendations for a number of syllabi related policies. After our business meeting, the Outstanding Professor Finalists for 2025 will be announced and we will celebrate our colleagues that have or are retiring this academic year. Then our year wraps up with two graduations on May 16 - I look forward to seeing many of you there celebrating our students!

I have enjoyed serving as your FC President for the past year and a half, and am honored to have worked with so many of you to represent all of our amazing faculty throughout the district. A special thank you goes to Professors Josh Arduengo, Mike Brucia, Matt Hamilton, and Kimberly Harris, my esteemed colleagues who served on the FC Executive Committee with me. Their advice, perspective, leadership, and friendship have blessed and encouraged me. I also want to thank my colleagues that have served as FC committee/task force chairs and FC reps. It is your hardwork and selfless service that made all of our successful efforts possible!

The new Faculty Council is in place and ready to serve and represent the faculty. Next year's FC President is Professor Matt Hamilton (History, McK-inney) and Professor Kate Johnson (Biology, Frisco) will serve as Vice President. The FC Secretary and Treasurer will be elected at the May 2 FC meeting. I look forward to seeing what they accomplish as FC leaders next year! I hope that you are all having a successful wrap up to the spring semester. Have a restful, amazing summer!

Rebecca

Faculty Council Election Results...

The Faculty Council is pleased to announce the composition of the 2025-2026 council, including both newly elected and returning representatives:

Executive Officers

President: Matthew Hamilton

Vice-President: Katie Johnson

Newly elected representatives (2025-2027)

- Frisco (Powell): Tonya McMillion
- Frisco (Richardson): George Neal, Christopher Redgraves, and Serena Richards
- iCollin (Lee): Cyrus Malek and Dianne Stroman
- McKinney (Buggs): Jillian DeShazo, Roberta Cravo, and Seema Endley
- Nursing (Wilson): Amanda Hogan
- Plano (Streater): Jaclyn Cobb-Susa, Charlene Houston, Stephen Whitley, and Julia Williams
- Plano (Tinnen): Casey Carter
- Technical (Gainer): Henry Canfield

Returning representatives (2024-2026)

- Frisco (Powell): Bill Ardis and Freddie Williams
- Frisco (Richardson): Diana Gingo
- Health Sciences (Millen): Rhonda Green and Karen Peterson
- Nursing (Wilson): Monica Nicholson
- Plano (Tinnen): Josh Arduengo, Barbara Stern, and Jenny Warren
- Technical (Baweja): Misti Clark and Ron Schaffner
- Wylie (Babcock): Krystal Humphries and Mohammed Tahiro
- Celina/Farmersville (Carter & Bellue): Brett Adams

We congratulate all elected individuals and thank everyone who participated in the voting process. Please join us in congratulating your colleagues on their new roles.

*Adjunct faculty representatives will be elected from the Adjunct Faculty Committee this Fall 2025.

Have you ever wondered...

Where do the grades go when a student drops your class? It turns out that the grades do not disappear from Canvas, they are simply hidden, and one simply needs to know where to look. Use [this link](#) to view the grades for inactive or concluded students!

COAT Updates...

In Fall 2025, the Core Objectives Assessment Team (COAT) must implement the newly developed Continuous Improvement Assessment cycle to comply with the third clause in SACSCOC Principle 8.2.b: “provides evidence of seeking improvement based on analysis of the results for student learning outcomes.” This new process will work in tandem with prior years’ core objective assessment results with all disciplines teaching core courses developing a narrative and providing specific artifacts to provide evidence in support of improving the institutional core objective results. The specifics of reporting and evidence will be determined in Summer 2025, after COAT knows SACSCOC’s final accreditation report decisions, and COAT will update the Faculty Council at that time.

eLC Honorlock course...

The eLC has launched a self-paced, mini course highlighting the tools and features in Honorlock. After successfully completing this mini course, learners will be able to effectively enable Honorlock on Canvas Quizzes for online proctoring. Faculty can self-enroll in this course by accessing the [eLC Self-Paced Workshops web page](#) or using this [self-enrollment link](#).

New DOS procedures...

The Dean of Students Office and Faculty Council leadership have been working together to strengthen Collin's stance regarding academic integrity. While most of the details of these revisions are still being discussed in process, we wanted to share some of the priority initiatives from this effort:

- Strengthening scholastic dishonesty penalties to create more of a deterrent
- Updating student notification procedures and adjudication timelines to provide faster responses
- Updating student disciplinary appeal procedures
- Potentially developing an Honor Code in conjunction with the Student Government Association and Faculty Council
- Enhancing communication between Dean of Students Office case adjudicators and faculty regarding student disciplinary matters

These initiatives are in various stages of planning, and some do require updates to Board policy. We look forward to keeping you updated as we solidify the possible changes.

And the winner is...

The winner of the COLLIN COLLEGE Fall 2024-Spring 2025
AMATYC Student Math League is: **Julia Voicu**

Julia is a dual credit student at Collin and in Professor Ed Boch's Calculus III class this semester.

**** She is also the highest female scorer in Collin history! ****

Congratulations to Julia!!

Future Faculty Council Meetings...

Day	Date	Location	Time
Friday	May 2	CHEC 107	1-3:30

NEW Faculty Rank Portfolio Packets...

PACKET BUILDER SUMMER WORKSHOPS

Get a head start on your Fall 2025 Faculty Rank application!

Join your colleagues this summer for an interactive, hands-on workshop designed to help you prepare for your Faculty Rank Portfolio submission. These sessions will guide you in identifying which criteria you plan to use for rank eligibility and what forms of verifiable, documented evidence best support your case.

While uploading to the Faculty Rank Portfolio Packet Builder won't begin until September 3, this is your opportunity to distill your achievements into a compelling portfolio. The workshops are designed to support your thinking and preparation, while affirming that the selection of criteria and supporting evidence is a faculty-driven decision grounded in your unique professional journey.

Faculty Rank Task Force members, DOSI Team representatives, and the Director of Faculty Employment will be available to answer questions and offer insight, though no formal presentation is planned.

What to Bring:

- Your own device (BYOD)
- Any potential evidence you may want to use (attendance records, emails, annual appraisals, board reports, meeting minutes, etc.)

Come ready to collaborate and clarify your path through the faculty rank process!

Required CRASE Training Update...

In addition to the various technological and facility investments Collin is making in the college's comprehensive safety and emergency management plan, all Collin employees (other than student employees) are required to attend Civilian Response to Active Shooter Events (CRASE) training prior to the end of the Summer 2025 semester. CRASE training is a regulated, certified training created by the Advanced Law Enforcement Rapid Response Training at Texas State University in partnership with other law enforcement agencies.

Participants will learn more about the Avoid, Deny, Defend strategy and what to do in the event of an active shooter. Many who have attended report a greater level of comfort in understanding how best to protect themselves should an incident occur and appreciate opportunities to ask questions.

There are several opportunities to complete CRASE training on the Collin Events Calendar.

We appreciate your support as we continue to make Collin a great place to work!

College for Kids...

College for Kids is a summer youth enrichment program for students entering grades seven through nine. Students will participate in project-based inquiry and exploration courses where they will discover new talents, meet new friends, and develop the knowledge and skills to begin thinking and planning for college success. This year's camp will offer new and revamped courses with options including Chemistry, Anatomy, Animation and Visual Effects, Art Fusion, Science in Action, Architecture, and Student Rock Band. Spots are limited, so **early registration** is encouraged.

Camp runs Monday-Thursday, June 16-19 and June 23-26, 8:30 a.m.-Noon, contact **college4kids@collin.edu** for more information!

Adjunct Faculty Corner...

Wow, has the year flown by! It's hard to believe how quickly time has passed. The work of the Adjunct Faculty Committee has been wonderful, and we're excited to share some updates. We're still working hard to build the new Adjunct Faculty tab in the [**Faculty Starting Line Canvas course**](#), and we are now collaborating with the Technology Committee to add our Canvas section. As a reminder, this initiative is designed to give our adjuncts a centralized space where they can easily access essential information. We're about two-thirds of the way there and making great progress!

In addition, we want to take a moment to celebrate the incredible work of our adjunct faculty. Your dedication, creativity, and hard work have not gone unnoticed, and we are so grateful for everything you contribute to the college. Whether it's engaging with students, bringing new ideas to the classroom, or helping to shape the future of education here, you truly make a difference every day. Thank you for all that you do!

Accolades:

Our very own Katherine McKee, will be graduating with a Masters in Anatomical Science Education from the University of Florida Medical School on May 2nd in Gainesville, FL. Her husband and four daughters will be joining her for her graduation on campus, and she is so grateful for their support! Her GPA is 3.97 and she is so proud to be a Gator!

We Need Your Help!

As we wrap up this academic year and look ahead to the next, we're eager to hear your thoughts and ideas for the Adjunct Faculty Committee's initiatives in the upcoming school year. We want to know what areas we can focus on to continue improving. The committee will meet in early Fall 2025 to review your feedback and prioritize initiatives for the year ahead.

Please take a moment to share your insights by clicking the link below. The deadline to submit is Monday, September 1, 2025. Thank you for your continued support, and we look forward to serving the college in the year to come!

[**Find the survey here.**](#)

Faculty Accolades...

- **Professor Joe Jaynes** presented *“In the Room Where It Happened: Using Hamilton to teach American History”* to the Allen Rotary Club on March 19
- **Professor Betsy Brody’s** oral history and photography exhibition *“Digging In”* was selected by the City of Dallas to be part of the Dragon Boat Festival. It will be on display at the Bath House Cultural Center on White Rock Lake from May through June 2025.
- **Professor Nasrin Bemani** (Developmental Math, Plano) received the President’s Medallion on March 25th.
- Serving as advisors, Collin College Faculty led work force students to an outstanding showing at the SkillsUSA Texas State Leadership Conference and Competition 2025 in Corpus Christi, Texas. Students medaled in nearly every contest they competed in, and half of the students who competed received a medal.
 - Automotive, Advisor **James Yervasi**: Gold (Garrett Williams) & Silver (Nathan Cornell)
 - Photography, Advisor **Lisa Means**: Collin sweep (Lydia, Alisha, Vy)
 - Graphic Communications, Advisor **Erin Clark**: Collin sweep (Julian Riley, Rachel Hansen, and Oana Budi)
 - 3D Visualization, Advisor **Russell Smith**: Collin sweep (Lisa Dorman and Hank Humble, Jorge Tapia and Delaney Isley, and Esther Bennett and Ashley Di Bartolo)
 - HVAC, Advisor **Michael Brucia**: Gold (Noah Durazo)
 - Culinary Arts, Advisor **Jill McCord**: Bronze (Kaden Hill)
 - Technical Computer Applications, Advisor **Allen Smith**: Gold (Tyler Mathieson)
 - Welding, Advisors **Landon LaRocque, James Yale, and Cesar Lopez-Maldonado**: Gold (Jacob McCord)
 - Collision Damage Appraisal, Advisor **Raven Luna**: Gold (Vu Mai) and Silver (Hermilo Garcia)
 - Automotive Refinishing, Advisor **Raven Luna**: Gold (Joshua Meza, defending state champ)
 - Collision Repair Technology, Advisor **Winferd Vermillion**: Collin sweep (Peter Summers, Eduardo Lopez, and Pablo Sanchez)
 - Advertising Design, Advisor **Melanie Riley**: Silver (Sade Oyedipe) and Bronze (Shelby Fife)

Upcoming Events...

- Collin College Graduation, Friday, May 16 at 1pm and 7pm, Allen Event Center

Upcoming Fine Arts Events

- **Chamber Choir & Honors Voice Spring Concert**, Thursday, May 1 at 7 p.m., C 103
- **Opera in a Box**, Sunday, May 3 at 7 p.m., Living Legends Conference Center (Plano Campus)
- **Opera in a Box**, Sunday, May 4 at 3 p.m., Living Legends Conference Center (Plano Campus)
- **Opera in a Box**, Monday, May 5 at 7 p.m., Wylie Campus Conference Center
- **New Music Ensemble Concert**, Tuesday, May 6 at 7 p.m., The Art Gallery
- **Solo Guitar Concert**, Wednesday, May 7 at 7 p.m., C 103
- **Theatre production – Little Gems 2025**, Wednesday, May 7 at 7:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre
- Dances at 7, Thursday, May 8 at 7 p.m., Black Box Theatre
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- Dances at 7, Friday, May 9 at 7 p.m., Black Box Theatre
- **Theatre production – Little Gems 2025**, Friday, May 9 at 7:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre
- **Theatre production – Little Gems 2025**, Saturday, May 10 at 2:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre
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- **Theatre production – Little Gems 2025**, Sunday, May 11 at 2:30 p.m., Black Box Theatre
- **Exhibition – Collin Student Photography Portfolio**, May 21 – June 12, The Art Gallery

