



COLLINS COLLEGE
A School of Design and Technology

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**Collins College Named School of the Year by the
Arizona Private School Association**

Tempe, Arizona (May 27, 2005) – The Arizona Private School Association (APSA) awarded Collins College four “Best Practice Awards,” including School of the Year, at its annual conference. Collins College also received awards for Best Teacher, Best Community Service Practice and Best Retention/Completion Program. Collins won four out of eleven awards presented.

The Arizona Private School Association is the oldest and largest association of private post-secondary schools in Arizona, with over 50 member schools.

“I would like to give recognition to the many dedicated individuals at the college who have worked hard over the year to create these excellence practices. As we go forward we will be holding seminars for APSA membership schools in the Best Practices categories for which we have received awards,” stated Rusty Walker Ph.D., Vice President and Provost of Collins College.

Peter Walsh received the prestigious Best Teacher Award. Walsh, who has been an instructor at Collins for three years, teaches a variety of general education courses. Walsh was recognized for his effectiveness in the classroom and for the different teaching methods he implements.

“Peter is an excellent instructor. He is able to present material in an interesting, clear manner that engages students. He is an inspiration to his students as well as to many of his colleagues here at Collins College,” said Walker.

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“My goal is to educate and graduate industry-ready professionals who are prepared for a competitive professional environment. I strive to cultivate the competencies beyond creative and technical expertise that are imperative to success in the workplace, such as critical thinking skills, proficiency in both written and verbal communication, teamwork, preparation, and organization. Most importantly, I love being in the classroom. I love being around the students and I am motivated every time I see learning occur,” stated Walsh.

Collins College was also recognized for its community involvement winning the APSA Best Community Service Practice Award. Some of Collins’ most recent community projects include:

Collins College hosts seminars at no charge with the Earl Jones institute for Film & Television. The seminars provide hands-on professional training on the basics of film and television production. The seminars are open to students and the general public. The Earl Jones Institute for Film & Television was started to promote film and television production in Arizona as well as diversity in the industry.

Collins College Interior design students recently renovated the interior of a girls’ group home for New Horizon Youth Homes, Inc. The students acquired goods and services from Valley businesses at cost or at no charge to renovate the 1,900 square-foot home. Students spent hundreds of hours working on the project. Six girls between the ages of 11 and 17 will reside in the home.

Collins College has provided student crews and digital video cameras for United Blood Services annual event at BankOne Ballpark.

Collins College media arts students have produced over 50 public service announcements at no charge for local non-profit agencies. The PSAs are submitted to local broadcast and cable channels.

Collins College students provided student crews and video equipment to film the opening ceremonies for the 2004 Piestewa Native American Games/Grand Canyon State Games in Phoenix and in Flagstaff, AZ.

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Collins' fourth award was for Best Retention/Completion Program. In 2004-2005 Collins implemented progressive technology applications for more proactive student communication. Applications include Campus2000®, a data software management program. The software allows students to easily access information on grades, school events, financial aid, and other relevant matters. The program allows for real-time instructor input. The program has been especially effective at targeting students who are having trouble in specific areas enabling Collins' advisors to provide immediate assistance.

About Collins College

Collins College provides students with career-focused education in design and technology. Approximately 2,000 students from across the nation attend Collins College. Collins offers bachelor's degrees in visual communication, graphic design, interior design, animation, game design, media arts, management, applied technology management, and network technology. Associate's degrees are offered in visual communication, media arts and personal computer/network technology. All programs are designed to prepare students for entry-level positions in their degree areas. Collins has a main campus in Tempe and has a branch campus in Phoenix. Collins College was founded in 1978. For more information on Collins College, visit www.collinscollege.edu or call 480-966-3000.

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