



PLANO ISD
HEALTH SCIENCES ACADEMY

Heidi Cardenas
Coordinator

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To Whom It May Concern:

It is with pleasure that I commend the partnership between Collin College and Plano Independent School District in creating and maintaining the Health Sciences Academy. The partnership began in 2012 with planning for the academy. Plano ISD provided the facilities, technology, and personnel to coordinate the academy. Collin College provided instructional materials, staffing, and coordination. Since the inception support has included career counseling, state of the art simulation, and an annual review of the program including modifications as needed. The Health Sciences Academy is evolving continually to meet the needs of students and employers.

Collin College has been an excellent partner to work with. The support and resources they provide always exceed expectations. Beyond the high school classroom students have access to all the college resources. Many students utilize the writing lab, library, and tutoring opportunities. The students that complete the Health Sciences Academy program are prepared to further their education or enter the healthcare workforce. Thank you for considering them for this prestigious award.

Sincerely,

Heidi Cardenas, RN, BSN, CEN, FF, LP
Coordinator, Health Sciences
Plano Independent School District



November 15, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

I am the Vice President of Sales and Business Development for ArcPoint Labs. I have been partnering with the Collin College Health Science Academy Phlebotomy program since 2015. We provide drug testing for the students, and also started to take clinical students at our location to shadow lab personnel in spring of 2016.

Students gain valuable experience in customer service, lab collection, and laboratory operations and machine maintenance. This partnership with the Health Science Academy gives me the opportunity to mentor the students and help improve their communication skills and time management, as well as prepare them for working in the healthcare field.

I have found my partnership with Collin College and the Health Professions Program to be invaluable to my organization. We look forward to continuing to work with their students and deepening our partnership with the college and community.

Thank you for considering the Health Professions program for your prestigious award.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Gregory Jump".

Gregory Jump
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