

NSF-STEP

Presents:

“Forensic Pathology: Fact versus Fiction”

A lecture presentation by:

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Collin County Medical Examiner

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Dr. Sheila Spotswood liked science in college; it gave her a chance to explore a world she enjoyed and eventually to pursue a successful career as a medical examiner for Dallas County.

“I took my basic core requirements at a Dallas County Community College and explored my options in pre-med,” she recalls. “Community colleges are a great option, especially if attending a two-year school gives students a choice, such as lower costs, location – like being close to home, so that they can live with their families – and the chance to explore what they would like to do.”

Spotswood adds, “Dr. Carl Knight, a faculty member at Eastfield College, played a key role in my education, too. He’s motivational, encouraging and supportive. He’s also tough, but good.”

The medical examiner transferred from a Dallas community college to the University of Texas Health Science Center at Dallas, where she earned her bachelor’s degree in medical technology. Afterwards she worked as a med tech for two years,

Spotswood decided to take additional classes and enrolled in medical school at UT Southwestern in 1983. She completed a four-year residency in pathology and received a one-year fellowship after that residency.

Dr. Spotswood worked at DCME and UT Southwestern Medical School for 17 years and is currently employed at the Collin County Medical Examiner's Office in McKinney, TX.

*For Dr. Sheila Spotswood, “it all began here” ...
at a Dallas County Community College!*