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## Bookstore discounts Bears brands

By **Antoine Appiah**  
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All Brookhaven College branded merchandise is on clearance at the campus bookstore. This includes items bearing the Brookhaven College name and old Brookhaven Bears logo.

Students, staff and faculty have one last chance to purchase Brookhaven branded merchandise before it is gone forever.

As of press deadline, most Brookhaven merchandise is on clearance for 25-75% off. Merchandise bearing the old college names is also on clearance at the other six main campus bookstores.

In mid-2020, the Dallas County Community College District received official approval from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to restructure and become a single accredited institution. This change was meant to help with accreditation challenges posed to the seven colleges and simplify the process when they became one college.

With the restructuring came a new name – Dallas College. And the seven former colleges became the seven campuses of Dallas College spread around Dallas County.

This made merchandise featuring the former college names outdated.

The Dallas College Follett bookstores serve as one-stop shops for all college branded gear and supplies including binders, notebooks, lanyards, caps, T-shirts, sweatpants and sweatshirts.

Joh Etheridge, lead sales associate at Brookhaven’s bookstore, said several factors contributed to the lack of sales. The lack of interest in alumni, shifting fashion and the pandemic were significant contributors to product stockpiling.

Etheridge said the clearance move has been in progress for the past 90 days. Discounts began at 25% off, and will gradually increase to 50% and eventually 75%. Etheridge said pants are the main product selling. “The sale promotion will have a considerable impact as it will generate income and clear the old stock in the store,” she said.

College employees get a 10% discount on school and office supplies and clothing items. The discount does not apply to clearance items.

Sale items with the seven former college brands can also be found at Follett’s Dallas College online bookstore.



Photo by Desiree Gutierrez

**Mildred Kelley, Dallas College Brookhaven Campus lead nurse, continues to wear a protective face mask on campus.**

## College ends mask policy

By **Josh Drake**  
Copy Editor

After a nearly year and a half of being locked down due to the pandemic, Dallas College fully opened to the general public without a mask mandate June 1.

Previously, Dallas College required masks as a safety protocol and urged compliance, according to an April 6 email sent to employees

from Sharon Davis, chief critical response officer.

Dallas College safety protocols were changed to comply with Executive Order No. GA-36 issued by Gov. Greg Abbott on May 18 stating no government institution can require any person to wear a mask or a face covering.

In a collegewide May 24 email, Davis said Dallas College would shift gears to be in compliance with

Abbott’s executive order.

Mildred Kelley, Brookhaven Campus lead nurse, said, “Since the governor has lifted the mask mandate, it gives each individual the opportunity to make their own decisions about wearing a mask or not.”

Progress in vaccination rates lowered the public’s angst as more individuals became eligible since immunization campaigns began in

late December. As of July 4, 41% of Texans were vaccinated, according to The New York Times.

“COVID has not been eradicated,” Kelley said. “The old saying ‘time will tell’ is true with COVID.” Handwashing, social distancing and refraining from going out in public while experiencing symptoms will keep more

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## Dallas College Graduation 2021

Turn to page 10 for coverage and photos of Dallas College’s first commencement ceremonies.



Photo by Desiree Gutierrez

**The School of Creative Arts, Entertainment and Design gonfalons stand next to graduating students during Dallas College’s commencement ceremony June 26.**

## Chancellor May retires; Lonon appointed



**Dr. Justin H. Lonon**

By **Desiree Gutierrez**  
Editor-in-chief

The Dallas College chancellor title is undergoing a transition as Chancellor Joe May set his retirement date. May announced his retirement in a meeting with the Dallas College board of trustees May 14. May’s retirement will be effective Aug. 21, 2022.

“It has been an honor to serve as chancellor of this institution for the past seven years,” May said in a Dallas College press release.

“Throughout this time, I have been humbled by the commitment and hard work of the Dallas College board of trustees and our employees, who are truly passionate about transforming lives through higher education.”

May is recognized as the first chancellor of the recently minted Dallas College. He led the unification of the seven Dallas County Community College District colleges into the merger of one college.

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**Dr. Joe May**

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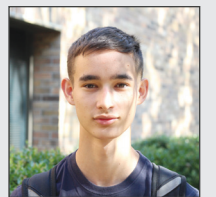
**Emilio Ortiz Gonzalez**

“It feels awesome, I mean I was walking around campus yesterday and it just felt really nice to be out and walking again.”



**Grace Martinez**

“I’m already graduating so it’s just like bittersweet passing by all my old classes and just thinking about how it was on the last day before everything shut down.”



**Eddie Phillips**

“It feels good, especially because we don’t have to wear masks and feels like kinda of normal. And I feel safe cause I’m vaccinated and it feels relieving.”



**Kevin Le**

“Honestly it feels fine, it doesn’t really matter about COVID in my opinion, like if you want to wear a mask that’s fine and if you don’t that’s fine as well.”



**Leo Basilian**

“It’s a little weird honestly, after having been in online classes and everything like that for the past year. It’s strange to go back to actually in-person.”

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