

Cary A. Israel is president of Collin County Community College District (Collin), a multi-campus operation serving more than 44,000 students annually. Under his leadership, Collin is nationally recognized for its outstanding and innovative programs.

Dr. Israel began his presidency at Collin in 1999. He previously served as president of Raritan Valley Community College in New Jersey, president of the Illinois Community College System, and president of Front Range Community College in Colorado.

Dr. Israel currently serves on the executive and legislative committees of the Texas Association of Community Colleges and is Immediate Past President of Texas Campus Compact, a coalition of college and university presidents who promote civic purposes of higher education. He also serves on the national Executive Advisory Council for SunGard Higher Education, and is an active member of the Board of Trustees of Medical Center of Plano, the Advisory Council for the Center for Community College Education of Texas A&M University-Commerce, The University of North Texas Bill Priest Center Advisory Board, Plano Symphony Board, Plano Chamber of Commerce Advisory Board, and the Plano Rotary Club.

Dr. Israel was the recipient of the American Association of Community College Trustees' CEO of the Year Award for the Northeast Region in 1996 and the Western Region in 2007. He received the Phi Theta Kappa Shirley B. Gordon Award of Distinction, Keeping America Working Award, the Plano Community Forum Award, Collin County League of United Latin American Citizens' Service Award and was named one of *Inside Collin County Business*' 21 Leaders of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century. He has also been recognized as a *Mentor* by the Collin County Children's Advocacy Center.

President Israel received a Bachelor of Arts degree with highest honors from Michigan State University and Juris Doctorate from the University of Detroit Mercy Law School.