

# BEST PRACTICES

## Go Centers

The Global EDGE Tech Prep Consortium has taken the lead and opened 2 Go Centers in its service area, one at Allen High School and the other at Scott Johnson Middle School in McKinney. Both Go Centers opened in Spring '05 and have serviced over 130 students since their opening. The Global EDGE also gave a presentation entitled "What is a Go Center? How do I Start One?" at the 2005 Seamless Transitions State Conference. The Go Center presentation was one of the feature presentations at the conference and was scheduled for three separate time slots, one of which was video taped by the state.



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## Summer Institute

The Global EDGE Tech Prep Consortium is working with Collin College's Recruitment and Programs for New Students to create a 3 day summer camp called Summer Institute. The Summer Institute is a free event designed to give students entering 9th-12th grades a hands-on learning experience. The summer camp provides students with the opportunity to explore majors and careers offered at Collin College. Each day of the Summer Institute focuses on a different industry. One day focuses on technology, the other on fine arts and computer systems, and the third on health sciences. Although the focus of the Summer Institute is on majors and careers offered at Collin College, the students are also exposed to career exploration, general college information, and Tech Prep opportunities. All Tech Prep students that have been recommended for credit are invited to attend this free event. Over 75 high school students attended Summer Institute in June 2005.



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## Golden TASSEL Awards

This is the 6th year that the Global EDGE Tech Prep Consortium has celebrated the success of Tech Prep graduating seniors with certificates of merit. The Golden TASSEL award is an honor bestowed upon graduating Tech Prep seniors who have completed two or more consecutive Tech Prep courses with a 90 or better grade point average. TASSEL is an acronym for **T**echnical and **A**cademic **S**tudent **S**cholars **E**xcelling in **L**earning. In 2005 we awarded over 120 seniors with a Golden TASSEL Award.

### Sample TASSEL Award

