A new school year has begun at Collin College and there's so much news to share! Here is the latest.

1. **The new Andrea-Mennen Welcome Center at the McKinney Campus is now open**
   - The college held a ribbon cutting and dedication event to mark the opening of the new building on Aug. 18.
   - The welcome center is home to essential services for both current and incoming students. The center is a one-stop-shop for a variety of student services including admissions, advising, financial aid, counseling, a veterans center, a career center, and more.
   - The two-story and nearly 40,000-square-foot building is named after The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation in recognition of a $1 million gift for endowed scholarships.

2. **Collin College annual art faculty exhibition planned in September**
   - **The Art Gallery** at Collin College will host the “Collin College Annual Art Faculty Exhibition” from **Sept. 1-22** at the **Plano Campus**. A reception is planned for **Sept. 1** from **3-6 p.m.** in the gallery.
   - The annual exhibition features works by professors in the Fine Arts division of Collin College. The diversity of media and styles makes this show a unique opportunity for students to learn about art courses offered at Collin and for the public to view what the professors create in their own studios.
   - Art courses offered at Collin include 2-D design, 3-D design, ceramics, communication design, digital arts, drawing, figure drawing, jewelry/art metals, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, and watercolor.
   - The exhibition is **free** and open to the public.

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3. **Auteur Film Series will explore journalism-related themes**

   - Collin College's **Auteur Film Series** will focus on the **theme of journalism** in its **2022-23 season**.
   - The Auteur Film Series presents classic, foreign, and independent films with brief educational introductions before the screenings and faculty-led panel discussions afterward.
   - The films will all be shown at **7 p.m. Doors open 30 minutes before the film begins, and seating is limited. Some material may not be suitable for all audiences.**
   - The six-film series is **free** and open to the public.
   - The following films are scheduled for the fall and spring semesters:

   **“The Post”**
   - **SEPT. 22**
   - Angelika Film Center in Plano

   **“Almost Famous”**
   - **OCT. 18**
   - Frisco Campus

   **“The Black Press: Soldiers Without Swords”**
   - **FEB. 7**
   - Plano Campus

   **“The Devil Wears Prada”**
   - **MARCH 16**
   - Angelika Film Center in Plano

   **“Shattered Glass”**
   - **NOV. 16**
   - Plano Campus

   **“Spotlight”**
   - **APRIL 19**
   - McKinney Campus

4. **Collin College partners with Enterprise Holdings to promote Automotive Collision Repair as a career**

   - Collin College and its Collision Technology program announced a new partnership with **Enterprise Holdings** to promote the growth and expansion of a **two-year apprenticeship model** that the **Enterprise Holdings Foundation** sponsors as the **Collision Engineering Program (CEP)**.
   - Through this defined apprenticeship model, students receive real-world experience by working alongside industry experts while also earning their associate degrees. This unique model provides students the opportunity to earn an income while completing their training.
   - With more than 70,000 new collision technicians needed between 2022 and 2025, and nearly 65,000 of those job openings coming from labor force exits and transfers, demand is significantly outpacing a steadily declining supply of postsecondary collision technician entrants.
   - To help close the gap, the CEP model is working to attract and develop entry-level talent to fill essential roles within the collision repair industry and enhance retention and advancement among collision repair technicians.