1. More than 850 Collin College graduates walked across the stage
   - Collin College’s Spring Commencement ceremony was held on May 17 at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center in Allen.
   - More than 850 graduates crossed the stage, many receiving their bachelor’s and associate degrees, including certificates.

2. Collin College students take top spots at first SkillsUSA competition
   - Collin College students earned top marks in the Texas SkillsUSA Postsecondary competition in Houston, April 13-15, with two students earning spots in the national SkillsUSA competition.
   - SkillsUSA is a national organization dedicated to developing the country's workforce through personal, workplace, and technical skills.
   - In addition to training opportunities, SkillsUSA provides competitions to reward students for their hard work in learning their crafts. This year is the first-time current Collin College students have participated in the competition.
   - Students Winferd Vermillion of Houston, Missouri won first place for Collision Repair Technology and Lisa Dorman of McKinney won first place in photography. They will advance to the national SkillsUSA competition later this year.

3. Collin College hosts Northeast Texas Small Acreage and New Landowner Conference
   - Collin College will host the Northeast Texas Small Acreage and New Landowner Conference from 8 a.m. - 5 p.m. on Friday, June 2 at the college’s Farmersville Campus.
   - The college has partnered with the Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service for this industry trade show and conference.
   - The registration deadline is May 26, and the cost is $40 per person or $75 for two people and includes lunch and all course materials.
4. Collin College Technical Campus received state-of-the-art glue pull repair

- Collin College’s Technical Campus Collision Technology program recently received a Level 2 Glue Pull Repair System donated by the Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS) and KECO Manufacturing. The donation included training from PDR Express, a dent repair service in Texas.

- According to KECO, the glue pull system allows technicians to glue specially designed tabs to the exterior panels, pulling dents out more efficiently versus the traditional method which is a more invasive repair technique of welding studs onto the body panels.

- Students and staff trained on the new repair system together. The campus has smaller glue tool kits, but this repair system is the full setup and is considered a rare commodity among automotive shops.

- The Collision Technology program was nominated to receive the donation by Jill Tuggle from the Auto Body Association of Texas (ABAT), an organization of which the college is an active member.

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