



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ▪ May 2018

Welcome to News & Notes! It's hard to believe another academic year has come and gone!
Here's the scoop for this month:

1. Student-to-Student Scholarships

For the first time, Collin College students can provide tuition assistance to fellow students through a new **student-to-student giving option**.

- Students can designate a donation in any dollar amount when paying their account balances online
- Donations will be pooled and awarded by the Collin College Foundation
- For details, visit <https://www.collin.edu/foundation/supporting/studentgifts.html>

2. Safety Plan Highlights

School safety is in the news constantly and is on the minds of students and their families, as well as faculty, staff, and elected officials. Collin College places a high priority on keeping our campuses and facilities safe:

- Additional campus police officers have been added, with more hirings planned
- Goal: Minimum of two officers per shift, per campus, 24/7
- A comprehensive emergency response plan has been updated
- Future campus upgrades include PA systems, solar-powered emergency phones, and surveillance cameras in remote parking areas
- Training initiatives and/or personal safety classes will be available for staff and students

3. Tradition of Financial Excellence Holds Strong

Did you know that Collin College received the **highest rating possible** (AAA Stable) from two of the largest credit-rating agencies? You can't do better than that!

- Ratings provided by Moody's and Standard & Poor's
- Collin is **1 of only 3** community colleges in Texas to earn these ratings
- The ratings led to bids from some of the largest Wall Street firms and syndicates, and favorable prices on Series 2018 Tax Limited Bonds
- The bonds will fund Public Safety Training Center, Technical Campus and Wylie Campus construction

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4. Cool Summer Camps

Summer is just around the corner. Did you know that Collin College offers a wide variety of **top-notch summer camps**?

- Fun options for middle and high school students
- Camps range from crime scene investigation, nursing and math/science to culinary, jazz and dance—plus ACT/SAT review and prep
- See the entire list at <https://www.collin.edu/community/summercamps.html>

5. Career Centers Provide the Answers Students Need

Collin College continues to put significant time and resources into career guidance and planning for students.



- New “**State Farm Career Center**” dedicated April 11 at the Spring Creek Campus
- Additional career centers at Preston Ridge and Central Park campuses and Courtyard Center
- Student services range from one-on-one career coaching to employability skills training
- Area employers benefit with employer networking, job fairs, and internships
- For more information: <https://www.collin.edu/studentresources/career/>

6. It's Graduation Time

Get ready to celebrate with the **class of 2018!**

- **Friday, May 11, at 7 p.m.** at the Allen Event Center
- Wylie Mayor Eric Hogue will deliver the commencement address
- About 600 students are expected to walk across the stage (a decrease from last year due to the addition of a winter graduation)



COLLIN BY THE NUMBERS

Service Learning Hours

Savvy students know they can take a class and serve the community simultaneously via service learning classes. Participation numbers for 2017:

Spring 2017—543 students 9,895 service hours

Summer 2017—290 students 3,300 service hours

Fall 2017—568 students 9,608 service hours