



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ September 2019

The fall semester is here! From classes to special events and community activities, the new academic year is off to a busy start.

1. Collin College student evaluations are 100 percent online with high overall ratings for faculty

- Starting last fall, student evaluations were administered online rather than in class using paper/pencil.
- The overall response rate for online student evaluations was **68** percent, 2 percent higher than the old format.
- The average spring 2019 student evaluation rating for all faculty on all items was **3.6** on a 4.0 scale.
- Students no longer use valuable class time to complete their student evaluations.



2. More students continue to graduate with degrees from Collin College

- Students who entered Collin College in the fall term as first-time, full-time, degree-seeking students were tracked over a three-year period after their initial entry into Collin College.
- The college reported that **16 percent** of the Fall 2015 and Fall 2014 cohorts graduated on time, the highest graduation rate Collin has recorded.
- The graduation rate has steadily increased since the Fall 2006 cohort when it was **9 percent**.

3. Scott Donaldson appointed chair of new committee for the Texas Commission on Law Enforcement (TCOLE)

- Director of Law Enforcement Scott Donaldson has been appointed by TCOLE to chair and form a committee responsible for developing the requirements and curriculum for a new course approved by the Texas Legislature this year.
- **House Bill 2195** requires school districts to create emergency policies for responding to an active shooter.
- The committee met for the first time on **Aug. 23** in Austin.



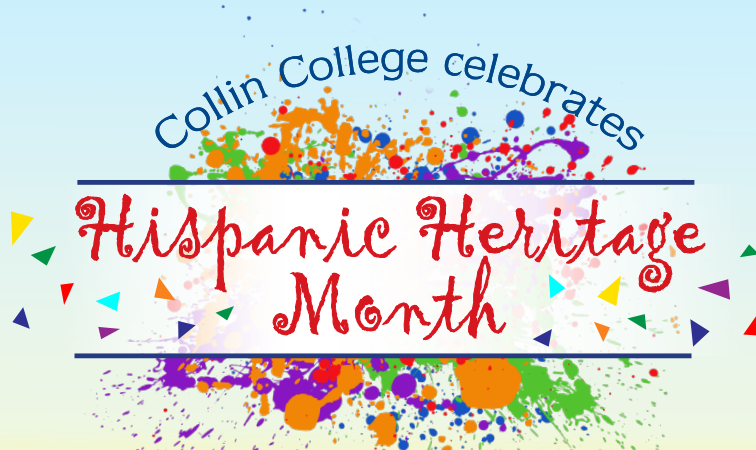
4. Collin College and Columbus State Community College receive U.S. Department of Labor grant for flexible apprenticeships

- The colleges are joining forces to create a national model for flexible apprenticeships in IT and IT-related industries to increase the number of workers in high-demand occupations.
- The DOL awarded a total grant of **\$3,788,691**.
- The grant will support all subdisciplines of IT, cybersecurity, and programming, including emerging subdisciplines, and will benefit students and employers.

5. Collin College marks record enrollment

- The college's enrollment surpassed **59,000 students** for the first time in the college's history.
- The district's annual unduplicated headcount statistics show the total enrollment across the district for fiscal year 2019 was **59,278**. That is an increase of **3,653 credit and noncredit students** over the previous year.
- The figures reflect the highest annual noncredit enrollment in a decade and the highest total credit and noncredit enrollment ever.

More details available at our online news archive, www.collincollegenews.com.



Collin College continues to celebrate Hispanic Heritage month with these upcoming events.
For more information on events go to www.collincollegenews.com.

September Events

Movie screening: *Un Tractor*

Thursday, Sept. 26
2:30-3:30 p.m.

Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge), University Hall 131

Domino & Spanish Scrabble Games

Thursday, Sept. 26
10 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

Plano Campus (Spring Creek), Atrium

October Events

Anita N. Martinez Ballet Folklorico

Tuesday, Oct. 8
Noon-1 p.m.

Plano Campus (Spring Creek), Atrium

Movie Screening: "Coco"

Thursday, Oct. 10
6-9 p.m.

Plano Campus (Spring Creek), C103

Poet Javier Zamora

Tuesday, Oct. 15
2:30 p.m.

Plano Campus (Spring Creek)
Living Legends Conference Center