



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ January 2020

The New Year is off to a great start with the groundbreaking of new campuses and new bachelor's degrees. There's plenty of news to share as we prepare for the spring semester.

1. The college breaks ground on two new campuses in Farmersville and Celina

- Officials broke ground on the Collin College Farmersville Campus on **Dec. 6** and the Celina Campus on **Jan. 16**. Both campuses are scheduled to open in **Fall 2021**.
- The 52,000-square-foot Farmersville Campus will support **1,250 students** and the 96,000-square-foot Celina Campus will support **2,500 students**.
- The campuses will offer academic transfer courses, as well as programs including business management, information technology, and other workforce programs. Campus amenities include libraries, science labs, and student enrollment services.

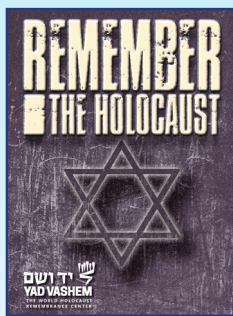


Collin College Farmersville Campus



Collin College Celina Campus

2. Events to commemorate Holocaust Remembrance Day



- International Holocaust Remembrance Day was **Monday, Jan. 27**.
- Collin College will host the photographic exhibition "SHOA: How was it Humanly Possible?" **Wednesday, Jan. 29-Friday, Feb. 28** in the J Building of the Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge).
- A production of the Museum Division of Yad Vashem – the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, the exhibition includes explanatory text, victims' personal stories and quotes, and images of artifacts.

3. Events to celebrate African American History Month

- Collin College will celebrate African American History Month with a series of events throughout February. This year's theme, which reflects the national theme of the Association for the Study of African American Life and History, is "African Americans and the Vote."
- The first event will take place on **Wednesday, Feb. 5**. Guest speaker Dr. Lester Spence, professor of political science and Africana studies at Johns Hopkins University, will present, "The Ballot or the Bullet: Revisiting the Role of Voting in the 21st Century."



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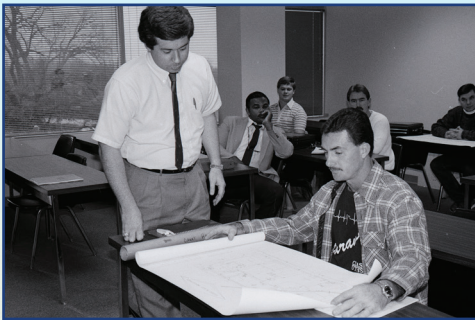
4. Collin College announces new administrative appointments

- Collin College Board of Trustees appointed **Dr. Jay Corwin** as the chief student success officer and **Monica A. Velazquez** as general counsel.
- The **CSSO** is responsible for developing, monitoring, and promoting student success and enrollment management strategies, as well as programs to increase retention, completion, and academic success for all students throughout the college district.
- The **general counsel** provides proactive advice and counsel to the district president and Board of Trustees regarding critical strategic, legal, and policy issues.

5. Collin College awards Guaranteed Maximum Price for IT Center construction

- Collin College Board of Trustees awarded a **Guaranteed Maximum Price** (GMP #1) contract to J.E. Dunn Construction Company for the construction of the IT Center at the Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge).
- The contract was officially approved at the **Dec. 10** board meeting.
- Construction of the IT Center began in January and is scheduled to be complete by **Fall 2021**.

Did You Know?



In 1990, Collin College started its basic firefighter certification program, better known as the Fire Academy. The opening of the academy marked the point at which the college district began offering a full array of firefighter training.

