

**NEW**

## Collin College launches Software Development bachelor's degree

**The new bachelor's degree program, which starts this fall at Collin College's Frisco Campus, builds upon the college's current Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degree in Software Development.**

Students will gain hands-on experience with real-world software development practices, including Agile teamwork, collaborative tools, and modern programming frameworks. They will also develop critical skills in project management and team collaboration.

"The program has a strong emphasis on fundamental programming skills and also working in a corporate team environment, which is important to employers," said Justin Lewis, discipline lead for the Software Development program. "We want to try and train specific skill sets that a company really wants when hiring."

Most classes offered this fall are available online. The program will eventually offer all classes online. Students can pursue the degree on a part-time or full-time basis.

The program's flexibility is a huge draw for students like Charlotte Rios, a nontraditional student. Rios graduated from Collin with an AAS in Software Development in May.

"I looked at different colleges and where I could transfer my credits, and a lot of it was a hassle and really expensive," she said. "Now that Collin will have a four-year program, it will be super easy for me to continue my education. I already know many of the

professors at Collin, and the low cost is a huge selling point for me."

Software Development is projected to grow much faster than the average occupation in the United States, according to the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistics. The field requires about 17% more positions between 2023 and 2033.

"The bachelor's program will benefit the community and address the needs of this high-demand field by adequately preparing graduates for the workforce," said Dr. Abe Johnson, senior vice president of campus operations. "It will open many more doors for our graduates and will enable our students to save thousands of dollars on their education."



Abe Johnson

The degree is the fifth bachelor's program offered at Collin College. The college's Bachelor of Science in Nursing and Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity launched in Spring 2020. The Bachelor of Applied Science in Construction Management was launched in Fall 2022, followed by the Bachelor of Applied Science in Clinical Operations Management in Fall 2023.

Admission to the BAT in Software Development program requires admission to Collin College, completion of an AAS degree in Software Development or a closely related degree from an accredited educational institution, and completion of an application to the BAT in Software Development program.

For more information about the program and to apply, visit [www.collin.edu/departments/software-development](http://www.collin.edu/departments/software-development).



Justin Lewis

## ATTENTION

parents and high school students!

The Texas Legislature recently adopted Senate Bill 1191, which allows all Dual Credit students additional weight on their grade point average (GPA) similar to other forms of advanced academics such as International Baccalaureate (IB) and Advanced Placement (AP) courses.

"Many of our K-12 partners were a step ahead and have been prioritizing equal GPA points for Dual Credit for years. This bill will continue to enhance our partnership efforts," said Dr. Neil Matkin, Collin College district president. "Leveling the playing field is a win for our community and saves our students and parents time, money, and resources. It's a great way for our students to no longer have their grade point averages play such a large role when scheduling their classes."

## COLLIN COLLEGE BACHELOR'S DEGREES

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)  
in Clinical Operations Management

Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS)  
in Construction Management

Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity

Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT)  
in Software Development

Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN)



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## A perfect fit for Collin College

**Three newly elected Board members, including one incumbent, were sworn into office at the Collin College Board of Trustees meeting on May 27.**

Staci L. Weaver, a retired law enforcement officer, former teacher, assistant principal, and principal, and current Legacy Preparatory Charter Academy superintendent, was elected to the Board of Trustees, Place 4.

"I've always had a love and passion for education," Weaver said. "I'm a champion for my students and want them to be completers, whether they earn an industry certification or a college degree. I want to continue my commitment to education, the scholars, and my community."

Weaver, who served in law enforcement for 15 years, said school safety is one of her priorities. A mother of two and grandmother of four, Weaver has been married to David, a former law enforcement officer, for 39 years. She said the number one reason she can serve her schools and community so well is because of her husband.

"I would not be where I am or who I am without him," Weaver said. "He is so supportive. He is my rock."

Justin Adcock, a client manager at Alacrity Solutions, was elected to the Board of Trustees, Place 6.

"I think Collin College is a hidden community jewel," Adcock said. "Having someone on the Board who can advocate for the community is extremely important. I want to be a voice that goes to the council meetings or ISD meetings to let them know what's happening at Collin College, how parents can get involved, and how alumni can give back."

In addition to his financial background, Adcock serves on the Plano Parks and Recreation Planning Board, where he assists with mapping out its long-term strategic plan.

"My whole thought process is about strategic planning," Adcock said. "Plano is unique in that we have a 30-year plan for the park system. Plano has been recognized as having the best park system in America, more than any other city in the U.S., and that's due to planning."

Adcock said he looks forward to learning more about Collin College and working with the Board to set the college up for many more years of success.

Dr. Raj Menon was reelected to the Place 5 seat and has served on the Collin College Board of Trustees since 2016.

"It is an honor to continue serving this remarkable institution," Dr. Menon said. "I'm looking forward to working alongside the newly elected members, Adcock and Weaver, to carry on the mission of delivering a brighter future for our students and communities."

Jay Saad, Board of Trustees chair, shared his support for the newly elected Board members. *continued on page 7*



Staci L. Weaver  
Board of Trustees,  
Place 4



Justin Adcock  
Board of Trustees,  
Place 6



Dr. Raj Menon  
Board of Trustees,  
Place 5



# Pathways that build on success: College your way

**For Sadia Chaudry, the decision to return to school included** finding a college that was local, affordable, offered associate and bachelor's degrees in cybersecurity, and provided the opportunity to take classes with her son, Saad Abdulhameed.



Saad Abdulhameed and Sadia Chaudry

"We had so much fun," Chaudry said. "We discussed cybersecurity concepts, helped each other, and strengthened our relationship. I love Collin College. Financially, it is really affordable. The professors are helpful, and the coursework is relevant to the field."

Chaudry and her son earned occupational skills awards, Associate of Applied Science degrees in Information Systems Cybersecurity, certificates, and Bachelor of Applied Technology degrees in Cybersecurity at the college.

The cybersecurity bachelor's degree builds on the associate degree, according to Chaudry. Dr. Abe Johnson, senior vice president of campus operations, said that is by design.

"Collin College's workforce programs provide a streamlined pathway that allows students to earn certifications as they work on their degrees," Dr. Johnson said. "This

affords students the flexibility to rapidly enter their career fields with the required skills and continue taking their higher education coursework, saving them time and money. Whether students are earning certificates, associate degrees, or bachelor's degrees, they are all paying the same low tuition rate."

## High-demand fields

Jun Carbajosa earned an HVAC associate degree from the college. Today, he is an HVAC laboratory test technician for UL Solutions by day and a Collin College adjunct faculty member by night.

"It is gratifying to know that I am molding the lives of future technicians," Carbajosa said. "Companies will hire students while they are still in school because of the high demand. The HVAC program has classes in the day, night, and on the weekends."



Jun Carbajosa

## Changing trajectories

Rocio Najera decided to change her career path. Having left her teaching career, Najera is now preparing to earn a Plumbing

Certificate from Collin College. Her goal is to obtain a master license and either start her own company or work with her brother in his plumbing business.



Rocio Najera

"The program is in person, met my price point, and is part of the community I am living in. These are big selling points for me. They care, really train you, and answer your questions," said Najera, who was awarded a Construction Technology Excellence Fund scholarship from the college.

A first-generation college student, Najera said her parents opened a bakery in the U.S. though neither of them completed elementary school. She wants to build on her family's entrepreneurial spirit.

"Being in this program puts me ahead of the competition," Najera said. "I never thought I would be soldering and handling a torch in my 40s. Initially I was intimidated, but at the end of the day, you have to remember to look at your goal and move forward. Just take the first step. That's the hardest part."

For information about Collin College degrees, visit [www.collin.edu/academics](http://www.collin.edu/academics).

# College serves up volleyball as newest sport

**Women's volleyball returns to Collin College this fall as an expansion of the district's athletics offerings,** and the program's coach is ready for the challenge of building a new team. Volleyball joins Collin's current basketball, esports, golf, and tennis programs, all of which offer students the opportunity to engage with the college through sports.



Grace Wells

Head Volleyball Coach Grace Wells can attest to the popularity of volleyball locally and internationally. An Under 18 gold medal winner with the Chinese National Team in 2003 and a National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA) All-American with Seward County Community College in Kansas, Wells has played volleyball around the world. As head coach at Dallas College Richland Campus last year, Wells led her team to a national top 10 ranking.

"I am a competitive person, so I enjoy winning and the process of building a team," Wells said. "I also enjoy watching my players sharpen their skills as the season progresses.

It's a pleasure to watch them develop camaraderie through teamwork, working hard, and having fun."

Wells, who holds master's degrees in sports management and teaching, said she recruited players who are dedicated, passionate, and who have the grit to fight for what comes their way — players who want to play at the next level once they graduate from Collin. Amaya

Carter, a freshman from Little Elm who played for Frisco Panther Creek and Frisco Heritage in high school, said that playing for a four-year college is one of her goals.

"I was planning on coming to Collin so I could get my associate degree, and when I heard that they had a volleyball team starting up, I jumped at the opportunity," Carter said. "I want to continue playing volleyball throughout college because I really enjoy the sport."

Parker Kimball, a sophomore right-side setter, transferred from Dallas College to play for Wells and said she enjoys the sport because of the sense of community it creates.

"I just love the feeling when you play games, when you win games, and the intensity of close games," Kimball said. "I love everything about it."

Fans can feel that intensity by attending games at the Frisco Campus, which is the home for Collin College Volleyball. For a great fan experience, the competition gym now has new bleachers, upgraded lighting, and an improved sound system.

Basketball and tennis will remain at the Plano Campus, with golf playing at courses throughout the area.

For the volleyball schedule and to learn more about Collin College athletics, visit [www.athletics.collin.edu](http://www.athletics.collin.edu).

## A RETURN TO GLORY

Volleyball was one of the first interscholastic sports offered at Collin, starting in 1988 under Coach Susan Evans when the mascot for all sports was "The Express." The team was a success, claiming its conference title multiple times, winning a Region V championship in 1992, and playing in the NJCAA national tournament in 1997.

Volleyball continued through 2003 and was reintroduced this year. Golf and esports were added in 2024.





# On the right track:

## A Collin College alumnus' medical journey

**Stephen Pereira, a Collin College alumnus**, knew early on that his dream career would be in health care. While participating in the McKinney Boyd High School Dual Credit program, he enrolled in Collin College's Health Professions Certified Nurse Aide (CNA) track.

"The program offered CNA as an entry-level clinical course," Pereira said. "I enrolled in the course in hopes of receiving clinical experience to deepen my understanding of health care. Overall, this class strengthened my love for health care and desire to pursue a career in medicine as a surgeon."

In 2024, Pereira took a leap and entered the Health Occupations Students of America (HOSA) competition in phlebotomy despite the subject not being taught in the CNA program.

"I cannot emphasize enough the importance of practice and diligence when taking the program and participating in competitions," Pereira said. "It is important to realize that mistakes are inevitable, but it is vital to keep pushing through. Put time into learning and knowing the content and technical skills needed to succeed."

Through hard work and dedication, Pereira gained a breadth of knowledge about phlebotomy. He won first place at the regional and state levels and advanced to the international and global competitions where he ultimately won first place.

"Although I did not realize it at the time, entering the HOSA phlebotomy competition would change my life in ways I could not have foreseen," Pereira said. "Reading and learning about phlebotomy made me appreciate the laboratory department of the hospital on a much deeper level. I enjoy the hands-on nature of phlebotomy, especially



**Stephen Pereira**

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since it is one of the only laboratory levels that interacts directly with the patients."

As a result of his experience in the competition, Pereira enrolled in Collin College's Health Professions Phlebotomy Technician track, where he was given an opportunity to acquire more understanding about phlebotomy from Michelle Kelly, Health Professions program director, who was a professor in the program.

"His professionalism and effective communication skills set him apart," Kelly said. "He consistently thanked patients and showed respect. Stephen exemplified the values we instill in our program."

Pereira has since graduated from high school, completed his CNA and phlebotomy certifications, and was accepted into The University of Texas at Dallas as a Terry Scholar with a full scholarship to study neuroscience. In addition, because of his phlebotomy experience, Pereira has started working for a hospital as a certified phlebotomist.

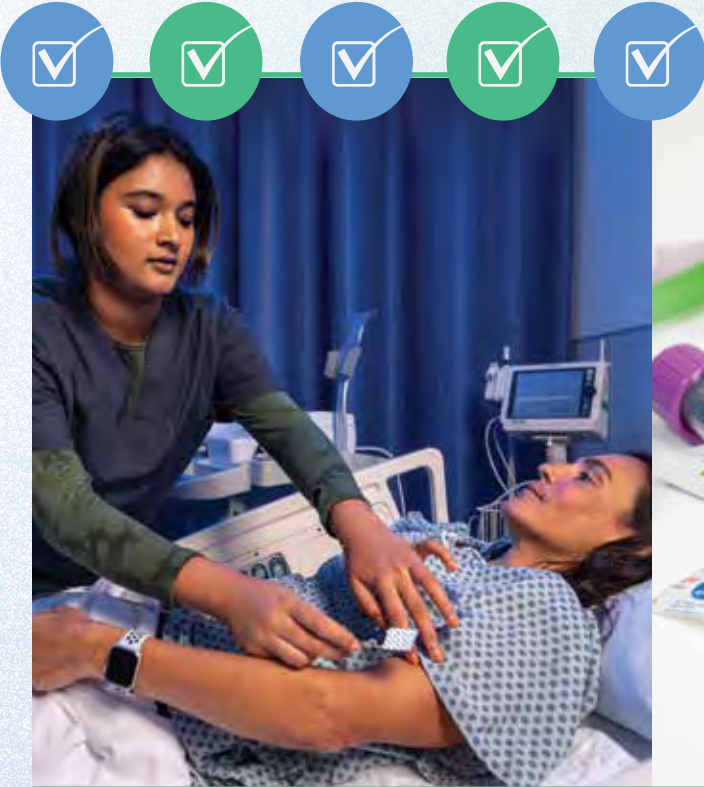
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For more information about the Collin College Health Professions program, visit [www.collin.edu/departments/healthprofessions](http://www.collin.edu/departments/healthprofessions).

To learn more about Collin College Dual Credit programs, visit [www.collin.edu/dual-credit](http://www.collin.edu/dual-credit).



**Michelle Kelly**



**The Collin College Health Professions program offers students a pathway to a fulfilling future.**



# GIVING BACK and paying it FORWARD

## Collin College nursing student makes lifesaving donation

At Collin College, students not only prepare for their future careers but also make a direct impact on the world around them. Last October, Francisco Colina-Salas, a Collin College nursing alumnus, made a lifesaving blood stem cell donation through the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP), a global nonprofit organization. This experience, one he holds near and dear to his heart, led to a greater sense of passion for the career path he's taken.

Last year, after learning about a staff member's diagnosis of a life-threatening illness that a blood stem cell donation could help treat, nursing program faculty and staff proposed an awareness campaign surrounding the NMDP registry. Kim Forcum, director of the Collin College vocational nursing program, led the initiative with the help of others in the program.

"We thought it would just be a good opportunity to share great information with our students," Forcum said. "They were familiar with this staff member, and we wanted to support in any way possible, even if it just meant spreading awareness through the work NMDP is doing."

Forcum connected with NMDP, an organization that had worked with Collin College before. They passed out information about the NMDP registry and how interested students could help.

"I didn't know too much about NMDP, but that changed when I got to hear about the difference registering could make," Colina-Salas said. "There was no feeling of obligation, but as a nursing student at the time, I thought, 'how can I be pursuing a profession to help people and not use this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to help?' It's a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity, not for me, but for a potential recipient."

Colina-Salas said the process for registering was simple. He took a quick swab of the cheek, packed it in a sterilized tube, and mailed it.

"Months passed before I heard anything from NMDP," Colina-Salas said. "I had honestly forgotten about the whole thing until I received a phone call giving me the good news — I matched with someone!"

Due to the privacy of the matter, Colina-Salas was given limited information about the recipient. However, he added that the details weren't too important to him so long as he could help.

"Francisco came to me with the great news that he was a match and asked about being accommodated for class," Forcum said. "Luckily, we were able to do that. I was excited for him and proud to see his commitment to this unique opportunity."

It was only days before Colina-Salas was on the road to Houston preparing to make his blood stem cell donation. He was filled with a mix of emotions — nervousness, excitement, and a deep sense of purpose.

"I sat in a comfy chair for eight hours the first day and six hours the next. It was just like donating blood, but it took a lot longer," Colina-Salas said with a chuckle. "It was all worth it."

Colina-Salas graduated in December 2024 as a licensed vocational nurse. He hopes his new career will create more of these moments.

"It can be your friend, mom, brother, or anyone you love who might be ill and need something like this," he said. "You just never know when you might be someone's only hope."

To learn more about Collin College's nursing programs, visit [www.collin.edu/nursing](http://www.collin.edu/nursing).

FRANCISCO COLINA-SALAS



KIM FORCUM



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Francisco Colina-Salas

### Dual Credit

Save time and money! Students can earn high school credit AND college credit through Dual Credit classes. Learn more: [www.collin.edu/dual-credit](http://www.collin.edu/dual-credit)



# Make-A-Wish recipient gifts scholarship to Collin College classmate

Last fall, the Make-A-Wish Foundation granted Collin College student Noah Denton's wish for a debt-free education with a \$5,000 scholarship.

When the college offered to extend the wish by awarding a tuition scholarship to any classmate of his choosing, Denton knew the perfect person.

"I was super emotional when Noah told me about the scholarship," said Brooklyn Conner, the recipient of the Collin College Foundation scholarship. "I was really shocked, and I felt very honored."

Like Denton, Conner is pursuing an Associate of Applied Science in Commercial Music. Their paths first crossed last summer while taking the Fundamentals of Music class at the Plano Campus.

"I'm very thankful to be in this position, not only to receive the Make-A-Wish scholarship but also to be able to give one out as well," Denton said. "It's very cool that I was given the opportunity. I'm grateful to everybody at Make-A-Wish and at Collin College as well for allowing that to happen."

Conner matched everything Denton was looking for in a recipient. She manages to excel academically while working as a part-time nanny, volunteering at her church, and creating music that can be found on various music streaming platforms.

"I have not had to pay more than \$50 out of pocket for my education at Collin, which is a huge blessing," Conner said. "It's lifted so much of the financial burden off my shoulders."

Conner plans to work in the music industry after her anticipated graduation next spring. The singer-songwriter and producer said she is interested in giving voice lessons; however, she is open to all creative music opportunities.

"I want to work with other people and excel in the best job offer that comes my way," she said. "I want to apply the skills I gained at Collin in the real world."

Learn more about Collin College's music programs at [www.collin.edu/departments/music](http://www.collin.edu/departments/music). For more information about the Collin College Foundation, visit [www.collin.edu/foundation](http://www.collin.edu/foundation).



## Building futures: The story behind the Collin College Foundation

At the heart of Collin College's mission to empower students stands the Collin College Foundation, a nonprofit organization dedicated to opening doors and creating a lasting impact.

Through significant scholarship awards and program excellence funds, the foundation supports the college's commitment to being a student- and community-centered institution.

The community's spirit of giving was on full display at the 2025 Stetson & Stiletto Standoff fundraising event in March. Thanks to the incredible generosity of donors, the event raised funds to award 170 new scholarships, 50 more than the previous year — a powerful reminder of what's possible when a community comes together with a shared purpose.

Donations throughout the year allowed the foundation to award an impactful 1,270 scholarships totaling nearly \$1.1 million in student financial support for the 2024-25 academic year. Behind every scholarship award is a story — a student striving toward a better future, fueled by the generosity of those who give back.

This year, the foundation began an exciting chapter under the new leadership of Executive Director Laura Madden, a seasoned fundraiser and nonprofit professional with a robust career in higher education. Madden has strong ties to the community, making this opportunity especially meaningful. She and her children have all taken courses at Collin College and are quick to share the benefits of the institution.

"We live in a thriving and abundant community, and because of that, no student who desires an education should go without," Madden said. "I am committed to ensuring access and exceptional educational opportunities for all who seek them."



The Collin College Foundation also works collaboratively with the Collin College Alumni Network, a group that reflects the strength and support of a connected community. The Collin College Alumni Network provides opportunities for those who have earned a credential at the college and who are active members of the workforce and the broader community. These opportunities allow alumni to stay engaged with the college and to give back.

The city of Allen Fire Chief Jonathan Boyd, a Collin College alumnus, Collin College Alumni Network board member, and foundation endowment donor and board member, shared the impact the college has had on his life.

"Education changes lives. I know the difference it has made for me and my family," Boyd said. "When given the opportunity to create that for someone else, I couldn't think of a better place to invest than in Collin College."

The foundation is a vital partner to Collin College's student success mission. To learn more and to join the Collin College Foundation's growing community of donors, visit [www.collin.edu/foundation](http://www.collin.edu/foundation).



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# Classes wherever you are: iCollin Virtual Campus

**W**hen McKinney resident **Luke Anderson is in his element every dance step flows with ease.** He can

hear the smooth glide of thin metal blades on the ice beneath his feet and feel the slight chill in the air as he and his partner perform in front of thousands of spectators in Canada. Everything falls perfectly into place.

“How do you condense that circumstance into language because it goes beyond language? It is a feeling and a physical movement. It’s sort of the feeling of a runner’s high. All the weight sloughs off my shoulders. It is really amazing,” Anderson said as he reflected on a successful twizzle (traveling turn) set.

## Flexibility is key

“When I started at Collin, I didn’t know where in the world I would be training, so I needed to have flexibility,” said Anderson, who has been skating for nearly 18 years. “My advisor, Sandy Suvannachakkham, is fantastic. She said, ‘Why don’t you take these online classes? They should work for you.’ And they did.”

As a high-level ice dancer, Anderson is competing for Canada at a national level and placed 10th in the 2025 Canadian National Skating Championships. The iCollin Virtual Campus allows him to take classes online while traveling away from home and provides a coaching team that offers same-



Luke Anderson and his skating partner performing

day connection, working one-on-one with students to deliver wraparound support.

“The iCollin Virtual Campus supports more students than any other campus at Collin College,” said Dr. Sarah Lee, iCollin Virtual Campus provost. “What makes it unique is our focus on building community in a digital space. We do not have a dedicated physical building. Instead, we meet students where they are through distance education. Whether a student is working full time, caring for family, or returning to college after time away, the iCollin Virtual Campus is designed to help them succeed on their own terms — while staying connected to a caring, responsive college community.”



Dr. Sarah Lee

Anderson said he would definitely recommend taking classes via the iCollin Virtual Campus.



“Everything you need is on one 14.5-inch computer screen,” he said. “I wouldn’t be able to do what I do without it.”

For more information about the iCollin Virtual Campus, visit [www.collin.edu/campuses/iCollin](http://www.collin.edu/campuses/iCollin).

## Collegiate Academies celebrate early graduates

**E**ach May, while many high school students prepare to receive their diplomas, a special group of students in Collin County have already walked the graduation stage — earning their associate degrees before their high school diplomas.

Thanks to the collegiate academy model, a Dual Credit partnership between Collin College and area ISDs, high school students can graduate with both a high school diploma and an associate degree. Collegiate academies allow students to earn up to 60 hours of college credit while completing high school.

“The collegiate academy model is truly transformative,” said Craig Leverette, vice president of academic operations at Collin College. “It not only accelerates a student’s academic journey, but it also opens doors by reducing financial barriers and exposing students to the rigors of college-level work in a supportive environment.”

All courses align with the Texas Core Curriculum and count toward high school graduation. Students progress as a cohort through the program, which offers consistency in scheduling and peer support throughout their experience.

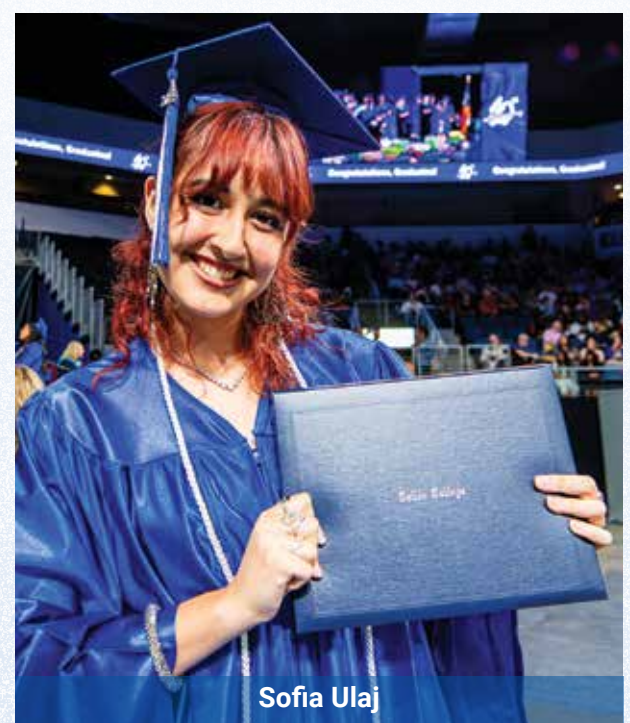
Collin College faculty teach the courses with many high schools providing dedicated spaces for instruction. College and high school staff work together to help students stay on track and meet their degree requirements.



Jaidyn Spence

“It was a lot of work, but totally worth it,” said Allen High School graduate Jaidyn Spence. “I feel like I’ve gotten a head start on my future, and I’m thankful for the support I received from my teachers at my high school and at Collin College.”

Sofia Ulaj, another Allen High School graduate, reinforced that sentiment. “Being part of the collegiate academy challenged me academically, and it also gave me confidence to learn independently. I feel like I’m walking into the next chapter of my life already ahead.”



Sofia Ulaj

Schools with formal collegiate academies with Collin include Allen, Anna, Blue Ridge, Celina, Community, Farmersville, Princeton, and Plano Senior High Schools, as well as the Plano ISD Health Sciences Academy, The Colony High School (Lewisville ISD), and Leadership Prep School (a charter school).

The collegiate academies showcase the power of partnership in education, offering students the opportunity to get a head start on their educational journeys and build the confidence to pursue their goals.



# Customized training reimagined: A tool for local economic development

**Collin College's Customized Training program** is dedicated to helping businesses thrive, meeting employers where they are by offering tailored training solutions to support workforce and professional development. Collin College is joining forces with several local partners, working proactively to support area employers seeking to upskill their workforce and develop emerging leaders.

The city of Plano's Economic Development department recently announced a partnership with Collin College to expand access to customized training opportunities in topics such as leadership and supervisor development, business operations, communication, consulting services, and more. Each program is designed to meet the specific needs of the business, ensuring employees receive the skills that will make the biggest impact.



Jennifer Chandler "Bank of America is pleased to work with the city of Plano and Collin College to support curriculum enrichment and help strengthen our local workforce," said Jennifer Chandler, president of Bank of America Dallas. "This community-wide commitment to workforce and leadership development is a true differentiator for the Plano business community."

The Collin College Customized Training initiative offers more than just training — it offers a full range of business solutions aimed at growing a company's talent and improving performance.

"As a student- and community-centric institution, our mission is to remain relevant



Mary McClure

to the communities we serve through high-quality, affordable educational offerings that support our emerging workforce," said Mary McClure, chief of staff at Collin College. "Through this training initiative, area businesses — large and small — have access to a unique tool that supports economic vitality and employee retention, which delivers a real win-win for our community."

Demonstrating the program's success, the Wylie Economic Development Corporation (EDC) recently partnered with the college to deliver a robust leadership development series, allowing area employers to band together to provide built-in training to support emerging leaders.



Angel Wygant

"Our partnership with Collin College has proven to be a real game changer for our business community, providing local businesses with access to affordable training carefully crafted to meet their needs," said Angel Wygant, business retention and expansion director for the Wylie EDC. "At the same time, the partnership brings area businesses together to network, share best practices, and provide feedback to support programming."

To learn more about how the Collin College Customized Training program can help your business, visit

[www.collin.edu/customizedtraining](http://www.collin.edu/customizedtraining).



# A perfect fit for Collin College

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"Collin County has once again elected and reelected top-tier individuals for the college's Board of Trustees," Chair Saad said. "Mrs. Weaver and Mr. Adcock are great additions to our Board, and their expertise will help strengthen our mission and maintain our vision. Dr. Menon is a long-standing Board member, and I do not doubt that he will continue providing excellent service for the college and the community."



Jay Saad  
Board of Trustees  
Chair

To learn more about Collin College and the Board of Trustees, visit [www.collin.edu/leadership/board\\_of\\_trustees](http://www.collin.edu/leadership/board_of_trustees).

## SAVE THOUSANDS

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Collin College Academic Alliance  
Texas State University  
The University of Texas at Dallas  
[www.collin.edu/academics/alliance](http://www.collin.edu/academics/alliance)



# CELEBRATING a decade of leadership

Welding professors Landon LaRocque and Cesar Lopez-Maldonado created a 10-year anniversary sign for Dr. Neil Matkin, Collin College district president, in celebration of his decade of leadership.

The custom metal craftsmanship features a silver star and circular design, showcasing the welding department's expertise.



Landon  
LaRocque



Cesar Lopez-  
Maldonado



# Did you know?

## A GREAT EDUCATION for an Exceptional Value

**\$41,080\***

Four Years at  
Four-Year College

**\$24,560\***

Two Years at Collin +  
Two Years at Four-Year College

Two Years at  
Four-Year College

Four Years at  
Collin College

Two Years at  
Collin College

**\$20,540\***

**\$8,040**

**\$4,020**

\* Average cost of all Texas public universities

## TUITION RATES AND FEES

Effective as of Fall 2024\*

### Texas and Collin County Resident

Tuition Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$65</b>
Student Activity Fee Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Total Charge</b> Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$67</b>

### Texas Resident, Outside Collin County

Tuition Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$125</b>
Student Activity Fee Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Total Charge</b> Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$127</b>

### Out-of-State/Country

Tuition Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$200</b>
Student Activity Fee Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$2</b>
<b>Total Charge</b> Per Credit Hour.....	<b>\$202</b>

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