



# News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ▪ April 2018

**Welcome to News & Notes!** This update from the Public Relations office will give you an overview of key developments and initiatives to help you answer questions from colleagues and/or community members. We promise a quick read, “**just the facts**” format, and encourage you to share this information to help spread the news about **what’s happening at Collin College**.

*On tap this month:*

## 1. Public Safety Training Center

- The **128,000**-square-foot facility is on schedule to be completed in **May**
- Will house the fire science and law enforcement academies
- Classes to begin in the fall
- The City of McKinney contributed **\$3.7** million toward the project and will utilize the facility for law enforcement and fire training, while the City of Allen contributed **\$4.6** million and will utilize it for law enforcement training. The center will serve as a professional development training center for emergency responders in the region.
- Located on Shawnee Drive, just south of Bloomdale Road in McKinney
- See the latest online at: <https://www.collin.edu/masterplan/projectupdates.html>

## 2. Master Plan Update

- Construction of the Technical Campus in Allen and the Wylie Campus will begin later this year
- Current plans call for **340,519** square feet in Allen, **318,766** square feet in Wylie
- The Allen square footage includes a space of approximately **40,000** sq. ft. being funded by a \$12 million contribution from Allen ISD, in part to house dual credit programs for Allen High School students

## 3. The Lowdown on Baccalaureate Degrees

We’re **not becoming a four-year college**, but we have been authorized to offer up to **three (3) four-year degrees**, thanks to Senate Bill 2118, which was passed by the Texas Legislature last summer and signed into law by Gov. Abbott.

- The bill authorized certain community colleges to offer selected baccalaureate degrees
- We are currently seeking approvals/accreditation for a bachelor of science in nursing (BSN), and a bachelor of applied technology (BAT) is in the planning stages; a third may be introduced as well
- Target for implementing the BSN: **Fall 2019-Fall 2020**

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### 4. Speaking of Four-Year Degrees...and More

Are you up-to-date on what's happening at the Collin Higher Education Center in McKinney?

#### Here's the scoop:

- **Five university partners** have offices in the building and offer classes there: UT Dallas, Texas A&M Commerce, Texas Tech, Texas Woman's University, and the University of North Texas
- Classes to complete full degree programs are offered at the bachelor's, master's and doctoral levels
- More than two dozen degree plans are currently available
- All classes are taught by faculty from the partner universities
- Texas A&M University-Commerce also offers junior- and senior-level university courses on our Preston Ridge Campus in Frisco
- Great opportunity for Collin County residents to further their education close to home
- For more information: [www.collin.edu/chec](http://www.collin.edu/chec)

### Weekend College is Ramping Up



- A convenient alternative for individuals unable to attend during normal weekday/night hours, or who wish to augment their regular academic schedule
- Classes offered on **Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays**
- Possible to fulfill several associate degree options entirely on the weekend
- Standard **16-week course offerings** meet once a week
- Express Block classes feature shorter options, including 10-week, 8-week, 7-week, and 3-weekend express courses
- **New this year:** Take 5 on the Weekend, a sequence of courses guaranteed to start every five weeks
- Weekend College is offered in **fall, spring, and summer** semesters on all three campuses. For more information: [www.collin.edu/academics/weekendcollege](http://www.collin.edu/academics/weekendcollege)

### Three-week May and Summer Classes...and More Options

- **Registration is open to returning students** for three-week May and summer classes
- Also available: A 10-week summer session and two five-week sessions (in June and July)
- Payment due by May 2 at 8 p.m. for all three-week May and summer classes
- More info: [www.collin.edu/academics/class\\_schedule.html](http://www.collin.edu/academics/class_schedule.html)

### COLLIN BY THE NUMBERS

#### Spring 2018 Enrollment at a Glance

Collin College Enrollment: **28,807** – an increase of **4.1%** over Spring 2017

Weekend College Enrollment: **2,273** – an increase of **8.4%** over Spring 2017

Enrollment in University Courses at CHEC: **3,482** – an increase of **17.4%** over Spring 2017