



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ November 2018

With the **fall semester in full swing**, we focus on new corequisite classes, career coaches, recent grants, and more—including military and veterans activities and November's fine arts schedule.

1. New corequisite classes piloted



- Paired with English and math classes to enable students to complete their **English and reading/writing requirements** in one semester
- Have a **higher success rate** than traditional developmental education classes
- Offered through the Developmental Education office
- Required of all Texas public higher ed institutions per H.B. 2223, passed in 2017
- For details: http://www.collin.edu/academics/programs/DevEd_Corequisites.html

2. Workforce program career coaches: Making students career-ready

- Help students link their education to their future workforce career
- **Aid placement** in transfer schools, employment, or military service
- Provide students with **career plan information** geared to their individual interests
- Facilitate **industry-specific interviews and panels** as well as internship and co-op opportunities
- More details: www.collin.edu/studentresources/support/internships/workforcecoaches.html

3. Update on recent grants

- National Science Foundation Grant - **\$ 3.7 million** to support national information technology skill standards
- Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board Grant - **\$295,000** to increase successful completion of corequisite courses over the next two academic years
- Carl D. Perkins State Leadership Grant - **\$70,000** to train CTE advisors, career counselors, coaches, and administrators

4. November events to acknowledge veterans, military

- Annual All Services Military Appreciation Ball, **Saturday, Nov. 10, 6:30 p.m.**, at the Plano Campus Conference Center; contact jgrayczyk@collin.edu for details
- Other events include luncheons and speakers, movie screenings, barbecue, career options presentation, and more
- Collecting **blank holiday cards** to send to the troops at the Veterans Resource Centers at the three main campuses
- For more information, visit <http://www.collincollegenews.com/2018/10/10/collin-college-honors-veterans-in-november/>

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5. The arts at Collin: November performances and exhibitions

- “**Dance Fusion**,” an annual dance concert featuring guest companies with student performance groups. Nov. 9 at 8 p.m. and Nov. 10 at 2 & 8 p.m., in the John Anthony Theatre, Plano Campus
- “**Ironsides and Mr. L**,” an exhibit of sculpture and paintings, Oct. 31-Nov. 28 at The Arts Gallery, Room A175, Plano Campus. Open until 8 p.m. Mon.-Thu., 3 p.m. Fri.-Sat.
- Eight different **music concerts** featuring choirs, voice students, music ensembles, and jazz will take place on the Plano Campus in November
- For details, visit <http://www.collin.edu/finearts/>



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Corequisite Spring Pilot Program Shows Promising Results

The **state mandate** for corequisite courses: For 2018-19, **25%** of developmental education students are to be enrolled in Math and English corequisites; the mandate increases to **50%** in 2019-2020, and **75%** in 2020-2021.

This fall, **25%** of developmental math and **43%** of Integrated Reading and Writing students are taking corequisite courses.

In Collin College’s pilot program last spring, **71%** of math students and **78%** of English students were successful in their corequisite courses.

