



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ June 2019

Although things slow down a little during the summer months, big things keep happening at Collin! Here's the latest news of note.

1. Collin now a 4-year degree granting institution

- Approval voted on by Board of Trustees of the Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission of Colleges
- College moves from Level I (2-year degree granting institution) to Level II (4-year)
- Collin will **remain a community college district**; not transitioning to four-year college/university
- **Bachelor of Science in Nursing** and **Bachelor of Applied Technology in cybersecurity** set to launch in January 2020
- More details available at our online news archive, www.collincollegenews.com.



2. Three new associate of applied science (AAS) degrees approved

- Degrees in **activity care professional**, **medical assisting**, and **pharmacy technician**
- Pending approval from Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board and Southern Association of Colleges & Schools Commission on Colleges
- Each degree to include 15-hour general education core, plus field-specific courses
- To be offered at the **McKinney**, **Wylie**, and **Technical** campuses
- Also included in dual credit offerings through the Health Science Academies

3. Dr. Abe Johnson receives AACC appointment

- Dr. Johnson, VP/Provost of the Plano Campus, named to Commission on Economic and Workforce Development of the American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)
- Commission's role is to examine ways to close the skills gap through career/tech education
- **AACC is an advocacy organization** for about 1,200 two-year institutions in the U.S.
- More details available at our online news archive, www.collincollegenews.com.

4. Milestones abound as Collin celebrates its 35th anniversary

- The 2019-20 academic year is Collin's 35th
- Officially kicks off at All College Day August 16
- **Events will occur on all campuses** throughout 2019-20
- Frisco Campus, opened in 1995, will commemorate its 25th
- Collin Higher Education Center, opened in 2010, turns 10
- More details in future editions of Connection, Cougar News, and News & Notes



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5. Student Exhibition now on display at art gallery

- Gestalt Photography Portfolio Class Exhibition runs through July 10
- Features **technically-advanced students** from Photography Portfolio Class
- THE ARTS gallery is located on the Plano Campus, Room A175
- **Summer hours:** 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Mon.-Thu., 9 a.m to 3 p.m. Fri.-Sat. Closed Sundays.
- More info: www.collin.edu/theartsgallery

Collin by the Numbers

Enrollment 2017-2019

(including year-to-year percentage growth)

Fall 2017	31,619	(6.5% increase over Fall 2016)
Spring 2018	28,807	(4.1% increase over Spring 2017)
Fall 2018	33,677*	(6.5% increase over Fall 2017)
Spring 2019	31,333**	(8.8% increase over Spring 2018)

*All-time record, fall enrollment

** All-time record, spring enrollment

NOTE: Collin County population grew by 2.9% in 2017 and 3.5% in 2018. (Source: U.S. Census Bureau.)