



# News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ February 2020

The spring semester continues strong with college and student accolades.

## 1. College receives distinction from Carnegie Foundation for Advancement in Teaching

- Collin College was **one of three** two-year institutions in the nation to receive the 2020 Carnegie Community Engagement Classification from the Carnegie Foundation for the Advancement of Teaching.
- Only **11** institutions in the state of Texas were awarded this distinction in 2015 and 2020 combined.
- This national recognition acknowledges the leadership, partnership, and collaboration of the college and the Collin County community in designing strategic responses to growing needs and opportunities in the area.

## 2. Construction, drafting students earn Home Builders Conference award

- Collin College was awarded “**Rookie of the Year**” at the **National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) Student Competition**, held Jan. 20-22 in Las Vegas, Nevada, in conjunction with the International Builders’ Show (IBS).
- A five-member student team from Collin College created a management project proposal that included a complete set of working drawings sufficient for obtaining a building permit, material and labor estimates, a construction schedule, and an alternate plan with an additional bedroom.
- Collin College’s team competed with more than **50** college and high school teams from across the country.



Team members include (clockwise from top left) Cole Stewart, Zoey Smith, Robbie Murray, Truston Cannon, and Jay Dahya

## 3. Collin College’s Surgical Assisting program receives national accreditation

- The Surgical Assisting program received **accreditation** by the **Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP)** on Jan. 16.
- The college’s program is the only one in Texas and is **one of only 12 programs nationwide**.



- As identified by the American College of Surgeons (ACS), a surgical assistant provides aid in exposure, homeostasis, closure, and other intraoperative technical functions that help the surgeon carry out a safe operation with optimal results for the patient.



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4. Collin College adds new positions

- **Dr. Roger Widmer** has been appointed as chief operating officer of Collin Corporate College. The COO is tasked with developing a strategy resulting in increased corporate training contracts and enrollments on behalf of Collin Corporate College.
- **Ali Subhani** has been appointed as director of internal audit. This new position is charged with performing audit projects, including operational, financial, and compliance audit projects across all areas of the college.



Dr. Roger Widmer

5. Collin College appoints new Interim Chief of Police

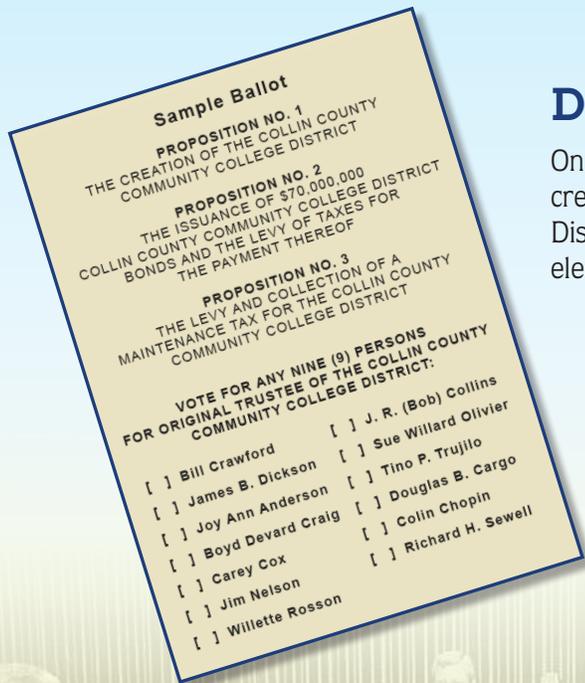


Scott Jenkins

- **Scott Jenkins** has been appointed Interim Chief of Police for Collin College.
- Interim Chief Jenkins' new role follows the retirement of **Chief Bill Taylor**, who served the college since **2016**.
- During Taylor's tenure, he aided in professionalizing the college's law enforcement approach to community policing, was instrumental in obtaining first-class equipment for the college's police force, and designed and served as the champion for the college's safety plan.
- Jenkins joined the college in **2018** and is a 30-year veteran of the Denton Police Department.



Ali Subhani



Did You Know?

On April 6, 1985, Collin County voters approved to create and fund the Collin County Community College District, along with passing a bond and tax rate, and electing the first Board of Trustees.

