



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ June 2020

Summer is here and Collin College continues to make sure students can maintain their summer class schedules through online learning.

1. Collin holds a graduation celebration for the Class of 2020

- To honor the diligence and academic achievement of the 2020 graduates, Collin College created a special two-part **Class of 2020 Graduation Celebration**.
- Part one began on **June 20** and will go through **June 25**. This event includes professional photography, video selfie stations, and on June 20 an opportunity for a family celebration photo.
- Part two includes graduates' photos and videos being showcased in an exciting virtual "reveal" on **Friday, July 10 at 1 p.m.** Please be sure to mark your calendar and join us for the Class of 2020 Virtual Graduation Celebration. The college will have a couple of surprises in store.



2. Collin College prepares for its final Summer session beginning July 13

- The college will reopen its campuses to students with a combination of **in-person and online classes for the five-week July summer semester**.
- On-campus summer classes will largely consist of skills-based coursework or labs with concepts and experiences that can be accomplished better in person.
- The college will follow Centers for Disease Control guidelines, observe executive orders issued by the Office of the Texas Governor, and proceed with guidance from the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board to prevent the spread of germs and help ensure the safety of returning students and employees.
- Collin College has served its students with online classes through its Maymester, five-week June and 10-week June semesters. The college's spring semester was also switched to an online format beginning March 23.

3. Collin College Student Housing application now open

- Applications for student housing opened **June 15** with limited space. The college has **173 spots** available for this upcoming school year.
- The college will be accepting applications on a **first come, first served basis** for all full-time Collin students who meet the criteria listed on the college's website.



- Collin College Student Housing offers two-bedroom, two-bathroom options as well as one-bedroom, one-bathroom options. The college also offers four-bedroom, two-bathroom options, but due to the COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing precautions, the college will only allow two people at a time to stay in the four-bedroom and two-bathroom floor plans at the two-bedroom floor plan rate.

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4. ROSE Award nominees honored with parade

- This year the college held a celebration parade on **June 17** to recognize all the nominees of the annual ROSE Award at the Collin Higher Education Center.
- The staff award program, Recognition of Service and Excellence (ROSE), recognizes excellence and extraordinary effort demonstrated by full and part-time staff members who exemplify our Core Values of Learning, Service and Involvement, Creativity and Innovation, Academic Excellence, Dignity and Respect, and Integrity.
- The winners of the award will be announced at the August Board meeting. The winners will receive a crystal plaque and beautiful yellow roses. The full-time ROSE Award winner will also receive a reserved parking space at his or her primary campus for a year.

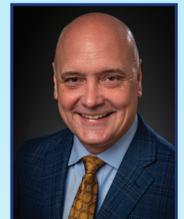


5. Collin College announces new administrative appointments

- **Steve Matthews** has been appointed as vice president of external relations for Collin College. Matthews serves as a key member of the district president’s Cabinet and works to enhance awareness of the college and cultivate the college’s relationships at all levels of government and within the community.
- **Chris Eyle** has been appointed as vice president of facilities and construction. He is responsible for all aspects of facilities operations and construction projects, as well as facilities planning and project development.



Chris Eyle



Steve Matthews

Did You Know?



Collin College’s Small Business Development Center assisted 252 clients with COVID-19 related questions from March 1-June 15 (and the numbers continue to grow since more people now have questions on the reporting of their money). So far, Collin SBDC clients received \$16.2 million in COVID-19 relief.



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| \$13.5 million | Paycheck Protection Program |
| \$2.7 million | Economic Injury Disaster Loan |

The SBDC also helped companies retain 1,647 employees – meaning that they did not lose their jobs during the lockdown.

