



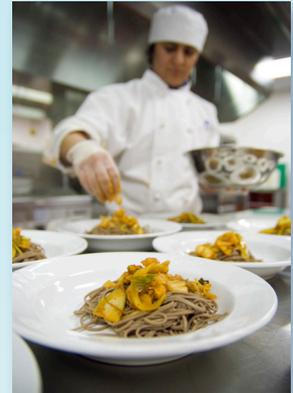
News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ October 2020

We're halfway through the semester and as the seasons change, Collin College continues to flourish. Here is the latest.

1. Collin College's hospitality program was selected for new scholarship program

- The Institute of Hospitality and Culinary Education at Collin College is one of 10, two-year hospitality programs in the country selected to partner in a new scholarship program with the American Hotel & Lodging Foundation (AHLA Foundation).
- The new endeavor will provide \$100,000 to students signing up for the 2021-2022 academic year.
- The newly created two-year scholarship program will provide meaningful support to deserving hospitality students, particularly those who may not otherwise have access to a higher education.
- These scholarships will cover a substantial portion of students' tuition and school costs for a year.



2. Craig Leverette announced as new Campus Provost of the Frisco Campus

- Collin College has appointed Craig Leverette as the new campus provost of the Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge).
- Leverette has served Collin College in a number of roles for 24 years.
- Prior to being named a campus provost, he was the dean of academic affairs and workforce at the Wylie Campus.
- Leverette began his career at Collin College in 1997 as the head softball coach and a physical education professor at the Frisco Campus. He went on to serve as a department chair, associate dean, and dean at two campuses.
- Leverette, an Allen resident, is in the final year of completing his doctoral degree from Texas A&M University-Commerce.

3. Collin College holds ribbon cutting ceremony for Wylie Campus

- Collin College held a ribbon cutting on Sept. 25 to celebrate the opening of the new Wylie Campus.
- While fall classes began Aug. 24 at the new campus, the Friday night ribbon cutting event marked the official opening celebration of the Wylie Campus.
- The event was attended by officials from Collin College, local government, and Wylie ISD as well as local partners.
- Located at 391 Country Club Road in Wylie, the tree-lined campus boasts three large buildings: the student center with an attached conference center, the campus commons, and the library.



4. Dr. Neil Matkin honored by the ArtCentre of Plano



Dr. Neil Matkin

- **For the Love of Art: The Great Art Escape** is a unique virtual art auction and fundraiser recognizing those who make outstanding contributions to the arts and support the mission of the ArtCentre of Plano.
- Among the nine 2020 fundraiser honorees, Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin was recognized with the Special Recognition Award for his contributions.
- The auction will feature an exhibition of more than 50 North Texas artists who have donated their unique works to support the fundraiser. The exhibition opened to the public on Oct. 16 and will run from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Tuesday through Saturday through Nov. 15. Face masks are required and social distancing will be maintained.
- The ArtCentre is located at 902 East 16th St., Plano.

5. Collin Corporate College announces new roles to serve businesses

- In order to continue to meet the needs of the local business, governmental, and nonprofit sectors, Collin Corporate College announced the addition of Business Development Representative Jana Nixon and Business Development Manager Tom Turci.
- Nixon will be reaching out to local businesses to help them assess skills gaps and offer solutions for skills development.
- Over the course of her career, Nixon has worked with employers of every sector and size, from Fortune 100 corporations to local utilities and national restaurant franchises.
- Turci joined the Collin Corporate College team in August, bringing with him more than 25 years of successful business development, program management, strategic transformation, and Agile methodologies experience.
- Before joining the team, Turci created and led the eCommerce market program for Pitney Bowes' software and data business unit and also oversaw global supply chain product fulfillment via the eCommerce platform.



Did you know?

Collin College's
Census Date
(Sept. 8)
headcount for
Fall 2020 is

35,392

an increase of
248 students or
0.7 percent.

Credit Hours are up
district-wide by 0.5 percent.

Contact Hours are up
district-wide by 0.8 percent.