



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ November/December 2020

We're nearing the end of the Fall semester and the end of 2020. While this year has brought about challenges, Collin College continued to thrive and provide an education to the entire student population. Here's the latest from Collin College.

1. Leadership changes for a new year

- Collin College announced new leadership changes focused on new campuses opening in Celina and Farmersville and the retirement announcement of a key administrator.
- **Dr. Abe Johnson**, Plano Campus (Spring Creek) provost, will replace Dr. Toni Jenkins as the senior vice president of campus operations, after she retires next year.
- **Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley** will replace Johnson as the new Plano Campus provost when he assumes his new role as senior vice president.
- **Brenda Carter** was named the new Celina Campus executive dean. She previously served as the dean of academic affairs at the McKinney Campus (Central Park).
- **Dr. Diana Hopes** was named the new Farmersville Campus executive dean. She previously served as the dean of academic services for the college.



Dr. Abe Johnson



Dr. Mary Barnes-Tilley



Brenda Carter



Dr. Diana Hopes

2. Collin College named as finalist for Bellwether Award

- Collin College is among 30 community colleges nationwide selected as a **2021 finalist** for a highly-coveted **Bellwether Award**.
- The Bellwether Awards are widely regarded as some of the nation's most competitive and prestigious recognitions for community colleges. Bellwether finalists represent leading community colleges whose outstanding and innovative programs and practices are selected as exemplary among competitive submissions.
- The Bellwether College Consortium honors community colleges with awards in three categories: Instructional Programs and Services; Planning, Governance, and Finance; and Workforce Development. Collin College is **one of 10 institutions** named a finalist in the **Planning, Governance, and Finance category**.
- All finalists will be presented at the 2021 Community Colleges Futures Assembly, and one winner will then be selected from each category by a panel of national experts.



3. Collin College Public Relations Department wins big at district conference



- The Public Relations Department won multiple awards in the **National Council for Marketing & Public Relations (NCMPR) District 4 Medallion Awards** for its work publicizing programs externally.
- The department **earned gold** for the development of the 2020 *Forces* Literary Journal; **silver** for the article *Collin College Technical Campus Balances Hard Work with Latest Technology*; **bronze** for the creation of mobile app cards; and **bronze** for the *First Time in College* brochure.

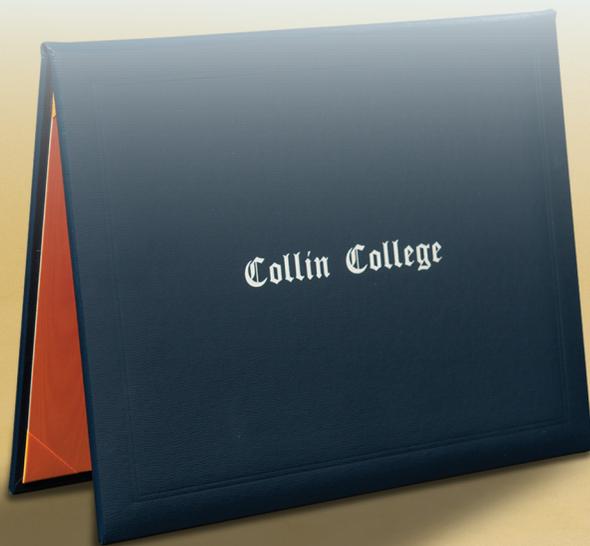
4. Michelle Millen named as president-elect of TxHIMA's board of directors

- **Michelle Millen** currently serves as the dean of academic affairs and workforce at the McKinney Campus (Central Park).
- She was recently voted as the **president-elect** for the 2021 board of directors for the **Texas Health Information Management Association**.
- TxHIMA is a component state association of the American Health Information Management Association (AHIMA). The association is recognized as a leading source of health information management knowledge and a respected authority for rigorous professional education and training.



Michelle Millen

Did you know?



Collin College December graduation includes inaugural baccalaureate students

The **first Bachelor of Science in Nursing** class will graduate this month. The BSN program launched in January 2020. **Seventeen** students will earn BSN degrees this December. The RN- to- BSN is a post licensure program designed to prepare the students with an understanding of nursing, health and healing, the environment, and persons as diverse individuals, families, populations, and communities.

