



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ January 2021

The New Year and a new spring semester have begun and there's plenty of good news to share.

1. Students were welcomed back for the spring semester with health and safety precautions in place.

- Spring classes began on **Jan. 19** and students were welcomed back with activities and giveaways by Student Engagement.
- Giveaways included free beverages, snacks, and pizza, as well as a welcome kit.
- The spring semester will continue to offer students choices in instructional delivery.
- Depending on the course and program needs, students may choose among options ranging from **100 percent online and 100 percent in person** with social distancing or combinations of online and face-to-face.
- Appropriate face masks/coverings are required in all public spaces on campuses, as well as in classrooms and labs.

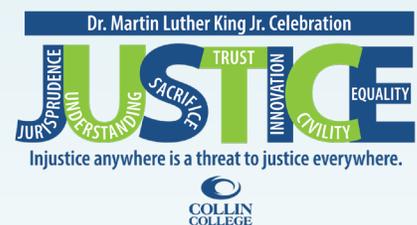


2. A North Texas Consortium was awarded \$1.2 million in Texas reskilling grants

- The Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB) awarded **\$1,287,500** to a North Texas consortium as part of the first round of awards under the **Texas Reskilling Support Fund Grant Program**.
- Led by Collin College, the consortium includes North Central Texas College, Texas A&M-Commerce, Texas Woman's University, the University of North Texas, and The University of Texas at Dallas.
- Known as "Project Complete," the funding will assist students in finishing the next step of their educational goals in 2021. The awards will be offered as grants to qualified students who can complete their credentials during the year.
- The THECB awarded a total of \$18.1 million to 40 applicants, representing 49 institutions, which were selected through a competitive process. Funding was part of the \$175 million allocation to THECB from the Governor's Emergency Educational Relief (GEER) Fund.

3. The annual Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Power Leadership Breakfast was held virtually

- For the first time, the Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Power Leadership Breakfast was virtual. A pre-recorded program with a format similar to past years went live on **Saturday, Jan. 16 at 9 a.m.**
- This year's theme, **Justice**, centered around Dr. King's quote, "Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere."
- Participants logged in to view conversations with three community leaders: Angela Tucker, 199th Texas district court judge; Ed Drain, Plano police chief; and Dr. Neil Matkin, Collin College district president.
- The virtual event also included student presentations and performances, and the announcement of multiple scholarships.
- The overall video presentations garnered **more than 2,100** views online.



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4. Ervin Frenzel, director of Cybersecurity at Collin College, is an EC-Council Global Award recipient

- The EC-Council Global Awards recognize excellence in cybersecurity training, education, instruction, and leadership.
- Frenzel received the **2020 EC-Council Academia Instructor of the Year Award**.
- These awards honor partners and individuals that have made contributions to cybersecurity education and training environments which create lasting impacts on their networks and local communities.

5. Remember the Holocaust – Art in the Holocaust will be on exhibit this month

- To commemorate International Holocaust Remembrance Day, Collin College will host a photographic exhibition.
- The exhibition, “**Art in the Holocaust**,” will run **Wednesday, Jan. 27-Friday, Feb. 26** in the J Building at the Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge). Sponsored by the college’s Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee, the exhibition is free to view.
- A production of the Museum Division of Yad Vashem – the World Holocaust Remembrance Center, this exhibition provides a glimpse into art created during the Holocaust in ghettos, camps, forests, and while in hiding. The works of art reflect the tension between the artists’ need to document the terrible events they endured and their desire to break free through art, and escape into the realms of beauty, imagination, and faith.
- For more information about the exhibition, please visit www.yadvashem.org.



Did you know?

As the college starts a new spring semester, enrollment continues to be steady. As of **Jan. 25, the Spring 2021** headcount was **32,755**.

The Fall 2020 Census headcount was 35,392.

The Spring 2020 Census headcount was 32,567.

The Fall 2019 Census headcount was 35,144.