



# News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ April 2021

As we near the end of the Spring semester, here is the latest from Collin College.

## 1. New Farmersville Campus now open to the public; ribbon cutting and open house event planned

- Students in the eastern part of Collin County have started taking a limited number of classes at the new Farmersville Campus.
- The campus ribbon cutting will be held on **Saturday, May 22 at 10 a.m.** with a community open house afterward.
- The new campus is located at **501 S. Collin Parkway, Farmersville.**



## 2. Capital One \$30,000 grant to help improve college's digital presence at the Plano Campus (Spring Creek)

- Plano Campus Writing Center Manager Rebecka Scott and Academic Affairs Dean Dr. Meredith Wang were awarded a **\$30,000 grant from Capital One** for the Anthony Peterson Center for Academic Assistance (APCAA) to improve its digital presence through an embedded Canvas course and to pilot a new online appointment and tutoring platform.
- Through this grant, the APCAAs hopes to enhance academic support, student success, and retention for online courses ahead of the opening of iCollin in the fall.
- In collaboration with instructional designers, district APCAAs managers, the eCollin Learning Center, Executive Dean of iCollin Dr. Sarah Lee, and Webmaster Heather Webb-Losh, Scott created a supplemental Canvas course for the Plano Writing Center. The course is being piloted in Spring 2021 as an embedded services resource link in Plano Campus Web English composition courses. The composition courses currently serve more than 1,000 students.



## 3. Craig Johnson appointed to national advisory board



**Craig Johnson**

- **Craig Johnson**, Director of Architecture and Construction Programs at Collin College, was appointed to the **National Association of Home Builders'** student chapters national advisory committee during the International Builders Show annual meeting.
- NAHB represents the largest network of craftsmen, innovators, and problem solvers dedicated to building and enriching communities. Operating at the local, state, and national levels, the NAHB Federation helps its members gain a competitive advantage.
- The **NAHB Student Chapters** program is dedicated to enriching the educational experience of students by offering them first-hand exposure to the real world of the building industry through NAHB membership, educational programming, and networking opportunities.

## 4. Intelligent.com names Collin College as one of the 2021 Best Online Certificate Programs

- Intelligent.com, a trusted resource for online degree rankings and higher education planning, has announced Collin College as “**Best in the South**” of the top online programs for 2021, coming in at **17** and scoring a **96.57**.
- The comprehensive research guide is based on an assessment of **1,280 accredited colleges and universities** in the nation. Each program is evaluated based on curriculum quality, graduation rate, reputation, and post-graduate employment. The methodology also uses an algorithm which collects and analyzes multiple rankings into one score to easily compare each school.
- Students who pursue any one of these programs can expect to gain employment much quicker in comparison to candidates without a degree. In addition to accessibility and cost, the steady job growth in this market is one of the many reasons Intelligent.com researched and ranked the Top Online Certificate Programs.



## Did you know?

The new Celina Campus will open in the fall, and construction is ahead of schedule. Check out the latest images of the campus that will serve the northwestern part of Collin County.

