



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ May 2021

Another academic year draws to a close and Collin College finishes strong with graduation and awards.

1. Collin College celebrates the Class of 2021

- Collin College held a graduation celebration at the Collin Higher Education Center on **April 29, April 30, and May 1**.
- Graduating students, along with their families, were invited to have their photos taken, and administrators and staff recognized each student with cheers and applause. More than 370 students attended the graduation celebration.
- More than 60 dual credit students earned associate degrees. The district president and Board of Trustees were featured in special videos on the graduation webpage.



2. Collin College selected as a 2020-2021 Innovation of the Year award recipient

- Collin College was selected as a 2020-2021 Innovation of the Year award recipient by the League for Innovation in the Community College for its investment in improving access to health care for students and part-time employees.
- In **July 2020**, the college's Board of Trustees approved an investment of up to **\$750,000** for a new benefit plan called CougarCare, which provides telehealth and mental health coverage at no cost to students, adjunct faculty, and part-time staff.
- CougarCare offers eligible individuals free on-demand medical care and mental health counseling in an online virtual format 24/7 from licensed physicians and counselors anywhere in the United States.



3. Collin College offers COVID-19 vaccinations to students, employees, family members

- Collin College is offering vaccination clinics for students as well as employees and their family members at multiple campus locations throughout the summer.
- Two doses of available vaccines will be offered on a voluntary basis. The vaccine clinics will continue into Fall 2021, pending available opportunities with vaccine clinic providers.
- The first vaccination clinic was offered on May 6 at the Collin Higher Education Center. Nearly 300 people were vaccinated. A second vaccination clinic was held at the Frisco Campus Conference Center, and 213 people were vaccinated.
- The college is currently working with the U.S. Department of Education to facilitate the use of several campuses to become vaccination hubs.



4. Collin College Foundation hosts dedication ceremony at Technical Campus

- On Friday, April 23, the Collin College Foundation dedicated The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation Steering and Suspension Lab at Collin College's Technical Campus.
- Rudy and Christina Andrea, founders of The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation, celebrated the unveiling of the sign with family members, college officials, and board members.



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- The lab was named in connection with a \$100,000 gift from The Andrea-Mennen Family Foundation.
- This is the first naming gift for the college's new Automotive Technology program, and 100 percent of the donation is earmarked for endowed scholarships for students.

5. College marks Farmersville Campus ribbon cutting

- A room full of guests celebrated the official opening of the Farmersville Campus with a ribbon cutting ceremony on Saturday, May 22.
- Speakers at the event included **Farmersville Mayor Bryon Wiebold, District President Dr. Neil Matkin, Board of Trustees Chair Dr. J. Robert Collins, Farmersville ISD Superintendent Micheal French, and Farmersville ISD Board of Trustees Vice President Paul Kelly.**
- The ribbon cutting was covered by local media and received a mention on WFAA 8.
- The campus welcomed community members during an open house later in the day.



6. Collin College hosts Men's National Tennis Tournament

- The 2021 National Junior College Athletic Association Men's National Championships, May 17-21, was held at Collin College's Plano Campus.
- Collin College placed sixth in the tournament. Tyler Junior College placed first.



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