



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ July/August 2021

The fall semester is here with new campuses, new programs, and new student services.

1. College launches iCollin Virtual Campus

- iCollin is a new virtual campus that offers students online and blended course options.
- Students can utilize the student services that a traditional campus provides but have the flexibility of engaging with Collin online.
- The virtual campus is in the process of adding a coaching program for assisting exclusively online students.



2. Collin College approved to offer a total of five bachelor's degrees



- Collin College may now offer up to **five baccalaureate degrees** after the passage of Texas House Bill 3348, amending a law relating to the number of bachelor's degrees certain community colleges can offer.
- Collin College currently offers a Bachelor of Science in Nursing (BSN), and a Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity. The college's Board of Trustees approved Construction Management as the third bachelor's degree to be available once regulatory approvals are received.
- This June, Governor Greg Abbott signed the bill allowing Collin to offer an additional two bachelor's degrees.

3. The new Celina Campus is now open to the public; ribbon cutting and open house event to be held

- The new Celina Campus opened to the public on **Aug. 23**, and the college will hold a VIP ribbon cutting event to mark the opening of the new campus. The event will also include a special dedication of the Brenda Willard Goodell Library honoring the late chair of the Collin College Board of Trustees and Celina resident. All are welcome to attend the campus open house, which will be held afterwards.
- The events will be Saturday, **Sept. 18 with the open house from noon to 3 p.m.**
- The Celina Campus is located at 2505 Kinship Parkway, Celina.



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4. Collin College recognized by veterans' organization

- Collin College has been named to the “**Best for Vets: Colleges**” **2021 rankings by *Military Times***. This is the ninth time the college has earned this distinction.
- Collin College is **second in Texas and 15th nationwide** among two-year public colleges with general education offerings.
- Collin College **ranked 16th among all two- and four-year colleges in the Southwest region**.
- Rankings are based on publicly available data from the U.S. Departments of Education, Veterans Affairs, and Defense, as well as survey results assessing veteran and military services and rates of academic achievement.
- Collin College **served 987 veterans in 2019-20**, the period for which the survey was conducted. The district works to ensure that veterans have the support they need to get the most out of their college experience.

5. Students and faculty receive PTK awards

- Several Collin College students and professors recently received awards from Phi Theta Kappa (PTK), the largest and most prestigious honor society among two-year colleges.
- Students and faculty members received numerous **international, regional, and district awards**.
- In addition, the Alpha Mu Tau chapter received the Continued Chapter Excellence Award, Texas Top Chapter (No. 12 chapter in Texas), College Project and Honors in Action participation, Five Star Chapter Award, College Project of Merit Award, and the Honors in Action Award of Distinction in Theme 7. Also, the chapter was elected to the Texas Regional Office of President 2021-2022.
- PTK promotes academic achievement and offers qualified students networking and scholarship opportunities. Membership is by invitation, and students must have a cumulative GPA of 3.5 or higher and have earned 12 credit hours.



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