



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ September 2021

There are a number of great things happening at Collin College. Here is the latest news to share with the community.

1. College launches voluntary Vaccine Incentive Program (VIP)

- Collin College is encouraging students, faculty, and staff to get vaccinated as a way to help slow the spread of **COVID-19**.
- The college will provide **incentives** for those who are now vaccinated or become vaccinated by Oct. 29.
- Incentives include credits toward **bookstore items** for students and adjunct faculty, an additional **personal day** for full-time employees, and drawings for a variety of prizes.
- More information is available at www.collin.edu/covid19/vip.html.



2. Collin College named "Great College to Work For" for third year in a row



- Collin College continues to be recognized as one of the best higher education employers in the nation by the **Great Colleges to Work For** program.
- Collin College was **one of 70** institutions of higher learning to earn the distinction among **196 surveyed**.
- The rankings are based on a combination of two assessment instruments: an institutional review of demographics, policies and practices, and a **survey administered to faculty and staff**.

3. McKinney Campus Conference Center serving as regional antibody infusion center for Collin County COVID-19 patients

- The center offers treatment for COVID-19 patients with **Regeneron's monoclonal antibodies**, which can prevent the condition from worsening and requiring hospital care. Treatments are provided for free.
- The center is provided by the **Texas Division of Emergency Management**, in partnership with **Baylor Scott & White Health, Collin College**, and **Collin County**.
- The McKinney site was one of the first opened in the state under Gov. Greg Abbott's orders.
- Patients must be referred to the infusion center. They can contact the infusion center by calling 972.548.6674. Doctors can contact the infusion center by emailing infusion@collin.edu.



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4. College offers Late Start FastTrack classes

- FastTrack sessions provide students with the opportunity to start fall semester classes in **late September** or **mid-October**. Many of those classes can even be completed before the Thanksgiving break.
- The fall FastTrack classes will be **offered online**. Course options include general education classes like English, History, Government, Math, and Speech, as well as some elective courses.
- This successful initiative was started last year with 43 sections, five labs, and 1,041 enrollments (duplicated) for a total of **3,229 credit hours**.



5. College hosts ribbon cutting, library dedication, open house at Celina Campus



- Speakers from the cities and school districts of Celina and Prosper joined Collin College officials in officially opening the new **Celina Campus** and dedicating its **Brenda Willard Goodell Library**, Sept. 18.
- An open house following those ceremonies brought more people to the campus. An estimated 400 people attended events throughout the day.

Collin College celebrates

Hispanic Heritage Month

September Events

Poster Exhibit: Prominent Hispanics

Tuesday, Sept. 28-Thursday, Sept. 30, Plano Campus Atrium

Dominoes and Spanish Scrabble Games

Thursday, Sept. 30, 10 a.m.-Noon, Plano Campus Atrium
11:30 a.m.-12:20 p.m., Frisco Campus, University Hall Atrium

Display of Posters, Books, and Artifacts from the Hispanic World

Wednesday, Sept. 15-Friday, Oct. 15, Frisco Campus Library

October Events

The One O'Clock Guitar Ensemble

Performance by Collin College students,
directed by Dr. Fernand Vera
Wednesday, Oct. 6, Noon, Plano Campus Atrium

Kumbala Dance Studio Performance

Wednesday, Oct. 6, 12:30-1:30 p.m., Plano Campus Atrium

Poster Exhibit: Hispanic Scientists

Monday, Oct. 11-Friday, Oct. 15, Wylie Campus Library

Guest Speaker: Dr. Maia Fernández Laramie

Presentation on her book "Cinderella in Spain: Variations of the Story as Socio-Ethical Texts," Thursday, Oct. 14, 1-2 p.m., Plano Campus Living Legends Conference Center

In addition, a special menu featuring Hispanic dishes such as flautas, pupusas, and beef empanadas will be available each Wednesday throughout Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15-Oct. 15) at the Wylie Campus Mama Lucido's Café and the Plano Campus cafeteria.

Earlier events during Hispanic Heritage Month included a panel on diversity in careers, a crafts project and a presentation of "Ursala" by the Cara Mia Theatre. The celebratory events are sponsored by Academic Affairs and the Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Dulce de Castro at ddecastro@collin.edu.