



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ October 2021

Great things are happening at Collin College! Here is the latest news.

1. Collin College and Tarrant County College sign RN-to-BSN articulation agreement

- **Collin College and Tarrant County College (TCC)** recently signed an articulation agreement to streamline the process for registered nurses who are pursuing a **Bachelor of Science in Nursing degree (BSN)** to transfer community college credits to Collin College.
- Under the agreement, TCC alumni holding an Associate of Applied Science in Nursing, or ADN, and a Registered Nurse License in the state of Texas can seamlessly transition to Collin College to pursue a BSN degree, without losing any credits.
- Collin College's RN-to-BSN program offers a cost-effective educational experience that accommodates nurses' busy work schedules.
- Collin College and TCC also have an articulation agreement for Collin College's **Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity degree**.



2. Collin College RN-to-BSN program receives initial accreditation

- In September, the board of commissioners of the **Accreditation Commission for Education in Nursing (ACEN)** granted initial accreditation to the Collin College baccalaureate nursing program.
- Dr. Marsal P. Stoll, CEO of ACEN, commended the flexibility, courage, and resiliency demonstrated by nursing program faculty, leaders, and their institutional colleagues during the global pandemic in a letter to the college.
- Collin College's Nursing Department was named a Center of Excellence in Nursing by the National League for Nursing in 2011, 2015, and 2020. **The current designation will continue through 2024**, extending the outstanding educational environment to the baccalaureate level.



3. Collin College offers Spring 2022 Tuition and Fee Credit Program

- This spring, Collin College is offering a tuition and fee credit program to qualifying new students. Individuals in the college's service area who have completed high school, or the equivalent, and do not have any previous college credit can **receive a tuition and fee credit for up to seven hours of courses for the Spring 2022 semester**.
- The offer is a one-time effort to help eligible new students explore college opportunities and take a major stride toward achieving their educational goals.
- The college is also **offering grants for qualifying current students** who had to take a semester off from college due to the pandemic.



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4. College's theatre departments puts on second "Park-A-Palooza"

- The return of the successful parking lot production, "**Park-A-Palooza II: Unrelenting Optimism**," was a new, original outdoor music revue created and directed by Robin Armstrong with music direction by Scott A. Eckert and assistance by Ethan Rodriguez-Mullins.
- The original "Park-A-Palooza" was staged in the **Fall 2020** to provide a **unique outdoor experience in a socially distanced and safe manner**. This year's production captured the same upbeat spirit with new music and performances featuring the talents of Collin students and alumni.
- Attendees enjoyed an evening of songs, monologues, and skits from the comfort of their vehicles and listened in by tuning into an FM broadcast.



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5. Collin College holds IT Center ribbon cutting at Frisco Campus

- Representatives from the city of Frisco, legislators, and industry partners joined Collin College officials in officially opening the new **IT Center at the Frisco Campus on Oct. 7**.
- The state-of-the-art facility is **92,000 square feet** and can support up to **2,000 students**. The center provides **more than 800 computing devices** to support technology programs.
- The center is the central location for the college's Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity and IT programs.

