



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ November/December 2021

Fall 2021 is ending and there's a lot happening at Collin College. Here's the news!

1. Collin College to hold first in-person graduation ceremony since Fall 2019

- Collin College's December 2021 Commencement Ceremony will take place in-person on Friday, **Dec. 10**, at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center in Allen.
- It will provide the opportunity for graduates from Spring 2020-Fall 2021 to walk across the commencement stage in front of friends and family.
- More than **700 graduates** are expected to walk across the stage and there will be three bagpipers instead of one.

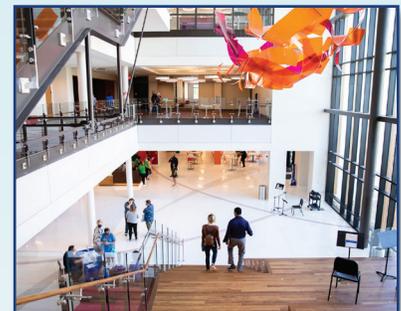


2. Collin College Wylie Campus wins excellence in design award



- Collin College's Wylie Campus was recently awarded the **Design Excellence Award in education research from the International Interior Design Association (IIDA) Texas/Oklahoma chapter**.
- The IIDA is a commercial interior design association that supports design professionals, industry affiliates, educators, and students, as well as firms and their clients.
- The competition had 17 categories, with one winner in each category. The education research category included schools, colleges and universities, museums, libraries, campus centers, and student housing.

- Winners were judged by a jury comprised of design professionals and selected by the IIDA Texas/Oklahoma chapter board of directors. The award was presented at the IIDA TX/OK chapter excellence awards gala this fall.



3. Collin College recognized for excellence in financial reporting

- Collin College has been recognized with a **Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting** for the **24th year in a row by the Government Finance Officers Association of the United States and Canada (GFOA)**.
- The college was awarded the certificate for its annual comprehensive financial report for the 2019-2020 fiscal year.
- The certificate is the highest form of recognition in governmental accounting and financial reporting, and its attainment represents a significant accomplishment by a government and its management, according to the GFOA.
- The annual comprehensive financial report was judged by an impartial panel to meet the high standards of the program which the GFOA says includes demonstrating a constructive "spirit of full disclosure" to clearly communicate its financial story and motivate potential users and user groups to read the report.



4. Collin Theatre Center stages Shakespeare in the 1960s

- The Collin Theatre Center is putting a twist on Shakespeare's beloved "A Midsummer Night's Dream," transporting it to the "Summer of Love." The performance runs from **Dec. 8-12** at Collin College's Plano Campus.



- Enjoy a tale of befuddled lovers, mischievous fairies, and "rude mechanicals," staged in 1968. One of Shakespeare's most celebrated works, the play explores love, marriage, and the differences between reality and appearance in a delightfully twisted tale.
- Performances begin at **7:30 p.m. on Dec. 8-11** and at **2:30 p.m. on Dec. 11-12** in the Plano Campus' Black Box Theatre. Tickets are free for students and \$10 for all others. Tickets can be purchased at <http://collin.universitickets.com>.

5. Collin College completes another successful Trauma Day

- **The Health Sciences and Emergency Services Department** completed another Trauma Day, a choreographed emergency scenario to test students in realistic scenarios and reinforce what they have learned in class while instructors help guide them.
- Students from **nursing, respiratory care, surgical technology, diagnostic medical sonography, and more** participated in the long-running event.
- Students rotated through different scenarios throughout the day, building on the lessons they have been taught in class with an experience as close to real-life as their instructors can make it using volunteer actors and "moulage" – the application of trauma makeup and prosthetics.

