



News & Notes

An update from the Communications Department ■ September 2022

We're starting off the fall semester just right! See what's happening at Collin College.

1. For the fifth year, Collin College is named a "2022 Great College to Work For"



- Collin College is one of the best colleges in the nation to work for according to the **Great Colleges to Work For®** program. This marks the fifth year the college has been recognized in the program (**2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, and 2012**).

- The results are based on a survey of **212** colleges and universities. In all, **68** of those institutions achieved "Great College to Work For" recognition for specific best practices and policies. Results are reported for small, medium, and large institutions, with Collin College included among the large institutions.

- Collin College won honors in two categories this year: **Job Satisfaction** and **Support and Compensation and Benefits**.
- The survey results are based on a two-part assessment process: an institution questionnaire that captured employment data and workplace policies from each institution, and a survey administered to faculty, administrators, and professional support staff. The primary factor in deciding whether an institution received recognition was the employee feedback.



2. Texas Workforce Commission partners with Collin College for Skills Development Fund grants



- Several Collin County businesses in McKinney, Wylie, and Plano will partner with Collin College for job-training using **\$927,764** in combined Skills Development Fund grants from the Texas Workforce Commission (TWC).
- The awarded companies include NPIC and TYG Products with a **\$243,368** grant, Deanan Gourmet Popcorn, Falcon Technologies, and Watson & Chalin Manufacturing Inc. with a **\$360,571** grant, and Blount Fine Foods with a **\$323,825** grant.

- These grants will provide customized training for employees of the awarded companies at no cost to the employer. Trainings will be specific to machinery and processes used by each business.
- Collin College will deliver more than **10,000** contact hours of training to **221** employees at NPIC and TYG Products, nearly **8,000** contact hours of training to **193** employees at Deanan Gourmet Popcorn, Falcon Technologies, and Watson & Chalin Manufacturing Inc., and nearly **5,000** contact training hours to **175** employees at Blount Fine Foods.
- The trainings will be tailored and facilitated through the Grants Management Office at Collin College.



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3. Collin College hosts 10th annual North Texas ISSA Conference at Plano Campus



- Collin College hosted the **North Texas Information Systems Security Association, Inc. (NTXISSA) 10th annual Cybersecurity Conference** on **Sept. 23** at the Living Legends Conference Center at the Plano Campus.
- For the last **10 years**, Collin College has hosted the NTXISSA Cybersecurity Conference at the Plano Campus to bring professionals, students, and others interested in cybersecurity together to offer opportunities for networking, education, and collaboration.
- This year, the NTXISSA conference focused on a variety of topics such as cloud application, IoT security, digital

forensics, building security programs, growing cybersecurity careers, and more.

- Community sponsors hosted educational sessions as well as booths with giveaways.

4. Collin College celebrates Hispanic Heritage Month with a variety of events

- Collin College will celebrate **Hispanic Heritage Month** with events in September and October.
- Free and open to the public, book exhibits of Hispanic authors will be featured from **Sept. 15-Oct. 15** at the college's campus libraries in Plano, Celina, and Frisco.

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- Other events include dance and musical performances, guest speakers, food presentations, and more.
- Hispanic Heritage Month at Collin College is sponsored by Academic Affairs and the Student Activity Fee Advisory Committee. For more information, contact Dulce de Castro at ddecastro@collin.edu.

