



# News & Notes

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Welcome to the Fall 2023 semester! We trust you've enjoyed a refreshing summer. Let's catch you up on the latest happenings at Collin College!

## 1. Collin College offers new bachelor's degree in Clinical Management this fall

- The college received final approval for the **Bachelor of Applied Science (BAS) in Clinical Operations Management** from the **Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges (SACSCOC)** on **June 26**.
- Taught at Collin College's **McKinney Campus**, the program is designed for students with associate degrees in allied health/health sciences seeking higher level employment opportunities within healthcare organizations.
- The BAS in Clinical Operations Management will prepare students for advancement within healthcare organizations by offering leadership and managerial topics including business principles, talent management, project management, data analysis, and risk management. All courses are conducted online and may be taken on a part-time or full-time basis.
- About 60 students have submitted applications for the program.



- This is the college's **fourth baccalaureate degree**. The college's Bachelor of Science (BSN) in Nursing and Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Cybersecurity began in Spring 2020, and the BAS in Construction Management began in Fall 2022.

## 2. Registered apprenticeship program to boost retention, education among local childcare workers

- A Collin College apprenticeship program, funded by a grant from the **Texas Workforce Commission (TWC)**, will provide mentor training and a route to affordable education for local childcare workers.
- The grant will help Collin College identify and provide mentor training to experienced childcare workers who will support the apprentices, reinforcing learning objectives and clarifying coursework as they pursue **Child Development Associate® (CDA) Credentials™**.



- Collin College offers a curriculum to prepare for the CDA credential independent of the apprenticeship model, but apprentices benefit from working in the industry while they pursue their education.
- The program benefits students who may earn more money with a CDA, children who will have better-educated caretakers, and businesses that can ensure the best quality of early childhood education for their charges.
- The program is being funded by a **\$129,574 grant** from the TWC, **100 percent** of which is financed with federal funds. Collin College's grant was part of **\$1.8 million** in funding provided to agencies across the state in the past two years.

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### 3. Biotechnology Training Series includes free tuition for students seeking lab technician certificate

- Collin College has introduced a **Biotechnology Training Series** with **free tuition** to prepare people for entry-level biotechnology jobs.
- The program is funded by a **U.S. Economic Development Administration (EDA)** grant focused on biotechnology, biomanufacturing, and bioinformatics.
- In addition to covering tuition costs the grant also includes **additional funding for a credentialing exam**.
- This training series constitutes one element of a broader effort by local colleges to fill approximately 1,100 entry-level biotech positions, encompassing roles such as clinical lab technician and pharmaceutical manufacturing operator.



### 4. Students take gold, bronze at SkillsUSA Nationals



- Collin College students earned **gold** and **bronze medals** at **SkillsUSA Nationals** in Atlanta, Georgia, on **June 23-24**.
- This marks the **first year** in which current Collin College students have participated in SkillsUSA competitions.
- **Lisa Dorman of McKinney** won the **gold medal in photography**. **Winferd “Junior” Vermillion** of Houston, Missouri, secured the **bronze in collision repair technology**. These two students attended the competition with their advisors, **Lisa Means** and **Raven Hartkopf**, after each earned first place finishes in the Texas competition in April.
- SkillsUSA stands as a national organization committed to cultivating the nation’s workforce through the development of personal, workplace, and technical skills. With over **300,000 middle school, high school, and college students served annually** and boasting **4,000 local chapters**, the organization plays a crucial role in workforce development.

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(From left): Professor Raven Hartkopf, Lisa Dorman, Professor Lisa Means, and Winferd Vermillion

