



News & Notes

An update from the Communications Department • September 2023

As we embrace the cooler weather of the Fall 2023 semester, we trust that the start of the academic year has treated you well. It's time to catch up on the most recent happenings at Collin College.

1. For the sixth year Collin College named a '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 sixth year the college has been recognized in the program (2023, 2022, 2021, 2020, 2019, 2012).
- The results, distributed in a special insert of *The Chronicle of Higher Education*, are based on a survey of **194** colleges and universities.
- Collin College was also one of only four large category community colleges that was named to the **Great Colleges Honor Roll**, a status granted to community colleges each year that are highlighted most across the recognition categories.
- Collin College won honors in the following areas: Job Satisfaction and Support; Compensation and Benefits; Professional Development; Mission and Pride; Supervisor/Department Chair Effectiveness.
- The Great Colleges to Work For® program is one of the largest and most respected workplace-recognition programs in the country.



2. Collin College and Toyota host signing ceremony for T-Ten program



- Collin College recently hosted a signing ceremony at its Technical Campus as part of an expanded partnership with **Toyota Motor North America** and the **Toyota Technician Education Network (T-TEN)** program.
- The T-TEN program is an industry-leading automotive technician training program that develops factory-certified technicians in automotive dealerships across the U.S.
- Collin College students participating in the program will have an opportunity to earn technician training certifications from the **National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)**, Toyota, and Lexus, and an **Associate of Applied Science (AAS) in Automotive Technology – Toyota T-TEN Track** from the college.
- Collin College partnered with Toyota at the start of the Automotive Technology program at the Technical Campus and was selected as one of the pilots for **Toyota's Technical Education College Support (TECS) Elite program** during the 2020-21 academic year.



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3. Collin College introduces new Physical Therapist Assistant program at Frisco Campus

- Collin College launched a new **Physical Therapist Assistant program** this fall at the Frisco Campus.
- This **two-year program**, spanning six semesters, will offer students comprehensive classroom, lab, and clinical education opportunities to obtain the foundation, knowledge, and technical experience needed as a physical therapist assistant.
- Upon graduation, students will receive an Associate of Applied Science in Physical Therapist Assistant.
- As part of the college's commitment to expanding healthcare program options, it has chosen the Frisco Campus for this innovative program. Frisco, known for its thriving sports and physical therapy industry, offers a perfect environment for students to immerse themselves in this dynamic field.



4. Collin College to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month



- Collin College is celebrating **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 and Celina.

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| <p>September Events:</p> <p>Poster, Artifacts, and Crafts Displays Through Oct. 13, Frisco Campus Library</p> <p>Domino Games Sept. 27, 10 a.m.-11:15 p.m. and Noon-1:15 p.m. Plano Campus Atrium</p> <p>Mariachi Arraigo de América Sept. 27, 1-2 p.m., Celina Campus Breezeway</p> <p>Mariachi Arraigo de América Sept. 28, Noon-1 p.m., Frisco Campus Alumni Hall Cougar Den Patio</p> | <p>October Events:</p> <p>Guest speaker: New York Times Bestselling Author and Poet Javier Zamora Oct. 3, 1-2 p.m., Plano Campus Living Legends Conference Center</p> <p>Kumbala Dance Group and One O'Clock Guitar Ensemble directed by Dr. Fernand Vera Oct. 4, Noon-1:30 p.m., Plano Campus Atrium</p> <p>Table Games Oct. 5, 11:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 2:30-3:30 p.m. Frisco Campus University Hall Atrium</p> <p>Student Poster Display of Hispanic Scientists Oct. 9-15, Wylie Campus Library</p> <p>Visiting Artist Monica Marie Garcia Mural Unveiling/Lecture Oct. 12, 11-11:30 a.m., Wylie Campus Student Center Atrium</p> <p>Spoken Word Poetry Oct. 12, 11:30 a.m., Wylie Campus Student Center Atrium</p> <p>Kumbala Dance Group Oct. 12, Noon-1 p.m., Wylie Campus Student Center Atrium</p> <p>Guest speaker: Award-winning Author Alex Temblador Oct. 12, 1-2 p.m., Plano Campus Living Legends Conference Center</p> |
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