



# News & Notes



March 2025

We are halfway through the spring semester, and the news is heating up. Here's an update from Collin College to keep you informed.

## 1. Collin College Celebrates 40 Years of Educational Excellence

- Collin College celebrates its **40<sup>th</sup> anniversary** on **April 6, 2025**, marking four decades since the voters of Collin County approved the formation of the district.
- The college has been hard at work preparing to honor the occasion by performing service projects, temporarily modifying the college's branding mark, and planning a few signature events for students, employees, alumni, and the public.
- A students-, employee-, and alumni-only concert performed by **Texas country music legend Pat Green** is planned at the Red Tail Pavillion in Plano on Friday, April 4. This is a special event for members of the Collin College family. The gate opens at 6 p.m.
- The **Where It All Began Music Festival** will include live music, food, and attractions at the McKinney Campus on Saturday, April 5. As we all know, McKinney Campus is "where it all began" for Collin. Performances begin at 1 p.m.
- Campuses across the district are planning special events throughout the following week to mark the 40<sup>th</sup> anniversary, including kickoff receptions, trivia, free food, and, of course, cake.
- A full list of 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebration events and a look at Collin College's history is available at [www.collin.edu/40](http://www.collin.edu/40).



## 2. Lifetime Return on Investment (ROI) for Collin College Alumni is Among Highest in Texas



- Collin College has the **highest ranked lifetime value (over 40 years) of any public two-year college** in Texas, according to a review of projected return on investment (ROI) by Georgetown's Center on Education and the Workforce.

- Only private colleges ranked higher than Collin College.
- Collin also sits in the top **25 percent** in the nation for 40-year ROI, a level dominated by institutions predominantly offering baccalaureate degrees or higher.
- The projections are based upon 2021-22 data drawn from the College Scorecard. A total of 4,476 institutions were evaluated.

Projection	Percentile	ROI
10 year	87.9%	\$269,000
15 year	85.0%	\$515,000
20 year	81.3%	\$761,000
30 year	77.2%	\$1,252,000
40 year	75.5%	\$1,744,000

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### 3. End-of-Semester Music Series is Sure to Delight



- The college's music and dance programs will hold their end-of-semester performances at the Plano and Wylie campuses beginning in April.
- **Student performances** kick off with Dance InterACTION on Friday-Saturday, April 11-12, at Plano Campus.
- Music concerts include performances by the string and symphonic wind ensemble, the keyboard ensemble, the guitar ensemble, the OneSound a capella group, multiple jazz bands, and many more.
- Jazz lovers may also want to check out the **Collin Jazz Festival**, Friday-Saturday, March 28-29, at the Wylie Campus Conference Center. This year's guest artist is world-renowned jazz saxophonist and music educator Jeff Antoniuk.
- A full list of performances and links to reserve tickets are available at [www.collin.edu/finearts](http://www.collin.edu/finearts).



### 4. Marty Berryman Tennis Center Dedication Planned



Coach  
Marty Berryman

- Collin College's tennis center at Plano Campus will be officially dedicated to **longtime coach Marty Berryman** on March 28 at 9 a.m.
- The Board of Trustees voted in 2024 to honor Berryman, who was the program's first and longest-serving coach.
- Berryman fostered excellence in the college's tennis program, coaching **multiple national championship teams** and mentoring dozens of **All-American tennis players** over decades at Collin.
- The courts, which have played host to more than a dozen men's tennis **national tournaments**, were recently resurfaced and restriped.

### 5. Collin College Countywide Career Fair to be held at Frisco Campus

- The college will welcome more than 100 employers to Frisco Campus for the annual **Countywide Career Fair** from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. on April 10.
- This event draws employers and jobseekers from across the area to learn more about career opportunities, speak with hiring managers, and fill out applications on the spot.
- This is the fourth year for the fair and the first year that **Frisco Campus** will host.
- More information, including a list of attending employers, is available at [www.collin.edu/studentresources/career/careerfair](http://www.collin.edu/studentresources/career/careerfair).



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