



News & Notes

June 2025

The summer semester is here, along with those rising temperatures! Here are some cool updates from Collin College to keep you informed.

1. Newly Elected Collin College Board Members

- Three newly elected Board members, including one incumbent, were **sworn into office** at the Collin College Board of Trustees meeting on **May 27**.
- **Staci L. Weaver**, a retired law enforcement officer and educator serves the Board of Trustees **Place 4**.
- **Justin Adcock**, a client manager at Alacrity Solutions, serves the Board of Trustees **Place 6**.
- Incumbent **Dr. Raj Menon** was re-elected to the **Place 5** seat and serves as **vice chair**.
- **Jay Saad**, Board of Trustees **Place 2**, serves as **chair**.
- **Dr. J. Robert Collins**, Board of Trustees **Place 8**, serves as **secretary**.
- **Andrew Hardin**, Board of Trustees **Place 9**, serves as **treasurer**.



Pictured (left to right) are trustees Justin Adcock, Staci Weaver, and Dr. Raj Menon.

2. First Cohort Completes Raytheon Apprenticeship Program



- A ceremony was held on **May 20** for the **inaugural cohort** of the **Raytheon Registered Apprenticeship Program** at Collin College's Technical Campus.
- **Ten apprentices** completed the program and were recognized for demonstrating great commitment and determination through the rigorous training while working full-time jobs and balancing family lives.
- The registered apprenticeship program, a collaboration between **Collin College** and **Raytheon Technologies**, offers participants hands-on experience in advanced manufacturing roles such as assembly technician, precision assembler, and test technician.
- Through this initiative, apprentices gain practical skills while working toward an associate degree. For more information about registered apprenticeship programs at Collin College, email apprenticeships@collin.edu.



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3. Collin College Partners with Six Flags Over Texas to Provide Specialized Training

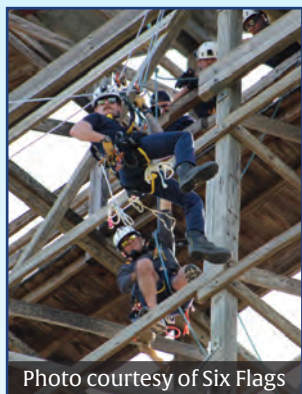


Photo courtesy of Six Flags

- **Collin College Fire Science** instructors provided a custom-designed Amusement Park Rescue class for members of the Arlington Fire Department at **Six Flags Over Texas** last month.
- The class focused on roller coasters and built upon emergency response training provided by Collin College to its Fire Academy cadets and other local fire departments.
- **Twelve Arlington firefighters** from the Technical Rescue station took part in the three-day training. They practiced rescue skills on several large attractions, including the amusement park's signature roller coasters and drop rides.



4. Collin College Partnership with Collin County Detention Facility is a Success

- Collin College led **four life-skills** courses at the Collin County Detention Facility funded by an **Adult Education Literacy (AEL)** grant provided by the Texas Workforce Commission.
- These in-jail classes focus on personal growth, academic readiness, and reentry preparation, aiming to reduce recidivism and create meaningful second chances. Currently, **more than 100 inmates** have benefitted from the Collin College-led programs.
- The Collin County Detention Facility hosted an **open house** on June 13 to share the vision and mission for programs like these and provide a jail tour. Program founders and partners, religious leaders, staff members, volunteers, and county and state representatives were in attendance.
- In the future, Collin College plans to **expand its offerings**, including GED preparation and job training courses.



5. Applications Open for New Bachelor of Applied Technology (BAT) in Software Development



- **Applications** for the new BAT in Software Development are **now open**. Launching this fall, this program offers hands-on experience with real-world software development practices.
- Applications will remain open until **Aug. 8**. Students interested in starting the program next spring can apply for admission starting **Aug. 9**.
- Admission to the BAT in Software Development program requires completion of an Associate of Applied Science degree in Software Development or a closely related degree from an accredited educational institution.

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