



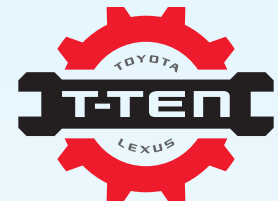
News & Notes

August 2025

The fall semester is just around the corner, but fall temperatures might just be a bit out of sight. Here are some cool updates from Collin College to keep you informed.

1. Technical Campus Celebrates Toyota Technician Education Network (T-TEN) Certification

- The Collin College Technical Campus hosted a celebration July 29 to commemorate the college fulfilling all requirements to be named a **certified Toyota and Lexus 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. It allows students to **earn technician training certifications** from the National Institute for Automotive Service Excellence (ASE), Toyota, and Lexus, and Associate of Applied Science (AAS) degrees in Automotive Technology – Toyota T-TEN Track at Collin College.
- The partnership between Collin College, Toyota Motor North America, and the T-TEN program began during the 2020-21 academic year.

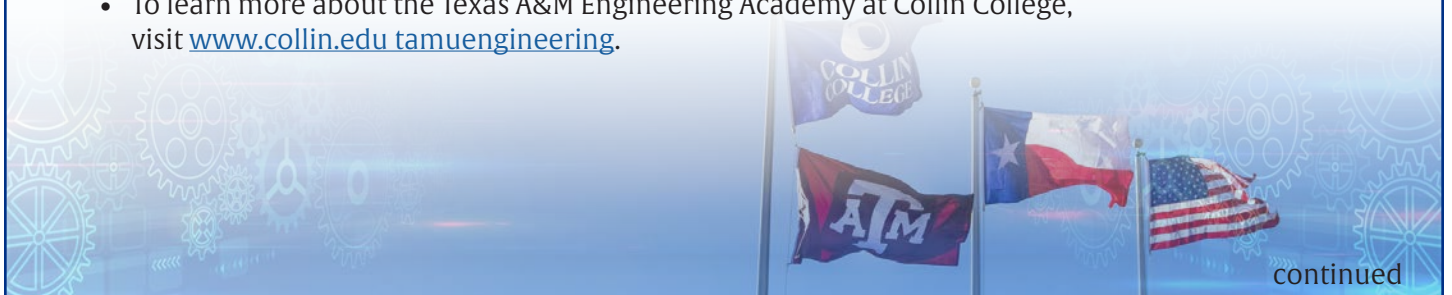


2. Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Collin College Students Earn Spot in the Lean Six Sigma Competition

- **Noah Noronha, David Kadari, and Ibrahim Amin** – Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Collin College students entering their sophomore year – won third place in the **Lean Six Sigma Competition** at the 10th North American Conference on Industrial Engineering and Operations Management (IEOM) held in Orlando earlier this summer. The competition recognizes outstanding Lean and Six Sigma case studies.
- The students' "Lean Six Sigma in Radiology" paper was judged based on **technical content** and **presentation**. The competition rubrics included overall content, data analysis and results, presentation skills, knowledge of the topic, and question responses.
- The research paper will be available in the **IEOM Conference Proceedings** and accessible through academic databases and indexing services. The proceedings will be submitted for evaluation in the Web of Science Conference Proceedings Citation Index.
- To learn more about the Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Collin College, visit www.collin.edu/tamuengineering.



From left: Noah Noronha, David Kadari, Ibrahim Amin

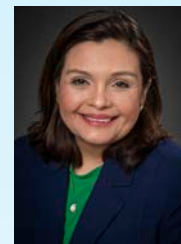


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3. *D CEO* Names Collin College's Monica Velazquez as Finalist for 2025 Corporate Counsel Awards

- Monica Velazquez has been the college's general counsel since 2019, providing legal advice and representation for the district. Her diligent work and top leadership have been recognized by *D CEO* for their **16th annual Corporate Counsel Awards**.
- *D CEO*, part of *D Magazine*, is a monthly business magazine that serves Dallas-Fort Worth by connecting influential business leaders in the region. The publication announced the region's **top in-house attorneys** after judges reviewed dozens of nominations, naming 40 finalists.
- All finalists will be featured in the **October issue of *D CEO*** and recognized at an exclusive awards event this fall, where winners will be revealed.
- To view the article, visit www.dmagazine.com/business-economy/2025/07/finalists-announced-d-ceos-corporate-counsel-awards-2025/.



4. Collin College Participates in Course Sharing Exchange Program

- Collin College will soon provide greater online education access to students across the state as a part of the **Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange Program**.
- The exchange program, which is sponsored by the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board (THECB), allows students to **cross-register for online courses** at 24 educational institutions across the state.
- Collin College will serve as a **teaching institution** and offer seats to students from course exchange partners. The model increases course options and availability for these students, supporting Texas student completion.
- First piloted in 2023, Collin College is part of the Texas Statewide Course Sharing Exchange Program's **expansion from 15 educational institutions to 24** this fall.



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Dates to Know:

All College Day
Campuses Closed

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**Friday,
Aug. 15**



**Collin College
Foundation Silent
Auction**

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**Monday, Aug. 11
through
Friday, Aug. 15
at 8 p.m.**

First Volleyball Home Game of the Season

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Tuesday, Aug. 19



First Day of Classes

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**Monday,
Aug. 25**



Collin College Board of Trustees
Chair Jay Saad (left) poses for a
photo with Student Employee of
the Year winner Tamia Pailleus.



Board Events:

Vocational Nursing Pinning:

Tuesday, Aug. 12 from 6-7 p.m.
at the McKinney Campus
Conference Center.

Foundation Scholarship Dinner:

Thursday, Sept. 11 from 5-8:30 p.m.
at the Plano Event Center.

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Trustee Highlights:



Trustees Justin Adcock,
Dr. Raj Menon, and Staci
Weaver take a proper
oath of office.



Collin College hosts commencement for the
class of Spring 2025 on May 16, 2025 at the
Credit Union of Texas Event Center.



Collin College Board of Trustees Treasurer
Andy Hardin addresses graduates and
visitors at the Spring 2025 commencement.