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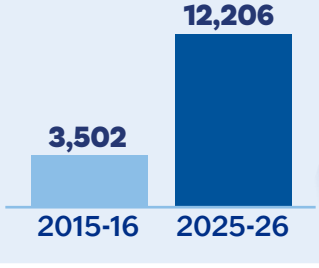
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This month's News & Notes takes a look at the continued growth in degrees and credentials awarded to Collin College students. These achievements reflect the college's ongoing efforts to expand educational opportunities, support student success, and meet workforce needs of our region.

12,206

HB8 awards conferred in 2025-26

249% increase since 2015-16

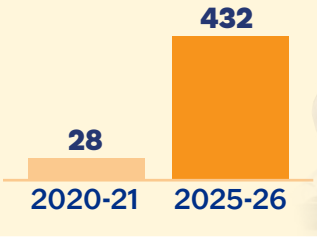




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Bachelor's degrees conferred in 2025-26

1,443% increase since 2020-21*



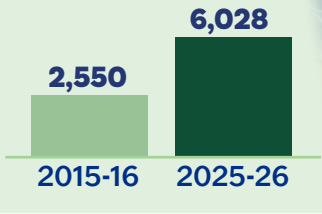


*Collin College began offering its first bachelor's degree in 2020.

6,028

Associate degrees conferred in 2025-26

136% increase since 2015-16

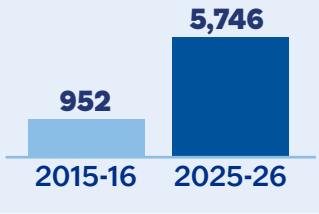




5,746

Level 1 and 2 certificates, occupational skills awards, and licensure-related institutional credentials conferred in 2025-26

503% increase since 2015-16





All figures are preliminary and were extracted from data files submitted to the Texas Higher Education Coordinating Board as of Oct. 19, 2026.
Awards include degrees, certificates, and other credentials conferred by Collin College, while degrees refer specifically to associate and bachelor's degrees.

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Collin College and Skanska USA Building celebrated a major construction milestone for the Wylie Campus Workforce Education Center. During the topping out event, attendees signed the final steel beam before it was lifted into place. The new facility will expand hands-on learning opportunities in high-demand fields, including welding, HVAC, electronic engineering, and health professions.

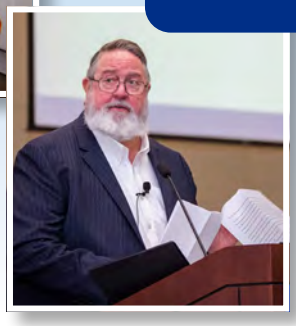
Founding trustee Dr. J. Robert "Bob" Collins was honored Oct. 13 with the dedication of Dr. J. Robert Collins Hall at Collin College's Farmersville Campus. College leaders, trustees, family members, and community supporters gathered to celebrate his 41 years of service and his lasting impact across Collin County.











The annual Collin Leadership Policy Summit, centered on the theme "Future Ready North Texas," was held Oct. 21 at the Frisco Campus. The event gathered about 300 guests and featured discussions on higher education, workforce development, infrastructure, artificial intelligence, and economic growth.

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In celebration of Hispanic Heritage Month, Spanish-language news network Telemundo 39 visited Collin College to showcase Pastry Arts student Lizbeth Martinez. This story spotlights how she blends her Hispanic heritage with her passion for cooking and baking. Turn on the subtitles and catch the story here: www.telemundodallas.com/video/noticias/videos-noticias/joven-hispana-busca-preservar-sus-raices-con-el-arte-culinario-de-la-pasteleria/2608913/.



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