



# News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ August 2019

The fall semester is right around the corner, and the anticipation is growing for our 35th anniversary year! Here's the latest news of note.

## 1. College receives Texas Talent Connection grant for Waterworks training program

- Awarded **\$158,664** as part of Gov. Greg Abbott's program to support innovation in workforce development
- Program is a partnership with the **North Texas Municipal Water District** to address the growing water/wastewater worker shortage across the industry
- Program will consist of **two** training paths: water operators and wastewater operators
- Following the training and licensure attainment, participants will gain on-the-job experience with a five-week internship

## 2. College's BILT model receives national Innovative Program Award

- Awarded **2019 Innovative Program Award** by the High Impact Technology Exchange Conference (HI-TEC)
- Recognized for its **Business and Industry Leadership Team** model and honors **Dr. Ann Beheler**, executive director of emerging technology grants at Collin College, who developed the model
- BILT serves as an advisory council, and its members vote annually on job skills entry-level workers will need over the next one to three years
- Next iteration of the BILT model is in development and to be established in regional hubs of high schools, community colleges, and universities aligned along technical education pathways

## 3. Collin College Psi Beta Chapter recognized nationally

- Collin College's chapter of **Psi Beta**, the national honor society in psychology, was recognized by the organization's executive director for accomplishments in 2018-19
- Recognized for collaborative project with the University of Central Arkansas' **Psi Chi** chapter in addition to receiving **Chapter Excellence Award**
- Award-winning project involved professional and career development activities designed to better prepare psychology students



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#### 4. Dr. Sherry Schumann, Mike Dickson, and Dr. Abe Johnson receive AACC appointments



- **Dr. Sherry Schumann**, executive vice president, **Mike Dickson**, chief innovation officer, and **Dr. Abe Johnson**, vice president/provost of the Plano Campus (Spring Creek), appointed to serve on commissions of the **American Association of Community Colleges (AACC)**



- **Schumann** has been appointed to the **Commission on College Readiness**, which helps to identify promising practices in innovative solutions to advance college-going rates
- **Dickson** has been appointed to the **Commission on Institutional Infrastructure and Transformation**, which is charged with focusing on the transformation of the institution to improve student success



- **Johnson** has been appointed to the **Commission on Economic and Workforce Development**, which is charged with examining ways to close skills gaps by focusing career and technical education on preparing students with the knowledge and skills required for existing and future jobs; showcasing cutting-edge innovation that improves student success; and offering affordable, high-quality technical assistance in areas that support student success
- **AACC** is an advocacy organization for about 1,200 two-year institutions in the U.S.

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## 35 YEARS OF GROWTH

### COLLIN BY THE NUMBERS

Fall 1985 compared to **Current**

#### ENROLLMENT

Fall 1985: **1,326** students

#### CURRENT ENROLLMENT

More than **58,000** credit and continuing education students

#### CONTINUING EDUCATION ENROLLMENT

Fall 1986: **13** students

#### CURRENT ENROLLMENT

More than **12,000** continuing education students

