



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ February 2021

This year has come with its own set of challenges but, as always, Collin College continues to thrive and come together as a community for our students and employees.

1. College campuses endure significant damage due to winter storm; Plano Campus closed until mid-March

- Winter Storm Uri caused major power outages and damage to homes and businesses across the state of Texas, including damage to Collin College facilities.
- Collin College estimates repairs to district facilities at **more than \$2.1 million.**
- Most of the repairs needed result from burst pipes and water damage to structures and equipment.
- Every campus reported some damage, but the Plano Campus was hit the hardest, with flooding in multiple faculty and staff offices, The Art Gallery, two student residences, the cashier's office, student engagement services, and other areas.
- The Plano Campus will likely remain closed for repairs through Spring Break and students with classes at the campus will continue taking classes online until further notice.
- Collin College closed all facilities due to inclement weather starting Feb. 13. The district announced a weeklong closure of all campuses through Feb. 19 after forecasts predicted significant snowfall and freezing temperatures.



2. Collin College receives a State Farm Good Neighbor Grant for fourth year in a row.

- This year the State Farm Good Neighbor Grant is **\$135,000.**
- The grant includes funding for childcare financial assistance, State Farm Scholars annual scholarships, alumni leadership and professional development, Online Education Resources (OER) funding for faculty to create online course materials, the purchase of Chromebooks to lend to students in need, high school dual credit textbooks, and support of the college's Veterans Resource Centers.



3. Collin College's Construction Management Competition Team places second at Home Builders Conference



- The Construction Management Competition Team **placed second** in the 2021 National Association of Home Builders National Construction Management Competition.
- The team is made up of three Construction Management students and two Computer-Aided Drafting and Design students.
- With the second place finish, the college's National Association of Home Builders student chapter will receive a check of **\$500** and each student will receive a check of **\$300.**

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4. Annual Stetson & Stiletto Standoff will be virtual this year

- The annual scholarship fundraising event hosted by the Collin College Foundation will be virtual and will take place **Saturday, March 6**.
- The March Madness-themed event includes teams battling online for the championship in a full-court press of basketball trivia.
- Tickets and sponsorships are still available at www.collin.edu/foundation



Did you know?

Major construction is completed at the **Farmersville Campus**. Administrators and some staff have been working on site for much of February. Barring any delays, classes are scheduled to be offered for the second eight-week Spring Semester starting **March 22**.

Courses planned for the term include more than 30 offerings in art appreciation, anatomy and physiology, biology, composition and integrated reading/writing, history and government, mathematics ranging from college algebra to statistical methods, philosophy, physical fitness, psychology, and more subjects. Farmersville Campus will also offer continuing education courses.

