



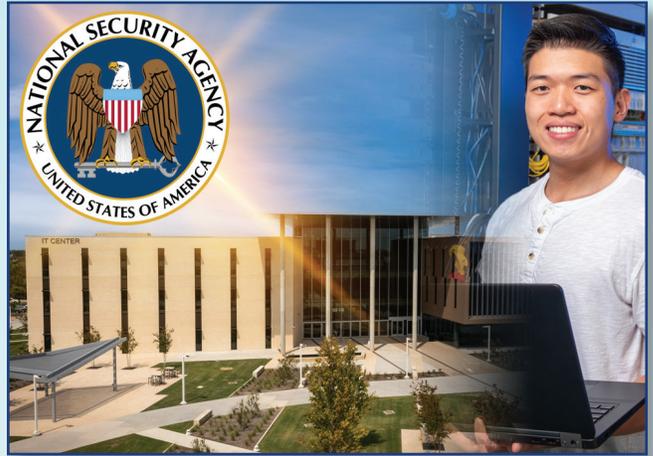
News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ April 2022

Spring is in full bloom and so is Collin College. Here is the latest news from the college.

1. Collin College receives National Security Agency mark of distinction

- The National Security Agency (NSA) recently designated Collin College as a **National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense (CAE-CD)**.
- The college also received validation from the NSA for its Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Cybersecurity program through 2027.
- According to a letter from the NSA, the college's ability to meet the increasing demands of the program criteria will serve the nation well in contributing to the protection of the National Information Infrastructure.
- The NSA's national cyber strategy addresses the critical shortage of professionals with cybersecurity skills and highlights the importance of higher education as a solution to defending America's cyberspace.



2. Collin College students named 2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholars



Michael Hamblin



Alexis Merker

- Two Collin College students have been named **2022 Coca-Cola Academic Team Scholars**. **Michael Hamblin** has been named a Gold Scholar and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship. **Alexis Merker** has been named a Bronze Scholar and will receive a \$1,000 scholarship.
- The Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation sponsors the Coca-Cola Academic Team program by recognizing 50 Gold, 50 Silver, and 50 Bronze Scholars with nearly \$200,000 in scholarships annually. Each scholar also receives a commemorative medallion.
- Students are nominated for the academic team by their college administrators. Selection is based on academic achievement, leadership, and engagement in college and community service.



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3. Collin College's virtual campus wins awards for excellence and innovation



- The **Texas Digital Learning Association (TxDLA)** awarded Collin College's virtual campus, **iCollin**, the organizational award for **Outstanding Commitment to Excellence and Innovation in Digital Learning**.
- The executive dean of the iCollin Virtual Campus, **Dr. Sarah Lee**, was awarded the individual award in the same category for her leadership of the campus over the past year.
- TxDLA is a nonprofit association that was formed to promote the development and application of all forms of digital learning and to implement effective distance learning strategies for Texans and other digital learning practitioners of the global community.
- According to TxDLA's members, the awards are given to the person or organization that has done the most to benefit and advance the applied practice of digital learning during the past year.
- The iCollin campus offers more than 150 courses in an online or blended format, has 25 full-time campus faculty with a growing adjunct faculty pool, and served more than 12,000 students this spring.

4. Collin College Theatre Department Presents "Emerging Works" from students, faculty



- The Collin College Theatre Department will host nine days of dramatic performances in multiple media with **"Emerging Works: A Collection of Devised Pieces,"** on **April 28-30, May 1, and May 4-8** in the Plano Campus' Black Box Theatre.
- Tickets are **free for students, \$5 for those 65 or older, and \$10 per person for all others**.
- Written, directed, performed, and/or captured by the students and faculty of the Collin College Theatre Department, the 12 original pieces which make up "Emerging Works" will provide the audience with a glimpse into the creative minds of these young artists.
- The works include six original plays, two short films, two improvised performances, one animated story, and one devised multimedia piece, including film and live staging.
- **Performances begin at 7:30 p.m., April 28-30 and on May 1, 4, 5, 6, and 7. Matinee shows begin at 2:30 p.m., May 1, 7, and 8.** Tickets are available at <http://collin.universitytickets.com>.

