



News & Notes

An update from the Communications Department ■ December 2022

We hope you've had a great fall semester and are gearing up for the upcoming holiday break. Here is the latest from Collin College!

1. College holds Collin Leadership Policy Summit for Collin County leaders

- Collin College hosted a half-day **leadership policy summit** for business, community, and civic leaders.
- The summit included expert panelists discussing regional issues of interest for the **88th State Legislative session**.
- Topics included education, economic development, health care, transportation, Texas power grid, and workforce needs.
- Keynote speakers were **Margaret Spellings**, U.S. Secretary of Education (2005-2009) and president and CEO of Texas 2036; and **Rich Templeton**, Texas Instruments chairman, president, and chief executive officer.



2. College's Cybersecurity program awarded 2022 Academic Innovator of the Year by EC-Council

- Collin College was recently named the **2022 Academic Innovator of the Year** by the EC-Council for its Cybersecurity program and training.
- **The International Council of E-Commerce Consultants**, also known as **EC-Council**, is the world's largest cybersecurity technical certification body. Every year, the council recognizes excellence in cybersecurity training and education across global academic communities.
- Awards issued by EC-Council are highly regarded and widely recognized across cybersecurity communities as the EC-Council has an extensive network of academic partners from K-12, technical institutes, and colleges and universities around the world, impacting tens of thousands of students each year.
- Last spring, the **National Security Agency (NSA)** designated Collin College as a **National Center of Academic Excellence in Cyber Defense**. The college also received validation from the NSA for its Associate of Applied Science in Information Systems Cybersecurity program through 2027.

3. Collin College Collision Technology program receives highest ASE level of program accreditation

- Collin College earned an **Automotive Service Excellence (ASE)** Master collision accreditation for its Collision Technology program.
- The program fulfilled its Master collision accreditation – the highest level of program accreditation recognized by the National Institute for ASE – by meeting strict industry standards in the areas of damage analysis/estimating/customer service; painting and refinishing; non-structural analysis and damage repair; structural analysis and damage repair; and mechanical and electrical components.
- The college will receive a plaque from the **ASE Education Foundation** in honor of this accomplishment.



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4. Collin College partners with Raytheon Intelligence & Space for apprenticeship program



- Collin College and **Raytheon Intelligence & Space (RI&S)** have joined in a partnership through the **U.S. Department of Labor Registered Apprenticeship** program. This is the first partnership for Collin College under that program.
- A National Apprenticeship Week signing ceremony was held at Raytheon in McKinney on Nov. 14. Collin District President Dr. Neil Matkin, RI&S Vice President Jeff Place, and Texas State Director of Apprenticeship Lee Price endorsed the agreement of the apprenticeship in the company of elected officials and representatives.
- The paid apprenticeship is scheduled to launch next year and will provide students with an opportunity to attend Collin in addition to acquiring on-the-job training at RI&S in the following labor roles: assembly technician, precision assembler, and electronics tester.
- For more information about the RI&S Registered Apprenticeship Program, visit www.raytheonintelligenceandspace.com/apprenticeship-program.

