



News & Notes

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The 2022-2023 academic year is drawing to a close. Finish off the year with the latest news from Collin College.

1. More than 850 Collin College graduates walked across the stage

- Collin College's **Spring Commencement** ceremony was held on **May 17** at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center in Allen.
- **More than 850 graduates** crossed the stage, many receiving their bachelor's and associate degrees, including certificates.



2. Collin College students take top spots at first SkillsUSA competition



- Collin College students earned top marks in the **Texas SkillsUSA Postsecondary** competition in Houston, **April 13-15**, with two students earning spots in the national SkillsUSA competition.
- SkillsUSA is a national organization dedicated to developing the country's workforce through personal, workplace, and technical skills.
- In addition to training opportunities, SkillsUSA provides competitions to reward students for their hard work in learning their crafts. This year is the first-time current Collin College students have participated in the competition.
- Students **Winferd Vermillion** of Houston, Missouri won first place for Collision Repair Technology and **Lisa Dorman** of McKinney won first place in photography. They will advance to the national SkillsUSA competition later this year.

3. Collin College hosts Northeast Texas Small Acreage and New Landowner Conference

- Collin College will host the **Northeast Texas Small Acreage and New Landowner Conference** from **8 a.m.-5 p.m. on Friday, June 2** at the college's **Farmersville Campus**.
- The college has partnered with the **Texas A&M AgriLife Extension Service** for this industry trade show and conference.
- The registration deadline is **May 26**, and the cost is **\$40 per person or \$75 for two people** and includes lunch and all course materials.
- To register, visit www.eventbrite.com/e/northeast-texas-small-acreage-and-new-landowner-conference-registration-576442343567.

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4. Collin College Technical Campus received state-of-the-art glue pull repair



Photo by Raven Hartkopf, Collin College discipline lead and professor of Collision Technology.

- Collin College's Technical Campus Collision Technology program recently received a **Level 2 Glue Pull Repair System** donated by the **Society of Collision Repair Specialists (SCRS)** and **KECO Manufacturing**. The donation included training from PDR Express, a dent repair service in Texas.
- According to KECO, the glue pull system allows technicians to glue specially designed tabs to the exterior panels, pulling dents out more efficiently versus the traditional method which is a more invasive repair technique of welding studs onto the body panels.

- Students and staff trained on the new repair system together. The campus has smaller glue tool kits, but this repair system is the full setup and is considered a rare commodity among automotive shops.
- The Collision Technology program was nominated to receive the donation by **Jill Tuggle** from the **Auto Body Association of Texas (ABAT)**, an organization of which the college is an active member.



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