



News & Notes

An update from the Communications Department • October 2023

We hope you have had a great fall semester so far and are getting ready for the holiday season. Here is the latest from Collin College.

1. Collin College hosts second annual Collin Leadership Policy Summit for Collin County leaders

- Collin College hosted its second annual leadership policy summit for business, community, and civic leaders on **Oct. 4** at the **McKinney Campus**. Approximately **300** people attended the event.
- The half-day summit explored issues of regional interest including **workforce pipelines, the changing media landscape, behavioral health issues, practicing civil discourse, how technology is changing transportation, and criminal justice reform.**



- The featured speakers of the keynote address “**A Tribute to Law Enforcement**” included **City of Allen Mayor Baine Brooks** and **Collin County Sheriff Jim Skinner**.
- Several business, community, and civic leaders, including **Collin County Commissioner Cheryl Williams, Town of Prosper Mayor David Bristol, 199th District Court Judge Angela Tucker, and Allen ISD Trustee Sam Abiog** also served as panelists.



- The summit was held in partnership with several chambers of commerce including **Allen-Fairview, Celina, Collin County Black, Farmersville, Frisco, Greater North Texas Hispanic, McKinney, Melissa, Plano, Princeton-Lowry Crossing, Prosper, Richardson, and Wylie.**

- The event was sponsored by **Atmos Energy, Baylor Scott & White Medical Center McKinney, Crawford Catastrophe Services, Credit Union of Texas, Independent Financial, and Oncor.**

2. Collin College McKinney Campus hosts community open house

- Collin College McKinney Campus will host a community open house from 10 a.m.-1 p.m. on Saturday, Nov. 1.
- The open house is free and open to the public. Information sessions about Collin College admissions, and student financial aid will be available in both English and Spanish.
- Self-guided tours will allow visitors to explore all the McKinney Campus has to offer and include state-of-the-art facilities like an operating room, ambulance, sleep, and sonography simulation labs.
- Staff will be available to share more about program offerings including health sciences, nursing, general studies, and more. Hands-on skills training and demonstrations will be available for visitors to participate in.
- For more information about the McKinney Campus Open House, visit: <https://collincollegeedu.my.canva.site/mckinneyopenhouse>.

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OPEN HOUSE

Saturday, Nov. 4
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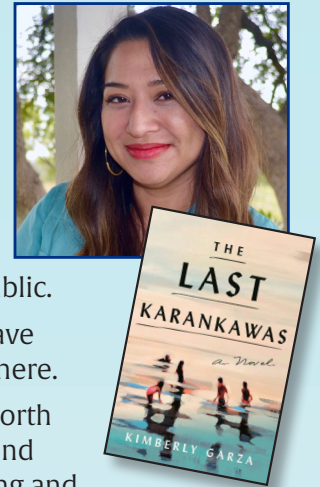


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3. Collin College Presents National Novel Writing Month Kickoff with Author Kimberly Garza

- Collin College will launch National **Novel Writing Month (NaNoWriMo)** with author **Kimberly Garza** as the keynote speaker from 6-8:30 p.m. on Wednesday, **Nov. 1** at the **Frisco Campus Conference Center**.
- The event will include dinner and interactive activities aimed at helping participants gear up for a month of writing. The event is free and open to the public.
- Garza is the author of the novel **The Last Karankawas**. Her stories and essays have appeared in *Electric Literature*, *LitHub*, *Houston Chronicle*, *Copper Nickel*, and elsewhere.
- She holds degrees from The University of Texas at Austin and the University of North Texas, where she earned a Ph.D. in 2019. A native Texan hailing from Galveston and raised in Uvalde, she currently serves as an associate professor of creative writing and literature at The University of Texas at San Antonio.
- Throughout November, the Frisco Campus library will host writing workshops and sessions to assist writers of all levels. For more information and a detailed event schedule, please visit <https://collin.libguides.com/FriscoNaNoWriMo>.



4. Collin College Frisco Campus will host a “Careers for Success” job fair in November

- Collin College Frisco Campus will host **Careers for Success** job fair on **Nov. 16** from **4-7 p.m.**
- The job fair is in partnership with the **North Central Texas Workforce Solutions** and the **Frisco Chamber of Commerce**.
- There will be more than **40 employers** in attendance, internship opportunities, career panel, networking, and giveaways.
- The fair is open to students, alumni, and the community.

5. Free concert series planned through November

- Collin College welcomes the public to its annual free music series throughout **November** at its **Plano Campus**.
- Community members are encouraged to come and enjoy these free concerts performed by the exceptional student musicians of Collin College.
- The following events are free and open to the public, although reservations are encouraged for events in the **Plano Campus’ John Anthony Theatre**. Reservations can be made by clicking the appropriate calendar link at: www.collin.edu/finearts/#Events.

Living Legends Conference Center

Solo Guitar
Wednesday, Nov. 29 at 7 p.m.

The Art Gallery

New Music Ensemble
Tuesday, Nov. 28 at 7 p.m.

John Anthony Theatre

Jazz Combos
Saturday, Oct. 28 at 7 p.m.

Keyboard Ensemble and Honors Voice
Friday, Nov. 10 at 7 p.m.

Jazztet and Jazz Lab Band concert
Saturday, Nov. 11 at 7 p.m.

String and Symphonic Wind Ensembles
Tuesday, Nov. 14 at 7 p.m.

Guitar Ensemble
Wednesday, Nov. 15 at 7 p.m.

OneSound a Capella
Saturday, Nov. 18 at 7 p.m.