



News & Notes



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Collin College is excited to kick off its 40th anniversary this academic school year with some great news for our students and community. Let's talk about it.

1. Collin College receives fourth gold-level veterans award

- The Texas Veterans Commission has honored Collin College with gold-level status for the fourth year in a row under its **Veterans Education Excellence Recognition Award (VEERA)** program. The college has received the award every year since 2021.
- The Texas Veterans Commission's practice of awarding gold-, silver-, and bronze-level statuses signifies the depth and breadth of the services provided.
- More than **1,300 veterans and military-connected students** were enrolled in Collin College in Spring 2024.



2. Collin College student named 2024 Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar



- Yassin Mudawi, a Plano Campus student, was awarded the **Coca-Cola Leaders of Promise Scholar** \$1,000 scholarship.
- The Leaders of Promise Scholarship, sponsored by the Coca-Cola Scholars Foundation, recognizes 210 Phi Theta Kappa members helping them defray educational expenses.
- Phi Theta Kappa is an honor society recognizing the **academic achievement** of students at associate degree-granting colleges.
- Mudawi looks forward to continuing his undergraduate research for Collin College, Yale University, and other higher educational institutions while participating in organizations including Student Government Association, Astronomy Club, and Phi Theta Kappa.

3. Collin College Continuing Education adds new offerings

- Collin College Continuing Education (CE) is expanding with three new course offerings, including **Medical Massage Therapy, Welding I and II in a Spanish-language format, and a Project Management course that will be delivered fully online.**
- All new programs are enrolling students for fall, helping learners acquire skills and knowledge that can lead to career advancement, remain competitive and effective in current roles, or provide personal growth.
- Collin College CE is committed to providing **in-demand training for fast-growing careers** with these new course offerings.
- Visit www.collin.edu/ce for additional information.



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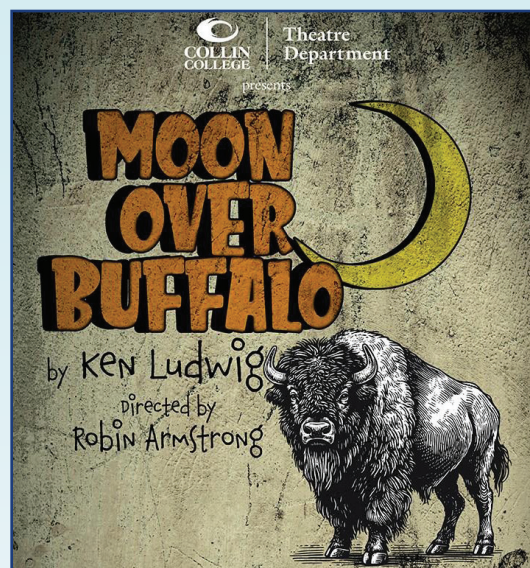
4. New memorial honoring Sept. 11 first responders unveiled at the Public Safety Training Center



- Collin College held an intimate ceremony at the Public Safety Training Center to **unveil a memorial** honoring fallen first responders and others who died in the Sept. 11, 2001, attack on the World Trade Center.
- The 6-foot-tall memorial includes a **16-x-16-inch piece of steel recovered from the site of the attack**, a representation of the pre-2001 New York City skyline, and a plaque with an inscription marking the display's sentiment.
- The display is available for **public viewing** in the lobby of the Public Safety Training Center during regular business hours.

5. Collin College Theatre Department presents 'Moon Over Buffalo'

- Join the Collin College Theatre Department for **"Moon Over Buffalo,"** from Oct. 16-20 at the Plano Campus John Anthony Theatre. Tickets are free for students and Collin employees, \$5 for veterans, members of the military, and those ages 65 or older, and \$10 per person for all others.
- The production tells the story of once-popular actors George and Charlotte Hay who are stuck doing dinner theatre in Buffalo, New York. After George hears of an opportunity to star in a new picture, it takes some work to convince Charlotte that the possibility of a film career is real. Filled with mistaken identities, accidental inebriation, a meddling mother-in-law, and several romantic entanglements gone wrong, this production offers a peek behind the stage curtain.
- **Performances run from Oct.16-19 at 7:30 p.m. with matinees at 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 19 and 20.** Tickets are available at <https://collincollege.ticketleap.com>.



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