



News & Notes



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We hope your fall semester has been a great one and that you can now breeze into the upcoming holiday break. Here's the most recent update from Collin College!

1. Collin College Hosts Third Annual Collin Leadership Policy Summit

- More than **300 people attended** the event which was held on Nov. 13 at the Frisco Campus.
- The half-day summit explored regional topics of interest, leading discussions about upcoming policy changes and opportunities in Collin County and beyond.
- Seven panel discussions were presented, including the keynote address, "**Building a Stronger Workforce,**" where panelists **Mike Morath**, Texas Education Agency commissioner of education, and **Dr. Harrison Keller**, University of North Texas president, spoke about the importance of partnerships to strengthen the workforce for students and future leaders of our communities.



2. Collin College Observes Veterans Day



- Collin College **honored students, faculty, and staff military veterans** with its annual **All Services Military Appreciation Ball** at McKinney Campus and several special events at the Frisco Campus.
- The Military Appreciation Ball was held on Nov. 9, with dinner, dancing, and keynote speaker Dan Lombardo.
- The public was welcomed to visit several activities at the Frisco Campus between Nov. 11-15, including a **World War I Mobile Museum** that featured interactive and educational displays providing unique opportunities to learn about the history of WWI and its lasting impact.
- **A Wall of Honor**, created by the college's art professors was also on display at the Frisco Campus Library. This exhibit showcased images of students, faculty, and staff military veterans who are now members of Collin College's community.
- Other veteran-centered events were also held at Veterans Resource Centers throughout the district, including lunches and other treats provided for student veterans.

3. Collin College Foundation Dedicates CORE Construction Build Lab

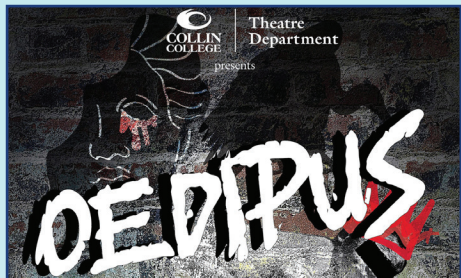
- The Collin College Foundation received a naming rights sponsorship gift from CORE Construction for the **Construction Build Lab** at the Technical Campus on Nov. 19.
- Proceeds from the generous gift will benefit the **Construction Management program**.
- Construction Management students and alumni, employed by CORE Construction, were in attendance along with CORE executives, college faculty, staff, and Collin College District President Dr. Neil Matkin.



(Left to Right): Dr. Neil Matkin, Jim Jacobs, Dr. Brenden Mesch, and Craig Johnson.



4. Collin College Theatre Department Presents “Oedipus”



- The Collin College Theatre Department presented “Oedipus,” the ancient Greek tragedy adapted for a modern audience, from Dec. 4-8 in the Plano Campus Black Box Theatre.
- Based on Sophocles’ tragedy, this presentation captured the imaginations of a modern audience, with a poetic adaptation by celebrated American playwright Ellen McLaughlin.

5. Collin College Dance Ensemble Hosts “Dances at 7”

- This free public event was filled with modern, jazz, tap, and ballet dances featuring Collin Dance Ensemble and all students enrolled in the Dance Department studio courses at Collin College.
- Performances were held Dec. 5-6 in the John Anthony Theatre at the Plano Campus.



6. Collin College December Graduation



- The college will be celebrating the accomplishments of summer and fall students with a commencement ceremony.
- Graduates will cross the stage on Dec. 13 at the Credit Union of Texas Event Center located at 200 E. Stacy Road in Allen.

- Doors for graduates and guests will open at 5:30 p.m. The ceremony begins at 7 p.m.
- Aaron Shelby, current DFW Area President for Prosperity Bank and grandson of legendary racer and car manufacturer Carroll Shelby, will deliver the commencement address.

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