



# News & Notes



February 2025

We hope your spring semester is off to a blooming start! Here's an update from Collin College to keep you informed.

## 1. Texas A&M Engineering Academy at Collin College Continues to Flourish

- Applications for the Fall 2025 Texas A&M Engineering Academy cohort are now available for students. Virtual information sessions and application process details are available at [www.collin.edu/tamuengineering](http://www.collin.edu/tamuengineering).
- The engineering academy has seen a substantial growth in interest over the past year. At this time, about **130 applications** have been submitted from students interested in joining the academy. That compares to 32 applications from the same time last year.
- This semester, the academy students attended a career fair hosted at Texas A&M University in College Station where hundreds of engineering firm representatives were available to speak to students about engineering career opportunities.



## 2. Collin College Prepares for 2025 Summer Camps

- Collin College will offer a wide array of summer camps designed to cater to various interests and age groups.
- Hosted on **multiple campuses** across the district, the summer camps range in dates throughout June and July.
- For details on summer camps, visit [www.collin.edu/community/summercamps.html](http://www.collin.edu/community/summercamps.html).



## 3. Auteur Film Series Presents "The Book Thief"

- The Collin College Auteur Film Series hosted a showing and panel discussion about *The Book Thief* on Feb. 13 at the Frisco Campus Conference Center.
- An adaptation of Markus Zusak's novel of the same name, the film tells the story of a girl in WWII Germany who embraced the power of books and reading as a means of survival. This film was presented in partnership with the Holocaust International Remembrance Day Exhibition Committee.
- This year's Auteur Film Series theme, "**Film Adaptation: From Page to Screen,**" includes a selection of works that transitioned from beloved books to the big screen.
- For a full listing of this year's Auteur Series events, visit [collin.libguides.com/Auteurfilmseries/2024-2025](http://collin.libguides.com/Auteurfilmseries/2024-2025).



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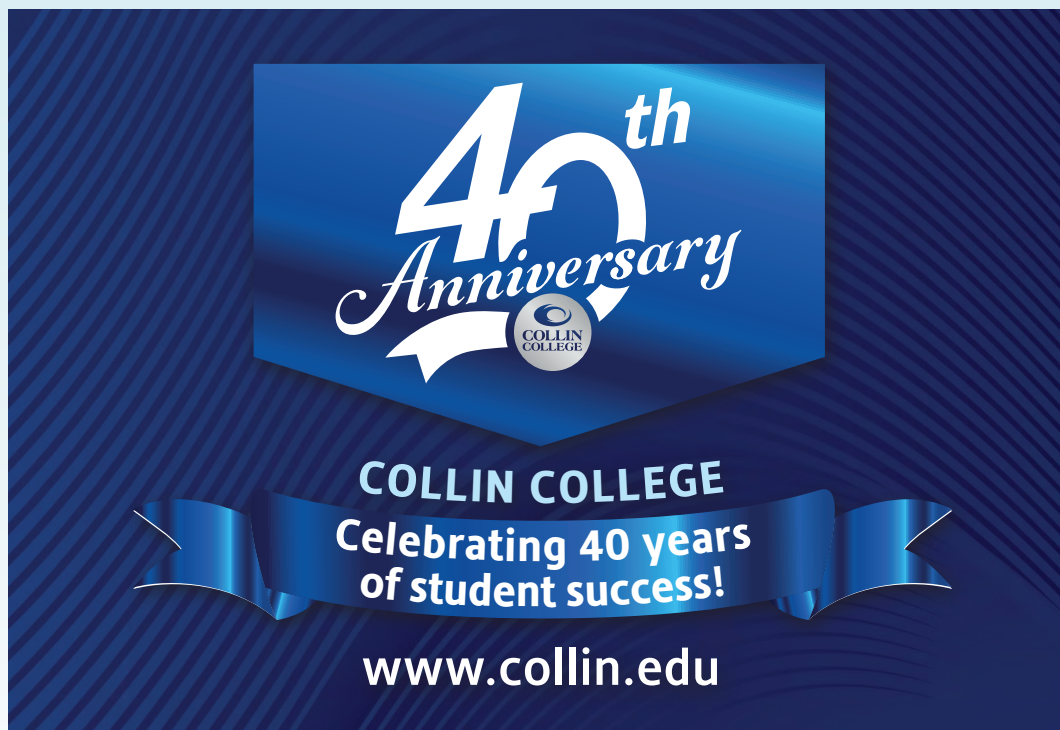
### 4. The Art Gallery at Collin College Hosts ‘Auto/Body’ by Sue Anne Rische

- The Art Gallery at Collin College will host the exhibition “**Auto/Body**” by **Sue Anne Rische** through March 14 at the Plano Campus.
- Rische, who is a professor at the McKinney Campus, describes “Auto/Body” as “an exploration of coming of age while living in Seattle told through the conceptual connection of parts of the human body to the parts of an automobile.”
- A reception for the exhibition is planned from 4-6:30 p.m. on **March 6**, and an artist talk is scheduled immediately following the reception from 6:30-7:15 p.m. in the gallery.



### 5. Collin College Hosts Black History Month Events

- Collin College celebrated **Black History Month** with a series of events hosted by the Collin College Black American Awareness Committee (BAAC) throughout the month of February.
- This year’s **national theme** was “**African Americans and Labor,**” intended to encourage reflection on intersections between work and workplaces.
- The BAAC hosted public events across multiple Collin College campuses. These events included presentations, library displays, music performances, and panel discussions.



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