



News & Notes

December 2025

As the fall semester wraps up, we hope you enjoy the upcoming holiday break! Here are some recent updates from Collin College to keep you in the know.

1. Topping Out Ceremony marks construction milestone for Frisco Campus Health Sciences Center

- In collaboration with **McCarthy Building Company, Inc.**, a topping-out ceremony was held at the Frisco Campus Health Sciences Center construction site to mark the placement of the final and highest beam of the structure.
- Gathering on Wednesday, Dec. 3, Collin College, McCarthy, and local leaders commemorated the milestone with remarks about the construction progress and a ceremonial **signing of the beam**.
- The Frisco Campus Health Sciences Center is slated to begin offering classes for students in **Spring 2027**.



2. Collin College Police Chief named recipient of prestigious award

- **Chief Scott Jenkins** has been selected to receive the esteemed **Bill G. Daniels Award for Outstanding Administrator** from the Texas Association of College and University Police Administrators (TACUPA).



- This highly respected award is a significant recognition of Chief Jenkins' leadership and commitment to public safety within the higher-education community.
- Chief Jenkins was formally recognized at the **TACUPA annual conference** held in Fredericksburg earlier this month.



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3. Collin College to hold December graduation

- Collin College's **Fall 2025 Commencement** will be held on **Friday, Dec. 12, at 4 p.m.**
- The ceremony will take place at the **Credit Union of Texas Event Center**, located at 200 E. Stacy Road in Allen.
- **Ken Hutchenrider Jr.**, president of Methodist Richardson Medical Center and Richardson City Council's mayor pro tem, will serve as the commencement speaker.
- Hutchenrider is a **Fellow of the American College of Healthcare Executives** and is known for his extensive work in hospital development and community involvement.
- A **livestream** of the ceremony is available for viewing on the Collin College graduation page at www.collin.edu/graduation starting 30 minutes before commencement.



4. Handshake honors Collin College with award

- Collin College's **Career Center** won a 2025 Career Spark Award from Handshake, the U.S.'s largest early talent network.
- The award evaluated 1,500 higher education partners, ranking Collin College among the **top 2%** of schools using the platform.
- The recognition is based on high performance in **student engagement, employer engagement, and reporting and analytics.**
- This is the **second time** Collin College has received a Career Spark Award since partnering with Handshake in 2021.



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5. Veterans Day observance at Collin College

- Collin College honored its **military veterans**, including students, faculty, and staff, at its annual **All Services Military Appreciation Ball**.
- The evening event took place on Saturday, **Nov. 15** at the McKinney Campus and included dinner, dancing, and a keynote address by **Robert Watson, USMC**.
- Other veteran-centered events were held at various **Veterans Resource Centers** across the district. The McKinney Campus hosted its annual Veterans Day barbecue and lecture, providing lunch for students, faculty, and staff.



For additional information on these stories and more, visit www.collin.edu/news.

Dates to Know:

December Commencement

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Friday, Dec. 12



Collin College Winter Break

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All Campuses Closed
Dec. 24-Jan. 4



Board Events:

Prosper Chamber of Commerce State of the Community

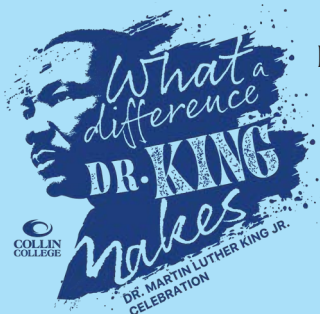
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Thursday, Jan. 22
11 a.m.-1 p.m.

2000 Stadium Way
Prosper, TX 75078

Board of Trustees Meeting and Retreat

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Friday, Jan. 30
10 a.m.-4p.m.

Collin Higher Education Center



Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Power Leadership Breakfast

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Saturday, Jan. 17
8-10:15 a.m.

McKinney Campus Conference Center

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Frisco Campus
Health Sciences Center

Trustee Highlights:

Topping Out Ceremony



Raj Menon at a recent
Collin County Business
Alliance meeting

