



News & Notes

An update from the Public Relations Office ■ January 2022

It's a new year once again and the spring semester at Collin College is off to a great start!

1. Collin College welcomes students back for the spring semester and continues to offer COVID-19 vaccine booster shots at campuses

- **Jan. 18** was the first day of classes for the spring semester.
- Students partook in **Welcome Week** activities such as scavenger hunts, free beverages, and pizza with the provosts.
- Collin College will offer **free, voluntary COVID-19 vaccination booster shots** at multiple campuses this spring.
- Open to students, employees, and the general public, the vaccination clinics will be held in partnership with Albertsons/Tom Thumb pharmacies.
- Both Pfizer and Moderna booster vaccines are available. Individuals who received a Pfizer or Moderna COVID-19 vaccine are eligible for a booster shot six months or more after the initial series. Individuals who received the Johnson and Johnson vaccine are eligible for a booster shot two months or more after the initial vaccination.
- Visit www.collin.edu/covid19/vaccinationsignup.html to sign up for a booster shot appointment.



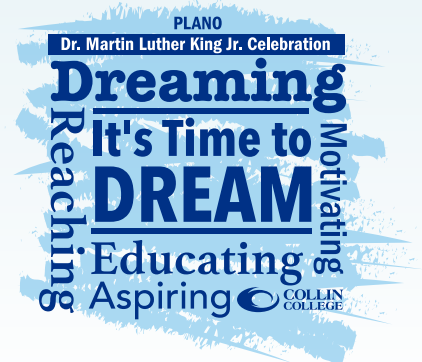
2. Collin College receives \$30K endowment from the Collin County Farm Bureau



- On Jan. 10, representatives from the **Collin County Farm Bureau** signed a **\$30,000 endowment** agreement with the Collin College Foundation to benefit the college's agriculture students.
- The memorial endowment honors former Collin County Farm Bureau board member Butch Aycock who passed away last year. Members of Aycock's family and Collin County Farm Bureau representatives were in attendance.
- Learn more at www.collin.edu/foundation.

3. Annual Martin Luther King Jr. Power Leadership Breakfast held virtually

- For the second year, the **Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Power Leadership Breakfast** was virtual. A pre-recorded program with a format similar to past years went live on Saturday, Jan. 15 at 9 a.m.
- The theme for this year was **"It's Time to DREAM – Dreaming. Reaching. Educating. Aspiring. Motivating."**
- Online presentations included keynote speaker Rev. Christopher Lee, associate pastor of Canyon Creek Presbyterian Church in Richardson, student presentations and performances, and the announcement of multiple scholarships.
- The virtual event garnered more than **2,400 views** online.



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4. Plano Campus to hold a countywide career fair on Feb. 24

- The Plano Campus will host a countywide career fair on **Feb. 24 from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. at the Living Legends Conference Center.**
- Up to 100 employers will be in attendance.
- This will be an incredible opportunity for students to find internships, part-time jobs, or other career opportunities.
- It is also a significant outreach to the community, knowing the many employment needs throughout Collin County.
- For more information and resources, visit www.collin.edu/studentresources/career/careerfair.html.

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5. The Art Gallery hosts “Looking for Signs” by Romulo Martinez

- The Art Gallery at Collin College will host “**Looking for Signs,**” paintings and mixed-media artworks by Venezuelan-born artist and professor **Romulo Martinez,** from **Jan. 18-Feb. 25.**
- The exhibition, curated by Julie Shipp, is **free and open to the public.**
- A reception is planned in the gallery for **Thursday, Jan. 27, from 4-8 p.m.** An artist interview will take place **Thursday, Feb. 3,** beginning at **noon** in the gallery.
- The solo exhibition consists of original artworks divided into three concepts: Looking for Signs (communication), Caught by Color (statements about “emotional palettes”), and Portrayed Circumstances (a personal journey). Brightly-hued canvases are pieced together to form a variety of cultural personalities, while colors appear to have exploded onto the walls, reflecting the artist’s own feelings and experiences.
- The Art Gallery is located at Collin College’s Plano Campus, **2800 E. Spring Creek Parkway, Room A175,** in Plano. Visit www.collin.edu/departments/artsgallery for more information.



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