



NATIONAL APPRENTICESHIP WEEK 2026 PROCLAMATION

WHEREAS, National Apprenticeship Week annually raises awareness of the vital role Registered Apprenticeships provide in meeting critical industry workforce demands. Registered Apprenticeship programs develop the highly skilled workforce that employers need and create pathways for Americans to enter in-demand, high-wage careers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are industry-driven, high-quality career pathways that enable employers to develop and train their future workforce, and individuals can obtain paid work experience with a mentor, receive progressive wage increases, classroom instruction, and a portable, nationally recognized credential; and

WHEREAS, Collin College recognizes the urgent need to prepare and maintain a highly skilled workforce capable of meeting the current and future demands of regional industries and strengthening the North Texas economy; and

WHEREAS, Collin College recognizes the pivotal role educators, advisors, and educational institutions serve in not only bringing awareness of Registered Apprenticeship opportunities, but also supporting student success and delivering industry-aligned related technical instruction as program sponsors in partnership with employers; and

WHEREAS, Registered Apprenticeship programs are uniquely positioned to address the evolving workforce needs of Collin County and the State of Texas by aligning education, training, and employment outcomes in high-demand occupations;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Dr. Neil Matkin, District President of Collin College, call upon stakeholders and partners to recognize the value of Registered Apprenticeship, and to promote awareness and expansion during National Apprenticeship Week.

IN SUPPORT,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'H. Neil Matkin'.

H. Neil Matkin, Ed.D.
District President
Collin College