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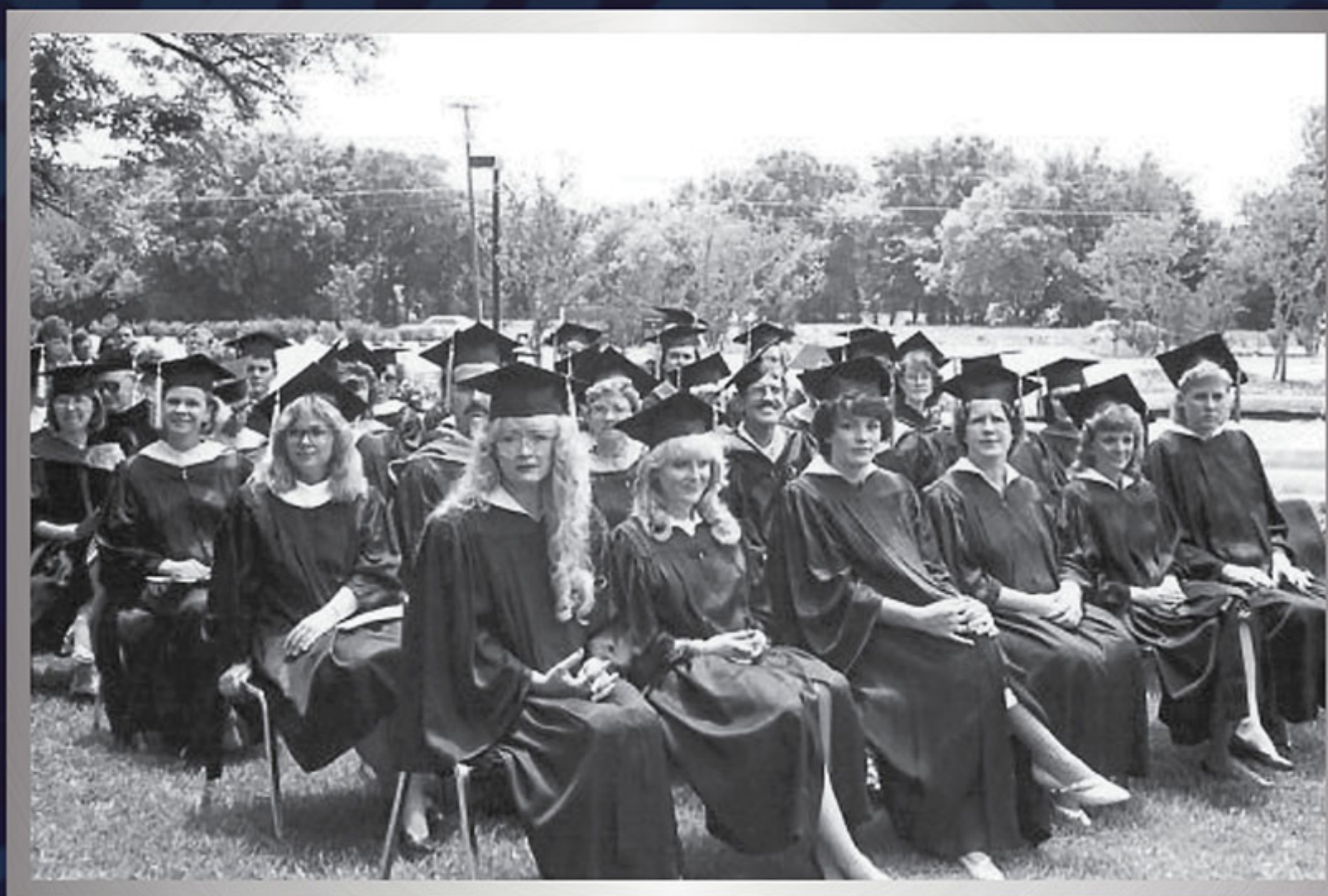
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The college also purchased the adjacent 100 acres, so the campus could grow.



First Commencement

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The first associate degrees
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Plano Campus (Spring Creek) Opens

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built using a mall concept which
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the entire building.**



Wylie Tornado

May 1993



**In a show of friendship and community,
a group of Collin College volunteers
came together to help clear
debris after a tornado ravaged the
city of Wylie.**



Innovative programs

The 1990s



The 1990s saw the beginnings of Collin County Community College's nursing and allied health programs as well as the introduction of innovative programs like Learning Communities and Seniors Active In Learning (SAIL).



Frisco Campus (Preston Ridge) opens

Fall 1995



Collin College's third major campus opened in Frisco in 1995, fulfilling the founders' original vision of three campuses in growing areas of the county.



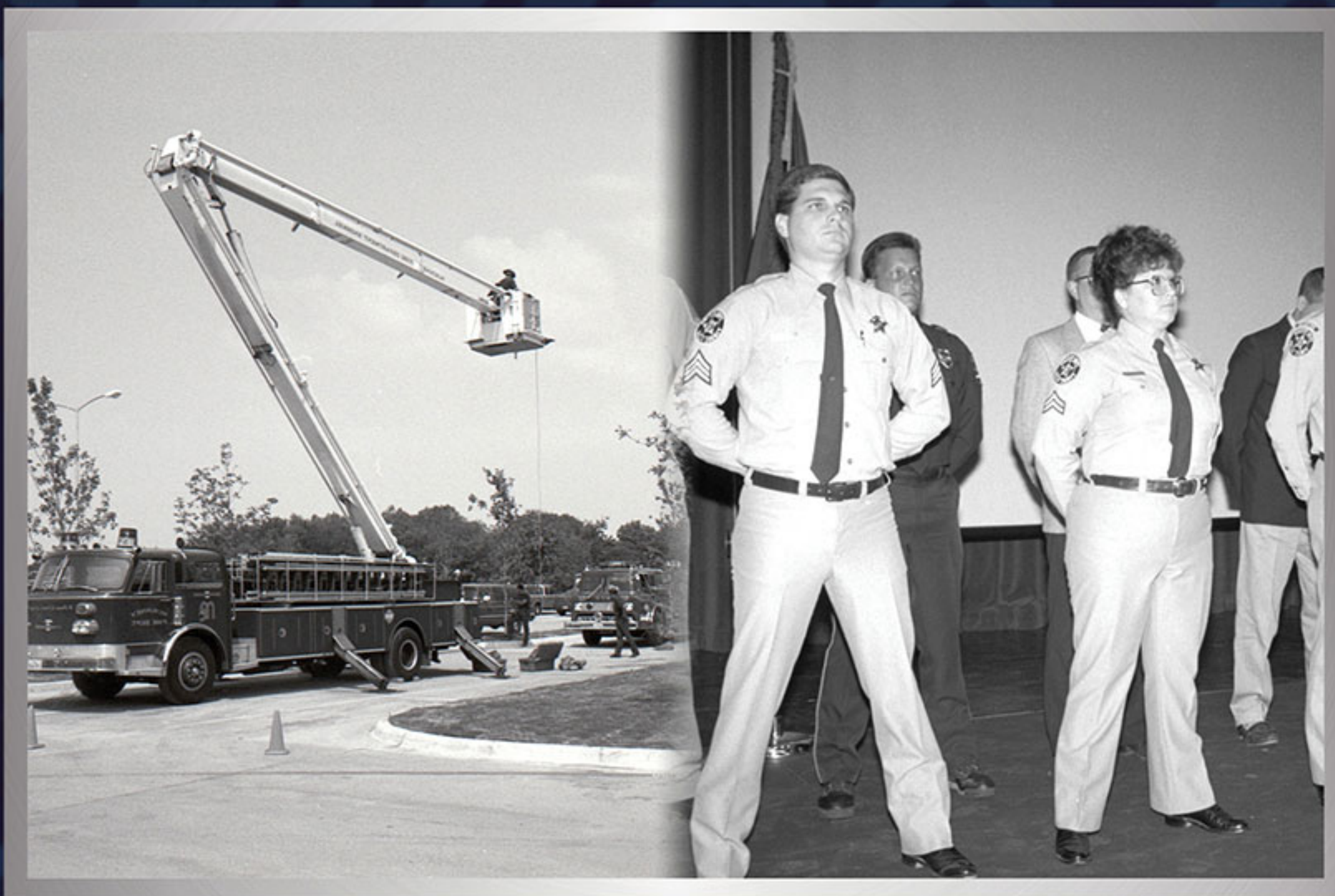
Chili Cookoff begins

November 1993



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Amateur chili masters started a longtime tradition in 1993 with the first ever Chili Cookoff. The event was a way to build bonds with friendly but spicy competition.



Police and Fire Academies begin

Fall 1990



Collin College's first responder academies began taking students in 1990. The Law Enforcement Academy was created in cooperation with the Collin County Sheriff's Department. The Fire Academy was an expansion of fire science courses already offered at the college.



Classes in Rockwall

Fall 1999



Collin County Community College deepened its ties to Rockwall County by opening the College Center at Rockwall in a new wing of Rockwall High School in 1999, providing educational opportunities beyond the dual credit courses it had offered at the high school since 1993.



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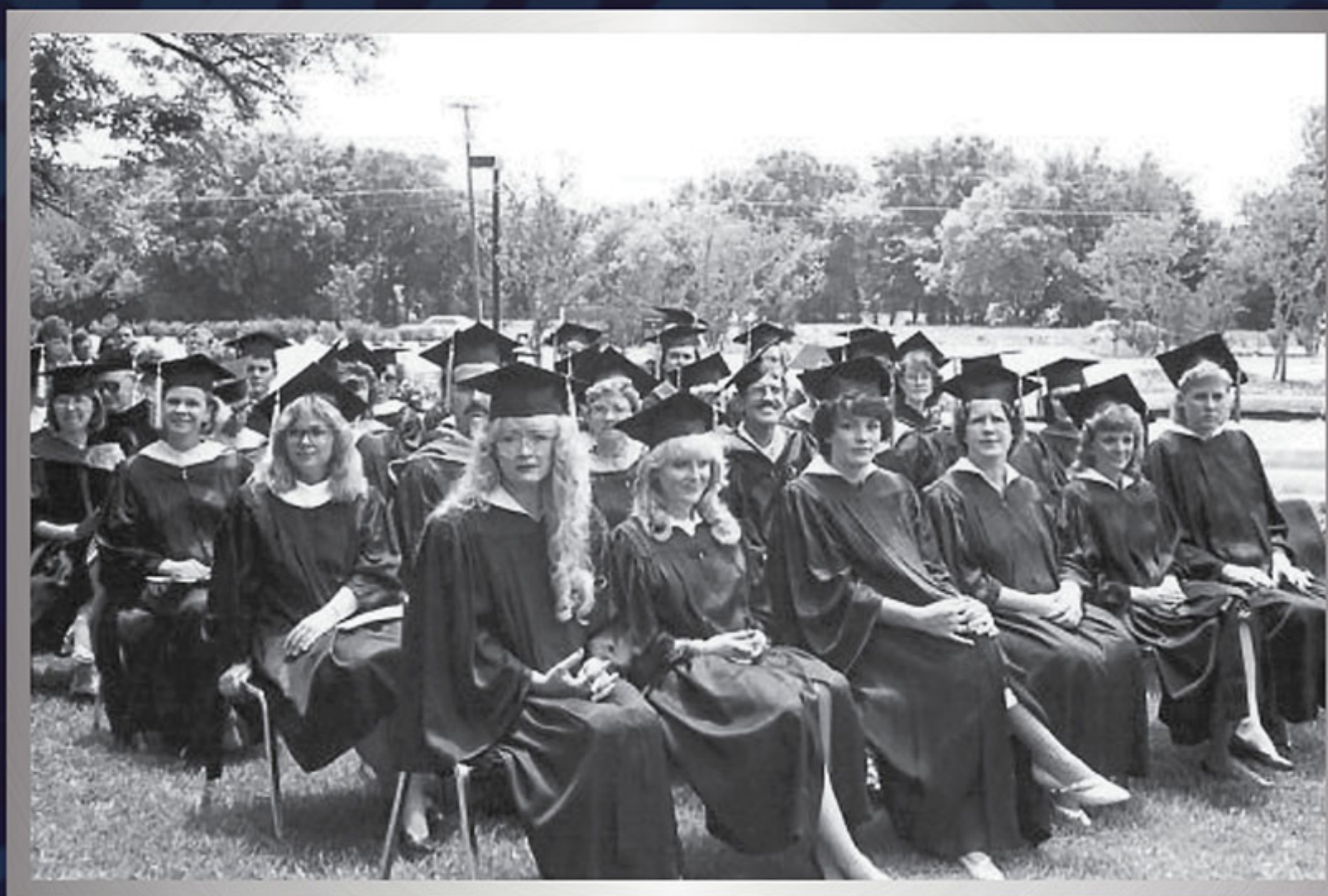
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Collin Higher Education Center opens

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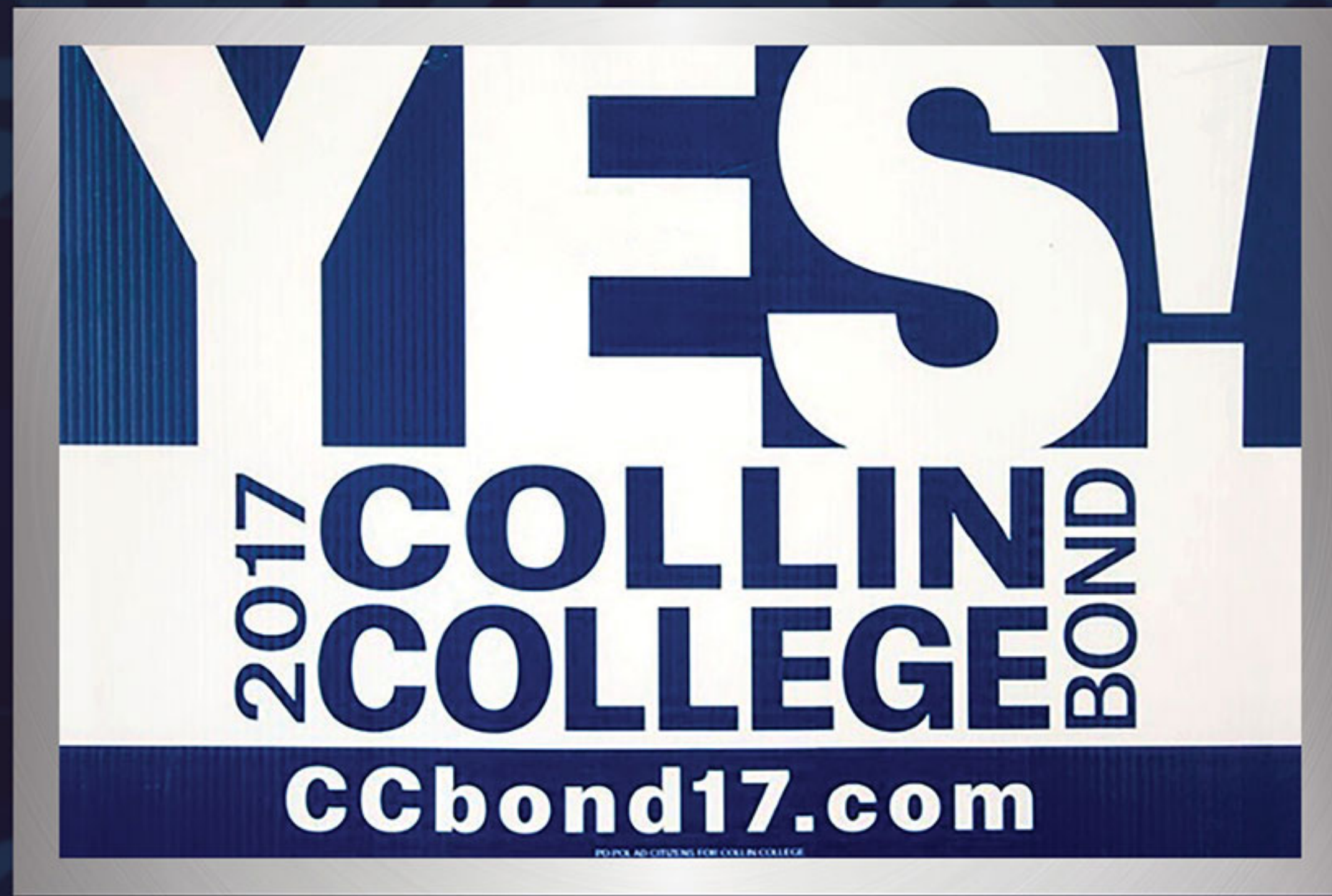


The Collin Higher Education Center (CHEC) opened in January 2010, offering a new opportunity for Collin County residents to earn bachelor's, master's, and doctoral degrees through a partnership with five universities.



The Collin College Board of Trustees approved a visionary master plan that would expand the college's footprint across the county by adding new sites in Allen, Celina, Farmersville, McKinney, and Wylie.

**Collin College unveils
master plan**
Summer 2016



***Voters approve \$600
million bond referendum
for Collin College***

Spring 2017



**More than 55% of voters approved
a \$600 million bond in May 2017.**

**The bond paved the way for the
college to complete the master plan
to add new campuses and new
programs/degrees.**



Public Safety Training Center opens in McKinney

Fall 2018



In September 2018, the Public Safety Training Center opened in McKinney. The 25-acre first responder training facility provides reality-based training for Collin College's law enforcement and fire science academies and active public safety personnel.



Collin College Approved to Grant Four-Year Degrees by Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges

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June 13, 2019 – Collin College received preliminary notification today that the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges Board of Trustees approved the college's level change application from a Level I Institution, granting two-year degrees, to a Level II Institution, granting four-year degrees.

Collin College receives approval to offer bachelor's degrees

Summer 2019



Collin College received approval on July 2, 2019 from the Southern Association of Colleges and Schools Commission on Colleges to offer a Bachelor of Science in Nursing and a Bachelor of Applied Technology in Cybersecurity. Classes start spring 2020.