

student activities



Student Activities

Learning does not end in the classroom. The College of DuPage Student Activities staff provides classroom and experiential learning opportunities in a supportive, values-based environment to prepare and inspire students to be active leaders in a complex and ever-changing society.

Through active involvement in student clubs and organizations, students have the opportunity to plan and implement such events as concerts, speakers and dances; to tackle issues of the student body through participation in college committees; and to use creative skills learned in the classroom for the betterment of the college community.

Student leaders participate in the allocation of student service fees, which are used by the Student Activities staff and six student organizations to provide services and activities for the diverse student body.

Student Clubs

More than 50 student clubs provide many opportunities for students to interact through a connection with academic programs, topical interest sharing, sharing of leisure-time activities and social interaction. Practicing leadership, business and organizational skills outside the classroom enhances students' life and career goals.

For a list and description of student clubs and organizations, stop in Student Activities, Student Resource Center (SRC); call (630) 942-2243; or check the college's web site (www.cod.edu) under Activities and then Clubs. Current students may also log on to the myCOD student portal, click the "campus life" tab and then "all clubs."

Student Leadership Council

The Student Leadership Council represents the student body to the administration and provides a place for students to become involved in the college community. The Student Leadership Council was formed from the Student Government Association in 2002-03 to strengthen the "Student Voice" and encourage students to "Speak for Yourself" through direct participation.

Various levels of involvement are available for students who wish to supplement their education with practical leadership experiences. Students are encouraged to contact the S.L.C. officers in their office in the Student Resource Center (SRC), to attend meetings and workshops held weekly in the same location and to check the S.L.C. page on the myCOD portal. More inclusive voting procedures allow any student who participates consistently to vote on issues before the Council.

Students are needed to serve on such college committees as Dining Services, Curriculum, Traffic Appeals, Bookstore and others. Elections for Student Body President, Vice President and Student Trustee are held in April of each year; appointment of three

coordinators takes place each March. Small stipends may also be earned in several S.L.C. positions.

For more information call (630) 942-2095 or stop by the S.L.C. office in the Student Resource Center (SRC).

Student Activities Program Board

Planning and implementing events for College of DuPage students is the primary function of the Student Activities Program Board (S.A.P.B.). S.A.P.B. "producers" oversee several areas of operation and earn a stipend each term. The "crew" members assist with the multitude of tasks required to make any event a success.

The Program Board sponsors a daytime series ("Oasis") at many campus locations, featuring local and national acts, including comedians, music of many genre, hypnotists and magicians, as well as interactive games. The evening "Alter Ego" series brings up-and-coming local groups to the college. Other events are implemented as students' creativity and training increases.

If you're interested in becoming involved with the planning and implementation of a variety of events, contact the S.A.P.B. at (630) 942-2712 or visit the Student Activities office in the Student Resource Center (SRC).

International Honor Society

The college's Phi Beta chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the International Honor Society for Two-Year Colleges, is very active on the local, regional and international levels. Any student may participate in the activities of this organization. However, to accept full membership in the society, students must have 12 cumulative hours with a 3.5 cumulative G.P.A. A one-time membership fee is required.

The Phi Beta Chapter implements a full range of activities in the areas of the society's hallmarks of leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service around an Honors Study Topic. For more information on events or membership, contact the chapter in their office in the Student Resource Center (SRC) or call (630) 942-3053.

Services Provided

The annual Commencement Ceremony, held the last Friday of Spring Semester, is coordinated by the Student Activities staff. Students who have petitioned for graduation through the Records office will receive information about the ceremony in April.

Discount tickets for movie theaters and Great America are offered for sale to the college community. In addition, tickets for student club and organization events are available periodically through Student Activities. Call (630) 942-2243 for more information.

The Student Activities Lounge is a place for students to gather and have fun on campus between classes. Billiard tables, board games, ping pong and a

TV provide opportunities for students to interact with each other. A cyber lounge is also available for easy access to the internet and e-mail for non-academic use.

Student lounges, located throughout the campus buildings, provide students with places to gather, study and socialize. The Student Activities staff manages and updates these lounges periodically. A TV lounge is located on the first floor of the Student Resource Center.

Posting on campus, limited to college departments, committees, student clubs and organizations, is provided by the Student Activities staff for general bulletin boards in classrooms, lounges and entryways. For more information contact the Student Activities staff at (630) 942-2243. Posting by community groups or individuals is limited to the kiosk near the TV lounge. Non-college entities wishing to distribute printed materials for a non-profit or political group should contact the Student Activities staff, (630) 942-2243, for more information.

Student Newspaper and Feature Magazine

A perennial award-winner for content and design, the *Courier* student newspaper circulates to more than 10,000 students and staff on campus, and online at www.cod.edu/courier throughout the college district. Editors and reporters work in paid positions and can receive college credit in Cooperative Education for writing, editing, photography, layout and circulation. The *Courier* staff also publishes the 48-page *Chaparral* feature magazine twice yearly with articles written by students on travel, career, holiday and family-oriented free-lance ideas. To work for either publication, students should enroll in Journalism and Mass Communication 1110, *Newspaper Lab*, or Journalism and Mass Communication 1115, *Feature Magazine Lab*. For more information, stop by the *Courier/Chaparral* office, Student Resource Center (SRC), or call Cathy Stablein, faculty adviser, at (630) 942-2650, or e-mail stablein@cod.edu. All publications are viewable at www.cod.edu/courier.

Student Literary Magazine

The *Prairie Light Review* is the Liberal Arts magazine for College of DuPage. It publishes poetry, prose, photography and art from students, staff and community members from District 502. To work on the magazine, students enroll in English 2210, a one credit-hour class, where they evaluate submissions, work on layout, and handle publicity. For additional information, contact the PLR office at (630) 942-2733.

Off-Campus Hospitalitys

Each term a Hospitality Week is held at the regional centers, offering all students coffee, cookies, a new *Class Schedule*, and an opportunity to talk to a counselor about their plans for the next term. A Hospitality Night is held during the same week at each

high school that offers C.O.D. classes. Supported by student fees, the hospitalitys give off-campus students an opportunity to meet staff and counselors and to ask questions about their future education plans. The events encourage students to feel they are a part of the College of DuPage family.

Forensics (Speech Team)

The forensics program at College of DuPage is one of the most competitive speech and debate teams in the state of Illinois. As many as 30 students participate in the program, which includes readers' theater, public address, debate, oral interpretation and acting. Teams compete in tournaments with other community colleges and universities throughout the state and nation. The speech teams have won numerous national championships and have ranked in the top 10 in the nation each of the past 20 years. Many forensics team members have been recipients of scholarships at four-year schools. Beginners as well as seasoned performers are welcome. For more information, call (630) 942-2514.

Performing Arts

Since the opening of the McAninch Arts Center in fall 1986, opportunities to participate have increased: During the past year, more than 2,000 opportunities for student and community members to perform were created by the Performing Arts program. Performance spaces in the McAninch Arts Center include the 800-seat Mainstage for concerts, musical comedy, opera, and professional touring shows; the 200-seat Theatre 2, for drama and smaller musical recitals; the flexible Studio Theatre, which seats 75 to 90; and the 88-seat Lecture Hall for lectures, poetry readings, and workshop theater productions. For more information, call (630) 942-3008.



Band Music

The DuPage Community Concert Band (Monday evening) is open to all student and community musicians, and rehearses one night a week. Call (630) 942-3008, for more information.

Choral Music

Singers of all levels and interests will find opportunities in the college's four choral ensembles. The DuPage Chorale (Monday evening) and Concert Choir (11 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday) are open to all students and community members. The Chamber Singers is a specialized group for more advanced singers and can be joined by audition. New Classic Singers is a professional chorus whose highly trained members are selected annually through open auditions. Call (630) 942-3008, for more information.

Guitar

Guitar Ensemble (Tuesday and Thursday afternoon) offers a small group performing experience for those interested in exploring jazz guitar.

Jazz

This program offers a wide array of performing opportunities during the day and evenings. Small Group Jazz (Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday noon) is open to any musician interested in exploring the small group jazz idiom. DuPage Community Jazz Ensemble (Wednesday evening) is open to any interested musician, and the McAninch Arts Center Jazz Ensemble is an auditioned, professional big band for advanced musicians. For more information, call (630) 942-2369 or 942-3008.

Opera

DuPage Opera Theatre has earned a reputation as one of the region's finest opera companies. Students join professional artists in chorus and many facets of technical production. For more information, call (630) 942-4239.

Orchestra

The college sponsors two orchestras: a student chamber orchestra that rehearses Monday afternoons, and New Philharmonic, a professional orchestra comprised of the area's finest musicians, selected by audition. For more information on New Philharmonic, call (630) 942-4239. For more information on Chamber Orchestra, call (630) 942-3008.

Percussion

Percussion Ensemble (Tuesday and Thursday afternoon) is open to any student interested in exploring the instruments, methods, compositions and writings related to percussion playing and performance.

Theater

From August through May, five fully staged and designed theater productions are offered, which are produced in one of the three performance spaces. In addition, students may participate in the Freestage program, which offers opportunities for students to direct, write and act in their own productions. Each summer, two more productions are included in the Summer Repertory Theater, and opportunities to work professionally with the Buffalo Theatre Ensemble also exist.

Auditions are open to all district residents. Students and community members may also help in costumes, set construction, and crew for all productions. For more information, call (630) 942-3008.

Athletics

College of DuPage has one of the most successful community college athletic programs in the nation, winning numerous national, district and regional championships in various sports.

Intercollegiate Athletics

Teams play in the North Central Community College Conference (N4C) along with Joliet, Rock Valley, Triton and Harper. The college is a member of the National Junior College Athletic Association (NJCAA).

Intercollegiate sports for men include baseball, basketball, cross country, football, golf, soccer, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field.

College of DuPage has women's teams in basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, swimming and diving, tennis, track and field, and volleyball.

For more information call the Athletic Department at (630) 942-2365, or visit our web site at www.cod.edu/athletics.

Intramurals

Intramural activities provide students, faculty and staff the opportunity to participate in a variety of competitive or recreational sports activities. Contact the Athletic Department, (630) 942-2365, to get involved.

Mascot and Colors

Students who zipped around the district to temporary classrooms when the college opened in 1967 reminded someone of roadrunners; hence, the chaparral became the school mascot.

College colors are forest green and gold.

Cheer Team

College of DuPage's spirited cheer team performs at all home football and basketball games.

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