



Student Life and Leadership Opportunities

ACADEMIC HONOR SOCIETIES

Alpha Beta Gamma

Alpha Beta Gamma is the International Business Honor Society of Community, Junior and Technical Colleges. College of DuPage is home to the Beta Iota chapter, chartered in 2006. The society recognizes and encourages students enrolled in business and business-related technology curricula and provides opportunities for leadership training, service, scholarship funds, and the intellectual exchange of ideas. An invitation to join ABG reflects exceptional academic achievement. For more information on events or membership, contact the Business and Technology Division Office at (630) 942-2592 or visit www.cod.edu/dept/stud_act/honors_societies_clubs.htm

Alpha Mu Gamma

Alpha Mu Gamma Honor Society recognizes students who have achieved an outstanding record in the study of world language (or ESL if the student's native language is not English). For more information on events or membership, please visit www.cod.edu/dept/stud_act/honors_societies_clubs.htm

Phi Theta Kappa

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 at COD implements a full range of activities in the areas of society's hallmarks of leadership, scholarship, fellowship and service. For more information on PTK membership, contact (630) 942-3053 or visit www.cod.edu/dept/stud_act/honors_societies_clubs.htm

Psi Beta

Psi Beta is the National Honor Society in Psychology for community and junior colleges. The mission of Psi Beta is professional development of Psychology students through promotion and recognition of excellence in scholarship, leadership, research and community service. For more information on events or membership, please visit www.cod.edu/dept/stud_act/honors_societies_clubs.htm

Tau Upsilon Alpha

Tau Upsilon Alpha Honor Society is the National organization for Human Services Honor Society. The mission of Tau Upsilon Alpha is to honor academic excellence, to foster life-long learning, leadership and development and to promote excellence in service to humanity. For more information, please visit www.cod.edu/dept/stud_act/honors_societies_clubs.htm

APPLIED AND PERFORMING ARTS

Since the opening of the McAninch Arts Center in fall 1986, opportunities to participate have increased: During the past year, the Performing Arts program created more than 2,000 opportunities for student and community members to perform. 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 or visit AtTheMAC.org for performance information.

Choral Music

Singers of all levels and interests will find opportunities in the College's three 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. Call (630) 942-3008 for more information.

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.

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. For more information, call (630) 942-2369 or 942-3008.

Orchestra

The student chamber orchestra rehearses Monday afternoons. 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, four 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.

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. COD participates 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, tennis, track and field. College of DuPage has women's teams in basketball, cross-country, soccer, softball, tennis, track and field, and volleyball. There is also a cheer team that performs at all home football and basketball games.

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. The College colors are forest green and silver.

Intramural activities are also offered to provide students, faculty and staff the opportunity to participate in a variety of competitive or recreational sports activities.

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

FORENSICS TEAM

The Forensics Team 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 Forensics 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) 942-2054.

STUDENT ACADEMIC PUBLICATIONS

The Prairie Light Review

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.

ESSAI

Michel de Montaigne, the great 16th-century French philosopher and writer, created a new literary genre called "essays" to demonstrate his "attempts" or "trials" in his writing exercises. The award-winning *ESSAI* reflects Montaigne's seminal design and annually publishes some of the best academic "trials" and "attempts" of COD students' writing endeavors across the curriculum and at all levels of learning. A professor first selects and then nominates a paper to the editors of *ESSAI* for consideration for publication. Each journal's volume includes a variety of written assignments and exemplifies the special talent, fresh scholarship, and intellectual sophistication of COD students, all expressed with clarity, eloquence, and grace.

STUDENT ACTIVITIES AND CLUBS

Student Life coordinates First Year Experience programs, including campus-wide welcome events during Chaparral Days and the Living Leadership Program for emerging leaders. More than 60 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 the Office of Student Life; call (630) 942-2243; or check the College's website (www.cod.edu) under Student Life and then Clubs and Organizations. Current students may also log on to inside.cod.edu and click the Organizations' tab.

Planning and implementing events for College of DuPage students is the primary function of the Student Program Board

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 Student Program Board at (630) 942-2712 or visit the Office of Student Life in the Student Resource Center (SRC).

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. web page on inside.cod.edu. 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 March of each year; appointment of three coordinators takes place following those elections. 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 NEWSPAPER AND FEATURE MAGAZINE

A perennial award-winner for content and design, the *Courier* student newspaper circulates to 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 52-page *Chaparral* feature magazine twice yearly with student-written articles on travel, career, holiday and human interest. For more information, call (630) 942-2650. Publications are viewable at www.cod.edu/courier.

