

# FEATURES

## Majors fair explores areas of study

Programs attending offer insight into their fields and career opportunities

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The Counseling Services is sponsoring an Academics Majors Fair from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 29 in the SRC Upper Walkway. A multitude of programs will attend the fair, as well as representatives from career services and the counseling department.

About 39 tables will be set up outside of the Library to allow programs and departments a venue to reach students. Counselor, Dana Thompson hopes that all programs will attend. A large percentage of programs attended last year, and they hope all programs will attend this year.

Because of limited space and the vast array of programs offered, some departments may merge into one table. This allows more programs to be present at the fair.

This event is a very low cost project with grand possibilities. The main costs come from copying papers and posters to allow student access to information on majors, which comes to about \$50.

The meager cost of this fair does not hinder its capabilities to inform the public. "Faculty members enjoy engaging in conversation with students," regarding their respective fields, Thompson said. This fair offers faculty and students an informal and comfortable situation to explore possible majors.

The fair is especially helpful to students with undeclared majors. Thompson does not believe it is bad to be undecided, but this fair gives these students an opportunity to narrow their search. "It's okay to be undecided; it's okay to explore," Thompson said. Students will be able to find out what specific programs are about.

The Majors Fair encourages students to fully explore what this college has to offer. Counseling Services is "trying to help students start to think about the exploration of a major," Thompson said. There are 40 different programs students here can choose from and this fair intends to help narrow students' choices of majors.

The focus of the fair will be on the education and career choices from each major. While a person's

career choice is important to a student's decision of a major, that isn't the only purpose of selecting a major. "There's so much more you can get out of a major than just a career," Thompson said.

Students will acquire transferable skills for their whole lives such as communication, human relations, critical thinking and problem solving skills. The skills students acquire will apply to their every day lives and can also help them transfer to a new job down the road.

Since this is a community college, many students may be interested in transferring to another school to continue their education. Attending faculty may be able to offer information regarding where their program is offered elsewhere and how to transfer there. However, there will not be information regarding occupational programs.

The Academics Majors Fair is open to the public and they "encourage anybody that would like to attend to come," Thompson said. Students without a major are encouraged to visit the counseling services table. For more information regarding the fair, call (630) 942-4000.

# STUDENT ACTIVITY LISTING

| CLUB                                      | DESCRIPTION   | CONTACT                      | CLUB   | DESCRIPTION  | CONTACT                       |
|---|---|------------------------------|--|--|-------------------------------|
| 1Stone Collegiate Ministries              | 1Stone Collegiate Ministries encourages on another to learn, grow, and develop in a holistic Christ-honoring way.   | Dean Peterson Ext. 3036      | Japanese Culture Club  | Examines Japanese popular culture through books, movies and other media.   | Shingo Satsutani Ext. 2019    |
| Academy of Law and Criminal Justice       | An organization of students whose goal is to educate and become better educated on the policies and procedures of law.  | Deborah Klein Ext. 3019      | Ju Jutsu Club  | Provides an opportunity for students to practice outside the classroom   | Donald Koz                    |
| AIGA Student Group at COD                 | The club introduces students to advertising, design and illustration by providing the forum and platform for networking, seminars and workshops.                            | John Callegari Ext. 3418     | LTA Student Club   | Networks together LTA students and professionals and encourages library advocacy.  | Linda Slusar Ext. 2597        |
| Aikido Club                               | Students registered for Aikido Classes at the college have the opportunity to practice weekly with senior members of the Aikido club.                                       | Matthias Lynch               | Linux Users Group  | Exists to disseminate information about the Linux operating system.  | Carolyn England Ext. 2478     |
| Alpha Beta Gamma                          | Recognizes and honors academic achievement and provides opportunities for leadership for business and technology students.  | Kathy Horton Ext. 2176       | Men's Club Volleyball  | The purpose of this organization shall be to give students the opportunity to compete at the collegiate level in men's volleyball.         | John Pangan Ext. 54255        |
| Alpha Mu Gamma                            | National Honor society that recognizes students who have achieved an outstanding record in the study of foreign language.   | Shingo Satsutani Ext. 2019   | Muslim Student Association   | Encourages Muslim fellowship, scholarly discussions of Islam and outreach to the college community   | Shaheen Chowdhury Ext. 2503   |
| The Animators Club                        | A group for aspiring animators. A place for learning new technologies and making important connections.   | Anthony Venezia Ext. 2020    | Newman Association   | Exists to help form community among those who share religious faith.   | Helen Zaleski Ext. 2171       |
| Apostolic Ministry International          | Apostolic Ministry International exists to provide a positive spiritual outlet and an atmosphere conducive to spiritual growth.   | Linda Elaine Ext. 3040       | The Page Turners   | Organizes community-building and cultural events that revolve around themes of writing and literature.                                     | Lisa Higgins Ext. 3385        |
| Arab Student Association                  | Our mission is to create awareness of the Arab world to unite both Arab and non-Arab students. We will discuss Arab culture, history, identity and modern achievements.     | Norene Herrington Ext. 53322 | Phi Theta Kappa  | Strives for excellence through scholarship, leadership, service and fellowship.  | Shannon Hernandez Ext. 3054   |
| Architectural Region of Chicago           | Committed to providing its members with opportunities offered here in Chicago to broaden their architectural knowledge.   | Jane Ostergaard Ext. 2331    | Philosophy Club  | A fellowship of students seeking to provide an open forum for philosophical interpretation through discussion.                             | Keith Krasemann Ext. 3407     |
| Asia/Indo-Pak-Bangla Organization         | Purpose is to gather Indian, Pakistan and Bangladeshi people together and celebrate their culture away from home.   | Naheed Hasan Ext. 2028       | Prairie Light Review   | A humanities magazine published twice yearly; accepts submissions from students, faculty and community members.                            | Elizabeth Whiteacre Ext. 2311 |
| Campus Crusade for Christ                 | Provides an outlet for students of Christian fellowship and service.  | Erich Hauenstein Ext. 2494   | Pride Alliance   | Support, promote awareness and educate ourselves and others on specific issues with regard to diversity.                                   | Dana Thompson Ext. 2528       |
| Campus Greens                             | Promotes awareness of grassroots, democracy and environmental issues. Promotes student activism to affect positive change.  | Keith Yearman Ext. 2765      | Printmakers, Ink.  | Provides a forum for exhibition and exploration of printmaking.  | Chuck Boone Ext.2477          |
| Casa de Amigos                            | The Spanish club, devoted to developing leisure activities and conversation activities for both ESL and club members.   | Elizabeth Mares Ext. 3927    | Psi Beta   | National honor society that encourages students to strive for excellence and acquire a sense of advancing scholarship and psychology.      | Ken Gray Ext. 2223            |
| Chapparral Magazine                       | A themed student magazine, published at the beginning of the spring and summer semesters.   | Cathy Stablein Ext. 2650     | Sci-Fi / Fantasy Club  | Provides a forum for activities including books, movies, television, comics and role-playing games related to sci-fi and fantasy.          | James Allen Ext. 3421         |
| Circolo Culturale Italiano                | Dedicated to keep alive among the students of the college the cultural tradition and the language of Italy.   | Gino Impellizzeri Ext. 2553  | Student Activities Program Board   | Through selecting and coordinating events for the college, students learn valuable business, organizational and leadership skills.         | Chuck Steele Ext. 2642        |
| Improvisational Club                      | Create opportunity to enhance skills as an improvisational actor. Will learn to apply improvisational acting skills to life situations for actors and non-theatre students. | John Tovar Ext. 5123249      | Student American Meteorological Society  | Provides programs for experiences in and out of class, and serving others by promoting severe weather training and preparedness.           | Paul Sirvatka Ext. 2118       |
| College of DuPage Kitchen and Bath Design | Mission is to enhance student members' success with a focus on the kitchen and bath industry.   | Ann Cotton Ext. 3081         | Student Professional Convention Association  | Purpose is to familiarize the members with the basic aspects of the meeting industry through educational opportunities.                    | Marianne McNulty Ext. 2573    |
| College of DuPage Veterans Association    | Club dedicated to fostering a community for veterans at the college, advocacy pertaining to veteran's issues and service to community.                                      | Robert Hazard Ext. 2402      | Student Education Association  | Open to students interested in pursuing a career in education.   | Lois Stanciak Ext. 2974       |
| Courier Student Newspaper                 | The weekly student newspaper, offering paid staff positions in a wide variety of journalistic fields.   | Cathy Stablein Ext. 2650     | Student Leadership Council   | Preserves and protects student rights, interests and opinions; represents the student view to the administration.                          | Andie Richmond Ext. 2644      |
| Dare 2B Fabulous                          | A gathering of creative individuals who are interested in fashion. The club focuses on every aspect of the industry.  | Sharon Scalise Ext. 2619     | Student Nursing Council  | Enhance communication among nursing students; sponsors fund raisers for Recognition and Pinning Ceremonies.                                | Maureen Waller Ext. 2204      |
| Dental Hygienists Club SADHA Chapter      | Seeks to cultivate, promote and sustain the art and science of dental hygiene.  | Lori Drummer Ext. 2430       | Students for a Democratic Foreign Policy   | Mobilizes and organizes students as part of a proactive, anti-war movement. Will initiate anti-war discussions and distribute literature.  | Joseph Filomena Ext. 2029     |
| DuPage Dance Team                         | The club allows members to express themselves through dance. We practice each week on our dance skills and perform at events.   | Katherine Skleba             | Students for Organ Donation  | To spread awareness of the issues relating to organ donation.  | Rita Bobrowski Ext. 2024      |
| Endowment for Future Generations          | Helps all generations develop and maintain sound mental and physical health, protect the environment, and promote peace.  | Naheed Hasan, Ext. 2028      | Meri Phillips Director of S.A  | Charters new clubs, approves all financial requests from clubs and organizations, serves as S.A. liaison for organizations.                | phillip@cod.edu Ext. 2515     |
| Engineering Club                          | A resource for pre-professional engineering students to provide guidance about engineering careers and transfer schools.  | Katie Willenborg Ext. 2418   | Chuck Steele Coordinator of S.A.   | Serves as club liaison, approves event requests from clubs, serves as adviser for Student Activities Program Board.                        | steelec@cod.edu Ext. 2642     |
| Forensics (Speech Team)                   | This championship squad travels to compete in speaking, debate and oral interpretation events; participation open to anyone who wants to improve communication skills.      | Lauren Morgan Ext. 2007      | Andie Richmond Coordinator of S.A.   | Serves as club liaison, adviser of Student Leadership Council, supervises student elections, schedules events for clubs and organizations. | richmond@cod.edu Ext. 2644    |
| Game Development Club                     | Students work as teams to create games. Also provides experience for work in the interactive software industry.   | Sally Field Mullan Ext. 2941 | Stephanie Jaco Administrative Asst.  | Schedules events, serves as liaison with dining services and co-adviser for S.A. Program Board   | jacost@cod.edu Ext. 2647      |
| Hapkido Club                              | Provides students with further learning outside of the classroom and a social opportunity with other martial artists.   | Sherrie Henry Ext. 2059      | To have your student activity listed, email Features@cod.edu with "Activity Listing" in the subject line   |  |                               |
| Hospitality Club                          | Further educate hospitality students through seminars, college tours and lectures from hotel and food service professionals.  | Marybeth Leone Ext. 2059     | <h2>How to create your new club</h2> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There are three requirements in order to charter a new club.                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>You must have at least three interested students who are taking at least one credit course and are willing to act as officers for the club.</li> <li>You must have at least one full-time faculty or staff member who is willing to serve as advisor for the club.</li> <li>You must have a club constitution.</li> </ol> </li> <li>It is the students' responsibility to find an advisor for the club.</li> <li>Students interested in forming a new club should fill out the New Club Inquiry form.</li> <li>The student will receive a reply with possible meeting times. A copy of the sample constitution (MS Word) file will be attached so the student may begin work on their document.</li> <li>The interested students and potential advisor(s) will meet with the Coordinator of Student Activities who has been assigned as the group's Student Activities liaison. The purpose of the meeting is to discuss what is required to start a new club, and officer and advisor responsibilities. The club constitution will be submitted at that time to be reviewed by the liaison and Director of Student Activities. Required paperwork includes:                     <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Final copy of constitution</li> <li>Officer Update form</li> <li>Advisor Update form</li> <li>Club Information form</li> <li>Information concerning outside or parent organization (if required)</li> </ol> </li> <li>Following the chartering meeting, all paperwork will be sent to the Director of Student Activities and the Vice President of Student Affairs for approval. Once approved, advisors will receive a memo and clubs can begin to utilize club benefits.</li> </ol> <h3>General Information for New Clubs</h3> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>New clubs are chartered with future students in mind, not just current students.</li> <li>student clubs are student run. That means club-members are the decision-makers of the group.</li> <li>Once a club is approved, Student Activities will copy up to 75 flyers for the club to promote their first meeting. After that the club must raise funds to cover all its expenses.</li> <li>It is the club members' responsibility to keep the club going. That means you should always be recruiting new members.</li> <li>All club members are encouraged to participate in the Leadership Connection Series sponsored by Student Activities.</li> </ul> |  |                               |
| Human Services Network                    | Students that seek to develop professional friendships and take part in activities related to the Human Services field.   | Rita Bobrowski Ext. 2024     |  |  |                               |
| Indie Film Group                          | Dedicated to gaining knowledge of filmmaking by producing and workshoping films and attending cinematic events.   | Tony Venezia Ext. 2020       |  |  |                               |
| Interior Design Student Society           | IDSS supports the Interior Design program with technical seminars, professional networks and student events. Student members organize monthly activities.                   | Ann Cotton Ext. 3081         |  |  |                               |
| International Students Organization       | ISO provides international and American students with opportunities to socialize and experience cross-cultural ties.  | Richard Jarman Ext. 2451     |  |  |                               |

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# Accountant takes on the federal budget

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With so much going on in the world today, it's hard not to notice the troubles facing the American economy. The housing market has crashed, the stock market is plummeting and congress put \$700 billion into bailing out bankrupt banks. All of these problems relate back to the growing multi-trillion dollar debt America is now in.

From 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. on Oct. 22 in the West Commons of Building K, founder and C.E.O. of the Institute for Truth in Accounting, Sheila Weinberg, will speak about truth in accounting.

Weinberg has worked with many different levels of the American government to promote truth in accounting and balanced budgets. She has worked with members of Congress to introduce three different bills pertaining to transparent and true governmental accounting.

Also, she has a background in teaching. She has taught two classes about the federal budget in the Older Adult Institution of COD in the spring semester of 2008 and is currently an adjunct professor at Elmhurst College teaching a government accounting class. Weinberg graduated from the

University of Denver with a degree in accounting. In 1981, she earned her certified public accountant credential. Since then, she has worked as a public accountant for various firms until she founded IFTA, an unaffiliated and non-profit organization, in 2002.

Weinberg's presentation will cover where America is in its debt, how the Truth in 2008 campaign is important and that people should vote. She will also play a trailer of the documentary "I.O.U.S.A." A question and answer session will wrap up the presentation.

According to <http://www.truthinaccounting.org/>, the IFTA's goal is to "ensure that public and private organizations provide truthful financial information useful to a wide variety of users."

Currently, governmental accounting is far from this. The current official national debt is around \$10 trillion, but Weinberg and the IFTA have calculated it to be much more than that, placing it at a shocking \$57 trillion.

This tremendous difference in amount is due to governmental accounting issues. According to Weinberg, some issues include the government recording trust fund surpluses as revenue and debt and they spend Social Secu-



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Sheila Weinberg has helped introduce three bills into Congress.

ity taxes on other programs. "Trust funds shouldn't be trusted; there's no money in them," Weinberg said. And since the Social Security taxes are going everywhere but Social Security, the amount of debt that the government must pay to the citizens promised Social Security benefits increases.

One way that the IFTA is trying to promote transparent and truthful accounting is their Truth in 2008 campaign. The campaign aims to get the national debt back into the national debate.

The campaign also tries to get all the presidential candidates to pledge to talk about what they will do to fight the national debt because neither of the two main candidates is addressing the issue. Of the two main political parties

during the nomination selection, "Ron Paul was one of the few informing the public about the national debt," Weinberg said.

Part of the problem lies with the citizens. People want lower taxes and more benefits immediately, so politicians play on that to get elected. But these are the factors that are pushing America farther into debt. "We need to elect people with financial solutions," Weinberg said. America can't begin the climb out of debt if their revenue is lowered and their spending goes up.

For more information regarding IFTA, visit <http://www.truthinaccounting.org/>. For more information regarding Weinberg's presentation, call (630) 942-2700.

## For Your Information

### DuPage job fair approaching

From 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Oct. 21 in the Physical Education Center Arena, the DuPage Job Fair will occur. The event is co-sponsored by COD and hopes to match potential employees with employers on all levels of employment. This event is free. For more information, call (630) 942-3576.

### Workshop on research basics

A free S.O.S. Research and Internet Workshop will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 27 in SRC 3017. The workshop will teach students the basics of library research through the COD library. For more information, call (630) 942-3364.

### Physical therapy session

An advising session will be held concerning the Physical Therapist Assistant program. It will begin at 4:30 p.m. on Oct. 28 in IC 1-P. For more information, call (630) 942-4076.

### APA format workshop

From 1 to 2:30 p.m. on Oct. 23 in SRC 3017 there will be a workshop regarding citing and paper formatting. The workshop will teach attendants how to properly employ the American Psychological Association's style in their papers. The event is free. For more information, call (630) 942-3364.

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