

Five staff members ran the Chicago Marathon

By Matt Wells
Sports Editor

Several employees from the college ran the 26.2-mile Chicago Marathon on Sunday. Despite the cold weather, they persevered just as they had in the months prior.

The race started in groups, from those who raced to those who paced, between 7:30 a.m. and just before 8 a.m. Most of the people who ran the race were just running to finish. Only 12 raced to win, with most of those runners from Kenya and Morocco, according to Programmer Analyst Adrian Paredes, one of the runners from COD.

This was Paredes' fourth Chicago Marathon. "It's always been a great experience," says Paredes.

This year he trained and ran with a friend and it made it more memorable [for him.] Paredes then told about the feeling when crossing the finish line, "It feels like you finished a long journey. You finally see where so many hours of training have gone."

Christine Kickels, coordinator of faculty development at the college also participated in the race.

She ran the marathon to, "Prove to myself that I could do it." Kickels committed to running the marathon the day after the Chicago Marathon last year and was able to stick to her goal for an entire year, thanks to the "Support, assistance and encouragement from her friends and family to accomplish this goal." Kickels wants them to

know that, "She carried them with her as she crossed the finish line."

Math Professor Christy Peterson has run two other marathons, one in New York in 2002 and Washington D.C. in 2005. This year she was running the Chicago Marathon for a few reasons. One she wanted to do the best she could in order to tell her sons that she won the race and two she ran in order to qualify for the Boston Marathon, which is in April. She accomplished her goal finishing in 3:40.03. This year she ran to also raise money for the Jack H. Marston Melanoma Fund. "My kids helped push me through the last two miles."

English Professor Tom Tipton ran his third Chicago Marathon this year. He's run five other marathons in South Bend, Indiana, Green Bay, Houston and Minneapolis.

Tom said "This was special to me because I was running for hope and gratitude." He ran for the American Cancer Society charity runner team, "In hopes that we would raise funds to allow cancer research to continue to make advances that will save lives in the future and out of the gratitude for the lives it has already saved."

Most of Tipton's sponsors were DuPage faculty, staff and administration. They raised nearly \$3,000 for cancer research.

Accounting Professor Maureen McBeth also ran. She had a baby in January and was running it for her nine month old son Grayson.

Athlete of the Week



Photo by Matt Wells

Name: Jason Pinns
Sport: Golf
Major: Business
Year: Sophomore
Age: 20



Photo courtesy of Jason Pinns

Q: When did you start playing golf?

A: I've played since I was two years old.

Q: What interests you most about golf?

A: It's fun for me to play. The challenge, both mentally and physically, interest me the most.

Q: What's your biggest weakness in golf?

A: Taking advantage of good scoring opportunities. It's hard to capitalize when I'm close to the hole.

Q: Who inspires you?

A: My father. He taught me to play golf. He always tries to help me improve my game.

Q: What do you love most about golf?

A: Being outside. It's an escape from everything else. Also the camaraderie between you and the people with whom you play.

Q: Who is your favorite professional player?

A: Tiger Woods.

Q: What has golf

taught you?

A: It's taught me how to control my emotions, even on a bad day.

Q: What's the best game you've had?

A: I shot a 66 at Oakbrook Golf Club after graduating high school in 2007.

Q: What's your favorite memory of golf?

A: When I was younger my friend and I would go to work with my Dad. We'd play golf all day.



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