

Foundation FOCUS

Information about and for the College of DuPage Foundation and its community

The College of DuPage Foundation is engaged in a district-wide interview process to ask community members significant questions about the college and its future. The results of the interviews will provide data on how the community perceives the strengths and weaknesses of the college, and will also provide information that will enhance the curriculum and programs that support district needs. If you are interested in participating in this interview process, please contact Dolores Metzger, Director of Major Gifts, (630) 942-2835, or e-mail at metzger@cdnet.cod.edu.

C.O.D. Today

Current Status of Health Careers Programming at College of DuPage



Sunil Chand
President, College of DuPage

One of the most dynamic areas of growth at College of DuPage today is health care. As our district population ages, and technology and medical science continue to advance, the need for a highly educated workforce in this area will continue to expand. College of DuPage continues to meet the needs of our community by offering a depth and breadth of program options second to none.

Enrolling approximately 900 students yearly, programs in the health professions are currently comprised of degrees in Clinical Laboratory Science, Dental Hygiene, Diagnostic Medical Imaging (DMI) Radiography, Fire Science (both Fire Science and Emergency Medical Services), Health Information Technology, Nursing, Certified Nursing

Assistant, Physical Therapist Assistant, Respiratory Care, Speech/Language Pathology Assistant and Therapeutic Massage. The college also offers 18 certificates in Diagnostic Medical Imaging Nuclear Medicine, DMI General Ultrasound, DMI Vascular Ultrasound, Paramedic, Fire Fighter, Fire Prevention, Fire Officer, Emergency Medical Technician, Medical Transcription, Physician Office Coding and Billing, Acute Healthcare Coding, Ambulatory Coding, Long Term Care, Phlebotomy/EKG, Pharmacy Technician and Therapeutic Massage. Many of these fields are projected by our Metropolitan Healthcare Association to grow faster than average, with excellent job prospects and salaries. Graduates of our programs typically score highly on certification and/or licensure examinations, and are employed in a wide variety of hospitals, private medical and dental offices, clinics and related facilities in and around DuPage County. Hospitals and health care facilities in fact employ the largest number of all C.O.D. graduates.

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C.O.D. Nursing Program Students

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For the Record



Michael E. Trench
Chief Development Officer

Community colleges are new to fundraising, while it has become a mainstay throughout most of higher education. Because the mission of a community college is unique, its fundraising efforts will be also. Our mission mandates affordable access to higher education for local residents, and a culture responsive to rapidly changing educational needs of that same community.

Shifts in traditional streams of funding have threatened that mission. Strong community support through property taxes provides more than half the C.O.D. budget. However, state funding has fallen from nearly 30 percent to just over 10 percent in the past decade. During a time of growth for the college, students have increasingly borne a greater portion of costs through tuition increases that grew nearly 66 percent between Fall of 2000 and Fall 2005. While improving internal efficiencies is actively pursued within the college, new sources of funding need to be obtained if the mission is to remain vital.

The College of DuPage Foundation has accelerated efforts to continue providing scholarships to keep education affordable and accessible for students, and to take on unique opportunities that are in response to community needs but for which no current source of funding exists. It is not our intent to primarily provide general operating support.

Historically, community colleges sought funding from the corporate world because of the direct role the college plays in the development of a quality trained workforce. Corporations now provide less than 5 percent of philanthropic support nationally, so, like their other higher education partners, community colleges are increasing their efforts to gain additional philanthropic support from individuals who value and cherish what the community college does for their local community.

Because this remains a relatively new venture for us, our Foundation board members are working to meet with as many leaders of our community as possible to assess their knowledge and interest in our work, and to advocate for support of student scholarships; our initiatives for a Healthcare Education Institute to address the nursing shortage and other health care training issues; and an Entrepreneurial Center that is responsive to the needs of community businesses. We hope you will continue to be generous in your input and in your support.

Scholarship Recipients Offer Thanks

Held each fall, the Annual Foundation Scholarship Reception is a time of thanksgiving and celebration. Nearly 100 people attended on Oct. 18, 2005. Donors, scholarship recipients, board members and faculty had the opportunity to meet each other, some for the first time. Scholarship recipients took the opportunity to personally thank scholarship benefactors. Faculty members, representing a wide spectrum of college programs, encouraged and applauded student achievement. Board members and donors alike witnessed firsthand the impact of charitable donations on the lives of students and their families.

Following a brief introduction, students and donors were offered the opportunity to share personal experiences. Students explained how the scholarships gave them the ability to continue their education and encouraged them to achieve greater success. Scholarship recipients often brought along their children or parents to share the evening festivities. And very often, there was not a dry eye in the house with many emotional stories. Donors too spoke of the importance of encouraging students to succeed and the joy of watching students reach their full potential.

Scholarships provide much more than financial assistance to deserving students. For some, scholarships offer a second chance to further a career or open a door to higher education that seemed unattainable. For all, a scholarship is an affirmation, a boost to self esteem, an investment in personal and professional goals.



Please plan to join us this year for a wonderful, heartwarming evening.

*Tuesday, Sept. 19, 2006, 5:30 p.m.
College of DuPage
Student Resource Center
Jack H. Turner Conference Center
(SRC 2800)*

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A New Twist on the Annual Golf and Tennis Outing

The College of DuPage Foundation's 24th Annual Golf and Tennis Outing will be held Monday, Aug. 21, 2006 at White Eagle Golf Club in Naperville. This year, the Foundation Outing will partner with the C.O.D. Automotive Service Technology Program. This partnership brings a great opportunity to this annual funding event. Not only will proceeds benefit Foundation scholarships, but we will be able to support scholarships and program initiatives in the Automotive Tech Program.

Including the Automotive Tech Program in this popular annual event will attract participants who will experience an introduction to the work of the Foundation and to one of the exemplary occupational programs at C.O.D. Generating a new level of excitement among the Automotive staff, faculty and vendors and engaging new community partners, we look forward to this new event partnership.

Last year's outing provided more than \$78,000 for scholarship awards, so we know that this year's goal of \$90,000 is within reach. Achieving our goal will help us expand educational opportunities for deserving students through scholarships and quality programming in the Automotive Tech Program.

Help us make our Foundation Golf and Tennis Outing a success. This event attracts participants, including community leaders and executives from local corporations. Golfers will enjoy some wonderful contests and hole-in-one prizes. If you're interested in tennis, we have a mixed doubles component that's a lot of fun.

If you're unable to play during the day, consider joining us for dinner. You won't want to miss the auction and fabulous raffle prizes.

How can you help? By participating! Put together a foursome of colleagues, clients and friends,

or grab your racket! This is a great opportunity to enjoy the day while supporting quality education at College of DuPage.

Registration begins at 9:30 a.m. and lunch will be served at 11:15 a.m. Patio seating will be available overlooking the lovely grounds of White Eagle Golf Club. Shotgun start begins at 12:30 p.m. Tennis begins at 1 p.m. Cocktails and dinner, along with the auction and raffle will begin at 5:30 p.m.

For sponsorship opportunities, contact Tom Simandl, Manager of Development, (630) 942-3848 or e-mail Simandl@cdnet.cod.edu.

We welcome your participation and hope you'll join us in making this a memorable event for everyone. To register for golf, tennis or dinner only, please contact Chenoa Knight, Development Assistant, (630) 942-2286, fax (630) 858-3855 or e-mail knight@cdnet.cod.edu.





C.O.D. Pride Inspires New Endowment

Dr. Walter R. Jones taught psychology at College of DuPage from 1979 until his retirement in 1996. His favorite subject, Statistics for Social and Behavioral Sciences, was to most of his students a formidable class. However, he made it into a wonderful learning experience, even to the point of enjoyment as they caught his enthusiasm.

After Dr. Jones' death in November 2003, his widow, Shirley, and their three children looked for a way to continue his legacy. Dr. Jones had done his undergraduate work at University of Illinois and continued with his master's and doctorate at

Purdue University in Industrial Psychology. However, College of DuPage was his life, and he was proud of C.O.D.

Reading about scholarship opportunities in the Foundation Newsletter inspired Shirley. An endowed scholarship in her husband's memory was, as she put it, "just the right thing to do." Now, Shirley and her children and six grandchildren had the perfect avenue to honor their beloved husband, father and grandfather.

The Walter R. Jones Memorial Scholarship will be awarded to students of academic excellence who satisfy the scholarship criteria, including a major in Behavioral Sciences and a cumulative GPA of 2.5 or higher.



Dr. Walter R. Jones

Contributions to the Jones Scholarship Fund in memory of Walter are welcome. For more information on this scholarship, or to receive information on establishing a scholarship, please call the Foundation at (630) 942-2698.

Crisis in DuPage County

The United States is envied throughout the world for its advanced health care. In DuPage County alone millions of dollars are invested each year in research and development to provide the most technologically advanced treatment and care of patients.

In DuPage County, a sharp increase in demand for health care services has brought about a corresponding need for a significant increase in the number of nurses and health care professionals at area hospitals and health institutions. DuPage County is facing a looming crisis that could potentially compromise the ability of its citizens to receive the quality of care they expect and deserve. More than

three years ago the C.O.D. Foundation gathered hospital chief executive officers to discuss their needs; those discussions led to the formation of the Healthcare Leadership Council, a coalition of leaders from health care organizations, academic partners and state associations. As one of the largest health care providers in the community, College of DuPage has partnered with the Healthcare Leadership Council to take steps to bring this issue to the forefront.

The C.O.D. Foundation has embraced this concern with action, and is determined to help fund the solutions that will provide a better tomorrow for nursing professionals, nurse educators, and most importantly, patients who need health care services in DuPage County.

At the root of this crisis is the need for more health care professionals to serve patients. Throughout the state, nursing programs are turning students away due to a lack of faculty and facilities, and the timing couldn't be worse. With more nurses needed to fill high vacancy rates in health care facilities, every new nursing student is a resource for the future. Prominent factors in the current shortage of health care professionals are the loss of health care faculty, as well as an overall cut in state funding for higher education. Unless this situation is addressed it could border on crisis level.

The C.O.D. Foundation has recently launched a health care initiative that will fund the solutions to address building



a stronger health care workforce, ensuring patients an adequate labor pool to care for them and the next generation. The C.O.D. Foundation, the DuPage County Board and the Healthcare Leadership Council are working together to overcome obstacles that could keep patients from getting the health care they deserve.

For more information on how you can be a part of this DuPage County collaborative health care solution, please contact Dolores Metzger, Director, Major Gifts, C.O.D. Foundation, at (630) 942-2835, e-mail: metzger@cod.edu.

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In order to continue to meet the needs of area employers and those they serve, the college is developing four new programs: Certified Medical Assistant, Mammography, Radiation Therapist and Licensed Practical Nurse.

1 The Certified Medical Assistant program will offer certificates in Phlebotomy/EKG, and Billing and Coding. Students will complete their clinical education with a capstone externship program in a clinical site under supervision. The program received Illinois Community College Board approval, and the first students will be accepted this fall. Class size is projected to be 25 students per year.

Graduates will be employed in medical offices, and can expect to earn \$13-14/hour to start.

2 The advanced certificate in Mammography will consist of seven semester hours in one semester of instruction, including clinical experience. There is currently only one other such program in Illinois. Class size is projected to start with 10-15 students per semester, increasing to 20-25 students per semester, based upon clinical site availability. Starting salaries for graduates are between \$50,000 to \$55,000 for full-time employment. The program's curriculum is currently in the approval process and we expect to start this fall.

3 In response to a request from area health care officials, we have planned a program in Radiation Therapy. We are currently awaiting state approval and we expect to offer this year-long (3 semester) program, culminating in an advanced certificate, beginning in either fall 2006 or spring 2007. These professionals are employed in hospitals and cancer treatment centers, and starting salaries range from \$48,000 to \$91,000 yearly. Class size will be 20-25 students per year, based on clinical site availability.

4 Faculty and staff are in the process of conducting a needs assessment for a one year program for Licensed Practical Nurses (LPN). With this study complete, application can be made to begin such a program. When approved, the curriculum

will be written and plans furthered to accept a first class of 25-27 students.

In order to house this growing segment of the college, a new Health Careers/Natural Sciences building is currently under design. Occupancy is anticipated some time in 2008. The cost of construction will be around \$45 million. The generous support of our community in approving the capital referendum allows us to pay for much of that cost. We will, however, need philanthropic and corporate support to equip to the highest standards the highly technical aspects of this unique facility.

Our plans also include a Healthcare Education Institute (HEI) resulting from a joint agreement between C.O.D. and DuPage County. This has resulted in access to space for the college in the DuPage Convalescent Center. Currently unused space in that facility is to be renovated specifically for health education programs, primarily in the field of nursing, to provide a combination of education with real-life experience. College administration and county leadership are actively seeking funding to help defray costs of the renovation, equipment, and personnel associated with this endeavor.

We invite all interested in adding permanent capacity to our region's health care resources to join with us in these endeavors.



23rd Annual Golf and Tennis Outing

The College of DuPage Foundation held its 23rd annual Golf and Tennis Outing on Aug. 22, 2005 at White Eagle Golf Club in Naperville. The outing attracted more than 100 golfers, eight tennis players and 35 additional dinner guests. Participants included community leaders and executives from local corporations. The 2005 outing brought in more than \$78,000 in support of the Foundation's scholarship fund. Leading the way as Chaparral Sponsor with a \$10,000 donation was Gilbane Building Company. Other major sponsors included Robbins, Schwartz, Nicholas, Lifton & Taylor, Ltd.; National City Bank; Wight & Company; Hellmuth, Obata + Kassabaum, Inc. (HOK); AT & T; FGM Architects-Engineers Kahler Slater; Gensler; PMA Financial; Primera Engineers; DeStefano & Partners; and Trust Company of Illinois. Additional support came from more than 100 businesses and individuals who contributed hole sponsorships; donated and purchased raffle and auction items; played golf and tennis and enjoyed the dinner program.



Hall of Famer Billy Williams enjoyed a great day on the links.

Through the support of many businesses and individuals, the 2005 outing was a huge success. Great weather, good food and wonderful camaraderie made for a most enjoyable day.





“Behind Every Will, There is A Bequest”

Making A Bequest

The most popular and perhaps the simplest way to make a planned gift is through a bequest in your will. Bequests enable individuals to maintain ultimate control over their assets. When you make a bequest, you retain ownership of your property during your life, and then direct how you would like your estate distributed after your death.

Through a bequest, you may be able to make a significant gift that will create a legacy and have a lasting impact on the students, faculty, programs and community at College of DuPage.

Making a bequest to the College of DuPage Foundation gives you the opportunity to:

- Leave something lasting and permanent
- Honor or memorialize a loved one
- Give something back to the college and the community
- Make a gift larger than you might have been able to do in your lifetime
- Possibly reduce your estate tax for surviving family members

Whether you are constructing a new will or making an addition (a codicil) to an existing will, the process is very simple. In any case, you should consult your attorney who can assist you in drafting your provision based on your specific needs and desires.

The most common types of bequests are:

Specific Bequest — Allows you to give a specific dollar amount of cash or specific asset (such as stocks, bonds, real estate) to a beneficiary. During estate administration, specific bequests are satisfied first. Therefore, if an estate cannot support all of the bequests made in a will, recipients of specific bequests are more likely to receive their gift than other estate beneficiaries.

Percentage Bequest — Bequeaths a certain percentage of your estate or other asset. A percentage bequest is one of the most popular since the beneficiaries realize in any estate growth during the grantor’s lifetime.

Residual Bequest — Bequeaths assets that remain after all other specific bequests, debts, taxes, expenses and other bequests have been fulfilled.

Contingent Bequest — Provides for a distribution from your estate if, and only if, one or more of your named beneficiaries do not survive you or if a named beneficiary refused their bequest provision.

If you have already included College of DuPage Foundation as a charitable beneficiary in your will, trust or other estate gift planning vehicle, please let us know about your gift. This will allow us to thank you for your generosity and qualify you for membership in the Seaton Society. Your decision may be kept confidential, if you so request. If you are contemplating a bequest to College of DuPage, please contact Tom Simandl at

(630) 942-3848 and he will be happy to provide assistance to you and your attorney.

Staff Introduction



Dolores Laura Metzger was recently hired as the Director of Major Gifts for the College of DuPage Foundation. She had served as the Director of Foundation and Alumni for Lake Land College in Mattoon, IL for six years. Dolores holds bachelor’s and master’s degrees from Eastern Illinois University in speech communication, specializing in interpersonal and organizational communication. She is a certified fundraising manager, having earned that distinction from Indiana University. As the Director of Major Gifts, Metzger will secure major philanthropic support through the College of DuPage Foundation to achieve the top institutional funding priorities of the college, including both health care and entrepreneurial initiatives. Metzger can be reached at (630) 942-2835 or by e-mail at metzger@cdnet.cod.edu.



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