What's Happening at College Of DuPage
Former Engineering Student
Valentina Guarino – Product Design
Internship at Proctor and Gamble
Former Engineering Student Valentina Guarino

- While at College of DuPage, Valentina Guarino was part of the Engineering Pathways program, which guarantees seamless transfer into the Engineering program at the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign. She is currently pursuing her bachelor’s degree in Mechanical Engineering with an emphasis on biomechanics.

- This past summer, through the COD Foundation’s Resource for Excellence Grant program, Valentina participated in the Research Experience for Undergraduates at Northwestern University, where she worked on the Materials Genome Initiative. Valentina’s counselor at UIUC highly praised her internship at Northwestern and is a friend of the advisor Valentina had at Northwestern.

- Valentina recently interviewed for a summer 2017 internship with Proctor and Gamble in its Product Design sector. She was offered the position on the spot, and Valentina knows that her internship at Northwestern made her resume stand out from the rest.
Service Learning Program
What is Service Learning?

• A reciprocal academic program that uses the community as a co-educator while serving the needs of our community.
• Takes a student out of the 4 walls of the classroom
• Makes the textbook come alive!
• Spend at least 20 hours in the community
Service Learning Program: Overview

- Developed by Student Leadership Council and faculty in 1999.
- COD received a 3 year grant from the Corporation for National and Community Service to build civic engagement on campus.
- Service Learning was already taking place in a number of courses but there was no coordinated effort for the College at that time. Program became institutionalized in 2001.
Partnership Overview

- Grew from a pilot of 5 after school partnerships to over 100 nonprofit partnerships!
- Currently our students provide service in over 100 different nonprofit and social service agencies.
- Some Examples:
Service Learning Partnerships

Almost Home Kids
Share the Care

The LeaderShop
BUILDING LEADERS, CHANGING LIVES

girl scouts
of greater chicago and northwest indiana

Community Access Naperville
Integrating Differently-Abled Adults Into Our Community

Loaves & Fishes
Ending Hunger ~ Empowering Lives

Ray Graham Association
Empowering people with disabilities

Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center

Family Shelter Service
Healing from Domestic Abuse
605 E. Roosevelt Road Wheaton, Illinois 60187
Tel: 630 221 8290 | Hotline: 630 469 5650

35 Years of Sunrise Senior Living
Service Learning Partnerships

Donka, Inc.
Changing lives of persons with disabilities through technology

The Morton Arboretum

Connection of Friends

Teen Parent Connection
Parenting, Prevention, Progress

DuPage Children's Museum

SCARCE

Northern Illinois Food Bank

People's Resource Center

Junior Achievement of Chicago

world relief
DUPAGE/AURORA
Course Offerings

Sample courses:
- Anthropology 1110
- Psychology 1100,
- Human Services 1100,
- Radiology 1100
- Graphic Design
- English 1101
- Composition
- Environmental Ethics
- Biology
- Sociology and many more!

• The number of courses grew from a pilot of 4 per semester in 1999 to over 25-30 each semester today across disciplines that utilize service learning today.
The Value of Service Learning

Value to Students:

• A win-win method of learning combining academic instruction with community engagement
• A hands-on approach to learning
• Work side-by-side with professionals in the field.
• Learn transferrable skills such as, conflict mediation and resolution, time management, cultural awareness, and advocacy.
• Often the first step on the Career Ladder.
The Value of Service Learning

Value for Faculty:

• Partners with the community nonprofit as a co-educator.
• Literally flips the classroom, faculty is not necessarily the expert.
• Peer learning takes place in the classroom.
• Light bulb moments
Value of Service Learning for Community Partners

• COD students assist the most vulnerable populations in District 502
• 500 students each year
• Provide over 7,000 hours of service each year
• Since 1999, COD students have contributed nearly $4,000,000 dollars in the labor value to District 502
• Become partners in our students’ education and success.
Service Learning Students

• Macy Orrick – The Community Nurse Health Center-LaGrange
• Hope Drager and Carla Chavez – College of DuPage Fuel Pantry
• Dominique Thornhill - Glen Ellyn Children’s Resource Center
Thank you!
COD Triumphs in Inaugural Red Grange Bowl Game Dec. 3
The Courier TV (CNTV) Team Received Six Silver Dome Awards! In addition, Tyler Swanson (above) and Anthony Amant Earned an Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences
State Representative Patti Bellock Visits COD to Discuss Human Trafficking in Illinois
COD Surgical Technology Program Receives National Award
Phi Theta Kappa Hosts Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony for New ‘Fuel Pantry’ at COD
www.cod.edu/pantry
Good Luck to Students on Finals!

Winter Break Information