Why is College of DuPage the FASTEST GROWING COMMUNITY COLLEGE?
College of DuPage’s soaring five-year enrollment growth, when other colleges are seeing declines, demonstrates the community’s belief that College of DuPage is the smarter way to think about higher education. Approaching 30,000 students, COD is the fastest growing community college outside of California. We are the second largest provider of undergraduate education in the state.

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Reserve your seat for this fall to ensure you get the classes you want.
Summer Registration: March 27    Fall Registration: April 24

WHY ARE STUDENTS CHOOSING COLLEGE OF DUPAGE?
- Small class sizes with university sized resources
- Courses taught by experienced faculty
- More than 2.3 million square feet of brand new facilities with state-of-the-art equipment
- 75 new programs, bringing our total offerings to nearly 250 programs of study
- Affordable tuition that has been reduced and frozen at $140 per credit hour
- 12 on-campus 3+1 baccalaureate degrees for under $34,000
$17.9 TRILLION
FEDERAL DEBT

$162 BILLION
ILLINOIS DEBT

$33 BILLION
PLUS PENSION OBLIGATIONS
CHICAGO DEBT

$178 MILLION
COD POSITIVE FUND BALANCE

If the nation, our state and the third-largest city in the U.S. were companies—they would likely be forced to file for bankruptcy.

At COD, we don’t believe that a public entity has to operate at a deficit.

College of DuPage
Why is COD different?

We operate the College like a business with taxpayers as our shareholders. We don’t spend what we don’t have and we don’t take unnecessary risks. We underestimate revenues, including dwindling state dollars. Our financial achievements demonstrate our commitment to our students and our community:

- Tuition & fees rolled back to $140 per credit hour and frozen at the lower rate through fiscal year 2016.
- No-increase tax levy for fiscal year 2014.
- Triple-A ratings with Moody’s and Standard & Poor’s.
- Consistently clean and unmodified external audits since 2009.
- Fund balance of $178 million, a reserve to protect COD during uncertain economic times.
- Internal controls that monitor spending & ensure compliance—controls which have uncovered fraud and saved the College millions.
- Dozens of awards for excellence in financial reporting.

While colleges across the state and nation grapple with rising tuition and declining enrollment, College of DuPage remains strong. Our enrollment numbers are growing, our finances are solid and our students are succeeding.

Enroll now for summer and fall semesters at cod.edu
Academic excellence that is affordable and accessible.
We’re listening and here’s what you said...
We’re all ears...

We asked you, our community, to tell us how we are doing. These are your responses:

- 82% indicated that College of DuPage’s cost of tuition is a good value
- 70% gave College of DuPage’s academic reputation high marks
- 64% responded that College of DuPage should have 9 to 18 months of operating expenses in reserves. (College of DuPage currently has 12 months of reserves.)
- 66% felt that the amount of their property tax (4% or $200 on a $5,000 tax bill) that goes to COD is “Very Reasonable”

In your own words...

AFFORDABILITY
“I don’t think people realize what a good deal [College of DuPage] is.”
“A really fair value.”

QUALITY EDUCATION
“You have a strong academic program with highly qualified professors.”

MODERN FACILITIES
“I am so impressed with the improvements on the campus.”

TRANSFERABILITY
“My friends were able to transfer to universities without any difficulties.”

SENSE OF DIRECTION
“[Students] go in and get a good education and get through some of those basic college classes before they really have to make a decision.”

PROPERTY TAXES
“I am a strong believer that they [College of DuPage] should get more.”

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ACADEMIC REPUTATION
A deciding factor
WHY IS COD ONE OF THE TOP THREE COLLEGES DISTRICT RESIDENTS WOULD CHOOSE TO ATTEND?

STUDENT ACHIEVEMENT
- Our students have attended 23 of the top 20 universities ranked in 2015 by U.S. News & World Report, including Princeton, Harvard, Yale and Stanford.
- 370 students received Presidential Scholarships with an average GPA of 4.4.
- 7 students have received the Jack Kent Cook scholarship, which awards $40,000 per year for the continuation of an undergraduate degree.
- Students participate in research internships at Fermilab or Argonne Laboratories.

ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS
- We partner with prominent universities to offer baccalaureate degrees at a significantly reduced tuition.
  - Benedictine University
  - Concordia University Chicago
  - Governors State University
  - Lewis University
  - National Louis University
  - Roosevelt University
  - The Pathways program guarantees admission to the University of Illinois-Urbana Champaign (UIUC) Engineering program.

INSTITUTIONAL ACHIEVEMENTS
- The Chronicle of Higher Education ranks College of DuPage as a top producer of Fulbright Scholars.
- 2014 Illinois Council of Community College Administrators Innovation Award for an innovative approach to student collaboration.

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Residential Customer
Students choose COLLEGE OF DUPAGE
WHY ARE STUDENTS CHOOSING COLLEGE OF DUPage?

AFFORDABILITY AND QUALITY EDUCATION
“When I was ready to graduate from high school, I had all these different plans but didn’t actually know what I wanted to do. Starting at COD, I avoid any sort of student loans, I get a great education that can transfer anywhere, and I can test the waters and figure out exactly what I want to do with the rest of my life.”—Hank, student

TRANSFERABILITY
“COD has great opportunities – the classes transfer, and I could take upper-level courses.”—Azeam, student

SENSE OF DIRECTION
“COD bought me about two years to figure out where I wanted to go and what I wanted to do. Plus, it saved my parents money.”—Justin, student

MODERN FACILITIES
“What I love about the program is the hands-on experience. Four-year schools don’t have facilities like this.”—Kelli, student

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College of DuPage offers
SOMETHING FOR EVERYONE
Find your reason to visit COD.

College of DuPage strives to be a center for excellence, not only in teaching and learning, but also in cultural experiences. With exquisite dining options, world-class live performances, an expansive library and the Chicago area’s only jazz radio station WDCB, College of DuPage is committed to enhancing the quality of life for everyone in the community we serve.

**WHAT BRINGS PEOPLE TO COLLEGE OF DUPAGE?**
- The newly renovated McMinn Arts Center has welcomed more than 1.5 million visitors since it opened in October 1986.
- The Lakeside Pavilion, a new venue where the community can gather for shows and events in the open air, drew nearly 8,000 people for free performances during its inaugural season last summer.
- More than 180,000 unique listeners tune in to WDCB 90.9 FM—Chicago’s only listener-supported jazz station—every week.
- Waterleaf, the College’s professionally run restaurant, has earned three out of four stars from the Chicago Tribune’s Phil Vettel and Crain’s Chicago Business as well as Diner’s Choice Awards for Best Ambience, Best Overall, Best Service, Fit for Foodies and Special Occasion on OpenTable.com, where it maintains a 4.6/5.0 rating. Waterleaf served 16,000 people last year.
- Diners enjoy contemporary American cuisine prepared and served by students at Wheat Cafe, a 60-seat casual dining room in the Culinary & Hospitality Center.
- People living and working in District 502 have access to the COD Library vast collections and services.

**VISIT COD TODAY**
cod.edu/calendar or enroll for fall at cod.edu.
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