

# The Green Sheet

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## Winter Break Is Here!

The College observes winter break Dec. 24 to Jan. 1. During this time, College offices will be closed. For more details on the MAC and other auxiliary functions, visit [cod.edu/hours](http://cod.edu/hours).

**A New You in the New Year:** Know someone looking to change careers or go back to school in 2019? Spring registration is now open for both returning and new students. COD has something for everyone. [Read More](#)

**MAC Grant:** Congratulations to the **McAninch Arts Center**, which recently was awarded \$10,000 in funding from the **National Endowment for the Arts' Arts Engagement in American Communities program** to support a series of international performing artists this season. The NEA program supports arts projects designed to engage the public in diverse and excellent art in geographic areas underrepresented in the NEA's grantmaking portfolio.



**Spring In-Service:** The spring kick-off is scheduled for Jan. 16 to 18 with the all-campus address and I Am COD Award announcement on Thursday, Jan. 17. Also, be sure to stop by the spring I Am COD nominee reception from 2:30 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 8. [View the Schedule](#)



**ISPA Award:** Congrats to Homeland Security Training Institute Director **Tom Brady**, who recently received the 2018 "Excellence in Homeland Security" award from the **Illinois Security Professionals Association**. Tom

was recognized for his ongoing commitment to public safety education as head of HSTI.

**Dedicated Service:** Associate Culinary Professor **David Kramer** recently was recognized by the **Meals on Wheels** organization for his 13 years of dedicated service. David volunteers each year for the organization's fall fundraising event, which raises money for programs in DuPage county.

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**Crystal Pillar Nominee!** Former COD student **Sarah Taschetta's** documentary on friend and former classmate Sam Anderson, "Sam Anderson: In My Own Words," recently was nominated for a Crystal Pillar Student Achievement Award from the National Academy of Television Arts and Sciences, the producers of the Chicago/Midwest Emmy Awards. Based on Anderson's blog, Taschetta's film documents Sam's journey with Down syndrome. [Read More](#)



**President's Corner:** It is hard to believe that my time at College of DuPage comes to an end in just a few short days. My tenure has passed quickly, but it has been filled with a tremendous amount of joy and a wonderful sense of accomplishment in all that we, as an institution, have achieved. The College, its employees and the vast number of students I have had the privilege to know over the last two and a half years have left a permanent impression and I will forever reflect on my leadership of this fine institution as one of my greatest accomplishments. I thank you all for your service and wish you a joyous holiday season and a prosperous 2019.



**Five Questions with... Choral Director Lee Kesselman.** Lee, who started at COD in 1981, discusses his favorite spot on campus, his path to a career in music and studying French in his free time. Lee also offers his favorite holiday musical selections. [Read More](#)

**Service Anniversary:** Congratulations to **Eileen Martyn** (Library), who is celebrating 30 years at the College and was omitted from the November listing.

**November I Am COD Award:** Congratulations to November I Am COD Individual Award winner Prairie Manager **Remic Ensweiler**. Remic was recognized for his contributions to the College.

**Cosmetology Showcase:** Career Services and the Cosmetology program recently collaborated to create a Senior Showcase. Fourteen industry employers came to campus to network, evaluate and assess students preparing to graduate. Students were responsible for displaying their hard work and talent to these employers while being evaluated on their portfolio, website and career readiness.



**EMT Career Day:** The Fire Science program recently held an EMT Career Day/Hiring Event, giving an opportunity for EMT/EMS students to meet with HR reps from nine local employers, including major ambulance companies, River's Casino, DuPage Medical and Northwestern Medical groups, and the Illinois National Guard. Many students had interviews already sched-



uled at the conclusion of the event and will have a job waiting for them upon completion of the training program this fall.

**What Are You Doing New Year's Eve? New Philharmonic Orchestra** will ring in 2019 with with three concerts at the MAC on Monday, Dec. 31. Concerts are scheduled at 2, 5:30 and 9 p.m. and feature a celebratory program featuring classical and pop works, exciting surprises and a champagne toast. Guest artists soprano Alisa Jordheim and baritone Corey Crider join New Philharmonic performing individually and in duets. [Read More](#)



**Campus Happenings:** There's always something happening at College of DuPage. Visit [cod.edu/calendar](http://cod.edu/calendar) for a complete list of upcoming academic, social and cultural events.



**From Homeless to the Open Road:** After several years of living at a homeless shelter, **Joseph Miller** (right, pictured with CDL instructor Chris Bell) wanted a change. Interested in getting his CDL but unsure about how to pay for the program, the 61-year-old reached out to the workNet DuPage Career Center and was able to secure funding for his training. Miller completed COD's CDL program and secured employment working as an over-the-road driver, hauling a refrigerator truck. [Read More](#)



**Pitch Contest Winner:** What began as a way to help keep her family healthy has become an exciting start-up business for COD student **Ashley Spratt**. The owner of Spratt's All Naturals won the 2018 COD Pitch Contest, impressing the judges with a well-organized presentation of her business. [Read More](#)



**Culinary Competitors:** Five COD Culinary students took second place and earned a silver medal during the recent American Culinary Federation's Illinois State Competition held last week at the CHC. The competition included a skills salon and a cooking competition consisting of a four-course menu including one classical course. [Read More](#)