

The Green Sheet

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A Cheesy Kick-Off! Nearly 200 runners took advantage of the **2018 Food Truck Rally/5K** early bird registration last week, while hundreds more enjoyed a cuisine sneak peek during last week's Cheesy Teaser. The Toasty Cheese food

truck swung by campus to help build some buzz for the Oct. 13 event. [Read More](#)

Congratulations... to Director of Choral Activities **Lee Kesselman**, who is being honored this evening with the Tribute Award for his contributions to choral music from Chicago a cappella, a professional, classically-trained vocal ensemble.



Kudos to... English Professor **Tom Montgomery Fate**, whose review of Jim Antal's "Climate Church, Climate World" was recently published in the Chicago Tribune. [Read More](#)



Congratulations... to Writing, Reading, Speech Assistance (WRSA) staff, who achieved certification from the National Association of Communication Centers. This achievement makes WRSA one of only 17 certified communication centers in the country! The certification is based on a review

of the rigorous training program WRSA coaches receive to provide support to COD students and staff.

Courageous Baker: COD grad **Laura Pekarik** was recently featured on **Windy City Live!** She discussed how watching her sister battle cancer inspired her to channel her love of baking into a successful business, **Courageous Bakery**, which now includes two locations and a food truck. [Watch the Segment](#)



STEMCON 2018: An estimated 2,000 guests explored more than 60 booths highlighting everything from reptiles to electronics at this year's **STEMCON**. The third annual event transformed the 40,000-square-foot PE arena into a STEM playground courtesy of COD faculty, staff and select external groups. [Read More](#)



President's Corner: Last week, I had the honor of attending the official opening of the new **Learning Commons West** in the Technical Education Center joined by Chairman Deanne Mazzochi and other Board members. This space better connects students with the resources they need to be successful by offering both the tutoring found at the east campus and support to programs housed within TEC. The opening included accounts from students and faculty on the impact specialized Learning Commons services have on those served by College of DuPage. This administration continues to identify ways in which we can better serve our students and I am thrilled at this latest endeavor to aid our community of learners on their educational journeys. [Read More](#)



Five Questions with... Director of Grants Barb Abromitis. Barb, who started at COD in 2011, discusses her background in education, what she enjoys most about working at the College, and her recent trip to Russia through the Fulbright program. [Read More](#)

May 2018 Service Anniversaries

5 Years: **Adrianna Costello**, Biology and Health Sciences; **Justin Hardee**, Counseling and Advising, **Robert Wiseman**, Veterans Services

15 Years: **Patricia Augustyn**, Suburban Law Enforcement Academy

25 Years: **Judith Vosicky**, Finance



Zlatka Burtis Newspaper Dolls Thru May 18: Stop by the Wings Gallery to see the amazing newspaper dresses created by student Zlatka Burtis, who developed the idea for the dresses while taking a COD portrait photography class. [Read More](#)

Fashion Show May 12: Fashion Studies students present “CODE,” the annual fashion show, at **3 and 7 p.m. Saturday, May 12, in the street scene at the HEC.** It’s a COD affair as students in the Fashion Promotion class are producing the show and involving other academic programs. Cosmetology students will help models with hair and makeup, while VIP swag bags will contain items created by Horticulture, Culinary Arts and Fine Arts students. [Read More](#)



Animation Night May 15: Check out student works at the eighth annual Animation Night. The free event kicks off at 7 p.m. Tuesday, May 15, in the MAC’s Belushi Performance Hall. Doors open at 6:30 p.m. [Read More](#)

Commencement Is May 18: Volunteer to direct graduates, welcome families, provide information to guests, assist with crowd control and help with post-ceremony tasks. Volunteers must attend a brief training. [Read More](#)



There’s always something happening on campus. Visit cod.edu/calendar for a complete list of upcoming academic, social and cultural events.



Celebration of Academic Excellence: Congratulations to **Lauren Phegley** of Downers Grove (second from left), who was recognized as the recipient of the North Central College Transfer Scholarship, and **Sarah Volle** of Carol Stream (second from right), who received the Elmhurst College Transfer Scholarship, both full-tuition awards. Lauren and Sarah were among dozens of students honored at the annual Celebration of Academic Excellence. [Read More](#)



Simply Outstanding: Congratulations to members of the 2017-2018 class of Outstanding Faculty and Outstanding Advisers, including (from left) **Lynda Randa, Cory DiCarlo, Mary Konkol, Edison Wells, Christopher Schneberger, Stephen Thompson, Tom Carter, Donna Gillespie, Andrea Polites, Jim Filipek and Robert Nichols.** The faculty and advisers were selected for their excellence in teaching, service to the College, scholarly activities, community service and advising skills.



Exposed Photo Exhibition: Guests enjoyed the works of COD Photography program students and local high school students at the fourth annual “Exposed” student showcase. Works included fine art, commercial, studio, location, wedding, architecture, nature, photojournalism, editorial, documentary, event coverage, conceptual, digital compositing and alternative processes. [Read More](#)