“I Hereby Declare, On Oath…”

More than 200 individuals representing 50 countries officially became U.S. Citizens at a recent Oath of Allegiance ceremony at COD’s McAninch Arts Center. The event, sponsored by the United States Citizenship and Immigration Service in conjunction with the College’s Adult Basic Education/ESL/GED office, drew more than 700 guests and featured Congressman Peter Roskam and COD Acting Interim President Joe Collins. Click here to view photos from the event. A total of 236 candidates took the Oath of Allegiance and received their credentials officially identifying them as U.S. Citizens. Read More

View Rare Supermoon Lunar Eclipse at COD Sept. 27

The COD Astronomy Club is hosting a viewing of a rare “Supermoon” total lunar eclipse with high-powered telescopes and binoculars on Sunday, Sept. 27, from 8 to 10 p.m. at the north BIC courtyard. Participants at this free event can also take photos through the telescopes! This lunar event only occurs once every 18 years. For more information, please contact Joe DalSanto at dalsantoj228@cod.edu or ext. 2163. Read More

MAC 2015-2016 Season Kick-Off Features Jim Belushi

Jim Belushi played the harmonica during a spontaneous jam session at the formal dedication of the Belushi Performance Hall at the McAninch Arts Center. In addition, as part of the kick-off of the MAC’s 2015-2016 season, more than 100 VIP guests and nearly 500 audience members in total enjoyed a performance by The Motown Experience in concert with the New Philharmonic. Proceeds from the concert benefitted the COD Foundation’s MAC General Fund, New Philharmonic and the Belushi Artists-in-Residence Fund, which Jim Belushi, a 1974 COD graduate, established in memory of his brother John who was also attended COD. Click here for more images.

New Associate Dean Joanne Ivory

College of DuPage welcomes new Associate Dean of Continuing Education and Director of Business Solutions Joanne Ivory. Fulfilling her dual role since May 2015, Ivory said she is pleased with her experience so far at the College. “I love it here at COD,” she said. “There is a wonderful energy at the College. Everyone has been very friendly and it’s clear that the faculty, administrators and staff are completely committed to helping students succeed.” With 10 years of experience in education, Ivory worked as Associate Dean of Careers for Olive-Harvey College, one of the City Colleges of Chicago, from 2005 to 2015, before coming to COD. She earned a B.S. in Management from National Louis University and an M.B.A. in Business Administration from Benedictine University where she is currently pursuing her Ph.D. in Organization Development. Read More
**Chap Gridders Celebrate Win and Honor Former Coach**
College of DuPage head football Coach Matt Foster embraces Denise Kirchhoff prior to the start of the Chaparral’s season home opener against the University of Wisconsin – Osh Kosh JV squad. Team members joined with family members of the late Kyle Kirchhoff, a former defensive line coach, to celebrate and remember his life. Kirchhoff passed away in a tragic accident earlier this year and the team is dedicating its season to his memory. The Chaparral gridders defeated the visiting team 28-0 and are currently 2-0. The Chaparrals next take on Georgia Military Sept. 19, beginning a stretch of three away games. Their next home game is at 1 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 17, against Iowa Western. [Click here](#) for more images and to view a Multimedia Services video of game highlights.

**Laps With the Chaps Sept. 26!**
College of DuPage invites you and your family to participate in the 5th annual Laps with the Chaps 5K Sunset Run/Walk and COD Food Truck Rally. Race time is 4:30 p.m. Fun festivities kick off at 2 p.m. and continue until the sunset race concludes. All proceeds from this event will benefit the College of DuPage Student Emergency Fund. Volunteers are also needed. Please [click here](#) to offer your assistance. Thank you!

**COD Cares Lee Denim Days Oct. 1**
Donate to Team COD to help the fight against breast cancer. Wear pink and your favorite jeans Oct. 1 and show up at the SRC south staircase at 2 p.m. for a group photo. Let’s beat last year’s total!

**College of DuPage is welcoming 16 students from around the world to begin the 2015-2016 Community College Initiative (CCI) program.** Made possible through a grant from the U.S. Department of State, the CCI Program provides participants with quality educational study at U.S. community colleges and is designed to build technical skills, enhance leadership capabilities and strengthen English language proficiency. The CCI Program recruits participants from underserved and unrepresented communities. “It has been a privilege for College of DuPage to participate in the Community College Initiative program for four years,” Field and Experiential Learning and Study Abroad Manager Maren McKellin. “I’m very happy to welcome this year’s group of 16 students from all over the world, including two new countries: Bangladesh and Kenya. As much as the students express thanks for being at COD, we are equally excited to learn from them. It’s a mutually beneficial exchange.” [Read More](#)

**Culinary Opportunities at College of DuPage**
Students are creating culinary delights this fall for the International Cuisine and Classical Cuisine dinners, Wheat Café and the Culinary Market. All will be offered in the Culinary & Hospitality Center at College of DuPage. The Culinary Market sells items made by students and is open from noon to 2:30 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays now through Thursday, Dec. 3. The menu at the Culinary Market changes daily and is tied to the curriculum of several classes. [Click here](#) for International Cuisine menus; [click here](#) for Classical Cuisine menus; and [click here](#) for Wheat Café lunch and dinner menus. [Read More](#)

**SAVE THE DATE! College of DuPage Spirit Week and Homecoming will take place Oct. 13-17, with the football game scheduled at 1 p.m. vs. Iowa Western.** [Click here](#) to view a Multimedia Services preview video about this exciting week of activities. More information to follow!
September Service Anniversaries
5 Years: Nancy Soukup, Central Scheduling; John Gandor, Finance; Mia Igyarto, Human Resources
10 Years: Linda Patch, Testing
15 Years: Mary Anderson, English; Dan Blewett, Learning Resources; Terri Ciez, DMIS; Matt Cousins, Physical Education; Mary Cravens, Sociology; Linda Elaine, English; Omar Gasca, Facilities, Operations and Maintenance; Kristina Henderson, Student Life; Marina Kuchinski, Art; Loretta Lach, Testing; Sherry Machacek, Testing; Maureen McBeth, Accounting; Christine Monnier, Sociology; Sally Mullan, Graphic Design; Jennifer Pleth, MPTV; Caroline Soo, Mathematics; Maureen Waller, Nursing; Edison Wells, Counseling and Advising; Keith Yearman, Geography
20 Years: Mohammed Bhuiyan, Library; Donald Kates, Psychology; Jane Kielb, Interior Design; Anne Schneider, Facilities, Operations and Maintenance
25 Years: Mark Sutherland, Earth Science; Tom Tallman, Music
30 Years: Gerald Krusinski, Mathematics
40 Years: Jeff Papp, Radiation Therapy

Kudos to…former chemistry student and recipient of an esteemed National Science Foundation Graduate Research Fellowship Ellen Briggs who was recently featured in an NBC news story regarding a contest to “solve the mystery of ocean acidity.” Read more about Ellen’s fascinating career and experience at COD by clicking this article and Spotlight.

More Kudos to…former culinary student Tiffany Lewis whose new Naperville company, BabyCakes, was recently featured in the Chicago Tribune Foods section. Click here to read.

More Kudos to…Early Childhood Center Manager Erin Cetera who recently gave a presentation to the Glen Ellyn Kiwanis Club about the COD Early Childhood Center programming, focusing on the benefits of quality care and education for young children, the on-site observation/participation site for ECEC students and the importance of community/society provided by quality early education. One of the Kiwanis members said he came to campus just to see the building due to Erin’s discussion. Congrats!

More Kudos…to Manager of Diversity and Inclusion David Swope who recently participated in the NAACP College and Career Readiness Fair at Waubonsie Valley High School. More than 100 students visited the Center for Student Diversity table, with more than 30 inquiry cards completed by students who wanted to receive more information about COD. In addition, COD was represented on a panel discussion titled “Choosing the Right College for You,” which had an audience of approximately 300 students and their parents.

Even More Kudos to…COD instructor and author Trina Sotira and the Prairie Light Review staff who received a first place award from the American Scholastic Press Association (ASPA).

And More Kudos to…Psychology instructor and former COD student Patrick O’Connor who contributed to the new book, “The Walking Dead Psychology: Psych of the Living Dead.” A book signing will take place on Monday, Oct. 12, from 9 a.m. to noon in the COD Library. Please contact Patrick for more information at: oconnorp10@cod.edu.

COD Hosts ‘KickstART’ Oct. 10
College of DuPage will host “KickstART,” a workshop and exhibit featuring art from area high school students on Saturday, Oct. 10, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the McAninch Arts Center. Read More

Kudos to…Dental Hygiene Coordinator Lori Drummer, students and staff who recently hosted eight guests from Tokiwa College in Japan who toured the College’s dental lab and Dental Hygiene Professional Clinic, enjoyed a presentation and visited Follett’s Bookstore. Click here for more photos. Read More

Entries for Fall 2015 ‘Celebrating Our Own’
The Library will highlight creative works produced by COD employees from November to January. To be included in the exhibit, all works should be related (at least conceptually) to an employee’s work at the College. Examples include books, contributions to books, doctoral dissertations, plays, music, graphic arts, videos and other media, original artwork and more! Please contribute materials now through the Oct. 15 deadline by filling out the attached form. Contact Rebecca Cremin at ext. 2978 or cremin@cod.edu with questions and more information.

Hot Tix this Weekend: Robert Cray, Sept. 19, 8 p.m., Belushi Performance Hall ($26-33.50). www.atthemac.org

Purchasing Dates
Please contact the College of DuPage Purchasing Department at (630) 942-2217 for questions about dates required for purchasing approval for upcoming Board of Trustees meetings.

Job Opportunities
To view and apply for any posted internal job opportunity, go to: https://cod.hiretouch.com. Job opportunities will be posted to the external web page after they have been posted on the COD Portal for seven days. For questions, please call ext. 2639.

Employment Information Lines
(630) 942-2460 – for a listing of faculty, classified and administrative positions. (630) 942-2639 – for detailed information and to schedule skills testing for clerical positions. Apply at www.cod.edu/hr.