

GROWING A GREENER FUTURE

Just outside of College of DuPage's Horticulture Department's greenhouses, visitors may spot something new on campus. COD's new Sustainable Urban Agriculture lab gives students real-world access to one of the most popular movements in farming. The project recently received \$20,000 in funds from the Foundation to further College of DuPage's commitment to environmental stewardship and sustainability.

From rooftops to community gardens, students are equipped to meet the needs of the changing agricultural landscape. Assistant Professor of Horticulture Brian Clement stated, "Urban agriculture has become a means to increase access to locally grown food and a way of reintroducing the public to the many aspects of food that we have lost as a culture." In December, the Horticulture program debuted an Illinois Community College Board accredited degree and certificate in Sustainable Urban Agriculture. Students receive training in cultivation and sustainability as a part of the 66 credit requirement.

Thanks to the generosity of Foundation donors, COD students access the newest equipment and experience real-world applications of their knowledge before they set foot on the job, building a better future for our community. For more information about contributing to this project or Horticulture scholarships, please visit foundation.cod.edu.



Horticulture Instructor Brian Clement (left) and Greenhouse Supervisor Amy Hull work in one of the raised platforms in the agriculture lab on COD's west campus.

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Ernest Daunter

SCHOLARSHIPS IN ACTION: ERNEST DAUNTER

In 2013, Ernest Daunter was diagnosed as diabetic and hypertensive. "That day I made a decision," Daunter said. "I was going to change my life starting with my health. I began eating and exercising to find a program that would suit me. I gained my certification in personal training and weight loss management for educational purposes... Within a year, I had lost 110 pounds and needed no medication to maintain my normal body functioning.

I learned so much about many medical fields that I decided to pursue physical therapy as a career. It took a couple of years to get moved and comfortable enough to start, but here I am."

In Fall 2016, Daunter received the Returning Adult Scholarship through the College of DuPage Foundation. During the 2015–2016 school year, College of DuPage Foundation awarded 368 scholarships amounting to over \$458,000. Thousands of COD students apply for assistance each semester for these donor-supported scholarships that offset the cost of educational expenses. "All of the donors want to help students better themselves," Daunter said. "With their help, I can minimize the financial issue for my family and start focusing on starting another career. One day I'll be coming to COD as a donor."

After earning his Associate in Applied Science, Daunter would like to work with people recovering from surgery or injury and, with luck, help returning soldiers with war injuries.

In order to support promising students like Ernest Daunter in pursuing the education they need to become tomorrow's leaders, please visit foundation.cod.edu.

EMERGING ENTREPRENEURS SHARE THEIR INNOVATIONS

When Ellee Crawford was in the seventh grade, she wanted an iPhone just like her friends had. Crawford's parents told her that she needed to earn the money to purchase one. But instead of finding a part time job, Crawford decided to launch her own business.

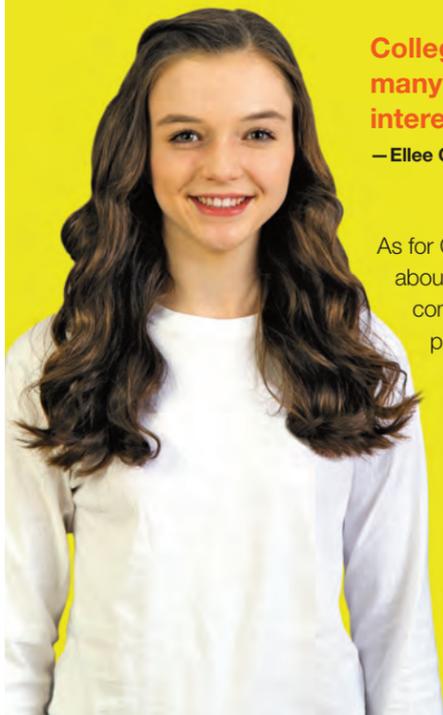
Now the 16-year-old College of DuPage student from Wheaton has won the inaugural Pitch Contest created by COD's Entrepreneurship Club and Emerging Entrepreneurs (E2) business mentoring program. She is using the first prize of \$1,000 to continue funding her business, Small Pets and Company, which she operates online through Etsy and has now expanded to Amazon Prime.

E2 is supported by the College of DuPage Foundation Resource for Excellence grant program; E2 promotes entrepreneurial training and community mentoring for students in every academic area. These grants subsidize proposals from COD faculty and staff seeking funding for innovative educational opportunities. In 2016, Resource for Excellence awarded over \$125,000 financing 9 programs that represent the creative, hands-on educational experiences that are the hallmark of a College of DuPage education.

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As for Crawford, she is already thinking about new products to offer through her company. Crawford is interested in pursuing the 3+1 program in Management through COD and Benedictine University. She says of her experience, "College of DuPage offers so many opportunities to students interested in business. I'm really excited to be a part of the Entrepreneurship Club and know that I'll carry the education I receive here well into the future."



CHAIRMAN MAZZOCHI RALLIES COD COMMUNITY TO CELEBRATE PROFESSOR GLENN HANSEN'S SERVICE

Professor of Photography Glenn Hansen served as President of the College of DuPage Faculty Association for seven years, and selflessly gave of his time and talents for the benefit of the COD community. When Hansen

announced that he would be leaving the position, the College of DuPage community came together to express its gratitude for his dedication to the college and its students by creating the Glenn Hansen Leadership Scholarship.

Board of Trustees Chairman Deanne Mazzochi demonstrated her support for Hansen's inspiring work by pledging to match the first \$10,000 donated before February 1, 2017. Her generosity rallied the community to show their gratitude for Hansen's work in promoting academic excellence. Thanks in large measure to Chairman Mazzochi's challenge, the scholarship fund has nearly reached endowment status, at which point it will serve as a permanent source of support for promising College of DuPage students.

The scholarship celebrates Hansen's work on campus by awarding a College of DuPage student demonstrating leadership qualities. For more information about the Glenn Hansen Leadership Scholarship or to help this fund make the transition to permanency through your contribution, please call (630) 942-2462 or visit foundation.cod.edu/donate.



Glenn Hansen

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- Affordable tuition
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- Career Services to assist with internships, career goals, job search strategies and more
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Please contact Campus Central at (630) 942-3000 if you have any questions. Visit cod.edu and apply today!

UPCOMING EVENTS

CULTURAL ARTS

Thursday, April 20

Annual Student Art Exhibit Opening Reception, McAninch Arts Center, Cleve Carney Art Gallery

Friday, April 21

Spring Dance Showcase, McAninch Arts Center, Belushi Performance Hall

May 4–June 4

"*Improbable Fiction*" by Alan Ayckbourn, Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, McAninch Arts Center, Playhouse Theatre

CAREER SERVICES & COMMUNITY EDUCATION

Sunday, April 23

Senior Expo 2017, Homeland Security Education Center, Room 1022

Wednesday, May 3

Internship Search Workshop, Berg Instructional Center, Room 3820

ENROLLMENT

Friday, March 31

Summer Course Registration began for new students on March 31

SPECIAL EVENTS

Friday, May 19

Commencement, College of DuPage Main Campus

Saturday, September 23

5K and Food Truck Rally

Thursday, November 9

Distinguished Alumni Reception

Visit cod.edu/news-events for details and additional offerings!

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