We are proud to announce that the College of DuPage Board of Trustees recently announced Arts & Culture as one of the four pillars of the Strategic Long Range Plan.

The 2020–2026 Strategic Long-Range Plan that is grounded in four strategic pillars:

- **STUDENT SUCCESS**
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**
- **ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE**
- **ARTS, CULTURE & COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT**

Arts & Culture distinguishes the College as a destination to experience a broad range of cultural offerings and arts education and outreach, all under one roof. The McAninch Arts Center (MAC) at College of DuPage is a recognized leader in regional arts programming being named as an Illinois Arts Council Agency Partners-in-Excellence.

The MAC prioritizes access, fosters a lifelong relationship with the arts, and expands appreciation of diversity. Participation in arts offerings positively influences the quality of life and economic development, enriching, educating, and ultimately building community.

The MAC and its resident programs including the New Philharmonic Orchestra, Buffalo Theatre Ensemble, and Cleve Carney Museum of Art are an inspiring beacon for the arts.

We have developed a series of programs to help keep the arts alive in DuPage County including free and paid streaming events, online lectures, a Frida Kahlo book club event with author Celia Stahr, artist lectures and free online art projects for children to keep our community engaged.

New Philharmonic is planning a Live streamed series of concerts from the MAC, and we even have several free MAC shows planned, to come to your living room from the stage!

We are as committed to your wellness and safety as we are to making memories with you, so while our theaters aren’t open through 2020, enjoy the MAC at home!

The MAC in the community

- Lakeside Pavilion concerts
- MAC Chats
- Global Flicks screenings
- Stuck in the Studio and CCMA Creates at theccma.org
- Visiting Artist Lecture Series
- Touring Artist Lecture — Demonstrations and Master Classes
- Summer College Theatre tours for families at libraries and community centers

The MAC offers all of this for you, but we can’t do it without you!
Here are highlights of the CARES Act that may affect you and your charitable goals:

**IRA Required Minimum Distributions Waived**
The new law temporarily suspends the requirements for required minimum distributions (RMD) for the 2020 tax year. Many donors use their RMD to make a gift from their IRA. Despite the RMD suspension, if you are a donor who is 70½ or older, you can still make a gift from an IRA or name the College of DuPage Foundation as a beneficiary.

**A Gift from Your IRA May Still Be a Good Idea**
- Your gift will be put to use today, allowing you to see the difference your donation makes.
- You pay no income taxes when you make a gift. The transfer generates neither taxable income nor a tax deduction, so you benefit even if you do not itemize your deductions.
- Since the gift doesn’t count as income, it can reduce your annual income level, which may help lower Medicare premiums and decrease the amount of Social Security that is subject to tax.

**New Tax Incentives**
The new Coronavirus Act, Relief, and Economic Security (CARES) Act expands charitable giving incentives and allows taxpayers who take the standard deduction to make up to $300 of charitable contributions to qualified charities this year. You might think that this is a small amount and would not make a difference. But what if all of our donors gave just $300? Such support would have a huge impact! For those who do itemize, the new law allows for cash contributions to qualified charities such as the College of DuPage Foundation to be deducted up to 100% of your adjusted gross income for the 2020 tax year.