SUPPORTING THEIR STORY
OUR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Every year, the commencement ceremony offers us the opportunity to celebrate with the students who have benefited from College of DuPage Foundation scholarship donations. This year, we had an exception. Like most celebrations during the COVID-19 pandemic, the rite of passage for this year’s graduates looked a little different as the ceremony was held virtually for the first time in College of DuPage history.

While we could not celebrate together, the online ceremony recognized their successes and this major milestone of their academic career. And for many students, scholarships helped inspire them to achieve this goal.

The College of DuPage Foundation nourishes students of promise who, with determination and perseverance, transform their lives through education. Last year, the College of DuPage Foundation awarded over $450,000 in academic scholarships to more than 500 students. Your support makes the difference to students who have the ambition to realize their goals and dreams. Please consider a donation to the College of DuPage Foundation today.

WITH THE GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS, MORE THAN $450,000 IN ACADEMIC SCHOLARSHIPS WERE AWARDED TO OVER 500 STUDENTS LAST YEAR.

HELPING EVEN MORE
OUR COVID-19 STUDENT RELIEF FUND

As the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic continue to impact our students, College of DuPage and the College of DuPage Foundation is committed to persevering through this challenge together. Many students lost jobs and are struggling. Their families are experiencing hardship. Our concerned faculty and staff are responding to students’ anxieties about continuing their education, but despite our efforts, we continue to see students in need and withdrawing from their courses.

In an effort to ensure our students achieve their academic goals, we established the COVID-19 Student Relief Fund. The fund is helping students meet their basic needs by providing resources for a variety of expenses, such as online course materials, rent, food and toiletries, medications, and other emergency or unforeseen circumstances.

To date, more than 500 students have received emergency relief — but we continue to see an average of 10 new applications a day — and we anticipate our students’ needs will linger long into the future. As a friend of the Foundation, please consider a gift to our COVID-19 Student Relief Fund. Any amount is appreciated and every bit allows our students to get closer to reaching their career goals, which strengthens their families and our community as a whole.

HELPED thru OUR COVID-19 STUDENT RELIEF FUND

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— CLASS OF 2020 GRADUATE

*“This scholarship taught me to never lose faith, and to always have a positive mindset, because you never know how many good things are on your way waiting for you. This scholarship means a lot to me and my family. So thank you again! I will never forget the people who helped me on my journey of becoming a doctor.”

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— RELIEF FUND RECIPIENT

*“I wanted to express my deepest gratitude by saying thank you for the generous donation. I had no expectations from the COVID Relief Fund, so you can imagine my surprise. The combination of funds from the Relief Fund have given me and my children such a tremendous opportunity of hope. In such a difficult time, these funds mean everything to me. I am so excited to be able to finish my degree here at COD this summer. Thank you from the bottom of my heart for giving me the chance to finish my studies.”

— RELIEF FUND RECIPIENT

MORE THAN $177,000 AWARDED
MORE THAN 500 STUDENTS HAVE RECEIVED SUPPORT
150 APPLICATIONS CURRENTLY IN REVIEW

PLEASE HELP SUPPORT STUDENT EMERGENCY RELIEF AND/OR STUDENT SCHOLARSHIPS AT COLLEGE OF DUPAGE.
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ENHANCED GIVING INCENTIVES

CARES Act 2020 Highlights

On March 27, 2020, the CARES Act became law. While most of the act focuses on relief to individuals and businesses, there are key provisions that impact charitable giving.

New $300 Deduction for Qualified Donations

Individuals who take the standard deduction can claim an above-the-line tax deduction for cash donations to qualified charitable organizations, up to $300.

Cap on Deductions Lifted

For 2020 only, individuals who itemize may deduct contributions up to 100% of their adjusted gross income for cash gifts made to nonprofits. This change may be attractive to donors who wish to make a large cash donation. In addition, corporations may deduct up to 25% of taxable income, up from the previous 10%.

Required minimum distributions waived

The CARES Act temporarily waives required minimum distributions from most qualified retirement plans, including IRAs. Individuals age 70½ and older can continue to make tax-free gifts up to $100,000 annually from their eligible IRAs through qualified charitable distributions directly to nonprofits.

For further information on Tax Benefits of the CARES Act, please visit: https://cod.planmylegacy.org/cares-act

DATA AS OF JUNE 11, 2020

CHICAGOLAND COMMUNITIES

Please note that any unused funds given to the College of DuPage Foundation are tax-deductible to the fullest extent provided by law. College of DuPage Foundation, in collaboration with the College’s Office of Institutional Advancement, is committed to raising the visibility of and resources for the College to address its long-term academic, cultural and institutional priorities.

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Thanks to the ongoing commitment of COD supporters and friends, the College of DuPage Foundation has invested millions of dollars in student scholarships, the expansion and enhancement of programs, and other education essentials. We strive to be an exemplary steward of philanthropic dollars.

We can’t thank you enough for all you do for College of DuPage and the College of DuPage Foundation. Your gifts make a huge difference for all we serve. Simply put, we can’t do what we do without you.

Especially during these uncertain times, our work continues to be important, which means that your support is as vital as ever. Please consider helping us in our continued efforts to provide our students the support and resources they need to succeed.

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