



Willowbrook High School
Guidance & Counseling Department
College of DuPage Partnership
Post-High School Planning Series



The purpose of this Post-High School Planning Series is to help current seniors prepare and successfully transition to College of DuPage. After conducting the senior survey at WBHS in May 2013, we realized a number of students indicated they planned on attending COD, but had completed little to no preparation for enrolling in classes at COD. In addition, data has shown that many students, especially under-represented populations, often struggle and are unsuccessful at community colleges. To address these concerns and help WBHS students successfully transition to COD, Dana Whittaker and Jose Alferez came up with the idea to create an interactive, hands-on program spanned throughout the school year that would be co-facilitated by both Willowbrook counselors and COD staff. Dana worked with COD representative, Jose Alferez, over the summer to create a pilot program for the 2013-14 school year. The program is now in its second year and she is working with COD Admission Counselor, Sean Warren-Crouch.

PROGRAM SCHEDULE

- SEPTEMBER:** **COD Overview** Topics include: courses offerings, transfer opportunities, 3 + 1 Programs, Honors College, and application procedures—*Warrior Time Session*
- OCTOBER:** **COD Learning Commons:** Tutoring and support services offered-*Warrior Time Session*
COD Application Completion Workshop-*Multiple periods*
- NOVEMBER:** **COD Application Completion Workshop**-*Multiple periods*
- DECEMBER:** **Financial Aid Presentation**-*Warrior Time Session*
COD Application Completion Workshop for January Grads & current seniors-*Multiple Periods*
FAFSA Completion Workshop of January grads-*Multiple Periods*
- JANUARY:** **COD Field trip** to learn about the academic programs/offerings
- FEBRUARY:** **Evening and Weekend FAFSA Completion Workshop** with COD rep.
Placement Testing at WBHS: January 31 and February 11, 12, and 17 day (Reading, Writing, Math). 4-5 staff members from COD will be present. 2-3 hours needed for testing time-*Multiple Periods*
- MARCH:** **BEGIN session at WBHS:** March 6 and 20
- APRIL:** **Individual COD Advising Sessions at WBHS**-*April 10 and April 20-Multiple Periods*
- MAY:** **COD Registration follow-up**-*May 8-Multiple Periods*
- JUNE:** **Summer Program at COD:** transition program co-facilitated by COD staff and WB Counselors