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The Alumni Association Welcomes You!

Welcome to the Drexel University Alumni Association and congratulations on earning your Drexel degree! The Alumni Association is here to keep you stay connected to your alma mater and to your friends and classmates, and we encourage you to keep in touch with Drexel and become active members of the Alumni Association.

You'll stay in the loop, make new friends and stay connected to old ones. We'll help you give your career a boost, tell you about fun social events in your area, and give you the chance to share your Drexel experience with the students that come after you. As graduates, you can look forward to receiving this *Drexel Details* alumni e-newsletter on the third Wednesday of each month to keep you informed on the most up-to-date news and events.



Please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at any time if you have any questions, or would like more information about how you can get involved in the Drexel University Alumni Association. Call us at **215-895-ALUM** or **1-888-DU-GRADS**, or e-mail us at alumni@drexel.edu. And don't forget to check us out online at www.drexel.edu/alumni, for the most up-to-date alumni news and information!

The Young Alumni Association

The Young Alumni Association (YAA) provides our newest alumni with career-development programs, professional and social networking events, volunteer opportunities and other social outlets. Some of the exciting events and programs that the YAA plans year-round are Homecoming Weekend, Young Alumni Day at the DAC, How-To Seminars, as well as social and professional networking happy hours.

The YAA is always looking for energetic members who can bring fresh ideas to the group, so let us know if you'd like to get involved with the YAA committee, the Homecoming planning committee, or if you'd simply like to help plan something in your area! [More](#)



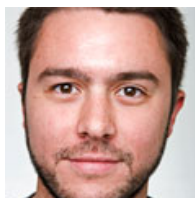
Young Alumni Profile: Andrew Thomas, AWC0MAD '06

As a student, what Andrew Thomas liked the most about Drexel was that it was a real-world school. Not surprisingly, Andrew was ready to take on the real world long before graduation.

"My friend Jason and I did artistic things together in high school and then we went off to college and kept making films for fun," he said.

A few paying jobs making commercials for a clothing company led to the realization that this hobby had the potential to grow into a thriving business.

Still a graphic design student at Drexel, Andrew traveled every other weekend to Penn State where he and Jason did client work out of a spare room they rented as their office. "As soon as we graduated college, we really took it full-time," said Andrew. In 2006, Andrew and Jason officially started the Manayunk-based branding and interactive agency known as Brolik. [More](#)



Get Your Alumni Card — It's Free!

Once you graduate, you can request a free Alumni Card which allows you to access the brand new Recreation Center (membership fees apply), the Korman Computing Center and the University libraries. Also, receive a \$5 discount on university performances at the Mandell Theater. To get your Alumni Card, call the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-DU-GRADS or [click here](#).



Career Zone: Increase Your Job Search Success with a Positioning Plan

by Julia Levy '93

Follow Julia's steps to create a personal positioning plan and better promote yourself, your skills and talents, and the kind of job you're looking for. [More](#)



Your Career Retainer: Wise Leaders and Planting Trees

by Chris Bilotta '77, '84

Wise leaders plant trees under which they will likely never sit. Chris explains this statement which focuses on the importance of balancing immediate, short and long-term goals. [More](#)



Leadership Unlimited: Look in the Mirror First, but Beware of Blind Spots

by Terry Wall '97

Blind spots are the issues or skills that we just don't see in ourselves, but that are glaringly obvious to others. Terry advises all leaders to take a good look in the mirror — but beware of the blind spots! [More](#)



Career Makeover Strategies: Five Questions to Ask Before You Start Your Job Search

by Tai Goodwin '95

If it's time to start looking for a new job, Tai suggests you examine the one common denominator in all of your work experiences — you. Then ask yourself five very important questions. [More](#)



Join Us for an Upcoming Alumni Association Event

Young Alumni Rock Climbing and Rockin' Reception!

Come and conquer the



The 2010 New Graduate Guide

Check out the [New Graduate Guide](#) and use it as a handbook to help you take advantage of all of the great opportunities the Alumni Association provides for you to stay involved with and connected to your fellow alumni and the University.

A Gift from Drexel Athletics and Alumni Relations

Congratulations to the Class of 2010! As a thank you for all of your support the last 4-5 years, the Athletic Department is partnering with Alumni Relations to offer you complimentary basketball season tickets for next year. If you would like to receive your free season tickets, please send a mailing address where they can be sent in the fall to Sean Joyce at sean.joyce@drexel.edu. If you have any questions, e-mail Sean or call him at 215-895-1588.



Alumni Career Services — Get the Tools for Professional Success

The Alumni Career Services (ACS) program provides you with opportunities for professional growth and development, featuring services and programs like resume-writing workshops, networking receptions, seminars, and question-and-answer sessions with alumni and industry experts.

Networking receptions provide an ideal environment to meet and establish relationships which could potentially lead you to that next career step. The ACS program hosts speakers who cover a wide range of topics from how to win the interview, to achieving a work-life balance, to maximizing your worth in a competitive job market. [More](#)

Stay Connected with Facebook, inCircle, LinkedIn and the Online Alumni Directory

With online networks like Facebook, *inCircle*, LinkedIn and the Online Alumni Directory, staying in touch with your friends and classmates has never been so easy! Alumni can join Drexel's official Facebook fanpages such as the Alumni Association, the Community Alumni Network at Drexel University (CANDU), the University City 5K Run and the Young Alumni Association.



inCircle is an online networking tool similar to Facebook, however, *inCircle* is exclusive to Drexel alumni. Alumni can network, post blogs, as well as view job opportunities posted by other Drexel graduates.

The official "Drexel University Alumni Association Networking Group" on LinkedIn has become the largest Drexel networking group on LinkedIn, with more than 5,000 alumni, and provides a way for Drexel alumni to connect with each other and discuss career opportunities and professional development.

Search the Online Alumni Directory for friends, post and view class notes, and register for permanent e-mail forwarding. This exclusive membership is complimentary to alumni so log in to the directory often and keep your information up-to-date! [More](#)

Meet the Next Generation of Dragons! Become an Alumni Ambassador

The Alumni Ambassadors Program provides a unique opportunity for alumni to stay connected to Drexel and there are many different ways to get involved as an Alumni Ambassador. You can visit high schools, attend college fairs, and field one-on-one questions from prospective students on the phone or by e-mail. One of the best ways you can support Drexel is to share your experiences and answer questions about the university from prospective students. Who better to relate than you, someone who has already experienced it first hand? [More](#)

Donate to the Leadership Library and Get a Free T-Shirt!

As you clean out your things after graduation, the Alumni Association encourages you to donate new or used books that you've found to be particularly motivational for the Alumni Leadership Library. The library is a collection of books generously donated by alumni and housed within the Dean of Students' Office. The books are available, free-of-charge, for Drexel students to borrow and use. Anyone who brings a book to an alumni event will receive a free alumni T-shirt! For more information, donation instructions and a listing of suggested titles, [click here](#).



GradMed Short Term Medical Insurance

GradMed short-term medical insurance is an ideal choice for new graduates or alumni between jobs. After graduation, many students lose their health insurance coverage under their parents' plans, making them vulnerable to high healthcare costs. GradMed provides protection from the major expenses associated with an accident or unexpected illness, providing coverage while job searching or waiting for new employee benefits to begin.

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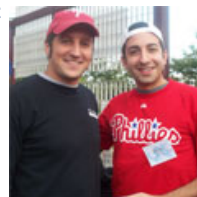
rock climbing wall at Drexel's new Recreation Center on Thursday, July 22, 2010! After climbing the wall, enjoy a reception



with fellow young alumni at the new restaurant in the Recreation Center, Landmark Americana Tap and Grill. The reception will include appetizers and soft drinks. A cash bar with drink specials will also be available. [More](#)

Young Alumni Night at the Phillies

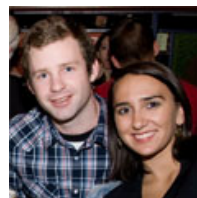
Join the Young Alumni Association to cheer as the National League Champion Philadelphia Phillies take on the Washington Nationals! Join us on Friday, September 17, 2010, at Citizens Bank Park, and before the game for a reception at McFadden's. Plus, it's a promotional night at the ballpark — all fans over the age of 15 receive a Phillies knit cap! [More](#)



If you're not in the Philadelphia area, visit us online to find out when we're hosting an alumni reception at a baseball game near you, and join us for the fun. For a complete listing of all receptions and games, [click here](#).

Join Us for a Young Alumni Happy Hour in Philadelphia

The Young Alumni Association is keeping busy this summer planning fun events for you and your classmates including a happy hour on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, at Octo Waterfront Grille. Come out and meet other young alumni in the Philadelphia area at this city hot spot. Mark your calendars — online registration and more details are coming soon!



Homecoming 2011

Do you want to become involved and show your Dragon pride? The Young Alumni Association is looking for enthusiastic alumni volunteers to assist with the planning of Homecoming 2011! Homecoming was a great success last year, as it welcomed hundreds of alumni and their families back to campus, so join us for the fun this year as a member of the planning committee. If you are interested, please contact Louisa Kopp '08 at lcs42@drexel.edu or 215-895-6317.

And keep an eye out for further details regarding Homecoming 2011 in late January!

For a complete calendar of upcoming alumni events, including college and school events, and more information, [click here](#).

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