

# Details

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## Alumni News

### The Drexel University Alumni Association Wins Gold CASE Circle of Excellence Award

The Drexel University Alumni Association is pleased to announce that it won a Gold Award in the Council for Advancement and Support of Education (CASE) 2010 Circle of Excellence Competition for its outreach program, the Community Alumni Network at Drexel University (CAN DU). Among thirty-four other entries in the Collaborative Programs category, CAN DU was one of just two Gold Award recipients.



The Collaborative Programs category recognizes collaborative partnerships which demonstrate creativity and innovation in thought and execution, show solid results, and support the mission of the institution. CAN DU sponsors two major community service programs a year, bringing together both alumni and student volunteers, as well as collaborating with more than twenty campus and community partners. One annual project is held in conjunction with Earth Day, while the other focuses on the revitalization of a Philadelphia school in-need. For more information on CAN DU, [click here](#).

### Alumni Profile: David Beam, CoE '05

There is an old Japanese saying that goes, "A man is a fool who never climbs Mt. Fuji, and he is a bigger fool for climbing it more than once."

If that's true, then what does that make officer David Beam, who is preparing to climb Japan's tallest and most sacred mountain not once, but four times in a single day?

David, a 2005 College of Engineering graduate, is a nuclear trained submarine lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, currently living in Japan. Along with three teammates, he plans to climb Mt. Fuji four times in one day, rallying behind the motto "4-in-24", and raising money to support the non-profit organization, the Wounded Warrior Project (WWP). [More](#)



### Volunteer Your Expertise to the Alumni Career Services Program!

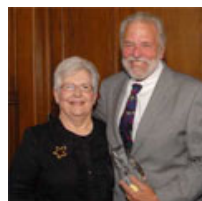
The Alumni Association is seeking volunteers for Alumni Career Services programs specifically in the **Philadelphia metro area, New York City, Atlanta and Washington D.C.** For details, and a complete list of program topics and speaker/panelist criteria, [click here](#).

If you live in any of these areas and are interested in getting involved as a speaker or helping to plan an event, please contact Lauren Rocca Villanueva '04, '09 at [lmr24@drexel.edu](mailto:lmr24@drexel.edu) or 215-895-2744 for more information or to volunteer.

If you don't live in any of the areas where we are currently recruiting volunteers, we still want to hear from you! Please contact us if you have an idea for an ACS program where you live or, if you would be interested in presenting a webinar on a career-related topic. Now you can participate in Alumni Career Services Programs no matter where you live — all you need is Internet access and a phone line!

### Alumni Honors and Awards: 2011 Nominations

Each year the Drexel University Alumni Association recognizes alumni for outstanding achievements in their professions, in the community, and within the university. We encourage all members of the alumni and university community to participate in the awards process by sharing the achievements of fellow alumni, colleagues and friends with the committee for nomination. We invite you to review the awards criteria and submit nominations for worthy candidates. Nominations for the 2011 Alumni Association Awards must be submitted by October 29, 2010. For more information and online nomination forms, please [click here](#).



### Fill Out an Alumni Survey to Share Your Feedback

The Drexel University Alumni Association is currently developing new program ideas for several areas around the country, and ask that you please click on your city/state and take a few moments to complete a brief survey about your particular area: **Pittsburgh, PA; Detroit, MI; Miami/Ft. Lauderdale**s,



### Career Zone: Activity vs. Productivity by Julia Levy '93

As you continue your job search, make sure you're working smarter, not harder. Follow Julia's easy steps to increase productivity and to get more out of your job search efforts. [More](#)



### Your Career Retainer: Ten Steps to Effective Leadership by Chris Bilotta '77, '84

Being a leader means achieving a certain level of personal development. Read on for industry expert John C. Maxwell's ten simple steps toward effective leadership. [More](#)



### Career Makeover Strategies: Seven Day Résumé Makeover by Tai Goodwin '95

Tai shares her seven-day makeover plan for your résumé to give it the upgrade that it needs. The key to completing this task is to focus on one thing each day. [More](#)



## Philadelphia Area

### Young Alumni Rock Climbing and Rockin' Reception!

Come and conquer the 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](#)

### Summer Happy Hour and Cocktail Lesson

Drexel young alumni and friends are invited to an exclusive happy hour event at Octo in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, August 11, 2010, which includes a



**FL; Washington, DC/Virginia; Northern California; Charlotte, NC; Los Angeles, CA; San Diego, CA; Seattle, WA or Atlanta, GA.**

Even if you have not participated in the past, please take a few moments to share your suggestions for future events and programs with us. Your feedback will be used to enrich activities for you and your local Drexel alumni. Thank you in advance for your valuable feedback!

#### **Alumni Weekend Reunion Committees: Class of 1961 and 1986**

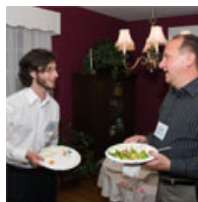
It's never too soon to begin planning for next year! Plans are underway for Alumni Weekend 2011. Mark your calendars for May 6 and 7!

If you are a member of the Classes of 1961 or 1986 (including Hahnemann Medical College and Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania) and you're interested in helping plan your 50th or 25th reunion celebration, please contact Louisa Kopp '08 in the Office of Alumni Relations at [sassi@drexel.edu](mailto:sassi@drexel.edu) or 215-895-6317.

#### **Join Students and alumni for a Dinner with 12 Dragons**

*Dinner with 12 Dragons* is a program that personalizes the overall student-alumni experience. All Drexel students and alumni are invited to participate in this dinner program where alumni open their homes to students and fellow alumni for small dinner parties, bringing everyone together in a warm, friendly environment. It's a great opportunity to get together and share some good food, good conversation and Drexel camaraderie.

**We're looking for alumni hosts for dinners this fall. Sign up today! [More](#)**



## **Alumni Resources**

#### **Get Your Free Alumni Card Today!**

Your Alumni Card is your key to campus. Visit the university libraries, Korman Computing Center or the Daskalakis Athletic Center (membership fees apply) and receive alumni discounts at the Mandell Theater box office. [More](#)

#### **Alumni Memberships and a Free Guest Pass Available at the Drexel University Recreation Center**

Where can you beat the heat with a swim, challenge yourself with a climb and catch up with old friends while making new ones? At Drexel University's Recreation Center! Drexel Alumni are welcome to join the Recreation Center, but don't forget your Alumni Card! Please check out the various Alumni Membership options [here](#). And bring a friend! For your free, one-day guest pass, [click here](#).

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

The Alumni Association invites graduates to donate new or used leadership books that they have 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](#).

#### **Alumni Travel Program**

Be sure to join our travel mailing list to receive information on all of our new destinations, including the Amalfi Coast. [Click here](#) to e-mail the Alumni Office and include your name, class year and address. [Click here](#) for more information on all of our Alumni Travel Program offerings.

## **Campus News**

#### **John A. Fry to Take Office as Drexel's 14th President on August 1**

John A. Fry will begin his tenure as Drexel's 14th president on Sunday, August 1, 2010. Chair of Drexel University's Board of Trustees, Richard A. Greenawalt, announced Fry's appointment on Wednesday, March 10, 2010, after a unanimous vote. Previously, Fry served as president of Franklin & Marshall College in Lancaster, PA. [More](#)



#### **Photography Contest Showcases Unique Co-op Experiences**

For the last two years, the Steinbright Career Development Center has held a photography contest for Drexel co-op students. According to Cooperative Education Coordinator Gregory Martino, the contest began two years ago as a way of developing interest in co-op abroad.

"For the first year, we asked students to submit photos that they took that highlighted their co-op placements in areas outside the Delaware Valley," he said. "Last year, we broadened the scope and requested that students submit photos that captured the unique side of their co-op experience."

For the complete story and to see a selection of photographs from the contest, [click here](#).



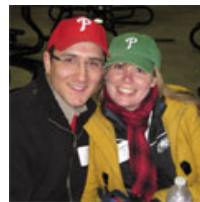
special cocktail-making lesson! Guests will also enjoy great drink specials, along with complimentary appetizers. [More](#)

#### **Young Alumni Down at the Shore Seafood Party**

After spending the day at the beach, join us for a casual afternoon party by the bay near Ocean City and Sea Isle at the popular seafood restaurant, Obadiah's. Mingle with fellow Drexel alumni while enjoying a delicious seafood feast on Saturday, August 21, 2010. [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](#)



#### **Save the Dates for Young Alumni Events in Philadelphia: Movie Sites Tour and "Terror Behind the Walls" at Eastern State Penitentiary**

On Saturday, October 2, 2010, young alumni and friends are invited to join us for an exciting movie sites tour where you'll visit various spots in Philadelphia where famous movie scenes were filmed. And stick around for a brunch buffet at Triumph Brewing Co., and a special question and answer session with faculty and students from Drexel's Cinema and TV Department. Then on Thursday, October 21, 2010, get ready for Halloween and visit Eastern State Penitentiary with the Young Alumni Association for the exclusive tour, "Terror Behind the Walls." A reception will immediately follow the tour.

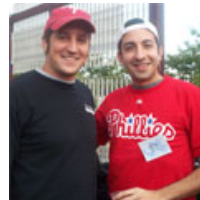
## **Around the World**

#### **Salt Lake City Alumni Happy Hour**

Celebrate summer while meeting and networking with fellow Drexel alumni in the Salt Lake City area on Friday, July 30, 2010! Join us and stay cool at the SkyBox Sports Grille! Admission is free and registration is not required, but is appreciated! [More](#)

#### **Swing Into Summer with Drexel!**

Join the Drexel University Alumni Association as we follow major and minor league baseball teams, including 2009 National League Champions, the Philadelphia Phillies, all summer long! Check out the upcoming games below to find out when we're hosting an alumni reception at a game near you and join us for the fun.



**Wilmington, DE  
Friday, August 13, 2010**  
Wilmington Blue Rocks  
vs. Salem Red Sox  
Frawley Stadium, Wilmington, DE

### GradMed® Offers Affordable, Short-Term Medical Insurance

GradMed® short-term medical insurance provides protection from the major expenses associated with an accident or illness. An ideal product for new graduates and alumni between jobs, coverage can begin as early as the day after receipt of your application. [More](#)

### Pennsylvania License Plate Program

Drexel University is a recognized organization in the Pennsylvania Department of Motor Vehicles Special Organization Plate Program. If you are interested in ordering a Drexel plate, [click here](#) for more information.

### Experience the Flexibility of Drexel University Online and Save 15% on Tuition

As a Drexel graduate, you'll enjoy an automatic 15% tuition reduction on all Drexel Online programs! With 90+ degree and certificate programs to choose from, you can further your education and advance your career with 24/7 online access that works around your schedule. You'll even earn the same degree as on-campus students. Drexel Online: the most convenient way for you to be a Drexel Dragon once again! [More](#)

## Colleges & Schools

### College of Medicine Class of 2014 White Coat Ceremony

The annual White Coat Ceremony welcoming the incoming College of Medicine Class of 2014 will be held on Friday, August 6, 2010. Alumni interested in making a donation to help defray the cost of the white coats can [click here](#), or call 1-866-373-9633. If making a gift online, please reference "White Coat M11A5" on your check or in the special instructions box. Alumni who would like to attend the ceremony or cloak a student at the ceremony can contact Patty Comey at 215-255-7341.

### Students Helping Parkway High

This past winter quarter, ten theater students from the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design worked with Parkway High School students on their production of August Wilson's Pulitzer prize winning play, *Fences*. Under the direction of Theater Program Director Nick Anselmo and with the help of Parkway English teacher Joshua Rothstein, theater students worked with 27 Parkway students on all aspects of the production. Janelle Kauffman, a Drexel film and video student, documented the entire process. [Click here](#) to view her documentary.



### AWCoMAD Graduates Unveil Social Graffiti

Matthew Morton '10 and Chad Porche '10, Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design digital media graduates, raised \$22,000 to produce the Social Graffiti project, animations and messages from Twitter which were displayed on the façade of Nesbitt Hall. For their senior project, the pair collected Twitter messages from places including Europe, Japan and Iceland, and displayed them on the outdoor wall of Nesbitt Hall in what was one of Philadelphia's largest digital project venues. [More](#)

**San Francisco, CA**  
**Tuesday, August 24, 2010**  
 San Francisco Giants  
 vs. Cincinnati Reds  
 AT&T Park, San Francisco, CA

**Bowie, MD**  
**Wednesday, August 25, 2010**  
 Bowie Baysox  
 vs. Akron Aeros  
 Prince George's Stadium, Bowie, MD

**San Diego, CA**  
**Friday, August 27, 2010**  
 San Diego Padres  
 vs. Philadelphia Phillies  
 PETCO Park, San Diego, CA

**Los Angeles, CA**  
**Tuesday, August 31, 2010**  
 Los Angeles Dodgers  
 vs. Philadelphia Phillies  
 Dodger Stadium, Los Angeles, CA

[Click here](#) for more information and a full schedule of games!

### Turkey and London Alumni: Save the Dates!

Mark your calendars for upcoming Drexel alumni events in Istanbul, Turkey on Thursday, August 26, and London, England on Thursday, October 14, 2010. Stay tuned for more details on each event in the August issue of *Drexel Details*. In the meantime, please log onto our [Online Alumni Directory](#) and update your contact information so that we can send you the latest details on these exciting events.



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