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Alumni News

Alumni Advice for the Class of 2011

As graduation day approaches, members of the Drexel University Alumni Association Board of Governors wanted to share some words of encouragement and advice for graduating seniors, so they put together a series of videos for the Class of 2011. The Alumni Association has also extended an opportunity to the entire Drexel alumni community to share advice with seniors. Did you learn something after graduation that you wish you would have known before stepping out into the real world? Do you have a piece of advice you'd like to share? If so, please share your words of wisdom with graduating seniors by [clicking here](#).



Alumni Weekend 2011 Photos

Drexel alumni, students, faculty, professional staff, families and friends returned to campus on May 6 and 7 to celebrate Alumni Weekend 2011! The weekend was packed with so much excitement, guests were jumping through hoops to get from one event to the next!

To view and purchase photos from the Class of 1961 50-year Golden Dragon reunion events, the Class of 1986 25-year Silver Dragon reunion, the Alumni Association Awards Ceremony, the Alumni Cocktail Reception, and the University Gala [click here](#).

Drexel University Alumni Association Hosts First-Ever Global Night of Networking

On Thursday, May 5, 2011, more than 800 Drexel alumni around the world got together in person or via social media for the Global Night of Networking hosted by the Drexel University Alumni Association.



The Global Night of Networking was an evening in which more than 300 alumni attended simultaneous networking happy hours in 38 cities around the world. From Ann Arbor to Athens, Los Angeles to London, the Global Night of Networking gave alumni across the globe the chance to come out and get to know one another, as they celebrated the start of Alumni Weekend 2011. [More](#)

Alumni Spotlight: Doug Markgraf '10

On May 31, 2006, Doug Markgraf's life changed forever.

Doug, a sophomore and member of Drexel's Cycling Team, was riding his bike on Lancaster Avenue in Philadelphia when he was struck by a pickup truck pulling an ATV. The driver fled the scene and left Doug alone and seriously injured.



Doug doesn't know how long he was in the street before help came. In fact, he remembers nothing from the accident other than what people have told him, or what his medical records reveal.

He does not know who called the ambulance, but emergency responders eventually came to his aid. According to Doug, they measured his level of consciousness at the scene using the Glasgow Coma Scale. Anything less than a three on the scale is considered a vegetative state. Doug was a three. [More](#)

Alumni Travel Program

Be sure to join our travel mailing list to receive information on all of our exciting destinations. [Click here](#) to e-mail the Alumni Association and include your name, class year and address. See below for a list of our upcoming trips, and [click here](#) for more information on all of our Alumni Travel Program offerings.

Scotland

July 18 through 26, 2011

Normandy and Paris



Your Career Retainer "Execute Your Strategy" by Chris Bilotta '77, '84

Chris shares some fundamental principles about strategy and execution from certified business coach, Skip Reardon. [More](#)



Career Makeover Strategies

"Four Career Lessons from Goldilocks" by Tai Goodwin '95

Learn ways to build a successful career from the classic childhood tale — *Goldilocks and the Three Bears*. [More](#)



Career Zone

"How to Negotiate Your Way to a Raise" by Julia Levy '93

Negotiation is a give and take process until an agreement is reached between multiple parties. Follow Julia's tips to avoid the pitfalls many amateur negotiators make. [More](#)



Leadership Unlimited "Visibility is a Great Leadership Strategy" by Terry Wall '97

Learn how visibility in the workplace allows you to better communicate your message, harness the power of relationships, and overcome the information vacuum. [More](#)



Philadelphia Area

Bon Voyage Graduation

Celebration 2011

The Drexel Traditions Program and the Drexel University Alumni Association invite

graduating seniors and Drexel alumni to get together and celebrate the



September 22 through October 1, 2011
For informational videos and an inside look at the Normandy and Paris trip, [click here!](#)

Mexican Riviera Cruise
 November 27 through December 4, 2011

Athletics

Drexel Athletics Dedicates Monument to Football Program

The Drexel University Athletics Department hosted a football reunion prior to the men's lacrosse game against Delaware on Saturday, April 2, 2011. In addition, the school dedicated a monument to the memory and history of the Drexel football program.



More than 80 Drexel football alumni returned to campus for the dedication. The day began with a reception in Kopp Lounge at the Vidas Athletic Complex. The monument was unveiled by Drexel Director of Athletics, Dr. Eric Zillmer, and the Football Committee and former football players were recognized at halftime of the Drexel lacrosse game.

Colleges & Schools

LeBow Drexel Women in Business Seventh Annual May Tea

The Drexel Women in Business with LeBow College of Business invite alumni to attend the Seventh Annual May Tea to be held at the Acorn Club on Friday, May 20, 2011. Come out and network with professionals, students and alumni over hors d'oeuvres, desserts, and gourmet teas. Registration is required. [More](#)

New Orleans Area College of Medicine Alumni Reception

The Drexel University College of Medicine Department of Microbiology and Immunology and Office of Alumni Relations invite its alumni in the New Orleans area to a reception on Sunday, May 22, 2011. The event will be held in conjunction with the American Society for Microbiology 2011 Annual Meeting, and will take place at the Hilton New Orleans Riverside. For more information or to register, contact the College of Medicine Office of Alumni Relations at 1-866-DREXMED or medical.alumni@drexel.edu.

Physician Assistants Alumni Reception in Las Vegas

The College of Nursing and Health Professions invites alumni of the Physician Assistant program to join fellow graduates, students and faculty at a reception the Las Vegas Hilton on Wednesday, June 1, 2011. [More](#)

iSchool Networking Event at SLA-Philly

Held in conjunction with The Special Libraries

Alumni Resources

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Connect with Fellow Dragons Online!

Recently, the Drexel University Alumni Association has added some new subgroups to our [LinkedIn group](#) for professionals who are in employed in the information security field or who serve as CIO's/CTO's. If you are interested in networking with professionals in these fields, please send a request to join the group. In addition, if you are interested in starting a group

Class of 2011 at the annual Bon Voyage Graduation Celebration! Enjoy an exclusive party at Cavanaugh's River Deck on Saturday, June 4, 2011. [More](#)

Philadelphia Area Alumni Wine Tasting Reception

Join the [Philadelphia Alumni Club](#) and the [Drexel University Young Alumni Association](#) for a night at Pinot Boutique, one of Philadelphia's best specialty stores! Enjoy wine samples and a tasty selection of treats paired with the wine on Tuesday, June 14, 2011. [More](#)

Spring into Summer Fitness: Young Alumni Night at the Rec Center

Get ready to shape-up for summer by joining Drexel alumni for a night of fitness and fun at Drexel's new, state-of-the-art Recreation Center on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. Take your pick of activities offered to alumni for the evening, including group exercise classes, pick-up basketball and rock-climbing. You'll also learn how to stay fit and happy this summer with a wellness talk from Jess Norman, Drexel's Assistant Director for Health, Fitness and Wellness. [More](#)

[Click here](#) for an interview with Jess, and to learn more about the event!



Around the U.S.

Swing into Summer with the Alumni Association

Celebrate with Drexel graduates as the Drexel University Alumni Association hosts receptions at baseball games around the country this spring and summer.

Root for your team and enjoy a night at the ballpark with alumni in your area!



Thursday, May 19, 2011
Baltimore Orioles
vs. New York Yankees
Oriole Park, Baltimore, MD

Tuesday, May 31, 2011
Washington Nationals
vs. Philadelphia Phillies
Nationals Stadium,
Washington D.C.

Friday, June 3, 2011
Pittsburgh Pirates
vs. Philadelphia Phillies
PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA

Saturday, June 4, 2011
Charlotte Knights
vs. Lehigh Valley Iron Pigs
Knights Stadium, Fort Mill, SC

Thursday, July 14, 2011
San Diego Padres
vs. San Francisco Giants
PETCO Park, San Diego, CA

Association 2011 Conference in Philadelphia, The *iSchool* at Drexel, College of Information Science and Technology and Philadelphia Chapter of the Special Libraries Association invite alumni to an evening of bowling and conversation at Lucky Strike Philadelphia on Monday, June 13, 2011. [More](#)

College of Engineering Alumni Association Citizens Bank Park Tour and Reception

Join the College of Engineering Alumni Association and Drexel alumni for a tour of Citizens Bank Park, followed by a reception at McFadden's at the Ballpark. Then watch as the Philadelphia Phillies take on the Toronto Blue Jays in Toronto on Saturday, July 2, 2011. [More](#)

Campus News

Sacramento Earth Day Project

Sacramento alumni, staff and students, along with many of their family members, combined forces and volunteered in the community to beautify Bannon Creek Park in Sacramento on April 16, 2011. More than 100 volunteers participated in the event. The day included opening remarks from California Assembly member Roger Dickinson and former Sacramento Mayor Heather Fargo. Volunteers gave the park a fresh clean-up by clearing trash and overgrown paths yielding more than 6,000 pounds of green waste for composting.



Calling All Alumni!

Sign up to Host 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 casual 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 and summer. Sign-up today! [More](#)

[Click here](#) to watch a video about a dinner at the Media, PA home of Catherine Campbell-Perna '95, '10, and learn more about what a *Dinner with 12 Dragons* is really like!

for your particular industry, please contact us at alumni@drexel.edu with your ideas and suggestions.

With online networks like Facebook, *inCircle*, LinkedIn and the Alumni Directory, it's never been easier to keep in touch with your classmates! Look at photographs, find contact information, post a class note, network and job search, or simply reconnect with old friends and see what they've been up to. Now you can also check out videos on the official YouTube channel for the Drexel University Alumni Association, and get the latest news and announcements from our official Twitter feed. [More](#)

For a step-by-step video on how to log in and update your profile in the Online Alumni Directory, [click here](#).

Alumni Photo Gallery

Want to check out the photos from the last alumni event you attended? Or, do you want to see what you missed? [Click here](#) to check out photos from the latest Drexel alumni events and activities in our Alumni Photo Gallery.

Get Your Free Alumni Card Today!

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

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Saturday, July 16, 2011

Bowie Baysox vs. Richmond Flying Squirrels
Prince George's Stadium, Bowie, MD

Wednesday, July 20, 2011

Detroit Tigers vs. Oakland A's
Comerica Park, Detroit, MI

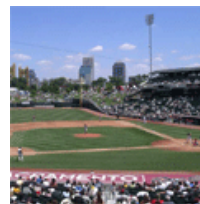
[Click here](#) for a complete list of games in an area near you, and reserve your tickets now!

Atlanta Area Speed Networking Night

Do you find traditional networking events unproductive? If so, join Drexel alumni in the Atlanta area for a networking event with a twist on Tuesday, June 21, 2011. The evening will begin with a reception, followed by a speed networking session, which will provide the opportunity to meet and interact with Drexel alumni through 12 to 20 face-to-face networking sessions, each one lasting about four minutes. [More](#)

Sacramento Students and Alumni Rivercats Game

Drexel students and alumni in the Sacramento area are invited for a day at the ballpark as they cheer on the Sacramento Rivercats, the Triple-A Affiliate of the Oakland Athletics, against the Fresno Grizzlies on Sunday, July 17, 2011. [More](#)



Seattle Area Alumni Night at the Sounders

The Seattle Alumni Network invites you to join Drexel alumni on Saturday, July 23, 2011 and root for your favorite team as the Seattle Sounders take on the Philadelphia Union at Qwest Field. Before the game, catch-up with alumni during a pre-game gathering at Fado Irish Pub. [More](#)

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