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Alumni News

Homecoming Committee Volunteers

Do you want to get involved and show your Drexel pride? The Drexel Homecoming Committee is looking for enthusiastic alumni volunteers to assist with the planning of Homecoming 2012. If you are interested, please contact the Alumni Association at alumni@drexel.edu or 1-888-DU-GRADS.

Alumni Weekend Reunion Committees: Class of 1962 and 1987

Plans are already underway for Alumni Weekend 2012, so mark your calendars for May 4 and 5. If you are a member of the Classes of 1962 or 1987 (including Hahnemann Medical College and Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania) and you're interested in helping to plan your 50th or 25th reunion celebration, please contact the Alumni Association at alumni@drexel.edu or 1-888-DU-GRADS.

Alumni Spotlight: Sean Christopher '99

As he approached his senior year in high school, Sean Christopher '99 wasn't sure he even wanted to go to college, not to mention what his major would be.

"My dad asked me what I wanted to do after high school, and I said, 'How about an electrician like grandpa?' If it was good enough for him it was good enough for me," said Sean. "My dad suggested I go to college and study electrical engineering, so that's what I did."

Sean wanted to go to a school that took him away from his small town in upstate New York, had a good engineering program, and had Co-ops. Drexel fit the bill.

"When I got to Drexel it was really tough because I didn't have any of the advanced placement courses that my classmates had," he said. "I had to work really hard just to be as average as I was." In the end, Sean was more than average, he graduated with honors. [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. Our upcoming trips include Normandy and Paris from September 22 through October 1, 2011, and a Mexican Riviera Cruise from November 27 through December 4, 2011. [Click here](#) for informational videos and an inside look at the Normandy and Paris trip. [More](#)

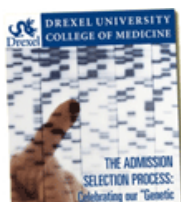
Alumni Ambassador Workshop Announced!

Mark your calendars for our annual fall session on Wednesday, August 31, 2011, at 8 p.m. EDT. This year's hour long web-session will cover recent changes to campus and the University, updated admissions policies, and new ideas for recruiting prospective students. For registration information e-mail the Alumni Association at alumni@drexel.edu. For more information about the Alumni Ambassador Program [click here](#).

Colleges & Schools

Drexel University College of Medicine Online Magazine

The Summer/Fall 2011 issue of the Drexel University College of Medicine Online Magazine has



Athletics

Drexel Dragons Selected for Paradise Jam

The Drexel Dragons Men's Basketball Team was selected to participate in the 2011 Paradise Jam held in St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands from November 18 to 21, 2011. The Paradise Jam is a tournament that highlights schools from the top conferences in the nation, from the CAA to the Big East. The team faces Norfolk State from the Mid



Leadership Unlimited "Choice is a Key to Motivation, Engagement" by Terry Wall '97

Want to positively motivate your staff? Terry suggests breaking the habit of telling people what to do and giving them a sense of choice. [More](#)



Career Zone "References, Do They Really Matter?" by Julia Levy '93

You may be wondering if references really matter. Julia says yes and explains why. Follow her tips to make your references count. [More](#)



Your Career Retainer "Turning Around Negative Attitudes" by Chris Bilotta '77, '84

Learn how to handle your staff's negative attitudes before they create a culture of failure in the workplace. Hint: it's the little things that matter most. [More](#)



Philadelphia Area

Young Alumni Inter-School Summer Networking Happy Hour

Head out to PYT in the Piazza at Schmidt's after work for a night of networking! Join alumni from Drexel and other local university alumni groups and members of Young Involved Philadelphia (YIP) for an exclusive networking happy hour on Thursday, August 18, 2011. Enjoy drink specials while meeting and networking with young professionals in Northern Liberties and learn about YIP and how you can get involved! [More](#)



Young Alumni Night at the Phillies

Join Drexel alumni and the Young Alumni Association on Wednesday, September 7, 2011, for a night at the ballpark and cheer as the National

arrived. This issue takes a deeper look at the admission selection process, explores the College of Medicine's state-of-the-art simulation center and introduces you to five people who are involved with the College of Medicine in different ways. [Click here](#) to check it out.

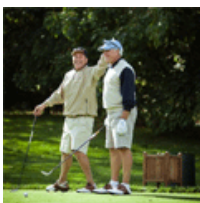


LeBow College of Business Family Day at the Zoo

Join LeBow College of Business at the Philadelphia Zoo on Sunday, September 18, 2011! Families and groups can arrive at any time, and can stay until the zoo closes. The zoo's hours that day are 9:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. We will come together at noon for lunch, which ends at 2 p.m. There will be a face painter for kids to enjoy from 12:30 to 1:30 p.m. Admission tickets and bracelets for pick-up at Will Call by family or group name. [More](#)

LeBow Dean's Cup Golf Tournament

This year the ninth annual LeBow Dean's Cup Golf Tournament will take place on Monday, September 26, 2011, at the Aronimink Golf Club in Newtown Square, PA, home of the AT&T National. The tournament will feature a day full of golf and amenities, wonderful food, including a cookout lunch, raw bar/cocktail hour, and filet dinner, and the opportunity to connect with fellow alumni and friends. For more information and to sign up, [click here](#) or contact Cassandra Brown at clb87@drexel.edu or 215-895-6294.



Day-Trip to New York City

The LeBow College of Business invites you on a 1-Day trip to New York City. All alumni, students, friends, and family of the college are welcome to enjoy a day of site seeing, round-trip coach bus fair, the Broadway hit musical "How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying", and an elegant dinner at Print Restaurant. Also, the Rockefeller Center Christmas Tree will be lit just days before the trip, setting the famous scene of a New York City Christmas. [More](#)

Campus News

Dragons' Salute to Service: 9/11 Anniversary and Veterans Day

On September 9, 2011, at 9 a.m., Drexel will take time to commemorate the tenth anniversary of the 9/11 attacks. All are welcome to attend this event in the Main Building. Also, mark your calendars for Veterans Day, November 11, 2011, when we'll have a special event on campus to honor all members of the Drexel community who have served our country. More details are coming soon!



Are you a veteran or former member of ROTC

Eastern Athletic Conference on Friday, November 18 at 2 p.m. AST. The Drexel Dragons invite you to support them in St. Thomas. [Click here](#) for bracket and travel information.

Alumni Resources

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 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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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.

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As a Drexel graduate, you'll enjoy an automatic 15% tuition reduction on all Drexel Online

League East Champion Philadelphia Phillies take on the Atlanta Braves at Citizens Bank Park! Join us before the game at Chickie's and Pete's for a pre-game buffet reception. [More](#)

Young Alumni Co-ed Volleyball Team

We're looking for members for the [Young Alumni Association's](#) recreational co-ed indoor volleyball team! Come out and play on Tuesday nights with Drexel alumni at The Philadelphia School this fall. The season starts on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, and includes 7 matches of regular season play followed by a single-elimination play-off tournament coordinated by the Philadelphia Sport & Social Club. [More](#)



Young Alumni Eagles Tailgate

Fly Eagles, fly! Come out for a tailgate with Drexel young alumni and friends before the Philadelphia Eagles' first home game of the season on Sunday, September 25, 2011. We'll be tailgating in Lot D of the Wells Fargo Center parking lot. The tailgate is BYOB, but grills, games, tents, and other supplies will be provided for a fun time at the Linc! [More](#)

A Night with Anthony Bourdain and Eric Ripert

Reserve your spot now for an exciting and exotic night with Anthony Bourdain and Eric Ripert at the Merriam Theater on Wednesday, November 2, 2011! This special event has been selling-out across the nation and you don't want to miss it here in Philadelphia, where the two master chefs will share an evening of storytelling, providing the audience with a provocative back-and-forth about what really goes on behind the kitchen doors. Before the show, enjoy a reception with Drexel alumni at Valanni Restaurant in the heart of the Avenue of the Arts neighborhood in Center City. [More](#)



Around the U.S.

Sacramento Alumni and Student Monthly Networking Happy Hour

Alumni and students in the Sacramento area are invited to a networking happy hour on Friday, August 19, 2011. Come out to The Mix restaurant in Sacramento, CA, to meet and get to know members of the Drexel community from the area. [More](#)



Northern California Networking Happy Hour

The [Alumni Club of Northern California](#) invites Drexel alumni to its monthly networking happy hour for the opportunity to meet and network with Drexel graduates from the area on Friday, August 19, 2011, at Jupiter Bar. [More](#)

Houston Alumni Night at the Ballpark



at Drexel? If so, please let us know so we can keep you informed about veteran programs and services at Drexel. [Click here](#) to fill out a brief online form.

Calling All Alumni!

International Alumni

Do you live outside the United States? If so, make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the Alumni Association by filling out this [brief online form](#).

Sign-up Now to Host a Dinner with 12 Dragons

Dinner with 12 Dragons is a program that personalizes the overall Drexel 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 for good food, conversation, and Drexel camaraderie. **We're looking for alumni volunteers to host dinners during the week of November 14 to 19, 2011 — sign-up today!** Some suggested topics for our fall dinners are: military veterans, Drexel sports teams, WKDU radio station, and marketing. For more information on Dinner with 12 Dragons, [click here](#).

If you have any additional questions about the program, contact the Alumni Association at alumni@drexel.edu or call 1-888-DU-GRADS.

[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!

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Join Drexel alumni on Tuesday, September 13, 2011, for a night at the ballpark and cheer as the Houston Astros meet the National League East Champion Philadelphia Phillies in Houston! Meet us before the game on the Top Tier of the FiveSeven Patio and meet Drexel alumni from the area while enjoying hot dogs, hamburgers, popcorn, cookies, and soft drinks. [More](#)



Atlanta Alumni Night at the Ballpark

The Alumni Association is coming to Atlanta! Join us on Tuesday, September 27, 2011 for a night at the ballpark and watch the Atlanta Braves take on the National League East Champion Philadelphia Phillies. Before the game we'll be in the Blue Lot at Turner Field for a pre-game alumni tailgate. Don't miss out on the fun! [More](#)

International

Drexel Alumni, Students and Parents Dinner in Rome, Italy

The Drexel University Alumni Association invites Drexel alumni, parents and friends to join the Drexel Dragons Women's Basketball Team for a special dinner in Rome on Monday, September 5, 2011.



Come out and meet other members of the Drexel community from campus, Italy and Europe! And wish luck to the Dragons as they travel throughout Italy where they will play four exhibition games against professional teams while visiting both Rome and Florence. [More](#)

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