

# Details

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## Details in Brief

Click below for a video preview of the July 2012 *Drexel Details* alumni e-newsletter, hosted by Drexel student **Chelsea Pullen '13** at Buckley Field.

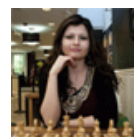


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## Alumni Spotlight

### Alisa Melekhina '11 Philosophy

When you ask someone about his or her hobbies or extracurricular activities, you usually expect to hear soccer or photography. What does not immediately come to mind is chess. However, that is exactly the case for recent Drexel graduate Alisa Melekhina who competed in the 2012 U.S. Women's Chess Championship this past May.



Alisa began her journey at Drexel in the fall of 2009 as a philosophy major. Typically, Drexel students graduate in four or five years, but Alisa graduated in just two years. [More](#)

## Alumni Association News

### Drexel University Alumni Association Board Election Results

The Alumni Association would like to congratulate the following re-elected individuals to its Board of Governors: James B. Dougherty, Jr. Esq. '78, '81; Susan B. Daroff '70; Paul K. Johnson '92, '07; Robert S. Lazzaro '82, '96; Jeffrey M. Lisinicchia, CPA '90; and Ira Taffer, Ph.D. '79, '83.

And welcome to Michael E. Conti '00, '03; Charles N. Sacco '06; and Kevin M. Turcotte '08 who have all been elected to their first term on the Board.

To learn more about the Alumni Association Board of Governors and to view a list of the current Board membership, [click here](#).

### Co-op Employers Needed

As Drexel University continues to grow its student population, the need to develop quality Co-op opportunities for our students is on the rise. This is especially the case in chemical, mechanical, and biomedical engineering, chemistry, biology, finance, accounting, and interior design. In 2012-13, we expect that nearly 5,000 undergraduate students in more than 75 majors will participate in Co-op.

As alumni, you are keenly aware that Co-op promotes student learning in the areas of problem solving, personal and social responsibility, civic knowledge and engagement, intercultural awareness, and most importantly, practical application of academic concepts in real-world, professional settings. Like many Drexel alumni have shared, their Co-op experiences had a lasting impact on their education and career. If you are interested in becoming a Co-op employer or want to learn more, [click here](#).

### Co-op Chronicles from Crete, by Natasha Pande '13

*Co-op Chronicles from Crete* is an online journal written for Drexel alumni by Natasha Pande '13, a Drexel senior communications student currently on Co-op in Crete, Greece. [Click here](#) to read Natasha's second journal entry where she highlights some of her



## Career Column

### Your Career Retainer Chris Bilotta '77, '84

#### "LeBron's Leadership Lessons"

Chris breaks down how NBA star LeBron James completed as successful a one-year turnaround as any organization could ever hope for. [More](#)



### Career Zone Julia Levy '93

#### "How to Win Over a Hiring Manager"

Make the most of your next job interview by following Julia's simple steps for winning over the hiring manager. [More](#)



experiences exploring the history and customs of Greece before beginning her Co-op.



## Drexel Graduate Competes in the 2012 Olympic Games

The Alumni Association and the Drexel community wish Steve Kasprzyk '05 the best of luck as he represents team U.S.A. in rowing at the 2012 Summer Olympics in London later this month. Steve is a native of Cinnaminson, New Jersey, and began rowing in 2000 as a freshman at Drexel. He helped the Drexel men's freshman eight qualify at the 2001 IRA National Championships and the following season, he rowed in the men's varsity eight boat that placed fifth in the finals at the 2002 Dad Vail Regatta.



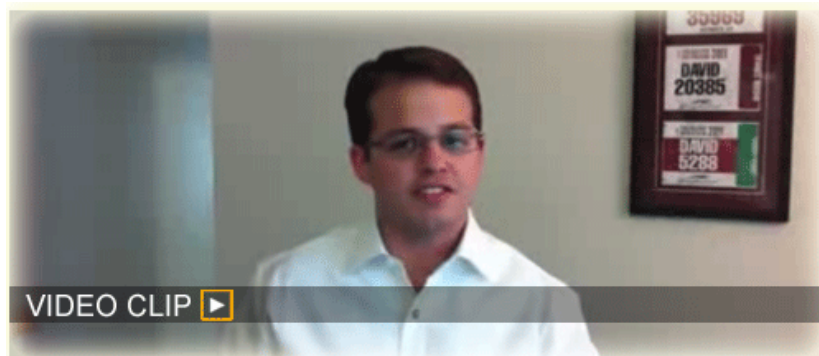
To learn more about Steve on the official website of the U.S. Rowing Organization, [click here](#). And don't forget to tune into the 2012 Olympic Games starting July 27!

## Drexel Year of the Dragon: Celebrating Dragon Talents in July

The Year of the Dragon theme for July is "Celebrating Dragon Talents." This month we will share the unique interests and talents of our alumni through a series of "how to" events and online videos. If you're in the Philadelphia area, join us for our "how to" event on July 22: [Philadelphia Wok 'n Walk Tour](#).

We know that Drexel alumni are a gifted bunch, so we're asking you to help us celebrate Dragon talents by sending us your "how to" videos sharing a special skill or talent. Can you play an instrument, change a tire, or grill the perfect steak? Whatever your talent may be, take a few minutes to film your step-by-step "how to" video and send it to us at [alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu) or post it to our [Facebook fanpage](#) and we'll share it on our official YouTube Channel and on the Year of the Dragon website.

Check out the video below on how to tie a bow tie by **David Maver '10** and to view the other "how to" videos that alumni have already submitted on our YouTube Channel.



## Celebrating Dragons at Play in August

Drexel alumni work hard, but they also play hard, and that's why we're "Celebrating Dragons at Play" during the month of August. All month long we'll be enjoying the sunshine and continuing our "summer swing" baseball series as we travel to major and minor league games throughout the country. [Click here](#) to see if we'll be at a stadium near you.

Our other Year of the Dragon event for August will be [Dragons Down the Shore: Alumni Networking Happy Hour](#) in Avalon, New Jersey. Mark your calendars for August 18, and join us for some fun in the sun!

## All I Really Need to Know I Learned at Drexel: 366 Drexel Life Lessons

We're still collecting our Drexel life lessons so send us yours today. So far we've received 235 life lessons from alumni, which means we only have 131 more to go before the end of 2012. Send us your life lesson and we'll share it on our website, Facebook, and Twitter. And remember, you'll get a promo code toward commemorative Year of the Dragon prizes! [More](#)

Today's life lesson comes from Kyle Esposito '09: **"Basketball tip 101: A Dragon can eat a Quaker."**

## Alumni Career Services

### Alumni Poll: Online Workshops

Feedback from our graduates is essential to the continued success of Alumni Association events and programming. If you are a member of the Alumni Association Networking Group on LinkedIn, please [click here](#) to visit the group and answer our one-question poll about online workshops. If you are not one of the 9,500 alumni who already belong to our official LinkedIn group, [click here](#) to join today!

## Upcoming Events

### Philadelphia Metro Area

[Philadelphia Wok 'n Walk Tour](#)  
Sunday, July 22

[Dragons Down the Shore: Alumni Networking Happy Hour](#)  
Saturday, August 18

[Alumni Night at the Phillies](#)  
Thursday, September 27

### Around the U.S.

[Durham Alumni Night at the Ballpark](#)  
Thursday, July 19

[San Diego Day at the Races](#)  
Sunday, July 29

[Alumni Night at Pageant of the Masters](#)  
Saturday, August 4

[San Francisco Alumni Night at the Ballpark](#)  
Friday, August 24

[Houston Alumni Night at the Ballpark](#)  
Saturday, September 15

Stay in the loop and visit the [Year of the Dragon website](#) today for more information on all of our exciting Year of the Dragon events, programs, activities, and giveaways!

## Experience the World with the Drexel Alumni Travel Program

As part of its commitment to lifelong learning, the Drexel University Alumni Association invites all alumni to take part in our exciting travel opportunities in 2013. Join other alumni for the once-in-a-lifetime chance to experience other cultures through a combination of educational forums and exciting excursions.

Upcoming trips include: The Mediterranean and Greek Isles; National Parks and Lodges of the Old West; Prague, Czech Republic; Alaskan Frontiers and Glaciers; The Italian Riviera; and The Rhine Riverboat Tour. For more information and to register, [click here](#).



If you reserve your spot on the trip to Prague before September 20, you can enjoy significant savings of up to \$1,000 per couple. [Find out how.](#)

## Alumni Resources



[Click here](#) for more online alumni networks.

### Alumni Benefits & Services

- [Alumni Card](#)
- [Auto, Homeowner's and Renter's Insurance with Liberty Mutual](#)
- [Continuing Nursing Education Courses and Conferences: 25% Alumni Discount](#)
- [Drexel Online 15% Tuition Discount](#)
- [Health, Life and Travel Insurance with American Insurance Administrators](#)
- [Drexel Dragons Official Fan Shop Online Store](#)
- [Online Alumni Directory](#)

[Click here](#) for more benefits and services offered to Drexel alumni!

### The Drexel University Visa Signature® Card: Reward Yourself this Summer

Sign-up today for the Drexel University Signature® card and get a \$100 Statement Credit with first purchase!<sup>1</sup> Plus, you'll earn one point for every net dollar spent everywhere Visa is accepted. Redeem points for cash back, travel, gift cards, and more!

### The Drexel University Visa Signature Card also provides great benefits, including:

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## Campus and Community

### Youth Summer Soccer Camp at Drexel

Alumni with children in the Philadelphia area can register now until July 25 for a youth soccer day camp at Drexel from July 30 to August 2. With more than 30 years of combined camp experience, the men's soccer staff will make this camp both lots of fun and a great learning experience for kids of all skill levels. For all camp information and online registration, [click here](#).

## Colleges & Schools

### Drexel Appoints Dr. Daniel Schidlow as College of Medicine Dean

Internationally recognized clinician in pediatric diseases Dr. Daniel V. Schidlow has been appointed Walter H. and Leonore Annenberg Dean and senior vice president, medical affairs at the Drexel University College of Medicine. Schidlow will assume the role from his current position as interim dean and senior vice president. [More](#)

### Earn Your Drexel MBA in the Suburbs

Taught by the same professors as Main Campus, the 24-month, part-time MBA program in Malvern, PA offers the skills and concentrations to propel careers in any industry. Malvern Campus students have access to amenities such as priority registration, career advising, professional development programming and networking events.

[More](#)

and sporting events like the Super Bowl and the Olympic Games; signature privileges, including merchant upgrades, offers and savings; Zero Fraud Liability Protection,<sup>5</sup> Auto Rental Collision Damage Waiver and Travel Accident Insurance, Warranty Manager, Travel and Emergency Assistance<sup>6</sup>

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