

# Details

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## Details in Brief

Click below for a video preview of the November 2012 *Drexel Details* alumni e-newsletter, hosted by Drexel student **Ananth Bevinahally '15** at the URBN Center on Drexel's campus.



## Alumni/Student Spotlight

### Jesse Rhodes '98 and Chantee Steele '13

Chantee Steele will graduate from Drexel's LeBow College of Business in June 2013 and she knows exactly what her next step will be. Chantee has accepted a position at Deloitte LLP, one of the largest professional services networks in the world specializing in audit, financial advisory, tax and consulting. In fact, Deloitte offered Chantee the job in May, almost an entire year before graduation.



"It goes to show the real power of networking," she said.

Chantee is involved in a number of student activities and organizations on campus, including her sorority Alpha Kappa Alpha, Inc., and she is the vice president of the campus chapter of the National Association of Black Accountants (NABA). It was through her involvement in NABA that Chantee made a connection with her mentor, LeBow College of Business graduate Jesse Rhodes '98.

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## Alumni Association News

### The Year of the Dragon: Dragons Celebrating Dragons in November

During this month of Thanksgiving, alumni have the opportunity to say "thank you" to Drexel faculty, staff, and fellow alumni who have positively impacted them. A few words of appreciation can go a long way, and we encourage you to think back and remember those who made your Drexel experience that much better and send them a note of gratitude. Whoever it was, and whatever the reason, we want to give you the chance to say thanks and to make their day a little brighter. To send your note of thanks, [click here](#).



### Another Way to Celebrate a Dragon: Nominate a Drexel Graduate for an Alumni Association Award

Do you know an outstanding Drexel graduate who deserves recognition? Nominating someone for the 2013 Alumni Association Awards is another great way for Dragons to celebrate Dragons! Each year the Drexel University Alumni Association Board of Governors recognizes alumni for outstanding achievements in their professions, in the community, and within the University. Alumni are encouraged to participate in the awards process by sharing the achievements of fellow alumni, colleagues and friends with the Honors and Awards Committee for nomination. Nominations will be accepted until Friday, November 30, 2012. For more information and to submit a nomination, [click here](#).

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!

### The Year of the Dragon Grand Prize Drawing: an Amazon Kindle Fire



## Career Column

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



#### "Winning the Battle for Talent"

Chris addresses the difficulty that many companies face in finding and retaining the talent necessary to take things to the next level. [More](#)

### Career Zone



Throughout the Year of the Dragon, if you participate in signature Year of the Dragon events or campaigns you receive promo codes that you can submit for special prizes. Those who turn in 12 promo codes will be entered into the drawing for our grand prize at the end of the year — one of two Amazon Kindle Fires! Visit the [Year of the Dragon website](#) to find out quick and easy ways to earn some extra promo codes so you'll be eligible to win! One way is by creating a profile or updating your current profile in the [Online Alumni Directory](#). Get another code by submitting a [Drexel life lesson](#).



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

Drexel alumni have been enjoying our life lessons every day since the beginning of 2012. Right now, we have enough life lessons to share once a day until November 25 and then our collection will run out! Last time we asked for help, you responded in a big way, so we know you'll be able to help us again. To submit your life lesson, visit the [Year of the Dragon website](#), and while you're there, check out our archive of 319 life lessons already submitted by Drexel alumni! If you've already submitted a life lesson and you want to share another one this month, we'll send you a new promo code.

Today's life lesson comes from **Teresa Calabrese Cartularo, Library and Information Science '81:** "I learned about management styles and office (work) politics, and how to survive in this environment."

### Save-the-Date for Alumni Weekend!

Mark your calendars now to join the Drexel University Alumni Association for Alumni Weekend on May 3 and 4, 2013. Reconnect, rediscover, and renew your ties to classmates, friends and faculty at this memorable weekend for all Drexel alumni! More information including a schedule of events will be available in the upcoming months.



#### Did You Graduate in 1963 or 1988?

If so, you are celebrating milestone reunions as our Golden and Silver Dragon Classes! If you are interested in becoming a reunion class volunteer, and helping to plan your special reunion activities at Alumni Weekend, let us know by contacting the Office of Alumni Relations at 1-888-DU-GRADS or [alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu). No special skills are needed, just generosity of time and talents, and the desire to volunteer and reconnect with your classmates.

### An Important Announcement for Drexel *inCircle* Users

When the Drexel University Alumni Association launched the *inCircle* social networking platform for Drexel alumni in 2005, the online tool was at the forefront of social networking technology. Over the past few years, we have seen a noticeable drop in activity on the site, as alumni have embraced other channels for building their professional and career networks of Drexel alumni and for connecting with their Drexel friends. Because of this, we have decided to close Drexel's *inCircle* site at the end of the year. **The data contained in your *inCircle* profile will be destroyed on December 31, 2012.** [More](#)

### Accept the Alumni Scholarship Challenge!

The Drexel University Alumni Association Board of Governors will match all donations, dollar-for-dollar and up to \$5,000, to the Alumni Association Scholarship Program if they are received by December 31, 2012! Scholarships are provided each year by the Alumni Association, recognizing legacy students and student leaders. We would like to invite you to join us in the challenge of raising \$5,000 in donations, ensuring that we can provide at least \$10,000 in new scholarship aid to Drexel students next year. This is a great way to give back in a way that will directly impact Drexel students, and to instantly double the impact of your gift! [More](#)

### Is Your Child or Grandchild a Current Drexel Student?

If so, he or she could be eligible for the Alumni Association's Alumni Legacy Scholarship! Recipients of the Alumni Legacy Scholarship must be children or grandchildren of Drexel alumni\* who are currently sophomores, pre-juniors or juniors, and will be



#### Julia Levy '93

#### "How to Survive a Career Disaster"

Be prepared with Julia's survival kit so when a career disaster comes your way, you can weather the storm. [More](#)



### Alumni Career Services

#### Financing Solutions to Grow Your Business: An Alumni Career Services Program in King of Prussia

More than 90% of bank borrowers are turned down for inadequate credit, collateral or cash flow. Join Drexel alumnus Fred M. Kaplan, CBM, MBA '83, senior vice president of business development for Innovative Financing Solutions, on December 4 as he shares creative ways to obtain financing, and presents an overview of the top five alternative-funding solutions. Learn how the ability to utilize these strategies can grow your business and positively affect your bottom line. [More](#)

#### Share Your Expertise as an Alumni Career Services Online Workshop Presenter

Alumni Career Services programming provides in-person and online opportunities for professional growth and career development on a variety of topics with a focus on connecting alumni to alumni. Suggested topics for upcoming online workshops include: Are You Ready if Career Opportunity Knocks?; Creative Career Strategies for Challenging Times; Trends in Public Health Careers and Tools for Your Job Search; and Leadership Skills for Success. If you are interested in volunteering to share your expertise with fellow alumni by conducting a one-hour online workshop in winter 2013, please contact the Office of Alumni Relations at [alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu) 1-888-DU-GRADS.

### Upcoming Events

#### Philadelphia Metro Area

#### Alumni Reception and "Titanic: The Artifact Exhibition" at the Franklin Institute

Join the Drexel University and the Drexel University College of Medicine Alumni Associations for a night aboard the Titanic on November 15. Guests will partake in a Titanic-themed cocktail reception as Dr. Lisl Zach, associate teaching professor at The iSchool at Drexel, presents "Communication in the Wake of Disasters: Making Sense of Chaos." Then, make your way through the exhibition,

selected on the basis of overall scholastic achievement, student activities and community involvement. The application deadline for this and all Alumni Association Scholarships is Friday, February 15, 2013. For more information, [click here](#).



*\*Legacy students are children or grandchildren of alumni of Drexel University, Drexel University College of Medicine, and of the predecessor institutions of the College of Medicine and College of Nursing and Health Professions: Hahnemann Medical College/University, Woman's Medical College, Medical College of Pennsylvania, Allegheny University, and MCP Hahnemann University.*

## Updated Alumni Population Maps

Visit the Drexel University Alumni Association website to view population maps of alumni across the United States and around the world. The maps were recently updated and reflect Drexel alumni with a current address as of October 2012. Those without a current address are not included on the map. Be sure to log in to the [Online Alumni Directory](#) and update your address today! [More](#)

## 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](#).

## Campus and Community

### Steinbright Career Development Center International Co-op Website

This fall, the Steinbright Career Development Center launched a new International Co-op website designed to highlight the growing opportunities for Drexel co-op students to work abroad. A co-op experience abroad enhances a student's employability in future co-ops or full-time positions, an edge which is crucial in today's competitive job market. Venturing abroad is also a great way for students to explore other cultures and business practices, as well as learn and develop important characteristics within themselves. [More](#)

### James Prosek: "Ocean Fishes" Artist/Author Talk and Book Signing at the Academy of Natural Sciences

On December 5, Connecticut artist James Prosek will sign copies and discuss his new book, "Ocean Fishes," which showcases Atlantic game fish in the moments after they are pulled from the water. Prosek's work is currently featured in the Academy's Art of Science Gallery. Registration is required for this event. [More](#)

### Ichthyology Collection Behind-the-Scenes Tours

The Academy of Natural Sciences is celebrating its bicentennial this year and offering limited-time, behind-the-scenes tours of its world-renowned collections — normally open to researchers. Thursdays through Mondays in December, from 11 a.m. and 2 p.m., the Academy will showcase its Ichthyology Collection of more than 1.4 million fish specimens including electric eels and blood-sucking catfish. Purchase tickets at the admissions desk on the day of the tour.

### All-Star Week at the Academy of Natural

## Colleges & Schools



### Submit Your Product for Sale at the Westphal College D&M Shop

The Westphal College's D&M Shop is popping up December 3, just in time for holiday shopping. All products and all price points will be considered for sale at this event. Come visit the shop at its new home on the first floor of the URBN Center. Alumni interested in selling one-of-a-kind products such as jewelry and accessories, apparel, gifts, stationary, handbags, scarves, and home goods can visit the Shop's website for more information. [More](#)

### College of Medicine Reception in honor of Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D

The Drexel University College of Medicine will host three upcoming alumni receptions in honor of Daniel V. Schidlow, M.D. on the occasion of his appointment as Walter H. and Leonore Annenberg Dean Drexel University College of Medicine and Senior Vice President of Medical Affairs Drexel University. Join us [in Wyomissing, PA on November 15](#), [in Lancaster, PA on November 27](#) or [in Harrisburg, PA on December 6](#).

### iSchool Book Signing with Dean Emeritus Guy

showcasing more than 300 legendary artifacts from the ship's debris. [More](#)

### Drexel at UPenn: Men's Basketball Game and Alumni Reception

Don't miss the action as the Drexel Dragons men's basketball team takes on its University City rival, the University of Pennsylvania Quakers, in the Battle for 33rd Street on November 17! Before tip-off, join Drexel alumni and friends at the Drexel University Alumni Association's pre-game reception. [More](#)

### Longwood Gardens Holiday Lunch and Tour

Celebrate the holidays with Drexel alumni at Longwood Gardens on December 8! Alumni and guests will enjoy a special luncheon nearby at The Gables at Chadds Ford followed by a tour of Longwood Gardens' festive floral displays. As you take in the beauty of the seasonal gardens, you'll be treated to holiday music with hourly pipe organ sing-a-longs. [More](#)

### "It's a Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play" Alumni Reception & Theater Performance

Join the Drexel University Alumni Association for a holiday reception at The Landing Restaurant, followed by a performance of "It's A Wonderful Life: A Live Radio Play." Catch up with Drexel alumni during our holiday hors d'oeuvre reception on December 13, and then enjoy the show, which is performed as a 1940s live radio broadcast in front of a studio audience. [More](#)

### 39th Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project

The Drexel University Alumni Association is proud to continue its tradition of providing holiday turkeys to families within the University's West Philadelphia neighborhood and to those served by [Drexel's 11th Street Family Health Services Center](#) in North Philadelphia. Last year, 891 turkeys were given to our neighbors in need. Alumni, students, faculty, and friends can help by making a donation to the project or by volunteering to assist with the turkey distribution on December 20. [More](#)

### Drexel Men's Basketball vs. Davidson College

Join Dragon fans and the Drexel University Alumni Association as we "Pack the DAC" and cheer on Drexel's men's basketball team as they host Davidson College on December 22. The game will be broadcasted live on NBC Sports Network, so come out and show your Dragon pride for thousands to see! Before tip-off, join Drexel alumni and friends at the Alumni Association's Pre-game Reception in the Hazem Maragah Hospitality Suite. [More](#)

## Around the U.S.

**Sciences**

The Academy of Natural Sciences celebrates its most popular attractions with live animal shows, museum specimens, craft making and storytelling during this four-day All-Star Week. Programming is from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. each day and includes: December 27, Dinosaur Day; December 28, Animal Day; December 29, Bug Day; and December 30, Weird-Thing-in-a-Jar Day. Free with museum admission. [More](#)

**Athletics**



**Men's Soccer Hosts Brown in NCAA Tournament**

Drexel men's soccer team will make its first NCAA Tournament appearance since 1972 on November 15 when it hosts Brown in a first-round game at Vidas Field at 4 p.m. Drexel (12-3-3) earned the at-large bid after winning the regular season Colonial Athletic Association championship. The first 40 alumni to stop by the Drexel University Alumni Association table at the game will get a special alumni giveaway. [Click here](#) for tickets. And for a video of the team's reaction after patiently waiting for their name to be called, [click here!](#)

**Garrison**

The iSchool at Drexel invites alumni to a book signing of "A Century of Library Education at Drexel University" by iSchool Professor and Dean Emeritus Guy Garrison on November 29. [More](#)

**College of Nursing and Health Professions Alumni Holiday Party**

'Tis the season to mingle! Join College of Nursing and Health Professions alumni for a memorable holiday party and networking event on December 6 at Tir na Nog Irish Bar and Grill. [More](#)

**Tampa Area Alumni Holiday Gathering**

Join the Tampa Area Alumni Network tonight for a casual gathering to celebrate the beginning of the holiday season! Drexel alumni will gather at Timpano Chophouse and enjoy delicious food, drinks and good company! Come for as little or as long as you like. [More](#)

**Northern California Alumni Monthly Networking Happy Hour**

Join the Alumni Club of Northern California on November 16 for this happy hour in the San Francisco Bay Area at Tied House Brewery & Café, "the South Bay's original micro brewery." [More](#)

**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](#)
- [Continuing Education Programs at Goodwin College: 20% Alumni Discount](#)

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