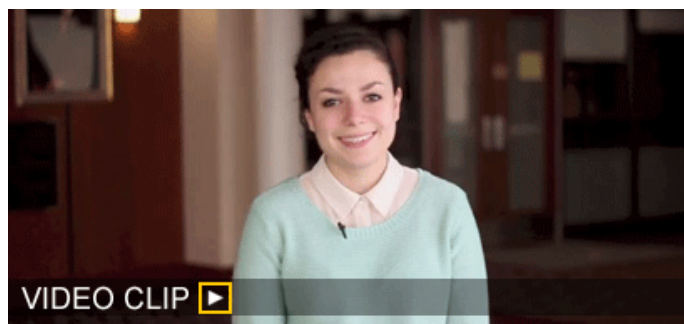




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Details in Brief

Click the video for a preview of the February 2014 *Drexel Details* alumni e-newsletter hosted by freshman marketing major, Marissa D'Elia '18, in the Mandell Theater lobby.

Alumni Spotlight

Autumn Kietponglerlert, MS Fashion Design 2007: A Rockstar Designer

Autumn Kietponglerlert '07 is an award-winning Philadelphia-based independent fashion designer whose work has been shown at Philadelphia Fashion Week, Couture Fashion Week (NYC), Mercedes-Benz Fashion Week (NYC) and the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art.

Kietponglerlert graduated from Drexel in 2007 with a master's degree in fashion design and has recently returned to campus to co-teach a course with Fashion Design, Product Design and Design and Merchandising Department Head, Roberta Gruber.

In 2013, she came in 3rd place as a contestant on the new fashion competition show, "Styled To Rock" which is executive produced by recording artist, Rihanna. Kietponglerlert talks about her journey to fashion design, her life-changing experience on "Styled to Rock" and what the future holds. >>



The Drexel University Alumni Association is Now Accepting Board Nominations

The Drexel University Alumni Association is currently accepting nominations of qualified alumni interested in running for election to the Board of Governors. The Board of Governors oversees and advocates the Alumni Association's efforts to engage, advance and support Drexel University and its alumni and students through a variety of programs, services and awards. [Click here](#) for more information.

To nominate yourself, [click here](#) to complete the Candidate Letter of Interest

Alumni Career Services

"Cyber Risk Management: How Companies Can Protect You From Emerging Cyber Threats" An Alumni Discussion in New York City

Every three seconds someone's identity is stolen. How are companies lowering the risk of identity theft and ensuring that your personal information is properly protected?

On Thursday, March 13, join the Alumni Association and the College of Computing and Informatics as founding dean, **David E. Fenske, PhD**, leads a lively discussion with Drexel University Trustee, **Wayne Gattinella '76, Hon. '12**, CEO and director at DoubleVerify, and **Mark Greisiger, MS '99**, president at NetDiligence. Learn from the experts about the cyber risk industry and how web ad safety and effectiveness uses real time decisioning and analytics. >>

"How to Advance Your Career in Silicon Valley" An Alumni Career Services Program in San Jose, Calif.

You've landed the job. You're in the hub of the best and brightest community in the world, where great talent is easy to find. Firms are generally flat-structured and everyone has the ability to contribute. Join the Alumni Association and Jim Bean '91, vice president of Retail at Apple, Inc., on Tuesday, March 25, and find out how to take the skills you've acquired to differentiate yourself and advance in your career.

Bean will speak frankly about how a good cultural fit, passion for the product or service and a strong innate curiosity can take your career to the next level. >>

Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

form that can be downloaded or completed online, or contact the Alumni Relations office at 1.888.DU.GRADS to request the form by mail or fax. Nominees must submit the Candidate Letter of Interest form no later than 5 p.m. on Friday, March 14, 2014.

Alumni Weekend Registration is Now Open

This year at Alumni Weekend, members of the Classes of 1964 and 1989 will return to their stomping grounds to commemorate their 50- and 25-year reunions, the *Sports Fans of the '50s* will reunite for their biennial celebrations, and a number of campus groups will come back for special get-togethers. A number of Drexel's colleges and schools will open their doors for tours, open houses and meet-and-greets. Saturday will kick off with the 22nd Annual University City 5K Run and our Alumni Scavenger Hunt which will take Dragons across campus and Philadelphia. Closing out the weekend, we'll take over the Main Building for a brand new event, Drexel After Dark!

Be a part of the excitement—register below to come back and celebrate! >>



From Jan. 25 to Feb. 4, Drexel alumni escaped the cold aboard the luxurious Oceania Cruises Marina to visit one of the South Pacific's most stunning destinations, the Polynesian islands.

The Alumni Travel Program Excursions and Special Offers

As part of our commitment to lifelong learning, the Alumni Association offers unique group travel opportunities to Drexel graduates. These alumni travel programs combine educational forums and excursions to places of historical and cultural interest, with the opportunity to enjoy unplanned experiences and meet local people. >>

[Click here](#) for a video preview of the **Flavors of Northern Italy Excursion (Sept. 20 to 28)**. Touring centuries-old wineries, tasting rare handmade cheeses, and dining in homes of chef and producers are just some of the exclusive highlights of this journey.

Book your reservation before Friday, Feb. 28 for the **Baltic Marvels Luxury Cruise (Aug. 13 to 21)** and take advantage of the early booking discount and receive two cruise fares for the price of one, free airfare from select cities and a bonus \$1,000 savings per stateroom. Reserve your spot on **Cerulean Celebration: Panama Canal Cruise (Nov. 19 to 30)** before Saturday, March 8, and you can enjoy significant savings of \$250 per person (\$500 per couple) off the price of the trip.

Drexel University Gift Planning Partners for the Future Spotlight: John F. Phiel, Jr. '63 '65

When John "Jack" F. Phiel began his work in communications engineering he was, as he put it, "climbing all over antennas." Now looking back at a long and productive career, he can be proud to have been one of the remarkably talented engineers that sent some of



Career Zone by Julia Levy '93 "Learn Lessons From Olympic Athletes That Can Help Your Career"

Are you watching the 2014 Olympic Winter Games? Find inspiration in the challenges, persistence and triumphs of the athletes of Olympic Games past and present.



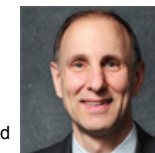
Leadership Unlimited by Terry Wall '97 "Leaders Should Embrace Conflict"

Learn how to manage conflict by facing it head on. The longer you avoid the situation, the harder it is to resolve.



Your Career Retainer by Chris Bilotta '77, '84 "The Leadership Bridge"

Unfortunately major catastrophes as well as minor ones do occur, but the critical part is how a leader and the team respond to these situations.



Click the video above for a personal invitation to the 4th Annual Alumni Global Night of Networking (GNN) from Alumni Association Board of Governors Member, Steve Wittenberg '98. Steve will be one of the alumni hosts at the GNN reception in King of Prussia, Pa. on April 2.

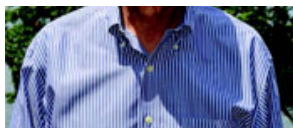
Don't Miss Out! The 4th Annual Drexel Alumni Global Night of Networking

Online registration for the Alumni Global Night of Networking (GNN) is now open! Join the more than 300 Drexel alumni who have already signed up and register for a GNN reception near you. Now in its 4th year, the highly-anticipated GNN will take place on Wednesday, April 2, in 36 cities around the world. The GNN has quickly become one of the biggest Alumni Association events of the year where graduates in cities across the world can meet, network and celebrate their shared Drexel connection! [Click here](#) to find a GNN reception in your area and register to be part of the excitement.

You can also participate in the GNN by tuning in to the 24-hour Virtual Site any time throughout the day on April 2. The Virtual Site uses Adobe Connect, so all you need is a computer or Wi-Fi connected device to participate. The Virtual Site features talks, demonstrations, workshops, tours and more from Drexel alumni, faculty and professional staff, and these are all original programs so you won't find them anywhere else. For a full programming schedule, [click here](#).

earth's first communications satellites into orbit in the late '60s.

Without hesitation, Phiel proclaims it was his Drexel University education that prepared him for a career in that new leading edge industry, which continues to this day to evolve and meet changes in communications. The impact it made led directly to his decision to give back through a bequest to Drexel University. >>



Liberty Mutual News

Did you know Liberty Mutual is a proud sponsor of Team USA and the 2014 Olympic Winter Games? It's true! And they're supporting our athletes all the way! Liberty Mutual is also proud to partner with Drexel. As alumni, you could save hundreds on quality auto and home insurance from Liberty Mutual. Learn more about the multiple discounts they offer, 24-Hour claim assistance, and the latest information to keep you and your family safe. >>

School of Public Health Alumni Class Notes

In each edition of the School of Public Health's magazine, *Interaction*, the achievements of alumni, faculty and students are highlighted through profiles, spotlights and feature articles. School of Public Health alumni are invited to share your current work, achievements and whereabouts for inclusion in the magazine's Class Notes. Help the School of Public Health celebrate your personal achievements and better showcase how you, and your fellow alumni, are making a difference in the lives of others. >>



Bill McKenna '78, '85, Jim Dimmig '77, '85 and Joe Ryan '78 show their Drexel pride in Gold Rush T-shirts at the Alumni Day at the DAC Gold Rush game on Saturday, Feb. 8. More than 100 alumni and Dragon fans braved the snow for a pre-game rally before watching the Drexel men's basketball team take on James Madison University.

In Case You Missed It: Alumni Day at the DAC Gold Rush Game

Alumni and Dragon fans filled the Hazem Maragah Hospitality Suite for the Alumni Association's Alumni Day at the DAC and 2nd Annual Gold Rush Game on Saturday, Feb. 8. Gold Rush T-shirts were handed out at the door, turning the DAC into a sea of gold as the Dragons battled the James Madison Dukes. Alumni celebrated a Drexel victory as the Dragon's outstanding defense in the final 20 minutes helped them defeat James Madison, 78-60.

The Eric Zempol Memorial Fund

The Westphal College of Media Arts & Design is deeply saddened to announce that Graphic Design Adjunct Professor Eric Zempol '93 passed away on January 25, 2014, from complications due to pneumonia. Westphal College will host a celebration of Eric's life at the URBN Center on Sunday, March 2 from 2 to 5 p.m. Those wishing to include their stories of Eric in a book that will be given to the family can do so on [Facebook](#).

A fund has been established to name the actual classroom in which Eric taught freshmen students, URBN room 436, in his honor. To make a donation to the Eric Zempol Memorial Fund, visit the [donation website](#) at, enter the total amount of your gift, under "I would like my gift to be designated to" choose "Other," and type in: "Eric Zempol Memorial Fund – Westphal College."

Upcoming Alumni Events

Philadelphia Metro

Campus to Career: Alumni Panel Discussion and Alumni/Student Networking Night

Wednesday, March 5, 2014
Paul Peck Alumni Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

"The Evolution of the Video Game" Young Alumni Association & Drexel Senior Experience Networking Night

Wednesday, March 12, 2014
Barcade, Philadelphia

Around the U.S.

Drexel at Delaware: Alumni Rally & Men's Basketball Game

Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014
Matilda's Pub and University of Delaware, Newark, Del.

Houston Area Alumni Luncheon

Tuesday, Feb. 25, 2014
Sullivan's Steakhouse, Houston

Drexel at Northeastern: Alumni Rally & Men's Basketball Game

Saturday, March 1, 2014
Our House East & Northeastern University, Boston

Colleges & Schools

5th Annual Exploring Public Health Careers Event: How to Make the Most of Your Public Health Career

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014
New College Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Philly Codefest 2014 Hosted by the College of Computing & Informatics

Friday, Feb. 21 to Sunday, Feb. 23, 2014
The URBN Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Campus & Community

Dinosaurs Unearthed

Now through Sunday, March 30, 2014
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Mega-Bad Movie Night featuring Jurassic Park III

Thursday, Feb. 20, 2014
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Adult Class - Animals With Shells: A Look at Mollusks

Wednesday, March 5, 2014

Drexel Alumni Day at Phillies Spring Training
Sunday, March 2, 2014
Brighthouse Field, Clearwater, Fla.

Denver Area Alumni Luncheon
Thursday, March 6, 2014
Elway's, Denver

CAA Men's Basketball Championship Tournament: Alumni Association Pregame Receptions
Friday, March 7 to Monday, March 10, 2014
Pickles Pub & Baltimore Arena, Baltimore

CAA Women's Basketball Championship Tournament: Alumni Association Pregame Receptions
Thursday, March 13 to Sunday, March 16, 2014
Show Place Arena, Upper Marlboro, Md.

"Cyber Risk Management: How Companies Can Protect You From Emerging Cyber Threats" An Alumni Discussion in New York City
Thursday, March 13, 2014
The Doubles Club at the Sherry-Netherland Hotel, New York

"How to Advance Your Career in Silicon Valley" An Alumni Career Services Program in San Jose, Calif.
Tuesday, March 25, 2014
Hotel Valencia Santana Row, San Jose, Calif.

Michigan Alumni Night at the Races
Saturday, March 29, 2014
Northville Downs, Northville, Mich.

Drexel University Cybersecurity and Policy Institute Launch
Monday, Feb. 24, 2014
The ExCITE Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Upsilon Pi Epsilon 25th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Alumni Dinner
Friday, Feb. 28, 2014
Drexel University Club, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Style Saturday Seminar: In Bloom: The Fashion for Florals
Saturday, March 8, 2014
The URBN Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

LeBow College of Business Alumni and Friends Wine, Beer and Cheese Pairing
Wednesday, March 12, 2014
DiBruno Brothers, Philadelphia

College of Medicine Alumni Reception at the AAOS Annual Meeting
Thursday, March 13, 2014
New Orleans Marriott, New Orleans

2014 Philadelphia Flamenco Festival
Thursday, March 13 to Sunday, March 16, 2014
Mandell Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Humanitarian Action and Nutrition: More to Admire than to Despise?
Wednesday, March 19, 2014
The Bellet Building, Drexel University Center City Campus, Philadelphia

Drexel Law Alumni Quizzo
Wednesday, March 26, 2014
McGillin's Olde Ale House, Philadelphia

College of Medicine Alumni Reception at the ACC Annual Scientific Session
Sunday, March 30, 2014
Washington Marriott at Metro Center, Washington, D.C.

The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia



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