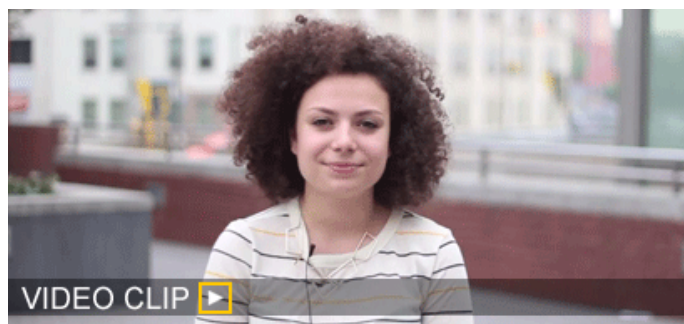




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Details in Brief

Click the video for a preview of the May 2014 *Drexel Details* alumni e-newsletter hosted by freshman **Marissa D'Elia '18**, on a rooftop patio next to the Bossone Research Enterprise Center.

Alumni Spotlight:

Breaking Barriers With Naketa Thigpen BS 2000 Psychology, Sociology and Anthropology

Naketa Thigpen '00 is president and co-owner of Thigpen's Professionals, LLC, a life-management and professional-development-services company that empowers professionals, aspiring leaders and entrepreneurs to break barriers and execute their ideas effectively.

Thigpen wants to help you go beyond excellent, and after traveling her own windy road toward success, she knows just what it takes to get there. >>



An Interview with President John A. Fry

The Drexel Difference

VIDEO CLIP

Click the video above to watch "The Drexel Difference" with President John Fry and Chair of the Alumni Association Ira Taft '79, '83.

Alumni Career Services

Aligned Minds Master Class: An Alumni Career Services Program in Malvern, Pa.

Are you a leader, or aspiring leader who wants to learn how to build better relationships in your personal and professional life?

Today, it's important for leaders to create healthy connections that are authentic and leverageable without getting overwhelmed or placing increased demands on their limited time. In this interactive session on Thursday, June 12, with leadership development strategist **Naketa Thigpen '00**, participants will brainstorm strategic solutions to real-life problems and gain an understanding of effective communication skills, positive water-cooler cultures and conflict resolution techniques. >>

Don't Take a Vacation from Your Job Search: Résumé and Interview Preparation Workshops in Philadelphia

Session 1: Successful Tips for Preparing Your Résumé

Join Drexel University career counselor **Arnie Kohen, MEd**, on Tuesday, June 17, and hear expert tips on the following résumé topics: formats, content and sections; correcting common mistakes; rules and guidelines; language and grammar; plus, learn to write a cover letter that wins interviews! >>

Session Two: Acing the Behavioral Interview

A behavioral interview will draw upon one or a small number of 'experiences'—times in your life when you found yourself in a situation or problem where you needed to take a set of actions to resolve the situation or problem—and is designed to allow you to tell the interviewer about what actions you took. In this workshop, on Tuesday, June 24, **Andy Duffy**, senior director of career services, will share tips and tricks for succeeding in this type of interview. >>

An Interview with President John Fry

"The Drexel Difference" is the first in a five-part video series featuring **President John Fry** and Chair of the Alumni Association Board of Governors **Ira Taffer, PhD, '79, '83**. In the video above, President Fry discusses Drexel's culture and entrepreneurial spirit and how it separates our university from other institutions of higher education.

Alumni Travel Program Featured Excursion: Burgundy & Provence by River Ship May 3 to 14, 2015



Sail southern France from the sparkling Riviera, through idyllic Burgundy, and on to Paris. Aboard the Avalon Scenery, it's France at its best — with a minimum of fuss and a maximum of joie de vivre. Program highlights include a seven-night cruise from lovely, sun-drenched Provence to Burgundy, where village signs read like a wine list, with Paris as a stylish finale.

Additional offer for Drexel alumni travelers: Make your reservation by **Friday, July 11, 2014**, and receive a free

Expedition Library which includes reference books, novels, maps, and more, selected to enhance your travel experience. >>



Click the video above for a recap of the many top stories featuring Drexel and its outstanding faculty, staff and students.

Take a Look at "Drexel in the News"

Take a moment to watch this exciting video recap highlighting some of the television news coverage of Drexel and its faculty, staff and students. This is just a small sample of the many stories that have appeared on both local and national news outlets throughout the year. For more Drexel news, [click here](#).

Did You Get Your Master's Degree in Public Health from Drexel?

Drexel master of public health graduates are invited to participate in a brief, anonymous survey seeking feedback on your experience with the program and how it helped prepare you for a career in public health. The survey will take approximately 5 minutes to complete, and data collected is extremely important as it will be used to evaluate Drexel's School of Public Health Master of Public Health program. >>

Attention Alumni: Drexel's Philosophy Program Wants to Hear from You!

New York City Alumni Industry Roundtables: An Alumni Career Services Program

Do you want to make connections with Drexel alumni employed in your area? If so, join the Alumni Association on Tuesday, June 24, for a networking reception and interactive, small group conversations, designed to help you build lasting industry relationships and gain valuable market insights.

Drexel alumni who are leaders in the fashion, finance, engineering and entrepreneurship sectors will lead conversations about the catalysts, obstacles and trends in these dynamic fields. >>

Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

Your Career Retainer
by **Chris Bilotta '77, '84**
"Leadership Rules for the New Normal"

Take a moment to learn these six leadership principles that will help you turn adversity into opportunity.

Leadership Unlimited
by **Terry Wall '97**
"Avoid Death by PowerPoint"

Want to keep your audience engaged and interested in what you have to say? Follow Wall's simple guidelines for creating a masterful PowerPoint presentation.



Alumni Weekend 2014 Photo Galleries



We had a great time celebrating your Drexel connection with you on Friday, May 2 and Saturday, May 3 at Alumni Weekend! A special congratulations goes to the Classes of 1964 and 1989 who celebrated their 50th and 25th reunions this year. Photos from Alumni Weekend are posted on the [Alumni Association website](#), including the Golden and Silver Dragon Reunion festivities, the Alumni Awards Ceremony, Drexel After Dark, and more!

Save the date for Alumni Weekend 2015 on Friday, May 1 and Saturday, May 2 and join us back on campus for another weekend of blue and gold fun!



Drexel young alumni and graduating seniors network and enjoy a night out at Barcade

In celebration of the success of Drexel's new BA in philosophy, the Philosophy Program would like to hear from Drexel alumni: How have your philosophy classes at Drexel affected your life and career? Looking back, would you like to have taken more philosophy classes? What stories and memories related to your philosophy classes, teachers and classmates can you share? Would you like to be on a mailing list for Drexel Philosophy Program events and announcements? Please send your answers and any related correspondence to Peter Amato, PhD, director of the Drexel Philosophy Program at peterama@drexel.edu.

in Philadelphia. The event was hosted by the Young Alumni Association, the Drexel Graduate Student Association and the Drexel Senior Experience.

In Case You Missed It: From "Donkey Kong" to "Call of Duty," The Evolution of the Video Game

More than 100 Drexel young alumni and graduating seniors enjoyed an evening of networking and video games at the trendy Barcade, a combination bar and arcade in Philadelphia, on Wednesday, March 12. Frank J. Lee, associate professor of game art and production at Drexel, gave a lively talk on the evolution of the video game and how the video and arcade games of yesteryear influenced the games we love today.

Lee is also a Guinness World Record holder for creating the "largest architectural video game display" when he and a team of Drexel colleagues and students created a **29-story Pong game** which played on the side of the Cira Center in April 2013.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Philadelphia Metro

Emerging Leaders: Alumni/Student Networking Reception and Panel Discussion
Thursday, May 22, 2014
Paul Peck Alumni Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Aligned Minds Master Class: An Alumni Career Services Program
Thursday, June 12, 2014
LeBow College of Business Malvern Campus, Malvern, Pa.

Don't Take a Vacation from Your Job Search: Résumé and Interview Preparation Workshops
Thursday, June 17 and Thursday, June 24, 2014
Paul Peck Alumni Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Fairmount Water Works: Alumni Panel Discussion and Tour
Thursday, June 19, 2014
The Water Works Restaurant and Lounge, Philadelphia

Around the U.S.

Durham Alumni Night at the Ballpark
Friday, May 30, 2014
Durham Bulls Athletic Park, Durham, N.C.

Tampa Area Alumni Luncheon with Dean Frank Linnehan
Monday, June 2, 2014
University Club of Tampa, Tampa, Fla.

Washington, D.C. Alumni Night at the Ballpark
Wednesday, June 4, 2014
Nationals Park, Washington, D.C.

Getting a Grip on Your Student Loans: A Seminar for Young Alumni
Thursday, June 19, 2014
Online

Sacramento Area Alumni Wine Tasting and Networking Reception
Thursday, June 19, 2014
Clarksburg Wine Company at the Old Sugar Mill, Clarksburg, Calif.

Exclusive Alumni Vineyard Tour and Wine Tasting at J Maki Winery
Sunday, June 22, 2014
J Maki Winery at French Creek Ridge Vineyards, Elverson, Pa.

New York City Industry Roundtables
Tuesday, June 24, 2014
The Terrace Club, New York City

Drexel Alumni Evening at Pageant of the Masters
Saturday, July 19, 2014
Tivoli Too and The Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach, Calif.

Colleges & Schools

LeBow College of Business Alumni Party
Wednesday, May 21, 2014
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

CNHP Department of Behavioral Health Counseling Colloquium
Thursday, May 22, 2014
Drexel University Center City Campus, Philadelphia

CNHP Reception for Alumni and Friends in Boston
Sunday, May 25, 2014
The Whiskey Priest Pub and Grill, Boston

"A Crime So Monstrous," E. Benjamin Skinner, Slavery Journalist and Author
Wednesday, May 28, 2014
Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Auerbach & Berger Cybersecurity Laboratory Ribbon Cutting and Dedication
Thursday, May 29, 2014
The Auerbach and Berger Families Cybersecurity Laboratory, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Westphal Senior Exhibition Shows
Friday, May 30 through Sunday, June 8, 2014
Various Locations, Philadelphia

Drexel Online Webinar: Hungry Nurses, What's on the Menu?
Tuesday, June 3, 2014
Online

Westphal College 2014 Fashion Show

Campus & Community

All About Birds Weekend
Saturday, June 7 and Sunday, June 8, 2014
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Unnatural History: The Odd and Remarkable Dioramas of Lori Nix in the Art of Science Gallery
Now through Saturday, Aug. 2, 2014
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Birds of Paradise: Amazing Avian Evolution
Now through Monday, Sept. 1, 2014
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Detroit Area Alumni Day at the Ballpark
 Sunday, July 20, 2014
 Comerica Park, Detroit

Saturday, June 7, 2014
 Urban Outfitters Headquarters,
 Philadelphia

School of Law Mini-Summer Volleyball League

Tuesday, June 10, 17, 24, and
 Thursday, July 1, 2014
 Buckley Green, Drexel University,
 Philadelphia

Drexel Online Webinar: Benefit of Vulnerability and Risk Assessment in a Healthcare Setting

Tuesday, June 10, 2014
 Online

Drexel Online Webinar: Data is Everywhere, Bridging Computing Disciplines and Society

Wednesday, June 11, 2014
 Online

San Francisco Alumni Reception with Dean Linnehan

Wednesday, June 18, 2014
 La Mar Cebicheria, San Francisco



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