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Details in Brief

Click the video for a preview of the December 2014 *Drexel Details* alumni e-newsletter, hosted by Drexel student Marisa D'Elia, in the Paul Peck Alumni Center.

Faculty Spotlight

College of Engineering Dean Joseph B. Hughes Attends International Workshop in Shanghai

By Quinten Johnson, '16 and Michael Laporte '17

The International Workshop on Energy and Environment: Challenges and Opportunities was held at the Shanghai Advanced Research Institute (SARI), Chinese Academy of Sciences on November 3 and 4, 2014. SARI is a laboratory that works in collaboration with ShanghaiTech, a new and elite technical university that is modeled after the California Institute of Technology.



Approximately 50 people were in attendance, including Drexel faculty and researchers from ShanghaiTech, as well as students who attend the SARI. Attendees from Drexel University included Julie Mostov, vice provost for Global Initiatives, and Joseph B. Hughes, dean of the College of Engineering. The keynote speakers from Drexel included Dean Hughes, and Charles Haas, LD Betz professor and department head of Civil, Architectural, and Environmental Engineering. Upon his return to Drexel, Hughes provided some insight into the creation of the workshop, as well as the goals that it set out to achieve. >>

The 41st Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project is Tomorrow!



With one day to go, the Alumni Association has raised more than \$20,000 in donations from alumni, faculty, staff and friends of the

Alumni Career Services

Get Into the Productivity Zone! An Alumni Career Services Program in St. Davids, Pa.

Athletes often speak of being "in the zone" while running marathons. But, this feeling isn't reserved for them alone. You have experienced days where you performed "in the zone" too, where you effortlessly met the objectives you set out to meet, where things ran smoothly and you felt amazing.

Join the Drexel University Alumni Association and productivity expert **Penny Zenker, BS '92**, on Thursday, Jan. 15, to learn how to experience this feeling every day. Zenker will share valuable advice for how to better harness your physical, intellectual and emotional energy, so you can spend more time in the productivity zone. Her approach to energy management will help you produce better work in a shorter time span and create more time for the things you want to do most. >>

Monthly Virtual Networking Hours: An Alumni Career Services Program

Join fellow Drexel alumni on Thursday, Jan. 29, for a unique opportunity to share your experiences, exchange career advice and build your professional network—without leaving your home or office!

The Alumni Association has partnered with Brazen Careerist to offer monthly online speed-networking style events that will allow you to build relationships in a purposeful and exciting way. During the event, you will be randomly paired with fellow graduates with similar interests or backgrounds for several 8-minute text-based chats that will allow you to make a connection, exchange contact information and build your network. >>

Want to see how a Virtual Networking Hour works? [Click here to learn more about Brazen Careerist and watch a demo video.](#)

University. Thank you so much for your support! Tomorrow we will make an incredible impact on the community as we distribute 1,200 holiday turkeys to families in need. It's not too late to make a gift to the Project and to help us reach our \$25,000 goal. [Click here to make your donation online or by check.](#)

If you live in the Philadelphia area, join us tomorrow for Turkey Project distribution day at the Paul Peck Alumni Center. Celebrate the season with fellow alumni and see first-hand the impact the Project has on our community. >>

Be Part of Something BIG in 2015...and You Just Might Win Something, Too!



The Alumni Association turns 50 in 2015 and we'll be celebrating all year long. Join us for the 50th anniversary fun! Make sure your contact information is up-to-date with the Alumni Association so you won't miss out on any of the exciting events, giveaways or celebrations that we have planned for our golden anniversary.

Update your home, business and email addresses by calling the Office of Alumni Relations at 1.888.DU.GRADS or update your profile in the [Online Alumni](#)

Directory. It's that simple!

To say thanks for keeping in touch, we're giving away 32 GB iPad Mini 2's to three lucky alumni. To be eligible, just make sure your home or email address (or better yet, both!) is up-to-date with the Alumni Association. We'll announce the winners on three random dates between January 1 and March 31 so stay tuned!

Alumni Travel Program Featured Excursion: The Great Parks of California June 6 to 14, 2015



Some of North America's most magnificent and iconic national parks are in the wild reaches of California. During this 9-day journey, see and learn about the spectacular scenery and wildlife of Yosemite, Sequoia, and King's Canyon National Parks. Along with its natural beauty, sample some of the Golden State's charming cultural corners: Carmel, Monterey, San Francisco, and more. >>

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. To join our travel mailing list and receive information on our upcoming trips, email the Alumni Office at alumni@drexel.edu, and please include your name, class year and address. More information on the Alumni Travel Program is also available [click here](#).

Free Shipping for Drexel Bookstore Alumni Loyalty Program Members

Drexel alumni are invited to join a new loyalty program on behalf of the University Bookstore. Sign up and get exclusive discounts and special offers delivered straight to your inbox that can be used online or for in-store purchases. Right now, all members get free shipping on their online order — just in time for the holidays — with the promo code FSIAC. Offer expires Wednesday, Dec. 31. >>

Career Column by Drexel Alumnus

Leadership Unlimited
by Terry Wall, MBA '97
"Building Trust Requires the Human Touch"



Are you sending too many emails? Take an email break and remember the importance of human contact - an essential part of building trust with your colleagues.



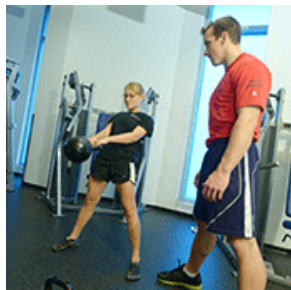
In Case You Missed It: Wild Life in Wild Lights! Drexel Alumni Night at Phoenix ZooLights

Drexel alumni from the Phoenix area spent a festive evening with the Alumni Association, enjoying the sights of the ZooLights holiday wonderland at the Phoenix Zoo on Thursday, Dec. 11. The event was a great success, connecting 22 alumni and their families, over hot cider, desserts, and stories of Drexel through the years!

Alumni Association Scholarships Available to Students

Do you know a superb Drexel student who has demonstrated leadership, achievement, and participation in campus and community activities? The Drexel University Alumni Association is awarding scholarships to current Drexel students for the 2015-2016 academic year. The Alumni Association offers 3 scholarships: Alumni Leadership Scholarship, Alumni Legacy Scholarship, and the Alumnae Planning Board Scholarship. The deadline to submit an application is February 13, 2015. [Click here](#) to learn more and see if you know a Drexel student who is eligible to apply.

Exclusive Recreation Center Discount for Alumni



Escape the winter blues with great discounts to the **Drexel Recreation Center!** Now through Wednesday, Dec. 31, buy a six month membership and receive one additional month free. Looking to jump-start into your New Year's resolution? Save 20% on any of our Proactive Health Services (personal training, massage therapy, nutrition counseling). Show your **alumni card** at the Membership Services Desk to redeem these special offers. Offer valid for new and renewing members.

As a member of the Alumni Association, you get a number of benefits and services such as this. Want to learn more? Visit the Alumni Association website today! >>

Upcoming Alumni Events

Philadelphia Metro

41st Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project

Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014
Paul Peck Alumni Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

An Evening at the Barnes Foundation

Wednesday, Jan. 21, 2015
The Barnes Foundation, Philadelphia

50/50: Alumni Association Anniversary Celebration with the Chamber Orchestra of Philadelphia

Monday, Feb. 23, 2015
The Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia

An Evening at the Franklin Institute: Aha Moments, Creative Insight, and the Brain

Thursday, March 19, 2015
The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia

Around the World

Drexel at Towson: Alumni Reception and Men's Basketball Game

Thursday, Jan. 8, 2015
Charles Village Pub & Patio and SECU Arena, Towson, Md.

Drexel at Delaware: Alumni Reception and Men's Basketball Game

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015
Matilda's Pub and Bob Carpenter Center, Newark, Del.

Personal Insurance and Risk Management 101: An Online Workshop

Wednesday, Jan. 28, 2015
Online

Monthly Virtual Networking Hours: An Alumni Career Services Event

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015
Online

Exxon Mobil Alumni and Parents Networking Reception

Thursday, Jan. 29, 2015
Grevey's Restaurant and Sports Bar, Falls Church, Va.

Colleges & Schools

CCI Alumni Network Holiday Reception

Thursday, Dec. 18, 2014
City Tap House, Philadelphia

College of Engineering Dean's Holiday Celebration

Friday, Dec. 19, 2014
Bossone Research Enterprise Center Lobby, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Dance Ensemble Winter Concert: Heroes and Icons

Thursday, Jan. 22 to Saturday, Jan. 24, 2015
Mandell Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

FreshDance Winter Concert: New Chapter

Friday, Jan. 30 and Saturday, Jan. 31, 2015
Mandell Theater, Drexel University

CNHP Reception for Physical Therapy and Rehabilitation Sciences Alumni

Friday, Feb. 6, 2015
JW Marriott, Indianapolis

Dog Sees God: Confessions of a Teenage Blockhead

Thursday, Feb. 12 to Sunday, Feb. 15 and Thursday, Feb. 19 to Saturday, Feb. 21
URBN Center Annex Black Box Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

CNHP Alumni Network and CNHP Student Senate Alumni/Student Career Networking Resources Event

Thursday, Feb. 26, 2015
Drexel University Center City Campus, Philadelphia

Campus & Community

All-Star Days

Saturday, Dec. 17 to Tuesday, Dec. 30, 2014
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

American Heritage Chocolate Day

Saturday, Jan. 10, 2015
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

The True History of Chocolate: An Evening with Professor Michael D. Coe

Tuesday, Jan. 13, 2015
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Drexel University Ski Club 2015 Ski Trip

Saturday, Jan. 17, 2015
Whiteface Mountain, Lake Placid, N.Y.



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