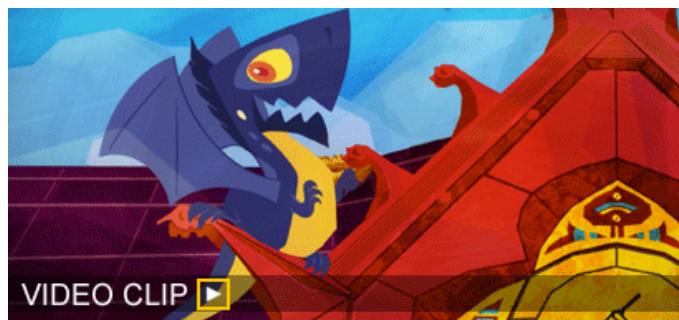




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## The Alumni Association Gets Animated!

The Alumni Association is proud to serve more than 150,000 Drexel graduates around the world. Take the next 90 seconds and check out this brand new animated video, highlighting just some of the many ways we're here to support and celebrate our awesome alumni! We hope you enjoy what you see and proudly share it with your fellow Dragons!

### Student Spotlight

By Frank Otto, Staff Writer, University Communications

#### Mahmoud Hallak, Chemical Engineering '19 From Syria to Drexel: Freshman Tells His Rebel Story

Asked about unrest over the last year in places like Baltimore and Ferguson, Missouri, Mahmoud Hallak nodded slowly. "I know what they are feeling," he said. "They want justice. I can understand that."

Hallak, a 19-year-old freshman studying chemical engineering, doesn't just speak from a position of removed empathy.

A little over two years ago, Hallak was quietly suffering through a grenade wound he suffered while attending another kind of demonstration, one protesting the actions of the Bashar al-Assad regime in Syria. >>



## Celebrate Drexel through the decades with the Alumni Association!

During May and June, flashback with us and experience Drexel as it was in the 1980s. [Click here](#) for a snapshot of music, fashion, and Drexel moments that helped to shape the decade



## Drexel Talk and Afternoon Tea in New Delhi, India

Alumni in New Delhi are invited to afternoon tea with Drexel's Vice Provost **Julie Mostov** and LeBow College of Business Dean **Frank Linnehan**, and hear the latest updates from campus. Join us for this opportunity and meet fellow members of the Drexel community in New Delhi – a wonderful way to stay connected to Drexel locally!

This complimentary reception will be held on Saturday, May 30, from 16:00 to 18:00, in the Aftab Mahtab Room in the New Delhi Taj Mahal Hotel. For more information and to register, contact **Fanny Chu-Fong, executive director Alumni Relations** at [fcf@drexel.edu](mailto:fcf@drexel.edu).

## Drexel is Coming to London: Alumni

## Download the Alumni Association App

The Drexel University Alumni Association is now available for your mobile device! Download the Drexel Alumni Association

## Networking Reception in Mayfair

Join **Frank Linnehan**, dean of the LeBow College of Business, and fellow alumni at 6 p.m. on Thursday, June 25, for a festive gathering at Conrad London St. James. Hear updates from campus and get to know other members of the Drexel community who live and work near you. Enjoy complimentary fine wines and delicious canapés, hosted by **Ravi Shankar, MBA '88**.

For more information and to register, contact **Fanny Chu-Fong**, executive director Alumni Relations at [fcf@drexel.edu](mailto:fcf@drexel.edu).



## In Case You Missed It: Alumni Weekend 2015!



Thank you to everyone who joined us for Alumni Weekend on May 1 and 2, 2015. It was another fabulous year, and those of you who couldn't make it to the celebration were certainly missed.

Highlights included inducting the Class of 1965 into the Golden Dragon Society, the sold-out Alumni Wine Pairing Dinner, and Friday evening's faculty and staff alumni reception followed by the Night Market for young alumni and seniors in Perelman Plaza. On Saturday, campus was busy with college and school open

houses and reunions for shared interest alumni groups. The Class of 1990 was inducted into the Silver Dragon Society, alumni and students were honored at our annual awards ceremony, and Drexel After Dark was the perfect way to close out the Weekend!

Photos from throughout the Weekend can be viewed in our online galleries, [here](#).

## Alumni Travel Program Featured Excursion: Essence of the Atlantic, New York to Lisbon May 14 to 28, 2016



Sail the sparkling Atlantic, where beautiful cities and lush islands beckon with eclectic architecture and enchanting, rugged scenery, on a tranquil odyssey aboard Oceania Cruises' luxurious Marina. Depart New York and discover the colonial history and elegance of Boston. Cruise along Maine's craggy coast and stroll along the revamped waterfront in Nova Scotia's beautiful capital, Halifax, before sailing to Portugal's Azores Islands. Visit Horta, a seaport situated on Faial Island, then stop at Ponta Delgada. Before capping

off your voyage in Lisbon, visit Madeira's, Funchal, home to a seaport

app by clicking one of the buttons below for the easiest way to access our social media networks, events, photos, videos and more!



## #50Days50Giveaways

Follow us on Facebook, Twitter or Instagram to see the item of the week. Everyone who likes, comments, shares or retweets the item on social media will be entered into a drawing for the prize. Be sure to use the hashtag: #50Days50Giveaways to play along!

Be on the lookout for this week's item, a Drexel alumni sweatshirt blanket!



Congratulations to **Huntley C. McGowan, MS '14** on winning last week's prize - a "Somebody at Drexel Loves Me" teddy bear!

## Alumni Career Services

### May Brazen Careerist Virtual Networking Hour for Biomed Alumni and Students

Tonight, the Alumni Association and the School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems will host a virtual networking hour for alumni and students to share their experiences with one another, exchange career advice and build their professional networks - without leaving their homes or offices!

This month's networking hour will focus on the biomed sector, but alumni and students of all majors and career paths are invited to attend. >>

### From Employee to Entrepreneur: Making the Leap: An Online Alumni Career Services

promenade, palm-shaded cafés and museums. >>

As part of our commitment to lifelong learning, the Alumni Association offers unique group travel opportunities to Drexel graduates. To join our travel mailing list and receive information on our upcoming trips, email the Alumni Office at [alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu), and please include your name, class year and address. >>

## Call for CNHP Alumni Board Nominations

The College of Nursing and Health Professions Alumni Network of Drexel University is currently accepting nominations of qualified alumni interested in running for election to the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors oversees and advocates the CNHP Alumni Network's efforts to engage, advance and support the College of Nursing and Health Professions of Drexel University and its alumni and students through a variety of networking opportunities, activities and programs. >>

## Drexel University Computing Academy is Accepting Applications

Do you have a child interested in computer science, IT, game design, computer security or social media development? If so, Drexel University Computing Academy (DUCA) may be a perfect fit for the summer blues. DUCA is a five-week residential, summer computing program at Drexel that promotes interest in information technology, computer science, business and digital arts and media. DUCA students do not focus on one specific area of computing. Rather, the program has a more holistic approach to education, exposing students to a variety of fields in computing through interactive, group projects. >>

## Department of Chemical Engineering Hosts First Women's Panel Discussion



On Saturday, April 25, 2015, the Department of Chemical Engineering and the AIChE Drexel Student Chapter hosted a "Women in Chemical Engineering" panel discussion. Approximately 60 alumnae and students attended the panel event sponsored by the Drexel University Alumni Office and The Dow Chemical Company.

The day began with a breakfast networking session, which included a team-building project using K'NEX. Afterwards, Dr. Giuseppe Palmese gave

an opening presentation demonstrating women's increased role in engineering. He explained how recent data shows that the chemical engineering department graduated a class of 50% women in 2014, higher than the national average of 33%. >>

## Workshop

Too often entrepreneurs struggle to consistently pay themselves while starting and growing their business. Is this a challenge that you need to overcome? If so, join entrepreneur, and small business and lifestyle expert **Jamila Payne, BS '00, MBA '06** for an online session to learn exactly how much money you need to make in order to thrive personally and professionally, as well as ideas for how to get there. >>

## Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

**Your Career Retainer**  
by **Chris Bilotta, BS '77, MBA '84**  
"Top Leadership Behaviors"



Everyone has their own picture of the ideal leader. In assessing your own organization, what leadership gaps exist and how can they be filled?

**Productivity Zone**  
by **Penny Zenker, BS '92**  
"Taking Accountability into Account"



What is accountability? Why is it important? Answer these questions and find out four ways to hold yourself accountable.

**Leadership Unlimited**  
by **Terry Wall, MBA '97**  
"Emotional Overload: Animals, the Sixth Sense, and 5 Tips to Prevent an Emotional Tsunami"



Follow these five steps to fine-tune your senses so you can predict, and even prevent the next emotional tsunami.

## Drexel in the News Video Recap



Take a moment to check out the Office of University Communications' video highlighting some of the television news coverage about Drexel over the past year. The video features faculty, staff, students, alumni and other members of the Drexel community.

This is just a small sample of the many stories about the University that have appeared on both local and national news outlets from July 2014, to May 2015. Sit back and enjoy the show! >>

## Upcoming Alumni Events

### Philadelphia Metro

**Drexel Alumni Day at the Zoo**  
Saturday, June 6, 2015  
The Philadelphia Zoo, Philadelphia

### Around the World

**May Virtual Networking Hour for BIOMED Alumni and Students: An Alumni Career Services Event**  
Wednesday, May 20, 2015

### Colleges & Schools

**FreshDance Spring Concert**  
Wednesday, May 20 and Thursday, May 21, 2015  
Mandell Theater, Drexel University,

### Campus & Community

**Animal Grossology Exhibit**  
Now through Thursday, August 30, 2015  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of



**Let's DU Lunch: Building the "Most Civically Engaged University" with the Office of Government and Community Relations**  
 Wednesday, June 17, 2015  
 The Union League, Philadelphia

Online

**An Insider's Look at the State of the Campus**  
 Wednesday, May 20, 2015  
 Sens Embarcadero, San Francisco

**From Employee to Entrepreneur: Making the Leap An Alumni Career Services Online Workshop**  
 Wednesday, May 27, 2015  
 Online

**San Francisco Area Alumni Networking Happy Hour**  
 Friday, May 29, 2015 at 6 p.m.  
 Old Ship Saloon, San Francisco  
 No registration required

**Drexel Talk and Afternoon Tea**  
 Saturday, May 30, 2015  
 The Taj Mahal, New Delhi, India  
 Email [fcf@drexel.edu](mailto:fcf@drexel.edu) to register

**Alumni Networking Reception in Mayfair**  
 Thursday, June 25, 2015  
 Conrad London St. James, London, United Kingdom  
 Email [fcf@drexel.edu](mailto:fcf@drexel.edu) to register

**Drexel Alumni Evening at Pageant of the Masters**  
 Saturday, July 18, 2015  
 Tivoli Too and The Festival of Arts, Laguna Beach, Calif.

**Drexel University Alumni and Friends Tour with Women's Basketball Team**  
 Wednesday, August 19 to Saturday, August 29, 2015  
 Various European Cities

Philadelphia

**Drexel School of Economics and Econsult Solutions Present: City and the Environment: Topics in Urban Economic Policy**  
 Thursday, May 21, 2015  
 Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**CNHP Reception with the Physician Assistant Department**  
 Monday, May 25, 2015  
 The Southside Spirit House, San Francisco

**Washington, D.C. Alumni and Student Networking Reception**  
 Thursday, May 28, 2015  
 Drexel University, Washington, D.C.

**Dance Ensemble Spring Concert**  
 Thursday, May 28 through Saturday, May 30, 2015  
 Mandell Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Performing Arts Spring Concert Series**  
 Sunday, May 31 through Sunday, June 7, 2015  
 Various Locations

**Raising the Bar: New Tools & Resources to Support the Technology Enhanced Classroom**  
 Tuesday, June 2, 2015  
 Online

**Kline School of Law Alumni Night at the Phillies**  
 Wednesday, June 3, 2015  
 McFadden's and Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

**Behavioral Health Counseling Department's Annual Alumni Dinner**  
 Monday, June 15, 2015  
 Creese Student Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Mega-Bad Movie Night: The Fly**  
 Thursday, May 21, 2015  
 The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Tiktaalik Day**  
 Thursday, June 7, 2015  
 The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Drexel Sacramento Pre-Commencement Party**  
 Thursday, June 18, 2015  
 Mulvaney's B&L, Sacramento, Calif.

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