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## Alumni Weekend Registration



Online registration is now open for Alumni Weekend 2016! Join us on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7 and celebrate being a Dragon with your classmates and friends. We'll welcome thousands of alumni back to share memories, fun, food and more.

Friday morning and afternoon feature special reunion events for the **Golden Dragon Class of 1966**. Then, the evening is

all about our young alumni and the Class of 2016 at the **Drexel Beer Garden!** On Saturday, alumni will have the chance to catch up with deans and faculty at open houses and brunches hosted by the colleges and schools, as well as at **Drexel Fest** — a barbeque picnic in Perelman Plaza. This year is a special year for graduates of the **Silver Dragon Class of 1991** as they celebrate their 25-year Reunion. And we'll close out the weekend with **Drexel After Dark** as the Main Building is transformed into a luxury cruise ship!

Those are just some of the exciting things planned for the Alumni Weekend. Whether you come for one event or the whole packed weekend, you'll leave inspired and proud to call Drexel home! Register now and then tell your friends to do the same! #DrexelAW16. >>

## Alumni Career Services

### Virtual Networking Hour: An Alumni Career Services Event

For the past year, hundreds of Drexel alumni have been making valuable connections online during the Alumni Association's Virtual Networking Hours. Have you tried it yet?

The Alumni Association has partnered with Brazen to offer monthly online speed-networking style events that allow you to build relationships in a purposeful and exciting way. During the event on Wednesday, March 23, you will be randomly paired with fellow graduates with similar interests or backgrounds for several 10-minute text-based chats that will allow you to make a connection, exchange contact information and build your network. >>

### Career Column by Drexel Alumnus

**Your Career Retainer**  
by **Chris Bilotta, BS '77, MBA '84**  
"Underrated Leadership Qualities"



Explore five underrated qualities that leaders rely on daily to navigate the hurdles of running a successful organization. >>

## Leaders Wanted: Apply Now for the Alumni Association Board of Governors

Are you: a leader in the community, at work or at Drexel; interested in helping fellow alumni; looking for a way to give back to your alma mater; or interested in helping to develop opportunities for Drexel grads to connect? If so, membership in the Alumni Association Board of Governors may be right for you. The deadline to submit your application is Friday, March 4. >>

## The Alumni Impact Endowed Scholarship Challenge: Invest in a Student's Future



The Drexel University Alumni Association challenges all alumni to come together and raise \$100,000 to provide scholarships to civic-minded students. The Association has contributed \$100,000 to seed the Alumni Impact Endowed Scholarship fund and so far, alumni have already stepped up to the challenge and raised over \$40,000

more. Once alumni like you bring the total fund to \$200,000, Drexel will be able to award multiple scholarships every year, forever. Your gift — and every gift — counts. >>

## Spring Alumni Receptions in Korea, China, India and Vietnam

Save the Date! Drexel will host alumni events in Seoul (April 13), Beijing (April 14), Shanghai (April 16), Hanoi (April 18), New Delhi (April 20) and Mumbai (April 22). A formal invitation to alumni in those areas will be coming soon. For more information, contact Executive Director of Alumni Relations Fanny Chu-Fong at [fcf@drexel.edu](mailto:fcf@drexel.edu).

## Join the Drexel University Architecture Alumni Association

All graduates from the Drexel architecture program are invited to participate in the development of a new alumni group — the Drexel University Architecture Alumni Association (DU-AAA). The mission of the DU-AAA is to empower Drexel alumni architects and architecture students, and facilitate collaboration on issues important to its members and associated community. It will create opportunities for professional growth, counseling, scholarships, design challenges, public service, and networking. To learn more about the organization or to become involved in a leadership role, contact [alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu).

## Benefits and Services

### Alumni Travel Program Featured Excursion Holiday Markets: December 6 to 17, 2016



The towns along the Rhine and Mosel rivers in Germany are troves of history and beauty ready to captivate travelers year-round. However, nothing compares to visiting during the holidays. Spend the days taking in breathtaking landscapes with picturesque winter scenes. Then, at night, watch as Germany's towns come alive with their renowned holiday markets. Also experience a Yuletide delight in Luxembourg, and witness Paris, the City of Light, dressed in its

seasonal best as you embrace the spirit of Advent in Europe. >>

### Alumni Save 20% on Continuing Education Courses

Did you know that Drexel alumni receive a 20% discount on non-credit, continuing professional education programs offered at the Goodwin College of Professional Studies? Courses kicking off in February 2016 include Practical Project Management and CAPM® & PMP® Exam Preparation, and Professional Sales Development will be offered later this spring. Don't miss these chances to propel your career forward! >>

## News and Views

### In Case You Missed It: Young Alumni and Senior Class Homecoming Tailgate



Homecoming 2016 featured the inaugural Young Alumni and Senior Class Homecoming Tailgate, held at Cavanaugh's on Saturday, Jan. 30. More than 70 alumni from the classes of 2006-2015 returned to campus to enjoy time with old friends and raise a glass to members of the Class of 2016 who will be graduating this June. Special Congratulations go out to tailgate raffle prize winner, Kevin Becker '06, who won two tickets to Drexel After Dark at this year's Alumni Weekend!

### Student Spotlight: Mohammad Rehan '16 Executive Experience

By Lisa Litzinger-Drayton, Director of Communications, LeBow College of Business

Lots of Drexel students have landed great co-ops that provide ample bragging rights. Mohammad "Maaz" Rehan has most, if not all, of them beat: He is currently on co-op at the White House. Maaz is working in the Office of National Drug Control Policy (ONDCP), one of the Executive Offices of the President, on a team that manages part of the President's budget in the Office of Research and Data Analysis. >>



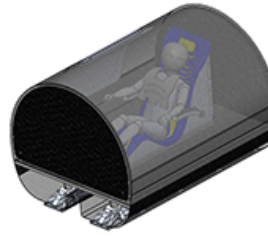
### Sacramento Update: Run to Feed the Hungry Recap

On Thanksgiving morning, 35 members of Team Drexel participated in the 23rd Annual Sacramento Run to Feed the Hungry! It was a cold morning, but the team helped set a new record with 28,644 race participants. A big Dragon thanks goes out to Tim Rosales, MBA '13, who was the team captain for the second year in a row. This is an annual Drexel Sacramento tradition, so save the date for Thanksgiving 2016!

### Calling All Alumni Entrepreneurs

For accreditation purposes, the Close School of Entrepreneurship needs to hear from Drexel alumni who are entrepreneurs. If you are a graduate of the last decade (2006 – 2016) who has started your own business, please contact Chuck Sacco, assistant dean of the Close School of Entrepreneurship, at [cns322@drexel.edu](mailto:cns322@drexel.edu).

## Drexel Students Compete in SpaceX Hyperloop Competition



Imagine zooming between cities in a high-speed transportation pod at 700-plus miles an hour while levitating above a small pocket of air. Cool, right? A team of 87 Drexel students are among 22 teams competing in an international competition, hosted by inventor Elon Musk's company SpaceX, to design, engineer, manufacture, and market a prototype of that very pod. >>

The team is raising money to help build the transportation pod of the future. To support the Hyperloop team, [click here](#).

## Drexel University's Journal of Food, Drink and Manners Has Returned

*Table Matters, The Journal of Food, Drink & Manners* is a joint online publication of the Pennoni Honors College and The Hospitality, Culinary Arts & Food Science programs of the Center for Hospitality & Sport Management. *Table Matters* explores favorite topics such as food, wine, beer and spirits, food science, politics, culture, ethics, ethnicity, and etiquette. >>

## Upcoming Alumni Events

### Featured Event: A Taste of Honors with the Pennoni Honors College

Come back to the seminar table on Saturday, March 19, and join alumni for a series of vibrant discussions led by dynamic faculty who teach for the Pennoni Honors College. >>

#### Philadelphia Metro

**A Taste of Honors with the Pennoni Honors College**  
Saturday, March 19, 2016  
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Drexel Night at Citizens Bank Park: Phillies vs. Mets**  
Wednesday, April 20, 2016  
1100 Social and Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

**Alumni Weekend 2016**  
Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2016  
Various Locations, Drexel University, Philadelphia

#### Around the World

**Los Angeles Alumni Reception**  
Tuesday, Feb. 23, 2016  
Blue Cow Kitchen and Bar, Los Angeles  
RSVP to Kerry DiBlasio at [knd39@drexel.edu](mailto:knd39@drexel.edu)

**Denver Alumni Luncheon**  
Tuesday, March 1, 2016  
McCormick and Schmick's Seafood and Steaks, Denver  
RSVP to Sharon O'Malley at [sjo32@drexel.edu](mailto:sjo32@drexel.edu)

**Men's Basketball CAA Championship Alumni Reception**  
Friday, March 4, 2016  
Pickle's Pub, Baltimore

**Virtual Networking Hour: An Alumni Career Services Event**  
Wednesday, March 23, 2016  
Online

#### Colleges & Schools

**LeBow BRIDGE Sit In**  
Saturday, Feb. 20, 2016  
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Doing Business in Baltic and Nordic Countries: Estonia and Finland**  
Friday, Feb. 26, 2016  
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**The Changing Face of Alzheimer's Disease, Revisited**  
Friday, Feb. 26, 2016  
New College Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Marc Vetri Unfiltered: Why I Sold My Restaurants**  
Monday, Feb. 29, 2016  
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Entrepreneurship Everyday Boot Camp**  
Saturday, March 12, 2016  
Pearlstein Business Learning Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**The Role of Attachment Theory in**

#### Campus & Community

**Tarantulas: Alive and Up Close**  
Now through Monday, May 30, 2016  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Upsilon Pi Epsilon 27th Anniversary Celebration and Annual Alumni Dinner**  
Thursday, Feb. 25, 2016  
University Club, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Paleopalooza**  
Saturday, March 5 and Sunday, March 6, 2016  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

**2016 Drexel University Indoor Triathlon/Duathlon**  
Saturday, March 19, 2016  
Recreation Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Overnight for Adults**  
Saturday, April 9 to Sunday, April 10, 2016  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

**the Understanding and Treatment  
of Sexuality in Relationships**

Wednesday, March 16, 2016  
New College Building, Drexel  
University, Philadelphia

**4th Annual Autism Public Health  
Lecture**

Tuesday, March 29, 2016  
Behrakis Grand Hall, Drexel  
University, Philadelphia

**Forensic Trends in Health Care  
Conference**

Friday, April 15 to Sunday, April 17,  
2016  
New College Building, Drexel  
University, Philadelphia



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