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24 Hours of Impact: Mission Accomplished!

Thank you to everyone who supported Drexel's first-ever Day of Giving on May 10. Together, 2,887 alumni, students, parents, faculty, staff and friends gave more than \$700,000 and set an incredible new record for the number of gifts to Drexel in 24 hours. The day may be over, but your impact continues. By giving, cheering and spreading the word, you helped create a brighter future for Drexel and valuable opportunities for our students!

Alumni Weekend 2016



Alumni came out in full force during Alumni Weekend on May 6 and 7 to explore campus, reconnect with one another and celebrate what they love about being Dragons. With several new events, the weekend offered something for everyone.

Despite the rain, hundreds of Golden Dragons and their guests descended on campus on Friday as we celebrated the Class of 1966 on its 50-year Reunion. The festivities continued with sell-out crowds throughout the weekend at events including Cocktails and Creatures at the Academy of Natural Sciences, the Drexel Beer Garden, Drexel Fest and Drexel After Dark.

Thank you to everyone who joined us for the fun. It was our honor to welcome you back to campus! [Click here](#) to see photos from the weekend.

Get an Insider's Look at the Science Behind Pixar

Alumni Career Services

Real Estate Alumni Network: Reception and Talk with Jerry Sweeney

Join the Drexel University Real Estate Alumni Network on Wednesday, June 15, for a networking reception and discussion with Gerard H. Sweeney, president, chief executive officer and trustee of Brandywine Realty Trust. Mr. Sweeney will discuss Brandywine's recently announced partnership with Drexel to develop the Schuylkill Yards and catalyze the nation's next great innovation district. [>>](#)

June Virtual Networking Hour with Brazen

This month's Virtual Networking Hour — an online speed-networking style event — will take place on Tuesday, June 21. Start by picking an industry cluster that you would like to network with from the following: arts, media and communications; business and economics; education, training and social services; health sciences, nursing, medicine and public health; public policy, government, law and international development and affairs; science, technology, engineering and mathematics. Guests are welcome to network with multiple clusters during the event. [>>](#)

Career Column by Drexel Alumnus

Your Career Retainer
by Chris Bilotta, BS '77, MBA '84
"Serve It Up"

Autonomy. Competence. Relatedness. These are the three basic psychological needs met by servant leadership. [>>](#)



News and Views

The *Science Behind Pixar* exhibit at the Franklin Institute gives audiences a glimpse into the science and technology that has created such memorable characters as Woody, Buzz Lightyear, Dory, Mike and Sulley.

Join the Drexel University Alumni Association for an exclusive evening at the *Science Behind Pixar* exhibit at the Franklin Institute on Thursday, June 23, and hear from David M. Lally, BS/MS '10, technical director at Pixar Animation Studios, as he describes life at Pixar and his Character Effects work. David will be joined by Nick Jushchyshyn, director of the Animation and Visual Effect program at Westphal College of Media Arts & Design. Immediately following the talk, you will have exclusive access to the interactive exhibit. >>



Drexel Night at the Mann Center for the Performing Arts

The Philadelphia Orchestra will kick off its summer residency at The Mann with a Philadelphia favorite - Tchaikovsky with Fireworks on Friday, June 24! Enjoy melodies from such classics as Swan Lake and Romeo and Juliet and close out the evening as the 1812 Overture and a fireworks finale light up the night sky!

The evening includes an exclusive Drexel alumni dinner in the Crescendo Restaurant, VIP orchestra tickets to the performance, complimentary parking and alumni and guests will receive a complimentary Performer Level membership to the Mann. >>

First Alumni Impact Endowed Scholarship Recipient Named

With \$100,000, the Alumni Association established the Alumni Impact Endowed Scholarship last fall, and it challenges all alumni to come together to raise a matching \$100,000.

So far, alumni like you have donated more than \$50,000, enabling the Alumni Association to name its first Impact Scholarship recipient, Connor Pladeck-Morgado, entrepreneurship '20. Civic engagement is an important requirement for all Impact Scholarship recipients and Connor volunteers regularly with Dotty Cullen and Friends – an organization that provides outreach and support to veterans – in his hometown of Vineland, New Jersey.



When the Impact Scholarship fund reaches \$200,000, Drexel will be able to award multiple scholarships to students like Connor every year, in perpetuity. >>

Drexel Autism Alumni Network

The Drexel Autism Alumni Network is bringing together alumni whose lives have been touched by Autism Spectrum Disorder. In affiliation with the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute, this community of individuals will develop a larger knowledge base about autism, learn about cutting edge public health autism research and work with its team of world class researchers. The group will share their experiences with autism, engage with other Drexel alumni and develop goals and activities based on member interest as the network evolves. If you are interested in being involved with the Drexel Autism Alumni Network, contact Meredith Bloom, project manager at the A.J. Drexel Autism Institute at mhb54@drexel.edu or 215.571.3204.

Alumni/Employee Spotlight: The Kaczmarczik Family

By Alissa Falcone, assistant director of media relations, Drexel University

For more than half of Drexel's 125 years, a member of the Kaczmarczik family has studied, taught or worked on campus (and the Academy of Natural Sciences, before and after it became affiliated with the University). That means that in every decade since the 1940s, a Kaczmarczik been involved with Drexel in some way; so far the family has accumulated over 80 years of combined educational and professional experience at Drexel. >>



Everything You Ever Wanted to Know About Schuylkill Yards

The announcement on March 2 of a landmark partnership between Drexel and Brandywine Realty Trust to develop a 14-acre district called Schuylkill Yards on long-underutilized land adjacent to 30th Street Station inspired headlines, conversation, pride — and also questions. Keith Orris, Drexel's senior vice president for corporate relations and economic development, discusses what this long-term project means for the Drexel community right now. >>

In Case You Missed It: Drexel Night at Citizens Bank Park — Phillies vs. Mets



On Wednesday, April 20, the Alumni Association hosted Drexel Night at Citizens Bank Park for more than 700 alumni and students. Alumni and members of the senior class enjoyed a meet up at 1100 Social inside Xfinity Live before the Phillies took on the New York Mets. Members of Drexel's female acapella group, The TrebleMakers, performed the National Anthem, senior Dimitri Arhontoulis '16 was selected to throw the ceremonial first pitch and the Phillie Phanatic joined Drexel's dance team for a routine at the top of the 7th inning.

College of Engineering Names Circle of Distinction Alumni Awardees

Each year, the College of Engineering inducts outstanding alumni into the Circle of Distinction. It is the highest honor the College bestows upon alumni who have made significant contributions to the field of engineering and who have shown exemplary support for the College of Engineering and the University. Over the years, Circle of Distinction recipients have each have forged paths of accomplishment that serve as inspiration for many - particularly for Drexel's students, the individuals who will be the future problem solvers in our increasingly complex world. Meet this year's Circle of Distinction alumni inductees. >>

Upcoming Alumni Events

Featured Event: A Century of Fashion from the Fox Historic Costume Collection

Alumni are invited to join Joyce '64, HD '02, Bob '65, HD '02, Dawn '92 and Jeffrey '90 Byers, along with Cara and John Fry for an exclusive Drexel alumni brunch and viewing of *Philadelphia in Style: A Century of Fashion from the Robert and Penny Fox Historic Costume Collection* at the James A. Michener Art Museum on Sunday, May 22. >>

Philadelphia Metro

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Friday, June 24, 2016
Mann Center for the Performing Arts, Philadelphia

Around the World

A Century of Fashion from the Fox Historic Costume Collection

Sunday, May 22, 2016
James A. Michener Art Museum, Doylestown, Pa.

Virtual Networking Hour

Tuesday, June 21, 2016
Online

Colleges & Schools

A View from the Top with Jason Klika, Director of Public Affairs and Government Relations, Walmart

Tuesday, May 24, 2016
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Ask for It: A Panel Discussion on Women & Negotiation

Wednesday, May 25, 2016
Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

The Symposium (Re)launch

Thursday, May 26, 2016
MacAlister Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Celebrating Dr. Michel Barsoum

Friday, June 3, 2016
Paul Peck Alumni Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Raising the Bar: Hot Technology Tools of 2016

Tuesday, June 7, 2016
1601 Cherry Street, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Boundaries and Ethics in Relationships: Navigating the Space Between

Friday, June 17, 2016
1601 Cherry Street, Drexel University, Philadelphia

STaND UP for Students at the College of Nursing and Health Professions

Wednesday, June 22, 2016
245 N. 15th Street, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Alumni Networking Reception at the American Library Association Conference

Saturday, June 25, 2016
Hyatt Regency, Orlando, Fla.

Campus & Community

Tarantulas: Alive and Up Close

Now through Monday, May 30, 2016
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

FreshDance Spring Concert

Wednesday, May 25 and Thursday, May 26, 2016
Mandell Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Dance Ensemble Spring Concert

Wednesday, June 1 to Friday, June 3, 2016
Mandell Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

University Orchestra Presents Americana

Friday, June 3, 2016
Main Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Be Well Philly Boot Camp

Saturday, June 4, 2016
Recreation Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Totally Turtles Weekend

Saturday, June 4 and Sunday, June 5, 2016
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Inaugural William Sidney Pittman Graduation Celebration and Reception

Wednesday, June 8, 2016
Mandell Theater, Drexel University, Philadelphia

The Life and Legacy of President William Walsh Hagerty

Friday, June 10, 2016
W.W. Hagerty Library, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Broad to Schuylkill

Saturday, July 9, 2016
Between Broad Street and the Schuylkill, Philadelphia



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