



Alumni Spotlight

Susan Joy Maturlo, Medicine '72 An Alumni Travel Program Love Story

A Drexel Alumni Travel Program trip to Cuba in March 2015 truly proved to be "life changing" for Susan Joy Maturlo. Assigned to an overflow group composed of grads from Hamilton College, DePauw University and Connecticut College, Sue's initial disappointment at being among the minority was quickly replaced by meeting an attentive gentleman the first night of orientation. Said gentleman was Charlie Dowd, a 1966 graduate of Hamilton College, semi-retired corporate executive, and a widower after 48 happy years marriage.



Maturlo, also widowed after a happy 30-year marriage to her husband, Mike, wasn't looking for love, but the twosome started hanging out together on the tours and lectures and finally had a date night toward the end of the trip at the historic Hotel Nacional in Havana. >>

Let's Talk Turkey...Project!



It's time for the Alumni Association Holiday Turkey Project — the University's longest-running fundraising tradition. For over four decades, Drexel alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends have provided holiday turkeys to families in need within the University's West Philadelphia neighborhood and to those served by Drexel's Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships and the Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services Center.

[Click here](#) to make your donation to the Turkey Project right now or save the date for Tuesday, Dec. 1, for a very special #GivingTuesday Turkey Project celebration. The Alumni Association will match the first \$2,500 in donations made to the Turkey Project on that day. Make your donation on #GivingTuesday and double your impact!

Nominate a Worthy Candidate for a 2016 Alumni Association Award

Each year, the Drexel University Alumni Association recognizes alumni for outstanding achievements in their profession, in the community and within the University. The Alumni Association also recognizes outstanding students for demonstrated leadership throughout their time at Drexel.



Celebrate Drexel through the Decades with the Alumni Association!

During September and October, flashback with us and experience Drexel as it was in the 2000s. [Click here](#) for a snapshot of music, fashion and Drexel moments that helped to shape the decade.

Download the Alumni Association App

The Drexel University Alumni Association is now available for your mobile device! Download the Drexel Alumni Association 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 size X-large, half-zip sweatshirt!

The Alumni Association encourages all members of the alumni and University community to participate in the awards process by sharing the achievements of fellow alumni, colleagues and friends and submitting a nomination by Monday, Dec. 7. >>

In Case You Missed It: The 2015 Alumni Global Night of Networking



Thank you to the hundreds of alumni who participated in the 5th annual Drexel Alumni Global Night of Networking! Whether you attended one of our 30 in-person receptions, or you tuned in to the Virtual Site online, we're glad you were part of the GNN! Congratulations to the Class of 2015 for having the most graduates in attendance at GNN receptions around the world — the Class of 2012 came in a very close second!



Some photos from the GNN receptions are now posted on the [Alumni Association Facebook page](#). Did you take photos at your reception? Please send them our way at alumni@drexel.edu. Also, the talks, tours and presentations from the Virtual Site are now available for viewing at your leisure on the [Alumni Association YouTube Channel](#).

The GNN is only possible because of the help and support we get from our awesome volunteers. A huge thank you

goes out to our alumni hosts, Virtual Site program presenters and Social Media Ambassadors. We were so glad to have you on our team!

Receptions for Alumni in China and South Korea

President John A. Fry, Trustee Stan Silverman, BS '69, MBA '74, deans of the Close School of Entrepreneurship, the Westphal College of Media Arts & Design, the Graduate College, senior administrators, and faculty from Drexel University will be in China and South Korea in November. Alumni are invited to receptions in **Shanghai on Sunday, Nov. 1** and **Seoul on Friday, Nov. 6**, celebrating the Drexel community of alumni, parents, current students and friends. Hosted by the Drexel University Alumni Association, these receptions are a great opportunity to meet and mingle with the Drexel cohort and fellow Dragon alumni at cocktail receptions from 6 to 8 p.m.

CAN DU Fall Service Project This Saturday



This year, CAN DU volunteers will make an impact in Drexel's West Philadelphia neighborhood by working with Fairmount Park Conservancy, cleaning up and restoring the Parkside Evans Playground on Saturday, Oct. 24. Projects will include trash and debris clean-up,



Congratulations to **Carey Sturgeon LaBella, MS '10**, who won last week's prize — a sweatshirt blanket!

Alumni Career Services

An Insider's Look at Education for a Global World: An Alumni Career Services Program

Educators at all levels are faced with the challenge of preparing learners to navigate life and career in an increasingly interconnected world. **Dani Ascarelli**, assistant vice provost for international programs and director of Drexel Study Abroad, will lead a panel of experts including **Mark Lenhart**, executive director for CET Academic Programs, **Stephanie McKissic, EdD '12**, program officer at the U.S. Department of Education, and **Adam Zahn, BA '11**, academic programs manager for the office of international programs at Drexel, to explore trends in global education, provide an insider's look at government, foundation and university-based programs that are equipping students for success and share insight into the skills that professionals need to succeed in this evolving field. >>

Shifting Gears at Mid Career: An Alumni Career Services Program

The average person will have seven careers during their lifetime and it is not uncommon to have the desire to try something new in the middle of your professional journey. If you are currently exploring new options or are about to do so in the near future, join the Alumni Association on Thursday, Oct. 29 for a discussion moderated by **Sally Stetson, MS '83**, principal and co-founder of Salveson Stetson group, and a panel of alumni who will share their insight into mid-career transitions. Panelists will share their stories of making the transition from the corporate to non-profit world, enhancing their career through entrepreneurship and discovering new professional passions after being downsized. >>

Wake Up Productive: An Alumni Career Services Workshop

Do you ever feel like you have more "to-dos" on your list than hours in a day? If so, then this session is for you! Join **Jamila Payne, BS '00, MBA '06** on Wednesday, Nov. 11, and learn how to craft your perfect day. By using her Daily Success Routine™ planning process, you will be able to eliminate tasks that are a waste of your precious time. Payne will share time-management tools and strategies that empower high-achievers to wake up productive and successfully work on their business and not just in their business. Attendees will leave with an action plan for achieving better



playground upgrades, trail restoration, fall planting and much more.

The day will kick off with a volunteer breakfast at Drexel Pizza followed by transportation to Parkside Evans

Playground. Refreshments will be available on-site throughout the morning and volunteers will receive a complimentary commemorative CAN DU T-shirt! >>

The Classes of 1966 and 1991 Celebrate Milestone Reunions at Alumni Weekend 2016

Alumni Weekend is the largest and most exciting event to bring alumni back to campus each year! The Class of 1966 will be inducted into the Golden Dragon Society at the annual luncheon and recognize outstanding class members. The Class of 1991 will become Silver Dragons, as they celebrate 25 years since they were students at Drexel. If you graduated in 1966 or 1991 and you would like to help plan your reunion celebration at Alumni Weekend, as well as invite your classmates back to campus, contact Lauren Villanueva BA '04, MS '10, executive director of alumni relations at lmr24@drexel.edu.

All alumni are invited and encouraged to attend events throughout the weekend. Stay tuned for more information coming soon!

College of Medicine Alumni Weekend and Alumni Award Nominations



Save the date for your reunion! Join us for Alumni Weekend 2016 to reconnect with classmates and Drexel University College of Medicine. Enjoy interactive programs and opportunities to socialize with fellow graduates. In 2016 all alumni will gather on the same weekend to celebrate: Class of 1966 Dinner on Thursday, May 19; and Alumni Weekend for all reunion classes on Friday, May 20 and Saturday, May 21. **Book your hotel today** and receive a special reunion rate. More details coming soon!

The College of Medicine Alumni Association is seeking nominations for its 2016 awards which will be presented at the Dean's Award Luncheon during Alumni Weekend in May. Take this opportunity to nominate yourself or a classmate for any of the award categories. The College is looking for alumni in their reunion years, classes ending in 1 or 6, so they can be honored and recognized in front of their classmates. The deadline for nominations is Friday, Oct. 30. >>

Drexel's School of Public Health Receives Transformative \$45 Million Gift from Dana, BS '83, Hon. '14, and David Dornsife



Drexel University's School of Public Health has been named the Dana and David Dornsife School of Public Health in honor of a transformative \$45 million gift from longtime philanthropists Dana and David Dornsife, widely known for their humanitarian efforts. The couple has donated a total of \$58 million to the University.

"It's a great day for Drexel when philanthropists are moved to support the high-impact work done by our faculty, and a great day when those donors are

visionaries like Dana and David Dornsife who inspire us just as much as we might inspire them," said Drexel President John A. Fry. >>

Register Now: Fundamentals of Project

results in life and business. >>

November Virtual Networking Hour: An Alumni Career Services Event

The Alumni Association is offering another one of its online speed-networking style virtual networking hours on Wednesday, Nov. 11. During the event, 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.

You will be able to pick from the following industry clusters to network with: 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 & affairs; science, technology, engineering and mathematics. >>

Entrepreneurship in Education: An Alumni Career Services Program

Join the Drexel University Alumni Association, the School of Education and the Close School of Entrepreneurship for a conversation about the important role that entrepreneurs can play in solving the problems of learners and shaping schools and systems on Thursday, Nov. 12.

In a discussion moderated by **Chuck Sacco, MBA '06**, entrepreneur in residence and director of external relations for the Close School, guest speakers **Judy Harris '77**, founder & chief executive officer of Connections, LLC, and **Katie Palenscar '08**, president and chief executive officer of Unbound Concepts, will explore the role of entrepreneurs in the education sector, the trends in educational entrepreneurship and the resources that are available at Drexel and elsewhere to support these ventures. You can also participate in this event via webcast. >>

Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

Your Career Retainer
by **Chris Bilotta '77, '84**
"Habits of Exceptionally Successful Leaders"

Self-reliant. Open-minded. Good listeners. Learn more about these and other characteristics that the most successful leaders have in common.



Leadership Unlimited
by **Terry Wall, MBA '97**
"Unleashing the Awesome Power of Innovation"

What are you doing to unleash the power of innovation in your organization? How are you promoting a culture that encourages people to take risks, to experiment, to challenge the status quo?



Hillel Alumni Activities for Family Weekend

If you will be on campus for Family Weekend, Drexel Hillel invites you to the following events for alumni, students and their guests. For more information and to RSVP, [click here](#).

Shabbat Dinner: Friday, Nov. 6, MacAlister Hall

Join Drexel Hillel in celebrating Shabbat dinner with a delicious and festive meal. Free for students, \$18 suggested donation per guest.

Bagel Brunch: Sunday, Nov. 8, Paul Peck Alumni Center

Management and PMP® Exam Preparation

Prepare for the Project Management Institute PMP® exam by enrolling in this fall's course, PMCE 5091 — a 35-hour hybrid of on-campus training and online instruction beginning on Saturday, Nov. 7. Areas of study have been carefully selected to respond to the demand in current growing industry sectors.

PMCE 5091 consists of 21 hours of on-campus training and 14 hours of online instruction. This workshop aligns with the internationally recognized Project Management Institute's (PMI®) A Guide to the Project Management Body of Knowledge (PMBOK® Guide) and is designed to support preparation for PMI's Project Management Professional (PMP®) certification examination. >>

Strategic National Arts Alumni Project for Westphal Graduates



The Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design is participating in the 2015 Strategic National Arts Alumni Project SNAAP) — a one-of-a-kind survey that explores the lives of arts alumni nationwide. If you are a Westphal College graduate, and the Alumni Relations Office has your up-to-date email address, you should have received personalized email invitations to complete the survey. If you didn't receive an email invitation and would like to take the survey, [click here](#).

Those who complete the survey this fall will have access to a site to see how their educational and career experiences compare with alumni from across the country. See where other arts graduates live, where they work, what they earn and how their arts educations have influenced their lives.

This year's complimentary brunch will feature presentations about Jewish life on campus, updates on the construction of the **Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life** as well as opportunities to support Drexel Hillel through Hillel's Parent Circle.

Dragon Alumni Scholarship for Students



Drexel recognizes the valuable role alumni can play in helping prospective students learn more about the University and what to expect during their time here. The Dragon Alumni Scholarship program allows graduates of the University to provide recommendations for prospective Drexel students. Recipients of the scholarship will receive \$333 for each quarter they are enrolled full-time in classes. >>

Drexel is for a *different* kind of student who wants a *different* kind of school.

Check out the video and share it with students you know who might be interested in applying to Drexel!

2015 Veterans Day Tribute

Join Drexel for its 2015 Veterans Day Tribute on Wednesday, Nov. 11 in the AJ Picture Gallery. In addition to the traditional patriotic protocols in celebration of veterans, this event will include reflections and remarks from Drexel faculty and staff and contributions from the Veteran Task Force, Army ROTC, Drexel Veterans Association, Veterans Alumni Network and the Veterans Colleague Resource Group. This event is open to the campus and the public and is from 4 to 5 p.m. For more information contact Rebecca Weidensaul, associate dean of students, at rebecca@drexel.edu.

Upcoming Alumni Events

Philadelphia Metro

An Evening at the Franklin Institute: Vatican Splendors
Wednesday, Oct. 21, 2015
The Franklin Institute, Philadelphia

CAN DU Fall Service Project
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Park Evans Playground,
Philadelphia

Shifting Gears at Mid Career: An Alumni Career Services Program
Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015
The Palm at the Bellevue,
Philadelphia

Sustaining Philadelphia: Environmental Challenges and Opportunities
Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015
Philadelphia History Museum,
Philadelphia

Immortal Beauty: Highlights from the Fox Historic Costume Collection
Saturday, Nov. 21, 2015
URBN Center Annex, Drexel

Around the World

CAN DU Sacramento Service Project
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Sacramento Food Bank Distribution Center, Sacramento, Calif.

An Insider's Look at Education for a Global World: An Alumni Career Services Program
Tuesday, Oct. 27, 2015
Drexel University Washington, D.C. and Online

Drexel University Shanghai Reception with President Fry
Sunday, Nov. 1, 2015
The Westin Bund Center, Shanghai, China

Drexel Networking Event in Melbourne, Florida
Thursday, Nov. 5, 2015
Crowne Plaza Melbourne Pavilion, Melbourne, Fla.

Drexel University Seoul Reception with President Fry
Friday, Nov. 6, 2015

Colleges & Schools

Dance Movement/Therapy Alumni Networking Reception
Saturday, Oct. 24, 2015
Hyatt Regency La Jolla, San Diego

Alumni Data Management Excel Training Workshop
Monday, Oct. 26, 2015
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

LeBow Alumni Networking at Barbuzzo
Thursday, Oct. 29, 2015
Barbuzzo, Philadelphia

Accounting CPE Conference
Friday, Oct. 30, 2015
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

College of Medicine Presents Success in Academia
Friday, Oct. 30, 2015
Behrakis Grand Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Pivot Tables Excel Training

Campus & Community

Reptiles: The Beautiful and the Deadly
Now through Sunday, Jan. 10, 2016
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Best-selling Author Tim Flannery Talk on Climate Change
Tuesday, Nov. 3, 2015
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

Watership Down Performances
Wednesday, Nov. 4 to Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015
Mandell Theatre, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Dinosaur Days
Friday, Nov. 27 to Sunday, Nov. 29, 2015
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

University, Philadelphia

42nd Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project

Thursday, Dec. 17, 2015
Paul Peck Alumni Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

JW Marriott Hotel, Seoul South Korea

An Insider's Look at the ExCITE Center

Tuesday, Nov. 10, 2015
Twenty-Eight Restaurant and Lounge, Irvine, Calif.

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Entrepreneurship in Education

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015
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Orange County Alumni Bowling Event

Sunday, Nov. 15, 2015
Bowlmor Lanes, Tustin, Calif.

Workshop

Monday, Nov. 2, 2015
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Dornsife School of Public Health Alumni and Friends Reception

Monday, Nov. 2, 2015
APHA Annual Meeting, Chicago

Computer Science PhD Open House

Friday, Nov. 6, 2015
Rush Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Information Studies PhD Open House

Friday, Nov. 6, 2015
Rush Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Music Program Masterclass with Philly Pops' Matthew Gallagher

Monday, Nov. 9, 2015; 6:30 p.m.
Main Building Auditorium, Drexel University, Philadelphia

New York City Wine Tasting with LeBow College of Business

Thursday, Nov. 12, 2015
City Winery, New York

CCI Distinguished Speaker Presentation John Brzozowski

Monday, Nov. 16, 2015
Rush Building, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Unlocking Business Value: Discussion/Interactive Event for Business Owners

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

Center for Hospitality & Sport Management Alumni Reception

Wednesday, Nov. 18, 2015
Academic Bistro, Drexel University, Philadelphia



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