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## Alumni Spotlight

### Zach Stone, Behavioral Health Counseling '11

By Tom Grabiak, Marketing Manager, College of Nursing and Health Professions

It's often said that the road to success is not a straight line, but your experiences along the way define who you are. For Zach Stone, a 2011 graduate of Drexel's Behavioral Health Counseling program, his path included risks, failures, and challenging the norm, but he always stayed true to his core beliefs.



"You need to help the community. You need to help others. It's your role in the world as human beings to be there for one another," says Stone. >>



## #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 small Drexel T-shirt!

## Help Raise \$25,000 for the Alumni Holiday Turkey Project



Together, we can provide more than 1,000 turkeys to Philadelphia-area families this holiday season!

**Give now:** The first 50 people to give \$50 or more will receive a free commemorative Turkey Project T-shirt!

**Save the date for Tuesday, Dec. 1:** The Alumni Association will match the first \$2,500 donated to the Turkey Project on that day. Double your impact!

**Share your art:** Post a picture of your (or your kids') "hand turkey" like the one above and tag it #DrexelTP15, or email it to [alumni@drexel.edu](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu). Every entrant will receive a special Drexel gift!

**Join us on distribution day:** Alumni in the Philadelphia area are invited to join us at the Paul Peck Alumni Center on **Thursday, Dec. 17**, for Turkey Distribution Day to help give out turkeys and see firsthand the impact the project has on the community. >>

Learn more about the 42nd Annual Turkey Project [here](#).

## Nominate a Drexel Grad for the 2016 Alumni Association Awards by Friday, Dec. 4

The Drexel University Alumni Association Board of Governors has officially opened its call for nominations for the 2016 Alumni Association Honors and Awards.



## 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!

Do you know someone who is worthy of recognition? The award criteria, an online nomination form and a list of the 2015 alumni award recipients are available [here](#). Please complete the form with as much information as you have available. You are also welcome to provide any additional information which can include a résumé or curriculum vitae, letter of nomination, and any other supporting material. **Nominations must be received by Friday, Dec. 4.**

## Recommend a Prospective Student for a Dragon Alumni Scholarship

As a Drexel graduate, you know better than anyone what it takes to be a Drexel Dragon. If you know a prospective student who would be a good fit for Drexel, please consider recommending them for a \$2,000-\$4,000 Dragon Alumni Scholarship. The recommendation deadline is Friday, Jan. 15 for freshmen. Deadlines for transfer students can vary per term and can be found online with the submission form. >>

## 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 '04, '10, executive

director of alumni relations at [lmr24@drexel.edu](mailto:lmr24@drexel.edu).

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

## Interested in Mentoring Student Entrepreneurs?

Alumni are invited to participate as mentors for in-person and virtual programs delivered by the Charles D. Close School of Entrepreneurship's incubator, the Baiada Institute for Entrepreneurship. Mentoring is very critical to the success of Drexel's student entrepreneurs, who benefit greatly from information transfer, skill development and advocacy. All mentors will receive training and in-house mentors will be required to undergo a background check. Please complete a [brief survey](#) to be considered for the program.

## Benefits and Services

### Alumni Travel Program Featured Excursion: Waterways and Canals of Holland and Belgium



[Click here](#) for more information on this trip from April 7 to 15, 2016.

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



## Alumni Career Services

### December 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, Dec. 9. 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. >>

## Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

**Productivity Zone**  
by Penny Zenker, BS '92  
"Productivity Wizardry Using Post-It Notes"

Become a productivity wizard today and get things done with the help of this sticky little stationery.



**Your Career Retainer**  
by Chris Bilotta '77, '84  
"The Most Powerful Question a Leader Can Ask"

How can I help you do your job better? This question is a call to action and gets to the heart of employee motivation and engagement.



## News and Views

### In Case You Missed It: Presidential Delegation to China and South Korea



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](mailto:alumni@drexel.edu), and please include your name, class year and address. >>

## Introducing The Drexel Donor Advised Fund

Are you looking for a convenient, flexible and tax-advantaged way to give that benefits your alma mater AND other charitable causes that are important to you? Consider the brand new Drexel Donor Advised Fund (DAF). By establishing a DAF at Drexel, you can:

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## Alumni Discount for Goodwin College Continuing Professional Education Courses



Drexel alumni can receive a 20% discount on continuing professional education courses offered online and on campus at the Goodwin College of Professional Studies. Whether you are looking to change your career, advance in your position or gain a new skill set, these non-credit courses provide an opportunity for the professional enrichment and advancement of the lifelong learner. Check out current program offerings. >>



A Drexel delegation including Drexel President John Fry; Stan Silverman '69, '74, trustee; Julie Mostov, vice president of Global Initiatives; deans of the Graduate College, the Close School of Entrepreneurship, the Antoinette Westphal College of Media & Arts and Design; and faculty and senior administrative staff recently returned from a successful trip to Shanghai, China and Seoul, South Korea.



Less than four hours after landing in Shanghai, the Drexel delegation met with our community of alumni, parents, friends and current co-op and study abroad students. The attendees were excited for the opportunity to meet with President Fry and the delegation, as well as fellow Drexel dragons. Current students in particular appreciated meeting and speaking with the local crowd, and made significant connections that will further enrich their time in Shanghai. The next two

days in Shanghai were spent with our partners at ShanghaiTech and Shanghai Jiao Tung University. [Click here](#) for an article that Silverman wrote after hearing President Fry speak at both universities.

The group arrived in Seoul on November 4, for the opening ceremony for the Drexel NNFC FIRST Nano Co-op — a collaboration between Drexel University and Korea Advanced Institute of Science and Technology (KAIST). The schedule for Seoul included a visit to Seoul National University and an alumni reception, where again the energy in the room was great!

## Fall 2015 Drexel Magazine is Now Online

The most recent issue of the Drexel Magazine is now available online. Features include: "Show and Tell," perspectives on the Drexel co-op shared by students fresh off the job; "The Psychologist and His Thinking Cap," an interview with Drexel's John Kounios, the first scientist to use brain scans to study how our minds make the leap from methodical thinking to sudden insight; and "Depth of Field," a look at how Drexel's Photography program thrives in an age when everybody thinks they're a photographer. >>

## Drexel Co-ops by College

When it comes to co-op, Drexel has one of the oldest and most expansive university programs in the world. In total, 98.2% of eligible undergraduate students find co-op placement at Drexel, whether it's in Philadelphia, across the country or around the world. >>

## Upcoming Alumni Events

## Featured Event: College of Medicine Alumni Reception and Recital

College of Medicine alumni are invited to celebrate the holidays with music and cheer on Thursday, Dec. 10! Enjoy the annual DUCoM Classical Recital — a showcase of student and faculty musical talent — and an exclusive reception beforehand. RSVP by Tuesday, Dec. 8. >>

### Philadelphia Metro

#### 42nd Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project

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

#### Drexel vs. Penn State: Alumni Rally and Men's Basketball Game

Saturday, Dec. 19, 2015  
Landmark Americana and The Palestra, Philadelphia

#### Drexel vs. Penn: Alumni Rally and Men's Basketball Game

Tuesday, Dec. 22, 2015  
Daskalakis Athletic Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

### Around the World

#### December Virtual Networking Hour

Wednesday, Dec. 9, 2015  
Online

### Colleges & Schools

#### Craft Beer Culture: CoEAA Reception and Tour at Yards Brewing Company

Thursday, Nov. 19, 2015  
Yards Brewing Company, Philadelphia

#### CCI Special Lecture: Data, Computers and Animal Epidemics

Monday, Nov. 23, 2015  
University Crossings, Drexel University, Philadelphia

### Campus & Community

#### Watership Down Performances

Friday, Nov. 20 to Sunday, Nov. 22, 2015  
Mandell Theatre, Drexel University, Philadelphia

#### Tiny Tot Explorers

Wednesdays through Dec. 16, 2016  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

#### All Star Days

Saturday, Dec. 26 to Wednesday, Dec. 30, 2015  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

#### Fall Concert Series

Tuesday, Dec. 1 to Sunday, Dec. 6, 2015  
Various locations, Drexel University, Philadelphia

#### Family and Friends Safari Overnight

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia



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