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Happy Holidays from the Alumni Association

Wishing you and your loved ones the best this holiday season and throughout the coming New Year! We look forward to continuing to connect Dragons everywhere in 2016!

A Record-Breaking Year for the Turkey Project



The Alumni Association's 42nd Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project was held on Thursday, Dec. 17, outside of the Paul Peck Alumni Center. The rain didn't stop the 85 alumni and friends of the University who distributed frozen turkeys to community organizations throughout Philadelphia, including Drexel's Dana and David Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships and the Stephen and Sandra Sheller 11th Street Family Health Services Center. Thank you to all of our Turkey Project volunteers and donors for

making a big impact this year. The Alumni Association was able to raise over \$25,000, serve 37 community organization, and assist 1,350 families in need this holiday season — making this year the most successful Turkey Project to date!

News coverage of the Turkey Project distribution on [ABC](#) and [CBS](#) can be viewed online and some photos from the day are posted on the [Alumni Association website](#).

San Diego Area Alumni Brunch

Drexel alumni and friends in the San Diego area are invited to join the Alumni Association and Donna De Carolis, PhD, dean of Drexel's Charles D. Close School of Entrepreneurship, for a brunch reception at the Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina on Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at 11 a.m. Help welcome Dean De Carolis and Close School faculty to the area while connecting with your fellow Drexel Dragons from the San Diego area and hear some of the exciting changes taking place on campus!

This event is complimentary but registration is required. Contact Dave Lanza, MS '12, associate director for Alumni Relations at 215.571.3823 or dl467@drexel.edu to reserve your spot. Please note the time of this event has changed.

Alumni Career Services

Drexel Alumni Real Estate Interest Group: Networking Reception

Do you want to connect with other Drexel alumni working in real estate? If so, join the Drexel University Alumni Association and the Drexel Alumni Real Estate Interest Group on Thursday, Jan. 14, for a networking reception in Center City Philadelphia. Learn more about this newly-created group and share your ideas for expanding connections among alumni in the industry. >>

Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

Leadership Unlimited
by Terry Wall, MBA '97
"3 Trends, 4 Questions for Developing Innovative Strategies"

Wall asks, "What trends are you looking at; what innovative strategies will you use to take advantage of those trends?"



Your Career Retainer
by Chris Bilotta, BS '77, MBA '84
"The Leadership Guide to Choosing the Right Words"

An extensive vocabulary is important, but be mindful of when, where, why and with whom you employ the big ones.



Homecoming 2016

Seniors and Young Alumni Tailgate and Men's Basketball Game

Break out your Blue and Gold and join the Young Alumni Association in celebrating Drexel's current seniors as they start their countdown to commencement! Before our Drexel Dragons take on the Hofstra Pride, we'll gather to tailgate at Cavanaugh's Bar & Restaurant. Throughout the tailgate we'll be raffling off a variety of Drexel prizes. Registration includes complimentary food and a variety of drink specials. During registration alumni may also purchase their game tickets at the discounted Young Alumni rate. >>

Alumni Reception and Men's Basketball Game

Get ready to feel the fire at this year's Homecoming celebration as the men's basketball team takes on the Hofstra University Pride. Join the Alumni Association for an exclusive alumni reception overlooking the court in the Hazem Maragah Hospitality Suite before the game. Show your Drexel pride and wear your best blue and gold gear as we cheer the Drexel Dragons on to victory! >>

Alumni Association Scholarships Available for Students

Do you know a current Drexel student who has demonstrated leadership, achievement, and participation in campus and community activities? Encourage them to apply for a Drexel University Alumni Association scholarship for the 2016-17 academic year. Four scholarships are available: the Alumni Impact Scholarship, the Alumni Leadership Scholarship, The Alumnae Planning Board Scholarship, and the Alumni Legacy Scholarship which is for children or grandchildren of Drexel alumni. >>

Book Your Hotel for Alumni Weekend 2016

Save the date for Alumni Weekend on Friday, May 6 and Saturday, May 7, 2016. There is lots to see and do, so plan to stay for the whole weekend and book your hotel now. A full list of room blocks that have been reserved at a special discounted rate for Drexel alumni is available online. Book your room early — deadlines are listed with each hotel. >>

Online registration and a full event schedule will be available early in 2016. Stay tuned!

New Location for College of Medicine Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations

Drexel University College of Medicine Offices of Institutional Advancement and Alumni Relations has moved to the 12th floor of 1505 Race Street, Philadelphia, PA 19102. [Click here](#) for all of the contact information for both offices.

News and Views

Faculty Spotlight:

Brannon Wiles, Assistant Professor of Entertainment Arts and Management at Drexel's Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design

By Britt Faulstick, assistant director of media relations, Drexel University

Westphal College of Media Arts & Design professor Brannon Wiles is a producer of a Broadway play called "Sylvia," starring Tony Award-winners Matthew Broderick, Annaleigh Ashford and Julie White. The comedy which recently began a limited run at the Cort Theatre, is about the bond between man and man's best friend — and the woman who comes between them.

"Sylvia" also strikes a chord with animal lovers, a point not lost on Wiles and his colleagues. "The show is partnering with a number of animal welfare organizations and offering fundraising opportunities for them," Wiles recently told the Drexel Newsblog. >>



2015 Executive MBA Alumni Awards

Executive MBA (EMBA) students, alumni and their guests celebrated the holiday season on Thursday, Dec. 3 at the annual EMBA winter reception, hosted by R. John Chapel Dean of the LeBow College of Business and the Executive MBA Alumni Board Frank Linnehan. Two outstanding EMBA alumni and ambassadors were recognized: Justin Ettelson, EMBA '01 and Samuel Gosselin, MBA '07. The festivities included special guest, George Krall, BS '58, Hon. '14, Executive Education benefactor and trustee emeritus. >>

Benefits and Services

Alumni Save 20% on Six Sigma Courses

Did you know that Drexel alumni receive a 20% discount on continuing professional education programs offered online and on campus at the Goodwin College of Professional Studies? Courses kicking off in January 2016 include LEAN Six Sigma Green Belt, LEAN Six Sigma Black Belt, and Fundamentals of Project Management and PMP® Exam Preparation. >>

Upcoming Alumni Events

Featured Event: College of Medicine Alumni Weekend

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!

Philadelphia Metro

Around the World

Colleges & Schools

Campus & Community

**Drexel Alumni Real Estate
Interest Group: Networking
Reception**

Thursday, Jan. 14, 2016
Klehr Harrison Harvey Branzburg,
Philadelphia

**Seniors and Young Alumni
Homecoming Tailgate and Men's
Basketball Game**

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016
Cavanaugh's Restaurant;
Daskalakis Athletic Center, Drexel
University, Philadelphia

**Homecoming 2016: Alumni
Reception and Men's Basketball
Game**

Saturday, Jan. 30, 2016
Daskalakis Athletic Center, Drexel
University, Philadelphia

**An Evening at the Arden Theatre:
Alumni Reception, Talk and
Performance**

Thursday, Feb. 11, 2016
Arden Theatre Company,
Philadelphia

San Diego Area Alumni Brunch

Saturday, Jan. 9, 2016 at 11 a.m.
Sheraton San Diego Hotel & Marina,
San Diego
RSVP with Dave Lanza at
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**iConference 2016, Hosted by
Drexel University College of
Computing & Informatics**

Now through Monday, Jan. 18, 2016
Loew's Hotel, Philadelphia

All Star Days

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

**Family and Friends Safari
Overnight**

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

Animal Mythology Weekend

Saturday, Jan. 16, 2016
The Academy of Natural Sciences of
Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Dance Ensemble Winter Concert:
Reverie**

Thursday, Jan. 28 to Saturday, Jan.
30, 2016
Mandell Theater, Drexel University,
Philadelphia



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