

# PENNONI HONORS COLLEGE NEWSLETTER

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## "Literacy Within Reach"

Join the Pennoni Honors College—in partnership with the Westphal College of Media Arts & Design—for a FREE art exhibit opening reception on Friday, 4/13/12, 5 to 7 p.m. in the Leonard Pearlstein Gallery (Nesbitt Hall, 3215 Market St.).



"Literacy Within Reach"—an exhibit conceived and curated by the Joysmith Gallery of Memphis, TN—brings together the work of an array of artists like Jacob Lawrence and Brenda Joysmith to share stories of the struggle for literacy. The exhibit further demonstrates the role that illiteracy plays in racial oppression.

"Literacy Within Reach" is on display now through Friday, 5/4/12. For additional information, [e-mail the Pearlstein Gallery](#).

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## PHC Work/Study Opportunities

Come be a part of the best Work/Study opportunity at Drexel University! **The Pennoni Honors College (PHC) currently seeks interested students for several available Work/Study positions in the Dean's Suite.**

- *Must be mature, self-motivated, dependable, detail-oriented, communicative, and amicable.*
- *Must be approved for Work/Study funds through the Office of Financial Aid.*
- *Sophomore, Pre-Junior, and Junior students preferred.*
- *Students available peak lunchtime hours preferred.*

**Interested candidates may visit the Honors Office in person, or [e-mail Brian Kantorek, Administrative Coordinator](#), with a letter/message of interest and most current resume or summary of work experience.**

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## Become an HSAC Leader

**Want to get more involved with the Honors Program? Join the Honors Student Advisory Committee (HSAC)!** HSAC is open to any Honors student interested in planning social events, community service projects, and more.



**HSAC leadership positions currently are open for the 2012-2013 academic year.** Serve as a student leader to plan events for the Honors Program, build leadership skills, and make your voice heard. *Several positions are available.*

*To apply, visit the Pennoni Honors College Main Office (5016 MacAlister) or [e-mail HSAC](#) for an application. Applications are due by Friday, 5/4/12, and should be returned to the Honors Main Office (5016 MacAlister) or to either office location for Carly Day, Honors Program Manager (Honors Lounge, 5051-B/C MacAlister or 105 Millennium).*

*For more information about events and meetings, [visit HSAC online](#). For additional questions and details, [e-mail HSAC](#).*

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## Honors Options for Spring Term 2012

**Honors Option Request Forms for Spring Term 2012 are due no later than Friday, 4/20/12, 5 p.m. This is a firm deadline.** All forms should be completed, signed by the instructor and student, and submitted to the Pennoni Honors College Main Office (5016 MacAlister) no later than Friday, 4/20/12. For more information and details on Honors Options, [visit the Honors Program online](#).



The Honors Option PDF form is typeable; although you will need to print it out, obtain the signature of your instructor, and submit it to the Honors Main Office. Students who wish to pursue an Honors

Option for Spring Term 2012 must utilize this two-page Request Form. **Please read the guidelines and form thoroughly.**

If you have any questions concerning Honors Options, [e-mail Elaine O'Loughlin, Honors Program Associate Director](mailto:Elaine.O'Loughlin@drexel.edu) or call 215-895-6283.

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## The World's First Computer

**\*\*\*TONIGHT\*\*\* Tuesday, 4/10/12, 6 p.m. in the W. W. Hagerty Library, Judaic Studies Stern Room, 3rd Floor (33rd and Market Sts.), Drexel University's Greek Studies program—in partnership with the Pennoni Honors College—will host a **FREE exhibition opening and lecture on the Antikythera Mechanism (the world's first computer)**. The exhibit will be inaugurated through a special lecture by Dr. M Dr. Xenophon Moussas, Professor in Space Physics, Director of Astrophysics Laboratory, and Faculty of Physics at the National and Kapodistrian University of Athens-Greece.**



The Antikythera Mechanism is widely considered to be one of the most important archeological artifacts ever found. The mechanism is a geared device consisting of 30 gears in a highly-complex arrangement. The mechanism is known to model astronomical phenomenon with remarkable detail. The level of engineering in the mechanism is astonishing by any standards.

**A reception will follow the lecture in the James E. Marks Intercultural Center Gallery. The exhibit will be open to the public through Friday, 5/18/12 during standard Library hours.** For more information about this event and exhibition, [e-mail Jacqueline Rios](mailto:Jacqueline.Rios@drexel.edu). To learn more about the mechanism, [visit The Antikythera Mechanism Research Project online](#).

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## Upcoming Fellowships Workshops

### **"First Steps to Fulbright" Workshop**

**On Friday, 4/13/12, 12 to 1 p.m. in 2019 MacAlister (33rd and Chestnut Sts.), come hear about Fulbright Study/Research grants from two Drexel University students who currently are finalists for the program.** Also, gain insight from the knowledgeable staff of the Drexel Fellowships Office, whose services and resources are available to all Drexel students.



During this workshop, review the basics of the Fulbright student program and consider a range of projects pursued by other students with the support of a Fulbright grant. Participants will leave the workshop with one or two initial ideas of what they may propose to do with a Fulbright grant.

This is a repeating event. For additional dates and more information, [visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#). You also may [visit Fulbright online](#).

### **"Finding an International Research Affiliation" Workshop**

**On Tuesday, 4/17/12, 3 to 4 p.m. in the Honors Seminar Room, 5051-A MacAlister (33rd and Chestnut Sts.), learn how to find an international affiliation for a Fulbright or other international scholarship.** The Drexel Fellowships Office will introduce participants to databases such as the Community of Science Scholar Universe and Web of Science.

For additional dates and more information, [visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#).

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## Meet Drexel's First Carnegie Junior Fellow

**Nevena Bosnic (Economics BS '12, Pennoni Honors College)** was selected for the [Carnegie Junior Fellows Program](#), a highly-competitive award enabling recent graduates to work for a year with a senior fellow in one of the program areas of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Nevena will work with the International Economics program. She is the first Drexel University student to be named a Carnegie Junior Fellow. Congratulations, Nevena!



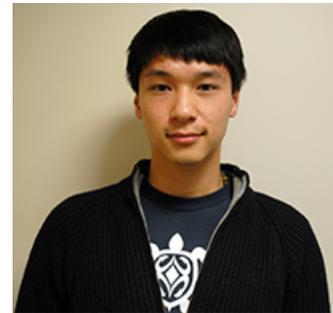
Nevena—a high-achieving Economics student with minors in Political Science and International Area Studies—also is a member of the Honors Program. Her most recent Co-op was with the Economics Section of the U.S. Embassy in Athens, Greece. Nevena's primary career goal is to work on developing and implementing international economic policy.

For more information on the Udall Scholarship, [visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#).

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## Meet Drexel's First Udall Scholar

**Elliott Chiu (Biology/Environmental Science, BS/MS '13, Pennoni Honors College)** received the [Udall Scholarship](#), a prestigious and highly-competitive award for students committed to careers related to the environment. He is the first Drexel University student to be named a Udall Scholar. Congratulations, Elliot!



Elliott—an outstanding Honors Program student in the Biology Department—first started conducting research through the STAR program. He has since started his own research project, which will take him to Equatorial Guinea for a second time. Under the tutelage of Dr. Gail Hearn, Elliot will pursue research for his thesis on the feeding ecology of an understudied species of chameleon found only on Bioko Island. After graduating from Drexel, Elliott plans to pursue a VMD/PhD to eventually become a research wildlife veterinarian. He hopes to conserve some

of the world's most troubled species; particularly those suffering from recent disease epidemics.

The [Udall Foundation](#) awards about 80 scholarships of up to \$5000 to sophomore- and junior-level college students committed to careers related to the environment, tribal public policy, or Native-American healthcare each year. For more information on the Udall Scholarship, [visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#).

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## Top Tips for Applying for Fellowships

Here are some tips from the Drexel Fellowships Office to help you get the most out of the fellowships application experience. Starting next week, Fellowships will delve into these tips one by one.

1. Start Early
2. Manage Your Time
3. Do Your Homework
4. Talk to People
5. Use the Opportunity to Figure Out What You Really Want
6. Revise, Revise, Revise
7. Do It

The Drexel Fellowships Office works closely with ambitious students all across the University for applications to competitive national and international fellowships. For more information about fellowships—or to set up an individual appointment—[visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#) or [send](#)



## Keynote Discussion on Middle East Revolutions

**\*\*\*TONIGHT\*\*\* Tuesday, 4/10/12, 6 to 8 p.m. in Mitchell Auditorium, Bossone Research Center (3140 Market St.), the Drexel Student Alliance (DSA) of the UNA-USA will host His Excellency Dr. Marwan Muasher for a keynote lecture titled, "2011: A Year of Promise or Peril for the Middle East?"**



Dr. Muasher is the Vice President of Studies at the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. Among other high-profile responsibilities, he has served as Deputy Prime Minister and Foreign Minister of Jordan; and, as Ambassador, he opened Jordan's first embassy in Israel. Muasher negotiated the first free-trade agreement between the United States and an Arab nation, and played a central role in developing the Arab Peace Initiative and the Middle East Road Map.

*This event is FREE and open to the public. For more information—or to register—[e-mail the DSA.](#)*

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## Earth Day 2012 Events List

**Drexel Green and the Drexel University Sustainability Council are proud to announce an exciting list of upcoming events to celebrate Earth Day 2012!** The week-long celebration will kick off with the 5th Annual Philly Spring Clean-Up on Saturday, 4/14/12.

*For a complete list of events details—and to register—[visit Drexel Green online.](#)*

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## Drexel Phi Eta Sigma Partners with Relay for Life

**Drexel Phi Eta Sigma, the National Honor Society at Drexel University, is working to raise money for the American Cancer Society's 2012 Relay for Life.** This year, over 1.4 million Americans will hear the words "You have cancer." We're all touched by cancer in one way or another.

Please [visit the American Cancer Society online](#) to make a donation on behalf of Drexel Phi Eta Sigma in its efforts to combat cancer and make a difference. Organization members will join the Relay on Saturday, 4/14/12, and appreciate every little bit of support they can get.

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## "Social Media: The New Political Battleground"

**On Thursday, 4/19/12, 6:30 p.m. in Kirby Auditorium at the National Constitution Center (525 Arch St.), check out a special program on social media and its**



**effect on the 2012 Presidential campaign and broader political landscape.** "Social Media: The New Political Battleground" will feature a panel of outstanding speakers.

*This event is FREE and open to the public—but registration is required. [Visit the Constitution Center online](#) to register and for a full event description.*



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## Community Clean-Up with Circle K

**On Saturday, 4/21/12, 8:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., the Drexel University Circle K club will lead a day of service in Fairmount Park.** All members of the Drexel community are encouraged to get involved. **Participants will meet in front of North Hall (33rd and Cherry Sts.), and will depart together as a group at 8:30 a.m.** Transportation will be included.

For this 10th anniversary event, Circle K will focus on the Girard Avenue Bridge: gathering trash; removing foreign plants; and planting native ones to promote a healthy growth of the park and its surrounding community.

*After the community cleaning, the group will return to the University City campus for FREE pizza and T-shirts for everyone participating. This is a great UNIV 101 opportunity! For additional information about this event and other Circle K initiatives, [e-mail Christie](#).*



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## Vocal Jazz Ensemble Plays the Hits

**On Friday, 4/27/12 and Saturday, 4/28/12, 8 p.m. in the Sky View Room on the 6th Floor of MacAlister Hall (33rd and Chestnut Sts.), Drexel's Vocal Jazz Ensemble—Naturally Sharp—will present an evening of big-band standards and classic jazz favorites for the 6th Annual Coffee and Jazz Concert.**



With a backdrop of the sun setting over Philadelphia, Naturally Sharp will unite with a three-piece band to present classics by the likes of Irving Berlin, Cole Porter, and Louis Prima—all while audience members enjoy complimentary coffee and pastries.

Admission to this exclusive event is only \$7. *For more information, [e-mail Tom Bonner](#) or call 215-895-ARTS.*

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## Drexel Smart House Seed Fund

Have an innovative idea? Need funding? Drexel Smart House can help! **Through the Student Seed Fund micro-grant program, students can obtain up to \$2,500 for individual or group projects.**

Funding is available for early-stage research and development of prototypes or models, with the ultimate goal of launching strong research and development ripe for commercialization and technology transfer activities. In addition, selected students will receive mentorship from Baiada Center Mentors, legal professionals, faculty, and industry professionals wherever applicable.



**The deadline for applications is Sunday, 4/29/12.** For more information, [visit Drexel Smart House online](#) or [send an e-mail](#).

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## Renowned Neuroscientist Delivers Distinguished Lecture

**On Wednesday, 5/2/12, 6 p.m. in the Main Building Auditorium (3141 Chestnut St.), David Eagleman—renowned neuroscientist and bestselling author of *Incognito: The Secret Lives of the Brain*—will deliver the 2nd Annual College of Arts & Sciences (CoAS) Distinguished Lecture.**

Eagleman is a regular contributing writer for *The New York Times*, *Wired*, *Discover*, *Slate*, and *New Scientist*, and is often featured on National Public Radio for matters related to science and literature. His previous authored works include, *Wednesday Is Indigo Blue*, *Discover*, and *Why the Net Matters*. Eagleman holds joint appointments in the Department of Neuroscience and Psychiatry at Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, TX, and is the founder of the Initiative on Neuroscience and Law.



*The Distinguished Lecture is FREE—but tickets are required for admission. A limit of two tickets per person will be now available for pick-up in the CoAS Dean's Office (4020 MacAlister).*

For more information regarding the event, [e-mail Jennifer Yusin](#) or [visit the CoAS Distinguished Lecture Series online](#).

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## Get LIFTed as a Community Volunteer

**LIFT is a volunteer opportunity available to all Drexel University student interested in fighting our country's most challenging social issues related to poverty, inequality, and policy advocacy.** Getting involved with LIFT is an excellent way to get to know other students, enhance your résumé, and make a difference in Drexel's neighboring West Philadelphia communities!



Gain experience working with clients to seek employment; secure safe housing; utilize public benefits and tax credits; and acquire recommendations for services such as childcare and healthcare. *Volunteers are required to fill out a new volunteer application, commit to a three-hour shift per week, and attend biweekly meetings.*

For more information, [e-mail Kelli Bosak](#) or [visit LIFT online](#).

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## Fellowships and Scholarship Information

Interested in fellowship opportunities? As you may know, fellowships are nationally and internationally prestigious scholarship programs that help you get the education and experience you need to pursue your professional goals. These awards can support undergraduate or graduate study and research or work experiences here or abroad. **The Drexel Fellowships Office helps students to navigate the application process for these opportunities through early-stage education and advice, as well as essay-writing support and feedback.**



For additional information on upcoming deadlines, events, help with an application, and general advising, [visit the Fellowships Office online](#) or [send an e-mail](#).

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## Honors Lost and Found

The Lost and Found at the Pennoni Honors College (PHC) Main Office Front Desk occasionally acquires items left behind in the Honors Office, Lounge, and Seminar Room.

**If ever in doubt about something you've misplaced, make sure to first check at the PHC Main Office Front Desk (5016 MacAlister).**

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## Pennoni Honors College Newsletter Submission Guidelines

The Pennoni Honors College would like to hear about upcoming events in your department or organization. **Please note that all articles to be considered for publication in the standard Tuesday edition of the Pennoni Honors College Newsletter must be submitted to [honorscollege@drexel.edu](mailto:honorscollege@drexel.edu) no later than 5 p.m. on Friday of the previous week.** Submissions received after this point will be held for a future edition.

Please include all details relevant to your announcement (e.g., event location, date/time, contact person or office, available website information, etc.), and limit submission summaries to a maximum of five sentences. E-mail attachments such as flyers, graphics, or posters will be included with the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter*, wherever possible.

It is the responsibility of the submitter to ensure the accuracy of the submission. Please keep in mind that missing information will result in distribution delays. *For additional information, contact [honorscollege@drexel.edu](mailto:honorscollege@drexel.edu).*

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