Alumni News

Introducing the New Alumni Board of Governors Officers and Members
We are pleased to announce the election of the following Executive Committee Officers of the Drexel University Alumni Association Board of Governors: James B. Dougherty, Jr., Esq., ’78, ’81 — Chair; Jeffrey T. Macaluso ’82 — Vice Chair; Dennis C. Link ’69, ’70 — Vice Chair; Palak N. Raval-Nelson, PhD, M.P.H. ’02 — Treasurer; and Ira M. Taffler, PhD ’79, ’83 — Secretary.

In addition, the following alumni were elected to the Board of Governors: Ashley Smith Baptiste ’92, Catherine M. Campbell-Perna ’95, Mary Ellen Glasgow, PhD ’81, and John R. Phillips, CFA ’86, ’89. The newly elected Constituent Group Representatives are: Marie T. Batchelor ’06, representing College and School Alumni Associations; James R. Gravesande, P.E. ’84, representing Geographic Alumni Clubs and Marisa M. Veni ’07, representing Alumni Affinity Groups.

For more information on the Drexel University Alumni Association Board of Governors, click here.

Young Alumni Association Homecoming Committee
Do you want to become involved and show your Dragon pride? The Young Alumni Association is looking for enthusiastic alumni volunteers to assist with the planning of Homecoming 2010! If you are interested, please contact Louisa Sassi ’08 at lcs42@drexel.edu.

Alumni Profile: John Monsul ’53 LCoB
John Monsul ’53 has been the host of the successful local Virginia television program “Communicating Today” since 1989. He describes it as a variety-type show in which he gets to meet and interview wonderful people with interesting stories.

“I love to talk about my show because I have so much fun doing it!” John said. In what he calls one of the biggest thrills of his 19-year television career, he interviewed Dr. Constantine Papadakis who was just beginning his term as Drexel’s president.

“It was 1996 and I knew he’d be in the Washington DC area so I contacted Drexel,” John said. “He took time off to come to the studio and be a guest on our show.” John explained that even then he could sense Taki’s positive energy and enthusiasm. More

Call to Action: The Search for Co-op Employers is On!
The Steinbright Career Development Center (SCDC) is seeking alumni interested in hiring co-op students, or alumni who would like more information on how their company could get involved with Drexel’s Co-op Program.

When you were a student, the Co-op Program was the cornerstone of Drexel’s academic curriculum, and it remains so today. While economic struggles have presented difficulties across all sectors of employment, the SCDC continues its efforts to strengthen the Co-op Program. Now more than ever, the necessity to provide co-op employment opportunities is evident, as the job market becomes increasingly more competitive. As Drexel alumni, you represent a vast segment of accomplished professionals in a variety of fields — and the SCDC needs your help! Your connection could open the door to an invaluable professional experience for a Drexel student. More

Meet the Next Generation of Dragons! Become an Alumni Ambassador
The Alumni Ambassadors Program provides a unique opportunity for alumni to stay connected to Drexel and there are many different ways to get involved as an Alumni Ambassador. You can visit high schools, attend college fairs, and field one-on-one questions from prospective students on the phone or by e-mail. One of the best ways you can support Drexel is to share your experiences and answer questions about the University from prospective students. Who better to relate than you, someone who has already experienced it first hand? The Alumni Ambassador Program has a special need for additional volunteers in Hawaii. More

Donate to the Leadership Library and Get a Free T-Shirt!
The Alumni Association invites graduates to donate new or used books that they have found to be particularly motivational for the Leadership

Career Zone is a monthly career column written for Drexel alumni by Julia Levy ’93. Julia is a strategic communications and staffing leader with experience in corporate communications, brand management and recruiting.

Social media is an umbrella term that defines many activities and allows people to utilize technology to connect online, form relationships and share information. With so many social media platforms out there, you might be wondering which one is right for you. Here are some of the most popular social media outlets and how you can utilize them for your job search. More

Philadephia Area

Bucks County Night at "A Chorus Line"
Join alumni for an evening of theatre on Wednesday, August 5, 2009! Enjoy a light hors d’oeuvre reception at Martine’s Riverhouse Restaurant followed by the Bucks County Playhouse’s presentation of “A Chorus Line!” More

Young Alumni Happy Hour: Fun in the Sun!
Come network with fellow alumni and enjoy the summer weather after work along the Manayunk Canal at a happy hour sponsored by the Young Alumni Association and the Drexel Inter-Fraternity Alumni Association. Enjoy an exclusive happy hour event at the outside dining and bar area at Manayunk Brewery and Restaurant on Thursday, August 13, 2009. More

An Evening at The Franklin: “Galileo, the Medici and the Age of Astronomy”
The College of Arts and Sciences and the Alumni Association invite you to an exclusive tour of "Galileo, the Medici and the Age of Astronomy" at the Franklin Institute on Wednesday, August 26, 2009. The evening will begin with a reception followed by entrance to the exhibition and a...
Details: The e-newsletter for Drexel Alumni

Campus News

Drexel Becomes First U.S. Institution to Adopt Viridity Smart Grid Technology
Drexel has become the first institution in the country that will deploy Viridity’s VPower System™ energy monitoring system on its main campus, located in Philadelphia’s University City District. The system will provide real-time measurements of University power usage and eventually allow the University to sell energy back to the larger public grid. Interim University President C.R. “Chuck” Pennoni ’63, ’66, Hon. ’92 announced.

Working with Viridity, Drexel will install the system on a portion of its 65-acre campus to demonstrate how an organization can manage its energy costs and environmental impact with real-time electric prices. More

Hope Walks Raises Awareness and Funding for ALS (Lou Gehrig’s Disease)
On Saturday, October 3, 2009, come out and support the Drexel ALS Awareness Association with a 4.3 mile walk at beautiful Ridley Creek State Park. The walk will benefit the ALS Hope Foundation which funds the MDA/ALS Center of Hope at Drexel’s College of Medicine, along with the Muscular Dystrophy Association. Join family and friends for a day of fun and food while helping to make a difference in the lives of individuals living with ALS. For more information, contact dalsaa@drexel.edu. More

Athletics

Support the Laura Melkie Koch Locker Room Campaign
The Dragon Supporter Program was launched by the Drexel University Triathlon Team to fund raise for the 2009 season and for the team’s cause: The Laura Melkie Koch Locker Room Campaign. Laura Melkie Koch was one of Drexel Soccer’s all-time greats who lost her battle with lung cancer in the spring of 2008. In order to make the campaign a reality, the Drexel University Triathlon Team needs your support and has pledged to give 50% of all donations to Laura’s cause. More

Alumni Resources

Grab Your Passport for Our Alumni Travel Program
We are planning exciting trips for the 2010 Alumni Travel Program. Be sure to join our travel mailing list to receive information on our new destinations. Click here to e-mail the Alumni Office and include your name, class year and address. More

Alumni Card
Your Alumni Card is your key to campus. Visit the university libraries, Korman Computing Center or the Daskalakis Athletic Center (membership fees apply) and receive alumni discounts at the Mandell Athletic Center. More

Around the U.S.

Drexel Alumni are Coming to a Ballpark Near You!
Join us as we follow major and minor league

Library
The library is a collection of books generously donated by alumni and housed within the Dean of Students’ Office. The books are available, free-of-charge, for Drexel students to borrow and use. Anyone who brings a book to an alumni event will receive a free alumni T-shirt! For more information, donation instructions and a listing of suggested titles, click here.

Attention Alumni: We Want to Hear from You!
The Alumni Association would like to help you reconnect with fellow alumni and former classmates who shared similar experiences as you. Check out opportunities to reconnect below:

Student Government Alumni
When you attended Drexel, were you involved with Student Government? If so, let us know! Please take a minute to fill out an online form with your contact information and your connection to Student Government so that we can update you on news and events that are of interest to you. More

Residential Living Alumni
As a student, there are many ways you could have been involved with Residential Living — as a Resident Assistant, a member of the desk staff or as part of the Residential Hall Association. Please take a minute to fill out the online form with your contact information and your connection to Residential Living. More

Sign up Now to Host a Dinner with 12 Dragons
Dinner with 12 Dragons is a program that personalizes the overall Drexel student-alumni experience. All Drexel students and alumni are invited to participate in this dinner program where alumni open their homes to students and fellow alumni for small dinner parties, bringing everyone together in a warm, friendly environment for good food, conversation and Drexel camaraderie. More

Colleges & Schools

College of Medicine
Class of 2013 White

Young Alumni Night at the Phillies
Swing into summer with Drexel and join the Young Alumni Association to cheer as the World Champion Philadelphia Phillies take on the Washington Nationals! Join us on Thursday, September 17, 2009, at Citizens Bank Park and before the game for a reception at McFadden’s. More

Simeone Foundation Reception
Join the Alumni Club of Philadelphia for networking and a reception at the Simeone Foundation Museum on Tuesday, September 29, 2009. Enjoy a presentation by the Drexel Formula Hybrid Club student team from the College of Engineering who developed a hybrid vehicle that won third place in a race competition in May. See the vehicle, speak to the designers, and enjoy the museum! More

Call for Dragon Boat Paddlers!
Build teamwork, spirit, and pride on Saturday, October 3, 2009, while paddling on Drexel’s Dragon Boat Team. The festival will be held from 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. on the Schuylkill River in Philadelphia. Help us win the Collegiate Championship for the sixth year running! The entry deadline for participation on the team is Friday, July 24, and the team’s first practice will be held at 10:30 a.m. on Sunday, July 26, 2009. More

Philly Wine and Chocolate Tasting Tour
Join the Alumni Club of Philadelphia and the Young Alumni Association for a delicious journey with City Food Tours, one of Philadelphia’s most popular attractions! Enjoy a private tasting of wines and chocolates while learning all about them on Thursday, October 15, 2009. Space is limited so register today! More

Mantua Community Service Project
The Community Alumni Network of Drexel University (CAN DU), is teaming with Drexel’s Office of Government and Community Relations on the revitalization of this important community neighborhood. The project is slated for the fall of 2009. More information coming soon! For more information on CAN DU and future projects, click here.

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Coat Ceremony
The College of Medicine will celebrate the Class of 2013 with the White Coat Ceremony on Friday, August 7, 2009, beginning at 3 p.m. at the Hilton Philadelphia City Avenue. Alumni interested in attending the ceremony and reception are asked to RSVP by July 31 by contacting the Office of Student Affairs at 215-991-8239.

Creating Excellent Organizations (CEO) Program
The LeBow College of Business is looking for alumni to facilitate workshops in a series of leadership programs on campus called Creating Excellent Organizations. Involving alumni helps students understand just how important these skills are to their future success. Some example workshop topics include interpersonal skills, networking and time management. If you have any questions, email ceo@drexel.edu or call 215-895-1328. More

Network with LeBow in Malvern
The LeBow College of Business will host a networking social at its Malvern Facility on Wednesday, August 5, 2009. The event is open to all Drexel alumni in the Malvern area and members of the local business community. More

Theater box office. More

Join us on Facebook!
Facebook is a great way to connect with fellow classmates, whether around the corner or across the world! We encourage you to check out the official Alumni Association Facebook pages to stay in touch with other Drexel alumni. More

GradMed Short Term Medical Insurance
After graduation, your medical coverage through student health insurance or your parents’ policy may end. We sponsor GradMed Short Term Medical to help you fill your coverage gap and help protect you and your bank account from large expenses due to an accident or unexpected illness. Coverage can start the day after receipt of your application.

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baseball teams all summer long! Check out the upcoming games below to find out when we’re hosting an alumni reception at a game near you and join us for the fun. For a complete listing of all receptions and games, click here.

Thursday, July 30, 2009
Philadelphia Phillies at San Francisco Giants
AT&T Park, San Francisco, CA

Wednesday, August 19, 2009
Minnesota Twins at Texas Rangers
Rangers Ballpark, Arlington, TX

Wednesday, September 2, 2009
New York Yankees at Baltimore Orioles
Oriole Park, Baltimore, MD

Saturday, September 5, 2009
Philadelphia Phillies at Houston Astros
Minute Maid Park, Houston, TX

Thursday, September 17, 2009
Young Alumni Night at the Ballpark
Washington Nationals at Philadelphia Phillies
Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

Saturday, September 26, 2009
Los Angeles Dodgers at Pittsburgh Pirates
PNC Park, Pittsburgh, PA