Alumni News

36th Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project is Tomorrow!
It's not too late to make a contribution to this great cause! For the past 36 years, the Drexel University community has lent its support to the Annual Alumni Holiday Turkey Project, providing holiday turkeys to families in need. In 2008, more than 35 alumni, faculty, staff, student, and community volunteers distributed 1,800 turkeys to families in West Philadelphia and those served by Drexel's 11th Street Family Health Services Center.

And the tradition continues again this year with turkey distribution along Market Street on Thursday, December 17, 2009. Drexel alumni, students, faculty, staff and friends can learn more how to support the Project by clicking here.

Young Alumni and Student Award Nominations
Each year the Drexel University Alumni Board of Governors recognizes young alumni and students for their outstanding achievements and service to the community and the university. We invite you to review the awards criteria for the Young Alumni Awards and the Outstanding Student Awards and submit nominations for worthy candidates. Nominations for the 2010 Young Alumni and Outstanding Student Awards must be submitted by March 12, 2010. More

Alumni Spotlight: Susan Seideman, CoAS '73, Hon. '91
During an intimate gathering in New York City, Oscar®-nominated director Susan Seideman '73, Hon. '91 spoke with alumni and guests about her journey in the film industry over the course of three decades.

Initially enrolled in the fashion design program at Drexel, Susan suddenly found herself on a different path when an aversion to sewing caused her to re-think her plans. “I was 19 years old and the thought of sitting at a sewing machine just didn't work for me,” she said. “At that time, not knowing what to do but knowing that I loved movies, I started taking film appreciation classes.”

Susan went on to explain that one of her film professors turned her life in another direction by introducing her class to foreign films – films that Susan said she never had the opportunity to see before.

Alumni Career Services is Looking for Alumni Speakers and Panelists

In the Michigan Area
The Alumni Club of Michigan is seeking volunteers to speak at an upcoming Alumni Career Services program to assist Drexel graduates in coping with the current economic crisis. We are seeking alumni who have been displaced from their industries and would be willing to share their experiences, as well as alumni with expertise in human resources, hiring and/or staffing issues who can provide insight to economic and workplace trends in the area and give alumni advice on how to plan their next career steps in a competitive labor market.

In the Philadelphia Area
The Philadelphia Alumni Club will host an Alumni Career Services panel discussion in February 2010, titled the "The Dragon's Guide to Success: An Inside Look at Today's Job Market.” The panel will focus on trends in the current job market brought on by the economic crisis and provide advice on how to stand out in this competitive climate. We would like to include a graduate who works in human resources in our panel, to discuss what they look for in applicants and how job seekers can set themselves apart in this market.

For more information or to volunteer in either the Michigan or Philadelphia areas, please contact Lauren Rocca '04, '09 at lmr24@drexel.edu or 215-895-2744.

Scholarships Available for Children and Grandchildren of Drexel

Career Makeover
Strategies: 7 Signs of Job Burn-Out and How to Rekindle Your Passion
by Tai Goodwin '95
Think you might be experiencing a job burn-out? If so, check out Tai's Career Makeover column this month and learn what strategies will help you shift gears to get out of your professional rut. More

Career Zone: 'Tis the Season To Update Your Résumé
by Julia Levy '93
Get ahead of your New Year's Resolution and take advantage of down time during the holidays by updating and renovating your résumé using Julia's tips. More
Alumni

Are you the parent or grandparent of a current Drexel student? If so, the Alumni Association would like to let you know that it offers Alumni Legacy Scholarships to children and grandchildren of Drexel alumni, including alumni of the College of Medicine, School of Public Health, and College of Nursing and Health Professions. Applications are due by Friday, February 26, 2010, and applicants must be current sophomores, pre-juniors or juniors with a GPA of 3.0 or higher. Click here for more information on the Scholarship Program, including other scholarship opportunities, and to download an application.

Meet the Next Generation of Dragons! Become an Alumni Ambassador

This fall Alumni Ambassadors helped Drexel connect with more than 600 high school students at college fairs throughout the country. We hope to reach even more in the spring with your help! 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 one. You can visit high schools, attend on-campus events, 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? More

Colleges & Schools

Drexel Women in Business Hosts Alumni/MBA Student Mixer on Campus

The Drexel Women in Business (DWIB) is looking for alumni volunteers for its Alumni-MBA Student Mixer on January 12, 2010. Come join us, share your experiences with others, and make new connections! The event will start with a mini speed networking session as an icebreaker and will be followed by informal networking over light refreshments. More

Boston Alumni Networking Reception

The iSchool invites all alumni and students to enjoy a free networking reception on Sunday, January 17, 2010, at the LTK Bar and Kitchen. This event is during the American Library Association Midwinter Meeting, being held January 15-19, and is in walking distance from the Boston Convention and Exhibition Center. More

iSchool Night at the Sixers

The iSchool cordially invites its alumni and students to the Philadelphia 76ers vs. Portland Trailblazers game on Wednesday, January 20, 2010. Complimentary shuttle service, pizza and refreshments will be available from Drexel's main campus. More

Upcoming LeBow College of Business Events in Malvern

The LeBow College of Business Center for Corporate and Executive Education presents a number of upcoming alumni events, held at its Malvern, PA campus. Click the title below for more event information and to register.

Business Relationships That Last: 5 Steps to Transform Contacts into High Performing Relationships

January 20, 2010

5:30 to 9 p.m.

The Influence of Current,

Athletics

We're on the Road with Drexel Basketball!

We're following exciting Drexel basketball games around the country and we want you to join us! The Alumni Association will host receptions prior to each game as we gear up to cheer our Drexel Dragons on to victory! Click each game below for details.

Drexel Dragons at Cal State Northridge

Friday, December 18, 2009

Pre-game reception: 5 p.m.

Tip-off: 7:05 p.m.

Drexel Dragons at Delaware

Saturday, January 2, 2010

Pre-game reception: 12 p.m.

Tip-off: 2 p.m.

Drexel Dragons at Georgia State

Monday, January 4, 2010

Pre-game reception: 5 p.m.

Tip-off: 7:05 p.m.

Drexel Dragons at Towson

Wednesday, January 13, 2010

Pre-game reception: 5:30 p.m.

Tip-off: 7 p.m.

Drexel Lady Dragons at Delaware

Sunday, January 17, 2010

Pre-game reception: 12 p.m.

Tip-off: 2 p.m.

Drexel Dragons at Hofstra

Wednesday, February 10, 2010

Pre-game reception: 5 p.m.

Drexel Night at "BODY WORLDS 2 & The Brain"

The Alumni Associations of Drexel University and Drexel University College of Medicine invite you to take an eye-opening journey through the inner workings of the human body at "BODY WORLDS 2 & The Brain" at The Franklin Institute on Thursday, January 28, 2010. The evening will begin with a reception, followed by a discussion with Jed S. Shumsky, Ph.D., course director of medical neuroscience and research associate professor in the Department of Neurobiology and Anatomy, and Janet Smith, professor of neurobiology and anatomy. More

Join us for Alumni Day at the DAC

Enjoy our annual alumni reception in the Hazem Magarah Hospitality Suite before and during the game as we cheer on the men’s basketball team at home against the Blue Hens of Delaware on Saturday, February 13, 2010. The pre-game alumni lunch starts at 11 a.m. and is immediately followed by tip-off at noon. Go Dragons! More

Young Alumni Party at the Pyramid Club

All young alumni are invited to an exclusive free happy hour event on Friday, February 19, 2010, at Philadelphia's Pyramid Club, a private business club located at the "top-of-the-town," on the 52nd floor. Enjoy drink specials and hors d'oeuvres while mingling and networking and taking in the breathtaking views of Center City. Don't miss this chance to experience the Pyramid Club! More

Alumni Day at Women's Basketball

The Lady Dragons take on the Hofstra Pride for Alumni Day at Women's Basketball on Sunday, February 21, 2010. Join us for lunch at 12 p.m. and stick around to cheer on the home team! More

Around the World

Atlanta Alumni Networking Reception
Future, and Potential Tax Legislation on Investments and Retirement
February 3, 2010
5:30 to 9 p.m.

Drexel Connection @ LeBow Networking Event
February 10, 2010
5:30 to 7:30 p.m.

LeBow College of Business Pharmaceutical Leadership Forum
Drexel University’s LeBow College of Business invites all alumni, students and friends to attend a Pharmaceutical Leadership Forum with Dr. Craig Newschaffer, professor and department chair at the Drexel School of Public Health. Dr. Newschaffer will provide expert commentary on the interaction between genes and environmental impacts in autism on Thursday, January 21, 2010. Reception to follow. More

The Math Forum Seeks Mentors
The Math Forum @ Drexel University is seeking alumni volunteers to work with math and science teachers in South Jersey. The Mentors 4 STEM program places retirees with professional backgrounds in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) in public high schools where they collaborate with math and science teachers and work as mentors with their students. Mentors volunteer in the school for five to seven hours per week for a three-month period from January through March. For more information, or to volunteer, please contact Tamar Leikels at 215-895-3926 or tk45@drexel.edu.

Online Webcast: "The Effects of President Barack Obama on Education and the Nation"
Dr. Kimetta Hairston, professor at Penn State, Harrisburg, will present this webcast on Monday, January 25, 2010, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. (EST) as part of the The PA-National Association for Multicultural Education's Multicultural Education Symposia series which is co-sponsored by Drexel’s Multicultural Collaborative and Temple’s Office of Multicultural Affairs. All alumni are invited to attend the event via webcast through Adobe Connect. If you plan to attend online, RSVP by Friday, January 22, 2010, to ksl33@drexel.edu.

Design & Merchandising and Fashion Design Alumni/Student Meet and Greet
The Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts and Design invites alumni of the Design & Merchandising and Fashion Design Programs to an Alumni/Student Meet and Greet during the program’s annual senior trip to New York City on Thursday, January 28, 2010. Come and enjoy complimentary appetizers at the Windfall Lounge and Grill. More

Goodwin College of Professional Studies

Tip-off: 7 p.m.

Campus News

Drexel Sacramento Invites Alumni Anywhere To Leadership Speakers Series
In conjunction with the LeBow College of Business, Drexel’s Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento is hosting a novel speaker series called “What It Means To Lead: Coast-to-Coast Conversations with Business and Civic Leaders.” These one-hour podcasts connect students, faculty and alumni in Philadelphia and Sacramento, simulcast over the web. They provide an intimate look at the values, principles, and strategies of proven leaders, in a uniquely informal but educational setting. The next Conversation is on Thursday, January 7, 2010. More

Drexel Recreation Center Membership Special Extended for Drexel Alumni
Sign up for a Recreation Center Annual Membership by December 31, 2009, and save $100! Click here for alumni membership options and pricing information. If you would like to take advantage of the savings please contact Paula Bryant, membership and marketing director, at ppb25@drexel.edu or 215-571-3513.

Alumni Resources

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

Alumni Travel Program
Be sure to join our travel mailing list to receive information on all of our new destinations, including the Greek Isles and the Amalfi Coast. Click here to e-mail the Alumni Office and include your name, class year and address. Click here for more information on all of our Alumni Travel Program offerings.

Join an Online Alumni Network with Facebook, inCircle, and now, LinkedIn
Facebook and inCircle are great ways to connect with fellow classmates, whether around the corner or across the world! And now the Alumni Association is pleased to announce the launch of the official “Drexel University Alumni Association Networking Group” on LinkedIn. The group was formerly known as “Drexel Networking” and was created by Steve Markey ’04, to provide a place for personal and professional networking among alumni. It has become the largest Drexel networking group on LinkedIn, so join the group and instantly get connected to more than 4,000 alumni!

If you graduated in 1985, this year marks your celebration of 25 years of membership in the Alumni Association. On this special occasion, we are offering a reciprocity discount rate to new members and renewals. More

Calling All Alumni!

Are you a part of one of the following groups? If so, take a moment to let us know!

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Media Groups on Campus
Were you involved in WKDU, DUTV, The Lexerd, The Triangle, or another marketing or public relations group on campus? Drexel’s media groups will be highlighted at Alumni Weekend with a special reunion event on May 1, 2010. More

Veterans and Members of ROTC
We want to recognize our alumni who have served our country as veterans or former members of ROTC at Drexel. Contact Louis
Open House
Join us at this open house to discover the great opportunities at the Goodwin College of Professional Studies on Thursday, January 28, 2010. Learn about a number of programs, including the Ph.D. in Educational Leadership Development and Learning Technologies, Ed.D. in Educational Leadership and Management, and masters programs in Construction Management, Engineering Technology, Sport Management.

AWCoMAD Granted Accreditation
The Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design has again been re-accredited by National Association of Schools of Art and Design (NASAD) for all of its eligible programs for the next five years. The NASAD accreditation is a renewal for the programs in Design & Merchandising, Digital Media, Fashion Design, Film & Video, Graphic Design, Interior Design and Photography, as well as first-time accreditations for the programs in Television and Television Management — majors it has launched since the last accreditation.

Eight Independent Music Award Nominations for Mad Dragon Records
Mad Dragon Recording Artists have been nominated for eight 2009 Independent Music Awards in six different categories. The IMAs are the top national awards for college music recording programs and independently produced music. Our college record label is no stranger to the IMAs. The eight nominations are up from three last year. Winners will be announced in January 2010. Click here to cast your vote and support our Drexel artists!

Details: The e-newsletter for Drexel Alumni
For more information, call 1.888.DU.GRADS or e-mail alumni@drexel.edu

Kopp '08 at lcs42@drexel.edu if you are a military veteran or ROTC graduate.