Alumni Spotlight

Chris Owens
BS Chemical Engineering 2003

In the years following his graduation from Drexel, Chris Owens ’03 remained in Philadelphia and gradually started reconnecting with his alma mater.

Early last year, he received an invitation to a Chemical and Biological Engineering (CBE) alumni reunion that sparked his interest. Unfortunately he was traveling and missed the event, so he called Jenn Bing, program coordinator in the Department of Chemical Engineering, to introduce himself and ask how things went and to see what he missed.

Upon learning that the turnout was not what they had hoped, Owens offered to lend his event-planning skills to a second go at the reunion later that year. With his assistance, word spread, attendance went up, and the CBE alumni reunion event in the fall of 2013 was a success. Now the department is gearing up for the 2014 event, and Owens is planning for even bigger and better things.

Alumni Career Services

How to Maximize New Business Opportunities Through Referrals: An Online Alumni Career Services Workshop

Growing any business is more than just making cold calls. Regardless of the industry, new business opportunities require networking and relationship building. Have you ever devoted the time to learn how it’s done?

On Monday, Sept. 22, Fred Kaplan, CBM, MBA ’83, will teach you the 12 steps to building a referral pipeline. Understand how to optimize networking events and conduct relationship building meetings with potential referral sources. Then, leave with the skills to convert potential sources into active referral partners!

Using Interest Based Negotiating to Make More Money, Advance Your Career and Get Ahead: An Online Alumni Career Services Workshop

Whether you realize it or not, you’re engaging in dozens of negotiations every single day. From deciding where to eat lunch with your co-workers to asking your boss for a raise, negotiation is all around you.

In this practical and powerful online workshop on Wednesday, Oct. 15, you’ll learn from negotiation expert Joe Dillon ’91, the differences between interest-based and positional-based bargaining and how to leverage negotiation techniques to make more money, advance your career and get ahead in all facets of your life.

How to Successfully Manage Your Career Transition: An Alumni Career Services Program in New York
An Interview with President John A. Fry

A Great Education Through Co-op

Click the video above to watch “A Great Education Through Co-op” with President John Fry and Chair of the Alumni Association Ira Taffer ’79, ’83.

An Interview with President John Fry

“A Great Education Through Co-op” is the fourth in a five-part video series featuring President John Fry and Chair of the Alumni Association Board of Governors Ira Taffer, PhD, ’79, ’83. Cooperative education is the centerpiece of the Drexel experience. In this video, President Fry discusses how Drexel is continuing to evolve its Co-op program.

Meet Incoming Drexel Students at a New Student Send-off Near You

The Alumni Association is on the road this summer to welcome incoming students and their families to the Drexel community at New Student Send-offs! Join us for a Send-off in your area to share your Drexel experiences and answer questions from students and their families before they head to campus in just a few short weeks. Join us and give a warm welcome to our newest Drexel Dragons! For a complete list of Send-off receptions and to register, click here.

Help Make Your Alumni Weekend Reunion Celebration One To Remember!

We're already getting ready for Alumni Weekend 2015 and we need your help! The Alumni Association is looking for alumni volunteers to help plan reunion activities for the Classes of 2000, 2005 and 2010, as well as alumni from the Classes of 1965 and 1990 who will be celebrating milestone 50 and 25-year reunions. Fred Crotchfelt ’65, ’66 and Donna Mueller ’65, ’70 have volunteered to serve as co-chairs of the Class of 1965 Golden Dragon Reunion Committee and they would love for some of their classmates to join them. If you are a member of any of the classes listed above and you would like to take on the role of reunion class volunteer, let us know! Contact Rebecca Charuk in the Office of Alumni Relations at 1.888.DU.GRADS or email alumni@drexel.edu. And remember to save the date for Alumni Weekend on Friday, May 1 and 2, 2015!

Investing with the Experts: An Exclusive Night of Steaks and Stocks

Investing in the stock market is an enticing prospect for many. Have you tasted what it has to offer but are ready to take a bigger bite? On Wednesday, Sept. 3, join the Alumni Association along with Dr. Michael Gombola, head of the finance department at the LeBow College of Business, and co-sponsors, Tom Watrond ’88, COO of Raymond James, along with Oppenheimer Funds and Mainstay Funds, for a night of choice stock tips and equally delectable steaks!

Are you ready for a career change, looking to advance in your current position, or planning to re-enter the workforce? Have you ever wondered how to transfer your talent in a way that lets employers know you’ve got what they’re looking for?

Join the Alumni Association and a panel of distinguished alumni who have successfully transitioned their careers on Thursday, Nov. 6 to learn firsthand about the challenges and rewards of moving forward on your professional path and how transferring your current skill set can play a major role in your next career success.

Career Columns by Drexel Alumni

Permission to Pause by Naketa Thigpen ’00
“Reflect and Pay It Forward”

Challenge yourself to take a 20-minute pause each day for reflection, gratefulness and to fulfill your own happiness quota that will lead you to true success.

Your Career Retainer by Chris Bilotta ’77, ’84
“Making Effective Leadership Decisions”

Are you spending too much time on decisions? Use these guidelines to determine if a decision is worthy of an hour of your time, or less than 10 minutes.

Pictured from left to right are incoming Drexel students Katie McInerney, Daniel Johnson and Julia Craddock.

In Case You Missed It: Washington D.C. and Baltimore Area New Student Send-off

On Tuesday, Aug. 5, the Alumni Association traveled to The Kings Contrivance Hotel in Columbus, Md. to welcome incoming students and their families in the Washington D.C. and Baltimore Area to the Drexel community. More than 80 incoming students and their families enjoyed a complimentary reception where they had a chance to meet one another and ask any last-minute questions they had before packing their bags and coming to campus. A special thank you goes to Drexel graduate and Alumni Ambassador, Marshall Lee ’58, ’62, for attending the Send-off and helping the Alumni Association extend a warm welcome to the newest group of Drexel Dragons!

Alumni Travel Program Featured Excursion: Spain: Valencia and Barcelona

October 12 to 21, 2015

Begin your Spanish adventure in Valencia, where the blue sky stretches from the azure water of the...
Experienced financial advisors from these top investment firms will discuss how to make sure you’re investing in the correct areas and for the right reasons! >>

Tell Us Who’s Changing the World: Drexel Magazine’s 2015 40 Under 40

We know they’re out there — lots of them. It’s your job to let us know who they are!

Now through mid-September, Drexel Magazine is accepting nominations for outstanding alumni for its third annual 40 Under 40 edition. Nominations are being sought through Monday, Sept. 15 and alumni may also self-nominate. To be eligible, nominees must be 40 years or younger as of Jan. 1, 2015, and they must have received a degree from Drexel University. In addition, editors will be looking for evidence of professional success and community involvement. >>

Revisiting Frankenstein: Innovation and Contemporary Monsters, A Discussion and Tour of the Mütter Museum

Mary Shelley's "Frankenstein or the Modern Prometheus" is one of the first-and still one of the most provocative-articulations of the fraught relationship between creativity and responsibility in scientific inquiry. Although the novel was published nearly 200 years ago, its underlying themes continue to resonate as society confronts emerging technologies.

The Alumni Association and the Center for Science, Technology and Society invite you to the Mütter Museum, America's finest museum of medical history, on Tuesday, Sept. 16. Join us for a reception and conversation with Dr. David Guston, professor of politics and global studies, co-director the Consortium for Science, Policy and Outcomes and director of the Center for Nanotechnology in Society at Arizona State University and Dr. Gwen Ottinger, assistant professor in Drexel's Center for Science, Technology and Society, to learn what we can do to ensure that technological innovations don't yield unintended consequences. >>

Upcoming Alumni Events

**Philadelphia Metro**

- **Revisiting Frankenstein: Innovation and Contemporary Monsters, A Discussion and Tour of the Mütter Museum**
  - Tuesday, Sept. 16, 2014
  - Mütter Museum, Philadelphia

- **Drexel Alumni Night at the Phillies**
  - Friday, Sept. 26, 2014
  - Citizens Bank Park, Philadelphia

- **Alumni Day at Women's Field Hockey**
  - Sunday, Sept. 28, 2014
  - Vidas Athletic Complex, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Around the World**

- **Raleigh Area New Student Send-off**
  - Monday, Aug. 25, 2014
  - The Pit, Raleigh, N.C.

- **Atlanta Area New Student Send-off**
  - Tuesday, Aug. 26, 2014
  - Seasons 52, Dunwoody, Ga.

- **Houston Area New Student Send-off**
  - Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014
  - Benji's Upper Washington, Houston

- **Beijing, China New Student Send-off**
  - Wednesday, Aug. 27, 2014
  - The St. Regis, Beijing, China

- **Shanghai, China New Student**

**Colleges & Schools**

- **CoAS: Start Talking Science**
  - Thursday, Aug. 21, 2014
  - Chemical Heritage Foundation, Philadelphia

- **DUCoM: Careers Beyond the Bench**
  - Friday, Sept. 5, 2014
  - Creese Student Center, Drexel University, Philadelphia

- **Drexel School of Law Inaugural Class Reunion**
  - Saturday, Sept. 13, 2014
  - Bistro Romano, Philadelphia

- **CoAS: Spinoffs of Mobility: Technology, Risk & Innovation**
  - Thursday, Sept. 21, 2014
  - Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Campus & Community**

- **Birds of Paradise Final Day**
  - Monday, Sept. 1, 2014
  - The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

- **Pi Kappa Phi Alpha Upsilon Chapter "Towanda Open" Alumni Golf Outing**
  - Friday, Sept. 12, 2014
  - Seavey Golf Club & McGettigan's 19th Hole Bar and Restaurant, Galloway, N.J.

- **Members' Night**
  - Friday, Sept. 12, 2014
  - The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia

- **Women in Engineering Welcome Dinner**
  - Friday, Sept. 26, 2014

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Mediterranean to the craggy heights of the coastal mountains. Soak up the atmosphere, marvel at Gothic architecture, and sip fine wine while enjoying a perfect plate of paella.

Continue to Barcelona and dive headfirst into a surreal Mediterranean citiescape punctuated by the whimsical modernist creations of architect Antoni Gaudi. Rich in history and tradition, the seaside cities of Valencia and Barcelona offer a palette of personality-packed sights, each with their own distinct identity and both with that legendary Iberian lust for life. >>

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 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, and please include your name, class year and address. More information on the Alumni Travel Program is also available click here.
**Send-off**  
Friday, Aug. 29, 2014  
JW Marriott Hotel at Tomorrow Square, Shanghai, China

**Investing with the Experts: An Exclusive Night of Steaks and Stocks**  
Wednesday, Sept. 3, 2014  
Ruth's Chris Steak House, Princeton, N.J.

**Detroit Area New Student Send-off**  
Thursday, Sept. 4, 2014  
Andiamo Restaurant, Livonia, Mich.

**North Wales New Student Send-off**  
Saturday, Sept. 6, 2014  
The Home of Tony ‘80 & Kathleen Noce ‘79, North Wales, Pa.

**South Jersey New Student Send-off**  
Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014  
Caffe Aldo Lamberti, Cherry Hill, N.J.

**King of Prussia New Student Send-off**  
Wednesday, Sept. 10, 2014  
Sullivan's Steakhouse, King of Prussia, Pa.

**Northern California Alumni Networking Happy Hour**  
Friday, Sept. 12, 2014  
FUZIO Embarcadero, San Francisco

**San Diego Area Alumni Night at the Ballpark**  
Thursday, Sept. 18, 2014  
Petco Park, San Diego

**How to Maximize New Business Opportunities Through Referrals: An Online Alumni Career Services Workshop**  
Monday, Sept. 22, 2014  
Online

**Using Interest Based Negotiating to Make More Money, Advance Your Career and Get Ahead: An Online Alumni Career Services Workshop**  
Wednesday, Oct. 15, 2014  
Online

**How to Successfully Manage Your Career Transition: An Alumni Career Services Program in New York**  
Thursday, Nov. 6, 2014  
The Strand Hotel, New York

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**LeBow College 12th Annual Dean's Cup Golf Tournament**  
Monday, Sept. 22, 2014  
Aronimink Golf Club, Newtown Square, Pa.

**CoAS: 3rd Annual Community Fossil Dig Day at Inversand**  
Saturday, Sept. 27, 2014  
Inversand Site, Mantua, N.J.

**Chemical & Biological Engineering Annual Event**  
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014  
MacAlister Hall, Drexel University, Philadelphia

**Chocolate: The Exhibition Opening Weekend**  
Saturday, Oct. 11, 2014  
The Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University, Philadelphia
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