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Pennoni Honors College

Welcome Back, Honors Students!

Happy summer, and welcome back for another exciting term! **Please take a few moments to check out some of the upcoming events, programs, and notices listed below.**

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Honors Events and Ticket Day Details

We have a great lineup of Honors events planned for you for Summer Term 2012, including a chance to see "Dead Sea Scrolls: Life and Faith in Ancient Times" at The Franklin Institute; a trip to New York City; and a Philadelphia Union soccer game! **To learn more about upcoming events to be posted later this week, [visit the Honors Program online](#)**



Program

Ticket Day for sign-ups will be held during Week 2 on Tuesday, 7/3/12, 9 a.m. in the Pennoni Honors College Main Office (5016 MacAlister). *As always, it's one ticket per Honors student per event. First-come, first-served. Stay tuned!*

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FREE Mann Center Concert Tickets



FREE tickets are available to the Pennoni Honors College (PHC) community for the following two Philadelphia Orchestra events. Both concerts will be held at The Mann Center for the Performing Arts (5201 Parkside Ave. at 52nd St. in Fairmount Park).

Stop by the PHC Main Office (5016 MacAlister) to claim one or more tickets. They will be distributed on a first-come, first-served basis. No deposit will be required for these two Honors events, due to limited advance notice.

*****BEETHOVEN'S 9TH*****

*****TOMORROW*** Wednesday, 6/27/12, 8 p.m.**

Considered to be the world's most famous classical composition, Beethoven's "9th Symphony"—along with Bach's "Double Concerto in D Minor"—will be performed on the Mann stage by The Philadelphia Orchestra. Joining them will be The Philadelphia Singers and soloists from the Academy of Vocal Arts, conducted by Xian Zhang. Zhang is the first woman to be named Music Director of the prestigious Orchestra Sinfonica di Milano Giuseppe Verdi.

*****ALL TCHAIKOVSKY SPECTACULAR WITH FIREWORKS*****

Friday, 6/29/12, 8 p.m.

The Mann's dedicated Tchaikovsky evening is a summer tradition and venue's most popular classical concert. Complete with the "1812 Overture" canons and fireworks, this concert features Tchaikovsky's "Piano Concerto No. 1 in B Flat Minor" with dynamic young soloist Alexander Ullman.

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Upcoming Fellowships Workshop

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



On Thursday, 6/28/12, 4:30 to 5:30 p.m. in 2019 MacAlister (33rd and Chestnut Sts.), discover how to find a professor in a foreign country for the purposes of a Fulbright or other international scholarship. Learn more about the Community of Science Scholar Universe, Web of Science, and other relevant databases.

For more information, [visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#). You also may [visit Fulbright online](#).

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

On Friday, 7/6/12, 12 to 1:30 p.m. in 109 Disque Hall (32nd and Chestnut Sts.), come hear about opportunities for Fulbright study/research grants from Drexel University Fulbright Finalists and staff of the Drexel Fellowships Office. Review the basics of the Fulbright student program, and explore a range of projects available with the support of a Fulbright grant. Participants will leave this workshop with one or two initial ideas for what they may propose to do, if they were to apply.

For more information, [visit the Drexel Fellowships Office online](#). You also may [visit Fulbright online](#).

***** "Understanding the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA)" Workshop*****

On Monday, 7/9/12, 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. in 109 Disque (32nd and Chestnut Sts.), learn more about teaching English abroad. *Dinner will be provided.* As a Fulbright ETA, participants typically work alongside a teacher in an English classroom; planning various activities to improve students' language abilities and knowledge of the United States. The Fulbright ETA is available in approximately 70 countries.

If you're unable to attend this info session, [check out a new Fulbright Basics video online.](#)

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Tips from Fellowships: *Talk to People*

You may not realize it, but talking to people is a really important form of research.



Talk to People in Your Field

Talk to faculty mentors or others in your field. Go to conferences whenever possible, and actually talk to people you don't know while you're there. Ask about their work and their career path. Talk about what you're doing now, and the kind of work you want to do down the road. Ask for leads, insights, etc. These conversations can be inspirational, and often can help you clarify exactly where you do and don't want to take your research or career. They also can pose critical questions about your methodology and techniques, and can sometimes even lead to exciting collaborations.

Talk to People NOT AT ALL in Your Field

Talk with your partner, your roommate, or your mother about your ideas—even an interested cab driver. These conversations with non-experts can be vital, as they often *force* you to explain your work in ways that people in your field take for granted. Non-experts often ask seemingly innocuous questions: "How is the work relevant to the larger world? Why do it? Why does it matter?" It's absolutely essential that you can answer this sort of question.

Remember that the [Drexel Fellowships Office](#) is here to help you put together a strong application to nationally-competitive awards. [Set up an appointment with the Fellowships Office](#), as soon as you're serious.

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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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EPAM Systems, Inc. currently seeks an excellent candidate to fill the dynamic and exciting role of Executive Assistant to the CEO/CFO of the company. This is a role with high visibility and wonderful potential. Please note that fluency in Russian is required.

The Company

EPAM Systems, Inc. (NYSE:EPAM) is a leading global IT services provider with delivery centers throughout Central and Eastern Europe. Headquartered in Newtown, PA, EPAM employs over 7,300 IT professionals, and provides services to clients worldwide using a global delivery model through its client management and delivery operations in the United States, Belarus, Hungary, Russia, Ukraine, the United Kingdom, Germany, Kazakhstan, Sweden, Switzerland, Poland, and Canada.

The Opportunity

EPAM is looking for an Executive Assistant to support two C-level executives of the Company, as well as certain other senior personnel. This person will be responsible for representing the office and executive team effectively, professionally, and diplomatically when interacting with internal and external clients. The Executive Assistant must be exceedingly well-organized, flexible, and have the ability to interact successfully in a highly-dynamic environment. The person also must be fluent (both written and verbal) in Russian and English.

Responsibilities

- Manage and maintain executives’ schedules. Use high degree of initiative and responsibility for ensuring that all meetings are attended as planned.
- Manage high volume of travel and transportation. Arrange for visas; negotiate and resolve exceptions; and maintain effective working relationships with embassies and travel agencies. Always strive for cost efficiency.
- Arrange, prepare, and manage business meetings and a variety of other corporate events.
- Coordinate company’s Board of Directors’ schedules, activities, agendas, expenses, and logistics. Keep record of meetings and attendance.
- Maintain EPAM’s corporate calendar.
- Work closely with Investor Relations to schedule investor roadshows, conferences, calls and meetings; send materials to potential investors; and help prepare investor presentations.

Requirements

- 3+ years of administrative experience with at least 1+ years of experience supporting senior staff.
- Proficiency in Microsoft Outlook (especially Calendar and E-mail).
- Working knowledge of other Microsoft Office Suite programs (i.e., Excel, Word, and PowerPoint).
- Ability to handle complicated travel itineraries (unique trips, cars, etc.)
- Ability to establish close working relationships quickly and effectively; both locally and across numerous international locations.
- Ability to safeguard confidential information entrusted by customers; information regarding clients’ businesses and activities; and information about other employees.
- Excellent telephone etiquette, including ability to appropriately handle calls from clients, investors, shareholders, and various other senior internal and external clients.
- Flexibility to work overtime, including online access outside of working hours in order to manage communication across multiple time-zones, as well as to assist executives who travel frequently (note that actual amount of overtime is relatively light and sporadic).
- Four-year university degree desired (but not a requirement, if most other skills are met).

For more information—or to apply—[e-mail Anna Steinberg, Senior Project Manager, EPAM Systems.](mailto:anna.steinberg@epam.com)

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Special Writing Course for Honors Option

Take note of a highlighted Drexel University Writing course available for Honors Option course credit during Fall Term 2012:

Writing in Museums
WRIT 304 (001)



WRIT 507 (001)

CRN: N/A

Wednesdays, 2 to 5 p.m.

3.0 Credits

Instructor: Harriet Levin Millan (Associate Teaching Professor / Co-Director, Certificate Program in Writing and Publishing)

Find inspiration in the vast collections of the Academy of Natural Sciences of Drexel University! Participating students will spend six different class periods at the Academy, exploring areas such as mammalogy (mammals), entomology (insects), malacology (mollusks), vertebrate paleontology (fossils), dioramas, and the Live Animal Unit. Creative writing assignments will be based on these visits, and can be written in the genre of each student's choosing: poetry; fiction; or creative non-fiction. With over 17 million specimens, the Academy is sure to inspire! *For more information, [e-mail Harriet Levin Millan](#).*

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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 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.

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Please note that each week's edition of the *Pennoni Honors College Newsletter* also will be delivered via e-mail to Honors ListServ subscribers.

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