

New Student Update

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Happy Friday, Dragons!

As other schools are getting started with their semesters, we are sure you're getting anxious to get your own college experience off the ground. In less than a month, New Student Days will kick off your Drexel experience with a variety of events and activities to help you get settled on campus and ready for the fall term to begin.

Through this *New Student Update*, we will be communicating with you on a weekly basis between now and the first week of classes to help you successfully get started at Drexel. This update will include different announcements, checklists, and schedules that will be helpful in the weeks leading up to the fall term. After the fall term begins, you can opt-in to continue receiving the *New Student Update* to stay on top of other involvement opportunities and events happening throughout the fall term.

NEW STUDENT DAYS

September 16 – 22, 2013

New Student Days is the continuation of your New Student Orientation experience and officially begins your transition into the Drexel University and Philadelphia communities. During New Student Days you will have a chance to meet new people and learn about the services available to support your academic and personal transition into college. The events and activities available during New Student Days will help you become part of the Drexel community, learn about campus traditions, and officially become a Drexel Dragon.

There are several New Student Days events that all new students must attend. In addition to any additional events required by your specific academic program, scholarship, or organization, all new students must attend their Community Meeting (First Floor Meeting or Commuter Town Hall Meeting), College/School Welcome Event, and New Student Induction Ceremony.

NSD CHECK-LIST:

Before New Student Days begins, make sure you complete the following steps to be prepared for that week:

- Pre-register for Fall Orientation (if you haven't attended Orientation yet).
- Sign-up for a move-in time slot (students living on campus).
- Consider registering and attending Commuter Connection Day (students living off campus).
- Download the New Student Days schedule. Please note that this is a draft schedule and will likely change throughout the month. A final schedule will be available online in early September.

SPOTLIGHT: FIRST-YEAR BOOK PROGRAM

The First-Year Book Program is a common reading experience that aims to acquaint you with the Drexel experience. You are invited to read this year's book—Michael Pollan's *The Botany of Desire*—and attend one of the many faculty-facilitated discussion sessions during New Student Days on Friday, September 20 from 8:45 – 10 AM.

First-Year Book Program Discussion Sessions Friday 9/20, 8:45 – 10 AM

In preparation for this event, please click here to be taken to our registration site so that you can sign up for the session you would like to attend (note that sessions are in alphabetical order by faculty member's last name). You'll receive a confirmation "receipt" (the event is free) and a reminder email of your selected session, and you'll see in your New Student Days packet where your session will be located. Please register by **Sunday**, **September 8, 2013**.

We're looking forward to seeing you on September 20!

T-SHIRT DESIGN COMPETITION WINNER:

Earlier this spring you had the opportunity to make your mark on Drexel by submitting a t-shirt design to be used on the official new student t-shirt. The votes were tabulated during Summer Orientation and we are happy to announce the winner of the competition and reveal the design of your t-shirt.

Click here to check out the design.

Your free t-shirt can be picked up during New Student Days at the Recreation Center lobby. Please wear your t-shirt to the New Student Induction Ceremony on Friday, September 20, 2013.

QUESTIONS?

Please contact us using the information below if you have any questions.

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