Please note that the sample program below is tentative and subject to change. A final program will be provided to you during check-in on the day of the event and will list finalized descriptions, locations, and timeframes for all activities.

Family Weekend
November 11-13, 2016

Pre-Event: there are a number of academic-based sessions taking place around campus prior to the official check-in time on Friday, November 11, which require registration. Please note if you have registered for those sessions, you will receive a final confirmation email with the location details.

Friday, November 11

2–5 p.m.: Check-In and Concierge Service
Student Recreation Center, Lobby
Pick up a printed copy of the Family Weekend schedule, campus maps, 125th Anniversary pins, Veteran’s Day pins, and additional information. Stop by for information about event locations, restaurants in the area, or any other questions.

2–5 p.m.: Family-Friendly Resource Fair
Student Recreation Center, Lobby
Various offices within Student Life will have information tables for students and parents to visit. Learn more about what it is we do and how we create an experience for your Drexel student!

3–5 p.m.: The Treasures of the Drexel Collection (At Capacity)
Main Building, Great Court
Not only were the Dreuxis important in the world of business and philanthropy in the 19th century, but they were also patrons of the arts, the subject of artists, and many were artists themselves. Come tour the main display areas of the Drexel Collection — the Anthony J. Drexel Picture Gallery and the Rincliffe Gallery. Tours will depart from the Great Court of the Main Building at 3 p.m. and 4 p.m. Tours will depart in groups of 30. Sponsored by the Drexel Collection, University Communications.

4:25 p.m.: Orthodox Services
Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life
Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, & Maariv, followed by learning with our JLIC Fellows Matt and Shell Levee. Held in the Fromm Chapel, 3rd Floor. Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

6–7 p.m.: Dean’s Family Weekend Welcome Tailgate (At Capacity)
Student Recreation Center
Students, parents, and families are invited to enjoy the Deans’ Family Weekend Welcome Tailgate, hosted by the Drexel Family Association and the Vice President and Dean of Student Life, Subir Sahu, PhD. This is a great way for parents and families to be welcomed to the University community, meet members of the Drexel Family Association, and spend time with the deans from the Student Life Leadership Team.

5:30–7:30 p.m.: Astronomy Observation Night (At Capacity)
Lynch Observatory, Main Building
The Department of Physics invites families and their students to an observation session atop the Main Building at the Joseph R. Lynch Observatory, home to the largest telescope in Philadelphia. Directed by Professor Gordon Richards, with support from physics grad and undergrad assistants, the group will view a variety of celestial objects, including planets, nebulae, star clusters, and comets. These objects are seen via the department’s Meade LX200GPS Telescope with Schmidt-Cassegrain 16” Optics. Weather permitting. Sponsored by the Department of Physics, College of Arts & Sciences

6 p.m.: Conservative Shabbat Services
Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life. Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

7 p.m.: Shabbat Dinner
Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life
Join us in celebrating Shabbat dinner with a delicious and festive meal. Vegetarian options will be provided. Free for students; $18 suggested donation per guest. Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

7–9 p.m.: Drexel University Women’s Basketball vs. Penn State
Daskalakis Athletic Center
Immediately following the tailgate, we welcome all of our students and their families to join us for our women’s season opener against our cross-state rivals, Penn State. Halftime will include a presentation to honor our Veteran’s and their families. Admission is free for all students, and there will an opportunity for a lucky guest and family to have box seats for the game.

7:30–8:30 p.m.: Drexel’s Acapella Fall Concert
Bossone Research Center, Mitchell Auditorium
We welcome all families to come join Drexel’s three a cappella groups for a holiday-themed performance! Enjoy musical stylings from the Drexel Cleftomaniacs, the TrebleMakers, and 8 to the Bar, along with performing arts groups from neighboring Philadelphia colleges and universities.

8 p.m.: Remounting of the award-winning “Dublin By Lamplight”
Mandell Theatre
Drexel’s Theatre program and Inis Nua Theatre Company present a remounting of the critically acclaimed, Barrymore award-winning show Dublin By Lamplight by Michael West. Inis Nua Theatre Company is this year’s Mandell Professionals in Residence Company. Tickets and information can be found at http://cooptheater.westphal.drexel.edu.
Dublin By Lamplight runs approximately 120 minutes with a 10-minute intermission. Six actors play over forty roles in a fast-paced tale about the launch of the Irish National Theater. Sponsored by the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design and made possible in part through a grant from the Samuel P. Mandell Foundation.
Saturday, November 12
8 a.m.–noon: Check-In and Concierge Service
Creese Student Center, 1st Floor Lobby
Pick up a printed copy of the Family Weekend schedule, campus maps, 125th Anniversary pins, Veteran’s Day pins, and additional information. Stop by for information about event locations, restaurants in the area, or any other questions.

9 a.m.–2 p.m.: Philly Bus Tour
Departing from Mario Statue
Come ride on an iconic Philadelphia Double Decker Bus to several Iconic Philly landmarks. The bus on a rotating loop, so feel free to some exploring of Philly for yourself. The last loop will return to campus by 3pm.

9 a.m.: Orthodox Morning Services
Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life
Held in the Fromm Chapel, 3rd Floor. Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

9 a.m.: Morning Yoga (At Capacity)
Recreation Center, Studio 216
Tune in, chill out, and shape up with our relaxing, beginner-level yoga sequence focusing on breath, body awareness, and alignment. Challenge yourself and bring your family to stay present in the moment! Led by Drexel Instructor Elise.

10–11 a.m.: Career Exploration (At Capacity)
Gerri C. LeBow Hall, Room 031
Feel overwhelmed at the thought of your student looking for co-ops, or confused about what direction your student should pursue with his or her career? Come learn about career exploration and meet the staff assisting your student through this transition! Sponsored by the Steinbright Career Development Center.

11 a.m.–1 p.m.: Student Success Workshop for Families & Students (At Capacity)
Race Street Residences, Library Learning Terrace
The goal of this session is to help families understand where their students are within the Drexel timeline and illustrate how best to support them. We will also demonstrate for students how to have potentially tough conversations with their families about their academic progress and future plans. The three main themes we will discuss in this session are coping with stress, time management, and planning next steps (future planning). We will start with a panel featuring individuals from academic advising, the counseling center, and current students, and then break out into small groups for more individualized discussions. Students are encouraged to attend with their families. Lunch will be provided.

11 a.m.–12 p.m.: Philly 101
LeBow College of Business Room 108
This interactive presentation features details and insider tips on how to take advantage of the city while your student is studying in the region: the neighborhoods, events, food, transit, and how to save money while thriving in Philadelphia! Sponsored by Campus Philly.

11 a.m.–2 p.m.: Dragon Fest
Recreation Fitness Center and Lancaster Walk
Bring the entire family and join the Drexel community as we celebrate fall in the city. Games, arts and crafts, and a variety of other autumn-themed activities will be available to enjoy throughout the day. Fall snacks and beverages will be provided, and Recreational Athletics will be on hand to showcase their teams and programs. Sponsored by Drexel Athletics

11:30 a.m.: Shabbat Lunch
Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life

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1–2 p.m.: Living and Eating Like a Student (At Capacity)
Towers Hall, Lobby
Ever wondered what it is like living and eating on campus? Here’s your chance! Come join our Residential Living and Fraternity and Sorority Life team for a tour through one of our residence halls and Greek houses. These tours will allow family members to get a sense of the everyday life of their student. In addition, we invite our participants to join us for lunch at our newest dining facility, the Urban Eatery, located in the Summit.

1–2 p.m.: Tour and Demonstration of the Hybrid Making Lab
Urban Center- 1st Floor
The Hybrid Lab has a variety of digital fabrication equipment. Come experience the technological magic of our 3D scanners and 3D printers. Sponsored by the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design.

1:30–3 p.m.: Drexel Family Association Parent’s Panel
Papadakis Integrated Science Building, Room 120
Join us for a panel of seasoned students and parents here to answer your questions. Let your Drexel family help your home family! Door prize tickets will be distributed for a chance to win Drexel swag. Sponsored by the Drexel Family Association.

3–4 p.m.: Parent Panel Reception hosted by President John A. Fry
(At Capacity)
President John A. Fry invites you to a reception following the Parent’s Panel to continue networking with parents and families and other members of the Drexel community including Brian Blake, Ph.D., Executive Vice President and Provost, Randall Deike, Ph.D., Senior Vice President, Enrollment Management and Student Success, and Subir Sahu Ph.D., Vice President and Dean of Student Life. Complimentary appetizers and refreshments will be served.
Saturday, November 12 continued

4:05 p.m.: SMASH
Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life

7–9 p.m.: “A.C. Drexel” Casino Night
*Main Building, Great Court*
Try your luck on casino-style games including roulette, blackjack, and craps without having to leave campus. We encourage all of our families to come and meet other families at this event.

7–9 p.m.: Dragon Sibling’s Superhero Slumber Party
*Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall*
While the grown-ups hang out, come play superhero with other Dragons as we will have our very own superhero slumber party-style program for students and their siblings. We will have inflatables, pizza, candy, games, and a drive-in movie – *Captain America: Civil War* – to enjoy. Family members of all ages are encouraged to participate.

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Sunday, November 13

9:30–11:30 a.m.: Catholic Services and Brunch
*3728 Chestnut Street, followed by the Newman Center*
Please join us for Mass at St. Agatha – St. James Church at 9:30am with a Brunch to follow at 10:30 in the Newman Center on 3720 Chestnut Street.

9:30–10 a.m.: Sunday Morning Cartoons and [Pan]Cakes
*Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall*
We encourage all of our students and their siblings to come and join Student Life for Sunday morning cartoons and breakfast. We will be showing fun and entertaining cartoons, while providing pancakes and other breakfast foods for our guests. We encourage everyone to roll out of bed and come in their PJs.

11 a.m.–12:30 p.m.: Annual Hillel Family Weekend Bagel Brunch
*Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life*
This year’s brunch will feature presentations about Jewish life on campus, updates on the construction of the Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, as well as opportunities to support Drexel Hillel through Hillel’s Parent Circle. Free, RSVP requested.

1–4 p.m.: Philadelphia Eagles Tailgate
*Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall*
Being members of the Philadelphia community means we’re in Eagles’ country! Come out and join the University’s Campus Activities Board as they host a tailgate and a viewing of the Eagles game against the Atlanta Falcons. Who doesn’t love a little Sunday football in the city of brotherly and sisterly love? Grab some food and lounge with your fellow families...and stick around for a chance to win Eagles Tickets!

2–4 p.m.: Grobman Family Torah Dedication & Housewarming Party
*Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life*
Alumni, parents, and friends are warmly invited to join us at 2:00 pm on Sunday November 13th for the Grobman Family Torah Dedication and Housewarming Party at the Perelman Center. The event will feature a joyful and festive Torah processional from Mario the Dragon (33rd and Market) to the Perelman Center followed by brief remarks from the Grobman Family and Hillel leadership. Light refreshments and tours of the Perelman Center will follow the dedication. **Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.**