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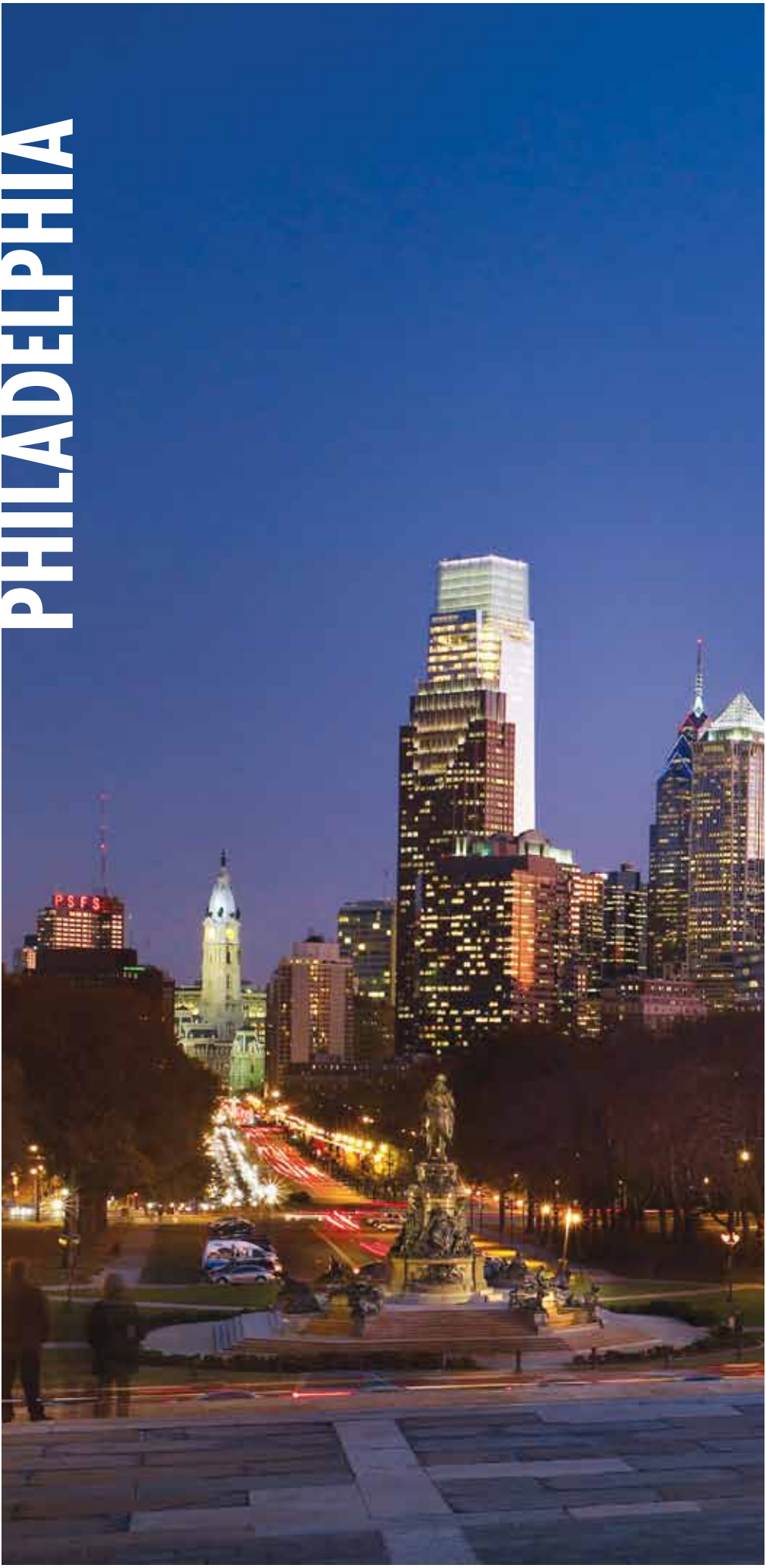

University City

Not Just Where You Sleep

In a city full of places to explore, University City is your home base. Deriving its name from the multiple colleges in the neighborhood, this diverse community is also packed with restaurants, performance spaces, and museums. Take a peek at some of what University City has to offer:

Entertainment

You have some free time. What to do? How about going to:

World Café Live
Renowned for its excellent acoustics, World Café Live features acts ranging from local rock bands to jazz legends.

Rave Motion Pictures
Each of the six movie theaters in this super-classy spot features big, comfortable seats.

International House
In addition to serving as housing for international students, the I-House hosts music, theater, and screenings for the annual Philadelphia Film Festival.

Clark Park
This multi-block park is home to everything from soccer games to farmers' markets to music festivals and Shakespeare in the Park.

Institute of Contemporary Art (ICA)
Featuring extreme, experimental, and energetic art from international, national, and local artists, the ICA also hosts film screenings, guest speakers, and discussions.

The Rotunda
This high-ceilinged, multi-use building hosts an eclectic mix of events, including hip-hop nights and yoga classes.

Food

Drexel's dining center is good, but when you're in the mood for something different, here are some nearby options:

Food Trucks
They're small, they're silver, and they offer some of the best cheap eats in the city.

Sabrina's Café @ Powelton
The tastiest food served in a homey atmosphere, with breakfast served all day.

The White Dog Café
Equally dedicated to community activism and delicious food, the White Dog Café uses local organic ingredients to cook stunning meals.

Along Lancaster Avenue
You'll find two staples of the college diet, pizza and coffee, right beside Thai and Mexican places.

Corner of 40th and Chestnut
At this intersection you can find Indian, Mexican, and French/Thai fusion cuisine.

University City Resources

Some of them you'll need every day; others you might never use, but University City has:

- 500 police and public safety officers
- Six hair salons/barber shops, including one on Drexel's campus
- Multiple banks
- Three post offices
- Convenience stores including 7-Eleven and Philadelphia's favorite, Wawa

Philly by the Numbers

Drexel University is located in the heart of Philadelphia, the nation's fifth largest city. If you make a list of the things you like to see and do in any city, our bet is that you'll find almost all of them here.

2 Rivers in or bordering Philadelphia (the Delaware and the Schuylkill)

7 Professional sports teams

72 Steps that Rocky ran up at the Philadelphia Museum of Art

93 Miles from Philadelphia to New York City

141 Miles from Philadelphia to Washington, D.C.

1682 Year Philadelphia was founded

1776 Year the Declaration of Independence was signed in Philadelphia (on July 4)

1892 Year the Reading Terminal Market, home to delicious food vendors, was opened

3,000 Murals in the Mural Arts Program of Philadelphia

9,200 Acres in Fairmount Park, one of the largest urban park systems in America

300,000 College students in Philadelphia

1,500,000 Population of Philadelphia

Transportation

Don't worry, wherever you want to go in Philadelphia (or beyond), you can get there without owning a car.

Drexel Shuttles

These buses travel to locations on and between Drexel campuses (including from University City Campus to Center City Campus) and are free to ride with your Drexel ID.

Public Transportation

Comprised of subways, bus routes, and regional rail lines, Philly's public transit system, SEPTA (Southeastern Pennsylvania Transportation Authority), can get you pretty much anywhere in the city (and most places in the surburbs). Bonus: Drexel students are entitled to discounts on SEPTA transit passes.

30th Street Station

Situated right next to Drexel's campus, Philadelphia's 30th Street Station serves as a hub for both SEPTA and Amtrak trains, as well as MegaBus and BoltBus. Service from 30th Street can get you almost anywhere in the nation.

Some Locations Mentioned in

1. **30th Street Station**
   30th and Market Streets
2. **Academy of Natural Sciences**
   1900 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
3. **Anthropologie**
   1801 Walnut Street
4. **Avenue of the Arts**
   South Broad Street
5. **Barneys CO-OP**
   1811 Walnut Street
6. **Betsy Ross House**
   239 Arch Street
7. **Brown Betty Dessert Boutique**
   1625 Chestnut Street
8. **Clark Park**
   Between 43rd and 45th Streets south of Baltimore Avenue
9. **Eastern State Penitentiary**
   2124 Fairmount Avenue
10. **Fairmount Park**
11. **The Franklin Fountain**
    116 Market Street
12. **Franklin Institute**
    222 North 20th Street
13. **Geno's Steaks**
    1219 South 9th Street
14. **Green Line Café**
    3649 Lancaster Avenue
15. **H&M**
    1725 Walnut Street
16. **International House**
    3701 Chestnut Street
17. **Institute of Contemporary Art**
    118 South 36th Street
18. **Italian Market**
    9th Street running from Fitzwater to Wharton
19. **Lemon Grass Thai**
    3626-30 Lancaster Avenue
20. **Liberties Walk**
    1030-40 North 2nd Street

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21. **Liberty Bell Center**
6th and Chestnut Streets
22. **Mummers Museum**
1100 South 2nd Street
23. **National Constitution Center**
525 Arch Street
24. **Pat's King of Steaks**
1237 East Passyunk Avenue
25. **The Piazza**
North 2nd Street
26. **Philadelphia Museum of Art**
2600 Benjamin Franklin Parkway
27. **Philadelphia Zoo**
3400 West Girard Avenue
28. **Powelton Pizza**
3635 Lancaster Avenue
29. **Rave Motion Pictures**
4012 Walnut Street
30. **Reading Terminal Market**
12th and Arch Streets
31. **Rittenhouse Square**
18th and Walnut Streets
32. **Sabrina's Café**
227 North 34th Street
33. **Tandoor India Restaurant**
106 South 40th Street
34. **The Trocadero Theatre**
1003 Arch Street
35. **United States Mint**
151 North Independence Mall East
36. **White Dog Café**
3420 Sansom Street
37. **World Café Live**
3025 Walnut Street
38. **Xochitl**
402 South 2nd Street

Other Neighborhoods

Push Your Boundaries

Most of what you need is on or close to campus, but you'll be missing out if you don't explore the rest of Philadelphia. We can't fit the whole city into one brochure, so we've also made a website to highlight some additional things you might find helpful — visit www.drexel.edu/undergrad/philly to learn more.

Center City

Located around Philadelphia's City Hall, Center City is teeming with four-star restaurants, shopping, and high-rises. The area is also home to the Avenue of the Arts, Philly's homegrown answer to Broadway.

Chinatown

Just north of Center City, Philly's Chinatown features Asian cuisine for every palate, the Greyhound bus station for quick trips to NYC, and the Trocadero, one of the city's most popular concert venues.

Old City

Don't let the name fool you. Old City may be home to some of Philadelphia's most important historic sites (including Independence Hall, the Liberty Bell, and the Betsy Ross House), but it's also a nighttime hotspot.

Northern Liberties

Northern Liberties (or "NoLibs") is one of Philly's trendiest neighborhoods. Visit the Piazza, a bustling pedestrian courtyard, complete with cafés, shops, galleries, festivals, and an outdoor HD LED screen that shows movies and sporting events. Across the street is Liberties Walk, lined with more eating and shopping options.

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