



# *Empowering* A COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS

The Center for Inclusive Education & Scholarship (CIES) provides comprehensive and integrated academic support, leadership development, and diversity, equity, and inclusion programming to positively impact the retention, persistence, and sense of belonging for students who are first-generation college students and historically underrepresented in higher education. Our objective is to empower a community of scholars to pursue academic excellence, civically engage, acquire social and career capital, and develop as global thought leaders. CIES also serves as a student advocate and a catalyst for promoting diversity, equity, inclusion, and cultural competencies for the University.



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## SUPPORT FOR YOU

CIES offers programming designed to provide academic, personal, and professional support and a space where students are seen and their experiences validated. They also provide broader support to the Drexel community by offering workshops on leadership development, resiliency, and grit, as well as networking opportunities connecting students and scholars from different backgrounds and one-on-one coaching with trained professional staff.

## THE CIES STUDENT EXPERIENCE

The moment a Drexel student enters our space, it is the mission of the CIES professional staff to create a sense of belonging and assist our students to get the resources that they need in order to thrive here; but CIES does more than that. As a community hub for Drexel's first-generation students and students of color, CIES offers peer mentoring, community service opportunities, lunch and learns, off-campus excursions, and even work-study positions. They even have a weekly newsletter so that students can be empowered and stay in the know about everything that's available to them.

Plus, CIES is pleased to offer Saturday Summit, a quarterly event series designed to empower Drexel's first-generation students and students of color to reach their goals. No matter their year at Drexel, students who attend the Summits will leave empowered after hearing from engaging speakers on a range of topics, including wellness, academic preparedness, professional development, leadership, and DEIB (diversity, equity, inclusion, and belonging).

In addition, all Dragons are encouraged to get involved in Drexel's 300+ student organizations, sports, Greek life, civic engagement, and other diversity, equity, and inclusion opportunities provided on campus.

## GUIDING PRINCIPLES

- Academic Excellence
- Growth Mindset
- Self-Advocacy
- Cultural Capital
- Community Service

## PROGRAMS

- ACT 101: Pennsylvania Higher Education Opportunity Program
- Ascent: Peer Mentor Program
- Bridge Academy
- Undocumented and DACA Student Services
- Dragons Prep
- First Forward: Drexel's First-Generation Program
- Fostering Independence Program: Pennsylvania Higher Education Assistance Agency Program
- Global Scholars
- Intel Science & Engineering Scholars
- Liberty Scholars
- Maguire Scholars
- THRIVE: Students of Color Empowerment Retreat

## PILLARS

- Holistic Student Support
- Peer Mentorship
- Student Advocacy
- Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Education

## RESOURCES

- Dedicated student spaces
  - \* Free Snacks
  - \* Free Printing
  - \* Study and Destress areas
- Loaner Textbook Library
- Loaner Laptops and Scientific Calculators
- Peer Mentoring
- Weekly Newsletter
- Excursions
- Saturday Summit
  - \* Wellness
  - \* Academic Preparedness
  - \* Professional Development
  - \* Leadership Development
  - \* Diversity, Equity, Inclusion, and Belonging Programming
- Community Service
- Work-Study Positions

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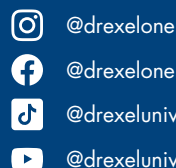


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