



THE DREXEL 100 NEWSLETTER

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Catching up with the Dragons!

by Dr. Eric Zillmer, Director of Athletics

As the men's basketball team went into triple over-time at Madison Square Garden against Alabama, Drexel Athletics took our collective breaths away ... literally!

These days, when you come back to Drexel's dynamic and lively campus it is easy to see that the center of activity is around 33rd and Market and the Daskalakis Athletics Center (DAC). More than 700,000 student and professional staff visits were recorded at the DAC this academic year so far, up by 200,000 from last year. Today's students want every day to be "game-day" and they are very motivated to be athletically involved. Two out of three students participate in intramurals and more than 1,200 students compete on our 32 club teams, including our men's rugby team, which this May was featured on national TV competing in the Collegiate Championships at PPL Park in Chester, PA.

Our 18 Division I teams generate Drexel pride through athletics excellence on and off the field. Five teams are currently ranked in the top 20 nationally, including women's field hockey, men's and women's squash, our men's lacrosse team and the men's rowing team. First and foremost, however, our values are those of academic integrity. Our student-athletes graduate at a higher percentage than the regular student body and their average cumulative GPA is an impressive 3.18.

Drexel Athletics' overall mission is to weave sports into the fabric of our University. All of our students learn important lessons on the field, including time-management, teamwork, leadership and learning by doing, as well as forge important friendships and memories that can last a lifetime.

"The crowd, now completely filled ... howled as if it was a Drexel home game" (*Philadelphia Inquirer*) and as the final buzzer sounded and our first win against an Southeastern Conference (SEC) school stood, my friend and Drexel alum Dan Promislo looked into the rafters of the Garden, finally exhaling ... "This is amazing!"

Indeed, it is.



Men's Lacrosse Wins 2014 CAA Championship

On Sunday, May 11th Drexel won its first ever NCAA men's lacrosse tournament, advancing to the quarterfinals.

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A NOTE FROM THE CHAIR



Dear Drexel 100 Members:

This newsletter comes at the mid-point between our biennial Drexel 100 induction ceremonies. The next ceremony will take place on Saturday, May 2, 2015, and I am looking forward to seeing you there.

This is also the time when we begin to develop a new slate of prospective members. While the University works hard to stay informed about its 145,000 alumni, Drexel obviously cannot know what everyone has done. That is why we depend on your suggestions of fellow alumni deserving of Drexel 100 recognition. Please take advantage of the form on page 4 to recommend suitable candidates for our next ballot.

This is an extraordinary time at Drexel. For those of you who have not been back to campus in a while, you would be amazed at the changes. There are new buildings in every direction of our 95-acre campus and the cranes in the skyline promise more expansion. In addition to the burgeoning numbers of students on campus, thousands more around the world are earning their Drexel degrees online.

Student achievement is our top priority, and this issue features a story about one special group: our student athletes. Drexel has boasted many victorious sports teams over the years, but our overall stature in intercollegiate athletics has never been higher than it is today. Athletic Director Dr. Eric Zillmer gives you an inside view.

There is also news inside about Drexel's successful campaign — which was well-supported by Drexel 100 members (thank you!) — and recent accomplishments by our membership. While we scour the media looking for news of our members, we surely don't catch everything. Please send your news — and don't be shy — to our Drexel coordinator, Ken Goldman, at goldmankh@drexel.edu or 215.895.2607.

Have a happy and healthy summer and let us hear from you.

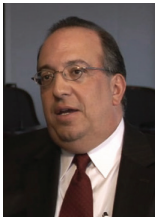
Sincerely,

Dana L. Dornsife '83
Chair, The Drexel 100

Drexel 100 Newsmakers



Howard Benson (BS, CoE, 1980) was awarded two certificates in recognition of his participation as producer on the Grammy Award-winning recordings “Stronger” by Kelly Clarkson (Best Pop Vocal Album) and “Love Bites (So Do I)” by Halestorm (Best Hard Rock/Metal Performance). Mr. Benson is a Grammy-nominated and award-winning producer at Nettwerk Producer Management, a division of Nettwerk Music Group and a full service management company, specifically dedicated to managing record producers, mixers, engineers and writers. He has been working on projects with Rascal Flatts, Scott Stapp and Halestorm.



Dominic Caruso (BS, LeBow, 1980), chief financial officer at Johnson & Johnson, received the Breath of Life Award at the Delaware Chapter of Cystic Fibrosis’s Breath of Life Gala in November 2013. Mr. Caruso has volunteered many hours for the Delaware Chapter. He was also invited to the inaugural CNBC Global CFO Council. As a member of the Council, Mr. Caruso will share his frontline insight and unique views on key issues and challenges facing today’s CFOs on CNBC and CNBC.com.



Stephen R. Cox (BS, Physics & Atmospheric Sciences, CoAS, 1974; MS, Biomedical Engineering & Science, CoE, 1976) was one of the recipients of the 2014 Black Engineer of the Year awards. Mr. Cox is co-principal investigator and project director for the Alliance for Minority Participation (AMP) at Drexel University, one of nine institutions that comprise the consortium called the Greater Philadelphia Region Louis Stokes Alliance for Minority Participation.



Nicholas DeBenedictis (Drexel Trustee; BS, LeBow, 1968; MS, CoE, 1969; Honorary Degree, 1987), chairman and chief executive officer of Aqua America Inc., was one of three individuals who received the March of Dimes 2013 Service to Humanity Award.



Dana Dornsife (BS, LeBow, 1983), founder and president of the Lazarex Cancer Foundation, and her husband, David, presented “Safari of the Soul: The Quest for Water in Africa” at the University of Southern California. They discussed working with the organization World Vision to bring fresh water, sanitation and hygiene to rural African villages. In April 2013, Ms. Dornsife was selected as one of “The One Hundred” by Massachusetts General Hospital Cancer Center. The Cancer Center annually selects 100 individuals and groups whose diligence and discoveries, philanthropy and passion have helped advance the fight against cancer.



Beth Baughman Dupree, MD, FACS (MD, HU, 1987), medical director of The Holy Redeemer Breast Health Program in Southampton, Pennsylvania, was honored at the University of Pittsburgh Athletics’ Varsity Letter Club Award Dinner. Dr. Dupree was a four-year tennis letter winner at University of Pittsburgh where she earned her undergraduate degree. She was also the inaugural winner of *Philadelphia Magazine’s* “Be Well Philly Health Hero,” and she received the inaugural “REAL” award from the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation for her work on care of chronic disease. Dr. Dupree was also named one of *More Magazine’s* “10 Fierce Females” as a leader in healthcare.



Rajiv L. Gupta (Former Drexel Trustee; MBA, LeBow, 1972), senior advisor of New Mountain Capital and chairman of the Board of Avantor Performance Materials, was named an Outstanding Director by the *Philadelphia Business Journal*.



Clare Hart (BS, LeBow, 1983) was appointed president of Sterling Infosystems, a service provider of background checks. She was also appointed to the board of directors of Regulatory DataCorp, Inc.



Nina Henderson (Drexel Trustee; BS, College of Home Economics, 1972) was appointed non-executive director for Regus plc, a global workplace provider. She was also appointed to the National Association of Corporate Directors’ Blue Ribbon Commission focused on overseeing the development of executive talent. In addition, she served as a panelist at the World Leadership Forum 2013. Hosted by the Foreign Policy Association and coinciding with the United Nations General Assembly, the World Leadership Forum is one of the foremost public forums on global affairs.



Richard C. III (Drexel Trustee; MBA, LeBow, 1973), chairman of the Triumph Group in Berwyn, Pennsylvania, was appointed to the board of Airgas. He also served as chairman and president of the U.S. Golf Association’s Open Committee and led the Merion Golf Club’s renovations to prepare for the U.S. Open in June 2013.



George F. Krall, Jr. (Emeritus Trustee; BS, CoE, 1958) joined the board of the Upland Country Day School. Mr. Krall is retired as president and chief executive officer of Mebane Packaging Group, Inc., a leading supplier of paperboard packaging to the healthcare industry that was acquired by Westvaco Corporation in 2000. He has been an executive consultant and investor with his own consulting firm, Krall Management, Inc.



Thomas Leonard (Former Drexel Trustee; BS, LeBow, 1968), partner with Obermayer Rebmann Maxwell & Hippel LLP, received the 2013 Leadership Award at the 22nd Annual Greater Philadelphia Area Leadership Award Ceremony, presented by Independence Blue Cross. Mr. Leonard serves as the chairman of the Litigation Department and a permanent member of Obermayer’s Management Committee. He was also included in the 2013 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers. He was recognized in the business litigation category.



John McCool (BS, CoE, 1982) was named president and chief executive officer of Firetide, a wireless mesh networking company. Firetide's technology has been used for applications such as managing networks of video surveillance cameras for companies and government agencies and has been deployed in buses and high speed trains. Previously, Mr. McCool was senior vice president and chief technology officer for Cisco's enterprise networks and "borderless networks" group.



Jiang Mianheng, PhD (PhD, CoE, 1991) was named the head of the new ShanghaiTech University, a small-scale research institution. The University was established jointly by the Shanghai Municipal Government and the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS), of which Jiang Mianheng served as vice president from 1999 to 2011.



Denis P. O'Brien (Drexel Trustee; MBA, LeBow, 1987), senior executive vice president of Exelon and chief executive officer of Exelon Utilities, was appointed chairman of the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He also received the Taoiseach Award at the 2014 Irish American Business Chamber & Network (IABCN) Ambassador Awards. In addition, he was elected to the board of directors of the Pennsylvania Business Council.



C. R. Pennoni (Drexel Trustee; Parent; BS, Goodwin, 1963; MS, Goodwin, 1966; Honorary Degree, 1992), chairman of the board of Pennoni Associates, was named Governor Emeritus by the board of governors of the Pennsylvania State System of Higher Education. Mr. Pennoni served on the board for nearly a decade before resigning in December 2012.



John J. Roberts (Former Drexel Trustee; BS, LeBow, 1967; MBA, LeBow, 1971; Honorary Degree, 2005) was re-elected as a trustee of Pennsylvania Real Estate Investment Trust (PREIT). He has been a trustee with PREIT since 2003 and currently serves as chair of the Audit Committee and member of the Executive Compensation and Human Resources Committee. Mr. Roberts is the former global managing partner and former member of the leadership team at PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP, retiring after a 35-year career with the firm in 2002.

Drexel Campaign Surpasses Its Goal By A Wide Margin With Plenty of Help From the Drexel 100



DREAM IT. DO IT.
DREXEL
A CAMPAIGN FOR THE FUTURE

The largest fund drive in Drexel University's history, *Dream It. Do It. Drexel: A Campaign for the Future* concluded on November 30, 2013 with a remarkable total of \$455 million raised.

This achievement exceeded the Campaign's stated goal of \$400 million by 14% and ended seven months ahead of schedule. The fund raising total was more than twice as much as raised during Drexel's previous campaign, which was completed in 2002.

Members of the Drexel 100 got behind the Campaign in a big way. More than 25% of the active membership of the Drexel 100 gave \$100,000 or more, with many more contributing at other generous levels. Befitting their place among the University's most illustrious alumni, Drexel 100 members proved they are among the most loyal to their alma mater as well.

In addition to the total dollars raised, the Campaign produced many other notable statistics. For example, it attracted 17,500 new donors to Drexel. The Campaign was powered by 67 gifts of \$1 million or more, with three benefactors making contributions in excess of \$25 million. During the Campaign, activity by Drexel's alumni also increased, with attendance at annual events climbing by 71 percent and social media engagement jumping by 225 percent.

The true measure of a campaign's success is the number of positive changes it creates at an organization. Thanks to *Dream It. Do It. Drexel*, Drexel now has 130 more endowed scholarships. It also has new homes for the LeBow College of Business (Gerri C. LeBow Hall) and the Westphal College of Media Arts & Design (The URBN Center). A landmark gift also created the Charles D. Close School of Entrepreneurship.

Further, inspired philanthropy moved the University closer to President Fry's goal of making Drexel the nation's most civically engaged university through the creation of the Lindy Institute for Urban Innovation and the Dornsife Center for Neighborhood Partnerships.

The impact of this historic campaign will be felt for many years to come. By its embrace of *Dream It. Do It. Drexel*, the Drexel 100 proved it is more than just a way to salute past accomplishments. It is also a forward-looking group committed to Drexel's future and ensuring successive generations of Drexel students have the chance to be as successful as they have been.



Susan Seidelman (BS, Communications, CoAS, 1973; Honorary Degree, 1991) returned to Philadelphia in January 2014 for the local debut of her film "Musical Chairs," which is about a dance contest whose participants are in wheelchairs. Ms. Seidelman was one of the first female independent film makers in American cinema and has since had a successful career directing and producing movies, such as "Desperately Seeking Susan," and such television series as "Sex and the City." In September 2013, Ms. Seidelman was honored by the ACME Screening Room for her contributions in film and television. Most recently, Ms. Seidelman directed the independent film, "The Hot Flashes," starring Brooke Shields, Darryl Hannah, Wanda Sykes, Camryn Manheim and Virginia Madsen which premiered in Los Angeles on July 12, 2013.



Norman R. Smith (BS, LeBow, 1969; MBA, LeBow, 1971) was named president of Dowling University in Long Island, New York. He was the founding chancellor of Alamein University in Egypt, a project cancelled following the Mubarak revolution. Previously, he was president of Richmond University in London (UK) and is president emeritus of Wagner College in New York City. His books include "Selecting the Right College" with six printings between 1994 to 2000, "From Bottom to Top Tier in a Decade: The Wagner College Turnaround Years," and he co-authored "What College Trustees Need To Know," published in 2013.



Charles K. Valutas (Drexel and College of Medicine Trustee; BS, LeBow, 1973) was elected to the board of directors of GulfMark Offshore, Inc. He had over 30 years of experience in the energy business at Sunoco before retiring as senior vice president and chief administrative officer.

Drexel 100 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee _____
First Last

Nominee's Address _____
Street Suite/Apt.

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Reason for nomination (continue on a separate sheet if necessary) _____

Your Name _____
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Catching up with the Dragons!



Second Consecutive Dad Vail Team Trophy!

The Drexel men's junior varsity eight receiving their gold medals and the Ernie Bayer trophy with President John Fry (far right), May 10.

