

Drexel Family Association
May 22, 2019

- Welcome and Dinner

In attendance: Dr. MacKenzie Luke, Assistant Vice President of Student Life, Kaitlyn Delengowski, Associate Director of Special Events, Lisa Daughen, DFA Chairperson, David Boonin, Noreen McAneny, Debra Steinberg, Denise Armentani, Yuen Chang, Tracey Morgado

- Admitted Students' Day Debrief with Kaitlyn Delengowski
 - Positive feedback, we will continue attending this event and supporting it.
- Thank-you Certificates
 - We have 3 parents of graduating seniors in our group. As a special thank you they will all receive certificates. Noreen McAneny was in attendance to receive hers.
- Special Guest- Matthew Mechlin, Area Manager, ACC Properties and Steve Nolte, Manager of UCross
 - Lisa Daughen mentioned how we appreciate that ACC is very accepting of our feedback and that we feel they will continue to try and meet our needs as we have built a relationship with them
 - Matthew discussed the improvements such as the new co-op lease and the improved language. He discussed how ACC is now allowing the co-op lease for all unit floor plans for rising sophomores. He noted upperclassman currently have less options but if they were prior tenants they would be willing to work with those students to meet their needs when they can.
 - Matthew discussed that the online registration was a great success for them over previous years. They avoided long lines and issues of prior registration events. UCross did have a wait list but they managed to find suitable options in other buildings. So overall very positive experience this year. Initially they were concerned about it online registration with regard to how it would handle the number of students but it went well.
 - David Boonin questioned if they would consider a 6 month lease and they said while it is does not mean they would not consider it in the future, right now it does not work with the way they plan out their yearly budgeting.
- Commencement Information - MacKenzie Luke
 - Graduation events June 13th and June 14th at various locations
 - Volunteers are needed for events - for the main event Friday night at Citizens Bank Park the volunteers will be needed from 4:30 to 7:30. T-Shirt, meal and parking are provided. Volunteers will hand out programs and welcome guests. There will be a pre ceremony pep-rally with Mario, the Jazz band and the Alumni Association will also be there to help out.
 - Special seating is available for exemplary students and students with parents that have been highly involved such as DFA parents. These families will be given special vouchers to see in this preferred seating.
 - No limit to tickets needed

- There will be an FAQ page for commencement being added to website. Link: <https://drexel.edu/commencement/contact/faqs/>
- Most volunteers are faculty and staff however more are needed and you can email MacKenzie at mml94@drexel.edu by 6/10 if you are able to help out.

- Next Volunteer Event - Welcome Week - 9/14 and 9/15 are the dates for Movein weekend. Classes start 9/23. We will discuss this at our next meeting.

Follow up from last meeting:

1. Guiseppe Salomone, Registrar, has noted there will be a parent portal that is in the works.
Students will need to allow the parent access. He will supply more detail when he comes back to our meeting in October.
2. Drexel has added a 2 step verification system for added security

Next Meeting, August 21, 2019 at 6:00PM