

Please note that space is limited and all events are first come, first served. The sample program below is tentative and subject to change. A final program will be provided to you during check-in, and will list finalized descriptions, locations, and timeframes for all activities.

Family Weekend November 10-12, 2017

Updated November 6, 2017

Friday, November 10

2-3 p.m.: ExCITe Center Tour

Drexel ExCITe Center, 3401 Market Street

The Expressive and Creative Interaction Technologies (ExCITe) Center was established in 2013 as a University-wide strategic initiative for research innovation. The Center pursues activities advancing transdisciplinary research and discovery connecting technology and communities. This program will include an interactive tour of the ExCITe Center with demonstrations from the Shima Seiki Haute Technology Lab and the Entrepreneurial Game Studio where participants will learn about wearable technologies, expressive robotics, and video game design. Visit drexel.edu/excite for more information. *Sponsored by Drexel ExCITe Center.*

2-5 p.m.: Check-In and Family Friendly Resource Fair

Recreation Center, Lobby

Pick up a printed copy of the Family Weekend schedule, campus maps, Veteran's Day pins, and additional information. Stop by for information about event locations, restaurants in the area, or any other questions. Various Drexel offices 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!

2-5 p.m.: Student Center for Diversity and Inclusion Open House

Creese Student Center, Garden Level

Drexel University's Student Center for Diversity & Inclusion provides space and resources to the overall campus community as well as our minoritized populations. The SCDI has dedicated spaces for our Black communities, Latinx communities, Gender & Sexuality communities, Recovery communities, and Women's communities. SCDI strives to create inclusive student experiences for all students. Please stop by the SCDI in the basement of Creese to meet our staff and learn about the resources Drexel has to offer our campus community!

4-5 p.m.: Campus Philly Great Philly Food Debate

Bossone Research Center, Mitchell Auditorium

We are going to discuss and debate the best foods in the region! From best cheesesteak, to best food trucks. Best cultural foods to the best burger. Food makes Philly great, so let's talk about what we love and why we should love it too! There will be 5 categories that our staff will debate. We will also take questions and comments from the crowd! *Sponsored by Campus Philly.*

4-5:30 p.m.: Walking Tour of Campus Learning Centers

Meet at the Dragon Statue, 33rd and Market Street

This walking tour will include stops at several of Drexel's learning support centers and offices. Students can meet representatives from the staffs of these centers, see the spaces, and learn about how and when to use these resources. *Sponsored by the Center for Learning and Academic Success Services.*

5-7 p.m.: Student Basketball Tailgate

Lancaster Walk

Come out for Drexel Men's Basketball's first home game of the 2017-2018 Season! Join CAB, DAC Pack, and The Good Idea Fund in a school spirit-filled event right before the Drexel's home opener against Bowling Green. Come eat food, see the Drexel pep band, get your face painted blue and white, and participate in a prize raffle! *Sponsored by CAB, the DAC Pack, and TGIF.*

5:30-7:30 p.m.: Astronomy Observation Night

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 Services

Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, Scheller Chapel (Beit Midrash), 3rd Floor

Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

6 p.m.: Reform/Progressive Services

Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, Chapel Three, 3rd Floor

Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

6-7p.m.: Dean's Family Weekend Welcome Tailgate

Recreation Center, Basketball Courts

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 Student Life Leadership Team.

6:15 p.m.: Orthodox Services

Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, Fromm Chapel, 3rd Floor

Mincha, Kabbalat Shabbat, and Maariv. Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

7 p.m.: Shabbat Dinner

Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, Green & Fishman Families Dining Room, 1st Floor

Join us in celebrating Shabbat dinner with a delicious and festive meal. Vegetarian options will be provided. RSVP requested. For more information, contact: Brooke Schostak at bschostak@drexelhillel.org. *Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.*

Friday, November 10 continued

7–8 p.m.: Drexel’s A Capella Fall Concert

Bossone Research Center, Mitchell Auditorium

We welcome all families to come join Drexel’s three a cappella groups for a Family Weekend performance! Enjoy musical stylings from the Drexel Cleptomaniacs, and the TrebleMakers,.

7–9 p.m.: Drexel University Men’s Basketball vs. Bowling Green *Daskalakis Athletic Center*

Immediately following the tailgate, we welcome all of our students and their families to join us for our men’s season opener against Bowling Green. Halftime will include a presentation to honor our Veteran’s and their families. Admission is free for all Drexel students. Be sure to bring a copy of your Family Weekend schedule for free admission to the game and be sure to wear your Drexel colors!

8-11 p.m.: MPiRP and Collaboration Town Present a Workshop Production of Mutant Water Babies *Mandell Theater*

MPiRP welcomes Collaboration Town (CTown) a New York City based company that creates ensemble-driven pieces of theater that defy expectations of how stories can be told in the theater. Co-Op Theater Company members will collaborate on the development of this new musical play about the environment and what we man can do to save planet earth. This is one of many projects that CTown is developing. They have commissions from Lincoln Center Theater-LCT3 and New Victory Theater and we are thrilled to have them here at Drexel. Tickets are \$25, \$10 for Drexel students.

Saturday, November 11

8 a.m.–noon: Check-In and Concierge Service

Creese Student Center, 1st Floor Lobby

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9 a.m.: Orthodox Morning Services

Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, Fromm Chapel, 3rd Floor

Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.

10-11 a.m.: Morning Yoga

Recreation Center, Studio 218

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 a Drexel Group Fitness Instructor.

10-11 a.m.: Understanding Drexel’s 2-Year Residency Program: Sophomore Housing Options

Bossone Research Center, Mitchell Auditorium

Implemented in 2011, Drexel’s 2-Year Residency Program was developed to provide First Year (freshmen) and Second Year (sophomore) students a wide range of learning and lifestyle housing options to customize their Drexel living experience. Second Year (sophomore) students have a variety of housing options to choose from. Learn more about 2018/19 sophomore housing options in this presentation by Drexel University Housing, Residential Living, and American Campus Communities to be compliant with Drexel’s 2-Year Residency Program.

11 a.m.-12 p.m.: Campus Philly SEPTA 101

Gerri Lebow Hall, Room 031

We will teach families how to get to and from Drexel from a variety of locations. We will discuss the different modes of transportation, costs associated with each, tips and tricks, and more! *Sponsored by Campus Philly.*

11 a.m. –1 p.m.: Grit and Growth Mindset

Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall

College won’t always be easy. When things get tough, it’s important to know how to recover and move on. This session will provide both students and parents the opportunity to learn about student resilience on the college campus. Current Drexel students will share their Dragon tales of struggle and success, and the following breakout sessions will allow students and parents to further the conversation about resilience with staff from various support units across the University. Lunch will be provided.

11:30 a.m.-12 p.m.: Drexel Veteran’s Day Family Weekend Gathering

Recreation Center, Outdoor Fitness Plaza

On this Veterans Day, please join Drexel Army ROTC, the Veterans Task Force and Office of Veteran Student Services as we gather in respect and appreciation for our United States Veterans. This event features military tradition, patriotic music and remarks from members of our University’s military community. Stop by the Office of Veteran Student Services table from 11:30am to 2pm to learn more about our Yellow Ribbon Program or donate to The Veterans Group. The Veterans Group has two homes in the University City section of Philadelphia, PA that provides shelter, warm meals, and a variety of programs and services for up to 41 men. Their mission is to empower Veterans in need to achieve success in civilian society by developing individualized plans for each resident while providing a family-like community of support and care. Donations should include: Cleaning products (laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning sprays, paper towels, etc.), Kitchen supplies (plastic wrap, aluminum foil, plastic utensils, cups, paper plates, etc.), Trash bags, Bottled water, Toilet paper (1-ply only please), Gift cards (ACME, Giant, Target, Home Depot, Walmart) and Coffee (any brand that works with a coffee maker).

Saturday, November 11 continued

11:30 a.m.: Shabbat Lunch

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12–2 p.m.: Dragon Fest

Recreation Center, Outdoor Fitness Plaza 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.*

12:30-1:15 p.m.: Mural Arts Trolley Tour

Meet at the Dragon Statue, 33rd and Market

Explore the world's largest outdoor art gallery and get to know the city's stunning mural collection by taking an exciting guided tour. Weave through diverse neighborhoods by wheels and be inspired by the incredible public art that makes Philadelphia the mural capital of the world! Experience firsthand how art ignites change. Trolley capacity is limited to 38 passengers per tour.

1-3 p.m.: DFA Parent Panel and Reception

Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall

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. Reception to follow at 2 p.m. *Sponsored by the Drexel Family Association.*

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1:30-2:30 p.m.: Campus Philly Philly 101

Gerri Lebow Hall, Room 031

Campus Philly introduces college students to Philadelphia people, places, organizations, and experiences. During this engaging and informational presentation we will discuss the following: Who is Campus Philly (who we serve and why), overview of our programs (Open Arts, Student Leader Network, Career Launch, etc.), introduction to various neighborhoods across the region (food, art & cultural, communities), ways to volunteer and/or get involved (non-profits, neighborhood organizations, young professional groups), brief overview of how to get around (SEPTA, Zipcar, PATCO, Indego bikes). *Sponsored by Campus Philly.*

2-3 p.m.: The Steinbright Career Development Center: From Co-Op to Career

3201 Arch Street, Steinbright Career Development Center, Suite 110

The Steinbright Career Development Center will host a presentation on all of the services available through the center. Steinbright staff members will be available for an informal Q&A following the presentation. *Sponsored by the Steinbright Career Development Center.*

2-3 p.m.: Student Guided Campus Tour

Creese Student Center, Lobby

Explore Drexel's campus and the University City neighborhood with a student tour guide. This walking tour will highlight the Creese Student Center, classrooms in academic buildings (including state-of-the-art facilities such as the Papadakis Integrated Sciences Building, Westphal College's URBN Center, and the LeBow Hall for the College of Business), Buckley Field, the historic Main Building, and the recreation center.

2:30-3:15 p.m.: Mural Arts Trolley Tour

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3:30-5:30 p.m.: Student Success Workshop for Families & Students

Creese Student Center, Behrakis Grand Hall

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 have 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. Light refreshments will be served.

4:15 p.m.: SMASH

Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life, Fromm Chapel, 3rd Floor

Shabbat Mincha, Seudah Shlishit, Maariv, and Havdalah. *Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.*

6-9 p.m.: Little Dragons Movie Night

URBN Annex, Screening Room

Get in the Dragon Spirit this Family Weekend and join us for a FREE screening of the smash fantasy hit, *Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them*. Fun treats and snacks provided!

Saturday, November 11 continued

7-10 p.m.: Flyers V. Wild Tailgate

Landmark Americana

Being a member of the Philadelphia community means we are in Flyers country! Come out and join local sports lovers for a tailgate at the Landmark Americana as the Flyers take on Minnesota Wild. Giveaways throughout the night!

7-11 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.

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9-11 p.m.: Dragons After Dark Quizzo

Recreation Center, Lobby

Join us for a special Saturday edition of Dragons After Dark Quizzo (what we Philadelphians call trivia) in the Rec Center Lobby from 9-11pm!! Join a team when you get there or bring your own - you can even play by yourself! There will be chances to win great prizes and there is always a free food bar! *Sponsored by Campus Engagement.*

All Day Programming: Philadelphia Scavenger Hunt

Old City or Center City

Explore Old City or Center City with a self-guided StrayBoots Scavenger Hunt. These walking tour hunts feature some of Philadelphia's most iconic landmarks. At least one member of your team will need a smartphone to participate. For the Center City hunt, head down to City Hall for your kick off location. For the Old City hunt, head down to the Independence Mall Visitor Center for your kick off location. Log into Go.strayboots.com/drexel/ and enter your information to begin! Hunts are available from 9AM to 8PM on November 11th.

Sunday, November 12

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.

11 a.m.- 12 p.m.: I'm Thinking of Changing my Major MacAlister Skyview, 6th Floor

Not sure if the major you've chosen is right for you? With all the information that's out there, how do you make the right decision? Students will explore their interests, abilities, and values and compare them to different jobs and opportunities. Students will also learn about tools to continue to help them continue their exploration. Come meet with the advisors in the College of Arts and Sciences to learn about what is important in choosing a major, how to change if you've already decided, and what to do if you still feel undecided.

11 a.m.-12:30 p.m.: Annual Hillel Family Weekend Bagel Brunch Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life

This year's event will feature student and staff presentations about Jewish life at Drexel and opportunities to learn more about supporting Drexel Hillel. Free, RSVP requested. For more information, contact: Brooke Schostak at bschostak@drexelhillel.org. RSVP requested. *Sponsored by Drexel Hillel.*

Weekend-Long Programming

The Veterans Group Supply Drive

The Veterans Group is a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization operating two homes in the University City section of Philadelphia, PA that provides shelter, warm meals, and a variety of programs and services for up to 41 men. Their mission is to empower Veterans in need to achieve success in civilian society by developing individualized plans for each resident while providing a family-like community of support and care.

Please join the Office of Veteran Student Services, Lindy Center for Civic Engagement, Commuter Student Association, and Veterans Task Force to provide these residents with much needed supplies. Donations should include:

- Cleaning products (laundry detergent, dish soap, cleaning sprays, paper towels, etc.)
- Kitchen supplies (plastic wrap, aluminum foil, plastic utensils, cups, paper plates, etc.)
- Trash bags
- Bottled water
- Toilet paper (1-ply only please)
- Gift cards (ACME, Giant, Target, Home Depot, Walmart)
- Coffee (any brand that works with a coffee maker)

Bring your donations to The Office of Veteran Student Services located at 3210 Chestnut Street Creese Student Center, Suite 215 from October 17 to November 10 between 8am and 5pm; during Family Weekend at the Family Friendly Resource Fair on Friday, November 10th from 2 to 5pm at the Recreation Center Lobby; or Dragon Fest on Saturday, November 11th from 11:30AM to 2pm at the Recreation Plaza on Lancaster walk.

Academy of Natural Sciences

The Academy of Natural Sciences Welcomes Drexel Family and Friends! If you like nature and the environment, then you'll love Philly's Dinosaur Museum. The Academy of Natural Sciences was founded in 1812, and it is home to dinosaur fossils, artifacts, dioramas, live animals, and so much more. Explore Secrets of the Diorama, and learn how these wonderful works of art were created. Visit Dinosaur Hall and travel back in time in our newly renovated Time Machine, and stroll through our lush, tropical garden filled with colorful plants and live butterflies from Central and South America, East Africa, and Southeast Asia. Don't miss their special exhibit Tiny Titans: Dinosaur Eggs and Babies!

Save \$7 per ticket! Family Weekend Sale - Take advantage of a \$10.95 general admission ticket valid Nov. 10-12, 2017 only. Does not include admission to the special exhibit. Go to ansp.org and use promo code DREXEL.

Shop 'til you drop! Present this offer onsite to receive 10% off at the Academy Shop and Café (cannot be combined with any other offer). Shop for unique gifts, dinosaurs, science books, and toys! Plus enjoy delicious pastries, lunch, and snacks at the Café.

Camden Adventure Aquarium

Looking to get out of the city? Visit adventureaquarium.com and use promo code DREXELFAM2017 for discounted tickets to Camden's Adventure Aquarium.