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## News & Photo Memo

### Ten Years and 32,186 Handshakes Later, Drexel President Papadakis Will Award More than 3,425 Degrees Tomorrow

**What:** A decade and 32,186 handshakes after presiding over his first commencement ceremony at Drexel University when he launched the tradition of personally handing out degrees to each graduate, Drexel President Constantine Papadakis will continue the tradition this year. With more than 3,425 students expected to graduate in four separate ceremonies on June 17, Papadakis's total number of handshakes will reach a record 35,611.

Graduates have increased by 10,000 when compared to the decade (1986-1996) prior to Papadakis' arrival at Drexel. Six years ago, he was also the first in the region to implement a live Web cast of the ceremonies at [www.drexel.edu](http://www.drexel.edu).

**Who:** Five speakers will receive honorary degrees at Drexel's 119th commencement. They are:

- **At the 8:30 a.m. ceremony honoring the graduates of LeBow College of Business:**
  - **Norman R. Augustine**, former chairman and CEO of the Lockheed Martin Corporation.
  - The Honorable **Earle I. Mack**'59, who recently stepped down as U.S. ambassador to Finland
- **At the 12:30 p.m. ceremony honoring the College of Arts and Sciences, Goodwin College of Professional Studies, School of Education:**
  - **Paul Stonely**, president of the National Commission for Cooperative Education
- **At the 4 p.m. ceremony honoring the College of Engineering, School of Biomedical Engineering, Science and Health Systems:**
  - **William T. Schleyer** '73, chief executive officer of Adelphia Communication Corporation
- **At the 7:30 p.m. ceremony honoring the graduates of the Antoinette Westphal College of Media Arts & Design, College of Information Science and Technology, College of Nursing & Health Professions:**
  - **Sharon Pinkenson**, executive director of the Philadelphia Film Office (PFO)

**When:** June 17, 2006

**Where:** The John A. Daskalakis Athletic Center, (33rd and Market Streets).

**Visuals:** Papadakis shaking the hand of each graduate while awarding degrees... the long line of graduates waiting to receive their degree... proud families and loved ones watching their graduate... balloons, caps and gowns.

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