

Commuter Listserv— January 9th, 2012

Hello Commuters!

Happy New Year!

We hope you all had a great holiday break and are super excited to start a new academic term! The CGTSPS office is thrilled to have you back!

New opportunities and activities are already available this term...

Be sure not to miss the **Commuter/Transfer Meet & Greet**, all the fun **Homecoming** activities or the interest meeting to be involved with the **Vagina Monologues!**

And, as always, if you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at commuters@drexel.edu or 215-895-1328. Also, click on one of the links below to check our blogs, or follow us on Facebook or Twitter!

Have a great week!
Jessica & Amber



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Want to see your event in an upcoming commuter listserv?

Advertising your event in the Commuter Listserv is a great way to get the word out to thousands of Drexel students! All you need to do is send all of the event information—date, time, location, etc. to commuters@drexel.edu. We will try our best to include your information in our listserv message. All submissions must be sent by 5:00pm on **Thursday** to be included in Monday's listserv message.

Navigating Drexel

1. Commuter and Transfer Meet & Greet

Wednesday, January 18th from 11:30 – 1pm
Grand Hall - Creese Student Center



Attention first-year Commuters and Transfers! Mix, mingle, and enjoy free lunch with the Commuter and Transfer Assistant team! Find out the best ways to navigate Drexel, voice your concerns, and get your questions answered!

2. Homecoming 2012 Week-Long Celebrations



SAVE THE DATES: Drexel University's Homecoming 2012 Week-Long Celebration!
January 23 - 29, 2012 | The Year of the Dragon

Drexel's 2012 Homecoming is a week-long celebration (January 23-29, 2012) designed to foster awareness of campus initiatives and instill pride in all members of the Drexel community. Enlivened with traditions of the past and creativity of the future, Homecoming offers a full array of events for everyone! Students, faculty, staff, alumni and friends are invited to join in the festivities. **The theme for the 2012 Homecoming is "Year of the Dragon"**, in conjunction with the [Alumni Association's year-long celebration of events](#). For more information on the Homecoming festivities and competitions, read the details below or contact the Drexel Homecoming Committee at leader@drexel.edu to learn more or get involved in the planning process!

Apply to be a member of the 2012 Drexel Homecoming Court

Qualifications:
 • Upper-Class or Graduate Student
 • 2.5 minimum Cumulative GPA
 • Good Academic & Conduct Standing

Deadline to Apply:
 5:00 pm Monday, December 12, 2011
 Complete an application on CollegiateLink

HOMECOMING BANNER CONTEST

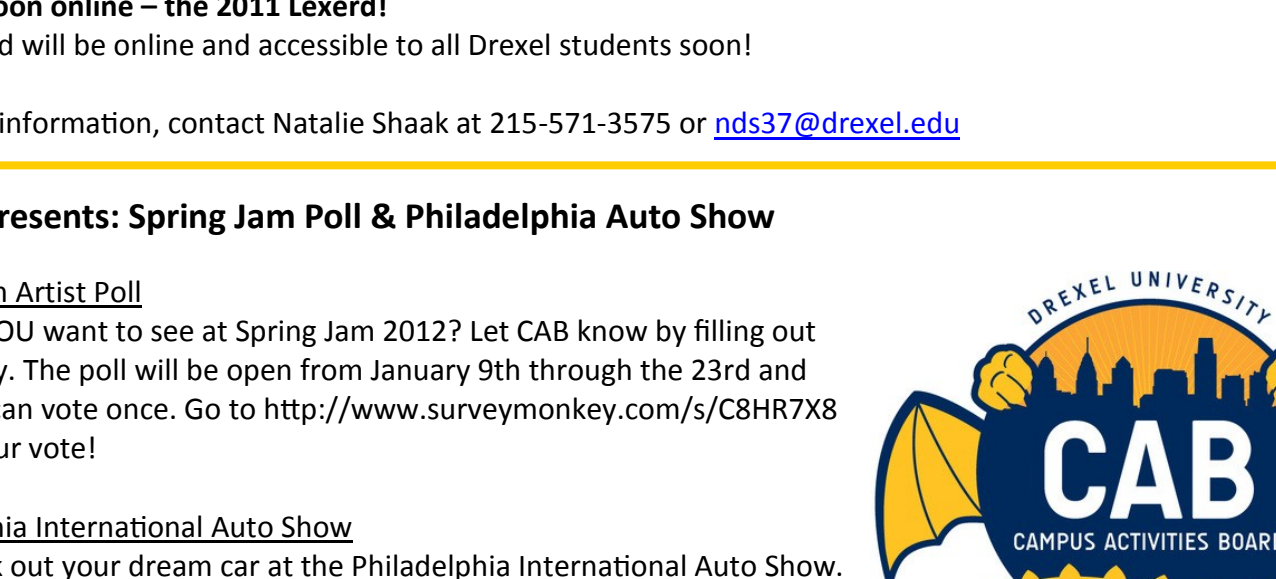
OPEN TO ALL STUDENTS AND STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

SIGN UP NOW!
 * REGISTER YOUR TEAM BY MONDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2011
 Form available on CollegiateLink
 * SPACE IS LIMITED! — FIRST 20 TEAMS WILL BE ACCEPTED!
 Student Life will host "Painting Parties" (supplies will be provided):
 Where: Upper Level of the Drexel Armory
 When: Thursday, January 12, 2012 — 1:00pm - 4:00pm
 Tuesday, January 17, 2012 — 4:00pm - 7:00pm

GREAT PRIZES!
 Including up to **\$200!**
drexel.edu/homecoming

3. RA Applications Open

Apply to be a Drexel Resident Assistant (RA) today! Application will be opened until January 13, 2012 at Noon (12PM)! To apply, please visit www.drexel.edu/studentlife



4. Lexerd Yearbook

Student Organization Pictures for Yearbook
 Come have a group shot of your organization or team taken for the 2012 Lexerd, Drexel's yearbook. Group pictures will take place during half time of the following men's and women's basketball games in the DAC:

- January 21 – Men's Basketball – Game starts at 4pm
- February 2 – Women's Basketball – Game starts at 7pm



Get as many of your members to come cheer on the Dragons, then meet at half-time for your picture. Be sure to wear organization t-shirts or Drexel gear to make your picture awesome. A copy of your picture will be sent to your organization contact for you to use on your Facebook page, website, or other marketing materials. Email nds37@drexel.edu to reserve a spot during one of these group shot sessions.

Join the Lexerd Staff

Each year, a staff of dedicated students undertake the task of remembering the year at Drexel through the publication of the Lexerd. The Lexerd is currently looking for students to work on the production of the 2012 yearbook. Any Drexel student is welcome to express interest in joining staff, and the Lexerd is looking to fill almost all staff positions, including section editors, photographers, copy editors, designers, and ad sales. All positions are volunteer and unpaid. No experience is necessary. The work required for the yearbook is done independently by each student and the staff works continuously throughout the year to collect information and complete layouts in a timely manner.

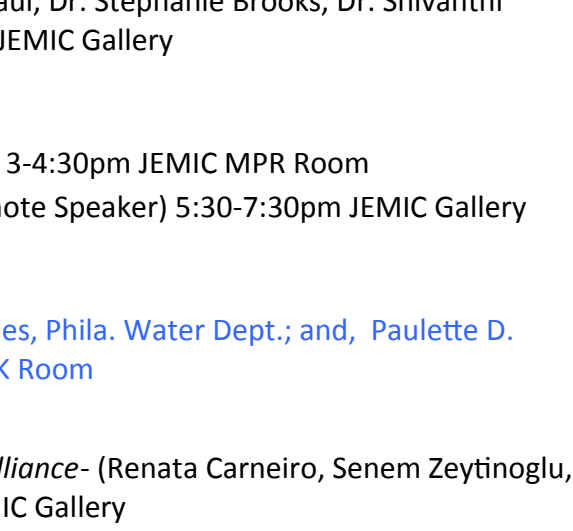
Coming soon online – the 2011 Lexerd!

The Lexerd will be online and accessible to all Drexel students soon!

For more information, contact Natalie Shaak at 215-571-3575 or nds37@drexel.edu

5. CAB Presents: Spring Jam Poll & Philadelphia Auto Show

Spring Jam Artist Poll
 Who do YOU want to see at Spring Jam 2012? Let CAB know by filling out this survey. The poll will be open from January 9th through the 23rd and students can vote once. Go to <http://www.surveymonkey.com/s/C8HR7X8> to cast your vote!



Philadelphia International Auto Show
 Come pick out your dream car at the Philadelphia International Auto Show. The show will be in Philadelphia from January 28th to February 5th. Tickets go on sale 1/16/12 for \$10 at the CAB office and can be used for the entire week of the show. SEPTA tokens are included with purchase of ticket!

6. Black History Month Committee General Interest Call

What do you want to see during Black History Month? The Office of Multicultural Programs is organizing Black History Month 2012. If you want to be apart of the Black History Month Committee or simply want to contribute ideas, please contact the Office of Multicultural Programs at: kmh373@drexel.edu



7. Social Justice Week

Come out and celebrate the Social Justice Week by attending the workshop and events hosted by the Office of Multicultural Programs from January 17 to 20. Check out the list below for more details:

- Tuesday, January 17**
- *Becoming an ally: Using your privilege to work toward social justice*- (Drexel Residence Life-Gabby Mora) 3-4:30pm at the JEMIC Gallery
 - *The Battle Continues: Combating Homelessness among Military Vets*- (Cara Colantuono, Support Homeless Veterans, Inc.) 6-7:30pm JEMIC Gallery.
 Co-sponsored by Veterans Student Services & Task Force.
 - *Bringing Social Equality: Voices of the "Subjugated"*- (Misbha E. Qureshi, Renata F. Carneiro, & Nina Mendez-- Couple and Family Therapy students) 12-1:30pm, Friends Center-MLK Room
 Co-sponsored by Center City Office of Campus Activities

- Wednesday, January 18**
- *U.S. Inequality and Social Justice* – (Dr. Douglas Porpora, Dr. David Kutzik, & Dr. Anthony Glascock--Dept. of Culture & Communication) 12-1:30pm JEMIC Gallery
 - *Dine and Discuss: Women in the Workplace*- (Dr. Rebecca Weidensaul, Dr. Stephanie Anandam, Dr. Shivanthi Narayan, Lieutenent Maura A. Gillen, Yolanda Udvardy) 5-6:30pm JEMIC Gallery

- Thursday, January 19**
- *Building the Food Justice Movement*- (David Chiles, Philabundance) 3-4:30pm JEMIC MPR Room
 - *Barbara Shaiman: Living your legacy and making a difference* (Keynote Speaker) 5:30-7:30pm JEMIC Gallery

- Friday, January 20**
- *Environmental Justice: The Equity of Sustainability*- (Laureen M. Boles, Phila. Water Dept.; and, Paulette D. Adams, Peoples Emergency Center) 12-1:30pm Friends Center, MLK Room
 Co-sponsored by Center City Office of Campus Activities
 - *Silenced Beauty: Exploration of Culture, Beauty & the therapeutic alliance*- (Renata Carneiro, Senem Zeytinoglu, & Florina Hort-- Couples & Family Therapy students) 3-4:30pm JEMIC Gallery
 - *Civic Engagement: How Students Can Make a Difference*- (Nora Meighan, Drexel Comm. Scholar for LIFT Phila.; and, Anisha Sinha, Site Coordinator for LIFT) 6-7:30pm JEMIC Gallery

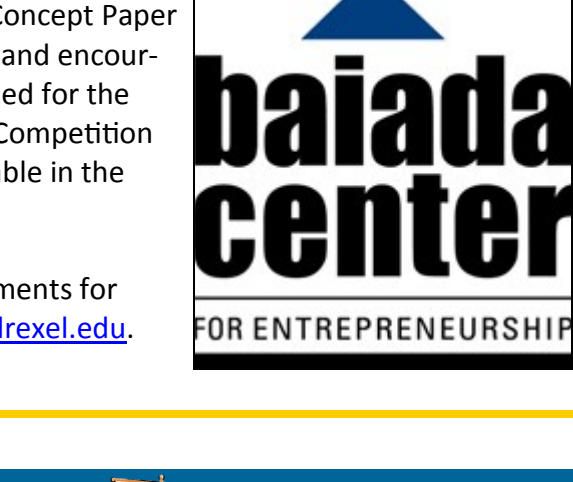
**Note: Events in blue font will be held at the Friends Center located on 15th and Cherry Streets (close to Drexel University's Center City Campus).



8. Heat Wave Weekend

Learn about the Academy of Natural Sciences' expeditions to some of the hottest habitats on Earth on January 14-16, 2012.

Conduct your own climate change experiment and meet some animals that have developed unique ways of dealing with the heat. Make a sun catcher craft to bring the sunshine home with you.



To honor the Jan. 16 Martin Luther King Day of Service, volunteers from any organization who show a valid volunteer ID will receive \$2 off general admission all weekend long.

9. The Vagina Monologues

Faculty, staff, and students please come out on Wednesday, January 11th at 12pm or 5:30pm to the Open Call/ Interest Meeting for "V-Day Drexel University; University City Campus 2012" performance of Vagina Monologues. If you would like to perform in the play, assist us. Acting, join the stage crew, or just offer an extra helping hand please contact us. Planning experience is not necessary for the performance and males are more than welcome to get involved.



The award-winning play is based on V-Day Founder/playwright Eve Ensler's interviews with more than 200 women. Not so much a play but series of monologues based on those interviews. With humor and grace the piece celebrates women's sexuality and strength. Through this play and the liberation of this one word, countless women throughout the world have taken control of their bodies and their lives. For more than twelve years, The Vagina Monologues has given voice to experiences and feelings not previously exposed in public.

The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 11th at 12pm and 5:30 in the Gallery of James E. Marks Intercultural Center. If you will have questions, please contact Kerry Hooks at kerry.m.hooks@drexel.edu.

10. Alumni Association Scholarships AVAILABLE!

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Each year, the Drexel University Alumni Association awards scholarships to current Drexel students based on demonstrated leadership and achievement under the Alumni Leadership, Alumni Legacy, and Alumnae Planning Board Scholarships criteria below.



- Alumni Leadership Scholarship**
 Recipients must currently be juniors and will be selected on the basis of leadership demonstrated through participation in university activities and involvement in community organizations and activities.
- Alumni Legacy Scholarship**
 Recipients must be children or grandchildren of Drexel alumni* who are currently sophomores, pre-juniors or juniors and will be selected on the basis of overall scholastic achievement, student activities and community involvement.
Please note that the Alumni Legacy Scholarship offered by the Alumni Association is not the same as the \$3,000 award offered in financial aid packages for children and grandchildren of Drexel alumni.
- Alumnae Planning Board Scholarship**
 Recipients must be female students who are currently juniors and will be selected on the basis of merit demonstrated through scholastic achievement and leadership within the university and community.

Applications for the 2012 Alumni Association Scholarship Program are due by 5 p.m. EST on Friday, February 15, 2012. For more information and to download an application, visit www.drexel.edu/alumni/grants.

Questions? Contact Jeff Spence at jbs23@drexel.edu or 215-895-2375.

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Professional Development

1. Baiada Center Competitions

The Laurence A. Baiada Center for Entrepreneurship is hosting its annual Concept Paper and Business Plan Competitions. All Drexel University students are invited and encouraged to submit their entries. Cash prizes totaling over \$7500 will be awarded for the winning entries. Submission deadline is February 9, 2012 for the Concept Competition and March 26, 2012 for the Business Plan Competition. Mentors are available in the Baiada Center for assistance.

Visit baiadacenter.com/competitions for complete guidelines and requirements for online submission. Questions should be directed to Terri Zobel at terriz@drexel.edu.

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Social Justice & Community Service

1. Volunteer to be a mentor/tutor with the Lindy Center

The Lindy Center for Civic Engagement is seeking Drexel students to volunteer as mentors and tutors for 6th, 7th and 8th grade students. The program based at Drexel aims to 'level the playing field' by increasing academic achievement and expanding the social horizons for middle school students living in Drexel's West Philadelphia neighborhood. Middle school students are paired with a Drexel student twice a week after school to tutor in math and literacy, assist with homework and to have fun getting to know the students!

Two Saturdays per month the middle school students and their mentors will meet on Drexel's campus for fun mentoring and social activities. Past activities include cooking lessons, use of the D.A.C., and working with various student groups! On some of the Saturdays we will go on trips with the students and their families!

This opportunity is open to all students and all majors, including graduate students. Prospective tutors/mentors should be able to commit to tutoring on Mondays and Wednesdays or Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. as well as 9:30 to 2:30 p.m. every other Saturday this Winter. Benefits include workstudy (for those who apply), a participation award up to \$750, and free transportation.

For more information about the program, and how to apply, please contact Shayla Amenra at sha26@drexel.edu or 215-571-3668.

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Fine Arts & Culture

1. Beguiled by the Wild: The Art of Charley Harper

American artist Charley Harper (1922-2007) uses distinctive geometric shapes, vivid colors and delightful graphics to depict nature in an inspiring fashion in *Beguiled by the Wild*.

Harper developed a deep love of nature as a child growing up in West Virginia. He went on to provide illustrations for numerous books and organizations, including the National Park Service and National Audubon Society.

See his work up close at the Academy's Art of Science Gallery.

Free with admission. For more information, visit www.ansp.org.

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