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Meet the Leadership Assistants!

Ever feel that you're not quite understanding the system when you're setting up an event? Ever just want some help with running a student organization? The solution has come, with OCA's new *Leadership Assistants*. These "LA's" are simply student leaders on campus who are working alongside OCA to create new initiatives to help bolster stu-

dent life, student involvement, and make the experience so much more efficient.

The LA group is made up of a tremendous variety of student leaders. Leading the pack is OCA's Ari Hauben, who is also the current associate director of OCA. Under him are 6 student leaders: Marisa McStravick, Shams Naim, Manny Romano, Ja-

son Wisdom, Kevin Wujcik, and Theresa Penaranda.

The purpose of these student leaders is to be the office's liaisons to student groups, while also helping their select sub-populations in every way possible. To get in touch with them, contact Ari at ari@drexel.edu for more information.



Creating Excellent Organizations (CEO) Starts Strong

The term CEO tends to bring with it a feeling of power, luster, and importance. On Drexel's campus, it has an added meaning: Leadership Development..

This year has started off better than most years, with Drexel hosting speakers from Johnson and Johnson,

PriceWaterHouse Cooper, Pennoni Associates and more. The program also gives Drexel staff the opportunity to present on specific topics, whether it be Steven Ruppert's *Credibility* presentation, or Mark Loschiavo's *Entrepreneurial Leadership*.

The purpose of the program is to help students develop into leaders on campus, and it does a great job of that. The program also offers certificates to those students who complete a variety of workshops. For more information, visit www.drexel.edu/OCA/leadership

SAFAC Undergoes Changes

By Shams Naim, Leadership Assistant

Time and time again, we as student organization leaders have had to deal with SAFAC and its policies. To many, the policies have been so difficult that many try to avoid them at all possible opportunities.

SAFAC's new advisor, Joseph Gonzalez, in a matter

of just months, has changed SAFAC tremendously, making it easier and more understandable, while incorporating new policies to help student organizations.

Some of these new policies include inviting representatives from student groups to sit in on the deci-

sion making process, thus allowing them to clarify any requests immediately. He has also opened up office hours as well as time for private meetings in the case that anyone needs them. The biggest change though was the design of a universal form which is used for reim-

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Special points of interest:

- OCA is a department within Student Life that oversees the recognition of over 150 student organizations
- OCA assists student organizations and leaders with successfully planning their events, leading and creating valuable activities on campus, and making a difference in the lives of Drexel University's students.

SAFAC Undergoes Changes (cont.)

bursement purposes, purchase requests.

These changes are just the beginning of many to come, as Joe also plans to start hosting workshops to aid student organizations in filling out annual allocation forms, while also hosting CEO workshops on Fiscal Responsibility in Student Organizations.

To continue the rather rapid transformation of SAFAC, Joe is also working on creating a financial management brochure to give to all student organizations. This brochure will contain ALL funding resources available to student



organizations on Drexel's campus. In addition, Joe will be working with the Leadership Assistants to create a DVD that has step-by-step instructions on how to file for reserve funding, annual allocations, Cultural Change funding, and more. The DVD will also contain the CEO workshop on Fiscal Responsibility, as well as all workshops led by Joe Gonzalez and the SAFAC board on

how to fill out the Annual Allocations forms. The best part about this is that every student organization will be given a copy of it starting next year.

For more information on SAFAC funding, becoming a SAFAC board member, or financial concerns, contact Joe Gonzalez at safac@drexel.edu.

From the Desk of Your Student Government

Greetings from your Student Government!

This year we are going to reposition



the Undergraduate Student Government (USGA) as an organization every student can turn to for help, support or advice. We are here to serve the students and the organizations they are apart of. All of Drexel's organizations are working towards the same goal: to improve the college experience for our peers. I ask that we work together to achieve this goal, to bring the best opportunities to the students of Drexel so they can make the most of their time here.

This fall the USGA hosted our Annual Council of Presidents. All presidents of student organizations were invited to come and talk with the USGA and various members of the admini-

stration about the issues their organizations face. We received a lot of great feedback from the council and are currently pursuing the concerns that were brought up.

Working with the Leadership Assistants we will follow up with a Council survey and focus groups.

Remember the USGA is here for you, the students of Drexel University.

Feel free to come to us with any concerns, questions or ideas you might have. Let's work together to make sure we can all reach our full potential.

-Jeff Gardosh, Student Body President

New Leaders on Campus: Antonio Green

Antonio Greco became a member of Phi Sigma Pi during the winter term of 2005, when he was inducted with the Omicron class of Gamma Xi Chapter. Initially, he joined as a way to network with people outside of his major and year, and being a member has allowed him to make friends not only with others in the Drexel community, but also at schools and Chapters across the region. Phi Sigma Pi has also offered the opportunity to become involved with

local and national philanthropies such as Teach For America and Cure Autism Now. Antonio wanted to become President as a way to give back to the organization that has in many ways helped to shape his collegiate career. He also hopes it will allow him to further grow as a leader. His goals are to ensure a very successful rush in the spring and



the development of new leadership within the chapter. Antonio is a Biological Sciences major and will graduate in June of 2008.

OXFAM Hunger Banquet Leaves Its Mark on Drexel's Campus

By Theresa Penaranda, Leadership Assistant

EVER WONDERED WHAT IT'S LIKE TO FEEL REAL HUNGER?

We're not talking about "being hungry." Real hunger is something over a billion people around the world confront every day.

Imagine you are one of them. Imagine you are Gloria Narua, from Mozambique. Last year, your husband died—perhaps it was AIDS. You have three children, and it's the harvest time. And you know it will be tough to make it this year, because the rains were not good and getting the crops in alone will be hard, very hard.

What choices can you make to take care of your family? Find out here.



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"At any given moment, there are 854 million people in the world suffering from hunger... every day 30,000 children under the age of 5 die of preventable causes including malnutrition"

On November 15, one week before Thanksgiving, students at Drexel joined the nation's oldest and largest anti-hunger movement, Oxfam Hunger Banquet. A unique and memorable event, the Oxfam America Hunger Banquet, allowed students to experience firsthand how our decisions affect others in the world.

Guests drew tickets at random that assigned them each to either a high-, middle-, or low-income tier and received a corresponding meal. The 15 percent in the high-income tier are served a sumptuous meal. The 35 per-

cent in the middle-income section eat a simple meal of rice and beans. The 50 percent in the low-income tier help themselves to small portions of rice and water. (High-, middle-, and low-income statistics used in the Oxfam America *Hunger Banquet* are based on the World Bank Development Indicators 2007). Guests also assumed characterizations that described the situation of a specific person at the income level to which they had been assigned. Finally, all guests were invited to share their thoughts after the meal, which was followed by a presentation by the Coalition Against Hunger.

After an Oxfam America *Hunger Banquet* students possessed a greater understanding of the problems of hunger and poverty and will hopefully be motivated to do something about them.

Leadership Assistants, Traditions Council to Launch T-shirt Initiative

In an attempt to make the Greenawald Student Center (basement of Creese) more lively, the Leadership Assistants, OCA, and the Traditions Council have begun an initiative that will bring back history and showcase it to students today.

The groups are starting a term long initiative to collect shirts from the past, and put them to-

The University as a whole is really excited to see the growth and continuation of this project. If you want to get involved with the creation, or simply want to donate shirts of the past from your organizations, get in touch with the Leadership Assistants, primarily Kevin Wujcik and Shams Naim at khw25@drexel.edu and ssn25@drexel.edu



The memories of men are too frail a thread to hang history from. ~John Still

respectively, or contact Ari Hauben, with the Office of Campus Activities, at ari@drexel.edu.

Senior VP Supports "Late Night and Weekend Programming" Fund

Ever think about hosting an event at night or on the weekends? Have you had trouble finding money in your budget for such an event? Worry no more, as Senior Vice President Jim Tucker and Dean of Students Dr. David Ruth have supported a solution with the help of OCA!

Student organizations now have the ability to host late night and weekend

programming with help from new funding available for student groups. Groups can now **apply for up to \$1500 per event** that is to be held late night (9pm—2am) during the week, and anytime on a weekend. The event must be open to all students.

This fund was created in an attempt to increase student activity and involvement on campus on weekends and dur-

ing the late night hours as an alternative to other activities. Some student organizations have already taken advantage of the funding, and many more are to come this coming winter.

Applications for the use of the money can be found in OCA, or online at www.Drexel.edu/OCA. Directions regarding the use of it as well are available online.

Club Tennis Earns National Ranking and Invitational to Nationals

In its first year, no one would have thought that the Club Tennis team would make the mark it has made thus far. In just one season of existence, the team has raised the bar, and has earned a National Ranking of 75th in the USTA Tennis On Campus League, the official league for Club Tennis programs across the nation.

With the ranking, the team found itself among a very distinguished group of schools, many of which have been

around for more than 5 years. The team also finds themselves higher in the rankings than fellow Philadelphia teams, UPenn, Temple, LaSalle and St. Joe's University. .

With their stellar success thus far, the team looks to travel to Cary, North Carolina for the National Tournament in April.

For information on the team, contact Lenny Maher at DUclubTennis@gmail.com.



Drexel Islamic Society Returns With New Leadership



After a period of four years of inactivity, the Drexel Islamic Society returned this year under new leadership.

The revival was spearheaded by Sophomores Ishtiaque Ahmed and Shams Naim, as they worked together to first unite the community and then work to help elect a new group of leaders for the group.

The group looks to first set up consistent prayers on Friday afternoons in the Basement of Creese (conference room D), followed by a compilation of Quranic studies, guest speakers, and

other activities to help educate and also unite members of the Islamic faith. And other faiths as well. The group also is looking to creating strong ties with members of other religious organizations and work to potentially create some cosponsored events and activities in the near future.

For more information on the Drexel Islamic Society, or to join the group, contact them at DrexelISoc@gmail.com and join their facebook group, *Drexel Islamic Society*.

Fraternity and Sorority Life Host 'Night Out on The Row'

A keystone event during New Student Days is Fraternity and Sorority Life's Night on the Row event. This year, the event was under new leadership and excelled far beyond what has happened in the past.

Under the leadership of Doug Farber, Dineen Williams and Fraternity and Sorority Life, the event brought together more than five hundred students, mostly freshman, to Greek Row for a Philly Style night out. Each fraternity or sorority hosted a different Philadelphia food, ranging from Cheese steaks at Tau Kappa Epsilon (TKE) to

TastyKakes by Alpha Pi Lambda fraternity and Delta Zeta sorority. Also present at the event were Soft Pretzels by Phi Sigma Sigma, Philly Water Ice by the Delta Phi Epsilon sorority, and Crab Fries by Phi Mu and Phi Kappa Psi fraternity.

The event even held more of a significance to Fraternity and Sorority life than most would know. All of the fra-



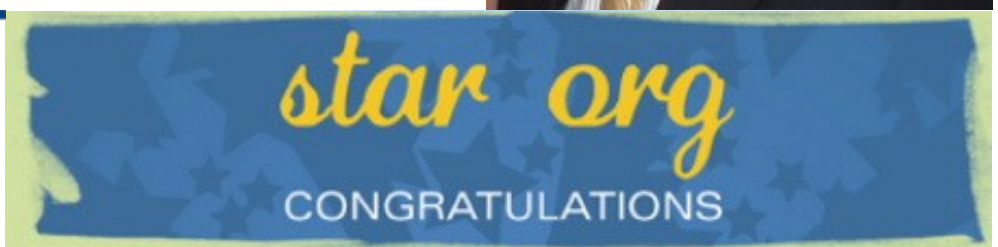
ternities and sororities from IFC, MGC and PHC were present. Those chapters that didn't have a house were simply connected to a sorority or fraternity with a house, thus allowing everyone to be equally involved and benefitting from the event.

This event is a true show of the potential that fraternities and sororities have when they collaborate to help better all around them. The event was followed by a Fairmount cleanup project and BBQ.

—SEPTEMBER Winners



Congratulations to Tau Kappa Epsilon Fraternity's Doug Farber on being selected as the Star Leader of the Month for September 2007. Doug was recognized as the driving force behind this year's incredibly successful Night Out on the Row event during New Student Days. Doug's energy and enthusiasm for this event was unmatched, and the Night out on the Row event hosted over 500 students!



Congratulations to Fraternity and Sorority Life for being selected as the Star Organization of the Month for September 2007. The fraternity & sorority chapters joined together to plan this year's incredibly successful "Night Out on the Row" event during New Student Days, with over 500 students attending! The student leaders worked very hard to plan and execute an event that was appealing and yet still provided a safe and welcoming environment for our new students.



Star Professional of the Month: Nicole Schanbacher

Congratulations to Nicole Schanbacher, Coach of the Drexel Equestrian team for being selected as the Star Professional for September 2007!

At her first horseshow as the new coach, she helped lead the Drexel University Equestrian Team to a 2nd place finish, defeating regional champion University of Delaware.

As a team leader, she quickly became a coach, role model, and

friend, and her enthusiasm for coaching keeps practices fun and exciting.

In addition, she helped the team members develop a greater focus and love for competition, and the team looks forward to a successful show season under her expertise and experience with riding and teaching.



—OCTOBER Winners

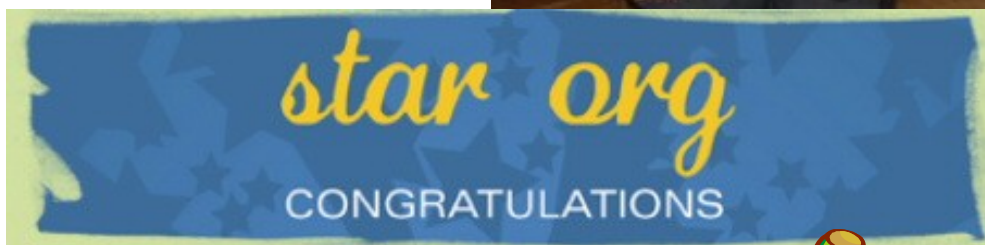


Congratulations to Drexel Democrats President, Sean Miller, on being awarded the Star Leader of the Month for October 2007. He led the Drexel Democrats to an absolutely amazing month in so many ways. The organization registered over 85 students to vote, had a large influence in the creation of the Drexel Votes 2008 program and website, and helped to recruit about 100 volunteers and oversee 200 volunteers for the Democratic Debate at Drexel.

Simply put, Drexel University would not have been able to host a successful campus-wide event of this magnitude without the incredible work, time and effort of Sean Miller and the rest of the Drexel Democrats.



ΣΦΕ



Congratulations to Sigma Phi Epsilon Fraternity for being selected as the Star Organization of the Month for October 2007. The fraternity hosted the 1st ever Pumpkin Carve-Off held on October 25th at 10pm, and it was another example of how a fraternity or sorority can plan and host a very successful, non-alcoholic and well attended event for the entire Greek Community. Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity opened their house to the entire Greek Community, University Staff were brought in to be judges, and award plaques were purchased and handed out to the winners.



Star Professional of the Month: Dan Levin!

Congratulations to Dan Levin, of Technical Operations in Event Services, for his tremendous efforts and demonstration of leadership this past month.

Dan is known to many as being one of the most valuable staff members at Drexel University, who works behind the scenes to make sure that student organization and University events run smoothly.

Student Organizations that need audio, visual, and other techni-

cal requirements, are continually served through Dan's office with respect and attention to detail and Dan makes sure that strong communication exists with all student leaders involved.

This past October, Dan Levin helped with a wide variety of projects for the Democratic Debate at Drexel, including setting up a huge screen in the Korman Quad for students to view the Debate.



—NOVEMBER Winners



Congratulations to Freddy Padilla for being selected as the Star Leader of the Month for November 2007. As Secretary of the IFC, he led the effort to rewrite the Interfraternity Council's Constitution & Bylaws. As President of Phi Kappa Psi, he led the Fall Term recruitment, doubling their membership, and also volunteered with his fraternity brothers at the Family Weekend Carnival Event. As External VP of the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers (SHPE), he coordinated events for Latino Heritage Month. On top of all of that, he developed, organized and presented his own CEO leadership development workshop.



Drexel University's American Medical Student Association, Asbury Protestant Ministry, Office of Alcohol, Other Drug, and Health Education, and VIEW Present...

WORLD AIDS AWARENESS WEEK: November 26th-November 30th

Come Learn About HIV/AIDS Throughout the Week!

Monday: Human Chain in the Quad

Tuesday: Goody Bag Making Session for Children Affected by HIV/AIDS at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia

MacAllister 2019/2020 at 9pm- refreshments will be served!

Wednesday: Hors D'oeuvres Reception and Guest Speaker event- "HIV/AIDS: Personal, Medical, and Global Experiences"

Bossone Auditorium at 8pm- RSVP:

opalthakar@yahoo.com

Thursday: HIV/AIDS Activity and Information Stations and Viewing of "A Closer Walk": 4-7pm

Candlelight Vigil- MacAlister Patio at 5:30pm

Friday: HIV/AIDS Activity and Information Stations in Mandell Lobby

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Congratulations to AMSA (American Medical Students Association), Asbury Protestant Ministries, and VIEW (Violence Information and Education for Women) for being selected as the Star Organizations of the Month for November 2007.

Each of these student organizations collaborated, organized and planned a very successful World AIDS Awareness Week during November 26-30.

The week's programs included a variety of educational speakers, a vigil, a screening of "A Closer Walk", civic oriented activities, and interactive events that promoted HIV/AIDS Awareness.



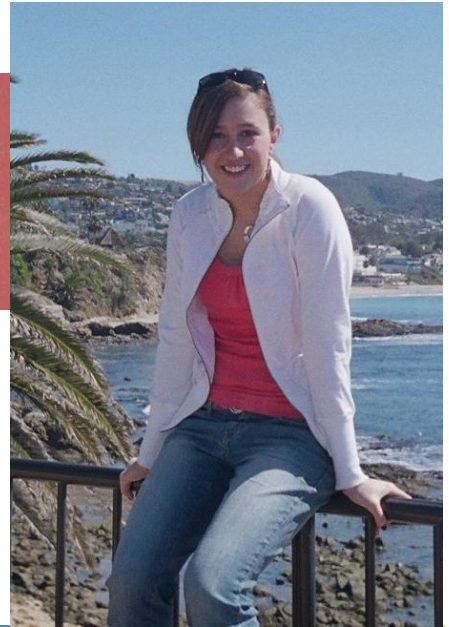
Star Professional of the Month: Doug Linneman

Since Doug began here at Drexel in the Summer Term 2007, he has been an advocate and educator. Doug works tirelessly to improve catering options and pricing for student organizations and departments, and is always willing to give a helping hand.

In addition, Doug has been the featured "Star" at several Drexel events including a cooking demonstration for 30 minute meals, and a workshop on *Delicious and Nutritious Eating* for commuters.



DECEMBER Winners



Congratulations to Jackie Lowthere, President of the Student Bar Association for being selected as Star Leader of the Month for December 2007. As President of the Student Bar Association, she was the liaison between the administration and the Drexel Law student body during the delay of grades. In addition, she proved to be an exemplary leader, particularly in spearheading the planning of the annual spring formal, Barristers Ball. She also created a publicity system for class representatives to market Law school and Drexel University events to the student body.



Congratulations to the Drexel Treble Makers on their work during the first Annual Philacapella concert in December, raising over \$700 for Philabundance. Their efforts as an organization proved that effective collaboration with other organizations can result in creative programming for the entire Drexel University student body, as well as serving your community and those who are less fortunate.



Star Professionals of the Month: Kelly McCardell and JuHwon Lee

Congratulations to Kelly McCardell and JuHwon Lee, Director of Risk Management and Associate General Counsel of Drexel University respectively, for being selected as the Star Professionals of the Month for December 2007.



In December, they both played a pivotal role in the revision and development of the Fraternity and Sorority Life 'Social Events with Alco-

hol' Policy.

In addition, they worked with representatives from each fraternity and sorority to provide clear understanding and education surrounding the new

policy.

In addition, both of them are consistently in contact and working with the Office of Campus Activities to reduce risk and on contracts asso-

ciated with student organizational events.

