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## Welcome to Drexel!

### Dear Drexel Family Member,

On behalf of our faculty, professional staff and administration, it is my pleasure to welcome you as our newest member of the Drexel Family!

Drexel is an outstanding institution staffed with a superb faculty, world-class researchers, caring professional staff and service personnel, and others dedicated to offering a quality education responsive to real-world needs. Our University is a richly diverse community where our students will meet people from all over the United States and the world. Please join me in encouraging your student to take advantage of the resources available to them at the University.

My Student Life colleagues and I have prepared this guide in an effort to share the information you need to know to become familiar with the University and campus life so that your student will be able to get off to a great start.

I look forward to meeting you personally and answering any questions you may have. I also look forward to the opportunity to work with your student throughout his / her experience here at Drexel.

Should you have any questions, please contact the Office of the Dean of Students at (215) 895-2501. Additional information is also available at: [www.drexel.edu/studentlife](http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife).

I wish you and your student success and personal fulfillment in your future at Drexel University.

Sincerely,

**David A. Ruth, Ph.D.**  
Dean of Students ■

# Letter from the President of the Drexel Family Association

Dear Drexel Family Members,

Welcome to Drexel University, home of the Drexel Dragons! We are excited to welcome you into the Drexel Family Association (DFA). As your student adjusts to university life, we know that as a parent or guardian you will experience many new challenges, events, and milestones with your student. We are here to assist you at every twist and turn. We offer our support and expertise, and look forward to being of service to you.

**Below are some of the benefits included with your free membership to the DFA:**

A direct connection to the university when you have a question or need assistance;

Regular newsletters for parents and families of Drexel Students, directly e-mailed to you starting in September;

Opportunities to work with Admissions, Orientation, and Family Weekend;

Participation in the Drexel University Family Association discussion e-mail listserv and bulletin boards;

Opportunity to join the Family Association Advisory Council and help shape the organization;

Build community among current and prospective students and parents, faculty, staff and friends of the University;

Satisfaction!...from knowing that you are actively supporting programs and services that directly benefit Drexel students.



At Drexel, we recognize that family involvement plays a key role in the success of our students and we again welcome you into the Drexel Family Association. Whatever your involvement over the course of your student's college career, you are important to his or her growth and success and to ours as well.

Please allow me to be a resource for you by contacting me directly at [dfa.pres@drexel.edu](mailto:dfa.pres@drexel.edu) or the Family Association information line at (215) 895-0297. I look forward to seeing you in the future.

**Best wishes for you and your student's success,**

**Robert Nanfro**  
President - Drexel Family Association ■

## FAMILY WEEKEND: November 4-6, 2011

Each year in the fall Drexel University holds Family Weekend. This is a time for the whole family to reconnect with their student and take advantage of what Philadelphia has to offer. It is a weekend of activities the whole family can enjoy. Don't miss out on the Family Carnival, Philadelphia Tours, family receptions, and much more. A special postcard will be sent to your home with a reminder and registration information.

You can also go to our website at [www.drexel.edu/studentlife](http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife).

The link for Family Weekend will be available there. ■

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# Welcome to the Drexel Family

Dear Drexel Parents,

**Welcome to the Drexel family. We look forward to meeting and working with you and your Drexel student!**

Sending your student off to college for the first time is never an easy thing to do. In the next four or five years, your student will grow and change in large part based on personal interactions and the environment in which he or she is living. We recognize that the culture at Drexel will have a big impact on his or her growth.

We take every part of the Drexel experience very seriously. We have implemented a comprehensive health promotion and prevention program addressing alcohol, drug abuse, and violence to help our students make the safest and healthiest decisions.

Our programs use many innovative and empirically proven approaches to address abuse of alcohol and other drugs. One such approach is the use of e-CHUG, an online self assessment. This tool is available to all members of the Drexel community including parents, faculty, staff, administration, and students. E-CHUG is an assessment that may be used and accessed at any time. Students may use this on their own; however the University takes an active role in promoting its use through educational programs. It is also used as an educational sanction a student receives when in violation of the University's alcohol policy. After completion of the assessment, students will review the results with a member of our Office of Alcohol, Other Drug, and Health Education staff. The staff will



provide feedback and recommendations for follow-up in an effort to help students better understand the impact of alcohol on their lives as college students.

This tool was recently recognized by the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA) as “a true evidence-based approach that is showing significant promise,” in part based on the most recent studies which have shown “significant reductions in destructive alcohol use among college students completing the e-CHUG online intervention.”

Fifteen or twenty years ago, senior college administrators did not write letters like this one. Excessive drinking is a topic that requires direct and candid discussion. The abuse of alcohol by college students is neither new nor unique to Drexel. It is a serious problem in American higher education, and we cannot ignore it. We know that young people can make bad decisions and engage in dangerous behaviors when they drink. Both common sense and current research indicate that students who abuse alcohol are more likely to miss classes, fall behind in their school work, injure themselves

or someone else, damage property, or get into trouble with the police. Drunken students not only create problems for themselves but also for others around them. Research conducted by the Harvard School of Public Health has documented the extent to which drunken students disrupt the lives of other students. The data reveals that far too many college students have had their sleep or study interrupted or have been abused in some way by students who have had too much to drink. These are serious problems that we cannot ignore if we want our campus to be a healthy and safe community.

Although we are committed to making a difference with our students, we also understand that parents are the first line of defense against alcohol misuse and abuse. We will also discuss these issues in the “Parent” session during Orientation. In addition, you are also invited to visit the Office of Alcohol, Other Drug, and Health Education's website at [www.drexel.edu/studentlife/ch/AODHE\\_Main.html](http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/ch/AODHE_Main.html) and review the assessment and resources available to students, parents and the members of the Drexel community.

Among the principles guiding our efforts is our belief that you are partners in the educational process. We know that you care about your student's experience in and out of the classroom. Thus, one important component of our policies is parental notification. Please note that it is our practice to notify the parents/guardians of students under the age of 21 who are found responsible for violating Drexel's alcohol or drug policy. In addition, while disciplinary suspension is an option for any single serious alcohol/drug violation, students who are found responsible for two or more serious alcohol violations, i.e., creating a risk to self or others, physical violence, significant property destruction or other substantial infractions will be suspended for a minimum of one term. Although the need to impose the latter sanction is infrequent, we feel that you should be aware of our approach. We hope you will discuss alcohol and drug issues and abuse with your student before arriving on campus. Please help them understand that the new freedoms they will enjoy at college bring new responsibilities. We are confident that participating in one or more of our education and / or abuse prevention programs will contribute to his or her success at Drexel and in the future.

**We look forward to greeting you soon and, once again, welcome to the Drexel family!**

Sincerely,

**David A. Ruth, Ph.D.**  
Dean of Students

**Stephen Rupprecht**  
Assistant Dean  
Student Conduct & Community Standards

**John Watson**  
Director  
Alcohol, Other Drug, &  
Health Education ■

# Campus Dining

For more information about Campus Dining,

visit [www.drexel.edu/dining](http://www.drexel.edu/dining) or call (215) 895-6187.

## Handschumacher Dining Center

The Handschumacher Dining Center is located in the Creese Student Center on Chestnut Street between 32nd and 33rd Streets. The Handschumacher Dining Center offers an all you care to eat dining experience and a variety of themed food stations.

## Creese Café

Creese Café is on the first floor of the Creese Student Center, located on Chestnut Street between 32nd and 33rd Streets. The Café offers a selection of paninis, grab and go sandwiches, salads, wraps, and sushi, casual bakery items, and delicious fruit smoothies.

## Starbucks

Starbucks is located in the lobby of the Pearlstein Business Learning Center at 33rd and Market Streets. Enjoy all your favorites at Starbucks!

## Northside Dining Terrace

Northside Dining Terrace is located at 34th and Race Streets. It features Chick-fil-A, Currito, Subway, Sushi and convenience items all in one location.

## Taco Bell

Taco Bell is located in Bookmark Café area of the Hagerty Library.

## ThirtyOne41

ThirtyOne41, located in the Main Building, serves espresso drinks, bakery items and gourmet sandwiches. ■



# University Housing

To help you better understand the Maintenance Request system, here is some insight into how the process works:

- Typical amount of time is approximately 3 days
- Once a work order is submitted make sure that your personal belongings are moved away from the site in question. The workers will not touch or move your items.
- A work order is divided into two categories once received, engineering or maintenance. Engineering work orders pertain to HVAC concerns and hot water issues. Maintenance work orders apply to all other requests.
- If the requested work has not been completed within three days of your submission, feel free to contact us at [housing@drexel.edu](mailto:housing@drexel.edu) and someone will contact you within 24 to 48 hours. ■

## Mail Services

Key Features:

- Each resident is assigned a mailbox.
- Mail is sorted five days a week during the term.
- Each hall has designated times for package or registered mail pickup.
- All students leaving campus are expected to contact their creditors, family and friends to supply a new address.
- Mail is not forwarded off-campus. USPS forwarding service will NOT work.

## Front Desk services

- Check in guests
- Sign out equipment for the building
- Receive packages during designated times
- General questions/ information
- Maintenance orders are submitted online. Visit [www.drexel.edu/housing](http://www.drexel.edu/housing) to submit a work order.



# Residential Living Office

## Getting to Know Our Staff

### What is an RA?

Resident Assistants (RAs) are students who serve as mentors to our residents, building relationships with them as they adjust to college. RAs also maintain community standards within a community, helping to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all residents.

RAs are a vital connection for each student. Residents should view their RA as a built-in resource within their community. RAs are trained to serve as mentors and handle crises for students and are equipped with resources and knowledge on where to turn when questions are not easily answered. Parents and families should refer their students to work directly with their RA regarding any concerns they might have.

### What is an RDC?

Residential Desk Coordinators (RDCs) manage front desks at every residence hall and are available as resources to students. Each residential community has two RDCs who work from 7am-11pm each weekday to provide security and operational support for each building, while assisting in package services and other community needs.

RDCs are an important connection to the building-wide community. RDCs handle many situations relating to the overall operation of our residential communities. They can assist with package and mail, facilities and move-in/move-out concerns. RDCs work in partnership with the RD of their community to handle situations. Parents and families should contact RDCs for quick information and procedural matters.

### What is an RD?

Resident Directors (RDs) are professional staff members who live in the residence halls and are responsible for maintaining a positive academic and social environment. RDs supervise the RAs and RDCs in each residential community, to provide guidance and support to the staff team in order to foster student learning and growth.

RDs are key connections between individual residential communities and the larger campus population. RDs guide RAs and RDC to assist residents in becoming informed citizens within their own community. RDs can assist parents and families with on-going problems or difficult situations that require specialized care with residents. RDs are the preferred contact for parents and families, rather than RAs, due to the sensitive nature of student concerns and the professional training that RDs have received. In addition, select RDs also hold Assistant Director responsibilities for the Residential Living Office, in which they oversee major departmental initiatives for the residential population.

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## The Living Experiences We Offer

### The First-Year Experience

Within each residence hall with first-year students, staff members work to create a comprehensive, diverse first-year experience in which every student has a place to belong, to explore, and to call home. Through weekly events with residents and building-wide gatherings such as Thanksgiving dinners, open mic events, athletic competitions, and movie series, First-Year Experience RAs work to connect residents to each other and to the Drexel community in order to help residents successfully transition into college.

### College Learning Communities (CLCs)

Within CLCs, students with common academic majors live together and have the opportunity to connect and extend their learning beyond the realms of the classroom. CLC RAs strive to integrate academic and social learning to enhance the intellectual and personal growth of their residents. The Residential Living Office (RLO) partners with the following colleges for the CLCs on campus: Westphal College of Media Arts and Design (CoMAD), College of Engineering, College of Nursing and Health Professions, the iSchool, LeBow College of Business, and Pennoni Honors College.

### The Sophomore Year Experience

The second year of college can sometimes come without definition for some students. The excitement surrounding the first year has worn off, and students are gearing up for their co-op and internship experiences while talk of graduation and “the real world” is not far off. The Sophomore

Year Experience (SYE) builds on the strength of the First Year Experience by providing residents a variety of experiences to foster self exploration. All residential sophomores and transfer students have access to a series of programs and resources designed to help them achieve a smooth transition through their second year, while catering to the unique needs demanded of the sophomore year at Drexel. SYE activities include: Sophomores in the City dinners (exploring restaurants in Philadelphia), Sophomore Corps (exploring Philadelphia through community service), Sophomore Discussion Series (this year special guests included President Fry and Chief of Police Ed Spangler among others) and the Sophomore Year Mentoring program where sophomore students have the opportunity to mentor first-years as they begin their journey at Drexel.

### The Upper Class Experience

Upper Class residents have the opportunity to live with residents who share their interests through For Students By Students (FSBS – Fiz Biz). Residents can create groups based on everything from cooking to music to sports and will gain a range of leadership skills as they work with their RA to manage an annual FSBS budget, or smaller one time FSBS grant, and learn how to see their ideas become reality. Upper class residents have a range of options to choose from as RAs will strive to connect residents to the surrounding community by visiting exciting local destinations like the Eastern State Penitentiary, continuing traditions like the Dinner in the City Series, and providing a range of academic resources designed specifically for upper class residents transitioning through Drexel and preparing for life after graduation. RAs in our upper class halls work to cultivate a residential community where all residents feel like global citizens and proud members of the Drexel family. ►

## Tips to Remember as Your Student Lives in Our Communities

### Help make our residential communities feel like home

- ▶ Help your student discover what they need to help their new room feel like home – bring touches of home along with new belongings.
- ▶ Bring pictures and other mementos to help them remember important friends and family members.
- ▶ Empower your student to create their own design of their living space – help them create their new sense of home.

### Academic scheduling is different in college

- ▶ Ask questions about your student's schedule so you are aware of their commitments before trying to contact them when they might be sleeping, eating, or actually in class.
- ▶ React with curiosity when discussing new courses and professors.
- ▶ Understand that study habits, homework amounts, test options, and all that you knew about high school academics may change.
- ▶ Encourage your student to seek out professors, academic advisors, tutors, reference librarians, and other supportive academic consultants.

### Making friends and getting involved is a vital part of the college experience

- ▶ Encourage involvement as a healthy form of balance – everyone needs an outlet.
- ▶ Social groups may evolve quickly as students move from orientation into a residential community and student organizations – support trying new things and meeting new types of people.

- ▶ Finding friends to study with may actually improve a student's academic performance, especially if they live in a college learning community or with a roommate/hallmate of a similar major.

### Roommate conflicts and academic problems are natural bumps in the road to a degree

- ▶ Focus on the problem as your student presents it – not as you think you see it; reflect what you are hearing back to your student to see if they are accurately stating their concerns versus emotions.
- ▶ Try your best to not immediately try to fix roommate conflicts – learning to solve problems is a vital social and professional skill that students do not necessarily learn in the classroom.
- ▶ Failing a paper or test, experiencing the realities of dysfunctional group projects, and other academic situations are not career-ending – focus on finding resources to re-charge, review, and repair the problem at hand.

### Transitioning back home is hard for the student and you

- ▶ Understand that your student may be accustomed to different sleeping and eating hours than you had previously adopted in your home – help ease them back into your expectations.
- ▶ If you have expectations regarding household chores or laundry while your student is home, state them up front.
- ▶ Find ways to make the student's true home – yours – seem special: their favorite meals, traditions, and family time.

## Ways to Contact Your Student



**Email** – Sending electronic greetings and messages can serve the same goal as traditional mail, but with an instant reaction; Consider sending links to hometown news and sports as a way of keeping connected.

**Text/IM** – Learn to speak in the student code – It's the fastest and most reliable way of reaching your mobile student

**Cell Phone** – Find an inexpensive plan and create a set time to call each other – you'll both have something to look forward to.

**Traditional Mail** – It's rare to get a card, letter, or package these days – try to send one, especially when it's least expected. Each resident is assigned a mailbox. Standard mail, packages, and registered mail is all sorted by Residential Desk Coordinators at each residence hall. There are standard times for pickup of packages and registered mail Monday thru Friday – times are designated by each hall's staff. All students leaving campus are expected to contact their creditors, family and friends and supply a current address. Mail is not forwarded off-campus. USPS forwarding service will NOT work.

Below is each residence hall address. Please address mail and packages like the examples below to avoid any delay in receiving mail. **DO NOT include the words "Drexel University" or the hall name in the address as this will DELAY arrival.** Mail sent through the United States Postal Service (USPS) will be delivered directly to the residence halls. Packages not shipped USPS will be delivered to Drexel Central Receiving first and then to the Residence Halls. Be prepared for some delays in arrival time if not using USPS.

### Helpful Contact Numbers & Addresses

Calhoun Hall  
(215) 571-3080  
Student Name  
3301 Arch Street  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Millennium Hall  
(215) 895-6155  
Student Name  
223 North 34th Street  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Race Street Residence Hall  
(215) 571-3103  
Student Name  
3300 Race Street  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Caneris Hall  
(215) 571-3179  
Student Name  
115 North 32nd Street  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Myers Hall  
(215) 571-3046  
Student Name  
3301 Race Street  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Towers Hall  
(215) 571-3028  
Student Name  
101 North 34th Street  
Room Number  
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Kelly Hall  
(215) 571-3015  
Student Name  
203 North 34th Street  
Room Number  
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North Hall  
(215) 571-3087  
Student Name  
3200 Race Street  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

Van Rennselaer Hall  
(215) 571-3068  
Student Name  
3320 Powelton Avenue  
Room Number  
Philadelphia, PA 19104 ■

# Top 10

things to know about the

## DragonCard Office

1. To obtain a DragonCard you must present a valid photo driver's license, passport or state-issued photo ID to the DragonCard representative.
2. There is a \$20 replacement fee for lost or damaged DragonCards. If lost or stolen, immediately report it to the DragonCard Office by calling 215.895.6095. The card will be deactivated to prevent unauthorized use. Any funds currently on the card will be transferred to the new DragonCard.
3. Resident Freshmen who had their ID picture taken at Orientation will receive their DragonCard when they move into their residence hall.
4. Commuters who had their ID picture taken at Orientation will receive their DragonCards at New Student Day (NSD) Commuter Connection Day at registration, otherwise may pick up their DragonCard from the DragonCard Office following NSD.
5. The DragonCard Office will issue DragonCards to students who are registered and did not previously have their photo taken. These students must be registered for the term prior to coming to the office.
6. Dragon Dollars provide students, faculty, and staff with a convenient and safe way to make purchases using a declining balance of stored funds. There are no fees, minimum balance, or minimum payment requirements for



students to participate in the Dragon Dollars program. Funds can be added by calling the DragonCard Office with a credit card number, mailing in a check, adding cash at the load station or visiting in person. Dragon Dollars rollover from term to term until graduation, any balance at that time can be donated back to Drexel University or will be refunded. For a complete list of Dragon Dollars merchants, visit the merchants page.

7. Students, staff, or faculty who forgot their DragonCard, can receive a temporary ID from any of the three DragonCard Offices. Temporary IDs are valid for one week and can only be issued once per academic term.
8. Punching a hole in the DragonCard will (either immediately or over time) destroy the proximity chip inside the card rendering it useless? There is a \$20 fee to replace it.
9. Students need to have your DragonCard validated each calendar year. To receive a validation sticker, students must be registered for the current term. Faculty and staff do not need to obtain yearly validation stickers.
10. Students can obtain a DragonCard or add Dragon Dollars at any of the three DragonCard office locations.

DragonCard Office \*(215) 895-6095, email [dragoncard@drexel.edu](mailto:dragoncard@drexel.edu) or visit [www.drexel.edu/dragoncard](http://www.drexel.edu/dragoncard) ■

# Drexel University Student Resource Center

Your One-Stop Resource to Academics, Financial Planning, and Student Services

## Your student has made it to Drexel and she/he is living on her/his own.

But life is full of surprises and your student needs to be prepared. If you want tips and instructions on what to do, what not to do, and where to find essential information. Visit us anytime online at: [www.drexel.edu/src](http://www.drexel.edu/src).

Get information about... Academic calendars; academic regulations; billing; certifications; course descriptions; FAQs; financial aid; final exam schedules; forms; grades; graduation information; refund policy; refunds and e-refunds; registration information; schedule of classes; scholarships; student life; Study Abroad Program; transcripts; university catalog; university policies and much, much more.

Ask a question electronically at: <https://ask.drexel.edu>

Or stop by and see us at one of our three locations:

University City Main Campus  
Main Building 222

Center City Hahnemann Campus  
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# Study Here, Work the World

The Steinbright Career Development Center offers fellowships and funding for students who co-op abroad. Students will receive job search assistance, housing information and help with obtaining visas and work permits. Please find below the current international program offerings:



## Plotkin-Katz International Co-op Fund

Two alumni have made available funds for an international co-op experience.

## The Toshihisa "Tosh" Nomura Fund (Japan)

This fund can be used to offset the expenses of participating in a co-op in Japan.

## Vidalakis Cretan Scholars Program

Each qualifying student will receive a stipend of \$6000.

## Co-op in China, India, Ireland, Israel and Italy

Students interested in completing their co-ops in these countries are eligible for a stipend.

For more information, contact Susan Braun at (215) 895-2185 or visit [www.drexel.edu/scdc](http://www.drexel.edu/scdc).

# Public Safety at Drexel University



The Drexel University Department of Public Safety is a comprehensive public safety organization that takes a holistic approach to providing "best in class" safety, security and law enforcement services. The Department provides numerous safety and security services and administers many community oriented programs. The men and women of the department are committed to enhancing the quality of life for the campus and adjacent community that lies within our patrol boundaries (30th to 36th Streets - Chestnut to Spring Garden

Streets). The department accomplishes its mission, "enrich the quality of life of our community by providing a safe and secure environment based upon effective relationships and excellence in service" by integrating the best practices of modern public and private security, law enforcement, fire safety enforcement and education and advanced technology.

The Department of Public Safety is made up of six operating units that report to the Senior Associate Vice President for Public Safety. They are: the

Drexel University Police Department, Security, Operations, Fire & Life Safety, Training & Accreditation and Finance & Administration. The department also works collaboratively with a host of law enforcement and security partners that includes but is not limited to: the Philadelphia Police Department, SEPTA and Amtrak Police Departments, the Philadelphia Fire Department, the University City District, AlliedBarton Security, ADT Security, and other private and public institutions and agencies.

The most recent public safety development at Drexel University is the creation of the Drexel University Police Department (DUPD). Under the leadership of the Director of Police Operations, the department provides a dedicated, uniformed law enforcement presence that responds to the public safety needs of the Drexel community. The Department is comprised of highly trained PA State certified police professionals who are armed and commissioned with full law enforcement and investigative powers. Officers have the authority to make arrests for all criminal violations and are authorized to enforce all city and state motor vehicle statutes. Drexel police officers are recognized by the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, Municipal Police Officer's Education and Training Commission (MPOETC). To accomplish its mission the DUPD continuously interacts with a host of public and private law enforcement and security entities.

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The Fire & Life Safety Unit is critical to the success of our mission. Under the leadership of the Director of Fire & Life Safety, the unit provides emergency response, conducts safety education and awareness training, performs safety inspections, tests fire system reliability, conducts evacuation and shelter-in-place drills, oversees special event life safety and is the University authority and liaison with regulatory agencies.

This unit also has the important responsibility for the development, review and oversight of the Drexel Emergency Preparedness Program (DEPP). This program combines planning, education, and practical exercises that are designed to improve institutional action and individual reaction in the event of an emergency. The Drexel University Emergency Preparedness Plan focuses on maximizing the University's readiness to handle emergencies through ongoing evaluation and risk mitigation, emergency notifications, action strategies, and communications before, during, and after emergencies.

Led by the Director of Operations, the Operations Unit is the central communications, monitoring and technology hub of the Department. All requests for service are processed through our 24/7 communications/dispatch center. In addition to receiving, processing and responding to calls for service, the highly trained personnel who staff the center also monitor burglar and duress alarms from University buildings, manage access control requests, monitor our campus emergency telephone system and perform "virtual video patrol" of the campus using our state-of-the-art Closed Circuit TV system (CCTV). ▶

This Unit is also responsible for the installation and management of all Public Safety security and communications technology including the DrexelAlert Notification System that was implemented in November 2008. In the event of an emergency, this system enables fast and efficient dissemination of critical information to students, faculty and staff of the Drexel University community and the Drexel University College of Medicine through e-mail, text messaging and by phone if necessary.

Security services, combined with effective community policing and relations is imperative to providing a safe environment and toward improving the quality of life on and around the campus. The Security Unit, which is led by the Director of Security, is charged with coordination of security services and technology at all three Drexel University campuses.

Contract and security officer management is one of the primary duties of this Unit. The University contracts with AlliedBarton Security, the largest private security provider in the United States and a recognized leader in the security industry. By effectively working with the AlliedBarton management team we are a visible crime deterrent in University buildings and on community patrol and respond to calls for service. This university wide presence also provides a number of value added services such as 24/7 Walking Escorts.

Security officers perform various duties such as screening access to student residences and special event security. The Security Unit is also responsible for performing security assessments, crime prevention awareness and education, managing the Rape Aggression Defense Program and community outreach.

These initiatives focus on the importance of the community and partnerships. All members of the community are encouraged to take an active role in assisting the Department of Public Safety

by embracing the concept that "Safety and Security is a Shared Responsibility". It is imperative that our community members know, understand and practice a realistic approach to creating and maintaining the safest possible environment that is based on awareness, partnerships, experience and common sense.

*To learn much more about the Department of Public Safety please visit our website at [www.drexel.edu/publicsafety](http://www.drexel.edu/publicsafety).*

## Offices and Contact Information



### Department of Public Safety Administrative Offices

3201 Arch Street, Suite 350  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 895-1550  
(215) 895-1560 Fax

### Department of Public Safety Communications Center

118 N 34th Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104  
(215) 895-2222 (Emergency)  
(215) 895-2822 (Non-Emergency)

### Drexel University Police Department

3219 Arch Street  
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### Center City Hahnemann Campus Security Office

Bobst Building  
1400 Race Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19102  
(215) 762-7111

### Queen Lane Medical Campus Security Office

2900 Queen Lane  
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(215) 991-8132 ■

# Counseling & Health Services

## Counseling Center

### What kind of help can a student get from the Counseling Center?

The Counseling Center is directed by a Ph.D., licensed psychologist and is staffed by licensed psychologists, counselors, and social workers. Services provided include individual and group counseling, crisis intervention, off-campus referrals, and educational programs about mental health topics. All full-time currently enrolled students are eligible for counseling at no extra cost. Students should call ahead to schedule a routine appointment, which is typically scheduled within three – five working days. There is an on-call counselor available on a 24 hour/day basis to handle psychological emergencies. The Counseling Center is open Monday through Thursday, 8am to 6pm, and 8am to 5pm Friday and is located in the Office of Counseling and Health, Creese 201. Evening hours are available upon request.

### What happens if a student has a "crisis" when the Counseling Center is closed?

A Counseling Center staff member is available 24 hours a day, 7 days per week. When a student calls the Center during off-hours, they are given the cell phone number of the on-call clinician (215) 416-3337. The Counseling Center and the Residential Living Office have developed a protocol for handling psychological emergencies for residential students. In case of a psychological emergency, residential students should immediately contact their RA or the AD/RD on duty. The protocol is activated once a staff member becomes aware of the problem. Students living off campus should call "911" or Drexel Security at (215) 895-2222 for assistance.

The ER/Psychiatric Evaluation Center (PEEC) at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania (34th and Spruce Sts.), is our local resource we utilize if hospitalization becomes necessary. A full listing of resources for Emergencies can be found on the Counseling Center web page [www.drexel.edu/ch/CC\\_Emergency.html](http://www.drexel.edu/ch/CC_Emergency.html)

### Will you let us know if our student has come in for counseling?

The Counseling Center follows the ethical guidelines of the American Psychological Association (APA) concerning confidentiality. That is, clinicians respect their clients' right to privacy and avoid illegal or unwarranted disclosures of confidential material unless: (1) clients waive their right to privacy, (2) disclosure is required to prevent imminent danger to the client (e.g. suicidal threat) or others, or (3) there is a legal requirement to disclose information. Policies regarding the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA), which also address privacy rules, are available on our web site at [www.drexel.edu/studentlife/ch/Privacy\\_Policy.html](http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/ch/Privacy_Policy.html). ►

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## Alcohol and Other Drug Services

Located in the CHOICES Center in Van Rensselaer Hall, first floor To support Drexel students in making good choices the Office of Alcohol, Other Drug and Health Education offers a set of comprehensive initiatives designed to promote healthy and responsible behavior collectively called the C.H.O.I.C.E.S. (choosing healthy options in everyday challenging situations) Program. Through this program the office collaborates with other Drexel offices, departments, and student organizations, as well as community partners, to provide large campus-wide and smaller group events, workshops, and interventions. The program's goal is to provide accurate information to students, support healthy and responsible choices, increase protective factors, and decrease risky behaviors, fostering a safe environment for students to succeed in all aspects of their university experience.

Students can get involved in office initiatives and support the goal of fostering a healthy environment by joining the Dragon C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Network through our facebook group and link up to additional on-line resources through our web-page.

*For more information contact John Watson, MS, NCC, LPC, Director of Alcohol, Other Drug, and Health Education at (215) 895-2049 or [watsonjc@drexel.edu](mailto:watsonjc@drexel.edu).*

### Where can students go for Alcohol or Drug concerns?

Students can go to the Counseling Center or the C.H.O.I.C.E.S. Center to get information or help for alcohol or drug concerns. The C.H.O.I.C.E.S Center is located in the basement of MacAlister Hall, first floor.

Hours: Monday – Thursday 10:00 – 7:00; Fridays 9:00 – 6:00pm.

### What if my student is in recovery – are there resources available?

A number of students come to college with a history of substance abuse and/or other psychiatric problems. Counseling Center staff can assist students with identifying the type of help they may need to succeed at Drexel and the resources that are available both on campus and in the local community. Information about local Twelve Step meetings is updated annually and posted, along with other self-help materials, on the bulletin board outside the Counseling Center.

## Victim Support and Intervention Services

# VSIS

### Why would I contact Victim Support and Intervention Services?

Victim Support and Intervention Services was established to provide victims of crime, physical trauma, or critical injury access to high quality, community appropriate, victim-centered services. Victims of crime, trauma, and critical injury need access to information about support services and the available resources to help them cope with the physical, emotional, and possible financial consequences of crime or catastrophic accidents. These elements are very important to helping a student regain an educational as well as personal focus while away from family and friends. These services help them to restore an order to their lives after becoming a victim of a crime, trauma or critical injury.

**VSIS will assist victims through the difficult process of recovery.**

### What services are provided?

VSIS can assist with the following services:

- All avenues of immediate need for victim support services
- Medical, criminal court or university conduct hearing accompaniment
- Providing information about rights and options available
- Assistance with the filing of the Pennsylvania Crime Victims Compensation Fund
- Collaboration with internal university offices and academic departments
- Providing internal resource outreach and education

- Providing external resource outreach and education
- Assist victims in securing appropriate campus and community support as needed, and support victims through this process.
- Coordinate intervention service and follow up care for university community members in crisis.

### Where is Victim Support and Intervention Services Located?

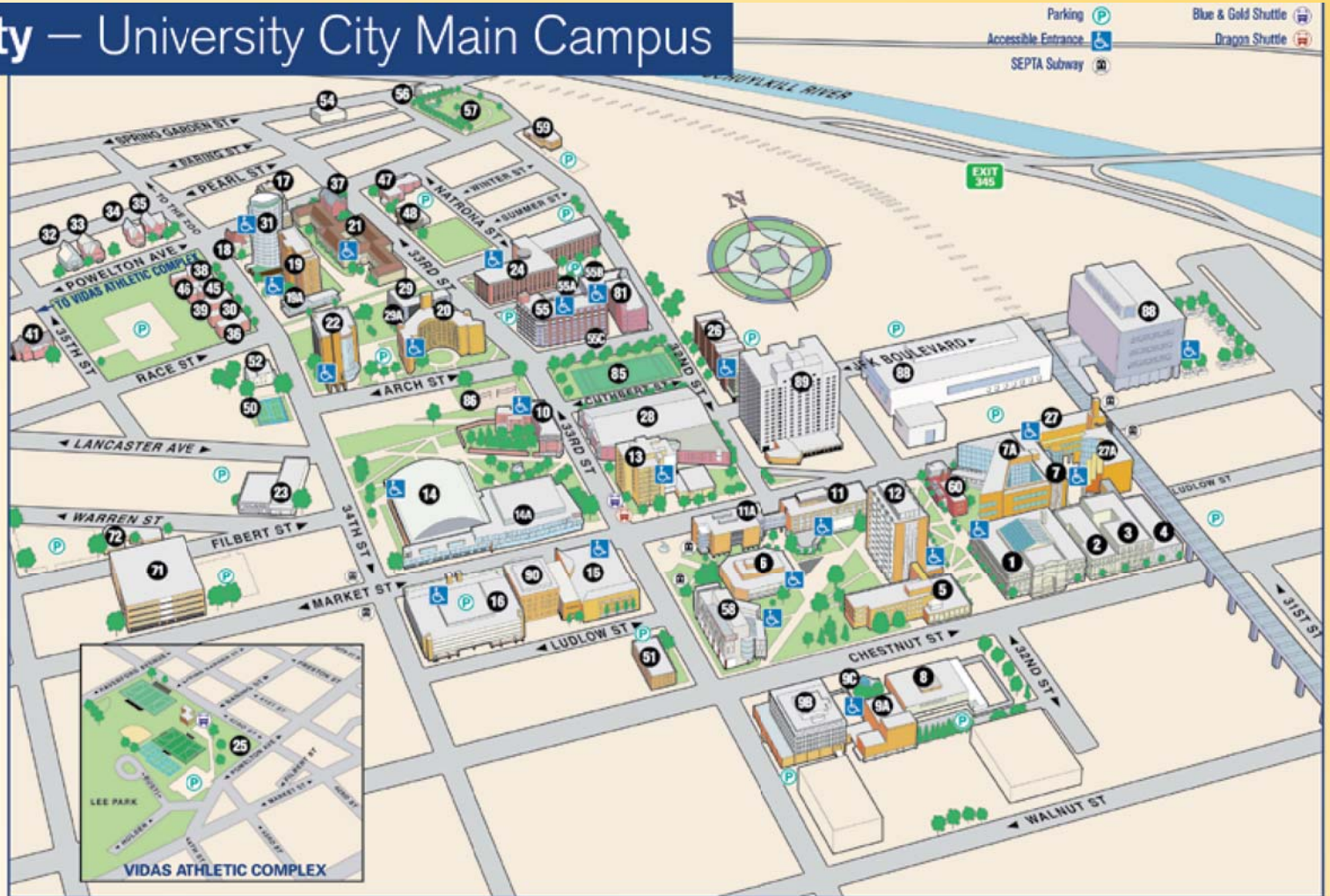
Victim Support and Intervention Services, an office within the department of Counseling & Health, is located in the Dean of Students Suite, 215 Creese Student Center. VSIS offers a secure environment where individuals can feel comfortable and safe. The office is centrally located on campus and is easily accessible to students, faculty and staff, while guaranteeing the privacy of individuals seeking our services.

*Victim Support and Intervention Services (215) 895-0353 – during office hours (215) 416-3337– evenings/weekends* ■



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# Student Health Insurance



## Does the University have a health insurance policy?

Yes, all full-time students are required to demonstrate proof of coverage under a health insurance plan each academic year. Students can fulfill this requirement on-line in one of two ways. Students who are covered under an existing plan that meets our minimum requirements can complete the on-line waiver process by visiting - [www.aetnastudenthealth.com](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com) and submitting their insurance information. An email confirmation will be sent to students' Drexel email address once the waiver has been successfully completed. Students who wish to purchase the Drexel Health Insurance Plan through the university can also do this on-line at [www.aetnastudenthealth.com](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com). After completing the on-line enrollment form the premium amount will be placed on the student university bill. Failure to submit a waiver form or purchase the university sponsored plan will result in an automatic enrollment in the Drexel Plan for 1 academic year, and the charge for the annual premium will appear on the student's university bill. Once this charge has been placed it cannot be removed.

All undergraduate international students and graduate international students holding a J-1 Visa are required to purchase the Drexel Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan. Only an Embassy sponsored Health Insurance Plan will be accepted in lieu of the Drexel plan and it is the student's responsibility to contact the office to verify this coverage at the start of school.

## Why does the University have a health insurance policy?

Drexel is adhering to the American College Health Association guidelines and standards that state "...colleges and universities should require students to provide evidence that they have health insurance coverage ...as a condition of enrollment."

## What is the Drexel Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan?

The Drexel Accident and Sickness Insurance Plan is a low-cost health insurance plan. For more information and plan coverage, visit [www.aetnastudenthealth.com](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com).

## Where can I learn more about this plan?

Information can be obtained from the:

Office of Counseling and Health, Creese 201 or by emailing [healthimmu@drexel.edu](mailto:healthimmu@drexel.edu)

Students on the Center City Hahnemann Campus please call (215) 762-4478.

You can also visit [www.aetnastudenthealth.com](http://www.aetnastudenthealth.com). For customer service and specific details concerning the plan call (877) 409-7361.

## Can students have their financial aid applied toward the purchase of the Drexel Health Insurance Plan?

Yes, the annual insurance premium, which is placed on students' bill, will be included in students' financial aid package.

## Many health insurance plans require certification of enrollment. How can a student obtain this certification?

The enrollment certification process is outlined in this guide in the section entitled "Academics".

## Student Immunizations

### Does the University have an immunization policy?

Yes, all new incoming full-time domestic students are required to complete immunization requirements before the start of classes.

All new international students are also required to complete the requirements however their deadlines differ. To confirm these deadline dates please email [healthimmu@drexel.edu](mailto:healthimmu@drexel.edu)

### Why does the University have an immunization policy?

The purpose of this policy is to reduce a student's risk of infection from preventable, contagious diseases, as well as to reduce the risk of a health epidemic on our campus.

### What is the immunization requirement?

Students must show evidence of having received the following:

- MMR vaccine: Measles, Mumps, Rubella (two doses)
- Hepatitis B vaccine (2 doses - 3 doses are preferred)
- PPD screening within 12 months before entering Drexel University (performed in the U.S.) Students in the College of Nursing and Health Professions are required to complete a 2-step PPD
- Varicella (chicken pox ) History of the disease or 2 doses
- Diphtheria / Tetanus (within the last eight to ten years)
- **For resident students:** Meningococcal (one dose required prior to entry into college for students living in University housing. Any undergraduate less than 25 years old who wishes to reduce the risk of the disease can consider the vaccine. Students with immunodeficiency, such as complement deficiency or asplenia should receive the vaccine every three to five years.)

Drexel University highly recommends, but does not require, the meningitis vaccine for commuter students. The immunization requirement is based on the recommendations of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania Department of Health Immunization and the American College Health Association. You can satisfy this requirement by completing the Health History form, which includes the immunization requirements. This form will be mailed to students prior to entering Drexel or you may download a form from [www.drexel.edu/ch](http://www.drexel.edu/ch).

It is also strongly recommended that students consider receiving the influenza (flu) vaccine each year.

### Are there any exceptions to the policy?

Yes, there are two exceptions to the policy:

**Religious beliefs:** a student must provide a written statement, which shows a sincere, genuine belief that prohibits immunizations  
**Health reasons:** a written statement from a physician or nurse practitioner is required specifying that the immunizations would be detrimental to the student's health.

### Is a student going to have a problem if his/her immunizations are not complete by start of classes?

Yes! Students who have not fully complied with all immunization requirements will not be able to access DrexelOne Students will also not receive their Dragon Cards and resident students will not be able to move into their resident halls until the requirement is met.

For your convenience and to assist students in completing all immunization requirements, immunization clinics will be held on-campus during New Student Orientation and New Student Days. Immunization forms for completion by your family physician are available for download at [www.drexel.edu/ch](http://www.drexel.edu/ch). ►

## Drexel Student Health Center

### What can you tell me about the Drexel Student Health Center and how it works?

The Drexel Student Health Center is located on campus on the second floor of 3201 Arch Street. The office is staffed by the Family Practice Associates, a group of physicians affiliated with the Drexel University College of Medicine. The Family Practice Associates doctors have specialties in areas such as Women's Medicine, Sports Medicine, General Internists, Orthopedics, etc. The Family Practice Associates also has an office in Manayunk.

The Drexel Student Health Center Office Hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Friday 8am to 4:30pm and Tuesday and Thursday 10:30am to 7pm.

All currently enrolled Drexel students can utilize the Drexel Student Health Center for the evaluation and treatment of medical concerns. Students need to present a valid student ID and pay a \$10 fee for each visit. Walk-ins are accepted on a first-come, first-serve basis unless there is an emergency. Students may also call ahead to schedule an appointment.

### Does a student need a physical exam before starting school?

No, this is not a requirement at Drexel.

### What happens if a student gets sick?

During working hours, a student should go to Student Health Services to be evaluated and treated. A student will need to present a valid Drexel student ID, the health insurance card, and \$10 fee. The student's health insurance is not used for routine, emergent care delivered at the Student Health Service. However, it may be used for diagnostic tests, procedures, or specialty care. If a student is seriously ill and Student Health Services is closed, that student should go to the nearest emergency

room. Public Safety can be called for transport. The student will need to bring his/her insurance card to the hospital.

### We have an HMO for our family health insurance. What can we expect if our student needs to use health insurance while on campus?

While your student is at Drexel, it may be worthwhile for you to contact your HMO and ask about "away from home coverage". Many HMOs have provisions that address this issue. Another option is to have your HMO designate Family Practice Associates as your student's primary care provider. If you do not choose to make this change or your plan will not allow it, your student can still use the family health insurance; however, it will be necessary for any medical care to be pre-certified in order for you to be reimbursed. Remember, students are seen at the Student Health Center for routine illness for a nominal fee regardless of their insurance coverage. An insurance plan would be necessary for services delivered outside of the routine visit. It is useful to discuss these issues with your health plan in advance of your student's arriving at Drexel and also to advise your student about how your plan works. Family Practice Associates currently has contracts with many plans such as Keystone Health Plan East and Aetna, and they will bill all other insurance companies. Final cost involving individual insurances is subject to the co-pays and deductibles established by those plans. ■



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## Office of Student Conduct & Community Standards

### Statement of Philosophy and Purpose

Drexel University expects that all students as well as student organizations will conduct themselves responsibly and in a manner that reflects favorably upon themselves and the University. When a student or organization does not act responsibly and violates the University policies, rules, regulations, or standards of conduct, formal disciplinary action may result.

The conduct process reflects the University's concern that students and organizations maintain high standards. The conduct process attempts to foster personal learning and growth, while holding individuals and groups accountable for inappropriate behavior.

### Jurisdiction

Cases of alleged violations of the University policies, rules, regulations, or standards of conduct are handled through the University's Student Conduct Process for the following:  
For full or part-time undergraduate, graduate, and Evening and Professional Studies students;  
For all recognized student organizations, including recognized fraternities and sororities; and  
For all behaviors occurring on and off campus. ▶



## University Policies and the Student Code of Conduct

The following is a partial list of the University's policies (refer to the Student Handbook, [www.drexel.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook/Handbook.html](http://www.drexel.edu/studentlife/studenthandbook/Handbook.html) for a complete listing with explanations):

[Academic Integrity](#)  
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[Computer Access Privileges/Acceptable Use](#)  
[Destruction of Property](#)  
[Detrimental Behavior](#)  
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## Responding to a Charge Letter

Schedule an appointment with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards before the deadline.

Meet with the University Conduct Officer or designee.

If a student is on Co-op or has a problem meeting the deadline, s/he must call immediately.

Don't ignore the letter, it won't just go away. Failing to respond may result in a decision without a student's participation.

## At the Meeting with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards

At this meeting, the Pre-Hearing Conference, a student will:

- Have the disciplinary process explained.
- Have the charges explained.
- Be given the opportunity to respond to the charges.

Students may choose not to contest the charges, and sign a form waiving the right to a hearing. In these cases the University Conduct Officer or designee will adjudicate the case and impose an appropriate sanction(s).

## The Hearing Format

- A Hearing Board is established to provide a fair hearing for any student or student organization who contests the alleged violation of policy(ies).
- The Board Chair will open the proceedings, state the charges, and ask the respondent if he/she is responsible for the alleged violation(s).
- The complainant will proceed with the presentation of the case, present witnesses and respond to questions.
- The respondent will then be asked to present a defense, present witnesses and respond to questions.
- After both cases have been presented, parties will be asked to give a closing statement.
- Parties will receive notification of the Board's decision in writing within a reasonable time period.

## Filing an Appeal

A student or organization may appeal the decision rendered by the University Conduct Officer or designee to the Appellate Board. The appeal must be in writing, signed, and received within seven business days from the date of the written documentation informing the student of the decision of the University Hearing Officer and the sanction(s) imposed. Appeals of a sanction(s) made by the University Hearing Officer may only be based on the severity of the sanction(s). Appeals of a sanction(s) made by the University Conduct Board must be based on improper procedure, new evidence, insufficient evidence, and/or severity of sanction(s). If multiple sanctions were imposed, it should be made clear which sanction(s) is being appealed. All Appellate Board Hearings are document hearings; the student is not present.

## All appeals must be signed and submitted to:

Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards  
 3210 Chestnut Street, Suite 215  
 Philadelphia, PA 19104  
 (215) 895-0240 FAX  
[sccs@drexel.edu](mailto:sccs@drexel.edu)

## How to File a Formal Complaint

Any person may file a formal complaint against any active or prospective Drexel student or organization for alleged violations of University policy, occurring either on or off campus. To file a formal complaint one must: Submit a signed letter of complaint to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and/or submit a signed letter of complaint to the Department of Public Safety. ►

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A complaint must include:

- Complainant's name, address and phone number.
- Nature and date of alleged violation.
- Name of person(s)/ organization responsible for the alleged violation(s).
- Detailed statement of the incident.

Complaints may be originated by students, faculty, staff, University departments and individuals external to the University.

Once a complaint is filed The Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards will determine whether the complaint is sufficiently complete and involves a violation of University policy(ies) in order to invoke the University Conduct Process. Alleged violators will be sent a formal charge letter and will be asked to schedule an appointment with the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards.

### Academic Integrity Policy

Drexel has adopted policies to address violations of academic dishonesty. Drexel is committed to academic honesty and to protecting members of its community from the results of dishonest conduct.

When a student is suspected of violating the Academic Integrity Policy, the faculty member will:

- Notify the student.
- Seek an explanation from the student.
- Investigate and determine whether a violation of the Academic Integrity Policy has occurred.
- If it is determined that a violation has occurred, the faculty member will notify the Department Head.

- If the Department Head agrees that a violation has occurred, a sanction(s) will be determined.

The student may appeal the sanction to: The Dean of the College and the Provost.

The incident will be reported to the Office of Student Conduct and Community Standards and will be a part of the student's disciplinary record.

*\*NOTE: When a student suspects that another student has violated the Academic Integrity Policy, a report should be made to the appropriate faculty member or college/school.*



## DRUG POLICY

The possession and/or use of narcotics or drugs, other than those medically prescribed, properly used, and in the original container, by students or staff on University property or while on University business is prohibited. The distribution and/or sale of narcotics or drugs by students or staff on University property or while on University business is prohibited. Off-campus possession, use, distribution, or sale of narcotics or drugs by students is inconsistent with the University's policies and goals, and is therefore prohibited. The University reserves the right to invoke the University student conduct process to the extent that off-campus drug use leads to behavior that in the University's sole judgment is destructive, abusive, or detrimental to the University's interests. Any and all types of drug paraphernalia including, but not limited to, bongos, pipes, or any items modified or adapted so that they can be used to consume drugs, are not permitted on University property. The University will confiscate drugs and drug paraphernalia when found on University

property. The President and his Executive Cabinet have decided that violations of the drug policy will not be tolerated and, as a result, any student found in violation of the University's drug policy will be suspended or expelled from the University. Please review the following letter from Dr. David Ruth, Dean of Students.

Residence halls and University owned and operated fraternity and sorority properties—If there is reasonable cause to believe that a resident student may be violating a city, state, or federal law, a room search may be conducted. All drug related inspections will be authorized by the professional staff member with oversight of the area or their representative and will be completed by Public Safety personnel. The University will confiscate drugs and drug paraphernalia when found on University property and report such findings to the Philadelphia Police for further action as deemed appropriate. ■

# LETTER TO THE PARENTS

July, 2011

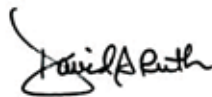
Dear Students and Family Members:

Colleges and universities across the country have serious concerns about the use and abuse of alcohol and other drugs by their students. Drexel University is no different in this regard. Our vision is that Drexel University is a campus environment that is free of alcohol and drug abuse and its effects in the classroom, in on and off campus student residence communities, and in campus social activities.

Educating our students about the effects of alcohol abuse and illegal drug use requires collaboration and commitment from many University constituencies and family members.

Federal law permits, and University policy requires, that we contact the family members of our students when they violate our alcohol and drug policies. Drexel University has a “zero tolerance” policy on illegal drug possession, use, manufacturing, or distribution. If a student violates the University’s drug policy, they can expect that they will be separated from the University. Depending on the severity of the violation, loss of housing privileges, suspension, or expulsion will be imposed. The University will also require that the student complete drug counseling prior to readmission.

We believe that family members want to know when their student is facing difficulties. More frustrating than learning that their student has performed poorly academically or learning that he/she has been separated from the University for disciplinary reasons, is finding out that alcohol or illegal drug use led to such circumstances. At the same time, we understand that students want to be treated as adults. The college years are often a time of trial and error for many students. They need opportunities to reflect upon their actions, accept responsibility, and learn from their mistakes. Drexel University is fully committed to supporting its students in making responsible decisions in all aspects of their lives. We encourage families to continue to discuss improper use of alcohol and other drugs with their student. The health and success of our students is important to us. We must work together to maximize the Drexel experience.



David A. Ruth, Ph.D.  
Dean of Students ■

# Welcome to the Office of Campus Activities (OCA)

A Central Place to “Get Involved” at Drexel University!

## Mission of the Office of Campus Activities:

The Office of Campus Activities (OCA) supports student engagement in co-curricular pursuits that complement academic, co-op, and professional experiences. Additionally, OCA facilitates involvement in student organizations, leadership programming, social and educational activities, and alternative spring break. We do so at the University City and Center City campuses.

## In our daily work, we:

- Champion student interests
- Provide time to encourage, counsel, and advise
- Develop rapport to educate through a philosophy of challenge and support
- Articulate policy
- Facilitate opportunities for student learning and growth
- Educate, engage, inspire, and transform

## Why Get Involved?

We believe in the importance of engagement – students who are connected to life beyond the classroom are more successful, more satisfied and well-rounded, and upon graduation, have added skills and experiences that enhance their resume. Additionally, involvement creates an enjoyable college experience where students build connections, networks, and life-long friendships.

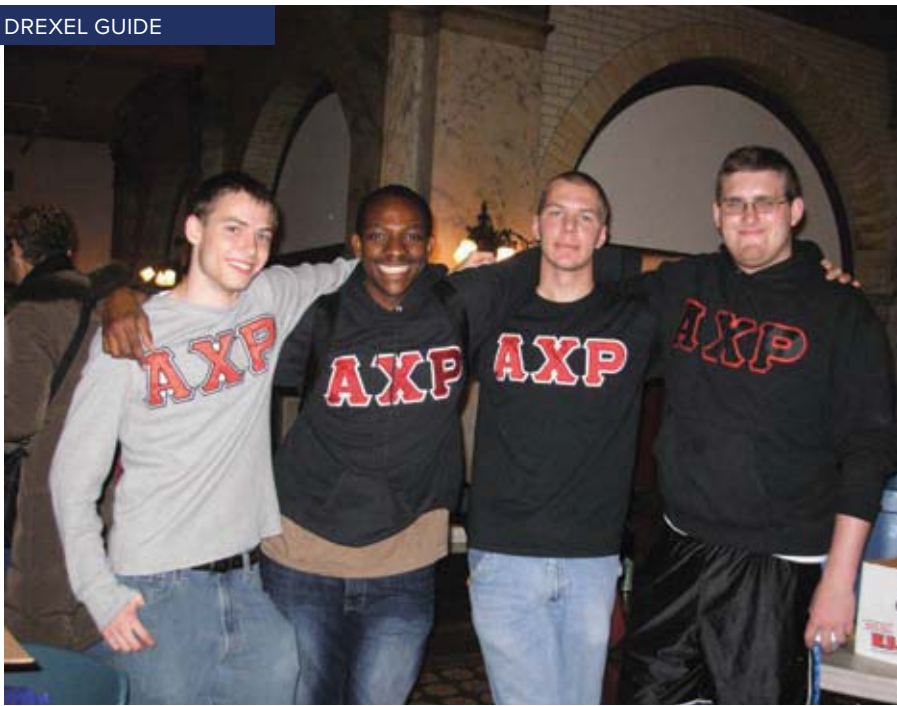
## Important Initiatives:

### The Office of Campus Activities:

- recognizes and partners with over 250 student organizations to plan events that create a vibrant campus, impact the community, and make a difference in the lives of Drexel University students
- advises the Campus Activities Board (CAB), the main student-run programming organization whose mission is to offer regular activities for undergraduate students
- implements CEO LEAD, a leadership development program that offers a series of workshops and shared experiences to help students become more self-aware, develop skills to work successfully within teams and groups, and build a deeper connection and responsibility to serve as engaged citizens
- facilitates the Alternative Spring Break (ASB) program, a week-long community service experience held throughout the country including New Orleans, Florida, Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Philadelphia.

To learn more about getting involved on campus, visit our website at [www.drexel.edu/OCA](http://www.drexel.edu/OCA) or e-mail us at [askOCA@drexel.edu](mailto:askOCA@drexel.edu). ■





## Fraternity & Sorority Life

Welcome to Drexel University! Your student is entering the most exciting and challenging years of his/her life. As a Drexel student, s/he has the opportunity to become involved in a community of students which has enhanced the lives of thousands of men and women since 1900— just 9 years after Drexel's founding. Drexel will include many exciting growth opportunities, but perhaps none that will be so complete, well rounded, and long-remembered as that of being a member of a fraternity or sorority organization. Fraternities and sororities have a long-standing tradition on Drexel University's campus and continue to be an active part of the University community.

### What is a college fraternity/sorority?

It is a once in a lifetime opportunity to develop a strong support system and invaluable campus network to help you survive while in college. Fraternities and sororities are student groups that enhance the educational experience by emphasizing interpersonal, cultural, and social development.

### TOP Facts You Should Know About Drexel Fraternity & Sorority Life:

Drexel Fraternities & Sororities...

#### Help Students Gain an Academic Edge

Fraternities and sororities provide academic assistance and support to their members to help them succeed in Drexel's academically challenging environment. The all-sorority and fraternity GPA consistently meets or exceeds the all-women's and men's averages.

### Encourage Members to Explore Diverse Cultures

With over 25 organizations to choose from, ranging from national, international, local, and culturally-based groups, fraternities and sororities represent the rich diversity of the campus population and depict Drexel's largest multi-faceted community.

### Educate Students on Becoming Socially Responsible

Fraternity and sorority members remain committed to the continual education on the effects of alcohol use and abuse. Despite the stereotypes, Drexel Greeks are not all about partying, but rather they seek to maintain a healthy balance between academics and social activities in order to enhance their overall college experience.

### Uphold a Hazing-Free Environment

Hazing is against the law and prohibited at Drexel. This policy is enforced, plain and simple! Educational seminars and presentations are given to members in meetings and forums that outline the definition and consequences of this illegal activity. Members and chapters that do not live up to this standard are not welcome in our community.

### Increase Student Retention

A national study finds that fraternity and sorority membership encourages students to stay in college and that Greek affiliation contributes positively

to community involvement after graduation, and this is consistently the case here at Drexel. With a built-in academic and personal support network, Greeks find the needed encouragement to help them succeed during their years at Drexel and after graduation.

Keep in mind that fraternity and sorority communities vary from campus to campus and experiences vary from person to person. Students should base their decision to join a Greek organization on your own experiences, not on the opinions of others.

The fraternity and sorority community is sponsored and advised through the Office of the Dean of Students, Fraternity and Sorority Life. Our office strives to build a cohesive and respected community that honors and upholds the long-standing traditions of Drexel Greek Life. We are here to assist you in any way, so feel free to contact us:

Office of the Dean of Students  
Creese Student Center, Suite 215  
3210 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104-2975  
(215) 571-3575  
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# Commuter, Graduate and Transfer Student Programs and Services (CGTSPS)

## Commuter Student Programs and Services

Welcome to the Commuter experience at Drexel. Commuter Student Programs and Services (CSPS) is an area within the CGTSPS office where the sole purpose is to help current or future commuter students navigate through the Drexel experience.

If your student is commuting to Drexel, or is planning to commute, s/he is not alone. Commuter students (students living just off campus and at a further distance) make up about 80 percent of the student body. We understand that being a commuter student can present many challenges. Not only do they have the challenge of the daily commute, but often they need to balance home, social and academic responsibilities.

CSPS provides a number of services and programs to help commuter students participate in campus activities and feel more connected to Drexel. And while we can't do anything about the traffic jams or train delays, we are here to make sure commuter students have the best possible experience here at Drexel.

To find out more about the services, resources, and programs for commuters please visit [www.drexel.edu/oca/commuters](http://www.drexel.edu/oca/commuters) or email [commuters@drexel.edu](mailto:commuters@drexel.edu).

## Transfer Student Programs and Services (TSPS)

Transfer students constitute an integral part of student body at Drexel University. Transfer students bring a diverse educational background that enriches and strengthens the overall academic experience for all students. However, transferring into a new college environment can be thrilling and challenging all at the same time, so, with this in mind, TSPS can serve as a compass to help navigate through your Drexel experience.

To find out more about the services, resources and programs for transfers please visit [www.drexel.edu/oca/transfers](http://www.drexel.edu/oca/transfers) or email [transfers@drexel.edu](mailto:transfers@drexel.edu).

## Off Campus Housing (OCH)

Off Campus Housing provides students, staff and faculty with information on finding rental properties, tips on tenant rights and living off campus, as well as, mediation for landlord and roommate disputes.

Go to [www.drexel.edu/offcampushousing](http://www.drexel.edu/offcampushousing) to become educated about your rights and responsibilities as a tenant, find housing or a roommate, check out the OCH living tips, post a rental property, or check out how we can assist you with any issues that you may have. You can also email [offcampushousing@drexel.edu](mailto:offcampushousing@drexel.edu) for questions. ■



# Drexel Bike Share

Parking Services introduces Drexel Bike Share. This program is open to all students and employees. Bikes may be shared one or two days at a time or for a weekend at no charge! The use of a Drexel Bike Share bike includes a helmet, u-lock, cable and lock key. For more information about Drexel Bike Share visit [www.drexel.edu/parking](http://www.drexel.edu/parking) or call (215) 895-2813. ■



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touring town on a World War II-era amphibious vehicle. Posing with the Rocky statue before running up the Philadelphia Museum of Art steps. Canoeing along Chester County's Brandywine River. Sampling wines at one of a dozen countryside vineyards. It's authentic. Throughout our distinct neighborhoods, we're eager to show off the owner-operated boutiques that pack their racks with regional talent, chef-run restaurants that use locally grown ingredients, music venues that showcase the best city-bred acts, galleries that crowd their walls with only-found-in- Philly art and neighborhood pubs that are all about the beer.

**It's full of discovery.** Did you know that 2,700 massive murals grace the walls of nearly every neighborhood in the city? Ever heard about the Italian Market, the oldest and largest working outdoor market in the country? In the know about our 200-plus bring-your-own- bottle restaurants? What about Fairmount Park, the nation's largest urban park? And how about the city's newest unexpected find in the lobby of the sparkling new Comcast Center? It's a 2,000-square-foot LED video screen that projects computer generated images so realistic you'll think they're jumping out of the wall. It's accessible. We're two hours from New York City and three hours from Washington D.C. Getting here is easy—whether it's by car, plane, train or bus. Once here, getting around is even easier. Center City Philadelphia is simply navigated by foot and makes up just 25 blocks from west to east. It's no more than an hour drive to the nearby countryside—made up of Bucks, Chester, Delaware and Montgomery counties. ■



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# Key University Resources

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Nesbitt 503  
(215) 895-2396

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Drexel University  
3141 Chestnut Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19104

**College of Engineering**  
CAT Suite 170  
(215) 895-2210

**University Website**  
www.drexel.edu

**iSchool/College of Information  
Science and Technology**  
Rush 306  
(215) 895-2474

**Office of the President**  
Main Building, 1st Floor  
(215) 895-2100

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Health Professions**  
1505 Race Street, 7th Floor  
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Main Building 102  
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**Earle Mack School of Law**  
3320 Market Street, Rm 450  
215-571-4795

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Career Development Center  
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**Athletics**  
Daskalakis Athletic Center  
(215) 895-1999

**Counseling Center**  
Creese Student Center 210  
(215) 895-1415

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(215) 895-1445

**Creese Student Center**  
Creese Student Center 119  
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**Dining Services**  
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**Campus Activities**  
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(215) 895-1328

**Disability Services**  
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**Certification of Enrollment-  
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**DragonCard**  
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(215) 895-6095

**Class Absence Verification**  
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**Drexel Learning Center (DLC)**  
Creese Student Center 050  
(215) 895-2568

**Commencement**  
**Office of the President**  
Main Building, 1st Floor  
1-877-384-7237

**Financial Aid**  
Student Resource Center  
Main Building 106  
(215) 895-2537

**Commuter Student Programs  
and Services**  
Creese Student Center 215, Lower level  
(215) 895-1328

**Fraternity and Sorority Life**  
Creese Student Center 215  
(215) 571-3575

**Computing Services**  
(See Information Resources  
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**Health Center – Student**  
3201 Arch Street  
(215) 895-5800

**Health Insurance – Student**  
Creese Student Center 201  
(215) 895-2507 ▶

**Identification Cards**  
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**Immunization – Student Policy**  
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**Information Resources and  
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**Newman Campus Ministries**  
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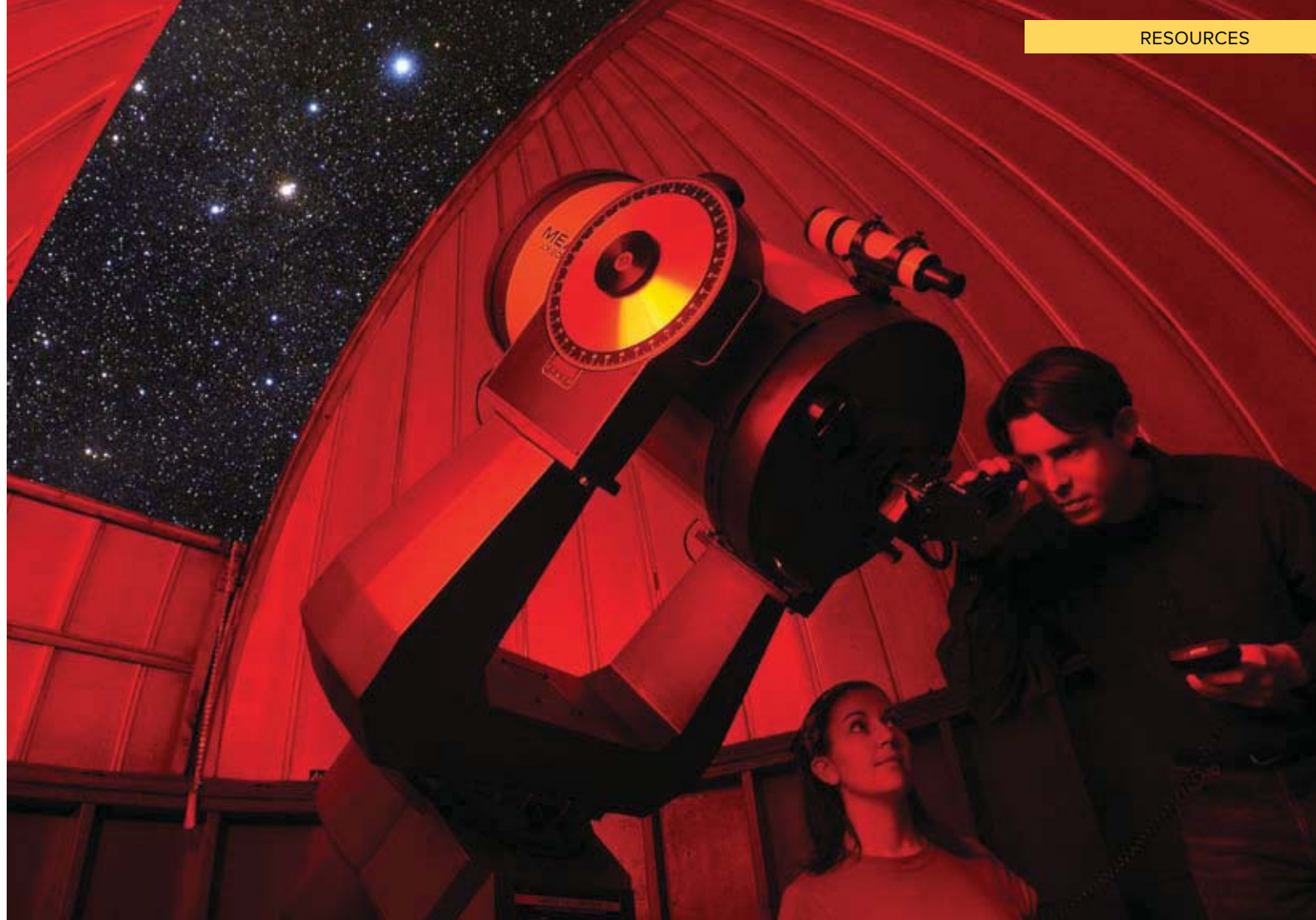
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Scholars Services**  
Creese Student Center 210  
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**Multicultural Programs**  
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(215) 895-2662

**New Student and Family Programs**  
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**Off-Campus Housing**  
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**Parking Services**  
General Services Building, Lobby  
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**Residential Living Office/  
University Housing Office**  
Towers Hall, 1st Floor  
(215) 895-6155

**ROTC**  
Armory 015  
(215) 590-8809

**Security/Public Safety**  
3201 Arch Street  
(215) 895-1550

**Shuttle Service**  
General Services Building  
Facilities Management  
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**Student Life/Dean of Students**  
Creese Student Center 215  
(215) 895-2501

**Student Conduct and  
Community Standards**  
Creese Student Center 215  
(215) 895-6074

**Student Resource Center**  
Registrar  
Main Building 222  
(215) 895-2300

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Human Resources  
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