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Neumann and Drexel Universities to Offer Early Admission Program in Math, Engineering

The Knights and the Dragons are working together. Neumann University has partnered with Drexel University College of Engineering to offer students the ability to obtain a B.S. in Mathematics and a B.S. in Engineering in approximately five-and-one-half years.

The Early Admission Program begins with students enrolling as Mathematics majors at Neumann University, where they will have to complete 75% of their bachelor's degree requirements (approximately 90-92 credits) before transferring to Drexel University's College of Engineering. Neumann's program of study requires coursework over two summers to allow the student to transfer into Drexel University in the spring of their junior year in time to get in sequence for their first Cooperative Education (Co-Op) experience.

The Neumann-Drexel agreement was signed by Lawrence DiPaolo, vice president for academic affairs at Neumann; John DiNardo, senior vice provost for academic affairs at Drexel; and M. Brian Blake, executive vice president for academic affairs and provost at Drexel.

Drexel's hallmark Co-Op program places students with employers in 35 states and 45 international locations. The majority of these Co-Ops are paid.

According to Dr. John DiNardo, Senior Vice Provost for Academic Affairs at Drexel, "Students who enroll under the Early Admission Program and meet all requirements are eligible to transfer to Drexel's College of Engineering in their junior year. They can specialize in either Computer Engineering, Electrical Engineering or Mechanical Engineering."

An added benefit of the cooperative Engineering agreement is that students who have successfully transferred to Drexel's College of Engineering in their junior year may also have the option of studying for an M.S. in Engineering at Drexel.

"The Early Admission Program is highly selective and is open only to those students who have achieved a minimum score of 550 in the mathematics section of the SAT, a high school GPA of 3.0, and the ability to begin mathematics coursework at the level of Calculus I," noted Dr. Lawrence DiPaolo, Vice President for Academic Affairs at Neumann.

Students must also maintain a cumulative undergraduate GPA of 3.0 while enrolled in the Early Admission Program.

For information about the Neumann University/Drexel University Early Admission Program, contact Dr. Ryan Savitz at savitzr@neumann.edu or 610-558-5587.

Main Line Art Center's "Grand Prix Gala" and "Spring Gala Exhibition"

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zine, the exhibition features works by over 100 professional artists from the region. Committed to making art accessible and the art-buying process easy and fun, the "Spring Gala Exhibition" invites everyone – from the next-generation collector or art-buying novice to the seasoned collector – to fall in love with a work of art and make it their own.

Back by popular demand, the Gala will feature Red Dot Reserve, an exciting twist on art-buying that puts the power of the red dot, the traditional symbol that a work has sold, in the hands of guests. Those who acquire their artwork before 8:30 p.m. using their red dots will be exclusively eligible for a grand prize. Additionally, guests can win a luxurious wine dinner for 4 people at Flemings Steakhouse & Wine Bar in Radnor among other prizes.

Beginning April 30, the "Spring Gala Exhibition" is free and open to the public. Main Line Art Center's galleries are open Monday through Thursday from 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. and Friday through Sunday from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. A free public Artist Reception and Sensory Garden Party will be held on Saturday, **June 3,** from 1 - 4 p.m., and features family-friendly art activities, theater performances, a children's book reading, live art experiences, and more. Main Line Art Center is located at 746 Panmure Road, Haverford, PA 19041. For details visit www.mainlineart.org.

The Baldwin School's "12 Angry Jurors"

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since been rewritten as "12 Angry Women," which was the script the Baldwin School originally ordered. Upon reading the script, director Aileen McCulloch and Maskers, Baldwin's dramatic club, realized that the characters were depictions of passive women in the 1950s, which reduced the conflict and original energy of the all-male production. The group decided to combine the scripts of "12 Angry Men" and "12 Angry Women," with permission of the rights holder, Dramatic Play Publishing, and though cast with almost all women, use the title for the mixed gender version of the show, "12 Angry Jurors." The show was chosen as it deals with themes of discrimination based on socioeconomic status and race, which seemed especially relevant given the current political climate.

Maskers Club recommends arriving fifteen minutes before start of the play, as the show begins when the doors open with a pre-show presentation during seating. Audience members will be involved in an interactive dramaturgical experience exploring racial and socio economic injustice, reasonable doubt, and the United States judicial system.

The cast will feature (in numbered juror order): Emily Thompson, Katrina Conklin, Melia Hagino, Ishana S., Cristina Artis, Lauren Fosnocht, Audrey Senior, Sanjana Friedman, Katherine Mostek, Jattu Fahnbulleh and Ashley Tate. Neelam Pandya appears as the judge, with Lili Ana Balatel as the clerk. Guest actor Lionel McCulloch returns to the Baldwin Stage to reprise his role from earlier this year as the "guard." Student staff includes Assistant Director Roya Alidjani and Stage Manager Sarai Brown-Alexander. Lights are designed by Jennifer Brown and costumes are designed by Alexis McCall. For info: www.BaldwinSchool.org or call 610-525-2700.

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