Drexel University made history this spring when it announced Brandywine Realty Trust as the master developer for our “innovation neighborhood.” Now named Schuylkill Yards, this once-in-a-generation project will take shape on 14 acres between the eastern part of Drexel’s campus, at 32nd Street and Amtrak’s 30th Street Station, on land predominantly owned by Drexel.

Schuylkill Yards will become the new gateway to Drexel’s campus, University City and West Philadelphia, and it will house a collaborative and connected community of educational and medical institutions, businesses, residents and visitors bound together by the pursuit of innovation. Initial phases of the 20-year development plan will feature up to 5 million square feet of entrepreneurial spaces, teaching and research facilities, corporate offices, residential and retail development, and hospitality and cultural venues. Tying it all together is a plan for beautiful public spaces and green connections to the rest of University City, anchored by a 1.3-acre park across from the train station called Drexel Square.

Drexel University’s Schuylkill Yards is one of the most important initiatives that Drexel has been involved in, and it is an important opportunity for the University to continue to grow and develop. With the new Schuylkill Yards, Drexel will be able to provide more opportunities for students, faculty, and staff to collaborate and innovate, and to continue to attract new talent to the University.

One of the most important roles of the Drexel 100 is to pay tribute to those Drexel graduates who have taken those essential attributes to heart and used them to achieve professional and civic success. No matter how much the current environment evolves, one can look at the Drexel 100 membership and see a continuity in core values that stretches across the years.

So, who do you think best exemplifies success, Drexel-style? In the coming months we will be assembling a list of potential inductees for 2017 for a vote by the membership. Now is a great time to send in your suggestions of fellow alumni who deserve recognition for what they have accomplished and how they have carried on the Drexel tradition of changing the world for the better. A convenient response form is included below. I look forward to hearing your ideas!

Sincerely,
Christopher J. Ferguson ’84, Hon. ’09

Drexel 100 Nomination Form

Name of Nominee

First

Last

Nominee’s Address

Street

Suite/Apt.

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

Reason for nomination (continue on a separate sheet if necessary)

Your Name

First

Last

Best way to reach you

Mail nomination to:
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Drexel University’s rapidly changing landscape has become one of its most distinctive calling cards in recent years. Each new class of students sees new construction zones yield up state-of-the-art research facilities and classrooms, helpful retail services, comfortable student housing and buzzing open plazas.

Underscoring this rapid transformation is a focused master plan—to harness Drexel’s vibrant urban setting and deliver optimal spaces for our distinct brand of experiential learning, applied research, diverse student life and community engagement. Three new Drexel buildings scheduled to open in fall 2016 exemplify this vision:

1. The Raymond G. Perelman Center for Jewish Life will be the first freestanding building devoted to Jewish student life at the University. Named in recognition of a $6 million commitment from philanthropist Raymond G. Perelman, the Center will be home to Drexel Hillel and the site for Shabbat services and dinners, social and education programs, and programs facilitating opportunities in Israel. The more than 13,000-square-foot, three-story structure is being designed by the award-winning Stanley Saitowitz/Natoma Architects Inc. of San Francisco and will be located at 34th Street near Lancaster Avenue in the heart of the student residential district.

2. The Study Hotel at University City, developed by Hospitality 3, will deliver high-quality, full-service lodging to the students and families, faculty, researchers, entrepreneurs and visitors who come to Drexel and University City to work, learn and play. Located at 33rd and Chestnut Streets, the 145,000-square-foot hotel will feature 212 rooms, approximately 7,000 square feet of banquet/meeting space, a 105-seat corner restaurant and bar, and a state-of-the-art fitness center.

3. The Thomas R. Kline Institute for Trial Advocacy at the Kline School of Law is part of a landmark $50 million gift to name the law school from Tom Kline, one of the nation’s most respected and influential trial lawyers. Kline’s gift included the conveyance of the historic Beneficial Saving Fund Society Building at 12th and Chestnut streets in Center City, which is undergoing renovation to house the Institute. The Institute will advance courtroom simulation for the ID program, co-curricular programming, and faculty interaction with students who undertake advocacy-based co-ops and clinical work. It will also support the development of post-graduate LL.M and continuing legal education trial and appellate advocacy programs.