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## First students set to graduate from Drexel's Sacramento campus

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Two years after opening its Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento, Drexel University is celebrating the graduation of its first class of students – five months before the actual graduation ceremonies.

Thirty-five students are to be honored this weekend at a celebration event that will precede their formal graduation in June, the university says. They have earned an MBA, MS-Library & Information Science, or MS-Information Systems.



Drexel's Sacramento classes are in this building

"We are truly proud to have educated and mentored such an extraordinary group of working professionals," says Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III, senior vice president of Drexel and dean of its Center for Graduate Studies. "These individuals showed how entrepreneurial they are when they enrolled with us."

Alumni and graduating students will join faculty and senior staff members to celebrate the first class of Drexel graduates at a reception Saturday, Jan. 8 at the Firehouse Restaurant in Sacramento. They will be welcomed into Drexel's 130,000 alumni community by James Gravesande, (Drexel '84), the president of Drexel's Northern California Alumni Club.

With more students completing their coursework in the months ahead, almost 100 working professionals will be eligible to participate in the formal commencement ceremonies being planned for June in Philadelphia and Sacramento.

Since opening in January 2009, Drexel has enrolled more than 350 students in its doctorate and master's degree programs in Sacramento. All eight programs are focused on Greater Sacramento's growth and economic development initiatives – entrepreneurial business, human resource development, higher education, public health, knowledge management and information science. All classes are held in the evenings or on occasional weekends.

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