

ULI Young Leaders, Drexel Announce Second Scholarship Winner: Brian King

Drexel University and the Urban Land Institute Sacramento Young Leaders Group today announced that they have awarded the second Drexel-ULI Young Leaders Scholarship. The grant provides a \$10,000 scholarship to help a working professional pursue a master's degree at Drexel's Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento.

The 2010 recipient of the Drexel-ULI YLG Young Leaders Scholarship is **Brian King**, a member of Drexel's fourth LEAD Masters of Business Administration (MBA) cohort. King is currently an assistant project manager at Teichert Construction, and water polo coach at McClatchy High School in Sacramento.

The inaugural ULI Young Leader award was granted to Dean O'Brien in the fall of 2009. O'Brien is a member of Drexel's second LEAD Masters of Business Administration (MBA) cohort, current treasurer of the Drexel Sacramento Graduate Student Association, in addition to being an active member on the ULI Sacramento's Young Leaders and Metro Edge executive committees.

"I am very thankful Drexel University and the Urban Land Institute Sacramento Young Leaders Group partnered to make this scholarship a reality," King said. "I am looking forward to the exciting and dynamic curriculum that Drexel has put together, and plan to encourage other young professionals in the Sacramento area to take advantage this wonderful resource. It is heartening to see how committed the University is to our city and region. Drexel will produce talented and well educated graduates for years to come."

"The intelligent use of the region's land and natural resources has been and will remain at the epicenter of this region's economic growth and essential to its quality of life," said Carl "Tobey" Oxholm III, Senior Vice President of Drexel University and Dean of its Center for Graduate Studies in Sacramento.

"In this economic downturn, thoughtful professionals involved with the development of the land will take advantage of the best educational opportunities and form the networks across professions that will produce the next generation of leaders. Drexel is proud to support the ULI Young Leaders Group and proud that we are continuing to attract their members into our graduate degree programs."

Leveraging off ULI national's reputation and network, the mission of the ULI Sacramento Young Leaders Group is to increase the involvement and influence of young (35-and-under) land-use development professionals in the Sacramento region by connecting them with today's leaders, education, professional programs, events, and networking opportunities. YLG strives to enhance responsible leadership and increase policy awareness related to Sacramento's land-use and development environment.

"We are thrilled that we could assist Brian and give him the encouragement to take that next step to educational success

in the Drexel graduate program.

He has served more than three years on our YLG Board in the

primary role of Community Outreach Liaison, and his dedication to public service in our community has proven him committed to assume leadership positions in his professional and personal life," said Carla Collins Mixon, with MatriScope Engineering and YLG Chair of ULI Sacramento. "Our Young Leader Group is ecstatic that we can continue building our relationship with Drexel and bridging the gap between young, qualified and educated professionals. We look forward to their growth and ours."

Through Drexel's Lebow College of Business LEAD MBA program, candidates earn an AACSB-accredited MBA in 24 months of part-time study, through an innovative and rigorous hybrid of traditional and online coursework along with videoconferencing. Students progress with a cohort, enhancing communication and team-building skills and making lasting business connections along the way.

The LEAD MBA program emphasizes "intrapreneurship" - the idea that individuals can apply creative, cutting-edge entrepreneurial skills to their current and future positions. Most recently, U.S. News & World Report recognized Drexel University for its "promising and innovative changes" as one of the nation's Top 20 Up-and-Coming Schools and Top 100 Best Colleges. BusinessWeek ranked Drexel's Part-Time MBA program in the Top 10 in the Nation, as "best for job changers," rated the curriculum an A+, and is delivered by world-renowned faculty as well as top business practitioners.

The Graduate Center, which opened in January 2009, is already known as one of Northern California's most high-tech conference and educational facilities. In its state-of-the-art classrooms, Drexel—a top-ranked national comprehensive university—will be teaching six master's, one doctorate, and one post-baccalaureate program this fall that are designed for working professionals.

All eight programs are focused on the heart of Greater Sacramento's growth and economic development initiatives—entrepreneurial business, human resource development, higher education, public health, knowledge management and information science.

For more information on Drexel's graduate programs in California, visit www.drexel.edu/sacramento or call (888) 389-3781 or (916) 325-4600.



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