

Drexel University prepares for Sacramento commencement ceremony

A minority owner of the Sacramento Kings and a Sacramento Area Commerce & Trade Organization executive will receive honorary degrees at Drexel University's commencement ceremony Saturday in Sacramento.

Robert Burris, senior vice president of SACTO, and John Kehriotis, president and founder of JMK Investments Inc., are the honorary degree recipients.

Burris will deliver the keynote address at the ceremony, which will be held at the Crocker Art Museum.

"I am honored to receive this recognition from one of the country's finest private universities. Drexel University has been a tremendous addition to Sacramento and offers a wonderful, nurturing educational environment, while also mentoring the next generation of leaders in our region," Burris said in a news release. Trained as an urban economist, Burris serves as chairman of Drexel's board of advisers.

Kehriotis, the other honorary degree recipient, has more than 30 years of real estate experience and is a minority owner of the Sacramento Kings. Kehriotis most notably developed the Embassy Suites in Sacramento.

"Drexel University affords the Sacramento region with a top-notch educational facility, and is able to offer its students a truly unique opportunity by providing internships in hotel administration at Embassy Suites hotel," Kehriotis said in a news release. "I very much look forward to continuing and growing the partnership opportunities with Drexel University's business administration program."