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## Drexel University Launches Educational Partnership with Albany Preparatory Charter School

**Philadelphia, PA – July 25, 2006** - Drexel University's online subsidiary Drexel e-Learning recently announced a new academic partnership with Albany Preparatory Charter School, a quality, tuition-free public middle school located in the heart of Albany.

Through this educational alliance, Albany Preparatory Charter School employees will have the opportunity to complete an online degree or certificate program through Drexel and receive special tuition rates. Employees can choose from a range of bachelor's, master's, and certificate programs that Drexel offers online in areas such as business, engineering, computer science, computing technology, education, nursing, and information science.

Drexel, which is ranked by *U.S. News & World Report* as one of "America's Best Colleges" for 2007, is accredited by the Middle States Association for Colleges and Secondary Schools and its curricula hold some of the most prestigious accreditations from their respective accrediting bodies such as AACSB (Business), NLN and CCNE (Nursing), ABET(Engineering), and ALA (Information Science). Additionally, Drexel's online programs target adult learners and offer the convenience of advancing their skills on their own schedule.

Drexel e-Learning has been continually expanding its partner network for the past three years. Through a partnership with Drexel, participating corporations, health systems, and professional associations across the United States are able to offer their employees and members such benefits as special tuition rates and career development opportunities, as well as the chance to earn a reputable degree all with the flexibility working professionals need.

"Organizations continue to collaborate with Drexel as an academic partner because they know that their employees will receive the same quality education as they would on the University's campus through a convenient online format," said Dr. Kenneth Hartman, academic director of Drexel eLearning. "We are pleased to welcome Albany Preparatory Charter School into our partner network and look forward to meeting the educational needs of its employees."

For more information on forming an educational partnership with Drexel University, visit [www.drexel.com](http://www.drexel.com), e-mail [corporate@drexelelearning.com](mailto:corporate@drexelelearning.com), or call (877) 215-0009.

### **About Albany Preparatory Charter School:**

Albany Prep is a safe, small, high-quality tuition-free public middle school in the heart of Albany, NY. The school is open to all age-eligible students – there are no entrance exams, eligibility requirements, or income qualifications. A commitment to think hard, study well, behave properly, and be ready to learn is all that students who are interested in Albany Prep need to demonstrate.

The school design – based on academic excellence, global citizenship, and application of knowledge – has its roots in the *International Baccalaureate* program, one of the most well-respected and successful school models in the world.

**About Drexel e-Learning:**

Drexel e-Learning, Inc. is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the United States and abroad. A pioneer in online education, Drexel University has offered programs online since 1996.

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