

THE ACADEMY  
OF NATURAL SCIENCES  
of DREXEL UNIVERSITY

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Philadelphia, PA 19103



*Dates to  
Remember...*

**WELCOME NEW WINS I**

You will get a final schedule your first day of class, but mark down these dates!!

**Tuesday, July 1st: First Day!**

Academy of Natural Sciences  
10:00am to 3:00pm

August 11th to 15th: **Trip to Poconos  
Environmental Education Center**



**WINS II**

**Tuesday, June 24th: Field Trip!  
Snorkeling and Stream Study at  
Brandywine and Beaver Creeks**  
Meet at ANSP at 8:00am, return by  
4:00pm

**Thursday & Friday, June 26th & 27th:  
Customer Service Training for  
ALL Explainers and Interns, ANSP**  
9:30am to 4:00pm

**Thursday, August 7th: Field Trip! Lab  
Workshops at Drexel University  
with DGWISE (Drexel University  
Women in Science and Engineering)**  
Meet at Drexel's Bossone building be-  
tween 31st & 32nd street and Market  
street at 9:45am, return by 1:30pm

**Tuesday, August 26th Field Trip!  
USDA Presentations &  
Awbury Arboretum**  
Meet at ANSP 9:30am, return by 4:00pm

**WINS Newsletter**

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**All activities are  
rain or shine!**

Please let  
Ms. Betsy know  
if you cannot  
make it to an  
activity  
beforehand.

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**Women In Natural  
Sciences (WINS)** is an  
innovative and successful  
science enrichment  
program conducted by  
the Academy of Natural  
Sciences of Drexel Uni-  
versity in collaboration  
with the School District  
of Philadelphia. Since its  
founding in 1982, WINS  
has been providing  
female public school  
students with hands-on  
science classes, scientific  
literacy and skill-building  
activities, and opportuni-  
ties for personal growth  
in a uniquely nurturing  
setting.

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# WINS Newsletter

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## WINS!

"Congratulations you have been accepted into The Woman in Natural Sciences Program". July 1st 2010 was the first day of my first WINS class. Surrounded by people I did not know and in some way I did not want to know made me a nervous wreck. The clichés, the clicks, I'd already established a reputation in eighth grade, now it was time for me to build a whole new identity. Would I be liked, would I instantly be criticized for my darker skin and individuality?

It had taken me sixth, seventh, and eighth grade to become who I was. I was 13, just leaving out of ninth grade, growing up I was determined to cross the boundaries of Philadelphia and escape the limitations of Pennsylvania. Overwhelming in the minority status, I decided to join the Woman In Natural Sciences program because they were the ones advertised to help me complete my goals. They were known to specialize on low income African American females joining the Sciences. At the time I wasn't interested in science, actually that was my least favorite subject in school but I saw opportunities in this program.

The first 3 weeks were rocky. Being in a room with potential ninth graders, majority African American was a little intimidating to me. I had just come from a majority Caucasian middle school and was in the minority. Going from 1 out of 12 darker faces to the various skin tones of the darker spectrum made me scared. Different personalities surrounded me, some more eccentric than others, some more outgoing and some like me, shy. After the first trip we slowly warmed up to each other it was like a sisterhood.

Three and a half years later and I'm currently employed by the Academy of Natural Sciences which houses the WINS program, and enjoying the company of my fellow Peers who are also in the WINS program. Some girls pass up this opportunity because they hear the word science. Some females are not fortunate enough to get or maintain this opportunity; I barely let opportunities pass me by. I'm currently looking to go into Nursing as my college major. On my interview day when I told Mrs. Betsy that my least favorite subject was science, she confidently said, "By the end of this program you will love science." That day I was destined to make her regret them words but today, she made me regret that thought. Not only has WINS made me the person I am today but also showed me how it is to be a minority and still be successful.

Jasmane Harvey, WINS II Senior



Jasmane Harvey, on left, with WINS Alumna Maranda Parker working on the scapula of an *Edmontosaurus* at the Academy's Paleo Lab in Fall 2013.



## Senior WINS move onward!

As the spring graces us with its presence bringing forth not only changing weather and blooming flowers, but also a host of new exciting activities in the WINS program including, camping, sailing, and interviews for potential new WINS. It also brings forth one of the most exciting times of the year for high school students - GRADUATION! This year we say farewell to 13 tremendous seniors!

All of the seniors will be going off to college, both near and far. Close to home are: Jacquelyne Ng, WINS Drexel scholarship recipient, for Environmental Science and Kyra Sacksith, Liberty scholarship recipient Undecided in the sciences at Drexel University, and Dakota Foster will be studying Kinesiology at Temple University.

A little further away from home are: Sierra Grayson for Biology and Tenin Sissoko for Neurosciences at Indiana University of Pennsylvania for Biology, Rabiya Jalloh Undecided at Penn State Main Campus, Niyree Harris Psychology at West Chester University, Jasmane Harvey for Nursing and Zania Jones for Social Work with Criminal Justice at Widner University, and Deneisha Cook for Business and Janiyah Jones, with a full ride scholarship for Chemistry at Shippensburg University. Going out of state, we have Rayna Green at Howard University in Washington D.C. for Mathematics, and Kesha Medina, with a full ride scholarship to Sterling College, in Vermont, for Agro-ecology with a concentration in Sustainability.

Ladies you have survived 4 years of WINS, college should be a walk in the park! Apply all that you have learned thus far in these past few years to give you that extra push in college and don't forget to come back and visit! "If we do meet again, we'll smile indeed; If not, 'tis true this parting was well made" -William Shakespeare

Donneice Brownlee, WINS Alumna

The WINS Seniors on their first college tour when they were sophomores in 2011. Five of the girls chose school visited in the tour of Western Pennsylvania.



**JUNE** 2nd - Muneeba Arshad 3rd - Linda Gutierrez  
6th - Trinity Niroda 12th - Tiffany Neely  
14th - Mazina Adams 20th - Mahogany Davison

**JULY** 14th - Jasmin Gilliam 20th - Kayla Savage  
31st - Madeline Johnson

**AUGUST** 2nd - Kiambi Bruce 3rd - Mary-Janet Kamagate  
4th - Tenzin Chemi 6th - Alexis Ryan  
6th - Aurora Ryan 8th - Danielle Williams  
12th - Jiciana Knight 15th - Siani Madison



## My WINS experience

Wow! I can't believe it's my 4<sup>th</sup> year in WINS. The last 3 years I have been in WINS, I have had the greatest opportunities any young female teen can ever experience.

My first year in WINS II, I had the most wonderful time working in Dinosaur Hall being an Explainer at the Dig. The next year I had an internship at the Paleo Lab where I had the tremendous opportunity to go to Montana, a once in a life time chance. Having to go with my peers Jasmane Harvey, Maranda Parker and Keisha Medina helped me learned so much and I grew closer to them. I increased my knowledge from learning all about dinosaurs like where they lived and how they were like back in prehistoric times all thanks to the coolest mentor Jason Poole. To me it's probably the coolest and most interesting internship there is!



Michele Huynh with her Dinosaur Hall supervisor and mentor Jason Poole in Montana brushing off debris on an Ankylosaurus fossil skull in summer 2013.

But for my last year in WINS, I have the opportunity to be the WINS I assistant. I'm so excited! I always wanted to end off my WINS years as the WINS I assistant because WINS helped me grow as individual and become the young lady I am today. I look forward to the summer classes, trips and overnights we will have. I cannot wait to meet my class and share my experiences I had in WINS. I'm eager to be a big sister to twenty five 13-14 year old girls and mentor them through the best program ever!

Plus to assist the future WINS ladies who are coming into the program gives me great pleasure because I know each individual girl will have success later in life. Hopefully it'll be a great fun year - I can't wait to get started!

Michelle Huynh, WINS II Senior



Michele Huynh air scribing an Edmontasurus at the Paleo Lab.

## Alumnae - Let's WORK IT!!!

Alumnae - if you are about to graduate college, are out looking for a job, or are in transition from one job to another - this activity is for you!!! Join us for "Work It!" a day of learning about networking and how to present yourself in a professional manner.

Career Wardrobe has joined the WINS program to present a day of activities which will include experts in networking, how to use LinkedIn to its full potential, and some tips from a professional hairstylist before getting a head shot. The activity is slated for December.

There are only 25 spaces available - so stay tune for detail in our next newsletter!

