

## **Volunteering for the Career Center**

Because of its size, Drew is uniquely positioned to be responsive to the needs of employers and ensure graduates are prepared for a career in their field. Drew's new undergraduate and graduate experience, called "Launch," intends to equip students with sought after transferable skills through a skill based curriculum, teams of mentors, and a host of immersive experiences.

Drew's community engagement efforts will be central to the success of the Launch program and the students participating in it. Our outreach efforts will provide a wide array of ways in which partnerships can be customized to fit the needs and desired level of engagement of employers, alumnx, and parents/family members of Drew students. Recruitment and job/internship placement is only one way in which employers and Drew community members can partner with us. There are a multitude of ways you can join us as we embark on this groundbreaking effort:

**Hire a Drew Student** – This is the best outcome we could ask for, and we want to ensure that you have access to our incredible pool of college graduates. For recruitment purposes, we can post available opportunities on our Drew-specific job search database, schedule time for on campus interviews, and promote your open positions. We want to provide you access to the best talent while at the same time providing our students access to powerful immersive experiences and relationships which will lead to the launch of a successful career beginning on the day they graduate.

**Make a Drew Student an Intern** – It well established that having internship experience as an undergraduate is the single most effective way to demonstrate career readiness to a prospective employer and for students to develop the transferable skills that professional workplaces demand. Help us prepare the workforce of tomorrow.

**Be a Mentor** – As part of Launch, Drew will be pulling together a community of mentors who will assist students as they attempt to navigate their undergraduate experience and, ultimately, begin their career. With the help of Drew's extensive network, we hope to avail students of resources who can serve as sounding boards, provide advice as experts in their field, and help students begin the networking process.

**Speak to a Class or Join a Panel on Careers** – Making the connection between what our students are learning and how it can be applied to a successful career pathway will engage students in ways they may have not previously considered and increase interest in your industry sector.

**Help Identify Industry-Valued Skills** – Drew is in a position to quickly respond to talent demands in a wide range of industry and employer sectors. Working with you to identify which transferable skills are required to succeed in your company or industry will ensure that students are prepared to enter the workforce on day one. Help us understand what you need from a recent graduate.

Conduct Research Alongside Drew Students and Faculty – Drew is home to first class students and faculty with considerable and tangible research experience. If your organization is seeking research assistance of any kind – tools and instrumentation; skilled student assistants; institutional knowledge – Drew is a willing and able partner.