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Official Guide to Drake
Relays Week 2016

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Welcome to your official alumni guide to Relays Week 2016. Inside you'll find a schedule of events, information on reunions and accommodations, and ideas to help you make the most of your time on campus.

Each year, our pack gathers around the Blue Oval to celebrate Relays and everything Drake. Returning home, we, as Bulldogs, renew our commitment to our alma mater and each other.

Be a part of history as Drake University inaugurates our newest Bulldog, President Earl "Marty" Martin on Thursday. Experience the pomp and circumstance, and celebrate this special moment.

The All-Alumni Tent Party has become a favorite among alumni celebrating their classmates and friendships, and making new connections. Join us Friday night for live music, fun and games, and a celebration of our graduates and the Drake experience.

Young alumni (2005-2015) are invited to the Alumni House on Saturday for a social brunch and breakfast bar and to meet President Martin and welcome him to his first Drake Relays.

Graduates of the College of Pharmacy and Health Sciences will gather for a series of special reunion events, and Journalism alumni are invited to an annual reception in Meredith on Saturday.

Visit www.drake.edu/relays to make your reservations today.

Welcome home, Bulldogs.

A handwritten signature in white ink that reads "Blake Campbell". The script is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Blake" and last name "Campbell" clearly distinguishable.

Blake Campbell, GR'05
Director of Alumni Relations



SUNDAY, APRIL 24

Beautiful Bulldog Contest

12 p.m. Rescue Dog Festival

1 p.m. Beautiful Bulldog Pageant

Knapp Center

#BeautifulBulldog

Come root for your favorite Bulldog! Join us early to visit with animal advocate groups and their adoptable dogs at the Rescue Dog Festival.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/beautifulbulldog for more information.

TUESDAY, APRIL 26

Downtown Street Painting

1-4 p.m.

Court Avenue, downtown

Street painting on the Drake campus has long served as the unofficial kickoff to the festivities surrounding the Drake Relays. To honor and build upon this tradition, Drake University has partnered with the City of Des Moines and the Court Avenue District to duplicate this event downtown. The fifth annual Downtown Street Painting allows businesses, nonprofits, and community organizations to celebrate the Drake Relays with their own sidewalk square. Want to reserve yours?

Visit www.drake.edu/servicelearning/calendar/downtownstreetpainting or contact Renee Sedlacek at renee.sedlacek@drake.edu

Grand Blue Mile

Sponsored by Wellmark and Nationwide

6 p.m.

13th and Locust, Downtown

The Grand Blue Mile was created to encourage healthy habits and empower positive change. The annual event brings together friends and families in downtown Des Moines to celebrate wellness through a one-mile street run suited for all ages and abilities.

Visit www.grandbluemile.com to register.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 27

Pole Vault at Capital Square

6 p.m.

The Atrium at Capital Square

400 Locust Street

This fan favorite moves back indoors to a new venue in Capital Square in downtown Des Moines. Come get up close and personal with world-class vaulters as they get ready for the 2016 Olympics.

THURSDAY, APRIL 28

Presidential Inauguration

1:30 p.m.

Knapp Center

#CongratsMarty

Earl F. "Marty" Martin officially takes leadership of the University in the ceremony marking his inauguration as the 13th president of Drake University.

Drake Relays Distance Carnival

Presented by Hy-Vee

3 p.m.

Drake Stadium

In what has become a Thursday night tradition, the Distance Carnival showcases the longest high school and collegiate running events along with the first half of the high school field events.

Distinguished Alumni Awards Reception
4:30 p.m. Reception
5:30 p.m. Program
Cowles Library Reading Room

The vitality of a university is best viewed by examining the success and achievements of its alumni. Drake University and the National Alumni Association Board of Directors are proud to honor exceptional graduates each year during the Drake Relays at this event. These awards recognize the significant contributions of our alumni to their alma mater, profession, and community.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/alumniawards2016 for information.

FRIDAY, APRIL 29

Drake Relays Track Events

Presented by Hy-Vee

8 a.m.-3:45 p.m.

Drake Stadium

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Ticket Information: www.drakerelays.org

All-Pharmacy Reunion

(Shuttle service provided)

5-9 p.m.

Cline Atrium

Cost: \$20, includes hors d'oeuvres and one drink ticket

Join fellow Pharmacy alumni on your old stomping grounds, and reconnect with the friends who made your Drake experience so memorable at the 2016 Pharmacy Reunion.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/allpharmacy to register.

All-Alumni Tent Party

5-9 p.m.

Enjoy live music from the Final Mix Show Band, games, photo booth antics, special giveaways for the first alumni to arrive, and much more! All Bulldogs are welcome, but



we will celebrate the following classes in particular: 2011 (5-year), 2006 (10-year), 2001 (15-year), 1996 (20-year), 1991 (25-year), 1986 (30-year), 1981 (35-year), 1976 (40-year), and 1971 (45-year).

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/alumnitentparty to register.

Hy-Vee Night at the Drake Relays

5-9 p.m.

Drake Stadium

Ticket Information: www.drakerelays.org

SATURDAY, APRIL 30

Drake Relays Road Races

7:30 a.m. Hy-Vee Half Marathon

7:45 a.m. 5K Road Race

The road races return to Saturday morning and the popular western neighborhood route. Get your workout that morning before heading to watch the Relays that day.

Visit www.hy-veeroadraces.com for information.

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LGBT Brunch

9–11 a.m.

Patty and Fred Turner Jazz Center

Cost: \$10

Join fellow LGBT alumni and students for brunch and discussion on future programming to support our Drake community here and around the globe. Hear about the current Drake experience and learn how you can get involved.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/lgbtbrunch to register.

STEM@DRAKE Construction Site Tour

10–11 a.m.

South side of Olin Hall

Join us to launch the next phase of the University's STEM@DRAKE complex. The new \$55-million project includes a new science building, the Robert D. and Billie Ray Center, and Collier-Scripps Hall—Drake's new School of Education, Math, and Computer Science building.

Young Alumni Brunch

11 a.m.–1 p.m.

Alumni House

2700 University Ave.

Cost: \$15

The Central Iowa Young Alumni Committee invites young alumni (0–10 years out) to enjoy a special brunch (complete with Mimosa and Bloody Mary bar!) on Saturday morning. Join us in greeting President Marty and Laura Martin and welcome them to the Drake family.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/yacbrunch for more information and to register.

Black Alumni BBQ

2:30–5:30 p.m.

Black Cultural Center

1149 28th Street

Reconnect with classmates and friends as part of this student-led Relays tradition. Enjoy food, music, and memories with current Drake students and alumni at the BCC tent.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/blackalumnibbq to register.



SJMC Alumni Reception

5–7 p.m.

Meredith Hall

Free snacks and cash bar

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/sjmcrelays for more information.

All-Pharmacy Reunion Celebration (Shuttle service provided)

10–11 a.m. Tour of the College

11:30 a.m.–1 p.m. Lunch, Cline Atrium

Cost: \$15

**Afternoon: Fraternity and sorority events
5–9 p.m. DJ, dinner, and program, Alumni Tent
5:30–7:30 p.m. Dinner
6:30 Program**

Cost: \$25, includes dinner and two drink tickets

Register online at www.alumni.drake.edu/allpharmacy for more information.



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The Final Mix Show Band is led by Del “Saxman” Jones, AS’71—a former Drake wrestler and Iowa Blues Hall of Fame inductee who has played and toured with the likes of James Brown and Tina Turner. Jones and his band are known for serving up a high-energy brand of R&B, jazz fusion,

blues, hip hop, rock & roll, and original material. They’ve performed around the world, sharing the stage with Al Green, Buddy Guy, the Commodores, and many more.

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/alumnitentparty to register.

All-Alumni Tent Party
Friday, April 29
5–9 p.m.
Olmsted Parking Lot





ALL-PHARMACY REUNION

Reconnect with the friends who made your Drake experience so exciting and memorable at Drake's 2016 All-Pharmacy Reunion.

Gather on Friday evening in Cline Atrium to catch up with your classmates at a reception with hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar.

On Saturday, you're invited to take a tour of the college to see all the exciting new changes that have taken place since you were last on campus. Afterwards, join us for lunch in the Cline Atrium.

Finally, don't miss out on the tent party, which is sure to be a joyful gathering. Plus, the first alumni to arrive will receive a special gift from the Office of Alumni Relations.

Friday, April 29

**5-9 p.m. All-Pharmacy Reunion
(Shuttle service provided)**

**Cline Atrium Reception with
hors d'oeuvres and a cash bar**

Cost: \$20, includes one drink ticket

Saturday, April 30

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Afternoon: Fraternity and sorority events

5-9 p.m. DJ, dinner and program, Alumni Tent

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to register.**

PRESIDENTIAL INAUGURATION

Earl F. “Marty” Martin has been leading the University with commitment and purpose since July 1, 2015, but he is officially installed as University President during his first Relays at the 13th presidential inauguration on April 28.

Martin began his tenure with a strong commitment to collaboration, openness, and engagement with all members of the Drake community, all with the goal of helping create a stronger, more inclusive and efficient University. This dedication will continue as a trademark of Martin’s presidency as he formally takes office to lead Drake with confidence into the future.

The 13th presidential inauguration reflects the community’s continued and renewed dedication to a transformational Drake education and marks President Martin’s commitment to Drake’s values of innovation, tradition, leadership with integrity, and continued pursuit of new heights in higher education.

Join us at The Knapp Center for all the pomp and circumstance this historic moment in Drake’s history entails, and welcome President Martin as the leader of our pack.

Visit www.drake.edu/inauguration for more details.

Thursday, April 28
President Martin Inauguration
1:30 p.m.
Knapp Center





RELAYS TICKETS

While you are enjoying all the great activities taking place outside Drake Stadium, don't forget to grab tickets for your favorite events inside. Make sure to cheer on your Bulldogs and get an up-close look at some of the biggest track and field stars in the country, including many Olympic medalists and potential contenders in the Rio games.

Ticket Information: www.drakerelays.org

LODGING

Visit www.alumni.drake.edu/relayslodging or information on lodging and hotels during Relays.



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