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THE ACADEMY OF NATURAL SCIENCES AND DREXEL UNIVERSITY HOST FREE "AFFILIATION DAY" AT MUSEUM ON OCTOBER 26

WHAT: The Academy of Natural Sciences and Drexel University will host *Academy/Drexel Affiliation Day* on Wednesday, October 26, 2011. Free and fun for the public, the Open House day offers free museum admission and activities to celebrate the completion of an affiliation agreement between the Academy and Drexel. The historic affiliation promotes learning, discovery, and civic engagement in the natural and environmental sciences, creating an internationally recognized powerhouse in scientific research and education.

Pose for pictures with "Mario" the Dragon and the Academy's Triceratops mascot. Make dinosaur and dragon puppets to take home. Meet Academy and Drexel scientists at a dozen activity tables. Enjoy face painting. Visit Dinosaur Hall to see dinosaur skeletons on display, including *Tyrannosaurus rex*; hunt for dinosaur bones in The Big Dig hands-on exhibit; and watch fossils being prepared for study in the Fossil Prep Lab.

WHEN: Wednesday, October 26, 2011
10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

FYI: Free individual general admission from 10:00 a.m. – 4:30 p.m. For more information, please visit www.ansp.org/affiliation-day

About The Academy of Natural Sciences

Founded in 1812, the Academy of Natural Sciences is America's oldest natural history museum and a world leader in biodiversity and environmental research. For nearly 200 years, the Academy has carried out its mission to encourage and cultivate the sciences, exploring the remarkable diversity of our natural world and sharing these discoveries with the public through innovative exhibits, publications, and educational programming.

About Drexel University

Founded in 1891 in Philadelphia, Drexel is the nation's 14th largest private university and is ranked among the best national universities by *U.S. News & World Report*. Drexel is widely recognized for its focus on experiential learning through its co-operative education program and translational research initiatives.