



Who will be by your side during your Drake journey?

College is definitely a challenge—lots of ups, downs, and new opportunities that stretch you like you never thought possible. You'll want a tight group of friends and mentors who are ready to support you through it all—cheering you on and being there for you as you reach for your goals and aspirations.

That group is the **Crew Scholars Program**.



“The Crew Scholars Program provides a family away from home that sustains my academic performance. This program is something that I don’t I think I could find in any other school, and it has been a wonderful opportunity for me.”

— Kimberly Taylor, International Business, Wood Dale, Ill.

### What is a Crew?

At Drake, it's a group of students who are committed to high achievement and to supporting each other's overall success as students of color during their entire four years of college. Crew Scholars also foster positive community change through their leadership and practice the skills they need to be future leaders in social justice and transformation.

The Crew Scholars Program offers a community to support you as you cultivate academic skills, develop leadership abilities, and nurture your passion for making a difference. The program also makes a Drake education more financially feasible: Crew Scholars enrolled full time in on-campus courses for the fall and/or spring semesters receive Drake scholarships and grants totaling at least 50 percent of tuition. (This includes Drake scholarships and grants awarded prior to selection as a Crew Scholar.)

### The Crew Scholars Program:

- Provides focused social and academic support.
- Encourages active campus participation.
- Recognizes and nurtures your individual identity.
- Prepares you for leadership and mentorship roles.

### Joining the Crew

The Crew Scholars Program at Drake University is open to incoming domestic students of color in any major. You must be admitted to Drake before you can apply for Crew; applications for the program typically become available in October. Apply at [www.drake.edu/crewscholars](http://www.drake.edu/crewscholars).

As a Crew Scholar, you'll pledge to graduate from Drake and to provide positive encouragement and support to fellow Crew members. You must also commit to participating in each component of the program as outlined in “Being Part of the Crew.”



### The Crew Scholars Vow

*As a proud member of the Crew Scholars Program, I commit to graduating from Drake, providing positive encouragement to my fellow Crew members, putting forth my best effort in all academic and professional work, and collaborating with my Crew to overcome all challenges to our progress. I will honor myself and the Crew Scholars Program by ... [you'll complete this sentence independently to make the vow even more personally meaningful.]*

### Being Part of the Crew

**Pre-Semester Events** For one day at summer orientation and for two days before Welcome Week in August, the Crew gathers to prepare for their transition to Drake. You'll get to know one another, set individual and group goals, discuss preparation strategies, and establish camaraderie. These crucial events create an important sense of group identity for the Crew and enable you to begin your studies with confidence and a sense of belonging. (All expenses except travel are paid.)

**Crew Connect Sessions** Throughout your first academic year, the entire Crew meets every week with program directors to develop strategies for academic success, discuss the unique experiences of students of color, and celebrate achievements.

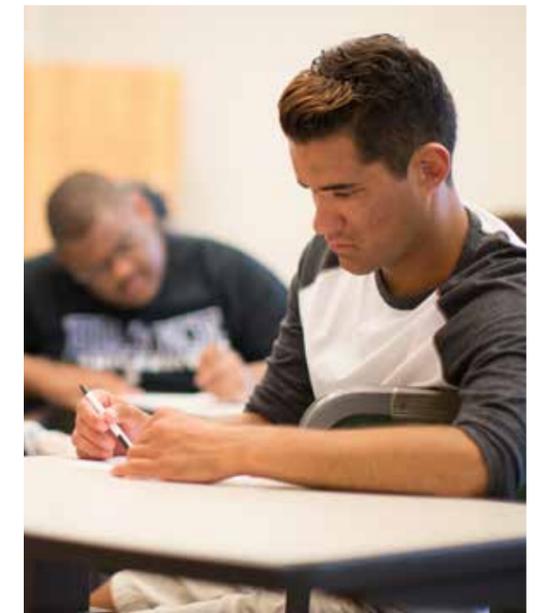
**Leadership** Each year, Crew Scholars plan a campus-wide event, collaborate with other student groups, and take leading roles in raising awareness about a social issue they identify as important. The Crew will also attend a student leadership conference each spring semester.

**Mentor Role** In year two and beyond, you'll become a mentor for the incoming Crew. By building such connections, you'll gain a sense of solidarity and shared accountability with Crew Scholars that follow you. Mentorship activities—combined with the shared commitment to graduate from Drake—create role models and a sense of community achievement within each year's graduating class.

**Faculty Mentorship** In addition to being paired with a

Crew Scholar mentor, each incoming Crew Scholar will work with a faculty mentor. Your mentor will support you throughout your time at Drake as you pursue academic excellence, develop your professional goals, and make decisions about the diverse academic and social opportunities you encounter at Drake.

**For more information about the Crew Scholars Program and for application guidelines, please visit [www.drake.edu/crewscholars](http://www.drake.edu/crewscholars)**



## Crew \ˈkrü\

A group of Drake students of color who stand together to support each other's success, academic excellence, and leadership growth (while earning extra funds for college).



"It's amazing how we all seek each other out, still. The members of Crew were my first friends on this campus, and I am so proud of that fact. We have truly grown to know each other."

—London Koehn, Broadcast News,  
Lawrence, Kan.

# Who will stand beside you?



## The Crew Scholars Program

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