



#### **Drexel University Online**

### Drexel University Leader in Education Named Penn Educator of the Year

**Philadelphia, PA** - (**PRWEB**) **April 11, 2007** – Dr. Kenneth Hartman, director of academic affairs at <u>Drexel University Online</u>, was recently named the Penn Graduate School of Education Educator of the Year, honoring his long and distinguished contribution to the field of education.

Hartman is an internationally renowned educator who served 26 years as a university professor, academic administrator, and consultant at several leading universities including the University of Pennsylvania, the University of Delaware, New York Institute of Technology, and Drexel University. He is the author of numerous publications related to educational technology and is a former newspaper columnist, television talk show host, and commissioned military officer. He can also be seen regularly on NBC10 as the station's onair technology contributor.

"Dr. Hartman's professional accomplishments and innovative contributions to the field of education for the past 26 years are nothing short of amazing," said Matthew O'Malley, president of the GSE Alumni Association. "Whether he was teaching on-campus, online, or on television, Dr. Hartman represented the high traditions and standards of the University of Pennsylvania and the Graduate School of Education. He is, without question, the quintessential educational entrepreneur."

Hartman's recent awards and honors include, the 2006 Partners in Education Award from the Pennsylvania Association for College Admission Counseling, and the 2006 Drexel School of Education's Faculty Fellow and Associate Award. "It's always an honor to be recognized by your peers, especially when they represent the long and distinguished list of educators who have graduated from Penn," said Dr. Hartman. "I'm looking forward to my next 26 years as an educator, helping others find new, innovative approaches to teaching and learning."

Brian Miles, GSE Alumni and CEO of TargetX, nominated Hartman for his dedication to education and commitment to the betterment of GSE. "Ken Hartman has served his profession, his colleagues, his students, community, and his country in a manner consistent with the mission and traditions of GSE," said Miles.

Dr. Hartman holds an undergraduate degree from The State University of New York at Geneseo, a master's degree from Michigan State University, and a doctorate degree from the University of Pennsylvania.

The Penn GSE Award ceremony will be held on Friday, May 11, 2007 at 6:30 p.m. at the Graduate School of Education, 3700 Walnut Street, Room 203. For more information regarding this event please contact Janice Rafferty at 215.746.0216 or for questions regarding Dr. Hartman, please call 215.895.0513 or email sb572@drexel.edu.

## **About Drexel University Online:**

<u>Drexel University Online</u>, winner of the 2006 21<sup>st</sup> Century Best Practice Award for Distance Learning from the United States Distance Learning Association, is a wholly-owned subsidiary of Drexel University, specializing in innovative, Internet-based distance education programs for working professionals and corporations in the United States and abroad. Drexel University is continually ranked one of the best national doctoral universities by *U.S.News & World Report* and enjoys regional accreditation by the Middle States Association of Colleges & Secondary Schools. A pioneer in online education, Drexel has offered programs online since 1996.

# **About the Penn Educator of the Year Award**

This award recognizes an outstanding graduate of the University of Pennsylvania, preferably of the Graduate School of Education (GSE), who demonstrates unusual involvement in and commitment to identifying and helping to resolve school problems and current issues in education. The recipient of this award must be a dedicated educator who is an inspiration, risk-taker, innovator, and role model, while demonstrating a commitment to the betterment of the Graduate School of Education.

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