

## Special Interest Articles:

- TEC Welcomes Our New Board
- New! Tuition Reduction for Staff and Volunteers
- Partnership Organizations Grow in Number

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## TEC Welcomes Our New Board

We are pleased to announce we have had several new additions to both our Board of Directors and our Advisory Board. We feel fortunate to have so many wonderful and dedicated individuals to help us in our mission.

Each individual was hand-selected because of their dedication to education and the advancement of all students.

We welcome our new board members: Jennifer Alford,

Lindsey Eidsvold, and Shannon Bell.

Welcome our new advisory board members: Jennifer Lamkins, Dr. Robert Reyes, and Tricia Evans.

Thank you for joining our team!

This year will hold many milestones for both the students we serve and our volunteer staff as we continue to find ways to serve both.

Continue to check our website for updates.

## Drexel University Partners with TEC

The Elysium Compact introduces an exciting educational partnership with Drexel University Online! Staff and Volunteers of the Elysium Compact and their immediate family members are entitled to receive a 10-25% tuition reduction on Drexel's accredited bachelor's, master's and certificate programs. Ranked among 'America's Best Graduate Schools' for 2008, Drexel's School of Education offers notable degree programs in a convenient online format. At Drexel Online, you will learn from the same distinguished professors and earn the same respected degree as you would on

campus.

Drexel has been a premier online university since 1996, when it began offering degrees online as an option for students. As a university with a strong background in technology and research, Drexel Online brings more to online learning than other online colleges. Our degree programs are backed with the experience of being a leader in education for more than 115 years.

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### Partnerships

Orange Parents &  
Children Together

The Mommies Network

Drexel University

### Fundraising

[Amazon.com](http://Amazon.com)

[GoodSearch.com](http://GoodSearch.com)

### Donate

PayPal

Network for Good

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## Our New Website

In May, we launched our new website. Our new website features a volunteer page which interested volunteers can download an application and submit it for our review. We have a programs and services page that details our project focus. We simultaneously launched our interactive forum where we provide increased communication between teachers and administrators, along with communication between those who are participating in our programs.

## Parent Advocacy Program

We are currently working on a partnership with an organization that supports the families who have autistic children and provide resources to them.

When we start collaborating with this organization, it means that we have a wonderful resource to provide to our families.

We have a virtual community forum set up to help improve

community between parents on topics related to education.

We feel that parents benefit from having support from other parents who have experienced what they are going through.

This virtual community provides that for the parents we serve. We connect parents from all over the Nation. To sign up:  
[www.ElysiumCompact.ning.com](http://www.ElysiumCompact.ning.com)

## *Pilot Program in the Making...*

We are preparing to launch a pilot program with a local Orange County school district to begin using volunteers in the classroom.

These volunteers will increase productivity of the students during instructional periods and act as an assistant to the teacher.

In times where School Districts are cutting back on staff and educational resources, this program will offer our students and the school districts with a free alternative. Our volunteers

will focus on providing classroom service during the Reading and Math blocks. Typically, it is during these instructional periods where additional assistance is most needed.

We are concentrating on low performing public schools and particularly in grade level 4.

In addition to this program, we are also commissioning a study to evaluate the effectiveness of this and other programs we offer.