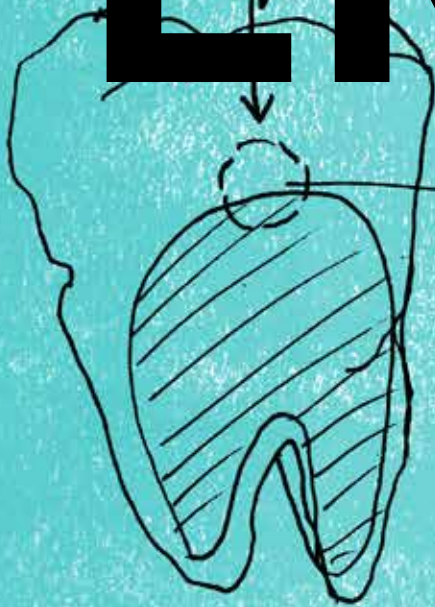
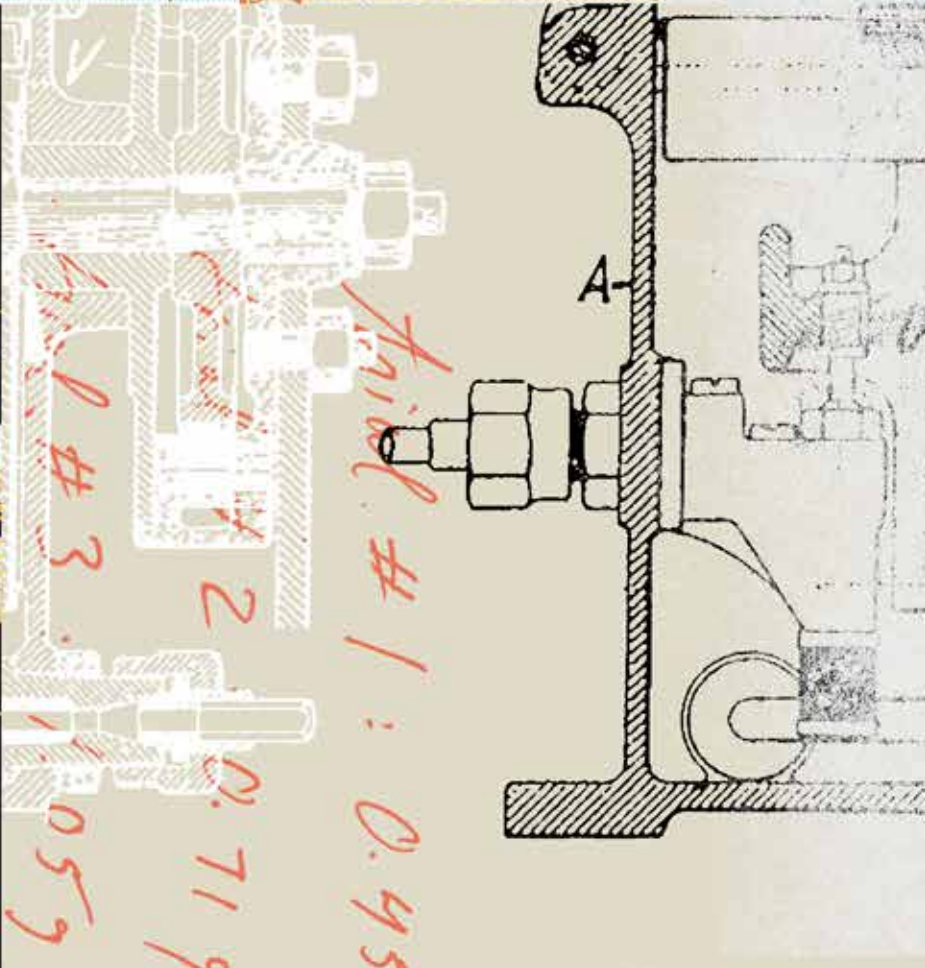
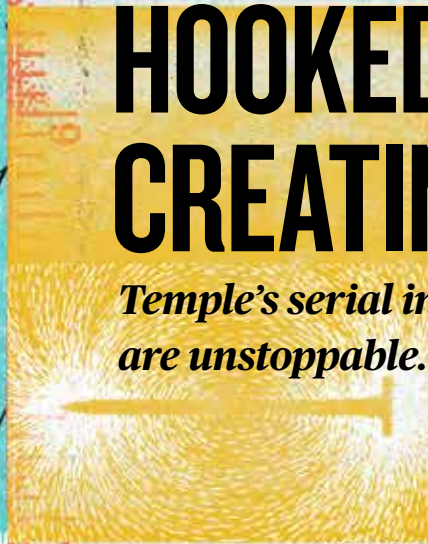


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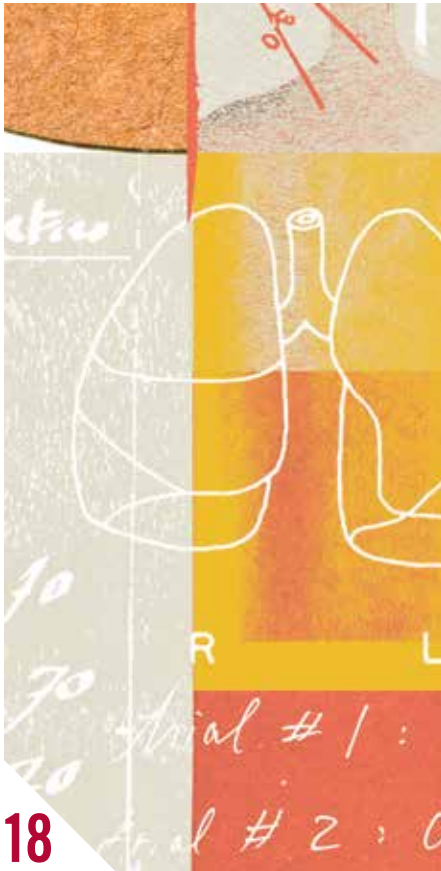
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## KEY TO SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CODES

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| BYR | Boyer College of Music and Dance                    |
| CLA | College of Liberal Arts                             |
| CPH | College of Public Health                            |
| CST | College of Science and Technology                   |
| DEN | Kornberg School of Dentistry                        |
| EDU | College of Education                                |
| ENG | College of Engineering                              |
| FOX | Fox School of Business                              |
| HON | Honorary Degree                                     |
| LAW | Beasley School of Law                               |
| MED | Lewis Katz School of Medicine                       |
| PHR | School of Pharmacy                                  |
| POD | School of Podiatric Medicine                        |
| SED | School of Environmental Design                      |
| SMC | School of Media and Communication                   |
| SSW | School of Social Work                               |
| TFM | School of Theater, Film and Media Arts              |
| THM | School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management |
| TYL | Tyler School of Art                                 |

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I am pleased to introduce you to three outstanding leaders at Temple University.

Richard M. Englert is Temple's president. Though he has only been in this role since July, he is hardly a novice when it comes to this university.

Dick is familiar to nearly everyone at Temple, and to many of you. Indeed, he is almost a Temple institution himself, having served the university for 40 years.

Dick began his career at Temple in January 1976. He has served the university with distinction in a variety of roles, including provost, vice president for administration, associate dean and dean of the College of Education, deputy provost and dean of University College, and chief of staff to the president.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I have full confidence that Dick will lead the university ably with fidelity to Temple's mission of access, affordability, diversity and excellence.

While Dick has a wealth of leadership, knowledge and experience, he will not be alone in leading Temple. Both on the academic side and on the operations side of the university, Dick has a terrific team behind him.

He is joined by Joanne A. Epps, Temple's phenomenal new provost. A very

well-respected former federal prosecutor and legal educator, JoAnne has been at Temple since 1985, serving most recently as dean of the Beasley School of Law. She is highly valued and appreciated by people across the university, the city of Philadelphia and the country.

Temple is like a small city, and overseeing major aspects of our operation is Kevin Clark, executive vice president and chief operating officer. From Intercollegiate Athletics to Construction, Facilities and Operations; Campus Recreation; and Business Services, Kevin's oversight keeps the university running efficiently and moving forward.

Temple University is one of the hottest universities in the U.S. And under the leadership of Dick Englert, JoAnne Epps and Kevin Clark, together with the wholehearted support of the trustees and the combined talent and energy of our faculty, students, staff and alumni, I know that Temple's future is bright.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Patrick J. O'Connor".

Patrick J. O'Connor, Chair  
Temple University Board of Trustees



I'm proud to say I've been at Temple University since 1976. And in all these years, there has never been a better time to be a part of this vibrant community.

This issue of *Temple* helps show why that is. From record-breaking research to brand-new facilities, increasing emphasis on entrepreneurship and deepening engagement with the city of Philadelphia, Temple is one of the very best urban public research universities in the country.

That's no accident. It's primarily due to the talent, hard work and dedication of our esteemed faculty and staff. These are the people who daily provide excellent teaching, state-of-the-art research and essential services for our students, parents, neighbors, and the many local, regional, national and international communities we serve.

Our students impress and inspire me every day. This year, we once again broke records for the size and academic strength of our incoming class. Students know that Temple is the place where young people with dreams

can get an excellent education and a future that is as bright as any diamond.

While our leadership has changed over the decades, our mission has not. Temple has been – and will continue to be – a university that is accessible, affordable, diverse and high quality. That is who we are. It is in our DNA.

Of course, a vital part of our success resides with alumni like you. Here in Philadelphia and everywhere around the world, you represent our community with pride, you show the world what Temple Owls can accomplish, and you provide essential support for our university.

Thank you for everything you do for Temple. I'm thrilled to serve this great university, and I look forward to working with you to make sure Temple maintains its momentum.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Richard M. Englert".

Richard M. Englert  
President, Temple University

# WOMAN WARRIOR

*Head Fencing Coach Nikki Franke, CPH '74, '88, arrived at Temple in 1972 intending to earn a master's degree to take back to New York City, her hometown.*

*Forty-four years later, Franke is still at Temple. Having formed Temple's fencing team soon after she arrived as a graduate assistant, she has led the team to more than 700 victories and 37 postseason appearances, including 18 consecutive National Intercollegiate Women's Fencing Association championship titles. But her competitive edge doesn't end there: She also has been named fencing coach of the year four times and inducted into three halls of fame, and was a member of the 1976 and 1980 U.S. Olympic teams. Somehow, she also managed to teach public health full time from 1975 through 2015.*



Joseph V. Labolillo

## NIKKI FRANKE

**OCCUPATION:** Director of fencing; women's foil coach

**LOCATION:** Main Campus

**How did you discover fencing?**

Totally by accident: My senior year of high school, we had a new physical education instructor who came to the school and started a fencing club. Once I got into it, I found it very challenging, both physically and mentally.

**What was the fencing landscape like for women when you started?**

Women only fenced foil, but they did not fence the other two weapons, which are epee and saber. Now women fence all three weapons, but at that time,

women were definitely second class to the men. And at that time, especially for an African American woman, there were very, very few of us involved in sport, never mind fencing. So it was something that was very, very different. I grew up in Harlem – no one I knew fenced.

**You've been at Temple for more than 40 years. What is one thing about it that never changes?**

The one thing that never changes is the high quality and the high character of our students. Both as a coach and a

professor, what keeps you going is your students. As a coach, you have such a close relationship with them – you're interacting with them on a daily basis for four years. Having families come to you when they're graduating and thanking you for the influence you've been on their daughters – that's very rewarding.

It's the same thing in the classroom. I'm in public health, an area where we're trying to help people change the world and help others live healthier lives. I work with undergraduates, and when you see that lightbulb go on, and you see people get it – that's what keeps it exciting for me as a professor.



# NEWS

*Temple looks back on the illustrious life and career of its seventh president, and it looks to the future with a leadership team who has decades of experience throughout the university. A much-anticipated, brand-new sports complex comes to completion; a little house teaches big lessons on sustainability; and four Owls go pro.*

## WHEN IN ROME...



Students make Rome their classroom by exploring ancient ruins and works of art.

Imagine this: It's 1966 and you're embarking on a ship bound for Italy. You're one of the first students to walk through the gates of the Villa Caproni and into Temple University's Tyler School of Art.

Flash forward 50 years to Rome in 2016. A program that started with 20 students now boasts more than 12,000 alumni. The Villa Caproni is home to Temple University Rome, one of the longest standing and most prestigious American programs in Italy.

It's Temple Rome's 50th anniversary and the university plans to celebrate the transformation of a quiet art school into a highly regarded interdisciplinary university in the heart of one of the world's paramount cities.

A year's worth of art exhibits, fairs, reunions and lectures have been planned

around the golden anniversary. The celebration starts this fall in Philadelphia and culminates in Rome with a weeklong bash next May.

Temple Rome Dean Hilary Link explains that the program's history is the compilation of the stories of alumni and faculty and how they were changed by their experiences in Rome.

"Each alumnus has a life-changing story. There's no way you can come here without having your perspective on your life and your place in the world changed," says Link.

For Mark Shetabi, associate professor and chair of painting, drawing and sculpture, the discovery of "Rome time" revolutionized his life as a teacher in the Eternal City. He was able to slow down, dig in and explore.

According to Shetabi, everyone would find themselves in the painting studio, not only the art students.

"It's an ideal space," says Shetabi. "All of the students, Tyler and non-Tyler, talk to each other."

Shetabi explains that the Villa Caproni looks, undeniably, like an art school. But Link, Shetabi and all the people Temple Rome has touched know that art is just the start of it. In fact, an engineering program will launch at Temple Rome in the spring.

This anniversary honors the university's past, its journey and its future. **SAMANTHA KROTZER, SMC '11**

> Visit [temple.edu/rome50](http://temple.edu/rome50) for more information and a full calendar of events.



# FAMILIAR HANDS TAKE THE WHEEL

**NEW LEADERS, YES. NEW FACES? HARDLY — AND THAT’S A GOOD THING.  
TEMPLE, REINTRODUCE YOURSELF TO PRESIDENT ENGLERT AND PROVOST EPPS.**

*Temple has a new leadership team at the helm. But they certainly aren’t new to the university community. If anyone understands where Temple’s been and where it’s going, it’s President Richard M. Englert and Provost and Executive Vice President JoAnne A. Epps, who have been respected faculty members and leaders on campus for 71 years combined. This summer, we sat down with Englert and Epps to get their take on the state of the university.*



***You've both been part of the Temple family for a long time. When did you arrive?***

**Richard M. Englert (RME):** In the mid-1970s. I was assistant to the dean of the College of Education. Since then I've held 16 different positions, including provost, dean of the College of Education and acting director of Athletics. So, I have seen the university from many perspectives.

**JoAnne A. Epps (JAE):** I started at the Temple University Beasley School of Law 31 years ago, and served the past eight as dean. But I was introduced to Temple long before that. My mother was a secretary here and my first job was here. I worked at the Temple bookstore when I was a teenager.

***What excites you most about today's Temple compared to decades ago?***

**RME:** We're much more of a destination campus and much more of a residential campus. The number of students living on or near Main Campus has nearly quadrupled in less than 15 years. That's extraordinary. The facilities are enormously attractive and inviting. Campus is so vibrant now, even late at night. People want to linger. If there are alumni who haven't been to campus lately, I invite them to come back. They will be amazed.



**JAE:** That transformation of campus will continue in the near future. I'm excited about the new library, for example—it's going to be

stunning. People will love the physical nature of the building, but the new library also represents why we're here. It will be the hub of academic activity at the university. I can't wait.

***Do you think recent changes will slow Temple's momentum?***

**RME:** Absolutely not. There has never been a better time to be a part of the Temple community. Temple's momentum arises from our collective energy focused on excellence. Our fundamentals are strong. That's what has fueled our rising academic reputation.

***What are some of those fundamentals?***

**JAE:** They start with our people. Our outstanding faculty—they are terrific teachers, and they're doing extraordinary, groundbreaking, internationally recognized research and scholarship—and our students are smart, enthusiastic, curious and excited about learning. I think it's also important to note that the financial condition of this university is very secure.

**RME:** You can see our fundamental strength in this year's new students. There was unprecedented demand for a Temple education. We received a record 34,000 applications this year, and our new freshman class is the largest and most highly credentialed in our history.

***More students than ever say they choose Temple because of its location.***

**JAE:** I get that. The city is a life laboratory. They're exposed to so many people, so many points of view, so many opportunities. It's infinite, it's joyous, it's loud, it's raucous and it's wonderful.

***Both of you have mentioned the importance of a renewed focus on Temple's mission. What does that mission mean to you?***

**JAE:** What excites me about Temple's mission is its simultaneous focus on being both an extraordinarily successful research institution and not forgetting to enroll, educate and



develop people of all backgrounds. We are doing two wonderful things: reaching great heights, yet always being mindful of reaching back and bringing along the people who will take this place even further in the future.

**RME:** Temple has proved that excellence in education, access, affordability and diversity are not mutually exclusive. That's what we've done better than anyone else for more than 130 years. That won't change.

***You're huge Temple sports fans. Where are you most likely to be seen?***

**JAE:** I enjoy all Temple sports, but I'm a regular at football and basketball games. I've had my own tickets for decades.

**RME:** Our student-athletes are terrific, and I'm proud of what they've accomplished on and off the field. I try to watch every team compete—the new Temple sports complex makes that easier than ever—but I won't hide my special passion for volleyball.

**HILLEL HOFFMANN**



Betsy Manning, SMC '87, CLA '08

Temple's new sports complex provides much-needed space for athletic team and intramural and club sports.

# WELCOME HOME

The men's and women's soccer teams formally returned home in August when they took the field at the new sports complex just south of Temple's Main Campus.

The \$22 million project, started in September 2015, features two playing fields. The space for field hockey and lacrosse, at the southern end of the property near 13th Street and Girard Avenue, was named Howarth Field in recognition of a \$500,000 gift from former field hockey student-athlete Cherifa Howarth, *CPH '98*, and her husband, Greg.

The northern field, ringed by a publicly accessible track, serves men's and women's soccer, women's track and field, and men's and women's cross country. Each field includes bleachers, a digital scoreboard and a press box. An 11,000-square-foot locker room facility separates the fields.

The approximately 10-acre property, which is the site of the former William Penn High School, also provides much-needed space for intramural and club sports, including Ultimate Frisbee. **BRANDON LAUSCH, SMC '06**

## ¡NUMERO UNO!

Temple's five specialized Spanish certificate programs have earned the No. 1 ranking in the country from Foreign Language Colleges.

In addition to a unique, waitlist-worthy Spanish immersion program known as the Latin American Studies Semester, the department offers four other specialized certificates in Spanish, multilingual business and government studies, Spanish and Latin American studies for business, and Spanish and Latino studies for health and human services professions.

"The ability to speak Spanish is a skill that's going to make a difference when you apply for a job," says Hiram Aldarondo, *CLA '91*, chair of the Spanish and Portuguese Department and director of the Latin American Studies Semester.

For Aldarondo, it's not about rankings – it's about giving people the opportunity to learn and compete for jobs.

**SAMANTHA KROTZER, SMC '11**



# ROCK-A-BYE BABY

New parents learn quickly that infants don't follow a set schedule.

Being unprepared or underprepared for a new baby is typical for many young mothers. Those surprised by a birth a few weeks earlier than expected often resort to time- and cost-saving measures like "co-sleeping" – a practice where parents sleep in the same bed with their babies – until they can get the proper furniture.

In an attempt to reduce this practice, Temple University Hospital will provide sleeper boxes to all mothers who deliver at the hospital.

Providing portable safe sleepers to mothers of newborns is based on a longstanding practice in Finland. In response to a high infant mortality rate in the 1930s, the Finnish government began distributing these baby boxes, and the mortality rate has dropped steadily ever since.

Decorated with the iconic Temple "T" logo and owl mascot, the baby boxes are functioning, sturdy bassinets that come equipped with a sheet and mattress as well as essential supplies including baby wash, diapers, a nasal aspirator, a thermometer and educational materials.

"Having a baby can be overwhelming and there is so much for new parents to learn in such a short amount of time," says Megan Heere, *MED '08*, assistant professor of pediatrics at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine and medical director of the Temple University Hospital Well Baby Nursery.

"We're trying to ease that transition and help give parents the education and resources they need to provide their babies with a safe sleeping environment," says Heere. **JAZMYN BURTON**



Temple University Hospital

# WELCOME TO THE NFL, ROOKIES

Finding your dream job is never easy. That's especially true for the Owls who spent the summer at training camps, auditioning in the brutal heat for a spot on the roster of a National Football League team.

The good news? Four of the rookies survived final cuts—Tavon Young; Matt Ioannidis, *SMC '15*; Tyler Matakevich, *EDU '15*; and Robby Anderson, an undrafted free agent—bringing the total number of Owls in the NFL to eight. Perhaps we shouldn't be surprised that the Jets are the team with the most Owls—they're coached by Todd Bowles, *CLA '86*.

The newbies didn't waste time making a difference for their new employers. Young sparked the Ravens' comeback victory over Cleveland in Week 2 when he returned a blocked extra-point attempt to the end zone for two points. **HILLEL J. HOFFMANN**

| OWLS ON NFL ROSTERS* |               |                     |
|----------------------|---------------|---------------------|
| NAME                 | POSITION      | TEAM                |
| ROBBY ANDERSON       | WIDE RECEIVER | NEW YORK JETS       |
| MATT IOANNIDIS       | DEFENSIVE END | WASHINGTON REDSKINS |
| TYLER MATAKEVICH     | LINEBACKER    | PITTSBURGH STEELERS |
| BRANDON MCMANUS      | KICKER        | DENVER BRONCOS      |
| ROD STREATER         | WIDE RECEIVER | SAN FRANCISCO 49ERS |
| TAHIR WHITEHEAD      | LINEBACKER    | DETROIT LIONS       |
| MUHAMMAD WILKERSON   | DEFENSIVE END | NEW YORK JETS       |
| TAVON YOUNG          | CORNERBACK    | BALTIMORE RAVENS    |

Betsy Manning, SMC '87, CLA '08

\*as of September 2016



Over the summer, Philadelphia showcased outdoor art by Tyler alumni.

## PAINTING THE TOWN

Public art by Temple artists decorated the city this summer.

Delegates in town for the 2016 Democratic National Convention were greeted by a drove of colorful donkeys. *Donkeys Around Town*, an art installation conceived by the DNC Host Committee, featured 57 fiberglass donkeys, each painted by a local artist to represent a participating convention delegation.

Ten of the donkeys on display were designed and painted by five Temple alumni: Brad Carney, TYL '02; Brian Cesario, TYL '78; Colleen McCubbin Stepanic, TYL '03; Ellen Tiberino, EDU '05; and Joy Waldinger, TYL '15.

Carney also designed and painted a temporary 25,000-square-foot mural on the Benjamin Franklin Parkway at Eakins Oval. Titled *Rhythm and Hues*, the mural served as the centerpiece for The Oval, Philly's annual summer outdoor pop-up event space that hosts free movies, live music, kid-friendly activities, interactive games, a rotating lineup of food trucks and a beer garden. **MEAGHAN BIXBY**

## LITTLE HOUSE IN THE GARDEN

Those returning to campus this fall might notice a new building at Broad and Diamond streets—but they will have to look closely.

As part of their summer classes, architecture and engineering students collaborated to construct a sustainable tiny house for the student-run Temple Community Garden (TCG).

It's the culmination of two years of work by the Office of Sustainability and an interdisciplinary group of students who developed the conceptual ideas for the house.

The 160-square-foot structure features a high-performance thermal envelope, a green roof, rainwater harvesting, a solar photovoltaic system and a composting toilet. The tiny house will enable TCG to offer demonstrations and on-site workshops on food access, urban gardening and food preparation. **BEN PALESTINO, SMC '16**



Temple students collaborated to build a sustainable tiny house for use by Temple Community Garden.



# THE ULTIMATE OWL



Peter Liacouras served as Temple's president from 1982 to 2000.

Peter Liacouras was a man of many achievements. At a celebration of his life a week after his death in May, Temple's seventh president was remembered as a man with many facets to his personality.

The intimate ceremony in the Temple Performing Arts Center brought together faculty, former students, staff and trustees.

Then-Chancellor Richard Englert said Liacouras was "a remarkable, inspiring, engaging, complex leader with numerous personas." There was a combative Liacouras, and a Liacouras who was uncommonly kind. The prophetic president who led Temple's evolution from a local commuter school into a blooming global university. The regular guy from Philly-raised by Greek immigrants.

Liacouras' oldest son, Gregory, had a list of descriptions for his father, who passed away at 85 on May 12: "The consummate Philadelphian. The ultimate Owl. Champion of the underdog. All terms used to describe my dad. And he was all these things and more."

Liacouras' combination of compassion and conviction helped define him. And as much as anyone in the university's history, he helped define the modern Temple.

"He was someone who believed that this university could make a difference," said former Men's Basketball Coach John Chaney, who added, "The name Peter resonates and reverberates throughout this campus."

The May 20 celebration featured remarks from many of Liacouras' family members and his closest colleagues.

Liacouras' son Stephen read aloud the poem "Ithaka" by C.P. Cavafy, based on the Greek myth of Odysseus. Liacouras' granddaughter Nicole read "When Great Trees Fall" by Maya Angelou.

Serving as Temple's president from 1982 to 2000, Liacouras was exceeded in tenure only by the university's founder, Russell Conwell. He was also dean of Beasley School of Law for 10 years and a law professor. He later became a university chancellor.

Under his leadership, Temple grew its reputation, became more diverse and evolved into a residential community. It also excelled in athletics, with Chaney's basketball program ranking No. 1 in the nation.

Trustee Daniel Polett said, "To know Peter Liacouras was to respect him and to love him."

"For Peter, every barrier was a doorway, every rejection was a second chance, every challenge was just another opportunity," Polett said.

Memorial donations may be made to the Peter and Ann Liacouras Scholarship Fund at Temple University, which provides scholarships for undergraduate students based on academic merit and financial need. **ASHWIN VERGHESE, SMC '08, FOX '16**

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# ALUMNI NEWS

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*Learn about the Temple University Alumni Association's strategic planning process, and how to stay connected and get involved.*

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## A MAN, A PLAN, A ROAD MAP FOR ENGAGEMENT



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

### Tell us about this project.

**Scott Cooper (SC):** We started out by conducting a strategic assessment because we wanted to know more about who our alumni are and what they need. To find that out, we hired an outside consultant, GG+A, to conduct surveys and interviews with alumni of all ages and other members of the Temple community.

### What did you learn?

**SC:** We learned that Temple alumni are evolving as the university grows. They are tremendously loyal to, and extraordinarily passionate about, Temple, and they truly believe Temple has made an impact on their lives. But we learned there is a generational divide. The older alumni (pre-1999), who see themselves as part of the “the commuter generations,” and the more recent graduates, who see themselves as part of the “residential life” generations, have different needs. We also found that Temple’s campus—formerly one of our greatest challenges when connecting with alumni—is now one of our greatest assets. Our alumni are also more diverse and geographically dispersed than ever.

### What can we expect to see?

**SC:** We have fashioned a plan that responds to all of our constituent groups. It focuses on 10 core priorities—everything from enhancing professional networking resources to cultivating more engagement opportunities for young alumni to restructuring the TUAA Board to being more inclusive and representative, to creating an Alumni Center on campus. We also will be leveraging technology more and increasing our communications.

### We're excited! What can alumni do now?

**SC:** I hope alumni will take this as an invitation to get involved. They can join a local alumni chapter or one of our alumni societies, or volunteer to be an alumni ambassador at one of our upcoming events. The new governance structure should create a number of new positions for alumni to get involved. They also should feel confident that the TUAA is listening to them and working hard on their behalf. I am eternally indebted to all the members of the planning committee for their long hours and enormous efforts.

Over the past two years, the Temple University Alumni Association (TUAA) undertook a comprehensive project to examine how well its programming and governance structure is serving its mission: to promote and support the university by fostering lifelong engagement with alumni, students and the Temple family.

Led by TUAA President Scott Cooper, LAW '92, the process involved gathering feedback from alumni, staff, students and faculty and developing a road map for the future.

We talked to Cooper to find out more.



# WELCOME, CLASS OF 2016!

## STAY CONNECTED

More than two dozen regional alumni chapters and affinity groups across the country and around the globe offer the perfect way to stay connected to Temple wherever you land after graduation.

Learn how you can connect at [alumni.temple.edu](http://alumni.temple.edu).

## STAY INVOLVED

The Temple Young Alumni Association serves the more than 9,500 young Temple alumni through programming and events each year. Getting involved is easier than ever—follow @TU\_YoungAlumni on Twitter and @TempleYA on Facebook to learn more!

Joseph V. Labolito



# TAP INTO TEMPLE'S GLOBAL COMMUNITY

TU Connect is Temple's gateway to mentorship and professional networking.

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Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

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2. Offer career and academic advice
3. Serve as career speaker or panelist
4. Open doors at their workplace
5. Provide resume review

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## TOP FIVE PROFESSIONAL FIELDS AMONG MEMBERS

1. Accounting
2. Business administration
3. Communications
4. Finance
5. Marketing

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# IT'S PARLIAMENTARY

IN THEIR NATURAL HABITATS, OWLS ARE KNOWN TO BE SOLITARY. BUT WHEN THEY JOIN TOGETHER AS A GROUP (KNOWN AS A PARLIAMENT), TEMPLE REACHES NEW HEIGHTS.

STORY BY JORDYN KRESHOVER, CLASS OF 2018; BRANDON LAUSCH, SMC '06; AND SHANNON MCLAUGHLIN ROONEY, SMC '13

*More Owls are engaging with Temple than ever before.*

*This year, a rise in the number of alumni and overall donors enabled Temple University to surpass its fundraising goal. Dollars raised totaled more than \$79 million and included substantial gains for student scholarships.*

*Fiscal year 2016's incredible fundraising total is second only to the year before it (\$84.2 million), which was bolstered significantly by the late Trustee Lewis Katz's \$25 million gift, the largest in university history.*

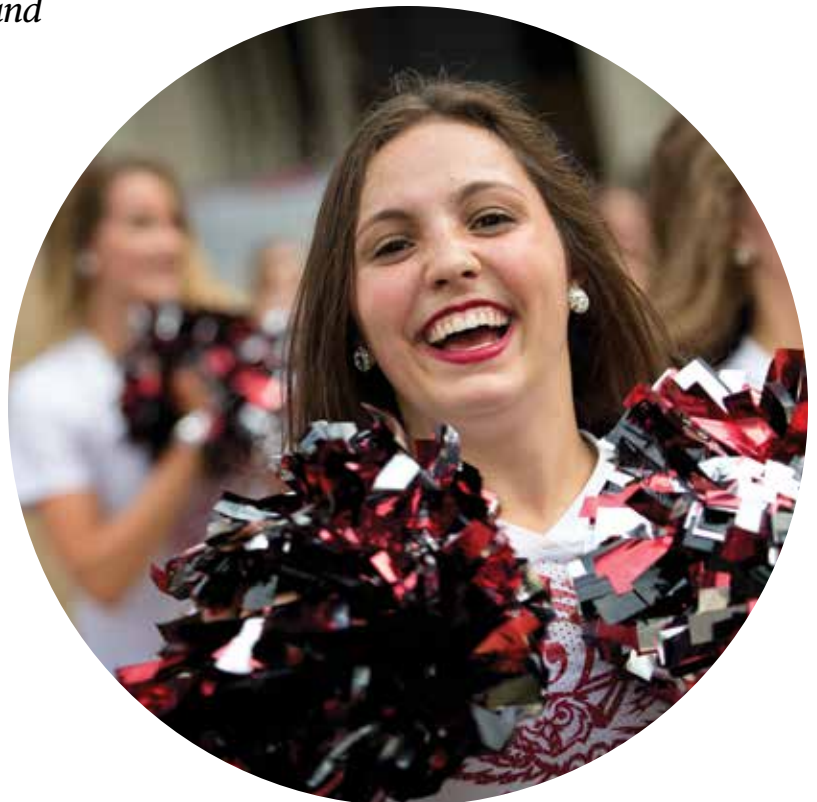


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### ABUNDANT SUPPORT FOR STUDENTS

Leonard Barrack's parents instilled in him the importance of an education. Those values have not only served him well; they also have enabled the Temple trustee to serve others—especially students.

This year Leonard, *FOX '65, LAW '68*, and his wife, Lynne, *EDU '68*, two of the university's most generous benefactors, announced a \$5 million gift to Temple. In recognition of the couple's support, the Barrack Scholars in Law scholarship initiative is being developed at the Beasley School of Law.

"My commitment to Temple goes way back and is founded on common values," says Leonard, a Philadelphia native who studied accounting and finance at Temple before entering the Law School on the advice of his professors. "My parents immigrated to the U.S. in 1923, and they placed profound value in education as a means of achieving the American dream."

Today Leonard is a senior and founding partner in the law firm of Barrack, Rodos & Bacine, which litigates securities and anti-trust class actions and handles complex commercial litigation.

Throughout the years, the Barracks' philanthropic efforts have included numerous major gifts to the Beasley School of Law. In 1994, he established the Barrack Fellowship Program, intended to remove the financial obstacles that so often discourage new lawyers from entering public interest jobs after graduation.

In 2002, the Barracks' generosity also made possible a significant Law School expansion when College Hall was renovated and renamed Morris and Sylvia Barrack Hall, which honors Leonard's parents.

"Lynne and I have benefited from the excellent education Temple provides, and we have never been more excited about the university's future," he says.

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*“We hope our giving inspires others to give, whether to field hockey, athletics or to some other passion they may hold.”*

—CHERIFA HOWARTH, CPH '98



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37,868

*Donors contributing less than \$1,000*

#### STUDENT GIVING TAKES FLIGHT

Julie Wilkins credits the astonishing success of this year's Senior Class Gift campaign to its student focus, which gave the seniors a voice in what the gift would support.

“We surveyed the senior class to find out what the students would be most interested in supporting,” says Wilkins, student outreach coordinator in the Office of the Provost. “That’s why we created the Class of 2016 Scholarship Fund and that’s what made the difference—an overwhelming majority decided to donate to that fund.”

For those graduating in 2016, Senior Class Gift participation shot up from 3.6 percent to 15.8 percent.

According to Wilkins, when seniors are asked why they give to Temple, many express an interest in giving back: “I give so someone can afford the same educational opportunity I was given,” says Elizabeth McDermott, CPH '16.

#### PLAYING IT FORWARD

Cherifa Howarth's first memory of Temple is walking up the steps of Pearson and McGonigle Halls as an undergraduate, seeing the white Temple “T” against the cherry

20,403

*Number of alumni donors*





wall for the first time and thinking, “I am a Division I athlete.” It was a moment of tremendous pride.

Today the new athletic field for the field hockey and lacrosse teams at Temple’s popular new sports complex is named Howarth Field in recognition of a \$500,000 gift from Cherifa, *CPH ’98*, a former field hockey student-athlete, and her husband, Greg.

“Temple afforded me a college scholarship and a chance to play Division I athletics,” she says. “It’s where I got my will and drive—it groomed and shaped me, and now I need to pay that forward for the student-athletes coming up.”

The Howarths hope their gift will not only position Howarth Field as a first-class venue

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nationwide, but also serve as inspiration to others.

Says Cherifa, “We hope our giving inspires others to give, whether to field hockey, athletics or to some other passion they may hold.”

#### IMAGINATIVE SOLUTIONS

When Steve Charles, *SMC ’80*, first came to Philadelphia from rural Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, the city’s poverty overwhelmed him. That experience led him to ponder how solutions to social problems might be best accomplished.

Now the co-founder of *immixGroup*, Charles believes that solutions-based journalism—reporting that extends beyond communicating problems to discovering solutions that have addressed similar issues successfully—can address urban challenges.

To that end, he has given \$2 million to the School of Media and Communication (SMC), which established the Steve Charles Chair in Media, Cities and Solutions. It is SMC’s first donor-endowed academic chair and the largest one-time gift in SMC history.

The chair is designed to support and study a solutions-based approach to journalism and media, aimed specifically at making a positive difference in urban environments like North Philadelphia.

“The solutions journalism angle is something positive and new and fresh, given all the cynicism and lack of trust in our institutions today,” Charles notes. “This concept of training folks to look for solutions in our cities—not just happy, feel-good

# \$15.6 million

### *Amount raised for student scholarships*

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stories, but real, repeatable solutions—is something I feel good about.”

In addition to the \$2 million to establish the chair, Charles began a scholarship in 2011 for SMC students with financial need who graduated from high schools in urban environments.

“It’s just great to see Temple leading and being able to do things we all know are possible,” Charles says. “I’m happy to be contributing toward that.” ■







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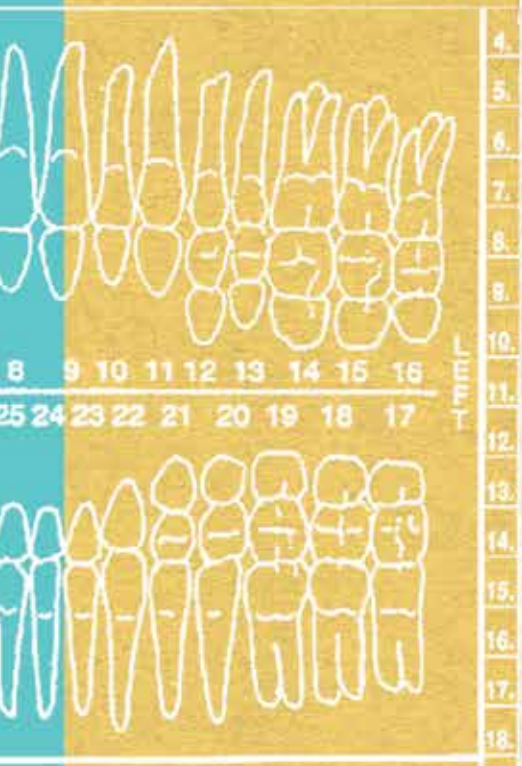
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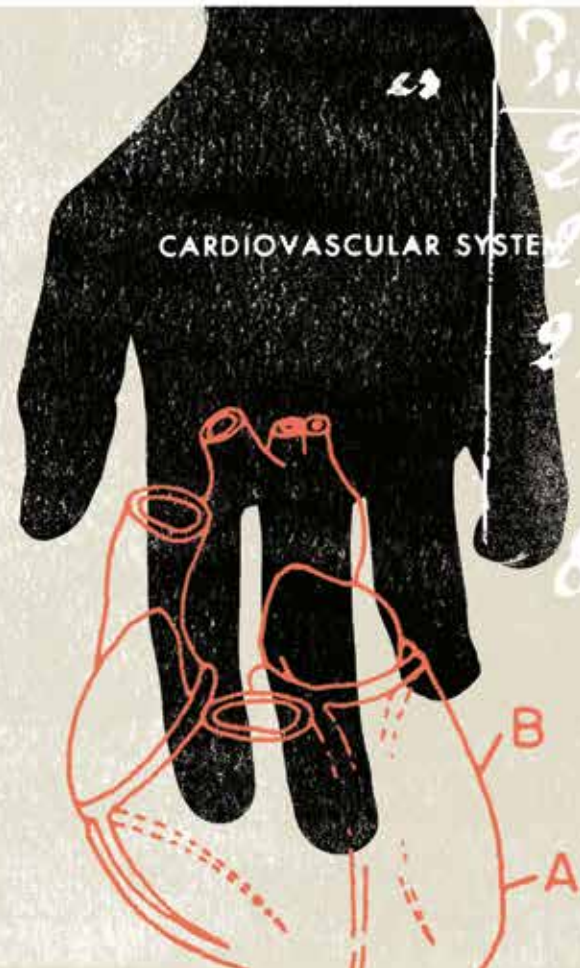
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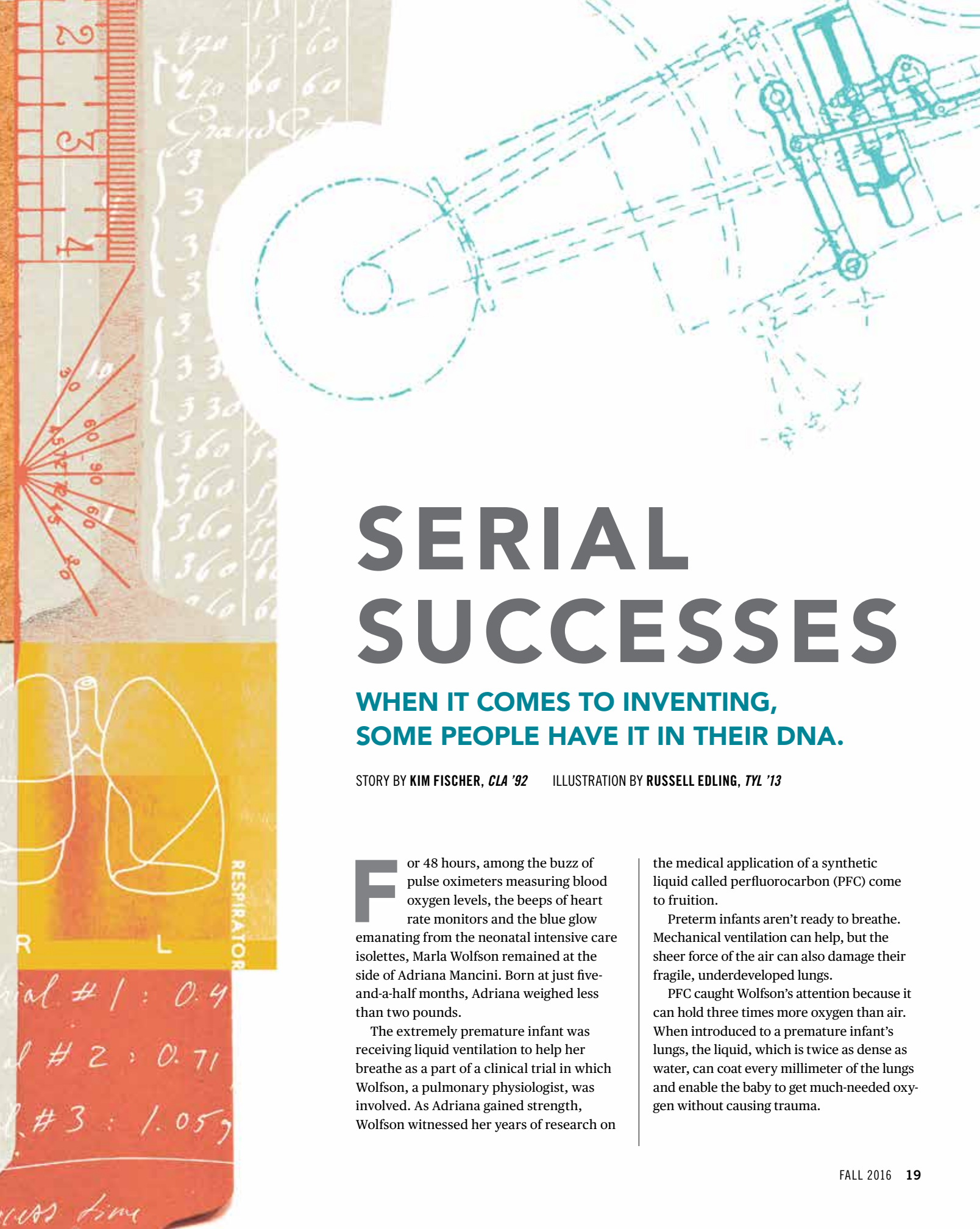


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# SERIAL SUCCESSES

WHEN IT COMES TO INVENTING,  
SOME PEOPLE HAVE IT IN THEIR DNA.

STORY BY KIM FISCHER, *CLA '92* ILLUSTRATION BY RUSSELL EDLING, *TYL '13*

**F**or 48 hours, among the buzz of pulse oximeters measuring blood oxygen levels, the beeps of heart rate monitors and the blue glow emanating from the neonatal intensive care isolettes, Marla Wolfson remained at the side of Adriana Mancini. Born at just five-and-a-half months, Adriana weighed less than two pounds.

The extremely premature infant was receiving liquid ventilation to help her breathe as a part of a clinical trial in which Wolfson, a pulmonary physiologist, was involved. As Adriana gained strength, Wolfson witnessed her years of research on

the medical application of a synthetic liquid called perfluorocarbon (PFC) come to fruition.

Preterm infants aren't ready to breathe. Mechanical ventilation can help, but the sheer force of the air can also damage their fragile, underdeveloped lungs.

PFC caught Wolfson's attention because it can hold three times more oxygen than air. When introduced to a premature infant's lungs, the liquid, which is twice as dense as water, can coat every millimeter of the lungs and enable the baby to get much-needed oxygen without causing trauma.

# “Pursuing patents, FDA approval and commercialization of our discoveries is the best way I know of to help real people. And I am able to use the revenues I receive to further my research.”

—MARLA WOLFSON, *PROFESSOR OF PHYSIOLOGY, PEDIATRICS AND MEDICINE*



Gene Shtinov

Professor Marla Wolfson holds one of Temple's largest patent portfolios.

For Wolfson, the clinical trial was the culmination of her team's effort to convert scientific knowledge learned in the laboratory into meaningful outcomes for her patients.

## BORN TO CREATE

Some, like Wolfson, are born to invent.

These people are called “serial inventors,” says Michele Masucci, Temple's vice president for research administration. “They are individuals who are driven to innovate and create, and they just can't stop.”

Recently, researchers from Louisiana Tech University published a study on the prevalence and impacts of serial inventors. The findings highlight the disproportionate contributions of serial inventors at the top five research universities.

And the contributions were the same among the five institutions studied: At each one, approximately 10 percent of faculty inventors account for 50 percent of the patents.

That ratio holds true at Temple.

## NEVER STOPPING

Wolfson, who holds professorships in physiology, pediatrics and medicine in the Lewis Katz School of Medicine, boasts one of Temple's largest patent portfolios—14, developed in collaboration with colleague and Professor Emeritus Tom Shaffer.

Neonate lung support, the application of one of the team's first patents, is Wolfson's longest-running research project, but her work doesn't end with infants.

Another of her patents demonstrates the ability to deliver medication, including antibiotics, through PFC to both infants and adults.

Yet another area of development is a novel technique to reduce swelling and damage to the brain by cooling it through the administration of aerosolized PFC via the nose. As such, the technique is particularly beneficial for blast-related brain injuries and has unique application for troops injured in combat.

Wolfson has also patented the use of PFC to protect adult lungs from the effects of high altitudes. And the list goes on.

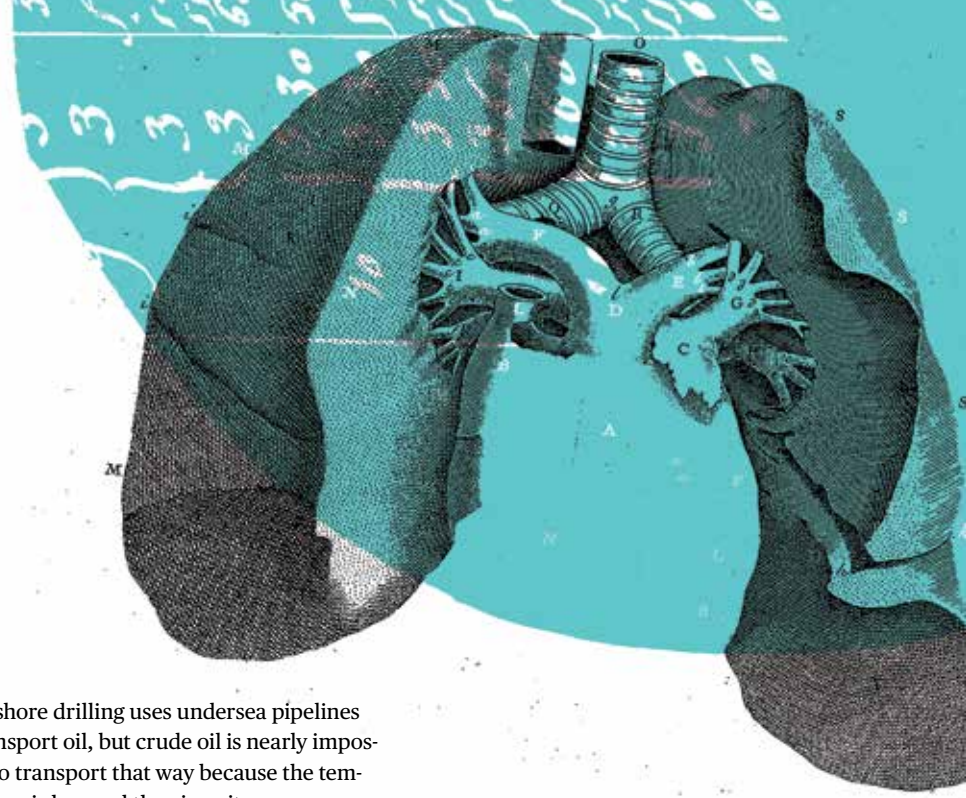
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## A CULTURE OF INNOVATION

“When we can advance a product or technology to the marketplace, that's when we see the benefit to society,” says Steve Nappi, Temple's associate vice president for technology commercialization and business development. “That's our ultimate goal.”

For each invention by Temple researchers that the university elects to pursue, the Office of Technology Development and





Commercialization at Temple works with external patent counsel to determine the most appropriate intellectual property protection – such as patents and copyrights – and commercialization strategy. This can include licensing the product or technology to an existing company or creating a spin-out startup company.

“At Temple, we are striving to build a culture of innovation and commercialization,” says Nappi. “For that to exist, there needs to be universitywide support, and that is what is happening right here at Temple.”

### THE SKY'S THE LIMIT

Licensing agreements for fuel injection and crude oil transport technologies have brought Professor of Physics Rongjia Tao one of the largest royalty checks ever received by a Temple researcher: \$132,254.

A theoretical physicist by training, Tao came to the U.S. from China in 1979 to study with Nobel Prize–winner and famed Chinese American physicist T.D. Lee.

But even as his interest lies in developing theories, Tao says he has also always enjoyed applying his theories to real life. “I like to see for myself if my theories work in the real world,” he says.

Tao began his oil research with a \$160,000 grant from the RAND Foundation to study offshore oil transportation.

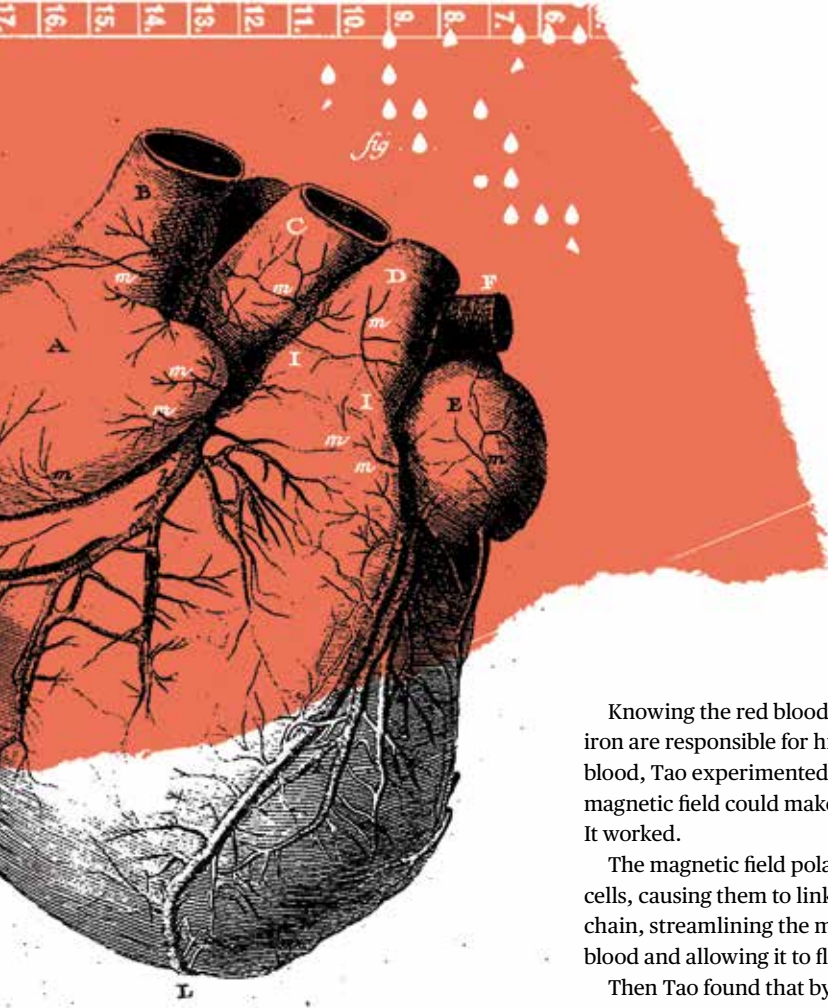
Offshore drilling uses undersea pipelines to transport oil, but crude oil is nearly impossible to transport that way because the temperature is low and the viscosity—or thickness—is high, says Tao. In the past, researchers had tried various methods to move the oil through the pipes, including heating it with microwaves and coating the pipe walls with various polymers, all with little or no success.

Tao speculated that the viscosity of crude oil could be lowered in other ways. He began with the understanding that the high viscosity of crude oil was related to particles that were added to it. Because the flow of a liquid depends on how the particles in it are arranged, he decided to test whether or not temporarily aggregating or organizing the particles would reduce the viscosity.

Indeed, applying an electromagnetic field to the crude oil for 50 seconds reduced the viscosity by 20 percent.

“Once we worked out the physics, we could see many applications for it,” says Tao. “We realized not only could we use this technology to boost engine efficiency, but we also began to see applications to the medical field and beyond.”

If blood is too thick, it can damage blood vessels and increase the risk of heart attack. Previously, the only method for thinning blood was through drugs, which can produce unwanted side effects.



Knowing the red blood cells containing iron are responsible for high viscosity in blood, Tao experimented to see if applying a magnetic field could make the blood thinner. It worked.

The magnetic field polarized the red blood cells, causing them to link together in a chain, streamlining the movement of the blood and allowing it to flow more freely.

Then Tao found that by using similar technology, he could make chocolate healthier.

To do this, the fat content has to be reduced. But when the fat is removed, the liquid chocolate becomes thicker and clogs the manufacturing pipelines. Tao and his team theorized that by applying an electric field, they could thin out the chocolate enough that it would flow smoothly through the manufacturing process, even with the fat reduced. Again, he had success.

Tao has also patented the use of his technology for smart fire sprinklers that will automatically turn off during false alarms and for remotely detecting hazardous material, including nuclear and chemical agents and explosives.

Asked if he has reached the limit on the ways his electromagnetic technology can be used, he says, “probably not yet.”

#### ONWARD AND UPWARD

Nappi’s team aims to help faculty inventors from the beginning to the end of the commercialization process. It’s a team that last

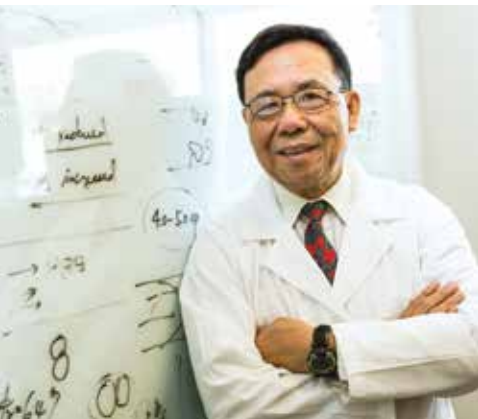
year reached new heights by entering into 18 license and option agreements for Temple inventions, equal to the prior three years combined. Additional records were set the same year for patent applications filed: 33; and companies formed: five.

To put the upward trajectory in perspective: In the past five years, inventions or discoveries by Temple researchers have increased by 120 percent over the prior five years.

The increase in inventions has been accompanied by a jump in revenue to the university. Over the past five fiscal years, Temple received \$15 million from the licensing of university-created technology. Temple’s 21 active spin-out startups have raised \$380 million total in the past 15 years, and companies formed in the past three years have raised \$9 million.

The growth in licensing income has enabled Temple to pursue new initiatives, such as a technology-development program and a joint seed fund for early-stage companies.

“Our vision is to create a comprehensive portfolio of commercialization resources for Temple’s inventors,” says Masucci.



Joseph V. Labolillo

Professor Rongjia Tao has patented multiple applications for electromagnetic technology he developed.



## “It’s magic when you make something real.”

—DAN BOSTON, ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF RESTORATIVE DENTISTRY

### DRIVEN TO IMPROVE

Associate Professor of Restorative Dentistry Dan Boston, who recently retired after 27 years of full-time teaching, says he is always looking for ways to improve how something is being done. “I always have ideas in the pipeline, and I carry around a sketchbook to jot them down,” he says.

Boston’s first invention was a bur, a dental drill bit to treat cavities very conservatively. “The available technology was basically a mini sandblaster. It did a great job, but it was large, expensive and not readily portable,” says Boston. “In addition, existing dental burs were not optimized for this approach.”

Boston’s bur allows for a minimally invasive approach for treating cavities and placing dental fillings. Temple University licensed his patent and design to SS White Dental, which markets the product as the Fissurotomy Bur.

His second invention expanded on the earlier concept of conservative treatment to create a smart bur. It is a polymer-based drill bit that removes soft decay from a cavity but stops when it reaches healthy tooth.

“I created the initial smart bur prototypes at home in my basement at night,” he recalls. “I was able to use funds from my Laura Carnell Professorship to purchase special materials for it, and I received a university

grant to test it.” Temple University has also licensed these patents to SS White Dental, which markets the product as the SmartBur II.

Boston says his inventions and their commercial development are one of the highlights of his career: “The 20 years of royalties are, of course, not bad, but it’s magic when you make something real.”

For Wolfson, the magic comes when she can bring her technology to the people who need it.

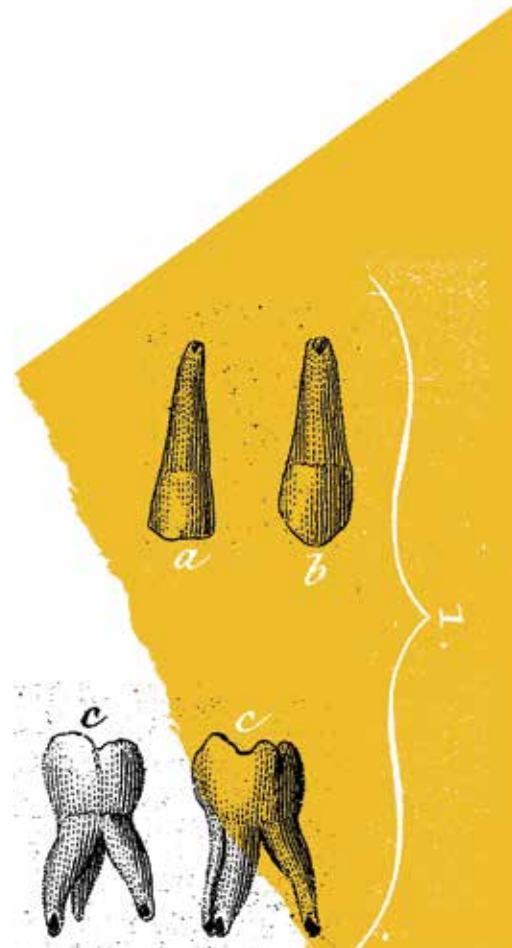
She has stayed in touch with the families of her young patients and is proud to say the first cohort of babies in the clinical trial, including Adriana, graduated from college this year.

“I’m going to keep at it, keep working to bring new ideas into the world to save and improve lives,” she says. “I’m in it for the long haul.” ■

Dan Boston



Fissurotomy Burs, based on Associate Professor Dan Boston’s patented invention, are produced by SS White Dental.





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# HERE'S NO PLACE LIKE HOME



*Six friends. Eight businesses.  
One house.*

STORY BY CHRISTOPHER A. VITO, SMC '07

PHOTOGRAPHY BY JOSEPH V. LABOLITO

**A** pot of coffee is percolating on the stove as the housemates congregate in the living room. One resident is eating homemade parfait out of a Tupperware container, while another texts feverishly from the edge of the couch. Two more are gathered near the kitchen table discussing their company, through which their friendship and careers intersect.

In all, six 20-somethings from Temple University inhabit a house near Main Campus at 19th and Diamond streets in North Philadelphia. Five currently live there. The sixth, who used to call the two-story townhouse his home, reports there daily for work.

The housemates refer to the residence constantly by its street number. It's where eight businesses are operated by these six Owls—three with Temple degrees and three more



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— SEAN HAWKINS, CLASS OF 2018

set to graduate within the next two years. A number of those businesses are thriving and profitable. Others are either designated as not-for-profit or simply too new to turn a profit—for now.

“Money isn’t the priority at the moment,” says Jesse DiLaura, Class of 2016. “We’ve prioritized community, learning and supporting one another over solidified careers.”

DiLaura would know that better than his housemates. He’s a senior who switched majors in the Fox School of Business, from risk management, which boasts a 100 percent job-placement rate for its graduating students, to entrepreneurship. He did so as a mechanism for learning how to turn his hobby, cell phone repair, into a business. Along the way, he’s learned the intricacies of launching a business, branding and much more.

The Princeton Review and *Entrepreneur* magazine rank Temple’s undergraduate- and graduate-level degree programs in entrepreneurship among the top 10 nationally. And though the number of students pursuing that degree has increased steadily since 2010, career paths for budding entrepreneurs aren’t easily defined. That’s why the housemates cull from their cumulative expertise to make their dreams a reality.

#### **ON THE HOUSE**

“If we need photography for a website, a social-media campaign or Kickstarter, we have somebody for that,” says Justin Swallow, *TFM* ’16. “If we need a videographer, a graphic designer, someone with experience writing business plans or working to secure seed funding, chances are someone in the house has done it already and can help you out.”

DiLaura and Swallow are two of the original residents. They moved in more than two years ago with Beau Rosario, *TFM* ’14, who, with the help of his brother, Clint, Swallow and others, operates a successful multimedia business out of the basement.

Swallow helped bring in Brandon Study, Class of 2017, whom he knew from high school in Dillsburg, Pennsylvania. Tim Mounsey, *FOX* ’16, who met Study through a mentorship program in Temple’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Institute, followed less than a year later. And Sean Hawkins, Class of 2018, the most recent addition, moved in when Rosario moved out after getting married.

Over the summer, Study and DiLaura attended a Philadelphia-based pitch competition, where DiLaura won \$500 and received personal congratulations from FUBU clothing-line founder Daymond John, one of the billionaire investors who appears on the ABC business-pitch reality series *Shark Tank*. At the event, John fielded Twitter questions, one of which came from Study. The latter tossed a shirt from his fledgling clothing line onto the stage, where John picked it up and gave his approval for the design and concept.

From time to time, a roommate will develop a business model, then formally gather the others to share his idea as if he’s pitching to John and the rest of the *Shark Tank* panel. But more often than not, they discuss their ventures informally: over lunch, while squeezing in a video-game break to cut the tension from work, or on after-hours long-board rides through their neighborhood.

The group doesn’t allow friendship to get in the way of candor.

“We are all radically different people and we embrace that any comment or piece of

feedback is coming from a place of positivity,” Hawkins says. “That’s why it’s very easy to be inspired by one another.”

Mounsey credits his housemates as the direct inspiration for his founding of Temple-wide innovation festival What IF, which held its inaugural events in April. He did so as a means of bringing together innovators, creators and entrepreneurs from all of Temple’s schools and colleges.

“Every design, marketing flyer and video script was created in collaboration with at least two to three of the house’s members,” Mounsey says. “It was the perfect opportunity to combine our expertise.”

#### **LOVE AND MONEY**

A stroll through the home offers a glimpse of the residents’ closeness and creativity. The living-room walls are covered with photographs of friends, cropped to extreme close-ups; poster boards of business-plan events they have either hatched, competed in or won; and discarded Philadelphia street signs rigged with lightbulbs and converted into impromptu light fixtures.

“It’s safe to assume we talk a lot about our work, but we talk about our lives, too,” Study adds. “It’s not just about developing our businesses; it’s about developing our friendships.”

Ideas can flourish when they are presented within an entrepreneurial collaborative space, says Ellen Weber, executive director of Temple’s Innovation and Entrepreneurship Institute.

“When entrepreneurs occupy collaborative, co-working spaces, they push one another, share ideas and make one another better,” Weber says. “And for these specific





Left to right: Justin Swallow, Jesse DiLaura, Sean Hawkins, Clint Rosario, Tim Mounsey, Beau Rosario and Brandon Study gather on the back patio to discuss business ideas.

students, they not only eat, sleep and breathe entrepreneurship; they're living it, too. It's 24/7 for them, and it's pretty remarkable."

### DOUGHNUTS TO DOLLARS

Like the diversity of the majors pursued by the house's residents, the business ventures they have developed vary.

DiLaura, set to graduate in January, founded RepairU. The company offers iPhone and iPad repair services for college students, by college students, at discounted rates.

Film and media arts major Rosario got his start as a provider of wedding photography, videography and DJ services. He turned Beau Rosario Photography into Philamedia, a commercial media provider. His brother, Clint, who lived at the house during his breaks from Eastern University, is the company's sound engineer, while fellow film and media arts graduate Swallow serves as Philamedia's commercial videographer.

"We've grown from getting free furniture for doing a photoshoot at Kardon/Atlantic [Apartments at Temple] to generating ads for

SEPTA Silverliner, the Mann Center, the Philly Pops and many others," Beau Rosario says.

Though Swallow is employed by Philamedia, he supports his housemates' ventures by providing graphic input and print and digital communication materials for "pretty much every business that's ever come through here," DiLaura says.

In 2015, Study started the nonprofit Into The Nations, to help artisans in developing countries create sustainable business models. Last July, he launched a Kickstarter campaign for Understand Your Brand, an apparel company that utilizes all-natural dyes and an ethically responsible, no-waste factory in Cambodia that pays its employees more than the country's living wage.

"We were learning about the state of the apparel business in this class at Fox, and I wondered, 'Why is no one else panicking about this like me?'" Study says. "It started as a social-awareness campaign for the class, and it's become so much more than that."

By day, entrepreneurship alumnus Mounsey is a business development analyst with LLR Partners, a Philadelphia-based

private equity firm. In 2015, Mounsey and Study developed Cycle Clothing Co., a zero-waste lifestyle apparel company that became the foundation for Study's Understand Your Brand Kickstarter. Their venture placed third in the social-impact track of Temple's Be Your Own Boss Bowl, one of the nation's most lucrative college business-plan competitions, according to *Entrepreneur* magazine.

Hawkins is pursuing a degree in communication studies from the School of Media and Communication. His branding company, Big Boi Studios, is presently in its pilot phase.

"If you would have asked me years ago about my college experience, I never would have envisioned it would look anything like this," Rosario says, "and I hope I'm still doing something like this, with these same guys, in 10 or 20 years." ■









# OWLS CITY

**WHEN JIM KENNEY BECAME PHILADELPHIA'S 99TH MAYOR, HE TURNED TO OWLS TO HELP HIM DO THE JOB.**

**MEET FOUR TEMPLE ALUMNI WORKING TO MAKE THE CITY BOLDER, BRIGHTER AND WISER.**

STORY BY ANGELO FICHERA, *SMC '13*

**T**here is no question that the city of Philadelphia is having a long and deserved moment.

With last year's historic papal visit, this year's successful national political convention, and a steady spotlight on the city's thriving culture, arts and food scenes, some would say the birthplace of the U.S. is itself being reborn.

But making the city great doesn't just happen. Behind the scenes, scores of people in the city machinery work to ensure that upward trajectory continues—and that the city's people and government follow the same ascent.

And who better to lift a city than those with a record of flying?

Betsy Manning, *SMC '87, CIA '08*

## **JAMES ENGLER, LAW '13**

*Deputy Mayor for Policy and Legislation*

James Engler has helped shape and move some of the biggest initiatives undertaken in Philadelphia in recent memory.

In his first year as deputy mayor for policy and legislation, Engler has assisted in pushing forward the sweetened beverage tax, which made Philadelphia the first big city in the country to do so—a victory that followed a hefty challenge from the soda industry.

The so-called soda tax—applied to sweetened drinks beyond soda—is projected to raise millions for the city and help fund pre-K education for children across the city; expand the mayor's community schools initiative; and renovate libraries, parks and recreation centers.

"The mayor believed from the beginning that if we're going to change the narrative of the city— if we're going to attack the poverty rate, then we're going to have to do programs like this," Engler says.

Even before being appointed deputy mayor, Engler was working on major efforts as then-Councilman

Jim Kenney's legislative director, a position he landed after graduating from Temple in 2013.

Among those: the successful decriminalization of marijuana, aimed at ending a racial disparity between those who used marijuana and those who were arrested for it. He also helped draft reform legislation following the fatal 2013 Center City building collapse—including the creation of required signage at demolition sites intended to inform the public of work at the site and how to report issues.

The South Philadelphia native notes that he grew up in the same neighborhood as Mayor Kenney, married a fellow South Philadelphian, Kristine, *FOX '05*, and lives near his mother, who raised him as a single mom.

"It's a dream job for a kid growing up in South Philly to be able to work and effect significant change to help the people of Philadelphia," he says. "I couldn't miss the opportunity."

Ryan S. Brandenburg, *CLA '14*/Location courtesy of One Liberty Observation Deck







Joseph V. Labadie

**ELLEN MATTLEMAN KAPLAN, LAW '79**  
*Chief Integrity Officer*

For years, Ellen Mattleman Kaplan says her job was to be a city government watchdog, a sometimes pesky advocate for a more transparent and ethical Philadelphia.

It wasn't an uncommon occurrence for the then-vice president of the nonpartisan government reform Committee of Seventy group to question the policies and conduct of those in power in the city at public hearings.

Today, her position is a bit different: Her second-floor office overlooks the courtyard of City Hall, and it's within arm's reach of Mayor Kenney's office.

"I'm still working for the things I worked for before," she says, "except now I'm pushing from the inside."

Say hello to Philadelphia's chief integrity officer.

She says she aims to ensure "integrity and accountability in the executive and administrative branch of city government and that city employees know what the rules are." Like the fact that city operations must be conducted fairly and openly, and city employees are to abide by strict rules concerning gifts. Suspected cases of fraud and abuse of power are referred to the city's inspector general.

Kaplan acknowledges that her office's mission may not always jibe with public perception. Every time a politician is convicted of corruption, even if not in local government, it's another affront to the culture she works to maintain. But she believes the overwhelming majority of those working in city government truly subscribe to the altruistic ideals of public service.

Among her stops after completing her Temple degree in 1979 was assistant district attorney. Kaplan also clerked for a superior court judge and worked on judicial reform. She went on to spend a decade with the Committee of Seventy, a group whose objectives in some ways mirrored those of her new position.

"I have a passion for this stuff," she says.

"And there are many ways to get things accomplished in government."



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA 114

**OTIS HACKNEY, EDU '98**  
*Chief Education Officer*

Otis Hackney knows firsthand how transformative education can be.

The Philadelphia native struggled in high school before eking out a diploma from West Philadelphia High School. He then began his college career at Hampton University in Virginia but quickly called it quits. He wasn't challenging himself academically, he now admits, and might have lost opportunities in the process.

After returning home from Hampton, Hackney worked in the heating and air conditioning field for several years before eventually recommitting to his education—first at community college and then at Temple. In the process, he worked for an afterschool program in South Philadelphia and saw the impact he could have on younger generations.

So it was with conviction and a personal tale that he approached the students he later taught and guided as a teacher and administrator in the Philadelphia area following his 1998 graduation. It's an experience that also helps inform his role as chief education officer.

"It's hard for folks who live in really rough conditions to focus on education sometimes, because the rewards are so far down the road," he says. "Given the right amount of mentoring, support and patience, you can turn some kids around."

Hackney knows that to be true: As the principal of South Philadelphia High, he helped unite a school rife with racial and cultural division and violence, and transformed it into a "community school" by offering programming and support services to the community. Now he's helping bring that strategy to another two dozen schools in the city and expanding access to quality pre-K.

"If I can look back and say, 'OK, we put these initiatives in place and we can see results improving the lives of children and family around the city,'" Hackney says, "that would be something I would be very proud of."





Joseph V. Labolito

**SHEILA HESS, FOX '91**  
*City Representative*

It seems a bit like fate that Sheila Hess was brought to Philadelphia when she was less than a year old to be treated for spina bifida at the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia.

Flash forward to the present day and the California-born, South Philadelphia-raised Hess not only possesses a serious loyalty to her city, but exudes it. Full time.

"I love this city and have always loved this city," she says. "To represent the mayor, the entire city of Philadelphia and all of its neighborhoods is really like a dream come true."

Acting as an ambassador of sorts, Hess' role includes stepping in for Mayor Kenney at events and overseeing an office that coordinates important city events in conjunction with private and public agencies. Those have included the parade for Villanova's victory in the 2016 NCAA basketball championship and a ceremony for victims' families recognizing the anniversary of the 2015 Amtrak train derailment.

Hess has remained passionate about Philadelphia throughout its struggles and successes, and she knows the city is now getting well-deserved recognition. "We're thriving," she says.

For 24 years after her 1991 graduation, Hess worked with Independence Blue Cross in human resources, managed its social mission and led the company's nonprofit foundation. During that time she also volunteered for then-Councilman Jim Kenney, and when he stepped down to run for mayor, she continued her support.

Hess says she was elated to be asked to serve as city representative and was enamored by the prospect of being part of bringing Kenney's vision for the city to fruition.

"What makes the city so unique is its people, the cool culture, and a spirit that is truly and unmistakably Philadelphia," she says. "I tell people to live a good story. Well, Philly is living a good story, and we want to tell it." ■





Tree House Books fosters healthy attitudes toward reading and writing through year-round programs for children who reside in North Central Philadelphia neighborhoods.

Reading,

Writing,

Relationships

A book hub in North Philadelphia promotes reading and builds community.

STORY BY JAZMYN BURTON PHOTOGRAPHY BY RYAN S. BRANDENBERG, CLA '14



It's midday, and the predicted high of 99 degrees has yet to settle to a comfortable temperature. The few trees that exist on Susquehanna Avenue, just north of Temple's Main

Campus between Broad and 15th streets, remain still in the windless summer heat. The humidity rises from the concrete as children run after an ice cream truck. Near the western corner of the block, a group of young men play a pickup basketball game on a blacktop court. A few yards away, a woman in a white dress stands outside a storefront church, cooling herself with a handmade fan while handing out fliers about Sunday service.

The block is fairly quiet until a group of small children spill onto the sidewalk from the entrance of Tree House Books. Their laughter and squeals travel up the street as

they form a crooked, yet organized, line. Once their summer camp leader confirms that everyone has a partner, the group proceeds toward campus, where they will spend some time playing on Beury Beach, the grassy incline just north of the Bell Tower.

Tree House Books, an independent non-profit literacy center housed in two North Philadelphia storefronts, fills a big need in the lives of local students.

Throughout the year, children attend the Tree House Book Camp, an after-school and summer reading program that helps students develop literacy skills. Younger students between the ages of 4 and 6 years old receive special instruction through Tree House Sprouts, and young readers and their parents have year-round access to the Giving Library, a pay-what-you-wish bookstore. For children who can't readily get to the space, the Words

on Wheels program delivers books directly to their doorsteps.

A little more than a decade ago, Kiana Bland, Class of 2017, was one of those students. Bland grew up a few blocks away from Susquehanna Avenue. As a child, she had to travel downtown to the Free Library of Philadelphia's Parkway Central Branch to find her favorite authors—until she found Tree House.

"The bus used to drop me off right there," she recalls while pointing to a curb across the street from Tree House Books. "Every day, because my mom worked in the evening, I'd get off the bus, cross the street and go straight to Tree House."

The literacy center quickly became one of Bland's favorite neighborhood hangouts. A self-proclaimed "book nerd" with a love for drama and science fiction, Bland found an

abundance of books, new friends, and mentors who helped her ace book reports, discover new authors and study for tests.

“Everyone here—the teachers and directors—were always, consistently helpful,” Bland says. “I made a lot of friends here and still run into friends I met through Tree House.”

Though she is busy working toward her bachelor’s degree in psychology, she frequently makes time to stop by the literacy hub to catch up with Lauren Macaluso Popp, *SMC ’11*, a former volunteer who is now program director at Tree House Books.

Bland and Popp forged a friendship when the two of them were both new to Tree House. Popp was a student volunteer looking for a way to learn more about the community in which she lived, and Bland was in grade school.

“Connecting with Tree House gave me a chance to break out of the monotony of classes and homework and really do work that I was interested in,” says Popp. “Being on campus can be a bit isolating at times. Coming to Tree House showed me what it means to be part of the neighborhood I lived in.”

Today, as peers, Popp and Bland carry on the work begun by the founders of Tree House more than a decade ago.

### **A 24-HOUR CHECK-CASHING FACILITY, A DRY CLEANER AND A BOOKSTORE**

Twelve years ago an economic analysis sponsored by the North Philadelphia-based Advocate Community Development Corp. suggested that in order to bring business traffic back to Susquehanna Avenue, developers should consider establishing a specific set of businesses.

“The report came back and it said we should consider a 24-hour check-cashing facility, a dry cleaner or a bookstore,” says John Weiss, owner of TempleTown Realty, a provider of off-campus student housing in the Temple University area. “I thought about it, and we almost chose to go with a retail storefront.”

Despite the possible profitability of the other choices, he decided that a used bookstore would be the best choice for Susquehanna Avenue.

“At the end of the day, it made sense,” he says. “The neighbors wanted a place where children could come after school, a place that would be connected to and supported by the community.”

When Weiss and his team entered the then-dilapidated building to renovate, there was an *Ailanthus* pushing its way up through the wooden floor. A stubborn tree native to China, the *Ailanthus* is known for being difficult to uproot. It’s prevalent in North America because it resprouts soon after being cut.

The *Ailanthus* promptly became a kind of mascot for the project, and Weiss decided to name the space in honor of the tree that grew against the odds. Today there’s a mural to commemorate the tree on the wall near where it once grew. The long branches are painted adjacent to a loft where children in need of a quiet space can climb up and away from their peers to read, write, think and create.

When the doors to Tree House opened, word quickly spread to Temple.

### **CAMPUS COLLABORATIONS**

While transitioning between classes, Eli Goldblatt, *EDU ’82*, a professor of English in the College of Liberal Arts, was stopped by one of his students and told of the new bookstore and literacy center on Susquehanna. It was a perfect opportunity for Goldblatt, who had developed New City Writing, the outreach arm of the First-Year Writing program at Temple.

Through New City Writing, Temple students and faculty work to support a literary culture—one marked by creative community projects, family emphasis on reading and writing, and the availability of free or low-cost books—in neighborhoods near the university.

“I immediately went over to meet the proprietor,” Goldblatt says. “One of the problems they faced was that they had a lot of children coming in and out, but there was no programming.”

Goldblatt, who serves on Tree House’s board of directors, got to work helping the



Eli Goldblatt, *EDU ’82*, a professor of English in Temple’s College of Liberal Arts, and Lauren Macaluso Popp, *SMC ’11*, program director at Tree House Books, facilitate connections between the university and the community literacy center.

center get off the ground. He began by garnering support for the project from alumna Suzanne Wieseneck, *CLA ’64*, and her husband, Robert, whose donations to the program have helped fund staffing at Tree House over the past four years.

Wieseneck, who also contributes to university scholarships that help low-income Temple students cover tuition costs, has always had a love for the written word. Through her contributions to Tree House, she hopes that young people in North Philadelphia will have an opportunity to develop a similar passion for reading.

“Just to be alone and read was so important to me as a child,” says Wieseneck. “It makes me happy to know that children who attend Tree House can have that experience.”

After establishing financial support, Goldblatt hired graduate students to develop curricula and enlisted the help of undergraduates to work with the different age groups that attended Tree House after school.

“A lot of college students appreciate being able to connect with young people and feel like they’re not the only ones in a learning role,” says Goldblatt. “Learning needs to be challenged by teaching and vice versa: Tree House gives the Temple students a chance to complete the circuit of learning and teaching.”



### **CULTIVATING A COMMUNITY OF READERS**

Nyseem Smith has been a member of the Tree House community since he was 13 years old.

He heard about Tree House from friends and decided to visit to get help with a homework assignment.

When he arrived, he found more than just rows of books.

“When I walked in, the director was playing chess with one of the students,” says Smith. “I knew then that I liked Tree House and would be back often.”

Now 20, Smith works as a part-time program manager at Tree House.

“I think of Tree House as a womb,” says Smith. “You get nurtured, fed and carried along. You get simple tools—reading, writing, building relationships—so that you can go out into the world equipped with the basics that will help you thrive.” ■

*Watch a video about Treehouse at [news.temple.edu/tree\\_house](http://news.temple.edu/tree_house).*

Tree House Books helps children of all ages develop literacy skills through special instruction, story circles, homework support and access to free books. Kiana Bland, Class of 2017, (below, right) enjoys volunteering at the literacy center.



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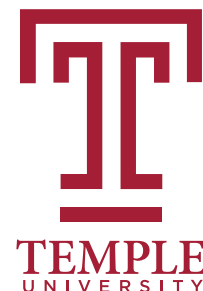
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# CLASS NOTES

*There's no stopping Temple alumni. In this issue, a transplant-recipient-turned-athlete wins medal after medal, an entrepreneurial duo tirelessly showcases Philadelphia to budding businesses, and a doctor uses data to break new ground in breast cancer research and treatment.*

## 1950s

LAWRENCE H. GELLER, *FOX '55, EDU '66*

founded the Anne Frank Theatre Project in 1998, which is ongoing. The theater group performs *The Diary of Anne Frank* and *Lida Stein and the Righteous Gentile*, a play that Geller wrote, for schools and youth groups.

BURTON KLEIN, *FOX '57*

travels throughout Philadelphia for his lecture series Burton Klein Speaks, which is broadcast on CCPTV, the educational channel of the Community College of Philadelphia. A professor at Strayer University and the College of New Jersey, Klein has spent the past 20 years participating in over 100 speaking engagements per year.

MASON AVRIGIAN, *LAW '59*

has been appointed chair of the Pennsylvania Bar Insurance Fund and Trust Fund for a two-year term. He is a former judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Montgomery County's 38th Judicial District and currently is counsel to the firm Wisler Pearlstine LLP.

## 1960s

BECKY RUTBERG, *EDU '62*

authored *Mary Lincoln's Dressmaker*, a young adult non-fiction book about the life of enslaved woman Elizabeth Keckley, who bought her freedom and became Mary Lincoln's dressmaker and best friend.

CATHERINE BULKLEY, *EDU '63*

has served as the Faith Community Nurse at Central Baptist Church in Muskogee, Oklahoma, for the past four years. Bulkley directs the dental, denture and vision clinics for the congregation, which received the excellence rating for a certified healthy congregation in March 2016.

MARILYN ANDERSON, *CST '66*

released her film, *How to Beat a Bully*, now available on DVD at Walmart stores nationwide and on Amazon, iTunes and Google Play. The lighthearted film, which presents an anti-bullying theme, is being adapted into a novel by Anderson.

MARC MARSHALL, *CPH '66*

released his book *Staying in the Moment: Helping Students Achieve More Through Mindfulness Meditation*. Marshall

is a hypnotist and mindfulness meditation instructor living in Westfield, New Jersey. He performs his comedy hypnosis show, HypnoMarc's Hypnotic Hijinks, throughout the U.S.

MICHAEL KOLSKY, *EDU '68*

was promoted to South West Regional Manager for Ganau America, an Italian cork producer and one of the largest cork producers in the world. Kolsky is responsible for wineries on the central coasts of California, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, Colorado, New Mexico, Texas, Oklahoma and Louisiana.

RUSSELL SHOR, *TFM '68*

authored *The New Moghuls: The Remarkable Story of India's Diamond People*, inspired by his extensive travels over 30 years to India and other diamond trading and mining sources. Shor is an industry analyst at the Gemological Institute of America in Carlsbad, California.

GORDON BASICHIS, *SMC '69*

published his newest novel, *The Cuban Quartet*, an international romantic mystery, with Minstrel's Alley Press. He is the

author of five books including the bestselling nonfiction work *Beautiful Bad Girl: The Vicki Morgan Story*. Basichis is the co-founder of Corra Group, specializing in background checks and corporate research.

DEBORAH GROSS-ZUCHMAN, *CLA '69*

recently showcased oil and encaustic paintings by her husband, Philip Zuchman, in the exhibition *The Light We Can See* at the University of Pennsylvania's Lubavitch House.

## 1970s

ROBERT FLEISHER, *CLA '70, DEN '74*

published his latest book, *From Waiting Room to Courtroom: How Doctors Can Avoid Getting Sued*, now available on Amazon. Fleisher also teaches a course at Albert Einstein Medical Center based on the material.

JEFF MARGOLIS, *EDU '70*

was honored by the Southwest Florida Chapter of Hadassah, along with wife, Ida Margolis, *FOX '70*, for outstanding achievement and leadership. The couple, who met at Temple,

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J.D. SUTTON, *CLA '70, TFM '73*

received the Critics' Choice Award for best drama at the Orlando International Fringe Theatre Festival for his script of *My Master, My Slave, My Friend*. The play, centered on the relationship between Thomas Jefferson and his slave Jupiter Evans, sold out all four of its performances. Sutton portrayed Jefferson. As Jupiter, Orlando actor Jim Braswell won the Critics' Choice Award for best actor.

GERALD LEVITT, *CST '71, POD '77*

recently published two books, *The True Origins of Chess: Ancient Greece-Yes, India-No and Shooting Star, Inverted Hearts and Other Short Stories*. His book *The Turk: Chess Automaton* was named one of the 10 best chess history books of all time.

JOHN T. MCCONNELL, *EDU '72, '73*

published two books, *Route 1 Rendezvous* and *Running With Asthma: An Asthmatic Runner's Memoir*. The former is a young adult novel and the latter is an account of his life as a long-distance runner dealing with an asthmatic condition.

SHERRY VERNICK OSTROFF, *EDU '72*

published *The Lucky One*, based on her mother's memories about her childhood in Russia and Romania from 1918 to 1927. She has given presentations, book talks and led book groups throughout Lancaster County, Pennsylvania.

STEVE LUPIN, *LAW '73*

has been named to the 2016 Pennsylvania Super Lawyers

list in the area of business litigation. Lupin is an attorney at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC.

LORRAINE SHEMESH, *TYL '73*

exhibited *Inside Out* at Gerald Peters Gallery in New York. The display included clay vessels and two-dimensional work. It was her first solo show at GP Gallery.

MARC STEINBERG, *LAW '73*

has been recognized for the 13th consecutive time as a 2016 Pennsylvania Super Lawyer in *Philadelphia* magazine and the annual May publication of *Pennsylvania Super Lawyers*, for his professional achievement in criminal defense law. He is a partner in the Lansdale, Pennsylvania, law firm of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford P.C.

MORRIS WIENER, *EDU '73, '75*

teaches *Why Airplanes Crash*, about the aerodynamics of flight, at the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute at Temple. He is a retired United Airlines captain with over 17,000 flight hours and an FAA aviation inspector, class 1 accident investigator. Wiener is a part-time paid firefighter in the Cherry Hill Fire Department and was formerly a firefighter with the London Fire Brigade Station G-33.

MARC WEINGARTEN, *CLA '73*

presented two lectures at the 2016 Annual Convention of the American Association for Justice, held in Los Angeles in July. Weingarten is a litigator in Locks Law Firm's personal injury litigation group. He is also on the board of governors of the American Association for

Justice and the Pennsylvania Association for Justice.

CLIFFORD CHONKA, *CLA '74*

recently retired from his position at the Aneurin Bevan University Health Board after 24 years. He will continue in his post as pastor of Siloam Baptist Church in Cwmbarn, Wales.

PAULA MANDEL, *CLA '74*

founded The Stained Glass Project, a volunteer-run afterschool arts program that introduces public high school students to stained-glass making, with Joan Myerson Shrager, *EDU '82*. For over 10 years, students have crafted 110 fine art stained glass windows that have been installed all over the world, including in a South African center for AIDS orphans.

PETER NOCELLA, *BYR '74, '79*

was inducted into the South Philadelphia High School Alumni Cultural Hall of Fame. Nocella is a composer, conductor and violinist, whose numerous commissions include those from American Ballet Theater and the Pennsylvania, Milwaukee and Cincinnati ballets. He has performed with the Philadelphia Orchestra; the Boston Symphony; Opera Philadelphia; Philly Pops Orchestra; and the Royal, New York City and Pennsylvania ballets. Nocella is currently working on *Grynszpan*, an opera based on the backstory of Krystallnacht.

CRAIG FIRESTONE, *FOX '75, '78*

was elected to the board of trustees of the Glaucoma Service Foundation to Prevent Blindness and the board of directors of Access Sports Experiences. Firestone is the managing





Courtesy of Ellen Brown Furman

## ELLEN BROWN FURMAN

**DEGREES:** BS, curriculum and instruction, College of Education, 1970; JD, Beasley School of Law, 1981

**OCCUPATION:** Movie mama

**LOCATION:** San Diego

When Ellen Brown Furman, *EDU '70, LAW '81*, earned her law degree 35 years ago, her 6-year-old son Brad looked on, wearing a suit, a tie and a big smile.

The moment was prescient for the pair, who have been working together and cheering each other on ever since. And recently, the duo collaborated on a major motion picture.

Ellen wrote the script for *The Infiltrator*, a 2016 drama starring Bryan Cranston. The film is based on the autobiography of Robert Mazur, a federal agent who infiltrated the drug trafficking network of Colombian kingpin Pablo Escobar by posing as a corrupt businessman. Brad was the director.

“Working with my son has been so much fun,” says Ellen, who was on set to make last-minute rewrites—something most scriptwriters don’t get to do.

Brad—who also directed *The Take*, starring John Leguizamo, and *The Lincoln Lawyer*, with Matthew McConaughey—signed onto the project after he read Mazur’s book.

When the producers began interviewing writers to turn the book into a script, he told his mother to apply. “He said, ‘You won’t get the job, but pitching for it will be good practice,’” Ellen recalls.

Brad was present at the meeting and almost cost her the job, she says. “I had prepared a detailed chart to convey the financial and legal complexities of the subject matter,” Ellen says. “When Brad saw it, he jokingly asked, ‘Mom, you made that?’”

But the chart gave Ellen an edge. “They were looking for someone who could convey the intricacies of money laundering. My law degree came in handy.”

Furman started scriptwriting 20 years ago, when her son told her about his antics during a weekend spent in Las Vegas.

*“They were looking for someone who could convey the intricacies of money laundering. My law degree came in handy.”*

“I told Brad it would make a great movie. He said, ‘Let’s do it together.’”

The project was akin to *The Hangover* and the first of 10 scripts the twosome would write, though none were produced.

Ellen hopes her *Infiltrator* script will be the first of many to make it to the big screen.

“My son gave me an amazing opportunity,” she says.  
—Kim Fischer, CLA '92



Joseph V. Labolito

## RICHARD BLEICHER

**DEGREE:** MD, Lewis Katz School of Medicine, 1994

**OCCUPATION:** Data detective

**LOCATION:** Philadelphia

Breast surgeon Richard Bleicher, *MED '94*, is a practitioner of precision. This holds true not only in the operating room, where his abilities have fueled his ascension to leader of the Fox Chase Cancer Center's Breast Service Line, but also in the laboratory, where he puts traditional medical practices under a microscope.

"Every single patient who walks through my door wants to know how soon they need to start treatment," Bleicher says. "Delays can have a negative impact on the success of the treatment."

Bleicher is best known for a study that sparked a re-examination of a common practice: using MRI imaging to assess the location of tumors prior to surgery. For breast cancer patients, Bleicher found that the pre-operative scans ultimately provide no benefit in the long term: The disease returns at the same rate whether or not the scan is used.

Further, the study found that patients who underwent such pre-operative MRI scans typically had negative health outcomes; they had to wait longer to begin treatment and also had an increased chance of needing a mastectomy.

"Having an MRI delayed treatment and didn't necessarily improve the outcome," Bleicher says. "If a woman is going to be spending time and money on a procedure, she should know how it's helpful."

Bleicher's approach to research is both novel and numbers-based: He examines big data sets to find hidden and sometimes counterintuitive insights.

"It's like Christmas morning," Bleicher says. "You don't know what you're going to find."

A recent study focused on how delays between the diagnosis of disease and the start of treatment can affect survival rates. By analyzing two large databases containing the medical records of about 200,000 women, Bleicher found that even seemingly brief delays cause signifi-

***"If a woman is going to be spending time and money on a procedure, she should know how it's helpful."***

cant health risks. Among women diagnosed with early-stage breast cancer, each 30-day delay in starting treatment corresponded with a 9 percent higher risk of ultimately succumbing to the disease.

But for every answer Bleicher discovers, he also finds more questions. While studying delays, he found that African American and Hispanic patients, as well as women living on the West Coast, often take longer to begin treatment. He's planning further studies on that.

Paired with the personal inspiration he receives from interacting with patients, Bleicher says there's nothing he'd rather be doing than studying and treating the country's most common cancer.

He says, "I leave the clinic every day and thank my lucky stars I can do what I do." —*Kyle Bagenstose, SMC '11*



member of Firestone & Co. LLC, certified public accountants in Fort Washington, Pennsylvania.

MARILYN MAY, *CLA '76, LAW '79*

was recently named associate general counsel at the Rand Corp. in Santa Monica, California.

NORMA HAAS ROSEN, *TYL '76*

serves as an artist-in-residence with the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs, working at the Watts Towers Art Center Campus. She creates public artworks, from mosaics to metal sculptures, on the campus and in the surrounding community. She previously had taught in over 15 school districts and has had her work exhibited throughout the U.S. and Canada.

DAVID SPEACE, *SMC '76, EDU '78*

self-published the second edition of *Janka Festinger's Moments of Happiness*, his mother's Holocaust story. He recently won a Telly Award for his documentary about the historic Bowmansville Roller Mill, which was screened at the Reading Film Festival.

KENNETH RYESKY, *FOX '77, LAW '86*

joined Kost, Forer, Gabbay & Kasierer, the Tel Aviv office of Ernst & Young, as a senior adviser with the U.S. desk, international tax services team.

BRENT ZEPKE, *LAW '77*

recently released a self-help book, *One Heart-Two Lives: Managing Your Rehabilitation Program WELL*, through Amazon. The book centers on Zepke's real-life experiences, starting when his heart stopped and he was clinically dead, through his being recalled to life

and returning to an independent lifestyle.

ANDREA MOON, *BYR '78*

teaches music in a suburban school district in the Detroit area. She is a composer for children and sells her music on [songsforteaching.com](http://songsforteaching.com), where she has a collection of 10 songs for 10 months of the school year for elementary vocal music students.

BEATRICE O'DONNELL, *LAW '78*

has been appointed to the board of directors of the Forum of Executive Women, a membership organization of 450 women of significant influence across the greater Philadelphia region. She is a Duanne Morris LLP partner who focuses her practice on health effects litigation and serves as the co-director of the American Bar Association Section of Litigation Division VI.

ELIOT PRESENT, *LAW '78*

recently opened his law office on Market Street in Philadelphia. The practice will focus on civil and criminal litigation, which he has been doing for 38 years.

ROSEANN B. TERMINI, *EDU '79, LAW '85*

served as the conference director for the Sixth Annual Food and Drug Law CLE at Widener University Delaware Law School. Termini teaches food and drug law at Delaware Law School. She also spoke recently at the Central Atlantic Association of Food and Drug Law Officials 100th Annual Educational and Training Seminar.

RUTH R. WESSEL, *LAW '79*

joined Burns White LLC as a member of its healthcare and long-term care group. She practices medical malpractice

defense and has more than 30 years of experience defending hospitals and physicians in malpractice claims.

1980s

REBECCA JOHNSON, *TYL '80*

was mentioned in *New York* magazine's "Weekend Escapes" for her converted-barn studio space in Mendocino, California. Johnson, who has studied stone carving in quarries in Vermont, Indiana and Wales, regularly commissions water stones, murals, statues and lithic circles, and has her work on display in front of her barn studio.

WILLIAM STANERT, *FOX '80*

started his own business, Moondance Investment Advisors LLC, in 2012, after many years working as a financial adviser at global investment firms in Manhattan, Philadelphia and Bucks County. He went on to become first vice president of investments and portfolio manager at each firm, before reaching his goal of starting an independently owned registered investment advisory firm.

THOMAS J. DUFFY, *LAW '81*

delivered this year's Herbert F. Kolsby Distinguished Lectureship in Trial Advocacy at the James E. Beasley School of Law at Temple. The Duffy + Partner's founder shared examples of professional tactics and personal doctrines that served him well over his career.

SHARON MEISLER, *CLA '81, FOX '81*

opened AMS Law PC, with fellow alumna Anita Seth, *FOX '04*, in Norristown, Pennsylvania.

DEBORAH FLORES, *CPH '82, '89*

travels all over the world to consult on operations, quality and patient safety through her job as an international healthcare consultant with Joint Commission International.

CHARLES J. MEYER, *CPH '82, LAW '86*

participated as a panelist at the Association of Family and Conciliation Courts annual conference in Seattle. His program examined whether or not various assessment procedures utilized in custody evaluations should be generally accepted. Meyer is a shareholder with Hofstein Weiner & Meyer PC.

MARTA SÁNCHEZ, *TYL '82*

authored *Transcendental Train Yard*, a collection of artwork accompanied by poems in Spanish and English, with poet Norma Elia Cantú. Books are available at Taller Puertorriqueno and the Big Blue Marble in Philadelphia, and at El Museo Del Barrio in New York. Sánchez is co-founder of Cascarones Por La Vida, an art fund that has raised thousands of dollars for the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia and Circle of Care.

JOE SWOPE, *SMC '82*

won a 2016 Maxy Award for best nonfiction book for *Pleasant Valley Lost*, the story of a family farm facing impending destruction from the Blue Marsh federal dam project. The Maxy Awards celebrate the best writing of independent authors and publishers.

LORE STEPHAN, *TYL '83*

had a retrospective of work, *Natural Divinity*, displayed at LouisLong Gallery @ GAPS in Reading, Pennsylvania, where she

exhibited a life-size sculpture, “Earth Justice.” In addition, she is setting up an atelier in Austria.

KENNETH EYRE, *ENG '84*

was named to the American Public Works Association’s national list of 2016 Top Ten Public Works Leaders of the Year. Eyre is a senior associate at Greeley and Hansen, where he has worked for 38 years. He currently serves on the Industry Advisory Board at Temple’s College of Engineering. He lives in Fairfax County, Virginia.

MICHAEL CALLAHAN, *SMC '85*

recently authored his second novel, *The Night She Won Miss America*, published by Houghton Mifflin Harcourt in May. Callahan is a contributing editor at *Vanity Fair*.

HARRIS J. CHERNOW, *FOX '85, LAW '88*

was selected as a 2016 Legal Eagle by *Franchise Times* magazine. Nominated by their clients and peers to the annual list, Legal Eagles are attorneys who have made a significant impact on the franchise industry. Chernow serves as a partner in Reger Rizzo Darnall’s Philadelphia office.

BRUCE HOFFMAN, *TYL '85*

exhibited *Night Animals: Divine King After Dust in Honor of Tyrone* at Gravers Lane Gallery in Philadelphia, where he is director. The exhibition and poetry slam celebrated the life of Tyrone Alexander Tillman, a young, aspiring Philadelphia poet who was killed in a hit-and-run-accident. The tribute was a collaboration with the Edison High School poetry slam team, Pulitzer Prize–winning poet Yusef Komunyakaa and painter Rachel Bliss.

LARRY ATKINS, *LAW '86*

published *Skewed: A Critical Thinker’s Guide to Media Bias*, with Prometheus Books in August. He has taught journalism courses as an adjunct professor at Temple since 2003.

ADAM MENTZELL, *CPH '86*

is a Certified Advanced Rolfer and manual therapist who operates private practices in Boulder, Colorado; Rincón, Puerto Rico; and State College, Pennsylvania. He specializes in helping elite and age-group endurance athletes. He is also a faculty member at the Rolf Institute of Structural Integration in Boulder.

JOSEPH BAGLEY, *LAW '87*

recently addressed the 91st annual conference of the Pennsylvania State Association of Township Commissioners. He is a partner with Wisler Pearlstone LLP.

LISE D’ANDREA, *SMC '87*

was announced as a 2016 CEO Brava Award recipient for the Baltimore region. D’Andrea is the owner and CEO of Customer Service Experts, a customer experience consulting firm and leader in customer service optimization and workplace culture.

JEFFREY B. MCCARRON, *LAW '87*

received the 2016 Distinguished Defense Counsel Award from the Pennsylvania Defense Institute in July. McCarron is a partner with Swartz Campbell.

STEVEN MENTO, *BYR '87*

composed *Algonquian Dreamcatcher*, a three-movement symphony that made its world premiere at the Bay Atlantic Symphony in March. The pianist

has written over 30 compositions, including *Elegy*, which was also commissioned by the Bay Atlantic Symphony in 2003.

NANCY SOARES, *CLA '87*

was named president of the American Animal Hospital Association Board of Directors at its annual conference in April. Since 2007, Soares has been the owner and medical director of the Macungie Animal Hospital, in Macungie, Pennsylvania. The hospital won the AAHA-Accredited Practice of the Year Award in 2013.

ELLEN GOLDBERG WEINER, *LAW '87*

spoke at Gloria’s Place, an emergency housing and community center for homeless women and children in Philadelphia. She is a shareholder in the domestic relations law firm of Hofstein, Weiner & Meyer PC.

STEVE ALTEN, *CPH '88*

authored the *Meg* series, about the survival of a prehistoric megalodon. Warner Bros. has secured the rights for *Meg* and will go into production with Jason Statham in the lead role.

ALLAN L. BRANSON, *SMC '88*

wrote the chapter “Hate Crimes in America and the Slavery Paradigm” in *Homicide: A Forensic Psychology Casebook*. He is a graduate of the FBI’s National Academy, an adjunct criminal justice professor and a 26-year veteran police lieutenant assigned to the Philadelphia Police Department Academy.

RAMONA C. DAILY, *CPH '88*

recently self-published *Passion Blues*, an inspirational book available on Amazon. She serves in her postretirement as a

hospital chaplain and a clinical pastoral educator.

SHIRLEY POWELL, *SMC '88*

was named vice president of communications and community relations for Cox Automotive. Powell, who joined Cox Automotive with more than 25 years of strategic communications experience, previously served as the executive vice president and chief communications officer at The Weather Co.

MICHAEL SCOTTI, *FOX '89*

launched Phillyphan4life.com, featuring products and services for Philadelphia sports fans. Scotti is an independent contractor in the cash, credit and billing management fields and a former Owls baseball player who provides instruction through CoachUp.com.

AMY STERN, *LAW '89*

was elected co-chair of the Montgomery County Women’s Center’s board of directors, of which she has been a member for the past four years. Stern is a partner in the Lansdale, Pennsylvania, law firm of Rubin, Glickman, Steinberg and Gifford PC.

1990s

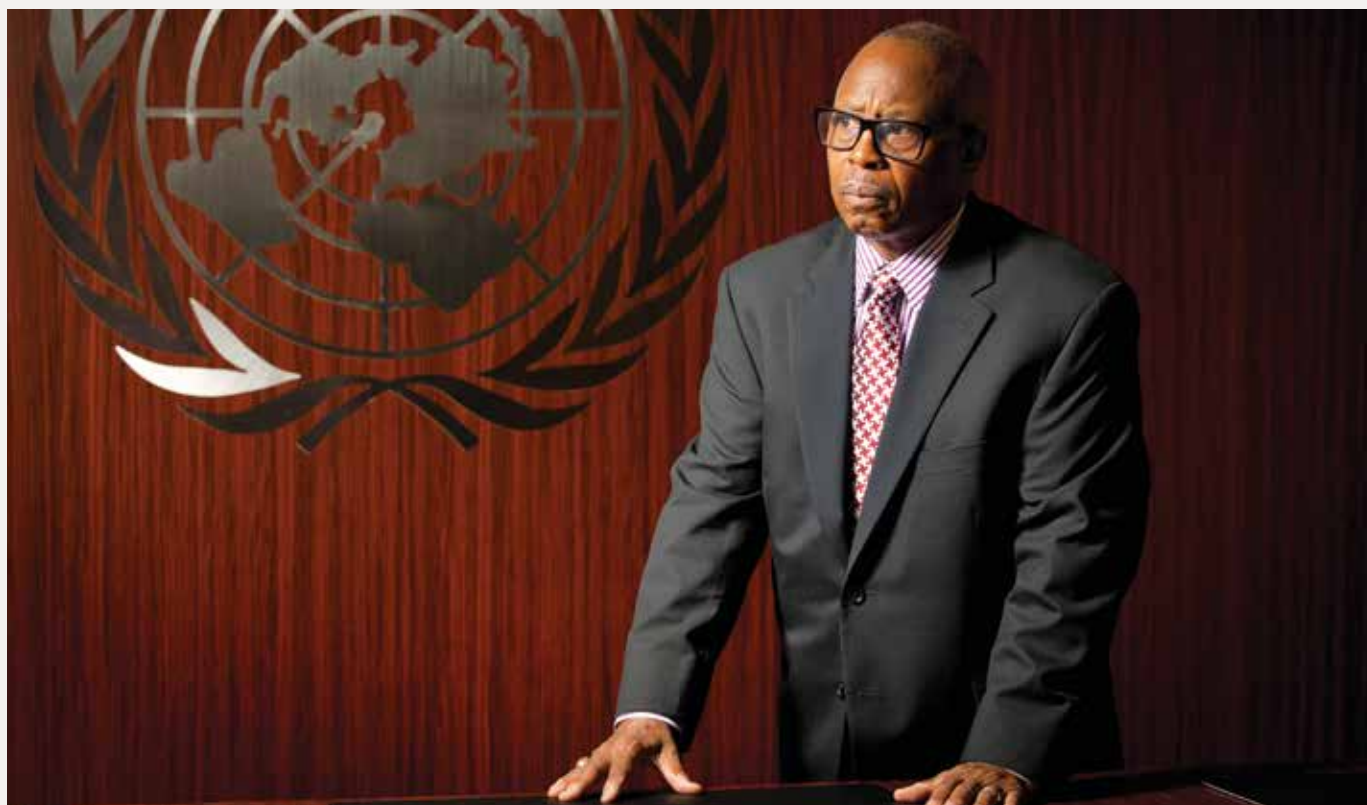
KEITH FORREST, *SMC '90*

was awarded faculty of the year at Atlantic Cape Community College for the third time. Forrest, an associate professor of communication, founded the college’s communication program in 2007.

BERNADETTE KEARNEY, *SMC '90, LAW '97*

was named to the 2016 list of Pennsylvania Super Lawyers in the area of land use/zoning.





Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

## ALEXANDER W. HUNTER JR.

**DEGREE:** BA, political science, College of Liberal Arts, 1971

**OCCUPATION:** Honorable arbiter

**LOCATION:** Nairobi, Kenya

After 40 years in the New York courts, Associate Justice Alexander W. Hunter Jr., *CLA '71*, is taking his judicial prowess to the United Nations. There the New York native will serve as an international tribunal justice.

Hunter's journey began at Temple. "Temple is really where I got into law and debate and analysis," he says.

Upon graduating from law school, he returned to New York City.

"As an assistant DA, I met so many phenomenal district judges, and I said to myself one day, 'I think I would like to do that!'" Hunter says.

He spent eight years as a law clerk and subsequently joined the New York City Criminal Court, before becoming a Bronx Supreme Court justice in 1995.

Enticed by the opportunity to travel and work internationally, he sent in his application to the UN on a whim and very shortly after found himself in the Netherlands for an interview.

During his campaign for the elected position, which was run by the U.S. State Department, he spent time in the delegates lounge at UN headquarters in New York City, driving home the point to delegates that he was already doing the work of the tribunal.

At the lounge overlooking the East River, "all I kept telling [the people from different nations] was 'look around—this large, international city is my jurisdiction,'" says Hunter. After distributing his written decisions that had been published in New York law journals, he started receiving calls and texts from delegates saying "We support you."

Hunter's experience definitely gave him a leg up. Through Manhattan's appellate court, he heard cases where actions of agen-

*"Temple is really where I got into law and debate and analysis."*

cies, such as the NYPD or the Department of Education, are challenged in court, similar to what he will do in the tribunal.

When he went before the UN General Assembly against a Swedish nominee, he won with 104 votes of the 180 nations represented that day. He was inducted on July 1, 2016.

In January, he heads to Nairobi, one of the UN's three duty stations.

"They tell stories about Nairobi, how they have bars on the courtroom windows because monkeys try to get in," says Hunter. "I'm used to pigeons—totally different life."

—Hayley Chenoweth, *Class of 2017*

Kearney is an attorney at Hamburg, Rubin, Mullin, Maxwell & Lupin PC.

KIRSTIN B. HARE, *LAW '91*

joined Burns White LLC. She practices medical malpractice defense and has more than 25 years of experience in professional liability litigation.

CHERYL WILLIS, *BYR '91*

published *Tappin' at the Apollo: The African American Female Tap Dance Duo Salt and Pepper*, a biography of Edwina "Salt" Evelyn and Jewel "Pepper" Welch and their experiences in show business during the Big Band Era of the 1940s. Willis is a retired dance educator living in Vancouver, Washington.

TODD HAY, *ENG '92*

was promoted from associate vice president and Newark, New Jersey, office director to regional vice president at Pennoni. He will be responsible for the business development, profitability and project management in northern New Jersey, New York and New England.

SHERILYN NARKER, *SMC '92, BYR '95*

was one of 22 participants in the eighth Education Policy Fellowship Program at the Institute for Educational Leadership who graduated in May. Narker is a senior economic and financial education specialist with the Federal Reserve Bank of Atlanta.

ALAN RAUCHBERG, *DEN '92*

was sworn in as the 2016 president of the American Academy of Dental Practice. Rauchberg, a second-generation restorative and cosmetic dentist, is owner of Rauchberg Dental Group in Parsippany, New Jersey, which

celebrated 50 years of service last year.

RON ILLER, *FOX '93, '95*

was promoted to director at RelayHealth where he helps the healthcare provider market gain visibility into the financial, operational and quality performance of the business of healthcare. Iller is an at-large director of the Temple University Alumni Association living in Glenside, Pennsylvania.

MAREN MCAVOY, *CLA '93*

was promoted to the rank of brigadier general in the National Guard. She currently serves as the director of joint staff for the joint force headquarters, D.C. National Guard, where she oversees the development, execution and evaluation of the joint staff, and its programs and operations for the D.C. National Board.

CARLA LOMBARDI, *TYL '95*

is exhibiting her ceramic works in *Fluidity* at the Delaware Art Museum in Wilmington, Delaware, through February 2017.

ROBERT MCCREARY, *SMC '95*

has served as the executive director of the Family Counseling Center of St. Paul's, a bilingual, culturally responsive mental and behavioral health agency in Wilmington, Delaware, for the past three years.

JOYCE CAMP, *TYL '96*

recently became the director of the Instructional Technology Center for the College of Education at Winthrop University.

MICHAEL T. VAN DER VEEN, *LAW '96*

was included in the 2016 Super Lawyers list for his work at the

Law Offices of Michael T. van der Veen, a personal injury and criminal defense law firm serving Pennsylvania and New Jersey. It is his 12th year on this list.

E. J. FECHENDA, *SMC '97*

released *End of the Road*, book one of the *Ghost Stories* trilogy, in May. She is the author of the *New Mafia* trilogy, of which the first book in the series, *The Beautiful People*, became an Amazon bestseller in women's crime fiction.

NICHOLAS OFAK, *ENG '97*

maintains his on-campus connection through his construction business, MP Consulting Services, which works on various renovation projects throughout Main and Ambler campuses, including a current Laser Lab renovation in the SERC building. Previously, he worked for L.F. Driscoll Co. and Hunter Roberts Construction Group, and was a project manager for the Liacouras Center, the Tyler School of Art, the Architecture Building and Presser Hall additions, among others.

TINA PAGOTTO, *CLA '97, SSW '08*

was appointed CEO of Bethesda Project after being with the Philadelphia-based homelessness nonprofit for 10 years.

LATANYA SMITH, *SSW '97*

self-published her first book, *Scriptures for Your Thoughts*, a reference book of quotes, stories and commentaries, released in May. Smith lives in Lansdowne, Pennsylvania, and is a program monitor for the state.

DANIEL R. SULMAN, *CLA '97, LAW '00*

was nominated by Pennsylvania Gov. Tom Wolf for a seat as a judge on the Philadelphia Court

of Common Pleas and was subsequently confirmed by a unanimous vote of the Pennsylvania Senate on June 29. Sulman is a former law clerk to the Hon. Edward R. Summers and a long-time master in support in Philadelphia Family Court.

SARAH BRAMAN, *TYL '99*

presented *You Are Everything*, her first solo New York City exhibition in five years, at Mitchell-Innes & Nash. Braman, director and founder of the Lower East Side gallery Canada, is known for her large-scale sculptures that combine old furniture and vehicles with translucent color and light.

2000s

KEVIN BREAUX, *TYL '00*

released his newest book, *One Smoking Hot Fairy Tale*. Breaux has over eight years of professional writing credit, including short stories and novels, and has completed seven books.

BRIAN SEAMAN, *CLA '00*

celebrated his five years with OhioHealth as attending neurosurgeon for Riverside Methodist Hospital in Columbus, Ohio.

KRISTIN BOYD EDWARDS, *SMC '02*

was recently named one of the Greater Reading Chamber of Commerce and Industry's Rising Stars for her achievements as the director of communications and community engagement for the Reading School District in Reading, Pennsylvania.

GREGG PERCHICK, *LAW '02*

has joined Larsson & Scheuritzel PC, one of Philadelphia's leading commercial real estate law firms, as an associate in the commercial real estate group.





Joseph V. Labolito

## JANET DENNIS

**DEGREE:** BS, recreation and leisure, School of Sport, Tourism and Hospitality Management, 1978

**OCCUPATION:** Adventurous athlete

**LOCATION:** Philadelphia

Janet Dennis, *THM '78*, has collected 36 gold, silver and bronze medals during her international athletic career. That's more than famed Olympic swimmer Michael Phelps.

But Dennis, 61, can't say for sure where any of those medals are now. After each competition, she wraps up her awards and ships them to a family she doesn't know.

Eleven years ago Dennis received a new heart at the Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania. The transplant didn't only save her life—it transformed it. Admittedly not an athlete through the first 50 years of her life, Dennis was out of the hospital a week after surgery and quickly found new abilities.

Several months later she registered for the Transplant Games of America, an annual Olympics-like competition for transplant recipients. To prepare, the North Philadelphia native turned Temple facilities that were once her playground into her training center.

The bright lights of the Temple track at 15th and Norris streets illuminated her way as she ran circles around her past self. She

also began taking recreational classes at Temple, including volleyball, tennis, swimming and bowling.

That June, Dennis took home a silver medal in the 100-meter backstroke.

"My heart was not a year old," Dennis says. "I became an athlete at age 50. Who does that?"

Thus far Dennis has participated in four World Transplant Games, visiting Argentina, Australia, South Africa and Sweden and

### *"I became an athlete at age 50. Who does that?"*

competing in javelin, long jump, shot put and swimming. She's currently ranked third in the world for her class in long jump.

Now Dennis, a retired social worker, spends her time as a volunteer chaplain in Penn's transplant unit, where she encourages others who face the same challenges she once did.

"It's the most rewarding job I've ever had," Dennis says. "The patients don't have anybody to talk to about this stuff."

But there's one group of people she still hasn't had the chance to speak with: the family of her donor, who remains anonymous. In addition to sending her medals to them, she writes them annual letters delivered by the nonprofit Gift of Life Donor Program.

She hasn't heard back from them yet. But she hopes they get the message.

"This heart they gave me is amazing." —*Kyle Bagenstose, SMC '11*



Joseph V. Labolito

## DAVE SILVER AND YUVAL YARDEN

**DEGREES:** BA, advertising and strategic communication, respectively, School of Media and Communication, 2013

**OCCUPATION:** City champions

**LOCATION:** Philadelphia

Philadelphia is having a moment. It's currently topping Lonely Planet's list of best U.S. cities to visit, and it was recently rated the No. 1 music city in North America. But it's Dave Silver, *SMC '13*, and Yuval Yarden, *SMC '13*, who are helping put the city's startup scene on the map.

For six months the pair worked daily to develop Amplify Philly, a coalition of local startups, organizations and musicians dedicated to showcasing why Philadelphia is the next great place in which to start a business.

Yarden and Silver thought there weren't enough people telling the story of why the city is a prime location for creative professionals and entrepreneurs. Sandwiched between New York and D.C., it's an affordable city that brims with resources for startups.

As program director of Philly Startup Leaders, Yarden organizes events for budding entrepreneurs, and Silver co-founded REC Philly, a launch pad for musicians and creatives that has staged more than 400 shows.

Both organizations share a similar mission: providing resources and connections for those starting out in new industries.

In March the team took on South by Southwest (SXSW), a music, film and tech festival in Austin, Texas, with a 10' x 20' Amplify Philly booth, complete with a "LOVE" statue replica and eight smaller booths for Philly-based startups. They staged a sold-out concert headlined by Philadelphians DJ Jazzy Jeff and Lil Dicky.

Silver's REC Philly recruited entertainment programming, while Yarden focused on drawing startups there and engaging sponsors, but they agree that all the aspects of planning were shared. Starting out, "we had to answer, 'Why are you legitimate enough to do this?' a lot,"

*"Temple built the brand—we're living it."*

—YUVAL YARDEN

Yarden says. That question didn't hurt their fundraising efforts, though: They were able to raise \$91,000 from local sponsors.

The pair invested in bringing the startups' teams to the four-day trade show, so that festivalgoers could hear from actual people why Philly is so advantageous.

"We knew SXSW was where our customers were, so we wanted to meet them where they're at," Yarden says.

Now the duo is eager to get started on SXSW 2017 planning. They credit their whatever-it-takes mentality to Temple.

As a student, Yarden was active within Hillel, a student-driven organization for celebrations of Jewish life and advocacy. Silver found inspiration to start REC Philly after throwing basement shows at Alpha Epsilon Pi, where he served as social chair.

"We are literal walking, breathing Temple Made alumni," Yarden says. "Temple built the brand—we're living it."

—Hayley Chenoweth, *Class of 2017*



His practice will focus on representing corporate real estate clients in purchases, sales and leases of commercial real estate nationwide.

REBECCA WINKLER, *SMC '02*

became a health communications specialist at the U.S. Food and Drug Administration working on the award-winning youth tobacco-prevention campaign *The Real Cost*.

ANDREW BIDLACK, *BYR '03*

debuted at London's Royal Opera House at Covent Garden in Iain Bell's new opera, *In Parenthesis*.

CHRISTIAN GIUDICE, *SMC '03*

wrote *Hands of Stone*, a book about legendary boxer Roberto Durán. The book was adapted into a film, which premiered at the Cannes Film Festival in May and was released in theaters in August. Directed by Jonathan Jakubowicz, the film stars Robert De Niro, Édgar Ramírez and Usher. Giudice also has published *Beloved Warrior*, about boxer Alexis Argüello, and *A Fire Burns Within*, about boxer Wilfredo Gomez.

TROY HERION, *BYR '05*

premiered his orchestral ballet *Archiva* with choreographer Matthew Neenan for the Pennsylvania Ballet in May. Herion scores films and digital shorts, and composes and directs visual-music films.

MATTHEW STEIN, *FOX '06*

serves as vice president and director of MSC Retail's University Real Estate Division in Philadelphia. In 2014, he was named to the Best of Philly Best Philadelphians (under 40) list by *Philadelphia* magazine.

DESIREE CASIMIRO, *TYL '07*

and partners, Emily Kane, *TYL '08* and Carly Herman, *TYL '14*, were recognized in *The Philadelphia Inquirer* for their business, Forge & Finish Jewelry, founded in 2014. They are based in East Kensington and appear at different regional craft shows, including Art Star Craft Bazaar, Manayunk Arts Festival and the Tyler Art Market.

FRANCIS J. O'NEILL JR., *LAW '07*

was selected to the 2016 Pennsylvania Rising Stars list by the research team at Super Lawyers. O'Neill is a trial attorney at the Law Office of Michael T. van der Veen, where he handles catastrophic injury and wrongful death cases involving construction and commercial motor vehicle accidents.

STEVE RYAN, *SMC '07*

recently graduated from XL Catlin's Emerging Leaders program. Ryan serves as the senior manager in communications and marketing for the Americas region at XL Catlin, a global commercial insurance company.

CHERYL MILLER, *FOX '08*

published the first chapter of her e-book *Know Thyself Beloved, The Examined Life*, under the author name C. Lynn Miller. The book is available through Amazon's Kindle platform.

SHAUNDAI PERSON, *FOX '08*

runs a growing online business called Nature's Batch, which distributes natural and organic products across the country. The woman- and minority-owned small business promotes healthy and sustainable living.

NATHANIEL YOST, *FOX '08*

graduated from Leadership Cumberland, a program designed to help area executives form lasting connections with local community organizations. As part of the program, Yost served as a non-voting board member with the Joseph T. Simpson Public Library in Mechanicsburg, Pennsylvania. Yost is a manager at accounting firm Boyer & Ritter LLC.

SARAH DOOLEY, *CLA '09*

joined the executive board of *The Verdict*, the regular newsletter of the Philadelphia Trial Lawyers Association, which reports on current issues in trial practice, association events, verdicts and settlements of notes. Dooley is an associate attorney at Duffy + Partners and regularly contributes to outlets including *The Legal Intelligencer* newspaper and *The Philadelphia Lawyer* magazine.

AMY RITTER, *TYL '09*

was named a Smack Mellon Hot Pick for 2016. These top artists are selected from the field of applicants to Smack Mellon's artist studio program and are featured on the website for one year.

SAMANTHA VANDER WIELEN, *CLA '09*

received the *New Jersey Law Journal's* 2016 New Leaders of the Bar Award. She also was selected as a New Jersey rising star for business/corporate law by the *Journal of Law & Politics*

and *New Jersey Monthly*. Vander Wielen is an associate attorney at Capehart Scatchard in Mount Laurel, New Jersey, and is currently the 2015-2017 Young Lawyer Trustee of the Burlington County Bar Association.

## 2010s

BRIAN HART, *SMC '12*

pledged \$15,000 to benefit Smile Train, the world's largest cleft charity, through his public relations agency, Flackable, in Wyomissing, Pennsylvania. This charitable donation, distributed over a five-year period, will help repair one child's cleft lip or palate every month for the duration of the partnership, ultimately helping 60 children. Hart was selected as a 2016 Lehigh Valley Business Forty Under 40 Award recipient.

ASHLEY RIVERA, *LAW '13*

has joined the Philadelphia office of Reed Smith LLP as an associate in the state tax group. Prior to joining Reed Smith, Rivera worked as a tax consultant in Ernst & Young LLP's indirect tax practice.

ALEXANDRA CECH, *TYL '15*

spends her days as a professional portrait artist, painting clients' dogs, cats, horses and families. Her custom-made works, which are available on painted-paws.com, are hand-drawn and painted from photographs.

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# IN MEMORIAM

*This list includes those in the Temple community who have passed away recently.*

## 1940s

Sybil A. Schinfeld, *EDU '40*  
Arlin M. Adams, *FOX '41, CLA '51, HON '65*  
Edythe C. Porterfield, *EDU '41*  
Donald C. Jones, *PHR '42*  
Harold W. Sanders, *BYR '43*  
Mary C. Toto, *EDU '43*  
Vivian Bricklin Levin, *CLA '44*  
Martha King Rankin, *CPH '44*  
Bernice G. Merbaum, *CPH '45*  
Jeannette Arbogast Smith, *CPH '45*  
Nancy George, *TYL '46*  
Jean E. Schelhas, *CPH '46*  
Mary B. Castellana, *TYL '47*  
Peter Chodoff, *CST '47*  
George L. Gansz, *BYR '48*  
Jules Grosswald, *EDU '48, '51, '75*  
Sara Jane App Tupin, *EDU '48*  
Ellis G. Willard, *CPH '48*  
Howard W. Cunningham, *EDU '49*  
William C. Denver, *FOX '49, '55*  
Preston J. Elkis, *DEN '49*  
Normale M. Hodgson, *CPH '49*  
Alfred P. Spivack, *CST '49*

## 1950s

Elyse E. Greenstein, *BYR '50*  
Joseph R. Mellon, *FOX '50*  
John J. O'Neill, *CLA '50*  
Dorothy S. Underhill, *BYR '50*  
Leonard S. Anthony, *CST '51*  
Robert L. Bryan, *EDU '51*  
Genevieve E. Loss, *CPH '51*

Herbert Pressman, *FOX '51*  
Sidney S. Slutsky, *CLA '51, EDU '54, '66*  
Louis J. Collacchi, *FOX '52*  
David E. Debolt, *FOX '52*  
Alphonso Giles, *EDU '52*  
Edward M. Medvene, *CLA '52*  
Gilbert Newman, *FOX '52*  
Robert H. Palmer, *MED '52*  
David M. Popowich, *FOX '52*  
Le Roy D. Schoch, *FOX '52*  
Robert T. Burke, *LAW '53*  
Robert C. Ifft, *MED '53*  
James W. Jackson, *FOX '53*  
George E. Peatick Jr., *CPH '53*  
Theodore J. Soslow, *FOX '53*  
John K. Warren, *FOX '53*  
Arthur C. Faust Jr., *FOX '54*  
Samuel B. Hagner, *MED '54*  
John J. Offner, *FOX '54*  
Samuel Rappaport, *CLA '54*  
Richard P. Torp, *CST '54, MED '58*  
Karen Winans Werdann, *CPH '54*  
Ozell G. Allen, *ENG '55*  
Helen Suss Bardfeld, *CPH '55*  
Margaret L. Biesemeyer, *CPH '55*  
Marilen Ruth Bowser, *CPH '55, EDU '62*  
John J. Carchman, *DEN '55*  
Jeanne D. Crane, *CLA '55*  
Barry P. Hershone, *EDU '55, '58*  
John J. Hilferty Jr., *SMC '55*  
Earnest W. Hummer, *CLA '55*  
Rodney B. Hurl, *MED '55*  
Lawrence A. Newman, *PHR '55*  
Lewis H. Williams, *DEN '55*  
Floriana Manno Bloss, *CLA '56*

Emily Haass Broyles, *CPH '56*  
Raymond R. Cummings, *BYR '56, '66*  
Adrienne Krasnoff Davidson, *CPH '56*  
Walter E. Donovan, *FOX '56*  
Ralph J. Homsher, *EDU '56*  
Harold C. Lear Jr., *FOX '56*  
Charles L. Rojer, *CST '56*  
Eleanor Goman Toub, *EDU '56*  
Alice Hurst Williamson, *EDU '56*  
John C. Byrne, *CPH '57*  
David J. Charles, *FOX '57*  
William S. Fortune, *ENG '57*  
William O. Miller, *FOX '57*  
Harry J. Pellegrini, *EDU '57, '59, '76*  
Anita S. Freedman, *EDU '58*  
Kenneth C. Jarvis, *CLA '58*  
Charles J. Miller Jr., *FOX '58, '70*  
Frances P. Murawski, *EDU '58*  
Ludwig J. Pomper, *ENG '58*  
Edward A. Underwood Jr., *CLA '58*  
Eleanor K. Weiler, *EDU '58*  
Martin D. Alpert, *DEN '59*  
Herbert E. Balian, *FOX '59*  
Sondra M. Greenbank, *CLA '59*  
Leonard J. Kiewlak, *FOX '59*  
Frank V. Monti, *CLA '59*  
David L. Naus, *FOX '59*  
David J. Skammer, *EDU '59*  
Rochelle B. Sulman, *CLA '59*

## 1960s

Raymond Di Primio, *POD '60*  
Edward L. Godfrey, *ENG '60*  
William K. Grove, *MED '60*

Eugene C. Kruis, *EDU '60*  
Robert W. Martin, *CLA '60, FOX '69*  
Edward McCabe, *EDU '60*  
Mary Fetter Semanik, *EDU '60, '51*  
Theodore I. Serewitch, *EDU '60*  
Joseph Zelez, *ENG '60*  
Blanche L. Bender, *CLA '61*  
Marlene Kashuboski Degeorge, *CPH '61*  
Franklin D. Julian, *CLA '61*  
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**JEFFREY FEATHERSTONE**

Jeffrey Featherstone, *CLA '99*, director of the Center for Sustainable Communities at Temple, passed away May 7, 2016.

After 30 years as deputy executive director of the Delaware River Basin Commission, Featherstone joined Temple's faculty in 2001, where he helped build up the fledgling center.

During his 15-year tenure, Featherstone tackled local projects, including remapping the Pennypack Creek Watershed and working to alleviate flooding in the Fort Washington Industrial Park. He secured more than \$10 million in research grants and completed over 30 projects.

"Jeff became the glue that held the sustainable impetus of the university together," says former Dean of Ambler James Hilty. "I think his personal imprint on Temple is indelible."

Featherstone traveled throughout China to advise government officials on sustainability as a member of the U.S. Water Resources Delegation to China and was a valued member of the International Society of City and Regional Planners.

Featherstone's legacy at Temple is preserved not just through his environmental stewardship, but also through his twin daughters, Lin and Lia, both Class of 2018, and the memorial scholarship established in his honor.

“Knowledge is power; I can’t complain about the system if I don’t know the system.”

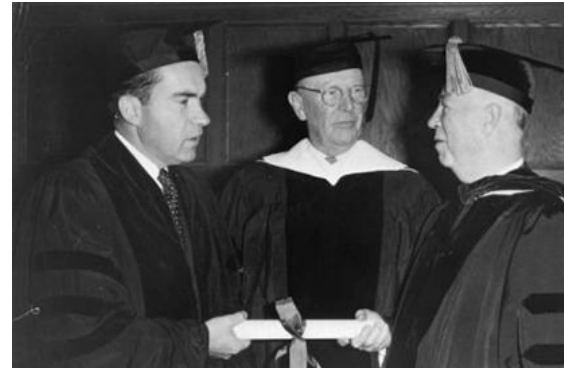
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