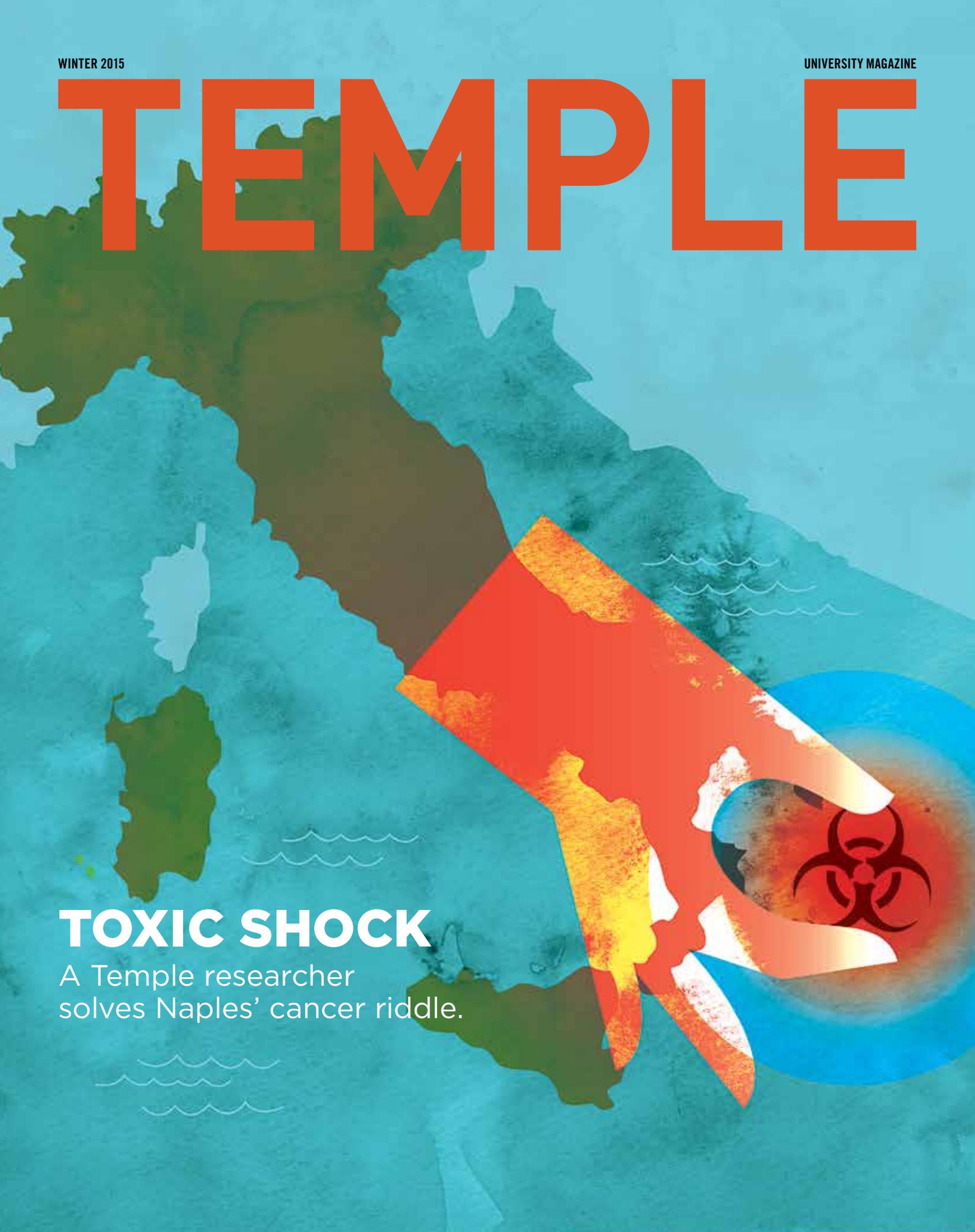
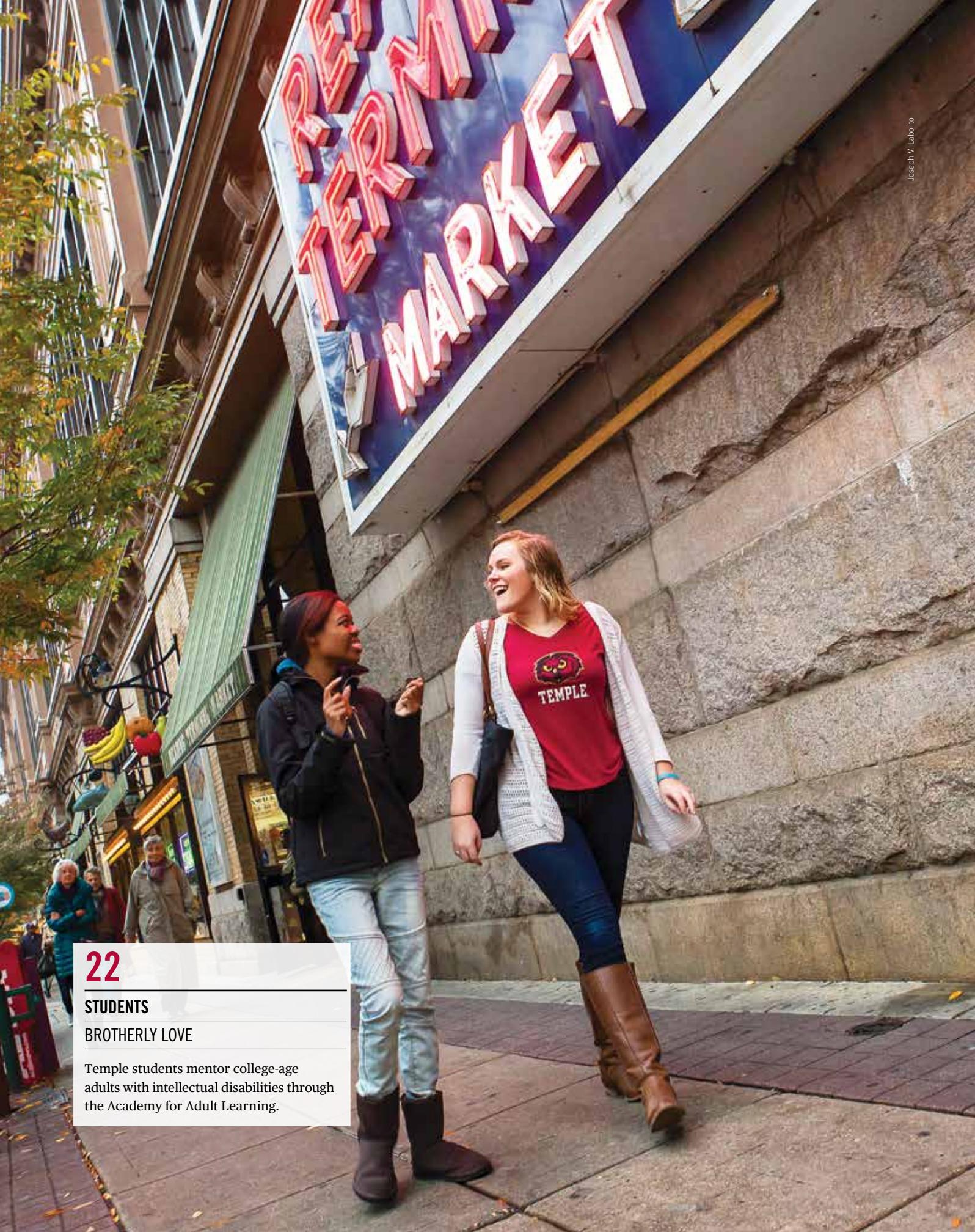


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Temple students mentor college-age adults with intellectual disabilities through the Academy for Adult Learning.

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OWL PRIDE



Thank you for the superb article “The Truth Tellers” in your fall 2014 issue. John Raines was a professor of mine in 1968, and I could not be more proud of the work he, his wife, Bonnie [EDU '72, '79], and others did in Media, Pennsylvania. [Writer Renee] Cree carefully related these events to the present day with her excellent questions.

Coupled with the essay on community health literacy (“Community Explorers”), that piece represents a great direction for a university magazine that takes the times we live in seriously. I valued my education at Temple, and I regret that some divisions still perform so much animal research. Maybe you can touch on one of those issues.

Wayne Johnson, *CLA '73*
Brooklyn, New York

Really enjoyed your “Free to Be” feature. Makes me even prouder to be a Temple graduate!

Maj. Margaret Witt, *CPH '12*

Portland, Oregon

Editor's note: Witt informed Temple of her landmark 2011 lawsuit, Witt v. Department of the Air Force, which helped defeat the military's “don't ask, don't tell” policy.

CHECKPOINT CARL



I was recently in Berlin, Germany, where I was invited to participate in a fellowship for senior news managers on the 25th anniversary of the fall of the Berlin Wall. I took the opportunity to send stories back to my newsroom and, as much as I hate selfies, I thought you'd appreciate what I was wearing as I filed from Checkpoint Charlie.

Christopher Carl, *SMC '92*

Director of News and Programming, WDEL
Wilmington, Delaware

THANKS, TEMPLE!

I met my wife when we were undergraduates at Temple from 1947 to 1951.

I worked at Jefferson Hospital midnight to 8 a.m. and then took the subway to classes on Main Campus.

During WWII, I was assigned to the 142nd General Hospital in Kolkata, India, from 1945 to 1946. I had a book published in India [A *Modern Pilgrim in India: The Diary of an American Soldier*, Somaiya Publications, 1995] that described my days in that nation just prior to its independence from the British Empire.

I would like to express my deep gratitude for the chance meeting of my wife and for the beginnings of a wonderful life, along with productive careers for our two children.

Thank you, Temple University!

John W. Wohlfarth
Cloverdale, California

OLDEST OWL?



My father, Gerald Booken, *MED '36* (pictured above with his wife, Sandra), recently celebrated his 103rd birthday. He attended undergraduate school [at Temple] and after three years entered the Medical School. He went on to serve in the military and then practice general medicine and general surgery. He retired from practice in the early 1980s.

Dad spent happy years in Philadelphia and now lives with his son near Wilkes-Barre, Pennsylvania. If he is your oldest alumnus, I thought you might want to know.

Wendy (née Booken) Peskin
Pahoa, Hawaii

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KEY TO SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CODES

- 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* 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* Division of Theater, Film and Media Arts
- THM* School of Tourism and Hospitality Management
- TYL* Tyler School of Art

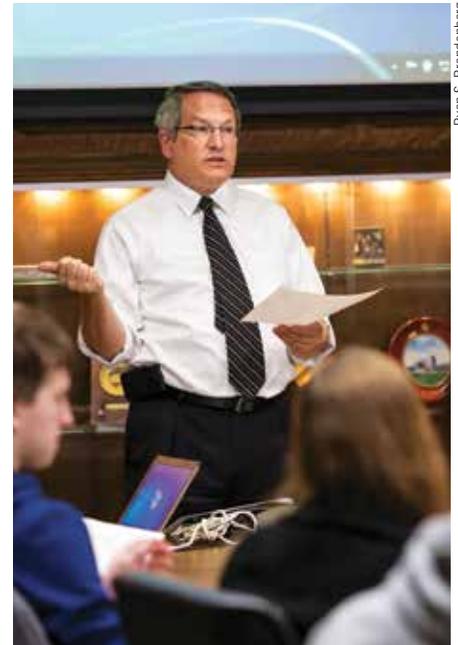
This fall I delivered my first State of the University address to Temple faculty. The event was an opportunity to discuss the tremendous progress Temple has made in the last year. I believe you will agree that Temple is clearly charging forward.

Let me start with our growing national reputation. This year's edition of *U.S. News & World Report's* Best Colleges ranks Temple No. 121 overall among national universities. That is our highest-ever ranking and an increase of 11 spots in four years.

Temple's research enterprise also has never been better. We recently opened the Science Education and Research Center, which both reflects and improves on the strength of our research. Last year we had a record \$230 million in research expenditures. Even as overall national research funding has declined, Temple has experienced a 32 percent rise in federal research awards over the past five years.

Most importantly, our commitment to students remains steadfast. This fall we welcomed a record 4,483 freshmen to Temple. That class is our largest, most academically accomplished and most diverse ever, with a record number of Honors and international students.

We've taken a major step to support incoming students with Fly in 4, our innovative plan to help students graduate on time and limit their debt. We've also created the Temple Option, an alternative admissions path that will ensure talented students of all backgrounds have access to Temple's high-quality education.



Ryan S. Brandenberg

As I've said in the past, it is a tremendous honor to be the president of such a remarkable university. I hope every Owl feels a similar sense of pride.

If you have thoughts on these or other efforts at Temple, please feel free to contact me at president@temple.edu.

Neil D. Theobald
President, Temple University

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MODEL CITIZEN

Each year, millions of people who have been released from prison end up back behind bars. Jondhi Harrell, Class of 2015, knows this story all too well. While incarcerated for 18 years, he watched as fellow prisoners served their time and left, only to return to jail.

After his own release from prison in 2009, Harrell founded the Center for Returning Citizens to address the problem of recidivism. From offering parenting classes to finding housing and jobs, the center helps former inmates start new lives and avoid returning to jail.

In 2013, Harrell was named Goodwill Industries International Graduate of the Year for his achievements through Goodwill's career program. He is currently working toward a master of social work degree with a concentration in public policy.



Ryan S. Brandenburg

J. JONDHI HARRELL

OCCUPATION: founder and executive director, Center for Returning Citizens

LOCATION: College of Public Health, Class of 2015

What inspired the Center for Returning Citizens?

I started putting this program together while I was still incarcerated. Over the years, I'd watch guys go home and come back to prison because they were unable to adjust to society. Seeing this play out over and over again, I realized the prison system just wasn't addressing the needs of people inside. So we started an educational program to help young men continue to develop while incarcerated. When I returned home after serving 18 years of a 20-year sentence, I used the same model to develop the center.

What are some of the challenges for people released from prison?

People returning home after being incarcerated have to accept that time moved on without them—families changed, children got older. This is especially true for men who were incarcerated for activities that helped support their families. When they return home they have to develop a new set of habits.

And I think a lot of men and women try to forget everything about prison once they return home. While jail is a traumatic experience, acting as though you were never there makes it easier to make the same

mistakes. I keep a pair of loafers from the prison commissary on a shelf in my closet as a reminder of where I came from and what I've experienced.

How does the Center for Returning Citizens help?

We currently serve 600 returning citizens, and more are coming to us every day. Counselors meet daily with 15 to 20 people. We start by finding housing, employment and education opportunities, and then we address issues related to relationships, managing money and learning to be social again. We also refer people to services such as veterans benefits.

There are several factors that lead to recidivism; my hope is that we can address a few of them before it's too late.

NEWS

Temple's momentum continues: The Class of 2018 is the most accomplished yet; support of faculty is at an all-time high; the Beasley School of Law and the Fox School of Business shine in the rankings; and the Diamond Marching Band arrives at a theater near you!

TENACITY, DEFINED

HIV-1 has proved to be tenacious, inserting its genome permanently into DNA and forcing patients to take a lifelong drug regimen to control the virus and prevent a fresh attack. Now a team of School of Medicine researchers has designed a way to snip out the integrated HIV-1 genes for good.

“This is one important step on the path toward a permanent cure for AIDS,” says Kamel Khalili, professor and chair of the Department of Neuroscience at Temple.

In the study, funded by the National Institutes of Health and published by the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, Khalili and colleagues detail how they created molecular tools to delete the HIV-1 proviral DNA. When deployed, a combination of a DNA-snipping enzyme called a nuclease and a targeting strand of RNA called a guide RNA hunt down the viral genome and excise the HIV-1 DNA. From there, the cell's gene-repair machinery takes over, soldering the loose ends of the genome back together—resulting in virus-free cells.

“Since HIV-1 is never cleared by the immune system, removal of the virus is required in order to cure the disease,” says Khalili, who is also director of the Center for Neurovirology and director of the Comprehensive NeuroAIDS Center at Temple. The same technique could theoretically be used against a variety of viruses, he says.

“We want to eradicate every single copy of HIV-1 from the patient,” says Khalili. “That will cure AIDS. I think this technology is the way we can do it.” **JENNI LAIDMAN**

Betsy Manning, SMC '87, CLA '08



Professor Kamel Khalili (left) and research scientist Rafal Kaminski, colleagues in Temple's Center for Neurovirology, designed a method to permanently remove HIV-1 genes from cells.

Joseph V. Labolito



ALL-STARS

Temple's Class of 2018—the university's largest and one of its most academically accomplished—is smashing records for quality and quantity.

The number of freshmen is at an all-time high:

4,483—up from 4,390 in fall 2013.

Non-Pennsylvania residents (including international students) make up **30 percent** of the freshman class.

The freshman GPA average is **3.47**, another record.

The freshman average SAT score is **1124**.

The Class of 2018 includes a record number of new Honors students: **548**.

Two new records have been set for Honors academic credentials: **3.88** is the new GPA average and **1389** is the new average SAT score.

BRANDON LAUSCH, SMC '06

FACULTY'S MAJOR JUMP

Temple has reached a new milestone for support of faculty, which topped \$7 million in 2013-2014. The university raised \$1.2 million for faculty in 2012, and saw a leap to \$6.7 million in 2013 and a rise to \$7.3 million in 2014.

Seventy-four new faculty positions have been approved for 2015-2016, and more than 60 new tenured and tenure-track faculty were hired for the 2014-2015 academic year.

BRANDON LAUSCH, SMC '06



Ryan S. Brandenberg



Joseph V. Labolito

The Temple Teacher Residency program prepares teachers like Jessica Scherff, EDU '10 (pictured above), to work with students in Philadelphia public and charter schools.

RESIDENT TEACHERS

The College of Education received \$2.2 million in grant funding from the U.S. Department of Education to create a new partnership between Temple and the School District of Philadelphia. The award is one of 24 given in 2014 by the Teacher Quality Partnership Grant Program that President Barack Obama announced in May of last year.

Funding from the grant will support the creation of the Temple Teacher Residency—a new dual-degree program focused on science, technology, engineering and math

(STEM). Students in the program will earn a bachelor's degree in a STEM-related discipline and a master's degree in middle-grades education in five years. In their final year, students will spend 75 percent of their time teaching in a School District of Philadelphia middle-grades classroom while receiving direction from a school-based cooperating teacher and a university-based coach.

Beginning with the 2015-2016 school year, the program will enroll between 50 and 55 students each year. JAZMYN BURTON



NBC *Nightly News* anchor Brian Williams visited Main Campus in September 2014. In addition to accepting the School of Media and Communication's Law Klein Excellence in the Media Award, he met with Temple students.

DOUBLE DOWN

The 2014 Lew Klein Alumni in the Media Awards will pay off in a record number of scholarships for students in Temple University's School of Media and Communication.

This year's record-breaking event will enable the school to more than double the number of scholarships to 50 from the 20 awarded in the past year. The Lew Klein Excellence in the Media scholarship is designed to help students undertake internships, work on independent projects or study abroad. **JEFF CRONIN**

ENERGY FRONTIER

Temple's Center for the Computational Design of Functional Layered Materials is one of 10 new Energy Frontier Research Centers announced recently by the U.S. Department of Energy. Temple's center—funded through a four-year, \$12 million award—will be led by Laura H. Carnell Professor of Physics and Chemistry John Perdew and includes 19 principal investigators, 10 of whom are from Temple. Perdew says the center will attempt to design new layered materials that have applications in energy production and storage.

"There were more than 200 Energy Frontier proposals," says College of Science and Technology Dean Michael Klein. "This demonstrates the remarkable research expertise in CST and puts Temple on the map as a top player in science and technology." **PRESTON M. MORETZ, SMC '82**

TEMPLE SHINES

Temple's Beasley School of Law and Fox School of Business have excelled recently in a variety of national and international rankings.

The American Lawyer magazine ranked Temple Law No. 17 nationally for how well prepared graduates felt they were for practice five years after graduation. Temple was the only law school in the region included in the top 20.

Temple Law was once again named a Best Value Law School by *The National Jurist* magazine and was the only Philadelphia law school to appear in the rankings. Additionally, Temple Law had the largest representation among first-year associates at Pennsylvania law firms, as reported by *The Legal Intelligencer*.

In September 2014, *Entrepreneur* magazine and the Princeton Review ranked Fox's graduate programs No. 1 in the nation for entrepreneurial mentorship. Fox also ranks

No. 11 nationwide for undergraduate entrepreneurship and No. 16 among graduate programs. And *The Economist* ranked Fox's Global MBA program No. 33 nationally, a nine-spot improvement over last year's rankings, and the program jumped 20 positions to be ranked No. 57 globally.

BRANDON LAUSCH, SMC '06



Joseph V. Labolito



FAVORITE BAND

Temple's Diamond Marching Band continues to garner national media attention. It was ranked No. 1 on *USA Today's* list of 5 College Marching Band Covers You Absolutely Have to Hear for its performance of 5 Seconds of Summer's "She Looks So Perfect." And the band continues to get shout-outs from pop and rock bands such as Bastille and Paramore (including a tribute from the latter act's front woman, Hayley Williams, on Twitter).

The Diamond Marching Band is in demand on the big and small screens, as well. It will appear in a string of upcoming movies and TV shows in 2014-2015, including TV series *Red Band Society* and the remake of the movie *Annie*. **AUGUST TARRIER, CLA '89**



Oil pipeline technology developed by Professor of Physics Rongjia Tao and his team that creates better oil flow is entering later stages of development and has generated significant licensing revenue.

INNOVATIVE INCREASE

The expansion of Temple's research enterprise, highlighted by the recent dedication of the Science Education and Research Center, also has led to a dramatic increase in commercialization revenues from university-developed technologies.

Over the past five fiscal years—2010 through 2014, which ended in June—Temple received nearly \$16 million from the licensing of university-created technologies.

That is more than \$5 million more than Temple received in the previous 19 fiscal years (1991-2009): \$10,420,050.

"You can't bring in licensing revenues unless you've had great discoveries, and we've benefited from the results of the great research going on at the university," says Stephen Nappi, Temple's associate vice provost for technology commercialization and business development.

During the recent five-year span, Nappi's office has experienced a 71 percent increase in inventions created or discovered by Temple researchers, with 83 patent applications being filed. During that same period, Temple has also entered into 31 licensing agreements with companies for the development of university-created innovations.

PRESTON M. MORETZ, SMC '82



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STEPS FROM CAMPUS

The John Coltrane House at 1511 N. 33rd St. in Philadelphia's Strawberry Mansion neighborhood, a little more than a mile from Main Campus, was designated a National Historic Landmark in 1999.

With the benefit of a GI loan, Coltrane bought the house for his mother, aunt and cousin; he lived there from 1952 to 1958, when he moved to New York City.

While Coltrane lived on North 33rd Street, he signed his first recording contract and wrote the compositions for *Giant Steps*, a breakthrough album for him and one that has been added to the National Recording Registry.

LATE TRANE

Sept. 23, 2014, would have been jazz saxophonist John Coltrane's 88th birthday. Temple University Libraries honored the day with a panel about him, held in Paley Library on Main Campus.

But there was more than a birthday to celebrate. Resonance Records recently released *Offering: Live at Temple University*, a legendary Coltrane concert that took place in 1966, eight months before his death, in Mitten Hall. The concert, broadcast on WRTI, was announced by Dave McLaughlin and Bob Rothstein, *CLA '69, '71*, who can be heard on the recording.

Ryan S. Brandenberg



COLLEGE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

With a new name and a new vision, Temple's College of Health Professions and Social Work is now the College of Public Health. The move makes the college the largest such institution in Greater Philadelphia.

Once accredited, Temple's College of Public Health will be one of only three accredited schools of public health in Pennsylvania, with Drexel University and the University of Pittsburgh. The Class of 2016 will be the first to graduate from the new College of Public Health.

Some of the college's departments also will be realigned. The Department of Public Health will be divided into two departments: the Department of Epidemiology and Biostatistics, with a division of Environmental Health, and the Department of Social and Behavioral Sciences. The Department of Health Information Management will be renamed Health Services, Administration and Policy, with a Health Information Management division. The new departments will join the departments of Communications Sciences and Disorders, Kinesiology, Nursing, Physical Therapy, and Rehabilitation Sciences and the School of Social Work to make up the College of Public Health.

ERYN JELESIEWICZ, SMC '89, '05

“Temple is stepping up to take its rightful place among prominent public research universities in the United States and the world.”

—Temple President Neil D. Theobald, State of the University address, Main Campus, Oct. 14, 2014

MAPPING BEHAVIOR

Researchers in the College of Public Health are taking an innovative approach to understanding how individuals with mental illness participate in their communities. Using GPS technology and other tools, the team will track the movements, moods and activities of study participants to learn more about factors that affect their involvement with work, school, and recreational and religious activities.

“We know very little about the community participation of individuals with serious mental illnesses, conditions that affect approximately 5 to 7 percent of U.S. adults, making them the single-largest disability group in the country,” says the study's lead investigator, Mark Salzer, chair of the Department of Rehabilitation Sciences in the College of Public Health and director of the Temple University Collaborative on Community Inclusion of Individuals with Psychiatric Disabilities.

“Limited community participation is associated with billions of dollars in public spending and, more tragically, millions of years of lost productivity and quality of life for these individuals and their family members.”

Salzer and Eugene Brusilovski, director of the Laboratory on GIS Analytics in Rehabilitation Research at Temple, have been awarded a \$600,000 grant from the National Institute on Disability and Rehabilitation Research to conduct this three-year study.

Over a two-week period, study participants will carry smartphones that track their movements outside their homes. During that time, they also will report on their moods and activities.

In addition to reviewing their community participation, the researchers will examine the extent to which the physical and social environments in which the participants live stimulate and support full and meaningful mobility and participation.

“This study will help shed light not only on what people are doing in the community but also on the types of community, social and environmental factors that might enable greater participation,” says Salzer.

It also offers the potential for further studies of the mobility and community participation of individuals affected by physical, intellectual and developmental impairments, he says. **KIM FISCHER, CLA '94**





Innovation Dedication

A new science facility on Main Campus generates new opportunities for both faculty and students.

Temple University's newly opened Science Education and Research Center (SERC) signals a new era of research and discovery for students and faculty, and opens doors to advancements in Philadelphia and around the world.

The facility's official ribbon cutting and building dedication was held Oct. 10 as a part of Homecoming Weekend. The event featured demonstrations, tours of the building and speeches by Temple President Neil D. Theobald; Provost Hai-Lung Dai; College of Science and Technology Dean Michael L. Klein; Katey Steinberg, a biology major in the Class of 2016; and then Pennsylvania Lt. Gov. James Cawley, *CLA '91, LAW '94*.

At 247,000 square feet, SERC is one of the largest buildings devoted exclusively to scientific research in the Philadelphia region. It features 52 research labs and 16 teaching labs; open spaces to foster collaboration; high-tech facilities such as clean rooms, where particle levels in the air are controlled; and a low-vibration scanning tunneling microscope, used to image surfaces down to the atomic level. SERC also will be home to the departments of Computer and Information Sciences and Physics.

"SERC represents Temple's commitment to innovation in science and technology, which underpins the U.S. economy," Klein

said during the dedication celebration.

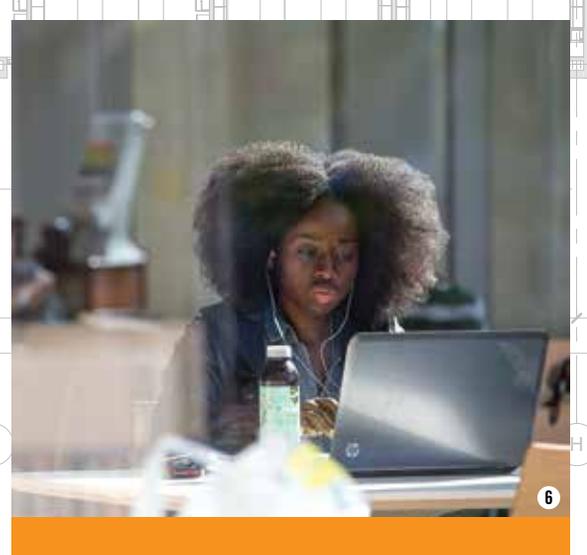
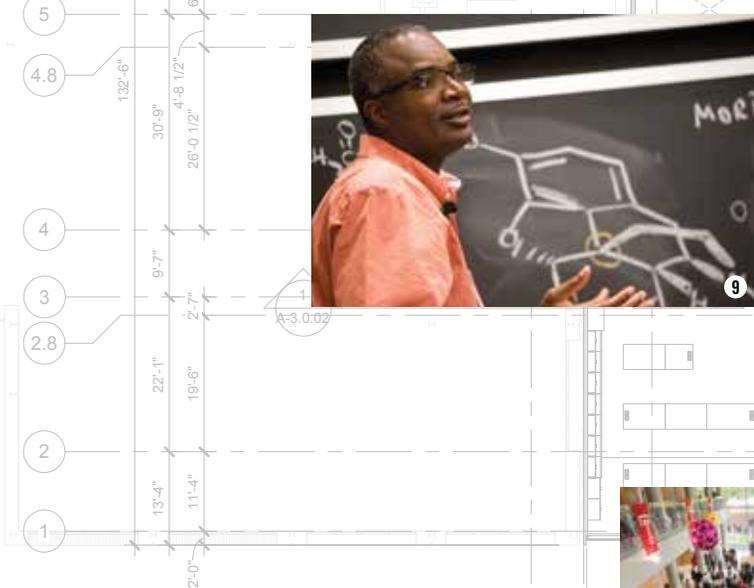
"Here Temple researchers and students working together will create new materials, help improve medicines, develop sustainable technologies and understand, at the most fundamental level, the world we live in."

SERC houses seven research centers and institutes: the Center for Biodiversity; the Center for Biophysics and Computational Biology; the Institute for Computational Molecular Science; the Center for Data Analytics and Biomedical Informatics; the Institute for Genomics and Evolutionary Medicine; the Center for Materials Theory; and the Center for Networked Computing.

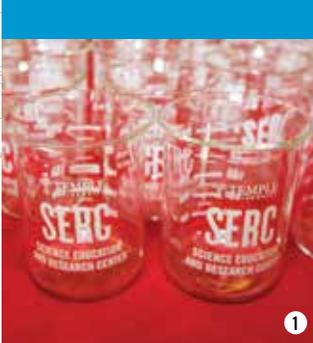
Over the past year, those centers have doubled the number of College of Science and Technology research centers, creating a collaborative, critical mass of nationally and internationally renowned researchers.

"SERC's opening demonstrates how much Temple cares about innovative education," Steinberg said at the event. "The interdisciplinary research that will be achieved here will offer students many opportunities to work with great faculty, to use advanced equipment and to make scientific discoveries."

> To learn more about SERC and the faculty who work there and find stories about their research, visit temple.edu/SERC.



Clockwise from top: (1) Lab beakers are a giveaway at the building dedication; (2) researchers work with sensitive materials in SERC's clean rooms; (3) caterers at the building dedication wear lab coats; (4) SERC's lobby includes ample seating; (5) at 247,000 square feet, SERC is one of the largest buildings in Philadelphia dedicated to scientific research; (6) a student studies in the ground-floor café area; (7) students, faculty, alumni and friends of Temple attend the building dedication during Homecoming Weekend; (8) SERC is eligible for LEED Gold certification by the U.S. Green Building Council; (9) Chemistry Instructor Serge Jasmin teaches in a SERC lecture room; (10) exterior sunshades control heat and light to lower electricity costs; (11) the SERC cryobank stores frozen DNA material from species of plants and animals that are nearing extinction.



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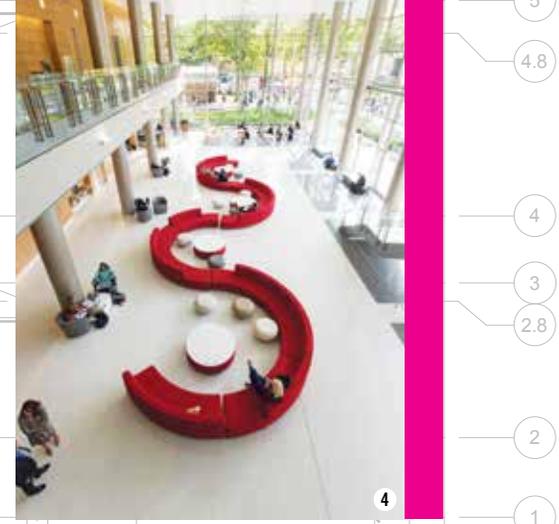


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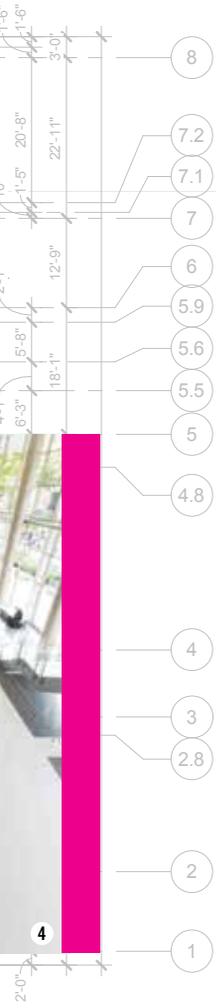
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ALUMNI NEWS

From Philadelphia to Japan, Owls reconnect and recharge their communities.

POWERING THE WORLD



Michael Kaufman, SMC '86

Owls from 11 regional alumni chapters worldwide took part in the TUAAs Global Day of Service, which included an event in Riverside Park in Manhattan.

The Temple University Alumni Association now has **18** chapters.

Seven more will launch in 2014–2015:

DALLAS/FORT WORTH, TEXAS
LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA
PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA
PITTSBURGH
SHANGHAI
SINGAPORE
TAIWAN

Regional chapters are led by **143** alumni volunteers worldwide.

In 2013–2014, **85** regional events were held in the U.S., attracting **4,271** participants.

To find Owls in your area or to volunteer, visit alumni.temple.edu/chapters.

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- WHAT:** A Temple Toast to Russell Conwell, the university's first-ever 24-hour giving campaign in honor of its founder's birthday
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CORRECTION

The "Alumni News" section in the fall issue of *Temple* featured TUA President Scott Cooper, LAW '92 ("Great Scott," page 12). The item erroneously listed him as the "first Owl to serve as managing editor of *Temple Law Review* while a student."

Cooper was the first student to simultaneously graduate with honors *and* serve as managing editor of the *Temple Law Review*, member of the Moot Court Honor Society and starting member of the National Trial Team.

The *Temple* staff apologizes for the error.



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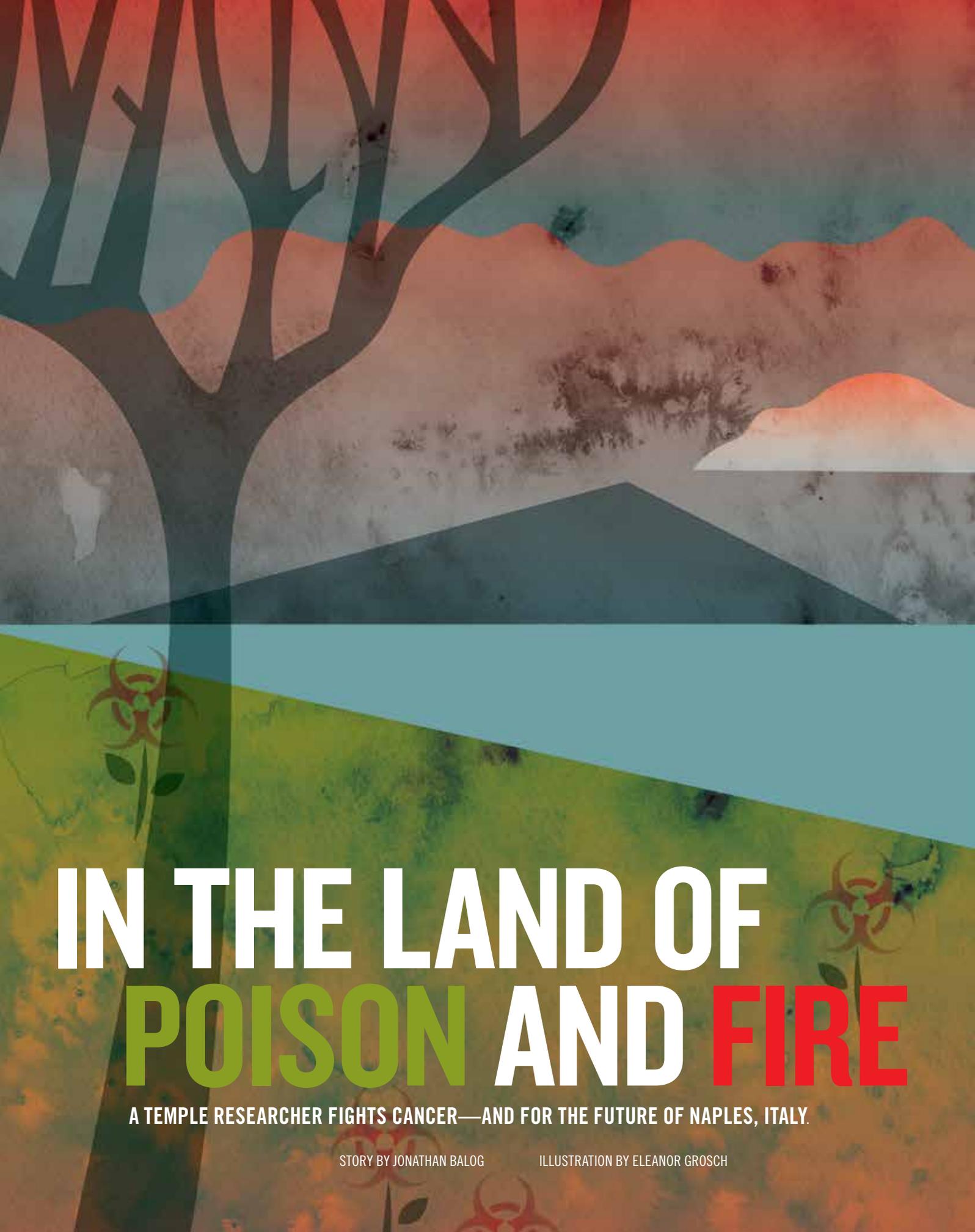
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IN THE LAND OF POISON AND FIRE

A TEMPLE RESEARCHER FIGHTS CANCER—AND FOR THE FUTURE OF NAPLES, ITALY.

STORY BY JONATHAN BALOG

ILLUSTRATION BY ELEANOR GROSCH



My train pulls into Naples, Italy, at 9 a.m. After dodging pickpockets in the station, I hop in a cab and am whisked at a ridiculous speed through the city's congested, labyrinthine streets. Naples is a monument to tragically squandered potential: At first glance, it appears to comprise the worst aspects of urban blight in the U.S. But beneath the gross neglect, vandalism and overdevelopment is the ghost of a beautiful city.

Naples is older than Rome. It is home to exceptional works of art, from Sanmartino's "Veiled Christ" to

Caravaggio's "Seven Works of Mercy." The pizza more than lives up to the legend. But Naples is like that guy who is a really great person at heart, he just spends too much time running with the wrong crowd.

I'm dropped off in front of a palazzo in a complex far above the city center. That is where Antonio Giordano, a pathologist, professor of biology, and director of the Sbarro Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine at Temple, spends a third of his year. His house has a hillside view of Capri, Mount Vesuvius, the Gulf of Naples and, off to the left, the city itself. It's positively stunning, and no doubt helps shape Giordano's unique perspective on the city that raised him, the city he has dedicated a portion of his life to saving.

"Naples is a city that you love or hate," he says as we drink Campari on his terrace. "There's no in between."

AN UNLIKELY INHERITANCE

Giordano graduated summa cum laude from the University of Naples with an MD and a PhD in pathology, then relocated to the U.S. in 1986. In this, we have some common ground—I left Philadelphia for Rome seven years ago. One of the universal qualities of the expat is the sense that your body houses two identities, one for your home and one for your adopted country.

"When I'm there I want to be here," he says, "and when I'm here I want to be there. I love Italy for the culture, the atmosphere. I love America for its drive."

Giordano is the first in his family to emigrate to the U.S., but the drive he feels there is hereditary. His father, Giovan Giacomo Giordano, was a noted cancer pathologist at both the Second University of Naples and the "Pascale" National Cancer Institute of Naples. In the 1970s he published "Salute e Ambiente in Campania" ("Health and Environment in Campania"), a white

paper that first detailed the link between unregulated industry and that area's rising cancer rates.

"My father was an introverted man from a solid family who loved science in his own pure way," Antonio Giordano says, handing me a copy of the report. "But 80 percent of my success is due to my mother." Maria Teresa Sgambati-Giordano is from a fairly affluent family and accustomed to playing host and massaging personalities. The marriage of his parents' temperaments meant Giordano grew up in a house where Nobel Prize winners were often guests.

The passion and dedication he inherited from his father drive Giordano scientifically, but when he arrived in the U.S. and found himself in competition with Ivy League-connected alumni for funding, it was his inherited social graces that landed him a grant.

Early in his career Giordano did research on the cell-division cycle at Long Island's Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory, whose director was Nobel laureate James Watson (known as the "father of genetics" for his role in discovering the structure of DNA). During a conversation in which Giordano complained about the cronyism that often directs grant money in the U.S., Watson asked which part of Italy he was from.

"Too bad you don't come from Milan," Watson replied when Giordano said he was from Naples, meaning that Milan was a much richer city and would have been an invaluable resource, could Giordano claim some connection.

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At a demonstration on Nov. 16, 2013, in downtown Naples, a woman holds pictures of relatives and friends who died of cancer.



From his father, Giovan Giacomo Giordano (right), a noted cancer pathologist, Antonio Giordano (center) inherited his passion for science; from his mother, Maria Teresa Sgambati-Giordano, the social graces and networking skills that helped him raise funds for his research.

But his Naples birthright did pan out. A few years after his conversation with Watson, Giordano met fellow Neapolitan expat Mario Sbarro, then CEO of the eponymously named pizza franchise found in every airport, truck stop and college campus on the East Coast. The introduction came about through Giordano's wife, Mina Massaro-Giordano, a Long Island native and Sbarro's neighbor.

When Giordano later relocated to Philadelphia to do cancer research at Temple and then Thomas Jefferson University, he made regular trips to New York to visit Sbarro. Every Sunday, he and the older man would go for a walk, during which Giordano would narrate his predicament: He was beginning to do important work, but it was hard for young researchers to get funding, and academia often delayed programs due to financial limitations and internal politics. He wanted to launch an organization that would grant scientists in his field independence in terms of funding and freedom from academic structure. All he needed was the startup cash.

After a year, in 1993, Sbarro agreed to donate \$1 million out of pocket. The Sbarro Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine was born.

In the 21 years since, the institute has yielded impressive results. It's No. 2 in cell-cycle research publications (the cell cycle is the process by which a cell grows and divides to create a copy of itself) and has more than 30,000 scientific citations to its credit. Giordano also has discovered a tumor-suppressor gene and other proteins that regulate cell growth and the cell cycle.

"Our research was a very important piece of a puzzle that is behind the major success stories in the diagnosis and treatment of cancer," he says. "It's nice to see that we're making a contribution to the field of curing or battling the disease in general." Which brings us around to the reason for my visit.

THE LAND OF TUMORS

Naples is sick. Campania, a southern region of Italy of which Naples is the capital, is in the midst of an epidemic. In the last two decades, the number of reported tumors has risen by 40 percent in women and 47 percent in men. The "Pascale" National Cancer Institute of Naples in 2012 reported that 47 percent more people are stricken with cancer in Naples than anywhere else on the Italian peninsula. In Acerra, a small Campania town with only 56,000 residents, three children have brain tumors at any given time (as opposed to the national average of 0.5 per 100,000 children).

Once referred to as *Campania Felix* (Prosperous Campania) by the ancient Romans, the Italian government has taken to calling the region *la terra di tumori*—"the land of tumors." Journalists toss around the phrase "triangle of death" (coined by *The Lancet Oncology* in 2004) in reference to the land between Acerra, Nola and Marigliano, three Campanian towns. Prior to our interview, Giordano told me in text messages that he was looking forward to my visit to "the Land of Poison and Fire." Italians might have a flair for the dramatic, but in this case, it is warranted.

What is at the root of the Neapolitan health crisis? In articles written on the topic in the last 10 years, if the word "Camorra" isn't in the headline, it will be in the opening paragraph. The Camorra are the Campanian version of the Mafia and one of Italy's three major crime syndicates; the group dates back to the 18th century.

Naples is like that guy who is a really great person at heart, he just spends too much time running with the wrong crowd.



Photo credits: left: courtesy of Antonio Giordano; below: courtesy of CFS—Campania

Left to right: Illegal waste disposal by the Camorra has turned fertile fields into toxic ones; Giordano (center right, in mask) tours an illegal dump with members of Corpo Forestale dello Stato (CFS)—Campania, the Campania branch of the state forestry service; Giordano (left) and Sergio Costa, head of CFS—Campania, examine contaminated soil.



“The research should benefit humankind, it should benefit citizens. This is not happening because the research is controlled and influenced.”

—ANTONIO GIORDANO, PROFESSOR, DEPARTMENT OF BIOLOGY, AND DIRECTOR, SBARRO INSTITUTE FOR CANCER RESEARCH

“It’s an organization that is both entrepreneurial and criminal,” says Roberto Saviano, author of *Gomorra*, in the 2008 *Vice* magazine documentary *Toxic: Napoli*. During northern Italy’s industrial boom in the 1980s and ’90s, the Camorra discovered the lucrative business of illegal waste disposal.

Safely and legally disposing of waste is costly. The Camorra offered manufacturers and refineries an alternative: They would dispose of the waste at a fraction of the rate charged by specialist companies. The Camorra then dumped harmful chemicals in fields, caves, quarries and even the Bay of Naples. Depending on the substance, the Camorra might burn it, mix it with soil and spread it over the land, or bury entire containers. Current estimates indicate that more than 10 million tons of illegal garbage have been dumped in the area over the past 20 years.

But the truth did not stay buried with the toxic waste. In recently declassified testimony given in 1997, Carmine Schiavone—a former Camorra treasurer turned informant—described the location of many of the dump sites in the Triangle of Death. Schiavone, who had personally ordered more than 50 executions during his career with a powerful Camorra family, claimed that the secret of the contamination was too much for even a Mafia boss like himself to



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Clockwise from top: A farmer harvests cabbage in Sessa Aurunca, a town in the province of Caserta, in Campania, Italy; farmer Domenico Della Corte gives an interview to the Associated Press in a cauliflower field in Caivano, near Naples; trash is piled at the edge of cultivated land near Caivano; a man displays a container representing a cemetery at a Nov. 16, 2013, protest against the Camorra in Naples.

bear, as the people who lived in the area would be “dying of cancer within 20 years.”

But if you ask Giordano, the mob is merely a symptom.

“You can blame Camorra if you want. It makes for an exciting headline. But my father always thought the real problem was politicians.” He shows me a circular chart he has made that depicts interlocking thirds of *Camorra*, *politico* (politicians) and *imprenditore* (entrepreneurs).

“The major carcinogenic chemicals that were known all over the world to be killers for human health were completely ignored by the Italian government,” Giordano says. “They never put any controls on the industry. Why? Because they were feeding the industry. They were getting a kickback. It was just a loop of favors they were sharing with the involvement of the Camorra.”

STOP BIOCIDO

So what’s the solution to what the Italians call *biocido*, or the killers of life? According to Giordano, the only thing that will give the Italian government the incentive to fix the crisis is international embarrassment.

“We need major exposure internationally to be sure these environmental disasters are monitored. It needs to become a worldwide scandal, showing that Italy, a beautiful country, is in a destructive position.”

Giordano has satellite laboratories in Siena and Avellino, but he maintains that the real war is being waged in Philadelphia. As Giordano’s reputation at Temple grows, he’s able to direct international attention to what was once a localized problem.

Giordano believes his role is also to educate Temple students—the next medical generation—about the importance of independent research. “The research should benefit humankind,” he says. “It should benefit citizens. This is not happening because the research is controlled and influenced.”

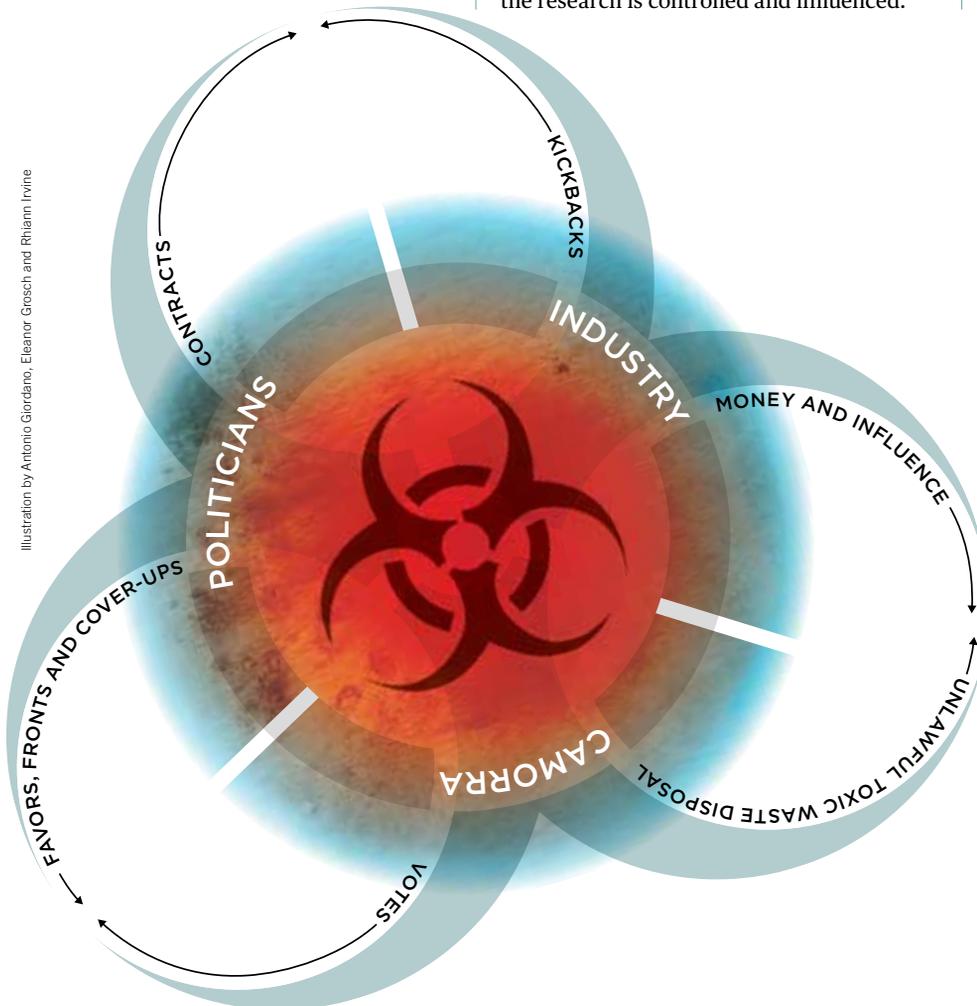
More than anything, he wants his students to understand that in the current financial climate, science must include a component of creativity. Just as he pursued and secured the funding that allowed him to create the Sbarro Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Medicine more than 20 years ago, they, too, will need to be both diligent and innovative.

It’s almost noon. Giordano excuses himself for a lunch engagement, one of the networking sessions that increasingly displace his own time in the labs. The last thing I see as my train leaves Naples is graffiti spray-painted on a dilapidated shack on the outskirts of the city.

It reads, “STOP BIOCIDO.” ■

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Illustration by Antonio Giordano, Eleanor Grosch and Rhian Irvine



The cancer crisis in Campania is at the heart of a deal-making relationship among politicians, industry and the Camorra.

Brotherly Love

A TEMPLE PROGRAM BENEFITS ADULTS WITH INTELLECTUAL DISABILITIES—
AND THE TEMPLE STUDENTS WHO MENTOR THEM.

STORY BY KATE O'NEILL

Juan Laserre and Mack Caruso are in many ways a study in contrasts. Juan, 24, is tall, African-American and a little awkward in conversation. Mack, a Temple sophomore, is short—“5'8” on a good day,” he says—pale and gently confident. Mack grew up in a close-knit family in Cranberry Township, Pennsylvania, an upper-middle-class suburb of Pittsburgh. Juan is from South Philadelphia but no longer in contact with his biological family “because of stuff [he] went through as a kid.” Juan has an intellectual disability; Mack does not. And in the way that opposites often do, Mack and Juan complement each other beautifully.

The pair met in fall 2013 through Temple’s Academy for Adult Learning (AAL), a two-year program that provides college experience and vocational skills to adults with intellectual disabilities who would otherwise not be able to participate in higher education. Each academy student is mentored by a matriculated Temple student.

“When we first met, it was not an instantaneous connection,” Mack says.

“I gave him a look,” Juan adds, squinting his eyes in imitation of the way he glared at Mack when they were introduced at the event where academy students and Temple

student mentors get to know each other and are matched in pairs.

“We both had our apprehensions,” Mack says. “But when he shot me that look in the beginning, I thought, ‘That’s the guy I want to be matched with. I want to see that look turn into a smile.’”

He glances at Juan, who this time gives him a grin.

THE EDGE OF THE CLIFF

The Academy for Adult Learning got its start in 2004 when Temple’s Institute on Disabilities, which is located in the College of Education, decided to launch a program for young adults with intellectual disabilities.

“We gathered a group of people with disabilities and family members and asked them what they would want,” says Kathy Miller, director of the academy. What they wanted was a program that offered an authentic college experience.

“Temple was the perfect place for this to happen because of our attention to diversity and attitude of inclusion,” Miller says.

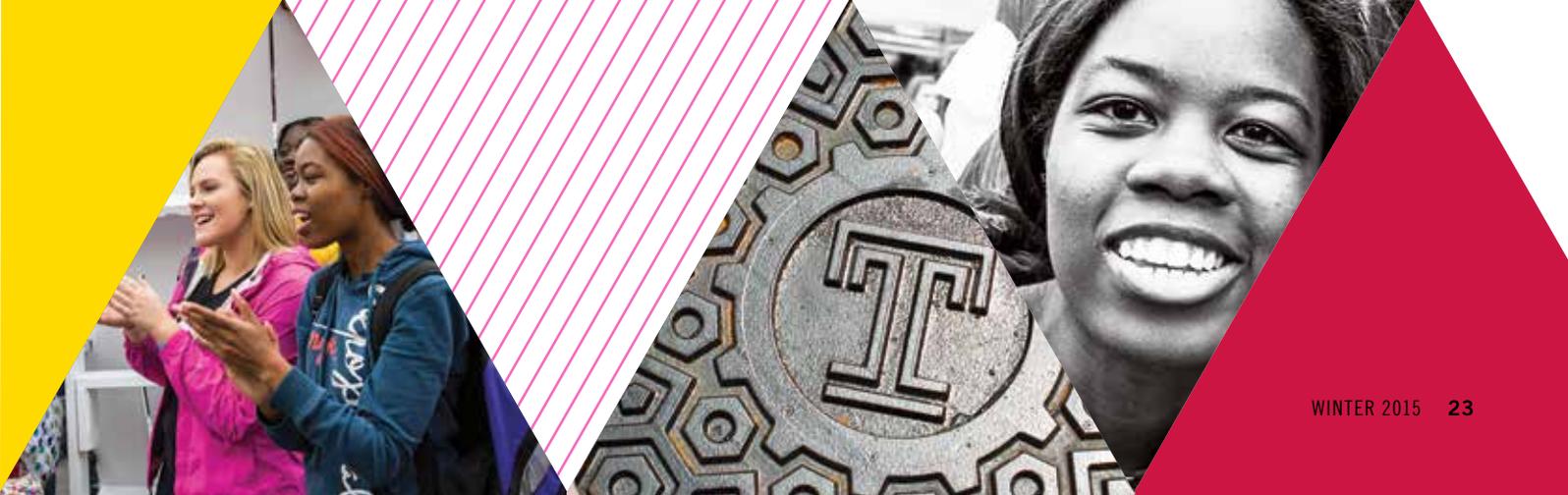
Two years later, in 2006, the first cohort of 10 academy students began attending Temple. In the nine years since,

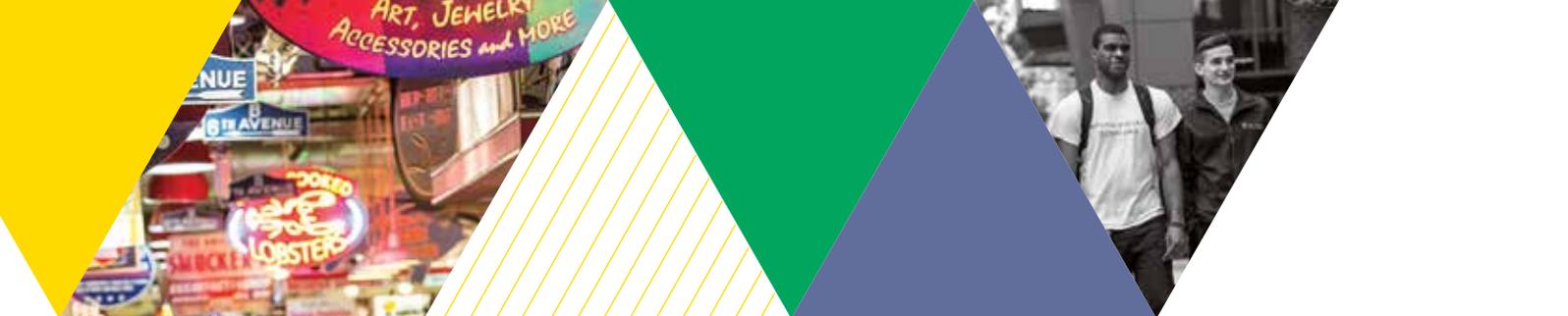


Education is the key to success



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Mack Caruso (left), Class of 2017, is both a mentor and a “brother” to Juan Laserre.

57 intellectually disabled adults have completed the program. Academy students, who are between 18 and 26 years old, take two classes per semester and attend a weekly seminar. During their final semester, they also intern somewhere on campus, such as the Wellness Resource Center, Conwell Inn or Computer Recycling Center.

There are more than 225 programs at colleges and universities across the U.S. that help young adults with disabilities transition into life after high school, and Temple’s academy is one of five similar programs in Pennsylvania. And yet far more students apply than AAL can accommodate. The program does no advertising and still has between 40 and 50 applicants every year for 12 spots. Based on U.S. Census data, Miller estimates there are over 5,000 eligible adults with intellectual disabilities in the five counties the academy serves.

“Imagine if we advertised,” she says. “There’s a big need and a huge waiting list for adult services.”

The Individuals with Disabilities Education Act mandates that people with disabilities have access to public education from age 3 through 21. After that, Miller says, their options are few: “participating in sheltered workshops, sitting at home watching TV not doing anything. Maybe they have a job if their family can make that happen; maybe they volunteer. But a lot of students build skills in high school, and then it all stops. Then they just fall off the cliff.”

BACK FROM THE BRINK

Lianne Mapp had fallen off the cliff. She attended Cheltenham High School in Wyncote, Pennsylvania, until she was 21, and then “for two years didn’t really do anything,” says Linda Mapp, Lianne’s mother. Linda, who works at an art store, brought her daughter to work with her when she could, and Lianne spent a couple of hours a week at a social group for adults with disabilities. “But she basically stayed at home,” Mapp says. Lianne, now 23, began attending AAL this fall.

Like all academy students, Lianne takes two classes each semester. As an AAL “freshman,” both of her classes are through Temple’s Pan-African Studies Community Education Program (PASCEP), which offers noncredit courses to the community.

“I’m getting out of my comfort zone,” says Lianne, who is soft-spoken and pretty, two pink highlights in her hair framing her face.

Claire Spurrier, Class of 2015, is Lianne’s mentor and an occupational therapy major from Baltimore. “She’s not afraid to meet people,” Spurrier says. “And she gets her homework done the day it’s assigned.”

“I don’t mind homework,” Lianne adds.

Second-year students enroll in one class through PASCEP and a second traditional Temple class. Academy students have taken classes in 11 of Temple’s 17 schools and colleges, courses that range from *World Music*

and *Culture to Medical Terminology*. The professor and academy student work together to come up with an accommodation plan so the student can participate as fully as possible.

“This could mean using assistive technology such as an iPad that reads aloud,” says Titania Boddie, AAL’s program coordinator, “or taking an oral instead of a written exam. It varies according to the student’s abilities and the syllabus.” In addition, a Temple student attends class with and tutors the academy student.

According to Kathy Miller, AAL is beneficial not just to academy students but also to the Temple students who work as mentors and tutors.

“It’s a win-win,” she says. “What better way for emerging professionals to understand what it means to have a disability? When they’re physicians, educators and businesspeople, they’ll draw on this experience to see there are more similarities than differences between people.”

Mack agrees. “It’s made me a far more receptive person,” he says. “It’s helped me be more mature. And Juan teaches me something every time we play basketball.”

BREAKING THE FALL

In conversation, Mack quietly asks questions to draw Juan out, helping him clarify what he means. But on the basketball court, Juan is the one at ease.



Lianne Mapp (left) and her mentor, Claire Spurrier, Class of 2015, met through Temple's Academy for Adult Learning, which pairs adults with intellectual disabilities with Temple student mentors.

“I wouldn’t just say he’s my mentor. He’s my brother.”

—JUAN LASERRE, ACADEMY FOR ADULT LEARNING STUDENT

He dribbles effortlessly across the court; flops dramatically to the ground when an opposing team member bumps into him; walks backward, smiling at the guy he’s guarding. Mack works harder, his face bright red. He’s scrappy and small; Juan is all tall confidence and grace.

“I don’t think I’ve won a single game against him,” Mack says later.

“This is our place,” Juan adds. “Where we come to clear our heads, talk about issues... it’s our sanctuary.”

According to Boddie, these relationships are the foundation of the academy.

“Mentors act as role models,” she explains. “They encourage their mentees to make choices on their own. With the support of their mentors, academy students develop confidence, so that by the time they graduate, they can go off on their own.”

They do this, essentially, by hanging out.

Claire and Lianne like to go to Center City and people watch on Main Campus. “We both love sushi and shopping and music,” Claire says. Together they also joined the Main Campus Program Board, which plans events for students.

Juan and Mack play basketball and go to football games. One afternoon, they try rock climbing at Pearson Hall. Juan scrambles easily up the fiberglass wall, then rappels back down to the bottom. But his face is bathed in sweat, and he strips off the harness and says he does not want to do it again.

“I’m afraid of heights,” he confesses.

Mack encourages him to continue. “The worst thing that’s going to happen is that you’ll fall.” He pushes his foot into the cushions that line the floor, reminding Juan there’s something there to break his fall.

“My role is facilitating, whether it’s engaging in conversation or introducing ourselves to people or taking trips off campus,” Mack later explains. “The progress he’s made in the past year, the independence he’s gained—it’s amazing.”

“He keeps me out of trouble,” Juan says, “and points me in the right direction. We’re like brothers. I wouldn’t just say he’s my mentor. He’s my brother.”

STRONG FOUNDATIONS

In a windowless classroom on the fourth floor of Ritter Hall, a dozen students gather around a conference table, chatting noisily before class starts. This is one of two day-long AAL seminars held each week, one each for first- and second-year students.

Before they get started, Jack Badger, AAL’s coordinator of student supports, asks if anyone would like to meet with a state legislator to discuss people with disabilities who want to work.

“Like me,” says a student wearing combat boots, her curly hair long on one side, cut short on the other. “I want to work.”

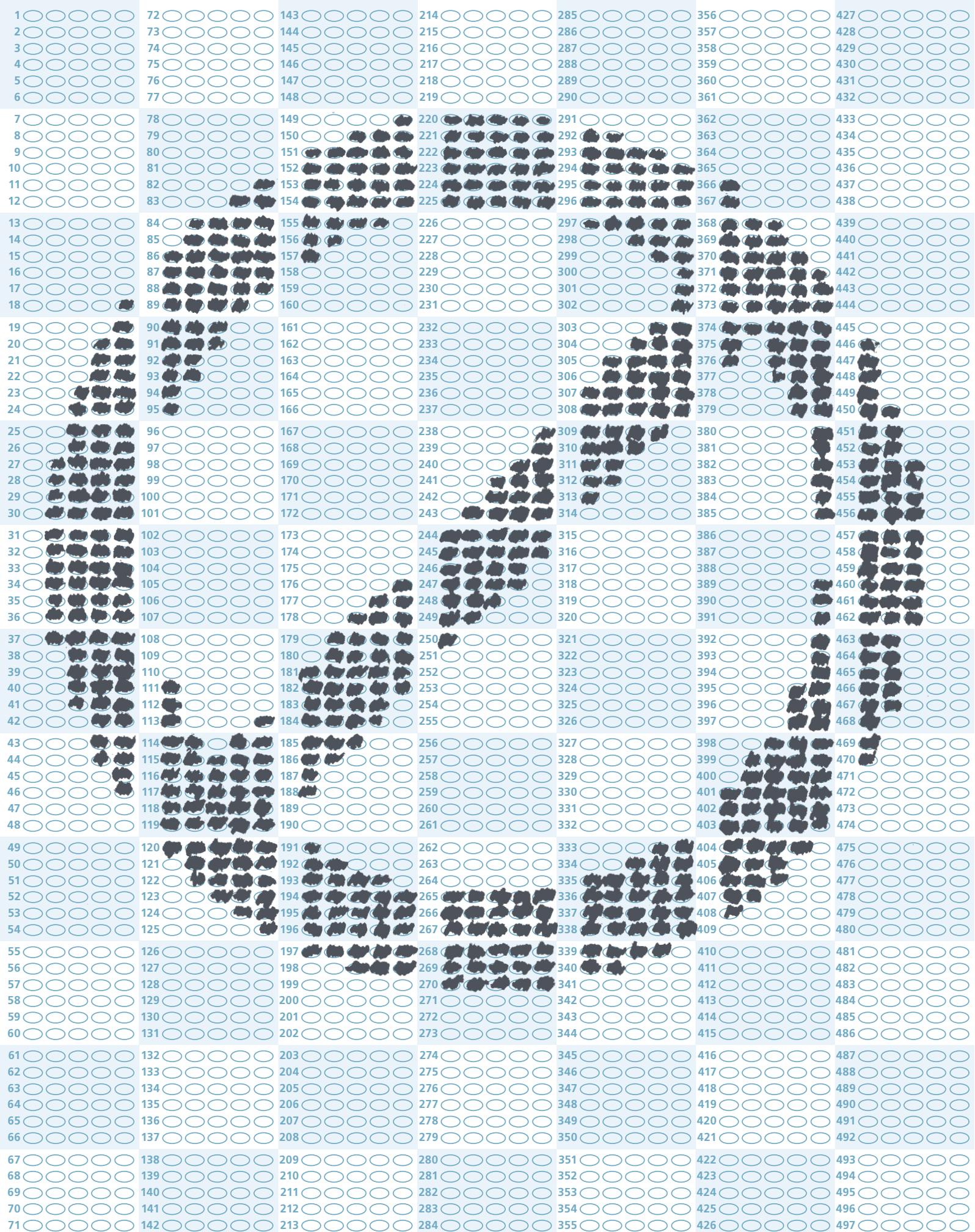
“And you will,” Badger says. “You will.”

Preparing students for employment is another important component of AAL. The second-year seminar focuses on career goals and writing resumes; the internship provides hands-on experience. And graduates leave the program with a portfolio that includes a resume, cover letter and template for writing thank-you notes after interviews.

More than 70 percent of academy graduates find jobs after completing the program, a much higher number than average. According to the U.S. Census Bureau’s American Community Survey, only 23 percent of adults with intellectual disabilities are employed.

“I’m hoping this will lead to some kind of employment, something she can do that will make her feel fulfilled in her life,” says Linda Mapp of her daughter, Lianne. “Before Temple, she stagnated. Now she’s already looking ahead to what she can do next. Now I have hope that Lianne will find her place.”

When asked what he would like to do after graduation, Juan says he has not yet figured out a plan. “I’ll do my internship next semester,” he says, looking at Mack, “and then talk it over with this guy.” ■



TEST CASE

Temple formally recognizes that standardized testing is not always the best measure of student performance. An admissions officer—and doctorate-holding alumna—proves it.

STORY BY **BRUCE E. BEANS**

PHOTOGRAPHY BY **JOSEPH V. LABOLITO**

 One morning last fall, Niki Mendrinis, *EDU '03, '14*, senior associate director of undergraduate admissions at Temple University, was delivering her characteristically high-energy presentation to a crowd of approximately 100 prospective students and parents in the Welcome Center on Main Campus.

Midway through, she pointed to a slide that outlines the university's newest, and in her mind most exciting, admissions development—the Temple Option, which offers applicants the choice to not submit standardized test scores. Less than two

months earlier, Temple had become the first large public research university in the Northeast—and one of the nation's only urban public research universities—to offer such an option.

"It's just been rolled out for the first time for our fall 2015 applicants," Mendrinis explains. "So you don't have to submit your test scores if you think they don't best represent you." As an alternative, she added, applicants must respond to four short, self-reflective essay questions designed to assess noncognitive factors such as grit, determination and self-confidence.



Niki Mendrinos, *EDU '03, '14*, delivers an undergraduate admissions presentation in the Welcome Center that includes information about the Temple Option.

The Temple Option is part of a growing national trend—so far, more than 850 of the country’s approximately 2,500 four-year, degree-granting colleges and universities have made standardized tests such as the SAT and ACT optional in some way. The rationale: to level the playing field for the significant percentage of college applicants who either don’t test well or don’t score as well as others, in some cases because they cannot afford to take test-prep classes. It’s a movement based on a growing body of research that questions the ability of standardized tests to predict collegiate success. Evidence of hard work and strong high school GPAs are much more predictive of success in college and beyond.

In fact, after looking at nearly 123,000 students at 33 public and private institutions with test-optional policies, Bates College researchers found that those who didn’t submit test scores finished with GPAs just 0.05 lower than those who did submit scores. They also graduated only 0.6 percent less often than those who submitted scores.

“The Temple Option literally puts us in a leadership role for major research

universities by giving us the opportunity to look at the whole story of some amazing students and giving them opportunities they wouldn’t have otherwise,” says Temple Chancellor Richard Englert.

This past summer, just weeks after the university adopted the Temple Option, Mendrinos earned her EdD in higher education administration from the College of Education by successfully defending her dissertation on that very topic: how some students who score poorly on SAT and ACT tests nonetheless excel at college.

Looking at the fall 2009 incoming freshman class of 4,100 students at an unidentified public research university, she identified a group of students who—despite SAT scores below 1,000 or ACT scores below 21—proved their high school GPAs of 3.3 or above were no fluke. They graduated in four years, and they didn’t simply eke out their degrees. Their average college GPA was 3.56, a whopping half-point higher than the rest of the graduating class’ average GPA of 3.03.

Surprising? Not to Mendrinos. Those students’ stories are her story, too.



“The best part of the job is being able to tell some applicants during a visit, ‘Congratulations, you’ve been admitted to Temple!’”

—NIKI MENDRINOS, *EDU '03, '14*, SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

GRIT AND DETERMINATION

At Kingston High School in upstate New York, Mendrinós was the kind of high-achieving, well-rounded student most colleges would fall all over trying to admit. She was active in Students Against Drunk Driving, captained the cheerleading squad for three years and portrayed Aunt Eller in *Oklahoma!* During her senior year, she was president of her school’s student government and served as her class’s social chair. All while working part time and summers at the local mall and in her mother’s real estate office.

And she would finish high school with a 3.3 GPA.

Yet when she informed her high school guidance counselor of her dream to attend Pace University in Pleasantville, New York, she was told she would never get in.

Why? In her words, Mendrinós was—and still is—“horrible” at taking standardized tests. Despite spending 15 to 20 hours studying, the first time she took the SAT, her combined math and verbal scores didn’t break 1,000 points. Her results were just as poor the second time she took the test.

“All these other things didn’t matter,” Mendrinós recalls in her Welcome Center office after her admissions presentation. “My guidance counselor based her assessment just on my test scores.” Her unspoken response: “Yeah, well, we’ll see about that.”

Admitted to Pace after a successful interview with an admissions officer, she more than rewarded his faith in her, finishing with a 3.3 GPA. She tutored students in New York City who were learning English as a second language and, fittingly enough, served as a peer advisor for Pace students who had been admitted with high GPAs and low SAT scores. In addition, she was the social chair for her sorority, vice president of Pace’s Future Educators of America chapter and senior class president.

Finally, after making the dean’s list every semester, in spring 2000 she delivered her graduating class’ commencement address.

In 2001, after working briefly as a Pace admissions counselor, she assumed a similar job at Temple University—the first of many admissions positions she has held here.

Mendrinós figured that her academic achievements as an undergraduate had put to rest questions about her abilities based simply on standardized tests. She was wrong. When Mendrinós applied to earn a master of higher education degree at Temple, she again bombed the standardized tests—this time, the Graduate Record Exams and Miller Analogies Test—and had to take three graduate courses to prove herself before being formally admitted to the program.

Then, despite finishing her master’s degree with a 3.87 GPA, it was déjà vu five years ago when she wanted to earn a doctorate. Refusing to again embarrass herself by retaking the GREs and MATs, she took three doctoral-level courses to illustrate her worthiness—and aced them all. Nonetheless, she was told by one administrator that no one with such low previous test scores would ever be admitted into the Educational Leadership doctoral program.

Mendrinós was undeterred. She elicited strong support and recommendations from two of her master’s program professors: James Earl Davis, then the interim dean of the College of Education, and Richard Englert, the university’s current chancellor and former acting president who, at the time, was deputy provost.

“On the basis of her very strong performance in my class and my knowledge of her excellent work in the Office of Undergraduate Admissions as a leader and administrator, I was very impressed with her,” Englert says. “She had energy, she had dedication, she was intelligent, and she was very engaging

with potential students and their families and existing students.”

As a senior associate director of undergraduate admissions, Mendrinós manages programs that draw more than 80,000 prospective and admitted students and their family members to Temple each year. Under her watch, prospective student visits have been increasing 10 percent to 15 percent annually.

In addition, she reviews and makes admission decisions on nearly 5,000 applications per year.

WHAT’S THE SCORE?

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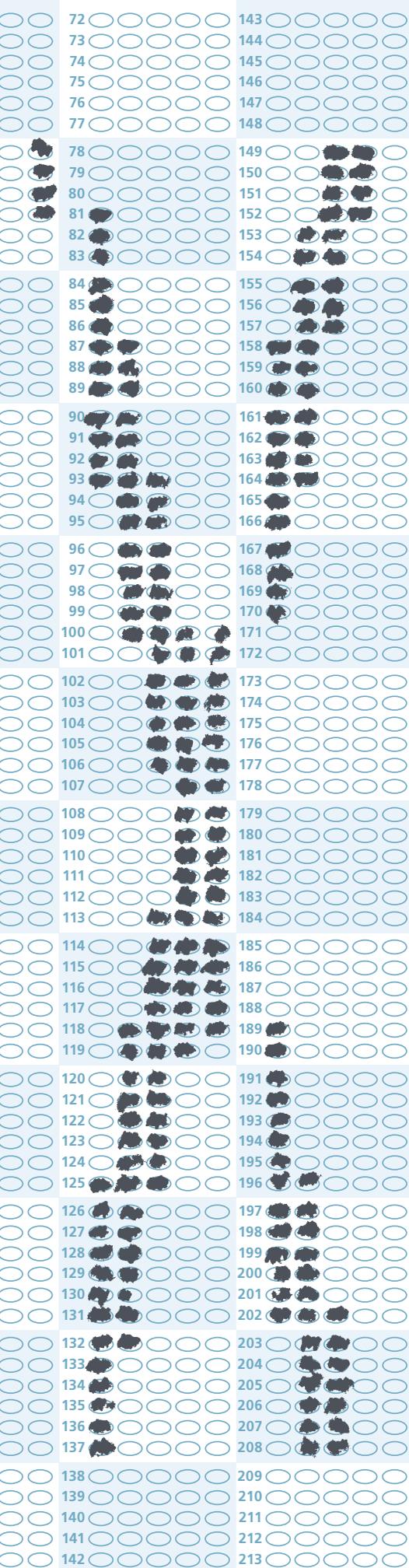
Percentage of 2015 freshman applicants to Temple who have opted not to submit standardized test scores (as of Nov. 1, 2014)

1150 SAT | 25 ACT

Temple’s recommended minimum scores for submitting standardized test results

\$225,000

Value of a 2014–2015 grant that is, in part, tied to the Temple Option: Temple was one of seven universities selected to receive a Transformational Planning Grant by the Association of Public and Land-grant Universities and the coalition of Urban Serving Universities, part of an innovative one-year project funded by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation. The goal: both to recruit students whose potential to succeed is not accurately captured by standardized testing and to retain them through graduation.



“I love that I am able to advise and help students find the right fit for them,” she says. “The best part of the job is being able to tell some applicants during a visit, ‘Congratulations, you’ve been admitted to Temple!’”

TEST SUBJECT

Once Mendrinós was ultimately admitted to the doctoral program, there was no doubt in her mind what her research topic would be. “I’d been waiting all my life to do this type of study,” she says of her research on college students with low test scores and excellent high school GPAs. “It’s also one of the reasons I went into admissions—the recognition that students who do well academically and have a lot to offer may not do so well on standardized tests.”

In order to obtain unbiased, objective results, researchers must avoid subjectively inserting themselves into their work. But though Mendrinós never related her own experience to the college students who became her study subjects, she says, “I saw myself in all of them.”

Among the students’ most common comments, she says, were “How does one test predict how I’m going to do in school or life?” and “Why isn’t more than four years of schooling looked at more heavily than a four-hour Saturday test?”

As one subject told her: “College is much more than scores/grades; it’s the ability to adapt to a new environment while maintaining that focus to get an education. No standardized test can gauge that.”

Obviously, not everyone who has low standardized test scores and a strong high school GPA will do well in college. Of the 384 incoming freshmen Mendrinós considered because they fit that profile, only 82 graduated in four years with a 3.5 GPA or better.

After surveying all 82 with a questionnaire and conducting in-depth interviews

with 20 of them, Mendrinós identified four noncognitive characteristics that allowed her subjects to overcome and disprove their standardized test scores:

- motivation
- persistence
- self-efficacy, and
- emotional intelligence—the ability to be in tune with, and act upon, one’s own and others’ feelings and emotions.

The majority of the 82 students were white females from small public high schools—a somewhat surprising finding that nonetheless conforms with previous research that shows standardized tests disadvantage both females and minorities.

Mendrinós and her dissertation suggest that colleges and universities need to find better ways to

- evaluate gender- and minority-related test results;
- evaluate applicants’ noncognitive traits; and
- better measure the progress of, and better support, high-achieving students with low test scores once they matriculate onto college campuses—which a recently awarded \$225,000 grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation is designed to help Temple do.

Mendrinós was compiling her research at the same time Temple University was considering the test-optional admissions procedure. Although the Temple Option program was not based on her work, she did sit in on several of the Temple Option committee’s meetings and discussed her findings.

“Niki’s research supports that decision and provides even more evidence about a policy decision that, in some corners, was controversial,” says Davis.

Simultaneously, the committee that was considering the Temple Option was finding that a certain percentage of high-performing Temple students had also failed Advanced

“Going test optional has opened the door for so much growth, opportunity and access to college for so many more deserving students.”

—NIKI MENDRINOS, *EDU '03, '14*, SENIOR ASSOCIATE DIRECTOR, UNDERGRADUATE ADMISSIONS

Placement tests at a higher rate than other incoming freshmen and had performed poorly on Temple’s math placement screening tests. “Her dissertation enforced what we were finding,” says Temple Option committee member Joseph DuCette, the College of Education’s senior associate dean of assessment and evaluation.

Adoption of the Temple Option has elated Mendrinios. “By really taking a holistic look at what students can offer beyond their test scores, going test optional has opened the

door for just so much growth, opportunity and access to college for so many more deserving students,” says Mendrinios. “It’s about time, and I’m really happy I’m here while it’s happening.” ■

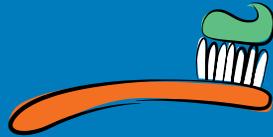
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After a presentation, students and families exit the Welcome Center for a campus tour led by Owl Ambassadors, Temple student tour guides.

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FILLING A NEED

**PROJECT ENGAGE OVERCOMES OBSTACLES
TO PROVIDE DENTAL CARE TO CHILDREN IN PHILADELPHIA'S
POOREST NEIGHBORHOODS.**

STORY BY KYLE BAGENSTOSE, SMC '11

Shandea Wellmon is working to make a better life for herself and her two boys, Jahir, age 5, and Zakir, age 3. Wellmon, who lives in a small row home on a North Philadelphia street lined mostly with boarded up houses, hustles each day to take public transportation to the Harris School of Business in Upper Darby, Pennsylvania. When she completes her training to become a medical assistant, she'll join the just 18 percent of residents in her ZIP code who hold a professional degree.

She's spent almost her entire life in the neighborhood, where the median income is just below \$18,000. It's a place where help rarely comes unsolicited, which is why Wellmon was skeptical the day Elleatha Bell called, asking questions about Zakir and whether she could help him access dental care.

I wasn't sure what was going on, Wellmon says. "I was like, 'I don't remember signing up for anything.

But Wellmon listened and Bell explained. She was calling from Project ENGAGE, a new initiative in the Kornberg School of Dentistry at Temple. Zakir, who had never before seen a dentist, had been identified by the school as being at risk for dental disease.

Bell told Wellmon she wanted to help schedule an appointment for Zakir at one of several dental clinics in North Philadelphia; the appointment would be paid for through the family's Medicaid. Wellmon agreed and a few weeks later made the short walk up North Broad Street to Kornberg so Zakir could see a dentist at the school's pediatric dental clinic.



Zakir Wellmon (right) receives attention from Elleatha Bell, a community health worker with Project ENGAGE.



Joseph V. Labolito

A young visitor gets a dental exam at the Kornberg School of Dentistry.

Zakir was found to be in good dental health and at low risk for cavities. He is scheduled for another visit in the spring, when he'll receive his first fluoride treatment. For his mother, finding a nearby dental clinic was a relief.

"It's tough to find places that accept Medicaid," Wellmon says.

RIGHT PLACE, RIGHT TIME

The Wellmons' experience is exactly what Amid Ismail, dean of the Kornberg Dental School, had envisioned for nearly a decade. Ismail, who came to Kornberg in 2008 from the University of Michigan, is the architect of Project ENGAGE, a multimillion-dollar effort to link low-income children in North Philadelphia with dental care.

Project ENGAGE contacts families to initiate preventive care for children under 5 years old who have never seen a dentist or are at high risk for tooth decay, hopefully before their caretakers face costly dental emergencies. The need is great: Nationally, oral infection is the leading chronic disease in children, with a prevalence five times that of asthma. According to a 2008 study by the Public Health Management Corporation, more than 25 percent of children living below the federal poverty line in southeast

Pennsylvania hadn't seen a dentist in the past year, compared to 8.5 percent of nonpoor children.

Ismail originally developed the idea for Project ENGAGE while working in Detroit as a professor of health services research and cariology at University of Michigan. There he saw the same need among people living in Detroit's inner city and floated the idea of an outreach model to regional healthcare providers. They all balked.

"We were ahead of our time proposing this—before people started talking about systems and integrated care," Ismail says.

But his arrival in Philadelphia was well-timed. Following the signing of the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act, he says, the national conversation around healthcare began to change. Expanded coverage meant potential new customers who previously couldn't afford care, and providers began to take interest.

He shopped the idea around to regional providers over several years and finally found a taker. In February 2013, UnitedHealthcare awarded Kornberg a \$750,000 grant to fund Project ENGAGE, in conjunction with a companion grant of \$1 million from the United Health Foundation.

It was the breakthrough Ismail had been seeking for the better part of a decade.

"A health insurance company became interested in testing a new model because everyone is tracking the realities of high-cost care," Ismail says. "We believe we can provide a solution."

READY, SET... SLOW

Early elation about finding a project partner was dampened by legal and administrative hurdles for Ismail and his staff.

Project ENGAGE called for the development of a database utilizing the healthcare records of UnitedHealthcare beneficiaries, which would then be accessed by community health workers. As a state-contracted provider of Medicaid insurance in Philadelphia, UnitedHealthcare had to ensure no privacy laws would be violated. In an age when laws such as the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act place an increased emphasis on the privacy of patient data, the project was a tough sell to the legal teams of all parties involved.

"We went into uncharted ground with a health insurer giving data on their patients to a dental school for use in a large registry, which would then be accessed by people in the community," Ismail says. "When we first presented that, they said, 'Are you really serious about doing this?'"



“Everyone is tracking the realities of high-cost care. We believe we can provide a solution.”

— AMID ISMAIL, DEAN, KORNBERG SCHOOL OF DENTISTRY

This caused delays, but legal teams for all of the parties involved eventually reached an agreement. Ismail then had to find a vendor to build the database and recruit community health workers. To aid in the latter process, he hired Nija Rivera, *CPH '12*, who earned a master of public health degree at Temple, as project manager.

It was critical that Rivera find workers who could navigate both the five ZIP codes Project ENGAGE would cover and the health-care system. Workers would be tasked with scheduling appointments, assisting with paperwork and sometimes helping families apply for assistance such as public transportation vouchers.

Familiarity with the neighborhoods and hardships faced by residents who lived in them would also be crucial to efficiently enroll families in the project.

“We cover a wide range of the city, and a lot of the neighborhoods have very different populations,” Rivera says.

To find community workers from the neighborhoods Project ENGAGE targets, Rivera looked to Temple’s Health Information Professions Career Pathways Initiative, which certifies low-income Philadelphians for health professions. It was there she met Bell, a resident of Philadelphia’s West Oak Lane neighborhood.

“I have a daughter, and she didn’t have healthcare when she was born, so I took her to a health center,” Bell says. “Just going through that process and feeling like nobody is there for you is really discouraging.”

EASIER SAID THAN DONE

Bell and four other workers began contacting families in July of 2014. In theory, they would schedule appointments at one of six clinics—either at Kornberg or one of five community-based clinics that agreed to participate—through phone calls to the families of children who met the Project ENGAGE criteria. But the reality is different.

“Originally we thought there were about 4,000 eligible children, but when we ran the report in July, there were only 960 kids,” Rivera says. “Insurance changes. They might lose insurance or fall out of an income bracket, so when the report is run again there might be more or fewer eligible children.”

Calls to the families who still qualify often go unanswered; messages are unreturned. So Bell and the other workers follow up by knocking on doors.



A Project ENGAGE participant brushes her teeth at the Kornberg School of Dentistry’s Pediatric Dental Clinic.

Once families make an appointment through Project ENGAGE, the community health workers conduct follow-up sessions to review the results of the visit, provide oral hygiene information and help set dental-care goals. But occasionally contact is lost along the way.

“Some parents will schedule an appointment, and then the day comes and they don’t show up,” Rivera says.

Despite the program’s hurdles, Ismail remains optimistic and believes strongly that Kornberg must take the lead in testing new models for healthcare. And if Project ENGAGE is successful, Kornberg will be seen as a national pioneer in making preventive dental care a reality.

“Health is connected with all of the social, economic and cultural beliefs that people have, and we cannot isolate it from that. We need to design programs for people who use them,” Ismail says. “We are on the road and know the direction. It’s a matter of maintaining momentum until we get results.”

Bell says she’s already seen the benefits of Project ENGAGE in action—each phone call or visit improves the lives of families like the Wellmons. “Being here for children,” Bell says, “and helping them get dental care is an awesome feeling.” ■

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CLASS NOTES

For Temple alumni, passions become professions: A renowned religious scholar works for world peace; a lawyer turned writer pens a novel about capital punishment; and a sci-fi fan makes a museum of his Star Wars collection.

1950s

LOUIS F. DEL DUCA, *CLA '50*

was awarded the Bar Medal, the highest honor conferred by the Pennsylvania Bar Association (PBA). The medal honors PBA members whose efforts have resulted in significant improvement in the administration of justice or in the legal profession, or who have performed outstanding service to the association, the profession or the community.

MARVIN J. ROTHENBERG, *FOX '52*

earned a master of business administration degree at the Fox School of Business 2014 Commencement. He completed his course work over 59 years. Rothenberg also was reappointed last year as a member of the Borough of Fort Lee, New Jersey, Board of Ethics. He is retired from both his practice as a marketing consultant and as adjunct professor of marketing at Rutgers University.

SELMA GOLD SAVITZ, *BYR '58, EDU '77*

celebrated 25 years as director and pianist of the New Horizons Senior Glee Club, a Narberth, Pennsylvania-based ensemble that performs more than 30 concerts in senior communities

per year and that won the Governor's Silver and Gold Award for service to older Pennsylvanians. She also was recognized by the Retired Senior Volunteer Program of Montgomery County as Volunteer of the Year.

1960s

FREDERICK J. ZORN, *CLA '61*

published *Charlie Chameleon's First Day of School* and *ABR: YOU CAN READ! A Basic Essentials English Literacy Program for Adult Beginning Readers* with CCB Publishing. Since retiring as a teacher and principal in the School District of Philadelphia and as an adjunct professor at Temple, he has tutored adults at literacy centers.

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NILES S. BENN, *FOX '67*

was a featured speaker at the Pennsylvania NewsMedia Association 2014 Winter Management Seminar held in the Cayman Islands. He is founder of Benn Law Firm in York, Pennsylvania.

ADRIAN R. KING SR., *LAW '67*

joined the law firm of Christie Pabarue and Young in Philadelphia. He focuses on the defense and resolution of medical malpractice claims.

RAY DIDINGER, *SMC '68*

published a revised, updated and expanded edition of *The Eagles Encyclopedia* with Temple University Press.

DEBORAH GROSS-ZUCHMAN, *CLA '69*

was profiled in the April 12, 2014, issue of *The Philadelphia Inquirer* with her husband, Phillip. She is a retired art teacher and a former project manager for the Mural Arts Program who continues to create art.

KATHERINE NEWELL, *CLA '69*

was elected chair of the Internal Revenue Service's Advisory Committee on Tax Exempt and Governmental Entities for the 2014-2015 term. She is director of risk management and ethics liaison officer for the New Jersey Educational Facilities Authority.

JOHN W. WHITESIDE III, *EDU '69*

published *Fool's Mate—A True Story of Espionage at the National Security Agency*

with CreateSpace. The book documents the longest-open espionage case brought before the U.S. courts. He was the FBI agent who led that investigation.

1970s

MICHAEL S. ELKIN, *SMC '70*

published his first novel *I, 95*, with CreateSpace. He is features editor of the *Jewish Exponent* and an award-winning playwright.

GERHART (JERRY) L. KLEIN, *SMC '70, LAW '80*

received a Lew Klein Alumni in the Media Award and was inducted into the Temple University School of Media and Communication Hall of Fame. He is executive vice president and co-owner of Anne Klein Communications Group in Mount Laurel, New Jersey.

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

appeared in the Orlando Shakespeare Theater's production of *Nicholas Nickleby* in Florida. He also performed *Thomas Jefferson*, a solo play, at various venues, and portrayed Philadelphia-born botanist, artist and explorer William Bartram at the Cullowhee Native Plant Conference in North Carolina.



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ALWI SHIHAB

DEGREE: MA, religion, 1993; PhD, religion, 1995, College of Liberal Arts

OCCUPATION: Purveyor of peace

LOCATION: Jakarta, Indonesia

Alwi Shihab, *CLA* '93, '95 (pictured above left with former U.S. Secretary of State Colin Powell), does more than wish for world peace—he works to make it a reality. Through his roles in the Indonesian government and as a renowned religious scholar, he has worked to bring together at-odds governments and foster religious tolerance.

“We are living in a world where we really have to think about human dignity,” Shihab says, “and that means from all different kinds of religions and communities, not just our own.”

Most recently, Shihab served as Indonesia’s special envoy to the Middle East and on the Organization of Islamic Cooperation (OIC)—an international body that is second in size only to the United Nations. There Shihab worked to advance economic and social cooperation among the OIC’s members, drawing on prior international business experience, as well as professional connections garnered from nearly a decade spent studying in Cairo, Egypt, to foster new relationships.

Prior to that appointment, Shihab served as Indonesia’s foreign minister—a position similar to the U.S. secretary of state—from 1999 to 2001. In that role, he helped build relationships with previous adversaries, such as Portugal, which had severed ties with Indonesia after the latter nation invaded East Timor in 1975.

“My policy was one of economical diplomacy,” Shihab says, “opening your window to everyone and not treating anyone like an enemy.”

Shihab also served as the coordinating minister for People’s Welfare from 2004 to 2005. Among other responsibilities, he coordinated relief efforts in the region of Aceh after the devastating tsunami in 2005 killed 168,000 Indonesians.

“I was there for three months, and you cannot imagine how horrible the situation was,” Shihab says. “Every day you met someone who had a terrible experience. Everyone had lost a father or son or daughter.”

“I’m trying to make this world a more peaceful place.”

In addition to his experience in Indonesian government, Shihab also is a respected international scholar and business professional. He holds five degrees, including two doctorates—one of which he received from Temple—and has held professorships at institutions including Hartford Seminary in Connecticut, Temple and the Harvard Divinity School.

A professor of religion, Shihab strives to cultivate his students’ tolerance of different cultures and religions. He is presently working on a book titled *American Students’ Perceptions of Islam*, which he hopes will help bridge the divide between Western and Islamic cultures.

“I’m trying to make this world a more peaceful place,” Shihab says. “This is not the Middle Ages. We need to think about human dignity across all religions.” —*Kyle Bagenstose, SMC ’11*

NANCY R. KIRSCH, *CPH '71*

received the American Physical Therapy Association's Catherine Worthingham Fellow Award during the association's NEXT Conference and Exposition. Kirsch is a physical therapy professor and program director of the physical therapy doctoral program at Rutgers University.

DAVID D. RAMADANOFF, *BYR '71*

is music director and conductor of the Young People's Symphony Orchestra in Berkeley, California. During the orchestra's northeastern tour last June, it performed at Carnegie Hall in New York City as part of World Projects' Sounds of Summer International Music Festival. Also in June, the orchestra performed at Harvard University in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

JAMES N. REMSEN, *SMC '71*

published a young-adult historical novel called *Visions of Teaoga* with Sunbury Press. It is about an adolescent girl who stumbles upon local Native American history.

JOSEPH R. POZZUOLO, *FOX '72, LAW '75*

presented a continuing legal education talk titled Retirement Planning for Middle Income

Families at the Penn State Extension campus in Doylestown. He is senior shareholder in the law firm of Pozzuolo Rodden PC.

LYNNE CHERRY, *TYL '73*

published *Empowering Young Voices for the Planet* with Sage Publications in March 2014. She is an author, illustrator, filmmaker and lecturer.

ALAN M. FELDMAN, *CLA '73, LAW '76*

was named Lawyer of the Year in the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America* in the area of personal injury litigation and mass tort litigation class actions and received the Champion of Justice award from Community Legal Services, a Philadelphia nonprofit that provides free civil legal services to people with financial need. Feldman is an attorney in the law firm of Feldman Shepherd Wohlgeleer Tanner Weinstock & Dodig LLP in Philadelphia.

WILLIAM C. ZEHRINGER, *CLA '73, '81*

published a young-adult adventure novel, *I Want a Hero*, with Tate Publishing.

HOWARD J. PALAMARCHUK, *CLA '75, POD '79*

was honored at the 2014 Boston Athletic Association Volunteers

Luncheon. An associate professor in the School of Podiatric Medicine at Temple, he has served at the Boston Marathon for 30 years. Each year, Palamarchuk leads a group of 10 to 15 Temple podiatric medical students in the marathon's main medical tent.

B. CHRISTOPHER LEE, *LAW '76*

was inducted into the National Academy of Distinguished Neutrals. He is a shareholder in the law firm of Jacoby Donner PC in Philadelphia.

EDWARD P. CAINE, *FOX '77*

merged his accounting practice, EP Caine & Associates CPA LLC, with that of Stephen Mankowski. He also is current president of the National Conference of Certified Public Accountant Practitioners, the second-largest CPA organization in the U.S.

PETER GOUZOUASIS, *BYR '77, '78, '90*

was awarded a research grant from the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council (Canada) to study the impact of music-making practices on 21st-century adolescents. He is a professor of music education at the University of British Columbia in Vancouver. From 1983 to 1988, he was music director of WRTI/JAZZ90 at Temple.

EDWARD G. LONGAZEL, *CLA '77*

was promoted to vice president and chief compliance and privacy officer for Drexel University in Philadelphia.

SUSANNA LACHS ADLER, *LAW '78*

was elected to the board of directors of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. She is a former trustee of Temple University, serves on the Beasley School of Law Board of Visitors and is a member of the board of the Jewish Learning Venture in Melrose Park, Pennsylvania.

RICHARD J. BRIGGS, *TYL '78*

curated an art show titled *My Big Fat Painting* at Brian Morris Gallery in New York City.

ABBIE GREEN FRIEDMAN, *CLA '78*

was elected to the board of directors of the National Museum of American Jewish History in Philadelphia. She also maintains a private law practice in Las Vegas.

PETER H. STOCKMANN, *LAW '78*

joined the intellectual property and technology group in the law firm of Bond, Schoeneck & King PLLC in Syracuse, New York.

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RODGER BARNETTE, *MED '79*

will begin a five-year appointment at Kijabe Hospital in Kenya, Africa, in summer 2015. He will teach anesthesiology residents, medical students and nurse anesthetist students while continuing to practice clinically in the hospital's operating room and intensive care unit. He is chair of the Department of Anesthesiology at the School of Medicine at Temple.

RICHARD D. GEBERT, *LAW '79*

was appointed to the senior leadership team in the law firm of Grant Thornton LLP. He will serve as east regional managing partner in the firm's northeast and southeast regions.

ROCHELLE KIMMINS, *FOX '79*

was promoted to tax director in the Edison, New Jersey, office of the Mironov Group. She also has taught college-level accounting courses at Brookdale Community College in Lincroft, New Jersey.

NEALE PERL, *BYR '79*

was appointed president and CEO of the Scottsdale Cultural Council in Arizona. He also is president emeritus of Washington Performing Arts in the District of Columbia, where he served as president and CEO from 2002 to 2013.

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

was appointed vice chair of the Health Care Law Committee of the Pennsylvania Law Association. Additionally, she co-wrote an article titled "The Role of the United States Federal Food and Drug Administration: Regulator, Watchdog, Facilitator or All of

These?" that appeared in *Food and Drug Policy Forum*. Termini also presented at both the 2014 Food and Drug Law Institute Conference and the 2014 Food and Drug Law Institute Webinar.

1980s

AMINTA G. HAWKINS BREAUX, *CLA '80, EDU '04*

was named vice president of advancement at Millersville University in Pennsylvania. Previously, she served as interim vice president for development and alumni relations and as vice president for student affairs at Millersville.

WALTER PLOTNICK, *TYL '80*

is represented by Eyemazing Editions, an online gallery whose office is based in Amsterdam.

THOMAS J. DUFFY JR., *LAW '81*

received the La Justicia Award from the Hispanic Bar Association of Pennsylvania. He was recognized for his work on behalf of the catastrophically injured and for the creation of the Duffy Fellowship, which underwrites the full-time salary of staff attorneys at area public-interest legal-service organizations. Duffy is founder of the law firm of Duffy + Partners in Philadelphia.

BONNIE GLANTZ FATELL, *LAW '81*

was selected for inclusion in the 2015 edition of *The Best Lawyers in America*. Previously, she served two terms as regent of the American College of Bankruptcy for the Third Circuit in the District of Delaware. She also is an attorney in the law firm of Blank Rome LLP, where she served as chair of the Women's Forum from 2008 to 2013.

JULIAN JENKINS, *SSW '81*

was a featured speaker at Working Fathers, an event that served as a lead-up to the 2014 White House Summit on Working Families in Washington, D.C. The first of its kind at the White House, the event took aim at issues concerning working fathers and how they figure in the family unit today.

FREDERICK (RICK) E. LEVINE, *SMC '81*

raised \$98,895 on Kickstarter to launch XOAB, an artisan sock company, with his brother Neil. He is also one of the co-authors of *The Cluetrain Manifesto: The End of Business as Usual* (Basic Books, 2001) and was previously a web architect in Sun Microsystems's Java Group.

ROBERT A. LEVINE, *DEN '81*

visited La Sagrada Familia Orphanage in La Ventanilla, Peru, with a group of dental professionals and students. The trip was organized in partnership with the KinderSmile Foundation. While there, participants screened, educated and treated more than 150 children and supervisors.

TIM DEJONG, *TYL '83*

created an installation of glasswork in several Houston-area office buildings. One piece was entitled "River of Glass" and is meant to look like the Blanco River in central Texas. Another work, in the lobby of the Petrobras America building, is called "Sunrise at Matagorda Bay." DeJong specializes in commercial installations and is the owner and creative director of Wimberley Glassworks in Houston.

JERRY A. LINDHEIM, *CST '83, LAW '88*

presented a lecture in Copenhagen to members of the Danish bar who practice personal injury and insurance law. Previously, he has lectured on topics of evidence deposition and trial and courtroom practice. He is a partner in Locks Law Firm in Philadelphia.

BARBARA A. NUGENT, *SMC '84, LAW '93*

was named a Director to Watch by *Directors & Boards* magazine. That list comprises women directors who showcase experience, energy, enthusiasm and innovation in their respective fields. Nugent serves on the boards of directors for MetLife Funds and the Episcopal Healthcare Foundation.

MARC S. RASPANTI, *LAW '84*

presented on a panel titled "Damage Theories" at the American Law Institute Continuing Legal Education Group's False Claims Act Institute in New York City. He is a partner in the law firm of Pietragallo Gordon Alfano Bosick & Raspanti LLP in Philadelphia.

DAVID R. SMEDLEY, *CLA '85, '87*

was appointed as initial associate editor for practice and appointed to the editorial board of the *Journal of Student Financial Aid* for 2014-2015. He is the associate director of compliance and policy in the Office of Student Financial Assistance at George Washington University in Washington, D.C.

CLASS OF 1985

CARRIE DELONE

DEGREE: MD, internal medicine, School of Medicine, 1985

OCCUPATION: Leading physician

LOCATION: Harrisburg, Pennsylvania

On a hot July night in 1969, Carrie DeLone, *MED '85*, watched television in her family's living room, anxiously waiting for U.S. astronauts to walk on the moon. "Children had a keen interest in science at the time," she says. "Astronauts were our superheroes, not entertainment superstars."

Even among her science-loving peers, DeLone's curiosity about the subject was especially intense. "I repeatedly questioned my early science teachers to the point they would get annoyed with me," she recalls.

The self-described "science geek" also enjoys working with people, so when it was time to focus on higher education and a career path, medicine was a logical choice. "Becoming a physician offered a chance to interact with people and also use the science that I love," she says.

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Her dual interests in science and people culminated last year, when DeLone was appointed physician general for the commonwealth of Pennsylvania. She credits her 20 years of clinical experience and Temple education for preparing her for a complex job that involves advising the governor and improving the overall health of all Pennsylvanians. DeLone has also been influenced professionally by her volunteer work.

"Volunteering with the homeless has made me more keenly aware of the influence of substance abuse on the health of individuals, families and communities," DeLone says. "Although substance abuse can be found in all socioeconomic populations, working with the homeless brings a profound understanding of how desperate and distressed some people are."

Substance abuse is one of many tough issues DeLone is facing head-on as physician general. She also is involved in projects that tackle Alzheimer's disease, childhood obesity and immunization. "I'm a strong advocate of vaccination and have spent extensive time dispelling myths surrounding vaccine safety," she says.

When she became physician general, DeLone "realized I had been given an opportunity to impact the health and safety of all Pennsylvanians, not just individuals." She is, she says, just as enthusiastic about science now as she was 45 years ago when she watched a man walk on the moon. —*Leslie Feldman, SMC '82*



Ryan S. Brandenberg



HARRIS NAGLER

DEGREE: MD, School of Medicine, 1975

OCCUPATION: Top doc

LOCATION: New York, New York

Harris Nagler, *MED '75*, has been practicing medicine for 39 years, but he can still remember exactly where he sat during lectures in Temple's Kresge Hall.

"Third row, first seat off the center aisle on the right," Nagler recalls. "I can still hear the description of 'uncinate fits' [which cause a person to hallucinate odors] and see the man who smelled the fresh baking bread of his youth when there was none to be smelled."

From his experience in the School of Medicine to becoming physician-in-chief of Mount Sinai Beth Israel in Manhattan, Nagler has seen medicine evolve—especially his specialty, urology. "It is a field that has embraced change and seized upon new technologies," he explains. So perhaps it is no surprise that it is also considered one of the most competitive fields and attracts some of the brightest students.

"It is a surgical specialty that provides the practitioner with the satisfaction of longitudinal relationships and the immediacy of

surgical interventions that relieve pain while improving the quality of life and extending lives," Nagler says.

Nagler joined what was then called Beth Israel Medical Center in 1989 to lead the Department of Urology; throughout the years he held various positions there, including chair of the faculty practice plan committee, chief of graduate medical education, and president of the medical center from 2009 to 2014—first as interim and then as president. When Beth Israel combined with Mount Sinai in 2014, Nagler became the center's physician-in-chief.

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Even with such a notable career, Nagler stresses that he does not work to achieve a position but for the passion. "I didn't plan my career," he notes. "I lived it, by bringing my passion and commitment to the job at hand."

And it all started in a seat in Kresge Hall. Says Nagler, "I hope that all Temple University medical-student graduates feel the same gratitude that I do for the education and opportunities it has afforded us." —*Samantha Krotzer, SMC '11*

WILLIAM S. HAWKEY, *EDU '86, '97*
was named head of school at the Pennington School in New Jersey. Previously, he was associate head of school and dean of faculty.

MARION K. MUNLEY, *LAW '86*
was awarded an honorary doctoral degree and delivered the commencement address to the Class of 2014 at Marywood University in Scranton, Pennsylvania, where she is chair of that university's Board of Trustees. She also is a partner in the firm of Munley Law in Pennsylvania.

JANIS L. WILSON, *LAW '86*
appeared on the television program *Nightmare Next Door* in an episode titled "Bloodshed in Biloxi." She also was a commentator on two episodes of *Deadly Affairs*, "Spellbound" and "Playing with Hearts." All the programs were broadcast on the Investigation Discovery channel.

EMMANUEL (MANNY) ANASTASIADIS, *ENG '87*

received the Management and Operations/Intelligent Transportation System Council Individual Achievement Award from the Institute of Transportation Engineers for advocating for and deploying intelligent transportation system (ITS) technology. He is the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation's traffic operations and ITS manager in southeastern Pennsylvania.

WANDA CONYERS PRICE, *FOX '87*
is serving a two-year term on the board of directors for Soroptimist, an international women's organization that

works to improve the social and economic lives of underserved women and girls.

MARILOU E. WATSON, *CST '87, PHR '91*

received *Philadelphia Business Journal's* Minority Business Leader Award, which recognizes influential business leaders who are making a difference in their communities. She is a partner in the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP.

PETER G. GURT, *FOX '89*

was appointed the 10th president of Milton Hershey School in Hershey, Pennsylvania. He had served the school as senior vice president and chief operating officer since 2009.

1990s

VIRGIL M. MARTI JR., *TYL '90*

had a solo art exhibition titled *Forest Park* at Locks Gallery in Philadelphia. The show was an investigation of the sublime and romanticism through history.

PAMELA C. BRECHT, *LAW '91*

presented "*Qui Tam* Litigation: An Overview" at the New Jersey Association for Justice's Boardwalk Seminar 2014 in Atlantic City. The paper was intended to educate attorneys about the unique procedural and substantive aspects of the False Claims Act.

DANIEL J. CIECKA, *FOX '91*

is the owner of PEPBowl, a bowling alley affiliated with Programs Employing People. That organization is a nonprofit that provides education, recreation and job placement services to people with intellectual disabilities.

KEVIN J. LAWRENCE, *BYR '91, FOX '98*

was named chief marketing officer in the law firm of Pond Lehocky Stern Giordano. Previously, he worked as the director of U.S. medical marketing for Elsevier and at American Express. In 2013, he received the PR News Social Media Icon Award.

TRICIA LILLEY, *SMC '91*

served as a panelist for "2014 Strategic Priorities and Trends-CMO Panel," hosted by the Metropolitan Philadelphia Chapter of the Legal Marketing Association. She is chief marketing officer in the law firm of Fox Rothschild LLP in Philadelphia.

TODD M. HAY, *ENG '92*

was promoted to associate vice president at Pennoni Associates, an engineering, design and consulting firm. He serves as the firm's office director for its Edison location.

GWENDOLYN M. KINEBREW, *CST '92, '97*

was awarded a 2014 Woodrow Wilson Ohio Teaching Fellowship from the Woodrow Wilson National Fellowship Foundation. The fellowship recruits top-quality teacher candidates to teach math and science in high-need Ohio schools.

MICHAEL KUETEMEYER, *TFM '94*

received a grant from Asian Arts Initiative's Social Practice Lab to create Time Lens-Pearl Street, a mobile app that features images and video footage of life on Pearl Street in Philadelphia's Chinatown neighborhood. He also is an assistant professor of film and media arts at Temple.

C. S'THEMBILE WEST, *CLA '94*

presented the 11th annual John Hall Liberal Arts Lecture, *Dancing Metaphors: Creative Self-Construction and Liberal Arts Education*, at Western Illinois University in Macomb, where she is professor of women's studies.

KELLY HIGGINS, *THM '95*

was appointed director of athletics in the Department of Intercollegiate Athletics, Intramurals and Recreation at State University of New York College of Technology-Alfred.

GARY D. WHITE, *BYR '95*

is music director and conductor of the Philadelphia Sinfonia Association, a symphonic youth orchestra in the Philadelphia area. In June 2014 the orchestra performed to a sold-out crowd in the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts. The Mendelssohn Club of Philadelphia also performed, led by Temple Professor Emeritus of Choral Activities Alan Harler, its artistic director.

YOICHIRO YODA, *TYL '95*

had a solo art exhibition titled *The Great Gatsby in Blue* at Nantenshi Gallery in Tokyo.

TONY POCOROBBA, *CLA '96*

was named vice president of Vacant Property Securities LLC, in its Bristol, Pennsylvania, location. He previously served as client services manager in the firm, where he oversaw the client relations and billing services team and was essential in the development of the Bristol site.

CHAD CORTEZ EVERETT, *TYL '97*
 had a solo art exhibition titled *From the Nightclub to the Club of Enlightenment* at Gallery 919 Market in Wilmington, Delaware.

JAMES A. LAUGHMAN, *SSW '97*
 was named executive director of PerformCare, a national, full-service managed behavioral healthcare organization in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania.

ANULA M. SHETTY, *TFM '97*
 received a grant from the Asian Arts Initiative's Social Practice Lab to create Time Lens—Pearl Street, a mobile app that features images and video footage of life on Pearl Street in Philadelphia's Chinatown neighborhood.

DONALD L. BOWERS JR., *CLA '99*
 is chief of police for New Holland, Pennsylvania, and serves on the advisory boards for Cross Connection Ministries and Elanco Social Services Network as part of his department's community outreach efforts. He retired from the Whitemarsh Township, Pennsylvania, Police Department in 2006 and served as chief of police for New Britain Borough, Pennsylvania, from 2006 to 2010.

RUDY A. ESPIRITU, *TYL '99*
 was hired as technical director/senior associate at the architectural and interiors firm Mancini Duffy.

ARMANI KETUDAT, *CLA '99*
 participated in Operation Crimson Viper 2014, a joint military exercise that included Army, Navy and Air Force participants from the U.S. and Thailand, during which humanitarian assistance, disaster relief

and other critical technologies were demonstrated and evaluated by both countries. Ketudat is a lieutenant colonel in the Royal Thai Army.

MICHEL WASHINGTON, *SMC '99*
 was named Poet of the Year at the Baltimore Crown awards. She also was named Miss Maryland Plus USA and was one of 10 finalists at the national Miss Plus USA competition. Washington works in the Brand Strategy group at Capital One in Maryland, where she was selected to participate in a career development program for African Americans.

2000s

LINSEY B. BOZZELLI, *LAW '00*
 received a Pennsylvania Diversity Council Most Powerful & Influential Women award. She is vice chair of Blank Rome's Corporate, Mergers and Acquisitions and Securities practice group and a member of the Philadelphia Bar Foundation Board of Trustees.

NANDA KUMAR, *LAW '00*
 was among 13 attorneys recognized by the Pennsylvania Diversity Council with Leadership Excellence in the Law awards at the organization's 2014 Philadelphia Diversity and Leadership Conference. The award recognizes attorneys in the Philadelphia region who have demonstrated outstanding leadership, resolve and achievements for the benefit of their clients and communities. Kumar is a partner in the Philadelphia office of Reed Smith LLP.

NICHOLAS R. PIETROWICZ, *LAW '00*
 was awarded the American Foreign Service Association's

F. Allen "Tex" Harris Award for Constructive Dissent in a ceremony held at the U.S. Department of State in Washington, D.C. He is regional security officer in the U.S. Embassy in N'Djamena, Chad.

JOSHUA A. CHODOROFF, *BYR '01*
 was named among 25 semifinalists nationwide for the Grammy Music Educator of the Year Award, a joint partnership and presentation of the Recording Academy and the Grammy Foundation that recognizes educators who have made significant and lasting contributions to music education. Chodoroff teaches at Highland Park High School in Highland Park, Illinois.

LINN V. MCDONALD, *BYR '01*
 spent two weeks in May 2014 teaching at Sichuan Conservatory of Music and Southwestern University of Finance and Economics in Chengdu, China. She has studied at the Royal Academy of Ballet and Dance in Buffalo, New York, and she runs the Linn McDonald School of Dance in Scranton, Pennsylvania.

SCOTT CHRISTENSEN, *CLA '02*
 participated in Operation Crimson Viper 2014, a joint military exercise that included Army, Navy and Air Force participants from the U.S. and Thailand, during which humanitarian assistance, disaster relief and other critical technologies were demonstrated and evaluated by both countries. Christensen is a major in the U.S. Army Reserves.

ANDREW HUANG, *DEN '02*
 has implemented a new questionnaire, Caries Management by Risk Assessment, to assess

cavity risk and make treatment and restoration recommendations based on patients' cavity risk. He owns and operates Santa Teresa Dental in Morgan Hill, California.

TRACY Z. MALEEFF, *CLA '02*
 was awarded the inaugural Dow Jones Innovate Award at the Special Libraries Association 2014 Annual Conference and INFO-EXPO in Vancouver, Canada. She is library resources manager in the law firm of Duane Morris LLP in Philadelphia.

JOHN CAPERILLA, *ENG '03*
 was selected as one of Montgomery County Community College's 50 Fabulous Alumni.

JONATHAN F. ECKEL, *TYL '03, '06*
 held an art exhibition titled *A Return to Reason* at the Tioga Gallery in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania.

MATTHEW M. MARSIT, *BYR '03*
 is artist-in-residence in winds and director of the wind ensemble at Williams College in Williamstown, Massachusetts. He also is director of bands at the Hopkins Center of Dartmouth College in Hanover, New Hampshire.

JESSICA J. SWEENEY, *FOX '03*
 received the Lower Bucks County Chamber of Commerce Staff Recognition Award. She is vice president of marketing for First Federal of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Previously, she was named to the *Bucks County Courier Times* Forty Under 40 list of local business leaders to watch.

CLASS OF 1966

STEVE SANSWEET

DEGREE: BS, journalism, School of Media and Communication, 1966

OCCUPATION: Record-setting collector

LOCATION: Petaluma, California

Steve Sansweet's crowning achievement—the one that landed him in *Guinness World Records*—is so big he had to build a 9,000-square-foot museum in Sonoma County, California, to hold it.

Rancho Obi-Wan is home to the world's largest privately owned collection of *Star Wars* memorabilia. Sansweet has about half a million pieces, including a Darth Vader costume, at least one of every *Star Wars* action figure ever made, more than 3,000 movie posters, a library, fan-made art, life-size Lego characters, an animatronic cantina band and *Star Wars* pinball machines. For fans, visiting Rancho Obi-Wan is like walking into heaven—every shelf, wall and case is packed with lovingly arranged treasures.

Sansweet, SMC '66, admits he's a born collector, but long before he fell in love with *Star Wars*, he was a Temple-trained journalist. Like many journalism majors, Sansweet worked for *The Temple News*, where he reported on President John F. Kennedy's assassination and President Lyndon Johnson's campus visit.

“Temple is where it all started. That was where my life opened up.”

“We churned out a newspaper four days a week,” Sansweet says. “I learned teamwork, mentoring, accuracy, editing, and how to balance work and school—the basis of who I am as a professional.”

After graduating, Sansweet spent the bulk of his journalism career at the *Wall Street Journal's* Los Angeles bureau, where for 23 years he covered everything from earthquakes to the movie industry. In 1977, he attended a *Star Wars* screening for journalists, and a dormant love of science fiction was reawakened. He soon started buying every *Star Wars* action figure he could find.

More than a decade later, Sansweet did a freelance project for Lucasfilm, *Star Wars* director George Lucas' production company, which led to the first of his 16 books about the franchise. In the mid-1990s, after nine years as *The Wall Street Journal's* LA bureau chief, he both made a bold career change and found a new home for his growing collection, moving to Petaluma to direct Lucasfilm's content-management and fan-relations efforts and open Rancho Obi-Wan.

“I started as a journalist. Then I went into marketing. Now I run a nonprofit museum. I feel like I've led a charmed life,” says Sansweet, who was honored with a Lew Klein Alumni in the Media Award in 2009. “But Temple is where it all started. That was where my life opened up.” —Hillel J. Hoffmann



Diana Mulvihill

LEIGH ANN BUZIAK, *LAW '04*

was elected partner in the law firm of Blank Rome LLP in Philadelphia. In addition, she serves on the Young Lawyer Editorial Board of *The Legal Intelligencer*, provides pro bono legal services to many local organizations, and is an active member and fundraiser for the nonprofit organization Back on My Feet.

EDWARD GALLAGHER III, *EDU '04*

was appointed head of the middle school at AIM Academy in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, where he will work to create an innovative learning environment for children with language-based learning differences. Previously, he served as assistant upper school dean of Girard College in Philadelphia.

JOHN D. PERKINS, *BYR '04*

joined Butler University in Indianapolis as associate director of choral activities and assistant professor of music. Previously, he taught at the American University of Sharjah in United Arab Emirates and developed that country's first music program in higher education. In 2010, he founded the Nassim Al Saba Choir, the first Arabic four-part choir in the Arabian Gulf region.

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JAMES MADISON, *TFM '05*

co-founded Expressway Grip, a video, lighting and grip equipment rental house in Philadelphia, and Expressway Productions, a company whose clients include Under Armour and the U.S. Army.

KARLY B. WATSON, *THM '05*

joined the sales team at SMG, an entertainment and convention venue management firm. As sales manager at the Pennsylvania Convention Center in Philadelphia, she is responsible for the social, multicultural, educational, religious and fraternal markets.

MENA M. HANNA, *BYR '06*

was appointed dean of the Barenboim-Said Academy in Berlin, Germany. The academy is an extension of the West-Eastern Divan Orchestra. Previously, Hanna was assistant artistic director of the Houston Grand Opera.

JOY M. HOLLAND, *TYL '06*

held an open studio summer residency in the Art Gallery (TAG) at the University of West Florida in Pensacola. It is the first in a series of annual residency projects TAG will offer to a local artist each summer.

DARYL S. FREEDMAN, *BYR '07*

was selected for the apprentice program with Santa Fe Opera in New Mexico. A mezzo-soprano, she covered the roles of Frau Krone in Mozart's *Impresario* and Death in Stravinsky's *Le Rossignol*.

REBECCA C. HAINS, *SMC '07*

published *The Princess Problem: Guiding Our Girls Through the Princess-Obsessed Years*, a toolkit for raising empowered, resilient daughters and helping parents teach their daughters to think critically about race and gender stereotypes and body image.

DAVID M. HERSH, *LAW '07*

competed in the Challenge Atlantic City triathlon to raise awareness of the Endeleo Project, a nonprofit organization he co-founded with Maureen Holland, *LAW '07*, to increase access to education opportunities for underserved populations around the world.

DAVID J. ULBRICH, *CLA '07*

published *Ways of War: American Military History from the Colonial Era to the Twenty-First Century* with Routledge. Matthew Muehlbauer, *CLA '08*, is co-author of that book. Ulbrich is a professor in the Department of History and Political Science at Rogers State University in Claremore, Oklahoma.

GAVIN B. WHITT, *TFM '07*

mounted an original one-man show called *The Orange Hair* in Philadelphia as a part of the fifth annual SoLow Fest.

MATTHEW S. MUEHLBAUER, *CLA '08*

published *Ways of War: American Military History from the Colonial Era to the Twenty-First Century* with Routledge. David Ulbrich, *CLA '07*, is co-author of that book.

ERICA I. WERNICK, *TYL '08*

wrote and produced a comedy short entitled *7 Things Nobody Tells You About Moving to L.A.* It reveals funny snippets of life in Los Angeles and is based on her e-book titled *L.A. Bound: The Ultimate Guide to Moving to Los Angeles*.

CHRISTOPHER WINK, *CLA '08*

was named a Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He is co-founder of

Technical.ly Philly, a technology news and events network, with Brian James Kirk, *SMC '09*.

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was named a Young Entrepreneur of the Year by the Greater Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce. He is co-founder of Technical.ly Philly, a technology news and events network, with Christopher Wink, *CLA '08*.

2010s

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DOREEN L. GARNER, *TYL '10*

spent nine weeks over the summer at Skowhegan, an intensive residency program for emerging visual artists in Madison, Maine. She also was awarded the 2014 Toby Devan Lewis Fellowship, given each year to a Rhode Island School of Design MFA student who shows exceptional promise in painting, sculpture, film, video, mixed media or performance art.

KEVIN HARDEN JR., *LAW '10*

was named to the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia Board of Directors. Previously, he served as a prosecutor in the Philadelphia District Attorney's Office, where he was assigned to the South Philadelphia Focused Deterrence Task Force. He also is an attorney in the law firm of Eckert Seamans Cherin & Mellott LLC in Philadelphia.



Marc Campos

ELIZABETH SILVER

DEGREE: JD, Beasley School of Law, 2008

OCCUPATION: Woman of letters . . . and law

LOCATION: Los Angeles

To say that Elizabeth Silver, *LAW '08*, is inspired by the law may be an understatement. The Los Angeles-based attorney is the author of 2013's *The Execution of Noa P. Singleton*, a highly acclaimed debut novel rife with the drama and legal conflict that result when one's protagonist sits on death row.

More specifically, *The Execution of Noa P. Singleton* is the story of a young woman convicted of murder who has never said a word in her own defense and the murder victim's mother, a Philadelphia-based attorney who commits to making a bid for clemency—if Noa starts talking.

The book is everything a young writer wishes for her work: It was published by Crown, a division of Random House; was called a “fantastic first novel” by *The Washington Post*; has been optioned for a film (“It is quite fun to think of dream casts,” says Silver); and is being translated into six languages.

Silver, who was raised in New Orleans and Dallas, always knew she wanted to be a writer, just like she always knew she wanted to be a lawyer. Though, Silver says, she planned for law to be a day

job and “means to the literary end.” What drew her to law was the “narrative, particularly in criminal cases,” she explains. “In those worlds, the work is about the person, telling a story from a particular perspective, which translated in my mind as fiction.”

Silver got her BA in English from the University of Pennsylvania and an MA in creative writing from England's University of East Anglia. Back in the U.S., she worked in the publishing industry and taught writing and literature before heading to Temple to study law.

“The work is about the person, telling a story from a particular perspective, which translated in my mind as fiction.”

The inspiration for *Noa* came while Silver was in her last semester of law school, when she took a class on capital punishment. Then, while serving as a judicial clerk in Texas, she drafted an opinion on the death penalty—the issue at the heart of her novel. After finishing her clerkship she took a year off to write, then moved to Los Angeles for a law job. The powerful story of *Noa* sold just two months later.

Her career roles are now reversed: Silver writes full time (a second novel is in the works) and moonlights as a lawyer. “I want to keep my foot in the game,” she says, “and to experience the thrill of the courtroom, which even at its most banal moments is a center of great drama and story.” —*Alix Gerz*, SMC '03, CLA '07

STACEY SAUCHUK

DEGREE: MEd and PhD, College of Education, 1995

OCCUPATION: First lady

LOCATION: Wayne, Pennsylvania

Stacey Sauchuk's office at Valley Forge Military Academy and College in Wayne, Pennsylvania, is part museum: Mannequins wearing antique uniforms stand in the corners. A wall of photographs displays an impressive roster of leaders, each portrait of a military man who has served as the academy's president. Except for one.

In the center of the wall hangs a photo of Sauchuk, who is not only a civilian, she's the nation's first woman president of a private military academy and college.

The job was also a first for Sauchuk, who had never worked in a military setting before she started her tenure at Valley Forge in April 2013. Established in 1928, the academy is an all-male, private boarding school. The college, which was founded in 1935, began admitting women in 2006.

“I’ve always had an interest in education and the tools it takes to make sure students have a solid foundation.”

Before coming to the academy, Sauchuk worked for 11 years at Education Management, one of the largest providers of private postsecondary education in the U.S., as senior vice president of academic programs and student affairs.

She admits that “there was an adjustment period” to the military setting, but shaping the minds of future leaders was her first and only concern.

“I’ve always had an interest in education,” she says, “and the tools it takes to make sure students have a solid foundation.”

Sauchuk, who was born outside of Baltimore, Maryland, acquired some of those tools at Temple's College of Education, where she earned a master's of education and PhD in school psychology. While at Temple, she gained firsthand knowledge of what it takes to create an environment where students thrive.

“The military model offers a structured way to teach students life skills that will propel them ahead,” says Sauchuk. “While at Temple, I realized that no matter your gender or background, structure is a key to success. Education can be a great equalizer.”

On an average day, students at the prestigious military academy she now heads can be found on the yard, marching in lockstep and working to exemplify the academy's motto: Courage, Honor, Conquer.

Sauchuk believes strongly in that motto, and in what she thinks of as its complement: “My personal life motto,” she says, “is Faith, Love, Joy.” —*Jazmyn Burton*



Joseph V. Labolito

JEFFREY S. POZZUOLO, *LAW '10*

presented a continuing legal education talk titled Retirement Planning for Middle Income Families at the Penn State Extension campus in Doylestown. He is an attorney in the law firm of Pozzuolo Rodden PC.

AMBER COWAN, *TYL '11*

is the 2014 recipient of the Rakow Commission, a \$25,000 award given to an artist to create a work for the permanent collection in the Corning Museum of Glass. She is an adjunct instructor in the Glass Program in the Tyler School of Art.

NATHANIEL BEAU HANCOCK, *BYR '11*

was named the winner of the 2014-2015 Ellen Forman Memorial Award, which supports Philadelphia-area choreographers by giving them the opportunity to set a work on Drexel University's Dance Ensemble as part of the Drexel Dance program.

ALLEN MENDENHALL, *LAW '11*

published *Literature & Liberty: Essays in Libertarian Literary Criticism* with Lexington Books. He is staff attorney to Alabama Supreme Court Chief Justice Roy S. Moore, managing editor of the *Southern Literary Review* and a doctoral candidate in English at Auburn University in Alabama.

MICHAEL T. BEACHEM IV, *EDU '12*

attended the National Association of Student Personnel Administrators Mid-Manager's Institute in Albany, New York, a program that provides an opportunity for

student affairs professionals to interact with and learn from senior administrators in the field. He is the associate director of resident life at International House in Philadelphia.

ALEXIS B. CANARY, *FOX '12*

is social media and public relations strategist at CoLabination, an online branding platform that allows independent clothing designers to showcase their work and consumers to buy directly from the designers.

SHELLEY E. JACKSON, *BYR '12*

entered the International Opera Studio of the Opernhaus Zurich, where she played Echo in Strauss' *Ariadne Auf Naxos* under Fabio Luisi and Mary-Ann in Schwemmer's *Robin Hood* under the baton of Michael Zlabinger.

BRITTANY L. LEWIS, *SMC '12*

was crowned Miss Delaware 2014. Previously, she was a corps member in the Teach For America program. She currently teaches seventh-grade English language arts at Prestige Charter School in Wilmington.

LATOYA A. STROMAN, *SMC '12*

is casting producer and segment producer for *Genealogy Roadshow*, season two, on PBS, where she led the show's internship program and hired three Temple students. Stroman also is an associate producer of *Flex & Shanice: All in the Family* on the Oprah Winfrey Network.

CASEY WEISDOCK, *TYL '12*

enrolled in the master of science degree program in historic preservation at the University of Pennsylvania. An architectural conservation technician who

has been in materials conservation since 2010, she has worked on projects for Greenwood Gardens in Short Hills, New Jersey, Lady Chapel of St. Mark's Church in Philadelphia and the State Museum of Pennsylvania in Harrisburg.

CAMELLUS O. EZEUGWU, *FOX '13*

was profiled in the May 9, 2014, issue of the *San Francisco Chronicle*. He is the CEO of Whose Your Landlord, a website designed to help students make informed decisions about choosing a rental property.

THOMAS D. FEISTER, *FOX '13*

has passed the CPA exam. He is a member of the audit team at ParenteBeard, a top 25 accounting and business advisory firm, where he works out of the Reading, Pennsylvania, location.

ZACHARY B. KISSEL, *FOX '13*

is the head of DevOps at Computer Services Unlimited, a Maryland-based IT services company. He provides support for projects with a focus on availability, response time, data integrity and security.

LIAM L. MCKENNA, *SMC '13*

was appointed editor of *Wareham Week*, a newspaper in Massachusetts.

YANGBIN PARK, *TYL '13*

presented *I Wasn't Doing Nothing*, a solo show held in 40th Street AIRSpace Gallery in Philadelphia. All the works in the show were made during the Artist-in-Residence Program at the same gallery.

MICHELLE A. WEST, *BYR '13*

is a principal dancer with the touring production of Jim Henson's *Sid the Science Kid Live*.

SIENNA MARTZ, *TYL '14*

was included in a roster of 21 artists invited to exhibit art in a show titled *Wearable Art: Inspiration in Thread*, which celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Chung Young Yang Embroidery Museum in Seoul, South Korea. It took Martz more than 500 hours to create a hand-dyed silk gown for the exhibition.

ALI WATKINS, *SMC '14*

joined Huffington Post as a political reporter in its Washington, D.C., bureau. Previously, she was an intern at McClatchy, where she was part of the team that broke news about the CIA spying on the Senate Intelligence Committee. For that work, she was featured on the cover of *Temple's* fall 2014 issue.

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IN MEMORIAM

This list includes those in the Temple community who have passed away since the last issue of Temple.

1930s

Lorraine R. Nyemetz, *EDU '33*
Nadeine R. Cope, *EDU '35*
Arthur Colley, *EDU '36*
William Silverstein, *DEN '36*
Jean Moser Lamb, *EDU '37, '41*
Sidney M. Steiger, *LAW '37*
Abraham W. Mamlin, *DEN '38*
Dante W. Renzulli, *PHR '39*

1940s

Barney Bernstein, *EDU '40*
Sidney J. Gold, *FOX '40*
Lillian Cohen Kovar, *CLA '40*
Dorothy Scheingold, *SED '41*
Harold Tanenbaum, *DEN '41*
Maurice Louis Turoff, *DEN '41*
Stephen Abrahamson, *EDU '42, '48*
Mary J. P. Birchett, *CLA '42, '48*
Edward L. Udis, *DEN '42*
Cryder H. Bankes Jr., *ENG '43*
Norman Elson, *CST '43, MED '46*
Leonard S. Rome, *POD '43*
Margaret Martin Trego, *TFM '43*
Eleanor S. Pinto, *EDU '44*
Norman W. Wray Sr., *EDU '44, '50*
Marilyn C. Weber, *CPH '45*
Carolyn Corey Jarin, *SED '46*
Anna B. Young, *EDU '46, '55*
Milton Neustadter, *FOX '48*
Joseph W. Palis, *CST '48, DEN '52*
Nancy H. Pappas, *CPH '48*
Shirley S. Itzenson, *BYR '49*
Alfonso Taglianetti Jr., *CLA '49*

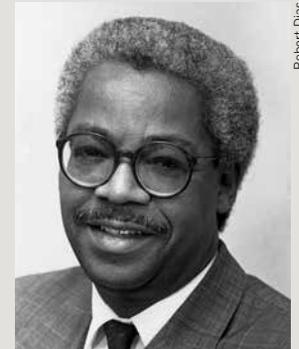
1950s

Omar N. Barth, *CLA '50*
Marc S. Lapayowker, *CST '50, MED '54*
Paul Lewis, *FOX '50, CLA '61*
Jack Lutz, *CLA '50, EDU '53, '66*
Arthur J. Shivers Jr., *CLA '50*
Florence B. Strockbine, *CPH '50*
George M. Kent, *MED '51*
Leonard Markowitz, *CLA '51, CST '59*
Paul E. Swain, *PHR '51*
Karl Edward Unger, *CLA '51*
Marvin E. Aronson, *MED '52*
David Cohen, *LAW '52*
William B. Gaynor, *MED '52*
James D. Mendenhall, *DEN '52*
Bernice L. Metz, *EDU '52*
Alvin Steinberg Jr., *DEN '52*
John Allan Cooper Sr., *DEN '53*
Mildred Capparell Gale, *CST '53*
James D. Hill, *POD '53*
Meyer Charles Rose, *LAW '53*
William H. Bachman, *MED '54*
Harry C. Cohen, *CLA '54*
Paul Jay Fink, *CST '54, MED '58*
Jay E. Fleck Jr., *DEN '54*
Joseph James Gormley, *MED '54*
William G. Jones, *MED '54*
Charles E. Mitchell, *LAW '54*
Herbert Berkowitz, *EDU '55*
William Cassels Jr., *ENG '55*
Richard J. Marshall, *EDU '55*
Robert L. Allen Sr., *FOX '56*
Robert W. Bond, *EDU '56*
John C. Carney, *EDU '56*

Joseph H. Engle, *MED '56*
Nicholas Kozay Jr., *EDU '56*
John W. Poole, *PHR '56*
Greta B. Richards, *CLA '56*
Donald Arthur Carlsen, *MED '57*
John J. Cowley, *EDU '57*
Edward R. Germer, *FOX '57, EDU '62*
Anthony H. Murray Jr., *LAW '57*
Addie M. Ossi, *CPH '57*
Donna R. Garner, *CPH '58*
G. Carl Pettinato, *EDU '58, CLA '64*
Louise M. Priole, *EDU '58*
Matthew J. Cairnes, *ENG '59*
Steven F. Gadon, *LAW '59*
George A. Isaac, *FOX '59, EDU '65*
Margaret Parcel Krotow, *CLA '59*
Jacob W. Miller, *EDU '59*
Ernest C. Montefusco, *EDU '59*
S. David Taylor, *FOX '59*

1960s

Marguerite D. Borzelleca, *EDU '60*
Gayl P. Gentile, *EDU '60*
Alberta Muhammad, *CPH '60*
Harry Shevchuck, *ENG '60*
Eugene B. Myerov, *DEN '61*
Michael L. Ripic, *EDU '61*
Russell Lebar, *EDU '62*
Harry E. McFarland, *EDU '63*
Marion B. Norris, *EDU '63*
Charles H. Simpson, *EDU '63*
Ruth M. Fliegel, *CLA '64*
Morton J. Roth, *ENG '64, CST '67*
Steven E. Carl, *CST '65*



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CURTIS ALLEN LEONARD, *EDU '61, CLA '79*

Curtis Allen Leonard, *EDU '61, CLA '79*, dean emeritus of the Temple University School of Social Work, passed away in August 2014. He received a bachelor of science in secondary education from Temple and a master of social work from the University of Pennsylvania. He also earned a PhD in political science and urban planning from Temple.

Leonard began teaching at Temple in 1968 as an assistant professor of social welfare and became the director of the then-new Special Recruitment and Admissions Program the following year. In 1979, he began teaching full time in what was then known as the School of Social Administration. In 1994, he was appointed dean of the school, and he retired in 2002.

Russell E. Eisenbise, *CLA '65*
 Richard Lee Fredrickson, *EDU '65*
 Robert P. Loneragan, *MED '65*
 Joel Riegel, *EDU '65*
 Louis M. Waronker, *CLA '65*
 Anna Jane Zerbe, *EDU '65, '70*
 Dolores W. Battiste, *EDU '66*
 Anthony A. Geno, *EDU '66*
 Judith L. Murphy, *EDU '66*
 Donna M. Guenther, *MED '67*
 Lawrence R. Watson II, *LAW '67*
 Alan S. Cutler, *DEN '68*
 Jeffrey Steven Freedman, *CLA '68*
 Ronald G. Kinzler, *CLA '68*
 Stanley B. Lindner Jr., *EDU '68*
 Florence C. Whitney, *EDU '68*
 Dorothy G. Douglas, *EDU '69*
 Sheldon B. Kall, *CST '69, MED '73*
 Alan R. Kosher, *SMC '69*
 Jerry E. Lego, *EDU '69*
 Gail D. Mackey, *CPH '69*
 Raymond N. Portnoff, *CST '69, DEN '73*
 Louis William Ross, *FOX '69*

1970s

Richard Z. Hartranft, *EDU '70*
 Michael S. Leone, *TYL '70*
 Peter D. Quick, *FOX '70*
 David Walker Raymond, *LAW '70*
 Richard L. Sharp, *FOX '70*
 Robert Dennis Diehl Sr., *EDU '71*
 Heidi A.E. Ludwig, *EDU '71*
 Ihor Zujewskij, *EDU '71*
 Robert Allender, *EDU '72, '77*
 Karen L. Bartis, *CLA '72*
 Willis F. Larrabee, *EDU '72*
 Dale H. Reinecker, *EDU '72*
 Richard Leo Werkheiser Sr., *EDU '72*
 Frank E. Gramer, *CLA '73*
 Paula M. Cohen, *SSW '74*
 Lawrence L. Ferreri, *FOX '74*
 Gladys K. McConnell, *CLA '74*

Paul K. Woodburn, *SSW '74*
 Pennie H. Marcus, *CLA '75, EDU '83*
 John M. Erik, *PHR '76, '86*
 Joseph A. O'Donnell, *CST '76, EDU '82, '88*
 Evelyn N. Robinson, *EDU '76*
 Floyd D. Martin, *EDU '77*
 Pedro Encarnacion, *EDU '78, '81*
 Marguerite Johnson, *CPH '78, '82*
 Alan F. Markovitz, *LAW '78*
 Donna F. Williamson, *EDU '78*
 Gary G. Berger, *CST '79*
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1980s

Seymour Green, *FOX '80*
 Ann J. Laeuchli, *LAW '80*
 Francis J. Shane, *CLA '80*
 Richard R. House, *TYL '81*
 William C. Paynter, *FOX '81*
 James C. Swilley, *THM '81*
 John J. DiNella, *POD '82*
 Betty A. Jurasits, *EDU '82*
 Margaret Gallagher Lukhard, *SMC '82*
 Michael R. MacInnis, *TYL '82*
 Gregory T. Rowe, *FOX '83*
 Lenore S. Spiegel, *CLA '83, EDU '88, '91*
 Daniel M. Borislow, *FOX '84*
 Ogden O. Hackett, *EDU '84*
 Lee-Anne Jackson, *FOX '86*
 Ronald W. Lamar, *BYR '86*
 Jeffrey A. Dipaolo, *FOX '87*
 David D. Kunkel, *PHR '87*
 Madelyn D. Bradley, *CST '88*
 Frank G. Fiumara, *CPH '88*
 Elaine L. Schalck, *EDU '89*
 Mark Wollman, *LAW '89*

1990s

Bruce Russell Ganey, *POD '90*
 Joanne P. Will, *LAW '90*

Regina M. Hobaugh, *CLA '91*
 Darliene Christie, *SSW '92, '95*
 Eric A. Mondress, *FOX '94*
 William J. Wester, *FOX '94*
 Deborah Broadnax, *SMC '95*
 Stephen S. Evans, *CLA '95*
 Louis F. Spina, *CLA '95*
 Ivory L. DeWitt Jr., *CLA '97*
 Stuart R. Fenster, *SSW '97*
 Anthony Bernard Richardson, *EDU '97*
 Brandi J. Brice, *CLA '99, LAW '03, '07*
 Maureen E. Halpin, *POD '99*

2000s

Roslyn D. Campbell, *EDU '01*
 Megan J. Shoap, *CPH '04*
 William L. Bertoti, *EDU '05*
 Sean M. Distler, *ENG '08*
 David G. O'Hara Jr., *CLA '08*
 Katie T. Amodei, *TFM '09*

2010s

David Kedra, *CLA '10*
 Joshua Schwartz, *FOX '10*
 Amelia E. Caglia, *THM '14*

CORRECTION

In the fall 2014 issue, Doris Coover Ropp, *PHR '49*, was incorrectly listed as deceased. Her son, David G. Ropp, *PHR '87*, is deceased. Additionally, the name "Ropp" was printed as "Rapp."

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RICHARD J. KOZERA

Richard J. Kozera, former faculty member and associate dean in the Temple University School of Medicine, passed away in August 2014.

Kozera received his undergraduate degree from Amherst College in 1961 and graduated from the Yale University School of Medicine in 1965. He served as a lieutenant commander with the U.S. Naval Reserve Medical Corps during the Vietnam War. Before arriving at Temple in 1987, Kozera was chief of the Department of Medicine in the Cincinnati Veterans Affairs Medical Center.

Kozera was a professor of endocrinology at Temple and served as acting dean of the School of Medicine in 1991, 1996 and 2002. During his 27-year tenure, he oversaw accreditation site visits and presided over several renewals of the medical school's curriculum. He also regularly served as master of ceremonies at the School of Medicine's White Coat Ceremony.

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PETER SPIRO, CHARLES R. WEINER PROFESSOR OF LAW, writing about the U.S. and attitudes toward dual citizenship, *Los Angeles Times*, Oct. 29, 2014

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