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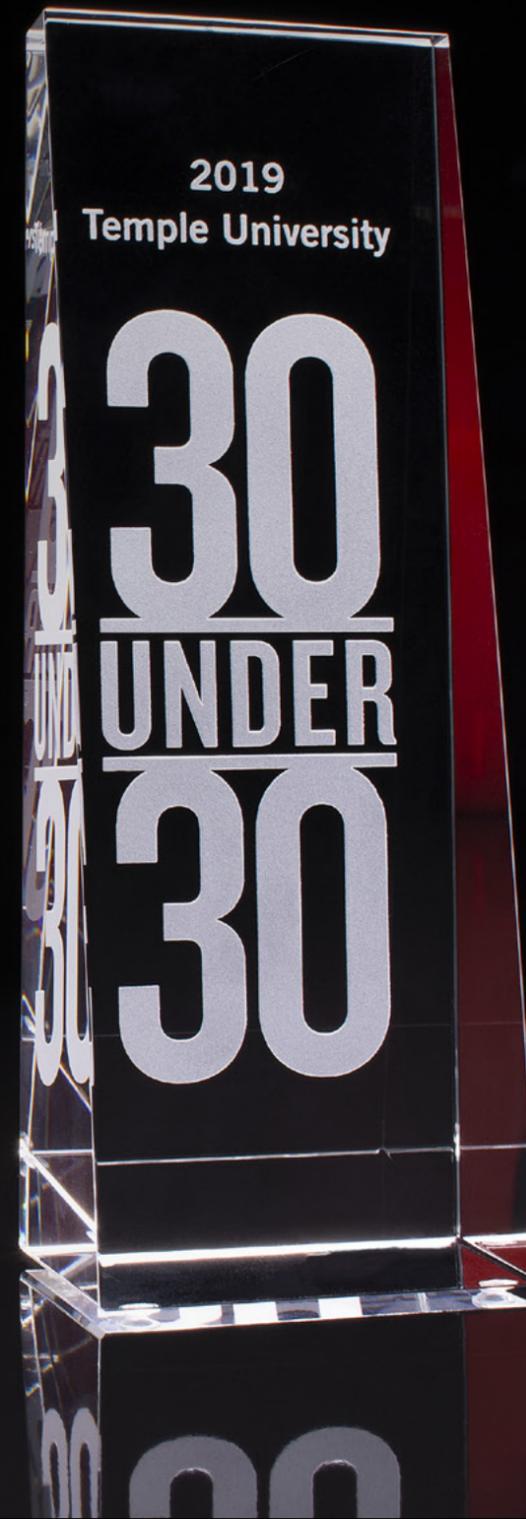
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## **WATCH THESE OWLS CLOSELY**

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enthusiasm on  
full display.



# TEMPLE

Owls are trendsetters, problem solvers and innovators. In this special issue, Temple celebrates 30 alumni under age 30 who bring uncommon passion to their endeavors.

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## Ring True

Students and alumni show their love for a Temple icon.

It's no secret that I—like all of you—love Temple University. I love the launching pad this university is for thousands of new graduates each year. And I love hearing the inspirational stories our graduates tell as they soar to new heights.

Their grit, determination and big ideas are showcased in the impressive cross-section of alumni featured in this 30 under 30 edition of our magazine.

While still in their twenties, these 30 Owl alumni have taken the world by storm: scientists, artists, entrepreneurs, athletes, politicians, media personalities and big-hearted changemakers. All are bringing their own passions to their work in distinct ways. Many overcame obstacles, too, amazing their families, friends and even themselves with what they've made possible.

Reading their stories, I'm proud of each of them as well as the scores of outstanding Temple faculty, staff and alumni who served as their educators and mentors. At Temple, these exceptional young adults built a strong foundation of knowledge and made some of their first professional connections. And many of you helped them make these connections. Today—like so many Owls who came before them—they are creating a better future for themselves and all of us.

If reading this magazine makes you nostalgic for your alma mater, I encourage all of our alumni to come back to campus to see the incredible transformation we have underway.



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

Come back to see all of our iconic spaces at the heart of campus, including Lenfest Circle at the Bell Tower, the owl statue at O'Connor Plaza and Founder's Garden, and, most notably, our architectural masterpiece Charles Library, which debuts this fall. Charles Library is a game-changing learning facility that catapults Temple and the city of Philadelphia to a new level of global leadership, and we are so thrilled to see it come to life.

Today, our university is better than ever, and we have our students, alumni, faculty, staff, trustees and our entire wonderful Temple family to thank. I hope to see many of you on campus soon!

*Richard M. Englert*

Richard M. Englert  
President, Temple University

# NEWS

## COMMUNITY RESIDENTS PARTNER WITH TEMPLE TO LAUNCH SPECIAL SERVICES DISTRICT

Longtime community residents are working with Temple administrators to form a special services district that will provide additional upkeep and care of the neighborhood west of the university's Main Campus. The North Central Special Services District, which is modeled after similar districts elsewhere in the city, announced its formation on April 5.

The North Central Special Services District will cover the area most heavily impacted by the university's off-campus students—bounded by Broad Street to the east, 18th Street to the west, Dauphin Street to the north and Oxford Street to the south.

"I am really excited about this district because we're going to be working together

with Temple to keep the neighborhood clean and safe for both the neighbors and students," district Board President Joan Briley said.

Briley, a teacher's aide in a nearby Head Start program for pre-K students, has lived in her home on the 1500 block of Norris Street since she was born. Like the district's other community representatives, Briley brings a lifetime of community involvement to the board, and has been particularly interested in seeing the university address issues related to trash, safety and disruptive student behavior.

In total, the district's nine-member board is made up of five community

representatives and four university representatives. Included among them are block captains, a ward committee member and university professionals including a Campus Safety Services captain who is one of the area's longest serving female officers. The district is funded by founding sponsor Temple University.

"We're very excited to formally launch the North Central Special Services District with our neighbors," said Bill Bergman, vice president of public affairs at Temple University. "This is an idea that's been percolating for years." **ANDY LOCHRIE**

Betsy Manning, KUJ '87, CLA '08



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## TEMPLE SHOWS ITS PRIDE

Continuing its leadership in diversity and inclusion, Temple in January became the first Philadelphia college or university to display a Progress Pride flag on campus.

The flag, designed by Portland, Oregon-based artist Daniel Quasar and funded via an ongoing Kickstarter campaign, updates the traditional six-stripe rainbow LGBTQ flag, adding five pointed stripes to the hoist of the flag: three representing trans individuals and two representing marginalized people of color and individuals living with AIDS or facing other stigmas.

On Jan. 18, the new flag was installed on a column in the atrium in the Howard Gittis Student Center where flags representing 63 countries are rotated annually.

“We are an inclusive university, and we try to do a better job every year to be inclusive,” said Jason Levy, senior director of Student Center operations and conferences.

The installation of the Progress Pride flag came as a result of joint efforts among Levy’s team, the Office of Institutional Diversity, Equity, Advocacy and Leadership, the Queer Student Union, and Temple Student Government. **MORGAN ZALOT, KLN '11**

## SAVED BY ZERO

Temple President Richard M. Englert has approved the university’s 2019 Climate Action Plan, which outlines Temple’s long-term sustainability goals and its move toward carbon neutrality by 2050.

Carbon neutrality refers to having net zero carbon dioxide emissions. It may be achieved balancing activities that emit climate pollution with processes that reduce pollution or eliminate it altogether.

Temple’s 2019 commitment places the university in line with Philadelphia’s climate action plan, which in 2016 declared the city’s intent to reduce carbon emissions by 80 percent by 2050.

“The science is clear,” said Kathleen Grady, Temple’s former director of sustainability. “We urgently need individuals, institutions and government to take bold action on climate change.”



Since 2016, Temple has worked with 300 partners—including students, faculty and staff at the university, government officials, climate-change experts, and other external leaders—to ensure diversity among the voices contributing to the university’s revised Climate Action Plan.

The plan aims to reduce greenhouse gas emissions each year. In the event that Temple falls short of annual goals, it has pledged to purchase renewable energy credits “to close the gap,” Grady said. The plan’s tactics include: switching to a

50% renewable source for electricity, launching a waste composition study, and pursuing energy-efficient projects and building practices.

“Temple’s updated Climate Action Plan will not only make an impact on reducing emissions from their own operations, but can help educate and shepherd the next generation into careers that will help us find necessary solutions to this global problem,” said Christine Knapp, director of Philadelphia’s Office of Sustainability.

**CHRISTOPHER A. VITO, KLN '07**

## A RACE AGAINST TIME

An American professor and a Haitian CEO have teamed up to protect Haiti’s disappearing species. The pair have been working to establish private nature reserves on the small, tropical country.

Now, with funding from the Global Wildlife Conservation and the Rainforest Trust, the first such park has been purchased: Grand Bois, a mountain in the southwest of Haiti with rare and endangered plants and animals.

“The native species of plants and animals in Haiti need greater protection,” said Temple University Center for Biodiversity Director and Laura H. Carnell Professor of Science S. Blair Hedges, who has been surveying by helicopter the last remaining tracts of Haiti’s original forests before they disappear.

Last November, Hedges and his team reported in the journal *Proceedings of the*

National Academy of Sciences that Haiti has less than 1 percent of its original primary forest and is going through a mass extinction of biodiversity. However, they identified a few remaining biodiversity “hot spots” where original forests and their species still exist, including Grand Bois.

Hedges’ partner in the effort is Haitian businessman Philippe Bayard, CEO of Sunrise Airways and president of the country’s leading conservation group, Société Audubon Haiti. Since the pair teamed up nine years ago, they have raised public awareness about Haiti’s disappearing species through videos, brochures, public lectures and a documentary.

Haiti’s government took notice. In 2015, Haiti declared Grand Bois a national park, identifying it as a priority for conservation and validating the critical need to acquire and protect the area.

To assemble the mountain tracts, Bayard and Hedges sought donors to purchase private land and help pay for park management. Two experienced conservation organizations, the Global Wildlife Conservation and the Rainforest Trust, joined the effort. After delays due to government instability in the last two years, the Grand Bois purchase was completed Jan. 18, 2019.

The park’s more than 1,200 acres are home to at least 68 species of vertebrates, including some found nowhere else in the world, as well as plants and animals previously thought to be extinct, such as Ekman’s magnolia tree and the Tiburon stream frog.

“It is a jewel of biodiversity with about one half of the original forest intact above 1,000 meters of elevation,” Hedges said of Grand Bois. **GREG FORNIA**



Grand Bois National Park, Haiti

# BROADCAST PIONEER LEW KLEIN, 1927–2019

Lew Klein, the television pioneer who spent more than six decades teaching at Temple University and mentored innumerable broadcast professionals throughout his career, died Wednesday, June 12. He was 91.

Klein was honored several times at Temple for his service to the university, his support of education in media and communication, and his extraordinary career, culminating with the renaming of the university's School of Media and Communication to the Lew Klein College of Media and Communication in March 2017.

"Lew Klein has left an indelible imprint on the lives of countless Temple students who have gone on to build successful careers in media, communication and related fields," said Temple President Richard M. Englert. "Those graduates are Lew's true gift to journalism. His influence will be felt for generations to come."

Klein began teaching TV courses at Temple University in 1952, while he also worked as an executive at WFIL-TV (now WPVI) in Philadelphia. In the ensuing 65 years, he helped launch the careers of hundreds of professionals, including CBS Evening News Executive Producer Steve Capus, *KLN* '86; comedian Bob Saget, *KLN* '78; and the late host and producer Dick Clark.

In addition to serving as executive producer of *American Bandstand* and producing legendary Philadelphia-area programs including *Captain Noah and His Magical Ark*, Klein played an instrumental role in launching Channel 6's Action News format as program director of the station in 1970. He spent 15 years producing Philadelphia Phillies telecasts and lured former players Richie Ashburn, Bill White and Tim McCarver into sportscasting careers.

In the 1970s, Klein acquired four stations on the East Coast and created Gateway Communications, where he served as president. In 2000, Gerry and Marguerite



Lew Klein forged an extraordinary career in the broadcast industry and gave back, donating generously and teaching several decades of students at Temple University.

Lenfest, Klein's longtime friends and colleagues, established the Lew Klein Alumni in the Media Awards Ceremony fund. The proceeds both from that fund and the event itself support scholarships for students in Klein College while honoring alumni who have made distinguished contributions in their fields. For many Temple alumni, receiving a "Lewie" at the annual fall ceremony is a career highlight.

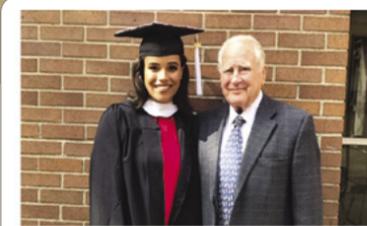
The school's 2017 naming honored Klein's dedication to education, his remarkable career and a multimillion-dollar gift made to the college by Klein and his wife, Janet.

At the college's naming, Klein said he was "so proud and thankful" to be honored in such a profound way by Temple, which previously named the Lew Klein Hall in the Temple Performing Arts Center for him, prompted by a gift from Gerry and Marguerite Lenfest.

"I could not be more proud to have our college graced with the name of this creative, generous and honorable man. We will miss him deeply," said David Boardman, dean of the Klein College of Media and Communication.

MORGAN ZALOT, *KLN* '11

## TWITTER TRIBUTES TO LEW KLEIN



**Kayla Solomon** @KSolomonReports  
Lew Klein was a generous soul who loved Temple so deeply. Your legacy lives on through all of us, the @TUKleincollege grads. So proud that I had the opportunity to get to know you, learn from you, and earn a degree from the college named after you.

**Kevin Negandhi** @KNegandhiESPN  
What a loss for all of us @TempleUniv. Lew Klein was a great role model for Owls everywhere. My mom and I spent time w him and his wife Janet in December @TUKleincollege graduation. He was sharp. He was kind. He was Lew. His impact will be felt for generations. RIP Lew.



**Solomon Jones** @solomonjones1  
Sorry to hear of #LewKlein's passing. He was an icon at my alma mater, @TempleUniv. I'm honored to have received the Lew Klein award before he passed. Rest in Peace Lew. Your legacy pushes us toward excellence.

**PAL** @PhillyPAL  
The Police Athletic League, and indeed Philadelphia, lost a legend.  
Longtime PAL Board member Lew Klein has passed away.



Textbooks will be written, and likely taught at Temple University's Klein College on the impact Lew made in the worlds of television and media.

**Cassie Semyon** @casssemyon  
I am heartbroken to hear of the passing of Lew Klein. He and his wife Janet gave me so much during my time at @TUKleincollege. This industry has lost a giant, and I have lost a friend. #ThankYouLew for everything. Thinking of Janet and the Klein family during this difficult time.



**"I could not be more proud to have our college graced with the name of this creative, generous and honorable man."**

David Boardman, Dean, Klein College of Media and Communication

**bob saget** @bobsaget  
I am so deeply saddened by the loss of my brilliant and kind friend and mentor, #LewKlein - He literally helped me get my career started. An inspiring visionary @TempleUniv - My heart goes out to Janet and his family. A great loss.



**Tamron Hall** @tamronhall  
.@TempleUniv family lost a legend and I lost someone who I admired dearly. Thank you #LewKlein, rest in peace. Thank you @dlboardman for snapping this picture, a memory I will cherish.



**Kristen Graham** @knews9ag  
Philly - and @TempleUniv - have lost an icon. Lew Klein, broadcasting pioneer, is dead at 91. I was honored to be inducted into the @TUKleincollege alumni hall of fame in 2015 with an award named for Mr. Klein, and was struck by his wisdom and kindness.



**Jeff Skversky 6abc** @JeffSkversky  
Wanted to Share some thoughts and send my condolences to Lew Klein's Family & Temple @6abc @TempleUniv #Temple



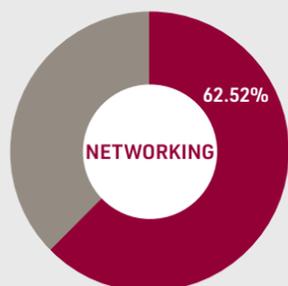
# ALUMNI NEWS

## ASKED AND ANSWERED

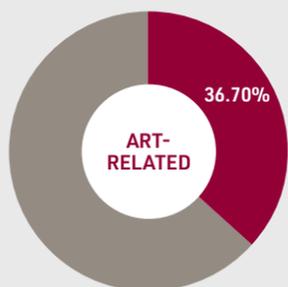
More than 500 young alumni shared their voices and opinions through the recent Young Alumni Engagement Survey. The respondents shared their feedback about what events would appeal to them, how well they were informed about the Temple

University Alumni Association prior to graduation, and ways in which they'd like to receive Temple news and updates.

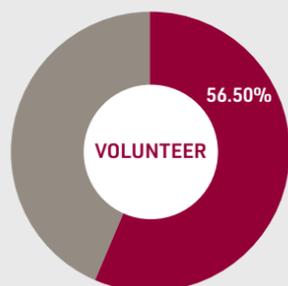
One question we asked was, "What types of events would appeal to you?" Here's what you told us and how we're responding.



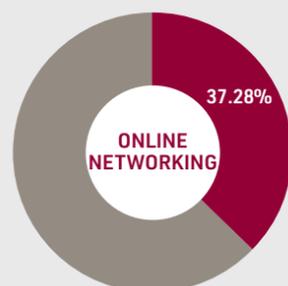
We'll partner with Temple Professional Network to create more opportunities related to career growth, and add more and varied opportunities for you to interact with other alumni and students. We'll also help you start conversations at networking events by using identifiers to show those in specific industries, for example, or place conversation topics on a table tent.



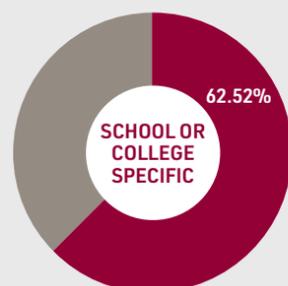
There are so many amazing opportunities to see Temple students perform. Filter for arts and culture events at [events.temple.edu](https://events.temple.edu).



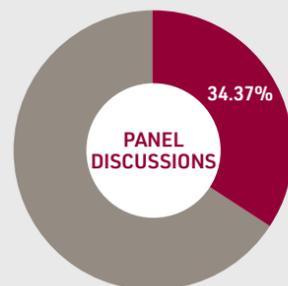
We'd like to identify volunteer opportunities for alumni to impact not only Temple but the local community. Let us know if you work with or at a nonprofit that might be a good partner for volunteer opportunities.



This spring, the TUAA launched Owl Network, a new online networking/mentorship platform for students and alumni to connect.



Great things are happening at all the schools and colleges. We'd like to help them get the message out more so that you know what's up.



We hope to create opportunities for Temple alumni to share their experiences and expertise on relevant topics, including financial literacy. Stay tuned!

See more of the thoughts shared through the Young Alumni Engagement Survey and how we are responding at [alumni.temple.edu/tuyasurvey](https://alumni.temple.edu/tuyasurvey).

## SEE YOU THERE!

JOIN US FOR HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND 2019: OCT. 7–13



From Tailgate Village and the packed stands at the Linc to Art Market and the annual Mosaic music concert, Homecoming and Family Weekend offer events to match our diverse community.



## HOMECOMING & FAMILY WEEKEND | OCT 7 – 13

Learn more at [alumni.temple.edu/homecoming](https://alumni.temple.edu/homecoming)

## MAKE PLANS

For a complete listing of events for Temple alumni, visit [alumni.temple.edu/events](https://alumni.temple.edu/events).

OCT 7–13 HOMECOMING AND FAMILY WEEKEND

- OCT. 10 30 UNDER 30 AWARDS BREAKFAST
- OCT. 11 ART MARKET AND CRAFTS & DRAFTS HAPPY HOUR
- OCT. 12 ALUMNI TAILGATE VILLAGE
- OCT. 12 TEMPLE VS. MEMPHIS FOOTBALL GAME

DEC. 3 GIVING TUESDAY

## SAVE THE DATE!

Mark your calendars for Nov. 1–Dec. 15, 2019.

That's when a new round of OwlCrowd projects go live.

Modeled after crowdfunding platforms like GoFundMe and Kickstarter, OwlCrowd launched in 2013 to provide fundraising services for innovative Owls. The platform matches generous donors with those who want to make a difference. To date, OwlCrowd has helped raise more than \$385,000 in support of 109 projects benefiting the Temple community.

[giving.temple.edu/owlcrowd](https://giving.temple.edu/owlcrowd)

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# RING TRUE

## NEW PERSPECTIVES ON AN OLD FAVORITE

The Bell Tower has been a constant on our ever-changing campus for more than 50 years. As much as it's a rite of passage to spend hours lounging around the tower's base, snapping a photo of it is up there on the "you have to do it" list, if you're an Owl, that is.

And who doesn't love to see the historic landmark while scrolling through their social media feeds? The Bell Tower is more

than a quick reminder of Temple: It's a source of inspiration.

To celebrate the de facto campus meeting place and the people to whom it means the most, we asked our community to share their photos of the Bell Tower. Through sunbeams and snowflakes, and even from standing on one hand, students and alumni showed us that there's no shortage of unique views of our campus icon.

SAMANTHA KROTZER, KLN '11



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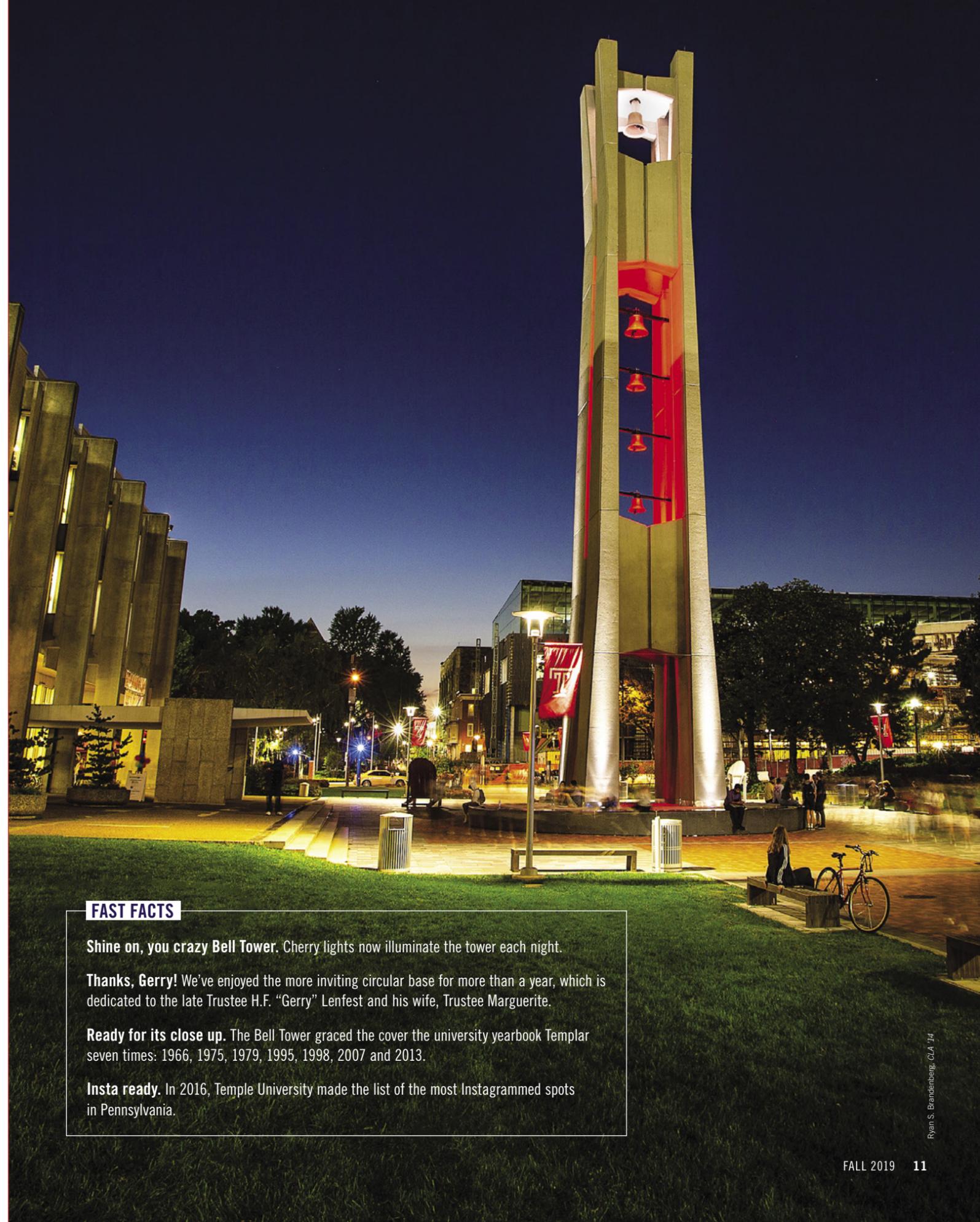
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### FAST FACTS

**Shine on, you crazy Bell Tower.** Cherry lights now illuminate the tower each night.

**Thanks, Gerry!** We've enjoyed the more inviting circular base for more than a year, which is dedicated to the late Trustee H.F. "Gerry" Lenfest and his wife, Trustee Marguerite.

**Ready for its close up.** The Bell Tower graced the cover the university yearbook *Templar* seven times: 1966, 1975, 1979, 1995, 1998, 2007 and 2013.

**Insta ready.** In 2016, Temple University made the list of the most Instagrammed spots in Pennsylvania.

Meet our **entrepreneurial disruptors**, international and environmental influencers, artistic changemakers, **media and entertainment visionaries**, community advocates, **science and technology innovators**, and sports industry standouts.

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Kyle Bagenstose, *KLN '11*,  
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Emily Kovach and  
Elisa Ludwig

Ofo Ezeugwu, FOX '13  
Positive impact

The same year he graduated from Temple, Ofo Ezeugwu co-founded WhoseYourLandlord, a web platform that's empowering and informing the rental community through landlord reviews and housing literacy content. His goal: increasing transparency in the residential market and bridging the communication gap between renters and home providers. The site currently has reviews in over 270 cities, nationwide.

**How did you get the idea for your business?** While I was serving as vice president of external affairs for Temple Student Government, I was discussing student housing options with other TSG reps late one night. So I started to think about putting the power in students' hands. I thought, "What if students could rate their landlords so that the students who follow them know what they're getting into before they even sign the lease?"

**Where did you get the money to get started?** In the beginning, I used the income I earned as a fashion model to invest in the development of the site. I managed to keep the business afloat until our first big break came in April 2014 when we won \$20,500 in Temple's Be Your Own Boss Bowl.

**Did you always see yourself as an entrepreneur?** Growing up, I never pictured myself working for anyone. I held many coveted internships and jobs throughout high school and college, but for some reason, when I pictured myself in the future or even while dreaming at night, I was never wearing anyone else's logo on my shirt. I was always a lone rider, I enjoyed seeing things differently, and I always loved leading amongst other great leaders.

**How do you describe your leadership style?** I believe in letting people flow. The more you let people do what they love to do, the more passionate they are when doing the work.



Joseph V. Labolito



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

Megan Rubino, PHR '17  
Daring to care

For Megan Rubino, who flourished as a student at Temple's School of Pharmacy, starting a business had to be learned on the job. Luckily, she has great mentors: her parents Paula, PHR '86, and Louis, PHR '86, Rubino. They've owned Hometown Village Pharmacy in Tamaqua, Pennsylvania, for eight years, and were instrumental in advising Rubino as she launched her own independent drug store in nearby Nesquehoning.

In an industry dominated by chain stores, Rubino encourages her staff at Panther Creek Pharmacy to get to know their customers on a personal level.

*"It's an incredible feeling knowing we can help people and take the time to answer questions about their healthcare."*

Richard Henne, FOX '15  
John Allen, KLN '15  
Serial entrepreneurs

As undergraduates at Temple, John Allen and Richard Henne started a housecleaning service, created a social app to track parties on campus, and in 2012, founded a clothing company called Boho Outfitters. While running this startup out of Allen's basement with the help of their friend and former Temple student Jacob Castaldi, a pattern emerged that they couldn't ignore: anything with an elephant on it sold quickly.

"That's how we came up with the idea for Ivory Ella, a clothing company featuring elephant designs that would donate 10 percent of its profits to charity," says Henne.

The company launched in April of 2015, and sold out of their first run of 500 t-shirts in minutes. In the years since, Ivory Ella has grown exponentially. So far, it's raised \$1.6 million for Save the Elephants.

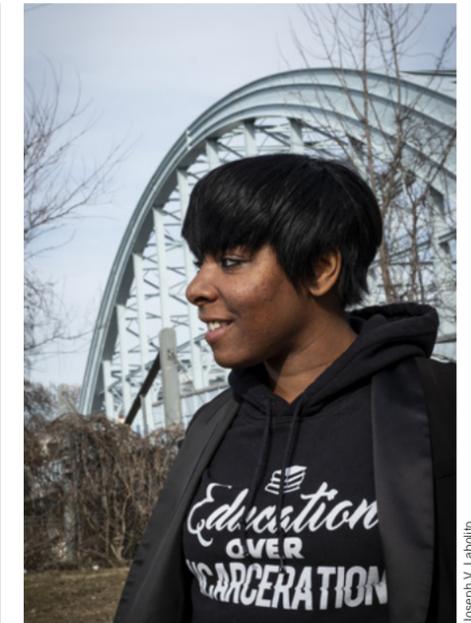
As with many startups, the original founding group of Owls has dispersed, but Henne remains full time at Ivory Ella, serving as the company's chief of staff.



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14



Joseph V. Labolito

Kristal Bush, CLA '12  
Reuniting families

Since her senior year at Temple, Kristal Bush has been running her own business. Bridging the Gap, LLC—a transportation service that drives family members in Philadelphia to see their incarcerated loved ones—began as a no-brainer. The criminal justice major was already making regular trips to prisons to visit both her father and brother, and she thought it made sense to bring others along who needed a ride. Soon enough she realized her "carpooling" had massive potential.

While balancing a full-time job following graduation, Bush managed to grow her business. In 2018, she and her two other drivers reunited more than 600 families.

"The more you visit your loved one, the healthier the relationship is," says Bush.

Today, the 29-year-old has fleshed out her mission into a full-fledged nonprofit. She hopes one day to provide service at no cost to her customers, build a group home for children with incarcerated parents, and eventually open a store that hires returning citizens.

"Yes, all the men in my family were incarcerated," says Bush. "But I lived through it, and I feel like it's something I can help others with."



**Maggie Andresen, KLN '17**  
**Amplifying the marginalized**

At age 24, photojournalist Maggie Andresen already commands impressive credentials, published by both CNN and ABC World News, while also serving as a Princeton in Africa Fellow and winning an international award from the Thomson Reuters Foundation.

But the common thread in Andresen's work is documenting the lives and realities of those who have been marginalized, whether that be individuals born with albinism in Rwanda, child refugees in Palestine, or transgender people working to beat drug addiction in West Philadelphia.

*"I'm lucky that I get to step out of my circumstances and enter, if only briefly, the lives of other people."*

**Sandra Adele, CST '15**  
**Path paver**

Doctor or lawyer. While growing up in Nigeria, Sandra Adele was taught that she could become one or the other. "A career in science was not presented to me as an option," she says.

Fast forward, and Adele is now using her undergraduate degree in neuroscience and master's in pharmacology from the University of Oxford to explore healthcare solutions in developing countries.

She credits Temple and the female mentors she met there for her ability to excel in a science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) discipline. In an effort to give back, Adele started a nonprofit—The STEMGirl at thestemgirl.com.

*"If I can encourage other young women to enter a science field, I feel I have contributed in some way."*

Through the website, girls in Africa are paired with STEM researchers from all over the world, learning firsthand from them and their experiences.



Juliet Lemon



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

**Brett Riley, ENG '18**  
**Green engineer**

**My biggest accomplishment at Temple was ...** my senior project: helping design a sustainable high tunnel (essentially an unheated greenhouse) for a local urban farm. Going into the project, my team wanted to actually build something as opposed to just creating a design—that's why we got into engineering. We installed a rainwater catchment system to decrease the dependency on municipal water, and added a solar powered system to provide a source of power to the farm.

**My job now is ...** working with a startup, Airgreen, Inc., in New Castle, Delaware. We design and build commercial-sized liquid desiccant air conditioners that use about half the energy of conventional systems. I can give and do more working from the ground up with a startup versus joining an established company.

**My strongest suit so far is ...** with energy, whether that's with efficiency or power generation or even solar power. As the Earth's population keeps growing and technology keeps advancing, our energy consumption will keep increasing, and we must keep up with that.

**Sierra Gladfelter, CLA '12**  
**Solution seeker**

**In the Himalayas I saw ...** how climate change is affecting daily life in rural villages—in terms of both flooding and water scarcity, due to erratic precipitation and decreasing snowpack. And how the region's poor economy limits its ability to adapt.

**It's inspiring to see ...** in all the work I've done in Nepal and in India how some small-scale interventions to help people cope with climate change are really having tangible impacts on people's lives.

**Growing up in Pennsylvania's coal country ...** I observed water sources severely impacted by industry, particularly in economically disadvantaged regions. My experiences have grounded me in the realities that a lot of people live with. Whether they are a coal miner in Pennsylvania, or a farmer in Nepal, those who are 3rd or 4th generation in these roles often don't have a lot of options.

**Right now ...** Right now, I am working for the University of Virginia's Institute for Engagement and Negotiation, supporting Virginia's coastal communities in adapting to sea level rise and other storm hazards. Many of the challenges I've witnessed around the world play out in neighborhoods and towns facing climate change here in the U.S.

**Thanks to Temple ...** I was fundamentally moved by what I saw during my travels. I owe a lot to Temple and my faculty mentors for helping me secure the fellowships that gave me that global perspective.



Vishva Hunt



**Eli LaBan, KLN '17**  
**Raising the volume**

Whether in Nicaragua, Philadelphia or South Africa, award-winning videographer Eli LaBan thrives on finding the commonalities between people.

Currently a Princeton in Africa Fellow, LaBan is working for Gardens for Health International outside of Kigali, Rwanda. He creates multimedia content to support the nonprofit organization's mission of training rural farming families to grow and eat their own nutritious foods.

"About 85 percent of the population are subsistence farmers but many children are malnourished due to a lack of education on nutrition and a lack of access to a variety of nutritious foods," he says. "My role is to spread the word about the organization and the families it serves."

LaBan discovered his love of on-the-ground reporting as a student in Temple's Study Away in South Africa program, where he made a documentary about young musicians. He later won an Emmy for his work on NBC10's Generation Addicted web series that investigated Philadelphia's heroin epidemic. And he went on to win a National College Emmy for a project that recorded the cultural artifacts of an endangered indigenous community in Nicaragua.

*"I'm really trying to find a way to collaborate and give people a platform to tell their own stories."*

Samuel Nebyu, *BYR '17*  
**Strings attached**

Samuel Nebyu has been playing violin for nearly two decades—since he was 6 years old—but he still insists there’s always more to be learned.

“You learn everything pretty meticulously,” he says, “piece by piece.”

That’s why, after he finished his undergraduate degree in violin performance from Boyer College of Music and Dance in 2017, he knew he wanted to go straight into the school’s master’s program.

Reflecting on his time at Temple, Nebyu is able to name numerous “dream come true” opportunities—from global performances, to awards, to a full CD.

He humbly credits his success to the guidance of Eduard Schmieder, Boyer’s Laura H. Carnell Professor and violin artistic director of strings.

Schmieder encouraged Nebyu to use his Hungarian and Ethiopian background to his artistic advantage. Today, Nebyu often plays the work of composers of African descent—who have historically been underrepresented in the field—at his performances, and made them the entire focus of his debut album.

*“Every time I play music, I need to know that what I am doing is something that has a real impact and goes beyond just playing notes.”*



Shaoyi Zhang

Qiaoyi Shi, *TYL '17*  
**Off to a fine art**

Her bright and whimsical pieces catch the eye and just might make you hungry. Qiaoyi Shi is a New York-based printmaker and illustrator whose work often involves food.

“I find mundane events inspiring,” she says. “A trip to the grocery store or even preparing dinner one night can give me an idea for my next piece.”

In addition to producing prints, which she sells at The Print Center in Philadelphia, Shi also runs a jewelry brand, YingOne Jewelry, with former Temple classmate Yingwan Sun, *TYL '17*, and operates YUI Gallery, a risograph printing press and gallery hybrid in New York’s Chinatown.

*“Having more than one platform allows me to reach more people.”*

YUI has evolved into a “safe space” for the creative expression of its members, many of whom have Chinese heritage. The gallery is a home for not only creating, displaying and viewing work, but also hosting events such as artist talks and critiques.

“I feel the need to share my work, and having more than one platform allows me reach more people.”

Erin Busch, *BYR '13, '15*  
**Composing against the grain**

**I started writing music ...** when I was eight years old. As I grew up, I began to notice that the only other people writing music were boys. I started to feel really isolated and I almost applied to Temple for music education instead of composing, but my parents pushed me to apply for what I really loved.

**I was nervous at ...** my Temple audition. You have to sight sing and do a keyboard test that you can’t really prepare for.

**A gender disparity? ...** Uh, yes. There were only about 12 people in the undergraduate program when I was there, but I was the only girl. I talked to one of my professors about it—he told me that they just didn’t get enough applications from women.

**I decided to start ...** the Young Women Composers Camp at Temple to help young women feel empowered to write music and consider applying to music composition programs at the college level. Our first year, in 2018, was really incredible. We had 18 girls come from all over the country to Main Campus for a two-week program.

**Right now ...** I’m pursuing my PhD at UPenn in music composition. A lot of people ask if I am going to move the camp to Penn, but I don’t think so. Temple is the perfect place for it.



Lonnie Timmons



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14

Rachel Ignatofsky, *TYL '11*  
**Illustrating her point**

Rachel Ignatofsky fell in love with drawing as a child. So, when she landed a job as a greeting card designer with Hallmark during her final year at Temple, it constituted what many would see as the realization of her career hopes. And during the next four years, Ignatofsky found the job was indeed a dream—just not hers.

“It was someone else’s dream job,” she said. “I really wanted to create things with my artwork that talked about subjects that I thought were really important.”

In 2015, Ignatofsky quit, taking the leap to work for herself full-time. On the heels of a U.S. Census report showing a gender gap in STEM fields, she illustrated and wrote *Women in Science: 50 Fearless Pioneers Who Changed the World*, an art-powered celebration of the accomplishments of oft-overlooked female scientists.

“As I wrote this book, I realized there was a tremendous amount of women who have contributed to science just as much as Einstein and Tesla, but their names aren’t well-known,” she says. “They became invisible.”

By contrast, Ignatofsky wanted to show young girls: “If you can see it, you can be it.”

The book has become a New York Times Best Seller, and Ignatofsky went on to publish *Women in Sports* and *The Wondrous Workings of Planet Earth*. Her next book, *Women in Art*, is due out this fall.

“There’s a great thing that happens when you get kids excited about history and science: They kind of feel like they can teach the teacher,” she says. “It’s that self-esteem you can give a kid that I think really helps them make it in this world.”

**Bri Steves, KLN '16**  
**Dream chaser**

For hip-hop and R&B recording artist Bri Steves, an invite to a professional recording studio in South Philadelphia one night during her junior year was all it took to find purpose.

Pawning the beloved viola she'd had since grade school to purchase recording equipment, Steves, whose real name is Brianna Stevenson, made the decision to pursue a career in rap.

Just two years after earning her degree in public relations, she landed a multi-year deal with Atlantic Records. Steves' debut single *Jealousy* peaked at No. 15 on the Urban Mainstream Charts.

*"Temple is where I discovered how I wanted to sound."*



Courtesy of Atlantic Records



Joseph V. Labolito

**Rafael Logroño,**  
**KLN '17, '19**  
**Media leader**

Rafael Logroño has always felt driven to push powerful institutions to be more inclusive and representative of underserved communities. It's what has inspired him to take action, like starting the first Spanish-language talk show on Temple University Television and helping to organize NYC Pride in 2017.

Logroño recently completed a master's degree at Klein College of Media and Communication, where he teaches Latinx media courses.

*"My goal as a journalist is to find great stories, have meaningful conversations and give voice to communities that are underrepresented."*

**Kalen Allen, TFM '18**  
**Critic's choice**

When Kalen Allen decided to flip a camera on himself in late 2017 and document his reaction to (read: scathing critique of) a cornbread-focused cooking video, comedian Seth Rogen helped cast the then-Temple senior's video into virality.

"Thank you for this," Rogen's tweet response read.

A year later, Allen had secured a role in a movie with Rogen, one about a man who is accidentally brined in a pickle factory.

Expect to see more from Allen.

Following Rogen's tweet, and even before graduating, Allen became an online sensation, moved to Los Angeles and landed a job with Ellen Degeneres' EllenTube, where his "OMKalen" video series expands upon his success speaking truth to cooking-video power.

Allen, who trained in stage acting, envisions himself returning to those roots at some point. Perhaps on Broadway, or maybe he'll host his own show.

His advice to others looking to enter the industry: "It's all about visibility; it's all about marketing," he says. "If you don't have that, then you have nothing."



Ambie J. Photography

**Sofiya Ballin, KLN '14**  
**Storyteller**

Writer. Activist. Educator.

All of these words accurately describe Sofiya Ballin, but her passion for storytelling has been the defining force in her life.

This former reporter's work has appeared widely, including in Huffington Post and Essence Magazine. In 2016, she created *Black History Untold* while at the Philadelphia Inquirer and left in 2018 to produce it independently. From the beginning, the annual project has featured legendary community leaders, including MC Black Thought, Philadelphia Eagle Malcolm Jenkins, actor/activist Jesse Williams, TFM '03, poet and professor emerita Sonia Sanchez, Grammy-nominated singer Jasmine Sullivan, iconic dancer Judith Jamison, and everyday people sharing Black history knowledge that has changed their lives. For the project, Ballin has won a host of accolades, most notably Digital Journalist of the Year in 2017 by the Philadelphia Association of Black Journalists.

"I love Black people and I love telling our stories," says Ballin. "I have always loved exploring our culture(s) and who we are as a people."

Today, she is preparing to unveil a series entitled HERSTORY. The new project profiles the lives of close to 40 different women of color, conveying these stories across a host of multimedia platforms.

Growing up in a Jamaican family instilled in Ballin an awareness of the importance of diversity in Black culture and her desire to tell Pan-African stories. Temple provided Ballin with an environment where that understanding could flourish.

"At Temple, we interacted, we debated, we protested," says Ballin. "It definitely shaped me on this path I'm currently on."

*"I want to tell our stories in a way that people from all walks of life can understand."*



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CIA '14

David Lopez, *CLA '13*  
Policy prodigy

David Lopez was just 22 and working as a staff assistant in the Obama White House when his time came to speak. Only a few months into his job, he found himself at a conference table surrounded by military staff and longtime government personnel—many of whom were at least twice his age. Briefly intimidated by the collective years of experience in the room, Lopez considered keeping quiet. But when the time came, he did let not that stop him from voicing his concerns over a proposal which could have had profound consequences if adopted. “It was the moment I realized I would not let my age stop me from saying what needed to be said.”

Lopez spent nearly five years working in the administration. He was later promoted to policy advisor in the Office of the Chief of Staff, where he remained until President Barack Obama’s last days in office, focusing on many high-profile domestic policy issues such as immigration, healthcare and veteran affairs.

“While at the White House, our goal was to do as much good for as many people as we could, every single day,” Lopez said.

After his Washington, D.C. stint, Lopez went west to serve as advisor to the President and CEO of Kaiser Family Foundation, a San Francisco-based nonprofit. In late 2019, Lopez joined Google, where he works to prevent bad actors from spreading abuse on the company’s platform—with particular focus on the upcoming U.S. 2020 Elections.

*“In the White House, our goal was to do as much good for as many people as we could, every single day.”*



Eg Caldwell



Joseph V. Labolito

Andrew Wollaston, *EDU '13, LAW '16*  
Special education advocate

**I went from teacher to lawyer because ...** I wanted to work in the School District of Philadelphia, and I found there were a lot of amazing teachers and classmates who were already doing that, and I thought maybe there was another way to help folks out and represent their rights.

**My clients are ...** children with disabilities. I am primarily working to protect their rights in the classroom. I also work to protect students’ free speech rights and the rights of homeless students.

**On avoiding litigation ...** It’s expensive for everybody involved. And it’s not really the best way for the child to get what they need. A lot of the time it’s about educating folks on what their rights are, and the best way to help the school district understand what services they’re obligated to provide.

**My teaching experience helps ...** when we’re dealing with parents who have students with disabilities, who are having trouble in the classroom. We’re able to relate.

**On filling a niche from Lancaster ...** Special education attorneys focus around Philadelphia or Pittsburgh. There isn’t really anyone who represents children in the middle of the state. Parents aren’t really aware their children have these rights. I envision myself working more with those parents, working with those communities and schools that don’t have many resources.

Hazim Hardeman, *KLN '17*  
One for the Rhodes

Hazim Hardeman became a hometown inspiration when he was named a 2018 Rhodes scholar, Temple’s first ever. The North Philly native grew up blocks from Main Campus and navigated the harsh economic realities of his neighborhood and public school system to be one of just 32 Americans selected.

Now at Oxford University in England, he is working toward a master’s in history, and he revels in building relationships and hearing the global perspectives of his classmates. “The conversations that I’m able to have with my friends, some of the other scholars, are what I’ve cherished and valued most since arriving at Oxford,” says Hardeman.

Much of his time is spent researching his thesis on the intersection of race and American political ideology over the past half century. It’s an interest that was sparked during his time at Temple, as a strategic communication major with a concentration in rhetoric and public advocacy. And it’s part of his plan to fulfill a commitment to “lifting up the voices of [his] community.”



Juliet Lemon



Joseph V. Labolito

Janine Musheno Burkhardt, *DEN '15*  
Determined dentist

Within months of receiving her dentistry degree, Janine Burkhardt came face to face with some of the most challenging problems in her field.

Entrusted to fulfill nonprofit Project HOME’s mission to serve the homeless and low-income residents, Burkhardt learned to navigate issues ranging from complicated insurance and Medicaid payment systems to dentures being stolen from shelters.

*“The more I get out there, the more I see the need, and it pushes me to do more.”*

Under her leadership, the Stephen Klein Wellness Center near Temple’s Main Campus has grown from one operatory chair to eight. In 2018, Burkhardt expanded her responsibilities by opening a dental chair at the Hub of Hope under Suburban Station in Center City, providing dental services year-round for the first time to a large homeless population served by the center.

Malcolm Kenyatta, *KLN '12*  
Repping North Philly

**Being the PA House’s first openly gay person of color feels ...** great, but it’s not enough. I hope my election gets poor kids and LGBTQ kids saying, “Hey, I want to run for office. If Malcolm did it, I can, too.”

**On growing up in North Philly ...** I was lucky to grow up in the best neighborhood in the world where people work hard and care for one another. But like any community where folks are struggling economically, there were issues with trash and blight. When I was 11, I told my mom about the changes I wanted to see, and she said, “If you care so much about it, go do something.” So I ran for junior block captain.

**I benefitted from ...** a lot of the services that I’m trying to make sure exist for other families. I grew up in poverty, but my parents never let that stop us. There’s a moral case and an economic case I make in addressing poverty. Every single day people get up in the face of tough odds and work their asses off.

**On how to ease tensions between Temple and neighbors ...** The relationship has to be built on trust and mutual respect. The neighborhood’s not going anywhere, and neither is Temple. We now have to live together, where the neighborhood’s growth and Temple’s growth are not mutually exclusive, but mutually inclusive.



Ryan S. Brandenberg, *CLA '14*



Juliet Lemmon

**Moriah Baxevane-Connell, CST '13**  
**Wired to inspire**

Moriah Baxevane-Connell is a proud woman in tech. The 28-year-old recently earned a prestigious position as a cloud consultant at Google in London. It's a dream job that meshes her dual Temple degrees in information science & technology and psychology, as well as the University of Oxford MBA she completed last fall.

When Baxevane-Connell, from a small, rural town in Pennsylvania, started college, she admits she didn't even know what computer programming was. But after stumbling upon a coding course her first year, she was hooked. Thanks to her passion and drive, and three incredible Temple mentors—Claudia Pine-Simon, Rose McGinnis and Wendy Urban—Baxevane-Connell persisted in her studies and excelled in a field that many women historically haven't pursued.

Her hope, Baxevane-Connell says, is that she can give back to the next generation of women in tech: "I'll do anything I can to help any woman in the field."

While at Temple, Baxevane-Connell joined other College of Science and Technology students in attending the annual Grace Hopper Celebration—the largest gathering of women in computing in the world, named after the inspiring computer pioneer and naval officer. Following college, while working at Microsoft, she found herself so committed to the conference's mission that she began volunteering on its planning committee.

Then, in 2015, Baxevane-Connell landed an amazing opportunity, unimaginable so early in her career. She was asked to open the conference's evening celebration in front of a crowd of 5,000 at the Houston Astros' ballpark by detailing her journey into the field.

"It was one of my most favorite moments in my career," she says.

**Arooj Khan, ENG '18**  
**Driven to precision**

Arooj Khan came to Temple to pursue a lifelong dream of becoming a physician, but her bioengineering classes showed her there is more than one way to have a positive impact on patient health.

"Bioengineering opened up a world to me," says Khan. "While I was at Temple, I worked on devices that helped either detect a medical issue or diagnose a medical condition. I saw that I could also make a difference by developing tools for the clinical setting."

*"Solving problems is itself rewarding, but knowing that the precise measurements I'm making will benefit patients is the most inviting aspect of my work."*

By the time she delivered the College of Engineering's commencement address in 2018, Khan already had a job offer in hand. Today, as a quality engineer for Biogen in Boston, she is working on software for physicians treating multiple sclerosis (MS) patients. The iPad app, which features six sections for evaluating an MS patient's quality of life, neurological state, manual ability, cognitive ability, vision and gait, is used around the world, and is constantly being updated, thanks to Khan and her teammates.



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CLA '14



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**Jacqueline Mejia, CST '12**  
**Balancing act**

Environmental scientist and cofounder and COO of the biotech startup Pathogenomica, Jacqueline Mejia is bringing her academic research to the marketplace. Pathogenomica applies DNA sequencing technology to a single comprehensive test designed to prevent pathogen outbreaks and improve product quality in the food, beverage and water industries. The nascent company, established in 2016, is still finding its niche through market analysis and customer validation.

And while Mejia manages her startup, she simultaneously holds a position as a postdoctoral fellow in the Earth Sciences Department at the University of Minnesota, where she studies fungi that can remove toxic selenium and other harmful metals from contaminated sites.

It's a busy time, to be sure, but Mejia wouldn't have it any other way. "I like having this balance, with a foot in the entrepreneurial world and a foot in the academic world," she says. "In many ways, they can complement each other."

Mejia credits Temple's Maximizing Access to Research Careers program for not only preparing her for a career in academia, but also underwriting her tuition to a summer research program at University of Wisconsin. Her work in the program sparked Mejia's interest in alternative energy sources, which evolved into her current research and led to the launching of her company.

"That summer took me in a new direction," she says. "I started thinking about how we can use DNA sequencing to study microbe transformations and how that affects our soil and water."

Three years into her new role as an entrepreneur, this academic scientist is excited about what her future holds on both fronts.

**Hope Watson, CPH '17**  
**Data detective**

Hope Watson believes the answers to some of public health's biggest problems can be found in data.

During her senior year, she earned the top prize in the Temple Analytics Challenge. Two years later, after earning a master's degree at the University of Cambridge, she landed a full-time job at Alexion, one of the sponsors of the universitywide competition.

As a data scientist, she designs algorithms and uses statistics to help more patients gain access to important treatments. Her focus is on developing and delivering life-transforming therapies for patients with rare diseases.

*"A lot of times, big pharmaceutical companies haven't seen the point in developing drugs for people with rare diseases. But, 10 percent of people are affected by rare diseases. That's a lot."*



Kathy Helgeson

Erica Desrosiers, *STH '13*  
Dollars and sense

At an NBA Atlanta Hawks game, every detail—the lights, seats, sponsorships, jerseys, concession stand workers and on-court talent—holds one thread in common: It all costs money.

“All the fun stuff you see on ESPN, no one talks about the finance and accounting that’s involved,” Erica Desrosiers says.

Desrosiers does a lot of talking about it, though: She is completing her first year as a senior financial analyst with the team.

Because in addition to scores and records and salaries, the team has other important numbers to track.

*“At the end of the year, we need to see how profitable we are as an organization.”*



Dot Paul



Courtesy of Brandon McManus

Brandon McManus, *CST '13*  
Football phenom

**I always wanted ...** to be involved in sports in some way. That’s why I majored in biology—to be an orthopedic surgeon.

**Winning Super Bowl 50 was ...** surreal. To be the leading scorer and have my family, my parents and my wife there to celebrate with me was incredible. My parents did snow angels in the confetti on the field—it takes a whole family to get where I am.

**Besides football I love ...** fashion and putting different pieces together. I love to be an individual.

**It’s important for ...** young kids to know they can be themselves and they should reach out to an adult when they need help. In my speaking engagements, I try to help kids know how to cope with bullying, and I donate all proceeds from my clothing line, The Brandon McManus Collection, to fighting bullying.

Jessica Rawlings, *CPH '14, '16*  
It’s a wrap

**I spend my days ...** as an Athletic Trainer at William Penn Charter School, a Friends K-12 school in Philadelphia’s East Falls neighborhood. People ask if I see myself moving up to a college position, as if that would be a promotion. But I see the work I am doing here as more that just taping ankles and providing ice packs. I’m helping kids get to the next level in athletics and better understand their bodies.

**The trickiest part of my job is ...** working with young kids who don’t know how to verbalize what they are feeling. You’re left piecing together the clues.

**I’m glad I ended up at Temple, but ...** Originally, I thought I wanted to go to school in Ohio, right up until move-in day when I just knew it wasn’t for me. I came back and did two years at Delaware County Community College, then transferred to Temple. Temple just took over my life, for the better!

**Athletic training enables me to ...** combine my love of sports with the opportunity to help people. Watching kids get back to their sport after an injury is probably the best part of my job.



Ryan S. Brandenberg, CJA '14

Kamali Thompson, *CST '12*  
Fearless fencer

Since graduating from Temple in 2012, women’s fencing star Kamali Thompson has been training fiercely, with her sights set on the 2020 U.S. Olympic team. Amidst an intense athletic schedule, she’s also earned her MBA at Rutgers Business School and is currently in medical school (also at Rutgers) to become an orthopedic surgeon. Here’s what she has to say about her multi-pronged, exceedingly ambitious career.

**When and how did you get into fencing?** I’m from Teaneck, New Jersey, and fencing is very popular there. I started in high school, though most people start in a private club when they’re very young, so I was a little behind the curve. But I was actually pretty decent at it!

**What was a turning point in your high school fencing career?** In 2006, I started training at the Peter Westbrook Foundation located at the Fencer’s Club in New York City. It’s the the oldest fencing club in the country. Peter Westbrook was a six-time Olympian and he’s African American and Japanese, so he wanted to make a club for kids in New York City who wouldn’t otherwise be able to afford fencing. Our club is the most diverse in the country, and we have tons of Olympians. By my senior year, I was on the national circuit.

**Why was Temple a good college choice for you?** At nationals, I was introduced to Nikki Franke, *CPH '74*, [former Olympian and renowned Temple fencing coach], and all my mentors said Temple would be a great place for me. When I visited campus, I really liked the diversity. Temple’s team atmosphere was so great. The older girls really helped me out and Coach Franke was the best coach I could ever have asked for.

**Can you name the biggest influence on your ambition?** My mom. I was in 8th grade the first time we saw fencing, and she pulled me aside and said, “You’re definitely going to do this,” and she took me to the foundation. My mom pushing me to do things that made me uncomfortable is probably why I go for things the way I do now, like medical school and getting my MBA.



Joseph V. Labolito

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# CLASS NOTES



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Fall is upon us: The excitement of a new academic year, the opening of the Charles Library and Homecoming make it a great time to be Temple students and Temple alumni!

In this issue we demonstrate **Temple-mentum** in action.

Temple's *30 under 30* shows what Temple alumni can do. Young, driven, forward-thinking alumni representing what a Temple degree has helped them to achieve in their careers and communities. This new generation of Temple Made alumni is an inspiration to both our students and our alumni.

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I look forward to seeing many of you during Homecoming and Family Weekend, October 7–13!

Continue the Temple-mentum!

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### KEY TO SCHOOL AND COLLEGE CODES

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

## 1950s

**BART BANKS, FOX '52, LAW '55** has recently published his fourth book, *God Makes Neat Stuff! A Semi-Spiritual Primer*. He has also completed his 64th year in the practice of law. His senior partner is David Banks, LAW '89.

**HARVEY B. RUBENSTEIN, CLA '52, LAW '55** recently received the Governor's Heritage Award. Following Rubenstein's service on the Delaware American Revolution Bicentennial Commission, he drafted legislation creating the Delaware Heritage Commission, on which he subsequently served for 44 years. Rubenstein is a past president of the Delaware State Bar Association, the Delaware Bar Foundation and the St. Thomas More Society.

## LEN OLIVER, FOX '55

was a three-time all-American soccer player, who captained Temple's 1951 national championship team, and went on to play while in the U.S. Army in Ludlow, Massachusetts, San Francisco and Germany. Oliver continued his pro career while in the CIA in Baltimore and Washington, D.C., subsequently playing in Brazil and Mexico with the U.S. national team. He earned a PhD in 1970 from the University of Chicago and was inducted into the Temple University individual Hall of Fame and team Hall of Fame, and five other halls of fame, including the National Soccer Hall of Fame. Oliver founded Oliver Associates in 1983, an independent consultancy and has trained more than 5,000 coaches from 91 countries in USSF-licensed courses over 25 years.

**DOV PERETZ ELKINS, CLA '59** was the translator of the recently published book by Simcha Raz, *The Holy Brothers: Tales of Reb Elimelekh of Lizhensk and Reb Zusha of Anipoli*, with Koren Publishers.

## 1960s

**DAVID WOLF, FOX '61** has been on an almost 30-year crusade in greyhound dog rescue, adoption, advocacy and medical treatment through his nonprofit organization, National Greyhound Adoption Program. The organization's on-site, state-of-the-art veterinary clinic, which was originally started to treat only greyhounds, now employs five full-time veterinarians and serves the surrounding community. Over the years, Wolf has been involved in national media pieces for National Geographic, Inside Edition, HBO RealSports and others.

**GEORGE INGRAM, FOX '62** co-authored *Jersey Lawman: A Life on the Right Side of Crime* with former U.S. Marshal James Plousis. Proceeds from the book are going to the U.S. Marshals Survivors Benefit Fund. Ingram is an award-winning freelance writer, former newspaper reporter and retired associate vice president for university relations at Temple.

**ALAN M. RUBENSTEIN, CLA '67** was recently inducted into the New Jersey Boxing Hall of Fame, in Garfield, New Jersey. He has been a professional boxing judge for 24 years and has officiated more than 600 matches. He has also been awarded Boxing Judge of the Year by Salute to Philly Boxers eight

times. Rubenstein is serving his second 10-year term as a judge of the Court of Common Pleas of Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Prior to this, he was elected to four terms as district attorney of Bucks County.

**JEFFREY WASSERMAN, TYL '68** had a solo show of his abstract paintings in New York, 12 years after his death in 2006. "Jeffrey Wasserman: Selected Works from the Eighties and Nineties" was held at the Rosenberg & Co. gallery. It traced the evolution of the Wasserman's distinctive form of abstraction through two critical decades in his career. More than 30 paintings and works on paper were on display.

## 1970s

**STEVEN KAPUSTIN, LAW '72** was recently named a top attorney in Pennsylvania by Super Lawyers in the area of franchise/dealership law. The Super Lawyers honor goes to attorneys who exhibit excellence in their legal practice, with only 5% achieving this recognition in the state. Kapustin is a partner in Reger Rizzo & Darnall's Philadelphia office.

**ROBERT M. FLEISHER, CLA '70, DEN '74** published his debut thriller novel, *The Divine Affliction*, with Black Rose Writing. In it he employs medical and biblical elements to weave a tale of terror attacks on America. Fleisher is an active lifetime member of International Thriller Writers and is currently working on his next novel.

**PHILIP LUTZ, CLA '77** was selected as the deputy regional director for the

Philadelphia region of the U.S. Census Bureau. In this role, Lutz will oversee field operations and data collection in eight states and Washington, D.C. The decennial census is the largest peacetime undertaking of the federal government. Lutz served as the assistant regional census manager in the 2000 and 2010 censuses.

**RICK BRIGGS, TYL '78** was part of the 2019 Invitational Exhibition of Visual Arts at the American Academy of Arts and Letters in New York City. Exhibiting artists were chosen from over 130 nominees submitted by the members of the Academy.

**J. PHILIP FRETZ, FOX '79** recently published *RPCVs of Sussex County, Delaware*, a book of short biographical sketches of returned Peace Corps volunteers living in Delaware. Prior to studying at Temple, Fretz was a Peace Corps volunteer himself. He then worked in the field of hospital information systems until retiring and moved to southern Delaware. Fretz is a member of the Rehoboth Beach Writers Guild and actively participates in the University of Delaware's Osher Lifelong Learning Institute, as both an instructor and student.

## 1980s

**LEE B. ZEPLOWITZ, FOX '82** has obtained the third degree of the Blue Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons and is now proudly a master Mason. Zeplowitz is a member of Saint Alban's Lodge #529, which meets in the historic Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania Masonic Temple located in Center City Philadelphia.

**HARRIS J. CHERNOW, FOX '85, LAW '92** was recently named a top attorney in Pennsylvania by Super Lawyers in the area of franchise/dealership law. The Super Lawyers honor goes to attorneys who exhibit excellence in their legal practice, with only 5% achieving this recognition in the state. Chernow is chair of Reger Rizzo & Darnall's Franchise & Distribution Practice Group. He has developed a national franchise practice representing franchisors, franchisees and distributors of all industries.

**RACHEL EZEKIEL-FISHBEIN, KLN '87** has been hired by CIC Philadelphia to help raise awareness of its entrance into the market with the opening of one of the city's largest co-working spaces. Ezekiel-Fishbein is owner of Making Headlines PR and an adjunct instructor in Temple's Klein College of Media and Communication.

**LYNELLE A. GLEASON, CLA '89** is leading mediation services in divorce and custody cases at Williams Family Law PC, in Bucks County, Pennsylvania. Gleason received accreditation through the Good Shepherd Mediation Program in Philadelphia. She was recognized for her work in Family Law in the 2019 edition of Best Lawyers and handles a variety of family law matters, including divorce, child support, alimony, spousal support, equitable distribution and child custody. Gleason is also experienced in estate law and the administration of estates. She is a member of the Attorney Psychologist Group.

**FRANK MURPHY, ENG '85, LAW '92** has been re-elected as chairman of the board of supervisors in Chadds Ford, Pennsylvania. Murphy was appointed to the board of directors of the Brandywine Battlefield Park Associates, a 501(c)(3) organization dedicated to preserving the history of the Battle of the Brandywine, the largest single day land battle of the American Revolution.

**BRYAN K. TATE, KLN '89** was sworn in as president of Rotary Club of York, in York, Pennsylvania. Tate is the president of Building Unrestricted LLC, a consulting firm focused on leading community foundations across the country in growing their discretionary assets and building a permanent civic endowment for their community. He previously served as vice president and chief development officer of community investment at York County Community Foundation. Tate was also chief of staff to former U.S. Representative Todd Platts, who served Pennsylvania's 19th congressional district.

## 1990s

**JOHN ACELLO, KLN '90** is currently the running sales and customer experience at ETC Simplify, in West Palm Beach, Florida, owned by his friend and company president Paul Biava, *KLN '90*. The company works with clients to design, implement, monitor and service all types of technology.

**KEVIN BLAKE, LAW '96** started a new law firm, Smith Mirabella Blake, in January.

**KATHRYN RAMEY, TFM '99, CLA '06** received a Creative Capital grant for her film in progress, *El Signo Vacio*, about the U.S. occupation of Puerto Rico. The award includes up to \$50,000 in direct funding, plus advisory and career advancement resources and networking opportunities up to another \$50,000. She is an assistant professor at Emerson College.

## 2000s

**AMY T. BROOKS, EDU '01, LAW '05** recently presented on the topic of ethical considerations at the Pennsylvania Bar Institute's 2018 Exceptional Children Conference. She also presented Now You See Them. Now You Still See Them: Student Residency Issues at the Pennsylvania School Board Association's 2018 School Leadership Conference. Her presentation focused on options available to address student residency concerns. Brooks works with school clients helping them to understand and navigate the existing legal framework in order to proactively achieve their goals. She routinely litigates for school clients in administrative and local agency proceedings up through the appeals process. Brooks is a partner at the firm Wisler Pearlstine LLP in Blue Bell, Pennsylvania.

**KWAME SARFO-MENSAH, CST '06, EDU '10** recently published the book *Shaping the Teacher Identity*, to help aspiring and current educators see how their unique life experiences can guide them in shaping their identities as teachers. Sarfo-Mensah lives in Boston with his wife and son.

**HYUNG "HARRY" CHO, MED '08** is the inaugural chief value officer for NYC Health + Hospitals, the largest public health system in the United States, spanning 11 hospitals in New York. He is also senior fellow for Lown Institute and director of Quality Improvement Implementation for High Value Practice Academic Alliance.

## 2010s

**BILAL BADRUDDIN, KLN '11** is a part of the inaugural cohort of the Higher Education Leadership and Policy Studies PhD program at Howard University, which will prepare the next leaders of colleges and universities, with a special focus on minority-serving institutions. He also works as the senior special assistant to the vice president of development and alumni relations at the university.

**PETER BERNA, KLN '13** is co-founder, along with Brian Bissell, *FOX '11*, of PhillyStreetSigns.com, a company that hand-creates street signs to match the street name, block numbers and design of the actual block's sign. The company also prints full-size replicas of the late Edie Windsor's honorary street sign. Philadelphia native Windsor was a long-time prominent LGBT activist. One of the signs was placed in the official Edie Windsor time capsule, which is touring the country, stopping at various colleges to honor her memory and work. The time capsule will rest in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

**BRIAN BISSELL, FOX '11** is co-founder, along with Peter Berna, *KLN '13*, of PhillyStreetSigns.com, a company that hand-creates street signs to match the street name, block numbers and design of the actual block's sign. The company also prints full-size replicas of the late Edie Windsor's honorary street sign. Philadelphia native Windsor was a long-time prominent LGBT activist. One of the signs was placed in the official Edie Windsor time capsule, which is touring the country, stopping at various colleges to honor her memory and work. The time capsule will rest in the Smithsonian Institution in Washington, D.C.

**TIM HARRIS, KLN '13** premiered a short documentary, *Going Forward*, on The Atlantic as a part of The Atlantic Selects series. The film follows Malcolm Kenyatta, *KLN '12*, as he campaigned to become a Pennsylvania State Representative in the 181st District and made history by becoming the first openly LGBT candidate of color elected to state office in his state. Harris is the director, producer and owner of Seven Knots Productions, a Philadelphia film and video production company.

**DAVID JACKSON AMBROSE, CLA '17** had his debut novel, *State of the Nation*, selected as a finalist for the Lambda Literary Award. The book is an African American work of fiction, focusing on topics pertaining to people of color.

# IN MEMORIAM

## 1930s

Alvin H. Greenberg, *CST* '39

## 1940s

Sidney W. Paul, *EDU* '40, '47

Gertrude Finan McCormick, *CPH* '43

Charles S. Kumkumian, *PHR* '44, '51

Hilda P. Jones, *TYL* '45

Gertrude A. Sokolnicki, *CPH* '45

Paul K. Odland, *MED* '46

Peter H. Chwastiak, *FOX* '47

John D. Lindsay Jr., *MED* '47

Geraldine Stone Aaron, *CLA* '48

Benjamin Fishbein, *FOX* '48

Sidney Glanz, *DEN* '49

Chris C. Mann, *TYL* '49, *EDU* '50

## 1950s

J. Martha Kann, *CPH* '50

Blasco M. Molle, *FOX* '50

Curtis B. Shumsky, *FOX* '51

James H. Spear, *PHR* '51

Bruce R. Hofmann, *CST* '52

Mary K. Mixon, *CPH* '52

Joseph Zafran, *PHR* '52

Allan C. Dovberg, *PHR* '53

Elwood P. Fuerstman, *DEN* '53

Sumter D. Camp, *DEN* '54

Richard M. Connolly, *EDU* '54, '64

William A. Dingerson, *DEN* '54

Seymour Kurland, *FOX* '54

Emory B. Fenstermacher, *CLA* '56

Jean Young Mutchler, *EDU* '56

Jack S. Badger, *EDU* '57

John J. Greco, *ENG* '57

Ruth Kafrisen Horwitz, *EDU* '57, '61, '73, *CLA* '70, *LAW* '91

Alfred T. Tribble, *ENG* '57

Kenneth Jean Allen, *MED* '58

John Herbert Bretherick Jr., *FOX* '58

Andrew Cooper, *ENG* '58

John Curtis Hoyt, *MED* '58

James J. Prendergast, *LAW* '58

Eugene J. Haag, *MED* '59

John A. Malinowski, *MED* '59

Raymond H. Schweibert, *MED* '59

Joseph H. Worton, *ENG* '59

## 1960s

Joseph James Rizzo, *TFM* '60

Donald C. Shukan, *CST* '60

Henry A. Spies Jr., *DEN* '60

Richard A. Swavelly, *EDU* '60

Mary D. Gooch, *CPH* '61

Howard L. Milanese, *FOX* '61

Gary Wiser, *DEN* '61, *FOX* '95

Samuel N. Wright, *PHR* '61

Samuel C. Dewald, *EDU* '62

Richard M. Dimonte, *PHR* '62

Angelo DiPiazza, *DEN* '62

Thomas M. Hyndman Jr., *FOX* '62, '67

Leaore Taylor, *CPH* '62

George J. Capaldi, *DEN* '63, '74

Alfred B. Brown, *DEN* '64

Edna T. Guy, *EDU* '65

Leo A. Stinner, *EDU* '65

John R. Vettese, *ENG* '65

H. Edgar Wisehaupt, *EDU* '65

Eric H. Boekel, *FOX* '66

Diane Barna Evans, *CPH* '66

J. Paul Rudy, *CLA* '66

Helen M. Bolnick, *CPH* '67

Lawrence J. Driban, *FOX* '67

Matthew A. Cianci, *EDU* '67

George Morton Jr., *ENG* '67

Bruce Allen Erdahl, *MED* '68

Arthur A. Buben, *FOX* '69

James Y. Dayananda, *CLA* '69

Susan J. Ellis, *CLA* '69

Ian Norman Field, *FOX* '69

Martin P. McCarthy, *CLA* '69

Paul R. Smith, *LAW* '69

## 1970s

Arnold Bucciarelli, *DEN* '70

Carol F. Crane, *EDU* '70

Mary T. Graham, *CLA* '70

June Szysh Hamsher, *TYL* '70

William J. Linaberry, *CLA* '70

Marcia Bluestein Smith, *EDU* '70

Susan Fenton, *TYL* '70, *EDU* '76

Herbert Broadbelt III, *LAW* '71

Jesse Joseph Cugini, *PHR* '71

John M. Samoylo, *EDU* '71

Jay S. Schnitzer, *POD* '71

Michael Erin Busch, *EDU* '72

John David Tenhula, *CLA* '72

Kathleen L. Lindor, *EDU* '73

Gregory Elemer Nagy, *LAW* '73

Francis M. Platt, *ENG* '73

Charles B. Taylor, *CLA* '73, *LAW* '78

William C. Zehringer, *CLA* '73, '81

Violette T. Auteri, *EDU* '74, '79

Michael F. Chapman, *FOX* '74, '79

Carolyn F. Ryder, *SSW* '74

John C. Roi, Jr., *CLA* '74

Marilyn Soloman, *CST* '74

Eusevio G. Garza, *CLA* '75

Julia Means Parker, *EDU* '75

Thomas W. Adams, *EDU* '77

Margaret O. Brink, *CLA* '77

Kenneth T. Katzenberger, *FOX* '77, '80

Phyllis S. Larmer, *EDU* '77

Arlen C. Marks, *EDU* '77

Yvonne Hartsfield, *SSW* '78

Jennifer Mchale Hellmann, *FOX* '78

Linda M. Kent, *CST* '78

John D. Charles, *PHR* '79

Leonard R. Gricoski, *FOX* '79

Joan E. Huff, *EDU* '79

John Joseph Wierik, *EDU* '79

## 1980s

Russell D. Horrocks, *CPH* '80

William H. Blasberg, *LAW* '81

Gloria S. Dobin, *FOX* '82

Sharon L. Metzler, *CPH* '82

Robert Eric Hall, *LAW* '84

Anna Carol Chalk-Hutson, *CPH* '86

Mary Ann Ryan, *LAW* '87

Michael B. Klunk, *EDU* '88

## 1990s

Gwendolyn A. Mason, *CLA* '91

Roberta L. Ingram, *CLA* '93

Mardi Harrison, *LAW* '94

Daren R. Vernon, *POD* '94

Genevieve F. Lewis, *CPH* '95

Donna C. Perone, *EDU* '95

Joseph Hassell, *LAW* '97

## 2000s

Michael P. Iocolano, *PHR* '01

Catherine David, *POD* '02

James A. Henry, *FOX* '06

## 2010s

Anthony H. Gruber, *CLA* '15

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