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A major **Science Education and Research Building** is in the planning stages. The new building will be located on North 12th Street and Polett Walk, adjacent to Gladfelter Hall and the Engineering Building. With approximately 250,000 square feet, the building will feature state-of-the-art wet and dry research and teaching labs; classroom, seminar and display critique space; and faculty offices. In addition, the existing tunnel between Gladfelter and Anderson halls will be opened to allow for much-needed green space and light. The new labs will make way for the elimination of Barton Hall, creating the largest green space on Temple's campus.

2020 VISION

— Four major projects are shaping Temple's Main Campus presence —

Work on Temple's 20/20 framework continues to move forward, with four major projects underway that are transforming Main Campus into a state-of-the-art 21st century learning and living environment. The capital development plan will re-orient Temple toward North Broad Street, creating a vibrant urban center that features residential space, retail attractions and recreational opportunities that support the educational, research and student living priorities defined in the university's Academic Strategic Compass.



Construction is underway on the new **Architecture Building** that will relocate the Tyler School of Art's Department of Architecture from the Engineering and Architecture building, allowing both programs to expand to meet growing demand. When finished, the building will complete a mini-arts quad that includes the Tyler School of Art, the Boyer College of Music and Dance and the School of Communications and Theater. Construction will conclude by fall 2011.



Construction on a renovation and expansion of **Pearson and McGonigle Halls** on North Broad Street began in May and will be completed by fall 2011. The project will add 140,000 square feet to the existing 225,000 square feet and include features such as exercise space, classrooms, faculty and coaching staff offices, upgraded dance studios, basketball practice courts and a new front atrium providing retail opportunities and a more inviting view of North Broad Street.



Temple is moving forward with plans to build a **signature residential and retail complex** on North Broad Street at Cecil B. Moore Avenue that will add about 1,500 beds, along with student dining and street-level retail space. The total complex will add 660,000 square feet that includes highly desirable living space on Temple's campus, relieving demand for housing in nearby neighborhoods. At the same time, new retail space along North Broad Street will increase city tax revenues and create new jobs for qualified applicants from the local community. The complex will be completed in time to welcome the class entering in fall 2012.

Expanded arts opportunities attract new audiences to North Broad

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The epicenter of Philadelphia's arts and culture scene is drifting north, and Philadelphia's leading arts and culture providers want a piece of the action.

The construction and renovation of new facilities at Temple's Main Campus in the last two years — including the new Temple Performing Arts Center (formerly the Baptist Temple, completed in 2010) and the new North Philly home for Temple's Tyler School of Art (completed in 2009) — has opened up opportunities for new audiences to enjoy world-class arts and culture. Now the

Destination Temple

Philadelphia institutions that create that art and culture are starting to come to Temple to reach those new audiences.

One of the local arts providers that hopes to broaden its audience base is the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra. Beginning in September, the 33-member orchestra, which traditionally performs in Perelman Theater at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in Center City, spent a portion of its season in residence in the newly restored Temple Performing Arts Center.

"As a performing arts organization, we are always looking for ways to reach new audiences," said Peter Gistelinick, executive director of the Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra. "Temple's location and student community made it a perfect venue for our continued push to expand our patron base."

In addition to attracting a more youthful audience, the orchestra also experienced an increase in minority audience participation during its five-concert residency at the Temple Performing Arts Center.

"Temple Performing Arts Center's collaboration with the Chamber



The Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra performs on stage earlier this season in the Temple Performing Arts Center's Lew Klein Hall.

Courtesy: The Philadelphia Chamber Orchestra

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Urban League honors Temple's community service

In recognition of outstanding contributions to its neighboring community, Temple was honored by the Urban League of Philadelphia at its annual Whitney M. Young, Jr. Community Empowerment Awards Luncheon earlier this month.

Temple received the 2010 Community Service Award for its ongoing efforts to provide high-quality education, job opportunities and medical care to underserved members of the community. The luncheon, which was held at the Hyatt Regency Penn's Landing, was attended by Mayor Michael Nutter, who spoke briefly before the presentation of awards. Temple President Ann Weaver Hart accepted the award.

Temple offers a wide range of community programs across all of its schools and colleges, and its students, faculty and staff contribute more than 46,000 hours of volunteer service each year.

Themed "Race: Parity, Power and Civil Rights: Equality and Empowerment in the Boardroom," the luncheon featured a panel discussion addressing African-American inclusion on corporate boards and the need for diversity in the region's businesses.

Other honorees included Ah-meelah Young, president and CEO, Pennsylvania Convention Center Authority, who received the Business Leader Award; Melvina Cannon, senior pricing analyst, Sunoco, Inc., Volunteer Award; Mellanie K. Lassiter, Corporate Contributions manager, PECO, Urban Leader Under 40 award; and Philadanco, Community Leader Award.

Holiday parking schedule in effect

Parking operations will operate on a holiday schedule through Jan. 2. On Main Campus, all parking areas except the Liacouras Center parking garage and the Bell Garage will be closed Dec. 24-25 and Jan. 1. On other days of the break, the parking garage at the Liacouras Center will be open from 5:30 a.m. to 2 a.m. daily, and the Bell Garage will be open 24 hours every day.

At the Health Sciences Center, parking at Battersby will be closed Dec. 18-19 and Dec. 23-Jan. 2. Carlisle West Garage will be closed Dec. 18-19, Dec. 23-26, and Dec. 31-Jan. 2. The Health Sciences Center will resume its regular semester schedule on Jan. 3, with Battersby open from 6 a.m.-9 p.m. and Carlisle West Garage open 24 hours each day.

For detailed information, visit www.temple.edu/parking.

Community ambassadors help facilitate research, build trust

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Researchers at large medical centers are constantly looking for better and more effective treatments for some of the most prevalent national and global health concerns. But a problem arises when the people who live in the shadows of those medical centers can't access the treatments or, worse, feel as though their unique health concerns are being ignored.

Temple's medical school is working to change that, by partnering with several trusted neighbors — called community ambassadors — in the area surrounding Temple to help facilitate education and research within the community. On Dec. 7, the first group of these community ambassadors completed training at the School of Medicine's Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities (CMHHD) on community-based research practices.

Community ambassadors act as a valuable link between researchers and neighbors. With their specialized training, they are able to educate community members about research processes and protocols, and at the same time provide researchers with information on which health priorities and procedures are most important to their neighbors. Several community ambassadors have also gone through training on Institutional Review Board (IRB) policies.

"Upon completion of IRB training,

the community ambassadors will receive certification in Human Subjects Protection, which gives them the ability to participate in research with human subjects," said Ellen Tedaldi, professor of medicine and co-director of the community engagement core at CMHHD. "So, a community ambassador could be a research assistant or associate, or even a principal investigator, depending on the project and level of expertise needed."

This certification is part of the Collaborative Institutional Training Initiative, which enables certification across institutions with the same curriculum, so a community ambassador with IRB training could do research at other sites as well.

Majeedah Rashid, chief operating officer of the Nicetown Community Development Corporation, said that she became an ambassador in part to dispel her own pre-conceived notions about the research process.

"I had some funny ideas about what goes on," she said. "I had no idea about the level of protection that is in place for people who participate in clinical trials until I took the IRB training — that gave me a lot of information about the history of the research process, patient confidentiality and guidelines for participation."

The first step in this unique collaboration has been building trust with the community. After speaking with several ambassadors and determining that a key concern was



Majeedah Rashid, right, talks with Raul DeLa Cadena, director of Temple's Center for Minority Health and Health Disparities, after receiving her certification as a community ambassador.

the lack of minority youth interested in health and the sciences, the center hosted Youth Health Day in July. The event was designed to raise interest in health careers and offer tips for healthy living.

"Events like the Youth Health Day show the community that the medical school is listening to us," said Rashid. "The need to include and inspire more African Americans and Latinos to be interested in the health sciences is something that's been a priority in our communities for years."

Beth Galinsky, director of corporate and foundation relations and government liaison at the School of Medicine, said that this community-based research process can foster an open-door policy between the medical school and its neighbors.

"We want researchers to work

with the community to learn what their needs are and what our research priorities should be, and in turn, researchers can share their knowledge of the research process with the community," she said.

And that's exactly what Rashid has been doing. Throughout her participation in the community ambassadors program, she has been sharing her knowledge with fellow community leaders at their neighborhood Block Captain Committee meetings.

"I call it training for trainers," she said. "By sharing what I've learned with other block captains, they can take that information back to the neighbors on their respective blocks. It's important to know that it's not just a one-sided benefit for researchers; it can benefit everyone." ♦

Arts

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Orchestra of Philadelphia lends legitimacy to our new venue as we partner with one of Philadelphia's finest arts entities," said Charles Bethea, executive director of the Performing Arts Center.

The Chamber Orchestra will return to campus for three more performances beginning in January, when it will present selections from composers Georges Bizet and Joaquín Rodrigo.

Other areas of the arts on campus are experiencing a similar upsurge. In addition to giving students an opportunity to showcase their talents, exhibit spaces, theater halls and dance studios across Main Campus have piqued the interest of several local and national artists, who came to campus this semester to present their work to Temple and its surrounding community.

"We are always looking for ways to collaborate and build community," said Shayna McConville, director of the North Philadelphia Cultural Alliance, a community arts initiative led by the Tyler School of Art. "One of the ways we do this is by keeping the external community up to date on Temple happenings and exploring

Venues drive Temple's growing arts and cultural presence

From dance to drama, Temple's arts venues offer an ongoing calendar of events. For additional listings visit the Temple events calendar at calendar.temple.edu.

12-15 performances throughout the year, showcases student, alumni and faculty work as well as guest artists.

■ Temple Gallery
Tyler School of Art
12th and Norris streets, first floor

The Tyler Gallery provides a platform to young artists for the production and presentation of their work and a forum for the larger community.

The gallery's current exhibit, "Surface Deposit," is an exhibition of fragmented sculptural assemblages based on the analysis and research of digital data collected by a 3-dimensional laser over several months during the summer of 2010.

■ Randall and Tomlinson Theater
Temple Theaters
13th and Norris streets

Home of Temple Theater productions, Tomlinson Theater was originally designed as a 491-seat proscenium theater. The spring season begins with Big Love, a play by Charles Mee about 50 brides fleeing their 50 grooms and seeking refuge in a villa on the coast of Italy.

■ Conwell Dance Studio
Conwell Hall
NE Corner of Broad Street and Montgomery Avenue, 5th floor.

The Conwell Dance Theater season, which offers

■ Liacouras Center
1776 N. Broad Street

The Liacouras Center, a 10,200-seat multi-purpose entertainment arena, features concerts, family shows, Temple men's and women's basketball games and more. This season, the center features Cirque du Soleil and other international events.

opportunities for collaboration."

As cultural opportunities in North Philadelphia continue to broaden, Temple's arts community is beginning to establish relationships and collaborations with local and national artists and arts organizations.

This summer, the NPCA is planning a series of arts-related events designed to foster creative bonds between Temple and the arts community at-large, with local venues like the Arts Garage and the Village of Arts and Humanities

participating, McConville said.

"It's an ongoing process," she said. "All of the organizations that we work with are looking for ways to ensure that the arts offerings in North Philadelphia continue to grow." ♦

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Budding marketers demonstrate the power of ten

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In late 2009, Fox School of Business marketing professor Jean Wilcox received a call from a friend who had grand plans for using social media to orchestrate a global event to mark Oct. 10, 2010 — or 10-10-10.

Although a worldwide phenomenon didn't materialize, Wilcox used the idea to inspire ongoing 10-10-10 projects in her entrepreneurial marketing classes, which for the past two semesters have raised money for charity. The concept: Give 10 student teams \$10 each and have them multiply that money by a factor of 10 — all for social good.

"As soon as I turned the idea loose in that classroom, the energy in the class went through the roof," Wilcox said.

In its inaugural semester in Spring 2010, 18 student teams raised more than \$5,500 for an array of charities, from Alex's Lemonade Stand to the ALS Association. This semester, 20 teams in two classes more than tripled that amount to collect in excess of \$17,300 — not including donations of goods or services worth an additional \$2,100.

Not bad for a \$200 investment. This semester, charities ranged from the local — such as the Philadelphia Youth Orchestra and Mural Arts Program — to well-known nonprofits, including Susan G. Komen for the Cure and Live Aid. Other charities benefitting from this year's project



Fox School of Business student Elliott Soper, left, talks with students at Henry C. Lea School in West Philadelphia, which received supplies and more than \$1,200 through an entrepreneurial marketing project.

included a wheelchair basketball organization and a company in Calcutta, India, that helps women escape sex slavery.

The top-earning student team was Broadcast for Vince, a scholarship fund that honors the late father of senior marketing major Mark Raimondo. Vince Raimondo, a Haverford High School and Temple graduate who worked in radio for more than three decades, died this summer from colon cancer.

Through online donations, CD sales and events — including guest bartending nights and a benefit concert — the group netted \$4,700

for the scholarship, which will benefit Haverford High School students who demonstrate financial need and plan to pursue careers in broadcasting or communications.

"The hands-on factor was really unique, and I've never had any other class like that," Raimondo said. "It really helped me understand how much work is involved in setting up a business."

Added teammate Brandon Burkholder, also a senior marketing major: "I think the project helps students see, from a fundamental business aspect, the different items they're going to come across" in the professional world.

As it was for Raimondo, the 10-10-10 project was deeply personal for Brian Tomczuk, whose group — Phil-Lea Phoundation — raised money and donated supplies to benefit students his sister Jamie teaches as a middle school teacher at Henry C. Lea School in West Philadelphia.

Tomczuk, a local hip-hop artist known as Tom Charles, held a fundraiser at a DJ event, while a teammate who is a massage therapist offered free sessions with all tips going to their charity.

The team raised nearly \$1,300, in addition to boxes of paper and other supplies, and visited the classroom of Tomczuk's sister on Dec. 1 to present final donations and participate in class activities.

"They're underprivileged, and to contribute to their education, to contribute to their learning experience, is the best feeling ever," Tomczuk said.

Wilcox wraps the 10-10-10 project around relevant topics such as event planning and social media marketing. She also holds a "shark tank" exercise at the beginning of the semester where student teams must convince a panel of business professionals that they'll earn back their \$10.

"These students have really exceeded everybody's expectations of what they are capable of doing. Seeing them get this excited about a project that does so much good is incredibly rewarding," Wilcox said, nearing tears. "That's why I teach." ♦

New programs help with top new year's resolutions

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With 2010 drawing to a close, it's the season of the resolution, and two particular new year's commitments top the list for many: losing weight and quitting smoking. Two new Temple programs aim to help people most in need do both more easily, and to keep those resolutions going throughout the year.

Smoking cessation

Brad Collins, an assistant professor of public health at the College of Health Professions and Social Work, recently received a contract from the City of Philadelphia to create a smoking cessation program for people who are unemployed.

"For smokers who are in between jobs and without health insurance, quitting smoking can dramatically cut living expenses and minimize the need for medical care," he said. "Unfortunately, dealing with the stress of unemployment makes it doubly difficult to quit smoking. We're tailoring this program to meet this population's unique needs for stress and mood management to facilitate the cessation outcomes these smokers are working to achieve."

The program, based at Temple's Health Behavior Research Clinic (HBRC), will help smokers kick the habit through counseling, help in navigating available healthcare services (such as those supported by Medicare), and free nicotine patches.

Collins was approached by the City of Philadelphia, based on some of his prior research working with low-income mothers trying to kick their habit and protect their babies from secondhand smoke exposure.



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The program will begin recruiting after the holidays. For more information and to get on the waiting list, call 215-204-2360 or 215-204-6251. The HBRC also has other smoking cessation programs available; more information can be found at www.temple.edu/hbrc/smoking_clinic.html

Weight loss

With rising rates of obesity among baby boomers, seniors are likely to face a range of health issues caused by increased body weight, including declining function in the legs and feet. To combat that issue, researchers in the Gait Study Center at Temple's School of Podiatric Medicine are studying whether weight loss can improve foot structure and the function of the lower extremities in people aged 50-75.

"Increased body weight has been suggested to be a cause for things like knee osteoarthritis and heel pain syndrome among this group, but there has yet to be a controlled scientific investigation on the improvement of foot function related to weight loss, and its effects on quality of life measures," said center director Jinsup Song.

Song and his team at the GSC have partnered with researchers at the Center for Obesity Research and Education to design a weight loss program that will offer participants a combination of behavioral therapy and a pre-packaged meal system to control caloric intake. Throughout a six-month period, the team will study how participants' foot structure and gait changes, to see whether weight loss will improve movement.

For more information, call the Gait Study Center at 215-625-5370. ♦

Students' YouTube channel gives outlet to people with diabetes

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Sitting in architecture professor Scott Shall's "Guerilla Altruism" class, sophomore Emily Hooven was thinking of how she would tackle this year's assignment: taking on the food industry and all of its problems by combining the improvisational techniques of guerilla warfare with the humanitarian spirit of altruism.

Drawing on her own struggles with type 1 diabetes, with which she was diagnosed at age 10, she decided to put her major in film and media arts to work and teamed up with classmates Tom Simon, a sophomore, and Matthew Law-Phipps, a freshman, to start a YouTube channel called Diabetes Diaries. Designed for both type 1 and type 2 diabetics, the channel features short, man-on-the-street videos, in which people share stories of personal struggle with the disease.

"I got interested in the project because I'm at risk of getting type 2 diabetes," said Simon. "My father and uncle both have type 2 diabetes, so it's something I have to avoid by eating correctly and exercising regularly."

"I noticed when interviewing people on the street that most of them mentioned a kind of secrecy among the diabetics they knew," said Hooven. "They said that most of them didn't really talk about their struggles with the disease and they went to the bathroom to test their blood sugar or give themselves insulin. Our hope is that Diabetes Diaries will provide a kind of release for them, that they can come out with their true thoughts and feelings about the disease."

The students also hope that Diabetes Diaries will raise awareness about the disease and help put a human face on some of the staggering statistics surrounding diabetes — in



Undergraduates Tom Simon, Emily Hooven and Matthew Law-Phipps (not pictured) have started a channel on YouTube where people with diabetes can share their struggles and triumphs.

Philadelphia alone, the rate of new diabetes cases is more than five times higher than the national average.

"In the beginning of the class I worked a lot with statistics: '1 in 3 Americans born after 2000 will contract early-onset diabetes,' or 'the ratio is 1 in 2 for minorities,'" said Hooven. "While these figures are compelling, they are nameless and faceless. Hopefully the videos will make the seriousness of diabetes more real."

Moving past the man-on-the-street tactic, the crew invites other diabetics or friends and family members of diabetics to contribute their own videos, which can be found at www.youtube.com/user/DiabetesDiaries.

"I hope that as more people contribute to Diabetes Diaries, it can become a great source of information on how people live with diabetes," said Simon.

"In some cases, diabetes is completely avoidable, and maybe these videos will contribute to the sharing of knowledge and information," said Hooven. "I intend for Diabetes Diaries to go on long after this class has ended." ♦

For researchers, break is time of renewed focus

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The classrooms and corridors of Temple's academic buildings are a little less active these December days, as final examinations end and students depart for winter break. But in nearby laboratories, Temple investigators and their staff remain in full motion, working throughout the holidays on projects that drive a major urban research university.

Many research faculty members will remain on campus throughout the break — as will their post-doc, graduate and some undergraduate students — to take advantage of the relative quiet and focus on ongoing projects with fewer outside interruptions.

"When classes are not in session, this is when we typically get most of our research done, because you can focus on the research, interact with each other on a daily basis and work on things for long stretches without any interruptions," said Joseph Picone, chair of Electrical and Computer Engineering in the College of Engineering, whose software-based research group is working on speech recognition technology.

Picone said that the end of the calendar year is typically a busy time in his field, as researchers work to generate results in preparation for upcoming conferences and workshops.

Robert Levis, director of the Center for Advanced Photonics Research and chair of Chemistry in the College of Science and Technology, agreed that the lack of interruptions makes the holiday break an ideal time to conduct experiments and work on writing manuscripts on research findings. Like most researchers, Levis and his center must meet the expectations of funding agencies, which don't operate on an academic calendar.

"There's no provision in the grant awards that states you get two weeks off over the semester break," said Levis.

Kamel Khalili, chair of Neuroscience and director of the Center for Neurovirology in the School of Medicine, agrees. Pausing or shutting down a project for even a few days could create an unacceptable delay, he said.

"After stopping for a week, it can take up to a week of preparation upon returning to the lab to get the experiments up and running again."

"We are working with cells and very important cell cultures that need to be constantly maintained," he added. "Depending on the experimental protocols we are working with, specimens may need to be checked every 24-48 hours."

Administrators who support Temple's research enterprise will be busy as well. Robert Gage, director of sponsored research programs in the Office of Research Administration, noted that the office must meet proposal submission deadlines immediately before and after the holiday break, including a Jan. 5 submission deadline for NIH funding.

"The volume of work in our office doesn't decrease over the holidays," said Gage. "It stays consistent for us throughout the year." ♦

Temple hosts give international students a taste of an American holiday

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When Temple freshman Lilybeth LaFevre went over the river and through the woods to grandmother's house for Thanksgiving last month, she brought along a guest she had just met. Dev Joshi, a Nepalese international exchange student at Temple, had never seen snow or eaten turkey, but got to experience both and much more that day.

LaFevre and Joshi were matched through the Office of International Student and Scholar Services' (ISSS) Holiday with an American Family program. For several weeks prior to Thanksgiving, the two exchanged e-mails and instant messages to plan logistics and get to know each other. For more than ten years, ISSS has been matching international students like Joshi with Temple faculty, staff and students like LaFevre who volunteer to host the students at their homes for the Thanksgiving, Passover and Easter holidays.

"For (international students) to experience the U.S. in all of its diversity, it's important they have the opportunity to see not only the academic side of things but also the personal side," said Martyn Miller, Temple's senior director for ISSS. And conversely, says Miller, many hosts

describe how rewarding it is to share their uniquely American holiday with a student who has never experienced it before.

LaFevre's interests in foreign travel and meeting new people led her to propose the idea of hosting an international student to her mom, Kathryn Petrich-LaFevre, Temple's director of graduate information; her sister Rosella, a Temple sophomore; and her grandmother, who hosts the annual Thanksgiving dinner in her Lehigh Valley home.

"The experience was really eye-opening, and my family loved him," said LaFevre. "When we dropped him off that night my mom asked what he was doing for Christmas."

Joshi found the experience rewarding as well. "I wanted to experience the culture of this country and learn it directly by seeing how holidays are celebrated," he said. "It was awesome. They treated me very well and I was very comfortable with the family from the beginning."

Ming-Hui Vincent Chu, from Taiwan, and Hyun Joon Bang, from Korea, spent Thanksgiving with Temple Board of Trustees member Loretta Duckworth and her family.

"It was awesome, really good — the people, the food, the atmosphere," said Chu. "It's exactly what I imagined — like a family reunion."



Loretta Duckworth (far left), a member of the Temple Board of Trustees, invited international student Vincent Chu (fifth from left) to spend Thanksgiving with her family this year.

Courtesy Vincent Chu

The group had much to talk about, and conversation flowed easily in two languages — Duckworth's son speaks Mandarin and his wife's family is from Taiwan.

"It was lovely and really added to our holiday," said Duckworth.

For freshman Ashley Kramer and international student Elizabeth Zhang, the value of the experience has extended beyond Thanksgiving. Zhang spent several days with the Kramers at their home in Dillsburg Pa., about 45 minutes outside of Harrisburg. In addition to conversations, board games, Black Friday shopping and lots of American food, Zhang particularly relished the experience she had making her first pie, which she says in China is typically just bought from a grocery store. Kramer and Zhang have remained in touch and recently met for lunch at Temple.

Christine Frye is another Temple student who invited international students to spend Thanksgiving with her family. She was happy to see that the two guests fit in with her large family.

"I looked over at one point and one student was helping to stir the soup and talking to my aunt, while the other was reading the cookbook," said Frye.

The number of international students has remained steady for the past several years; this year more than 1,500 from 115 countries are part of Temple's diverse student mix. Most students hail from China (330), South Korea (224), India (191), Taiwan (53), Japan (45), France (44), Canada (43), Malaysia (40) and Nigeria (38).

Miller reports that about 35 international students were matched with hosts this past Thanksgiving. Typically about 40 students and 20 hosts sign up to participate. He'd like to see more Temple people take part in this rewarding experience.

Don't worry about how crazy your family is, advised one host. It's natural to be nervous says another. "Just do what you normally do."

Faculty, staff and students who are interested in participating in the Holiday with an American Family program should contact the ISSS office at 215-204-7708. ♦

Holiday spirit drives increase in charitable campaigns

'Tis the season for giving, and Temple has been doing its part to give back to the community. Multiple charitable initiatives throughout the holiday season have brought food, toys, books and other necessities to hundreds of needy families in Temple's neighborhood and around the world.

"Many members of the Temple community create projects designed to empower others through volunteerism and donation of goods," said Assistant Vice President for Community Relations and Economic Development Beverly Coleman. "I'm pleased to be part of an institution that is not only a leader in the academic world, but in volunteer efforts as well."

Members of the Temple community ramped up community projects beginning in November. Students, faculty and staff from each of Temple's campuses have contributed their time and money this year to help make others' holidays a little brighter.

Local children are a major beneficiary of Temple's efforts. Campus Safety Services collected more than 360 toys for kids who attended its Children's Holiday Party, held on Dec. 4 at the Liacouras Center. Grandma's Kids, an after-school program run by the Intergenerational Center, is having a party of its own on Dec. 17 that will be attended by 85-100 local children, each of whom will also receive a donated gift. A joint effort from the Alumni Association, the Black Alumni Alliance and the College of Education has so far collected more than 600 books for local elementary schools. (Donations will be accepted through Dec. 31; see myowlspace.com/bookdrive for details.)

Philadelphia food bank Philabundance has received a wealth of support from across Temple. Faculty, staff and students at Ambler Campus contributed more than 200 pounds of food through the WMMR Camp Out For Hunger initiative, which benefitted Philabundance. On Main Campus, the College of Liberal Arts has collected several large boxes of food, and TUCC, whose drive for Philabundance will last through Dec. 20, has nearly filled its large collection jar with monetary donations.

Initiatives at Ambler raised more than \$1,500 in November toward Thanksgiving dinners for more than 70 needy families, and Ambler's Military Appreciation Project has collected personal and small gift items to send to troops overseas.

Although charitable giving receives a greater push during the holiday season, Temple makes a point to contribute year-round, beginning each semester with a day of service — FreshServe in the fall and Martin Luther King Day of Service in the spring — and offering opportunities to give back all through the year, contributing more than 46,000 hours of service annually. For more information on volunteering at Temple, visit www.temple.edu/community.

— Elizabeth DiPardo

"Cirque du Soleil: Dralion" comes to the Liacouras Center



The Liacouras Center brings the unique fusion of ancient Chinese circus tradition and the avant-garde approach of Cirque du Soleil to Philadelphia with "Cirque du Soleil: Dralion," which opens next week and runs through early January.

The show's name is drawn from its two main symbols: the dragon, representing the East, and the lion, representing the West. Dralion derives much of its inspiration from Eastern philosophy with its perpetual quest for harmony between humankind and nature.

Suspended in time between the past and the future, Dralion is a celebration of life and the four elements that maintain the natural order: air, water, fire and earth. Startlingly innovative, the dynamic performance transcends the boundaries of the imagination in a dreamscape

that offers the audience a new and sparkling perspective.

Show dates:

- Tuesday, Dec. 21 at 7:30 p.m.
- Wednesday, Dec. 22 at 3:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.
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Boyer-commissioned piece draws Grammy nomination

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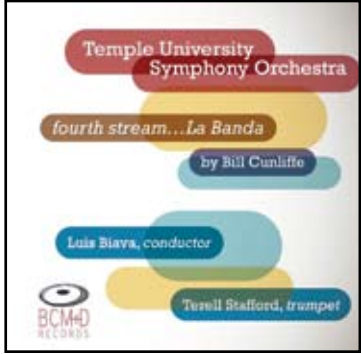
An orchestral work commissioned by the Boyer College of Music and Dance and performed earlier this year by the Temple University Symphony Orchestra has been nominated for a 2010 Grammy Award.

Nominations were announced Dec. 1 in Los Angeles. The composition, "fourth stream...La Banda," for orchestra, jazz combo and solo trumpet, was written by former Boyer faculty member and 2009 Grammy-winner Bill Cunliffe.

More than 300 other nominees were on the ballot in the "Best Instrumental Composition" category. The top five were announced during a ceremony on Dec. 1.

Under the direction of Luis Biava and featuring Terrell Stafford on trumpet, "fourth stream...La Banda" was performed to sold-out houses at the Kimmel Center for the Performing Arts in March 2010 and at Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall in April 2010.

"The Temple University Symphony Orchestra's association with the Grammy nomination is a testimony to the outstanding talent of our music students and faculty, especially Luis Biava and Terrell Stafford," said Boyer Dean Robert T. Stroker, who commissioned the work. "Bill Cunliffe is a uniquely gifted composer and arranger and did an exemplary job showcasing our terrific orchestra and jazz students. We look forward to the Grammy



Awards in February."

Luis Biava is artistic director and conductor of the TUSO and Terrell Stafford is director of Jazz Studies and interim chair of Instrumental

Studies at the Boyer College. At the Lincoln Center's Alice Tully Hall, the work was performed on a program that also included an orchestral work co-commissioned by the college: "Ansel Adams: America," composed by jazz great Dave Brubeck and his son, Chris, and featuring 100 works by the noted photographer. Brubeck and members of Adams' family were in attendance.

The recording, released under the college's record label, BCM&D Records, was mixed at Capitol Studios in Los Angeles and is available for purchase and download at CD Baby, iTunes and other major distributors. Dean Stroker served as executive producer.

The 53rd Annual Grammy Awards will take place in Los Angeles on Feb. 13, 2011 at 8 p.m. on CBS. ♦



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