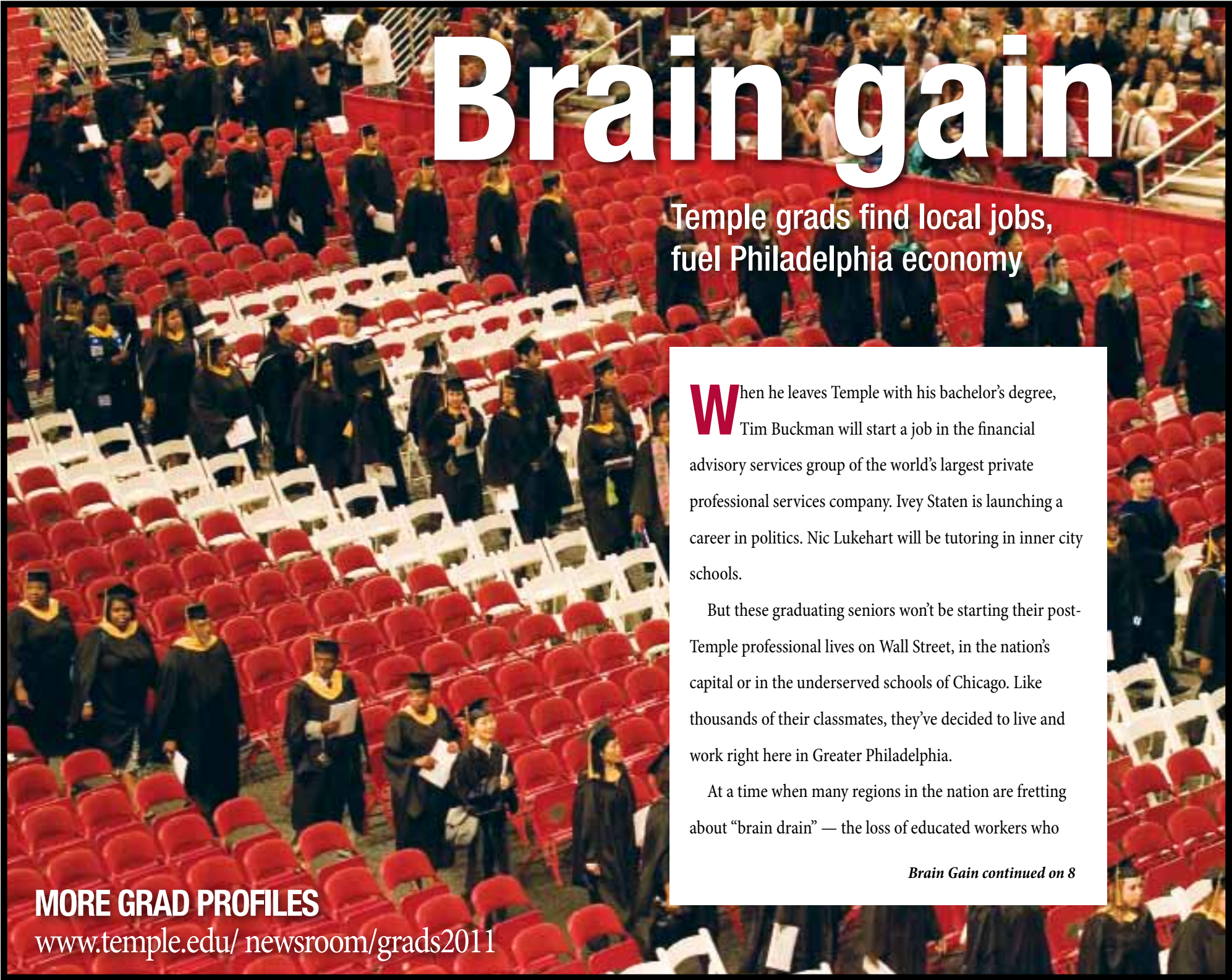


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## Brain gain

Temple grads find local jobs,  
fuel Philadelphia economy

**W**hen he leaves Temple with his bachelor's degree, Tim Buckman will start a job in the financial advisory services group of the world's largest private professional services company. Ivey Staten is launching a career in politics. Nic Lukehart will be tutoring in inner city schools.

But these graduating seniors won't be starting their post-Temple professional lives on Wall Street, in the nation's capital or in the underserved schools of Chicago. Like thousands of their classmates, they've decided to live and work right here in Greater Philadelphia.

At a time when many regions in the nation are fretting about "brain drain" — the loss of educated workers who

*Brain Gain continued on 8*

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## 'Green Team' members will collect gowns for recycling following school ceremonies

The school year is over, but Temple's efforts to increase sustainability and cut back on waste are not ending.

Since January 2010, students have been able to purchase graduation gowns made from 100 percent recycled plastic. Now for the first time, graduates will have the chance to recycle their gowns after the big day is over.

After each of Temple's school and college ceremonies, sustainability ambassadors will be on hand to collect the gowns at locations around Main and Ambler campuses, including the Liacouras Center, the Student Pavilion, Temple Performing Arts Center, Mitten Hall, Alter Hall (following the reception for Fox School of Business and Management), the engineering building lobby (following the reception for the College of Engineering), both university bookstores on Main

Campus, the Diamond Club and the Ambler formal gardens.

Collected gowns will be upcycled into new fabrics and other products.

Temple's official gown is called the Greenweaver, and it is made from roughly 23 recycled plastic bottles. Since adopting this gown, the university has saved more than 276,000 plastic bottles from entering the waste stream.

The graduation gown recycling project is a partnership between Temple's Office of Sustainability, the Computer Recycling Center, the Temple Bookstore, a student group from the "Sustainable Enterprise" class in the Fox School of Business and cap and gown provider Oak Hall.

The project is one several new initiatives intended to reduce the university's environmental impact. Temple's Climate Action Plan



calls for a 30 percent reduction in its carbon footprint by 2030. For more information, visit the Office of Sustainability web site at [www.temple.edu/sustainability](http://www.temple.edu/sustainability).

— Elizabeth DiPardo

## Temple graduates largest class

*Temple University's May 12 Commencement ceremony at the Liacouras Center, as well as subsequent exercises held by its schools and colleges, celebrate the achievements of the largest graduating class in the university's history. Below is a look at projected statistics for undergraduates receiving degrees:*

- n Students earning an undergraduate degree: 6,252
- n Male graduates: 47% (2,918)
- n Female graduates: 54% (3,334)
- n International students: 189 (3%)
- n States represented: 37 plus the District of Columbia and Armed Forces Pacific
- n Undergraduates who reported their ethnicity as something other than white: 43.7%

- n School or college with the most graduates receiving undergraduate degrees: Fox School of Business (1,514)
- n Age of youngest graduating student: 18
- n Age of oldest graduating student: 71
- n Shortest time to degree: 9 months
- n Longest time to degree: 23 years
- n Graduates who were transfer students: 2,942 (47.2%)
- n Graduates who received some transfer credit: 3,433 (56.9%)
- n Graduates who received financial aid: 4,627 (74%)
- n Graduates who lived on campus: 2,639 (42.2%)
- n Graduates who were varsity athletes: 127



# ‘Country mouse’ translates love for nature into urban activism

By Kim Fischer  
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What happens when a country mouse goes to college in the city?

Well, for starters, she might find a way to bring fresh fruits and vegetables to students on campus or to teach local school children how to be environmentally friendly.

Which are, in fact, just a few of the things Korin Tangtrakul accomplished after arriving on Temple’s campus.

Tangtrakul grew up near Lambertville, N.J., on a seven-acre farm, where she helped her mother raise chickens and tend the organic garden from which her family harvested herbs and vegetables for her father’s Thai restaurant. She says her image of the big city prior to moving to Philadelphia was one of crowds, filth and danger.

But through her major in geography and urban studies with a focus on environmental studies, Tangtrakul learned there was much more to city



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life. And she was able to bring her childhood experiences to bear on issues of urban renewal.

“My recent experiences in Philadelphia have helped me realize that there are connections with nature that can be made through urban farming and community gardens.

These revitalized spaces have been immeasurable influences on my integration into city life, and have become a defining aspect of my career aspirations,” she said.

In addition to bringing the first farmers’ market to campus and developing Philly Eco Kids — an

after-school program that introduces middle school students to concepts such as renewable energy, buying local and litter and waste — Tangtrakul found time during her Temple tenure to visit the African nation of Malawi.

As a Temple Diamond Scholar, she turned her study abroad experiences in Malawi — a country with a largely rural population and an economy primarily based in agriculture — into an extensive research project: a cross-cultural comparison between Philadelphia and Malawi food systems and how they influence food preferences. Her findings were presented this spring in Seattle at the annual conference of the Association of American Geographers.

Taking part in every aspect of the outdoors that the university has to offer, Tangtrakul also was a member of Temple’s women’s rugby club. Not only was she integral in taking last year’s team to the national tournament — the Owls took second place — she was also given the

opportunity to attend try outs for the U.S. rugby team.

For her dedication to conservation and sustainability and her strong interest in pursuing a career related to the environment, Trangtrakul was honored in her junior year with a Udall Scholarship. Next year, as the recipient of a Fulbright Scholarship, she will teach English in Thailand and work to promote environmental awareness among school children in that country.

After that, she plans to earn a master’s degree in landscape architecture and environmental design, with the ultimate goal of establishing a career in sustainable urban planning.

“Being at Temple has shaped the kind of environmentalist I have become and continually strive to be,” she said. “I have learned that nature is not just about parks and greenery, but about the built environment — how we travel through the city, where we find our food and what happens to our rainwater.”u



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## Budget fight becomes defining moment for TSG president

Natalie Ramos-Castillo recently ended her term as president of Temple Student Government (TSG). Castillo will move to Chicago at the end of the summer to attend the Erikson Institute on a full scholarship studying childhood development.

**Temple Times:** What motivated you to get involved with TSG?

**Natalie Ramos-Castillo:** I started out as the senator for the College of Education in the Fall of 2008. At that point, I really was only concerned with the College of Ed. The school is small, but there are amazing things happening there, and I wanted to make sure that the entire university was aware of its presence and the opportunities for doing great things within the college. Once I got involved, I was hooked. I loved working with students who come from so many different backgrounds, and I loved Temple. I felt I needed to give back to the university because it had already given me so much.

**TT:** What was your biggest surprise about your time with TSG?

**NRC:** When I got elected I really wasn’t thinking about the budget or the amount of funds Temple receives from the Commonwealth, so I was honestly a little shocked when state funding quickly became a crucial aspect of my time as president. I was also surprised by how many people knew who I was. I remember walking through the Student Center and hearing a girl say to her friend “That’s our president,” and feeling proud — and a little creeped out.

**TT:** What was your biggest accomplishment this year?

**NRC:** The first was last December when we formed the Pennsylvania Association of State-Related Students as a means of coordinating student efforts across the Commonwealth. We bonded really quickly, and were able to set up rallies and make sure that student voices were being heard during budget negotiations. But I think the coolest moment was when I was leading our march from the Bell Tower down Broad Street. I remember turning around and seeing how many students were walking with us. There must have been hundreds, and it felt amazing to know we had gotten so many people involved.

### GRAD CLOSE UP

**Natalie Ramos-Castillo**

Bachelor of Science in Education

— Andrew McGinley

## Rosenbaum a driving force behind Temple-run TV station

If you’ve ever watched Comcast channel 50 in Philadelphia, there’s a good chance you’ve seen the work of the School of Communications and Theater’s Patrick Rosenbaum. The broadcasting, telecommunications and mass media major, the Birdsboro, Pa. native has been a driving student force behind programming on TUTV, Temple’s digital cable television station, which went on the air last August. As the station’s student executive producer, Rosenbaum is responsible for generating original programming, preparing content supplied by students and others within the Temple community and producing promotions. He’s taken the role very seriously, and has helped ensure continuity as he passes the reins to another student this fall.

**Temple Times:** What spurred your interest in multimedia?

**Patrick Rosenbaum:** “I’ve always had an interest in computers and photography, and my family always had some of the latest equipment. I started playing around with my dad’s digital camera, and then got involved in my school’s video production program. I came to Temple as a film major, but quickly learned there are two different kinds of storytelling. I can tell a story in words and pictures, but filmmaking is a different brand of creativity. I’ve been very successful approaching that process as a student of broadcasting, television and mass media.”

**TT:** How has TUTV changed the student experience for broadcasting majors?

**PR:** It’s been really exciting. At first, students didn’t have an outlet where professional work could be showcased. We now have more opportunities for projects and productions. Plus, TUTV mimics a small market station, so it gives us a better experience of what running a television station is all about.

**TT:** What are some of the highlights from your Temple experience?

**PR:** There have been a lot. Because of TUTV, I’ve gotten to do so many other things. I shot for the men’s basketball team, and got to travel with them all expenses paid to Arizona to cover their NCAA tournament appearance. My footage was used on ESPN!

**TT:** What projects have given you the most satisfaction?

**PR:** I’m proudest of my basketball documentary project, which includes 25 minutes of highlights and



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interviews from throughout the season. I worked from about 1,500 clips and about 35 games at two hours each. The finished file was about 2 terabytes.

With TUTV, I’ve also done two or three broadcasts from the National Constitution Center — the last was on digital democracy — and we did another in-house at Annenberg Hall. My responsibility was to help produce the content, organize the equipment and crew, and serve as the main videographer.

**TT:** What have been some of your biggest challenges?

**PR:** Since TUTV was just starting out, the station was very repetitive — we were starving for content. I’ve helped lead a group that is finding content and helping to produce shows to program the station.

**TT:** What’s the biggest take-away from your Temple experience?

**PR:** It’s everything I thought it would be and a lot more. The side projects I’ve worked on gave me an opportunity most students don’t get. It’s been a special time at Temple.

**TT:** What do you plan to do next?

**PR:** I will continue to work at TUTV for the summer, while applying for jobs in sports broadcasting with sports production companies. Down the road I hope to land a senior position or become a production manager. Eventually I would like to own my own production company. I feel like I can do it all.

**TT:** How will you feel about leaving TUTV behind?

**PR:** I’ve mentored a couple of people who will help take it to another level. I feel that the future of the station is in good hands.

— Vaughn A. Shinkus

### GRAD CLOSE UP

**Patrick Rosenbaum**

Bachelor of Arts, Broadcasting, Telecommunications and Mass Media

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## Hollywood again beckons for School of Medicine grad

*It's the classic L.A. story: Midwest boy from the farm has big Hollywood dreams. He lands a great job in the film industry, and he's on his way to stardom. But for Andy Newcomer, Hollywood wasn't enough. After spending five years in production and development for television shows and movies, he decided to enroll in the post-baccalaureate program at the University of Southern California, which provided him with the science background he needed to get into medical school. He chose to come to Temple, where he became involved in a host of community service projects, including Bridging the Gaps, through which he helped provide basic health care services to the homeless population in Philadelphia. Now, he's preparing to head back to Los Angeles — but this time, as a pediatric resident at UCLA.*

**Temple Times:** Going from Sunset Boulevard to North Broad Street is quite a transition. Why did you decide to switch gears?

**Andy Newcomer:** I was having a great time in Los Angeles, and I loved what I was doing. I was out there for about five years. But I could see that some of my mentors — industry veterans — weren't happy with what they were doing. They were worn down by the industry and felt discouraged. I didn't want that. One of my mentors, a screen writer, had parents who were both doctors, and they absolutely loved what they did. They were happy and fulfilled every day. My mother

was a nurse and I remember her feeling the same way. And I wanted to be a doctor before I wanted to get into the film industry, so it seemed like the perfect time to make that transition.

**TT:** How did your fellow classmates react to your Hollywood background?

**AN:** It's interesting; I actually tried to keep that part of myself under wraps because I wanted to be taken seriously. I didn't tell anyone at first, but then I was sort of outed by Dean Daly. We had orientation, and he said something like, "We've got people from all walks of life here. We've even got someone from Hollywood!" But once that happened, everyone was very accepting of it.

**TT:** Why did you choose to come across the country to Temple?

**AN:** I'm an older student, so I think my criteria in looking for a medical school were a little different. I wanted a place where I would feel welcome and not brushed aside because I was maybe a little older than my classmates. Temple was excited to have me, and they've made me feel so welcome — it was a natural fit. Also, a commitment to service was a big draw for me, and I was impressed by how involved Temple was in its surrounding neighborhoods.

**TT:** You've been very involved with community service projects during your time here.

**AN:** It's important as doctors to be aware of the social contexts of your patients — what they're dealing with outside of your office. And what better way to do that than to get out into the community and find out what they're going through first-hand?

**TT:** How will L.A. life differ for you now that you're going back as a doctor?

**AN:** In certain ways, not much. The frenetic pace and the hours you work as a doctor are similar to the ones in the film industry. But I've already done the glitz and glamour thing. This time, I wanted to give back. That's why I wanted to stay in primary care, rather than go into a subspecialty. I'm less concerned about prestige and money this time around and more concerned about doing good and useful work.

— Renee Cree

### GRAD CLOSE UP

**Andy Newcomer**  
Doctor of Medicine

## Tyler MFA connects his love of running with sculpting



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Some take up long distance running for sport, while others run to fashion the perfect body. For Tim Rusterholtz, neither objective applies. In his life as an award-winning sculptor and runner, Rusterholtz seeks to challenge common interpretations of what it means to fashion the perfect human form.

While completing his MFA at Temple's Tyler School of Art, Rusterholtz says he began to explore the connections between his lifelong love of running and his talent for sculpture.

"They have always been intertwined, but it wasn't until recently that I started seeing them as one," he explained. "Through my art and my experience as a runner I try to challenge and re-frame ideas of perfection."

Greek gods, Roman warriors and modern day pop culture icons all equally inform his creative process. A piece in his MFA thesis titled "The Light of Frank Dux and the Saint," juxtaposes a traditional image with scenes from the movie *Blood Sport*.

"I'm always looking for moments in modern day that display the perfect form; by juxtaposing those images with more traditional ones I create a dialogue that questions historical ideals."

The Bridgeport, Conn., native showed a talent for the arts in high school, but it wasn't until after he was forced to declare a major during his sophomore year at Virginia Commonwealth University that he chose to express his creativity through sculpture.

"I didn't even know that VCU was a great school for the arts," said Rusterholtz, who attended the university on a track scholarship. "I decided to pursue sculpture because it allowed me to experiment in all of the fine arts."

Sculpture soon took on a life of its own. He started experimenting with the medium and found that he worked better with more traditional sculpting forms, such as chiseling and woodcarving.

"I'm fascinated by how the masters worked and the history of the sculpture process and classical representations over

time; it's almost a dying art form, so it's important for me to continue the tradition."

His running also influences his art. As an undergraduate, he used his sport as the focus of several performance art pieces and created a multi-media series based on relationships he formed with runners from Kenya.

His work has been featured in several NCAA student-athlete exhibits, and in 2009 he was the subject of a profile in the organization's national magazine. While completing his MFA, he was selected to design the bust of philanthropist Jack Wolgin.

Rusterholtz says he chose to attend Tyler due to its proximity to New York City. He liked the idea of being close to New York's art scene, without having to live there. "There's something nice about the arts community in Philadelphia," he said. "It's not quite commercial yet, but there's still a really strong community of artists here who are invested in this community."

After Commencement, Rusterholtz will complete a study abroad semester at Temple's campus in Rome. u

## Dance grad explores Brazilian influences on modern dance

*While studying abroad in Brazil, Jessica Featherson observed a common aesthetic between modern movement and the spiritual and secular street dances of Salvador de Bahia. Her experience inspired her to investigate how Brazilian dance forms could be infused into the vocabulary of Umfundalai, a modern technique developed by Temple Dance Department Chair Kariamu Welsh. In addition to developing choreography for her BFA dance thesis, Featherson's study, which was funded by the Provost's Office's Creative Arts and Research Scholarship, explored the impact traditional African culture has had on cultures throughout Latin America.*

**Temple Times:** How long have you been studying Welsh's Umfundalai technique?

**JF:** I was first introduced to the technique during my freshman year as part of the African dance requirement for dance majors. Prior to this experience my exposure and knowledge of African dance was very limited.

### GRAD CLOSE UP

**Jessica C. Featherson**  
Bachelor of Fine Arts, Dance

**TT:** What inspired you to begin to link movements associated with Afro-Brazilian dance with modern dance?

**JF:** My experiences in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil, in the summer of 2009 became the inspiration for this study. What attracted me most about the music and dance in Salvador was the incredible spirit and connectivity between those participating. My intent was to show that Afro-Brazilian cultural dances and traditions, just like many throughout the African diaspora, could be integrated into the Umfundalai technique and tradition.

The scope of this project was centered on three movement studies that explored various elements of Afro-Brazilian dance and culture. Ultimately, the intent behind these movement studies was to make connections and see how naturally receptive and organic these movements would be to the Umfundalai-trained dancer.

**TT:** Will you continue to study the interconnectivity of Afro-Brazilian dance and the Umfundalai technique?

**JF:** Definitely, through this project I was able realize and achieve the groundwork for the research I wish to pursue for my graduate



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studies. My deepest appreciation goes to the Creative Arts, Research, and Scholarship Program committee, Dr. Kariamu Welsh, and all the participants involved within this project for giving me the opportunity to present my work. I look forward to the continued ideas and inspirations that my research will contribute to the Umfundalai dance technique.

— Jazmyn Burton





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# Leaving comfort zone, Grubb hits new milestones

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For all students, graduation represents one of life's most significant milestones. But for Beasley School of Law graduate Brian Grubb, it is just the latest in a series of transitions that have tested his inner strength and forced him to push beyond his comfort zone on the road to independence.

While pursuing his bachelor's degree at Temple, Grubb was forced to leave the university twice. The first time, in 2001, skipped classes and poor grades forced his return to his home in Wernersville, Pa. After fortifying himself at a community college, he returned to Temple years later prepared to succeed.

But a second interruption required more of Grubb than he would have ever imagined.

Grubb sustained a spinal cord injury after falling out of his loft bed onto a hardwood floor in his off-campus apartment.

The accident broke his C4 vertebrae and left him quadriplegic. He spent the next year and a half undergoing surgeries and rehabilitation, eventually graduating from the watchful eyes of doctors and nurses at his hospital bedside to the comfort and support of his parents at home.

"I got very comfortable there; my parents did everything for me. I was scared to death to move back to school and be on my own, but I believe you have to get out of your comfort zones to really experience life," said Grubb.

So it was with excitement and anxiety that Grubb returned to Temple in the fall of 2007. His first day back was one he will always remember.

"At the end of that day, after finding the wheelchair-accessible entrances, going to two classes, figuring out where to sit and talking with my professors, I remember returning to my dorm that night and thinking, 'I can definitely do this.' I always knew I could do it mentally but there are a million little hurdles to physically navigating each day, and I wasn't sure I could do it," he said.

Grubb would eventually establish

a new comfort zone at Temple and go on to earn his bachelor's degree in communications in 2008.

As graduation approached, however, he was not sure what he wanted to do next. He shared his uncertainty with his doctor one day during an exam, and was surprised when he suggested Grubb consider law school.

"I was so caught off guard," said Grubb. "Even though I'd always been interested in the law, I had never thought about pursuing it."

The more he thought about it, the more the idea appealed to him. While undergoing therapy at Magee Rehabilitation, Grubb noticed that several of the facility's major benefactors were lawyers, and that some had spinal cord injuries themselves. He'd also been told by several people that he had the temperament to be a lawyer.

He applied to Temple's Beasley School of Law and was "blown away" when he was accepted. Three years later, as he prepares to take the bar exam, he recognizes the practical nature of his law education and feels ready for real world practice. Grubb has cast a wide net in searching for his first job, but hopes eventually to use his degree to advocate for and assist people facing circumstances similar to his own.

"When people ask me what kind of lawyer I want to be, I joke, 'the employed kind.' I still want to advocate and assist those with spinal cord injuries, but I might have to do that on the side at first," he said.

Grubb is grateful for his time at Temple and the immense support he received. He worked closely with the staff at Disability Resources and Services to establish his life on campus and says he didn't meet a single person at the university who wasn't extremely helpful.

"College is your time to get one foot out into the real world. It's a place where people can feel completely free but still have a support system underneath them," said Grubb. "You're outside of the cave but not completely alone. I wouldn't trade my college experience for anything." u

# Overcoming cancer, communications major lives life at full throttle

*When most people think of disabilities, they think of physical disabilities like those associated with cerebral palsy or spinal cord injury. But not all disabilities are immediately discernible. Madison Carter was diagnosed with cancer after her first semester of college and underwent treatment for the next year. Her prognosis was good, but because her immune system was weakened by her treatments, her doctor was reluctant to let her return to school. Carter worked with Temple's Disability Resources and Services department to develop strategies that enabled her to study and live at the university. She used her time in school to successfully build strong contacts and skills, and participate in the Federal Workforce Recruitment Program operated by DRS. Her efforts have paid off. She graduates with an excellent GPA and a job in hand. A week after commencement, she leaves for Germany to work for the U.S. Armed Forces.*

**Temple Times:** Why did you choose Temple?

**Madison Carter:** I'm really a city girl and wanted to go to school in a big city. Also, I loved the fact that Temple was so close to home.

**TT:** What did you study?

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**Madison Carter**  
Bachelor of Arts,  
Communications

**MC:** I majored in communications and minored in business. I ended up focusing on human resources and interned with a medical facility, Temple's Faculty Senate and the training and development department in human resources at Temple.

**TT:** What was it like returning to school after your cancer treatment?

**MC:** I was so excited and I came back full throttle. I was determined to graduate on time and was able to make the dean's list every semester.

**TT:** How did the experience change you?

**MC:** The big lesson I learned is that we're given life for a specific purpose and that purpose is to live life to its full capacity every single day. Even with significant challenges or illnesses one can still achieve excellence academically and professionally through perseverance.

**TT:** What do you most value about your time at Temple?

**MC:** I made so many connections here. I loved the emphasis on professional development. All along the way, everyone was so ready to help me.

**TT:** To what do you attribute your success?



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**MC:** I've always been the type of person who made my own way and I've always been a positive person. Yes, during my treatment, I did experience emotional upheaval and the 'why mes?' but I always knew I was going to be successful and wanted to achieve great things.

**TT:** What are your plans for the future?

**MC:** My whole family has worked for the government, so I was very interested in those kinds of opportunities. After interviewing on campus with the Federal Workforce Recruitment Program, I started getting internship offers, but what I really wanted was a full time job. Finally, I got the email of my life. It was a job offer with the U.S. Armed Forces in Heidelberg, Germany. It's perfect. I'll get international experience and will make lots of connections. I am treating the world as my oyster!

— Eryn Jelesiewicz

# High school science fair leads to engineering success



Ryan S. Brandenberg

*Electrical and Computer Engineering's Sudarshan Kandi was the first recipient of the Temple University/George Washington Carver Science Fair Academic Tuition Scholarship. A resident of Northeast Philadelphia who has attained a 3.97 GPA, Kandi is also the recipient of the John L. Rumpf Award, for outstanding students with potential for success in engineering. Following graduation, Kandi will go to work as an associate system performance engineer for Verizon Wireless.*

**Temple Times:** How did you become interested in science and engineering?

**SK:** My mother is a chemistry teacher, my father is a mechanical engineer and my sister is getting her Ph.D. in pharmacology. In my family, it's almost a no-brainer that you are going to pursue a career in science or engineering.

**TT:** What was it like participating the George Washington Carver Science Fair in high school?

**SK:** It was a great experience. I participated as a high school sophomore and won in 11th grade. It

sparked an interest in me to explore new things and not take defeat as a stopping point. It also led me to the Temple University/George Washington Carver Science Fair Scholarship.

**TT:** How important was the Temple/Carver Scholarship in choosing Temple?

**SK:** The financial considerations were a big concern and the scholarship really helped. I had acceptances to Drexel, Penn State and Temple, but the first two schools didn't offer any financial assistance.

**TT:** What has your experience been like at Temple?

**SK:** It has been phenomenal. I have gotten to experience undergraduate research and undergraduate life and I've really gotten a lot of great experience outside the classroom.

**TT:** What was your favorite class?

**SK:** "Data and Computer Communications," which teaches you how to apply what you've learned to professional work. The course gave me

a foundation that I'll be able to apply when I get to my job at Verizon.

**TT:** What role has Carver Science Fair founder and chairman Tom Anderson played in your Temple success?

**SK:** Mr. Anderson really gave me the push that I needed to go into engineering. He helped me get the scholarship and that put Temple on my list. Since I arrived at Temple, he has been in constant touch with me and I get a lot of inspiration from him.

**TT:** You've assisted in the Carver Science Fair while a student at Temple. What has that been like?

**SK:** It was a self-realization moment for me. Mr. Anderson put me in touch with a home-schooled student who was going to the Delaware Valley Science Fair. I thought, "Okay, four years ago I was in his position," and I could see the amount of learning I had done at Temple and how my thinking had changed.

— Preston M. Moretz



# Social work grad helps steer others to better life choices

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The road to success is often long and winding. No one knows that better than Jonathan Quann, who will receive his bachelor's degree in Social Work at Temple's 2011 Commencement.

Despite only attending high school through the 10th grade, Quann worked as a cardiovascular technician at Graduate Hospital (now Penn Medicine at Rittenhouse) for 17 years, assisting doctors who treated heart and artery disorders. But in 1996 he became addicted to drugs and went into a rapid downward spiral.

"I realize now that I had intellect that I never tapped into," he said. "I didn't surround myself with people who were positive minded, and I ended up in a bad situation. I felt I had the potential to do great things, but I was letting it slip away through a series of bad decisions."

After the last bad decision landed him in jail in January 1998, he had had enough.



"I was sitting in that cell thinking, 'I don't want this to be my final story. I want to do something different,'" he said. "I wanted to turn my life around. I wanted to be a better father, friend, husband ... just a better person."

While he was incarcerated, Quann joined a program run by Gaudenzia, Inc., a nonprofit organization that helps

with addiction and recovery. From then on, he says, he became dedicated to his own self-improvement. He stayed with the program after his release in 2001, and upon graduating, was hired as a counselor's assistant.

"That was the first time that anyone in the program had gone from being a participant to being an employee," said

Quann. "I think it puts me in a unique position to help other guys who are in the position I used to be in."

He took advantage of that momentum, and in 2007, graduated with honors from the Community College of Philadelphia, where he received his associate's degree in behavioral health and human services. Wanting to take his education even further, he began to pursue his bachelor's in social work at Temple.

Jonathan Singer, an associate professor of social work at the College of Health Professions and Social Work, met Quann in his human behavior class and was immediately impressed by him. Singer told Quann that he had the potential to go far — to get his master's in social work or even teach one day.

"Here's a guy who has gone through the system — a couple of them — and can talk about it on a first-hand basis," said Singer. "He has real, honest experience in areas in which social workers closely work, and it allows him to talk about social work practice in a way that few other teachers would

be able to."

Quann says his family — his four daughters, three sons and grandchildren — have been his most vocal boosters and can't wait for him to graduate. He praises his wife, Tracey, who he says, "has sacrificed a lot to allow my story to unfold the way it has." And this year's graduation is a shared victory: Quann's son Dontae will graduate from Indiana University of Pennsylvania.

"I think it all serves as a good example for my children," he said. "Whatever happens in life, it might not seem fair, but you show up and you do what you have to do and you work hard to get where you need to be."

With a bachelor's degree under his belt, Quann's next step is to get his master's. With Gaudenzia, he hopes to be able to continue to help people in the same situation he was once in.

"Life boils down to a series of choices," he said. "I would tell anyone where I was years ago to slow down, be careful and think. Make a better choice for yourself." u



## Mulhern's instincts lead to study of podiatry

By Elizabeth DiPardo  
For the Temple Times

Graduating School of Podiatric Medicine student Jennifer Mulhern likes to plan — but she also knows to trust her instincts.

When she began her undergraduate education at Marywood University, for example, she intended to be an elementary school teacher. But after beginning the program, she discovered that while she liked teaching, she didn't love it. So she switched to biology education and found something she does love: podiatry. She graduated with a degree in biology and a minor in secondary education.

"I considered medicine before I started undergraduate, but I didn't know what avenue I wanted to focus on," she said. "After I shadowed doctors with a couple different specialties I just fell in love with podiatry."

Mulhern began her podiatry education at Temple in 2007, and after beginning work with patients, found that her instincts had been right. "One of the things that I really like about podiatric medicine is that our patients come to us in pain and when they leave, 85 percent feel better immediately," she said.

Mulhern said that her working style has evolved over time at Temple, and credits her professors with helping shape her approach to her patients.

"I just had to kind of learn by doing during clinical training," she said. "Every patient is different and every clinician is different and every patient has a different attitude or a different outlook on things. So the most important thing is to be yourself."

Putting her educational training to use, Mulhern tries to help her patients understand their conditions and how they can take better care of themselves. She writes two blogs to educate the public about foot care.

"I try to blog about things that might affect my audience rather than things that are really technical that I would learn in school," she said.

Mulhern is grateful for the camaraderie among her classmates that has helped her navigate the rigor of classes, clinical work and online studies.

"We work really well together," she said. "We study together, we see patients together. When we need help, everyone is there. It's really held everything together."

Mulhern now looks forward to beginning a new chapter in her podiatric training. In July, she will begin her residency at Community Medical Center in Scranton, Pa., where she will complete three years of foot and ankle surgical training.

After that? Time will tell, but Mulhern's instinct has never steered her wrong. u

## Brotherly love: Temple football's Joseph twins helped lead the Owls back to the national stage

Middle linebacker Elijah "Peanut" Joseph and defensive tackle Elisha "Eli" Joseph aren't just two of Temple football's mainstays. They're twins. Peanut is a few minutes older, and Eli is almost 50 pounds heavier. But other than that, they have a lot in common. They're both graduating from the College of Liberal Arts (Peanut with a degree in sociology, Eli with a degree in criminal justice). They're both defensive stars who've been recognized as among the Mid-American Conference's finest. And as upperclassmen they helped spearhead the Temple football program's dramatic turnaround, leading the Owls to consecutive winning seasons and the team's first bowl game in three decades in 2009.



**Temple Times:** You're twins. If you go your separate ways after graduating, will it be the first time you've ever been separated?

**Eli:** Yes. We've been together our whole lives. We grew up playing midget football together in Hartford, Conn. We went to the same high school. We attended the same prep school. And now we're graduating from Temple together.

**TT:** Are there advantages to playing on the same team as your twin brother?

**Peanut:** It's a special kind of bond. It benefits us during good times and bad times. That's one of the reasons we wanted to come to Temple together. Our relationship — being together — inspires us. We play for each other.

**TT:** Peanut, your senior season ended with a knee injury in the second-to-last game of the season. How are you feeling?

**Peanut:** My knee never really hurt me. What hurt me was not being on the field; not being there to help my teammates. My rehab has been going well. I'm about 90 percent. I try to stay positive. I'm in the training room every day three to four hours a day, trying to take care of my body. You have to work hard at it if you

want to be successful.

**TT:** Eli, you're graduating with a 3.37 GPA. You're a two-time member of the Academic All-MAC and Philadelphia Inquirer Academic All-Area teams, and you're a member of the National Football Foundation and College Hall of Fame's Hampshire Honor Society. What's your time management secret?

**Eli:** It's simple. You have to give something up. It means you can't watch as much TV. Sometimes not as much sleep, staying up late doing homework. A lot of people can't give those things up. But if you want to achieve something, you have to do it.

**TT:** How is life different for a Temple football player now compared to when you first arrived?

**Peanut:** The student body's attitude has changed so much since our freshman year. Our freshman year, there weren't a lot of students involved in Temple football or coming to games. People look at us differently now.

**Eli:** We see a lot more smiles. As a freshman, people told us how bad we were when we walked around campus. Now everything's positive.

**TT:** Things didn't turn out exactly as you had hoped on NFL draft day. What's next?

**Eli:** We have to focus on today. We

can't control what happened in the draft or what's happening with the NFL lockout. We can only control what we can control — that's working hard every day, as hard as we did in the past. Hopefully in the future, everything will be solved and we can sign as NFL free agents.

**TT:** Your favorite class at Temple?

**Peanut:** [African American studies instructor] Nathaniel Thompson's hip-hop course. It wasn't just about music — he educated us on the history behind how hip-hop evolved. Coming from practice, I was usually tired, but I always looked forward to his class.

**Eli:** A class I took last semester called "The Black Woman," taught by [African American studies doctoral student] Antwanisha Alameen. It changed my perspective about women. I was the only man in the class. I convinced some of my fellow football players to come.

**TT:** How about your favorite football-related memory?

**Peanut:** Just being a part of history — being here to help turn around this program and get this program running in the right direction. That's the main thing that makes me happy. Coming from our freshman year, when we only won four games, to having two winning seasons the last two years. I'm very proud of that. We set a good foundation for the future.

— Hillel Hoffmann



# Finance grad makes an impression at Temple, in D.C.

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Whether James Weisman, the senior vice president and general counsel of the United Spinal Association, is working on Capitol Hill or visiting New York City, he's surely advocating for people with disabilities.

And he's probably expecting to come across Jimmy Curran.

Curran, a graduating honors student in the Fox School of Business, is a consummate networker. So when Weisman was invited to the White House to attend President Barack Obama's 20th anniversary celebration of the Americans With Disabilities Act, he wasn't surprised that Curran was on the guest list. Or that Curran shook hands with the president.

"I just laughed," Weisman said of the encounter. "I said, 'You are just everywhere.'"

The same is true for Curran's time at Temple. Curran, who has type 2 spinal muscular atrophy, is graduating with a degree in finance and minors in economics and Spanish. He interned with CIT Group in New York City and spent last summer in Washington, D.C., as a congressional intern with Rep. Cathy McMorris Rodgers.



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While there, Curran worked closely with Legislative Director Kimberly Betz — and at times directly with Rodgers — to analyze policy, including the financial reform bill's potential impact on Washington state.

As important as his "consistently outstanding" work, Rodgers said Curran "brought a positive energy and enthusiasm to the office that made him well-liked and now missed by his peers."

The second-youngest of four children, Curran, 22, graduated from

Plymouth Whitemarsh High School in Montgomery County and was attracted to Temple because of its urban location, diverse study body, and the intimacy of the university and business honors programs.

John Bennett, director of the university's Department of Disability Resources and Services, describes Curran as a calculated planner who doesn't shy away from challenges and who can easily work a room. Once, when Bennett and a university photographer were photographing

Curran in Alter Hall, Bennett noticed that Curran kept stealing glances at Fox's elliptical stock ticker.

"He had a minute to spare, but he was using that minute," Bennett said.

Friends say Curran lives by the three Fs of family, friends and finance. He credits his parents for their constant support and examples of overcoming adversity. His father, Tom, dropped out of high school to start a successful demolition business and his mother, Patricia, immigrated to the U.S. from Colombia at a young age. She is a nurse at Lankenau Medical Center.

Curran said his social network — both his close friends and acquaintances — made his time at Temple so enjoyable.

"I love meeting people. When people see someone with a disability, they might have second thoughts. 'How do I approach them? Will they respond to me the way I would want them to?' Curran said. "I take great pride in being someone who will put themselves out there for others to get to know me, and then they can judge me based on who I am."

And Curran's identity as a finance major and as the "cool guy who does all these amazing things who is so laid

back and gracious" far outweighs his disability, Bennett said.

"You just have to appreciate Jimmy Curran for the guy he is, which is an accomplished student who, with no doubt, will go on to greatness," he said.

During the July 26, 2010, ceremony where Curran met Obama, the president signed an executive order for the government to hire 100,000 employees with disabilities by 2015. Curran is applying for some of those jobs, as well as to private firms in finance. No matter where opportunity takes him, Curran said he hopes to "help bridge the gap between the private sector and people with disabilities."

"I think there's a major delay in the way the private sector is adopting the notion to hire people with disabilities the way the government is," he said.

Curran already serves as vice chair on the Student Advisory Council of the U.S. Business Leadership Network, a national disability organization that represents more than 5,000 employers.

"But you won't hear him shouting and roaring that he's on this board," Bennett said. "That's Jimmy Curran." u



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## Family connections compel deep desire to help in Haiti

*Jane Charles-Voltaire feels as though she has lived two lives simultaneously — one in America and one in Haiti. While she grew up in Brooklyn and Montreal, both of her parents and much of her family are from Haiti, and she has spent a lot of time there. She plans to return to the nation this fall to use her Temple Law degree to help improve life for its people.*

**Temple Times:** Where are you from and where did you grow up?

**Jane Charles-Voltaire:** I grew up in the Park Slope neighborhood of Brooklyn, surrounded by a lot of extended family. Both of my parents are from Haiti, where many relatives and family friends still live. We visit so frequently that it's basically like having another life.

**TT:** How did your career focus evolve?  
**JCV:** I studied languages and literature as an undergraduate but realized I had to do something more. I thought my skills would be better used if I was able to do something on behalf of people and decided to pursue law.

**TT:** You took a year off between your undergraduate studies at Wesleyan University and Temple Law. How did that year shape you?

**JCV:** For the first six months, I

worked at the Legal Action Center in Washington, D.C., which really helped me see the different roles lawyers can play. I spent the next six months in Haiti to see if I could step beyond my familial ties to live and work there.

**TT:** Why did you choose Temple?

**JCV:** There was something about Temple that just seemed to catch me. I was excited about the idea that I'd get a lot of practical experience at the law school, which I would need to be able to implement all my ideas.

**TT:** What has been most meaningful about your time at Temple?

**JCV:** Law school was not easy. I can say that now smiling and laughing, but I definitely had a lot of moments of doubt.

Having the opportunity to shape my law education around my interests has been incredible, and finding out that I can be successful at it is all the better. I feel lucky I've been able to make it to work for me.

**TT:** What are your plans after graduation?

**JCV:** In the fall I am moving to Haiti. I'm very clear that being there is my priority.

— Eryn Jelesiewicz

## Porinchak driven by passion to serve at all levels

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No one would have begrudged Brandon Porinchak the solitude if he had settled into a quiet life after completing his tour of duty in Iraq. The decorated veteran was a Humvee gunner during 50 convoy detail missions, while also serving as a voice and data communications specialist.

But even after serving 11 years with the First Cavalry Division and the Pennsylvania Army National Guard, he never gave settling down a thought. Instead, he immediately began preparing to serve in new ways. Now Porinchak, who is graduating from Temple with a master's degree in community and regional planning, is ready to serve his country in a different capacity.

Out of a field of more than 9,100 applicants, Porinchak was among just a few hundred selected this year for the Presidential Management Fellows program, a prestigious two-year paid government fellowship that provides him the opportunity to work with a variety of U.S. government agencies. The rigorous selection process included hours of interviews, tests and assessments.

"It is such a tremendous honor; it's a difficult process but completely worth it," he said. "I'm excited not just for my future but for how I can hopefully help others through this process. I want to give back to Temple in that way — to help other Temple graduates become Presidential Management Fellows and create these essential connections."

In late April, Porinchak attended a job fair in Washington D.C. with dozens of federal agencies.

"I met with a variety of agencies and was offered and accepted a Fellowship with the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). I'm absolutely thrilled," he said. "I will be a program analyst with the Field Policy and Management Division in the Philadelphia regional



James Duffy

office, which is terrific as we won't have to move from the area."

Porinchak comes to the position with a strong background in civic service. Prior to beginning the community and regional planning program, he worked with the Lancaster County Planning Commission and as planning and zoning director for Elizabethtown Borough. In addition, his time with the military has given him a global perspective that will serve him well at the national level, said Deborah Howe, chair of Temple's Department of Community and Regional Planning.

"Experience with the federal government will strengthen his skill set and give him the chance

to network in ways that can open opportunities for intriguing career paths," she said. "Brandon is a dynamic and engaged student who cares deeply about effective planning. He has much to offer to the profession."

Presidential Management Fellows who complete the program are often given the opportunity to take on full-time positions with the department they have been working with.

"My parents instilled in me a duty to one's self and to one's country," he said. "I believe in serving my community. I've worked at the state, county and municipal level as a planner. The logical next step was to work for my country." u





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## Hilaire enters new phase of long-term Temple relationship

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German philosopher Friedrich Nietzsche said “That which does not kill us makes us stronger.” That would certainly apply to Temple senior Marcda Hilaire.

At the age of five, Hilaire battled and overcame typhoid fever, malaria and anemia — all at the same time — in her native Haiti. At the age of nine, she lost her grandmother to breast cancer.

The events pushed Hilaire to pursue a medical career.

Receiving her bachelor’s degree in biology from Temple is just the latest stop on a journey that began when Hilaire was in the seventh grade in West Palm Beach, Fla.

“My teacher there knew about this program at Temple, which was created by an alumnus, Moses Williams, to help minorities get into the medical fields,” she said.

Hilaire applied and was accepted into Temple’s Physician Scientist Training Program, which for 10 summers — seventh grade through undergraduate — introduces minority students to biomedical research through academia, government and industry. She first came to Temple in 2002, during the summer between seventh and eighth grades.

“Before I ever came to Temple for college, I had the whole college experience: living in the dorms, lectures in Tuttleman Hall, classes in Bio-Life Sciences Building, studying at Paley Library,” she said. “We called it ‘science boot camp’ because 13-year-olds are not usually doing science experiments, research and stuff like that.”

Hilaire spent the summers of 2004-07 working under biochemist Scott Shore at Temple’s Fels Institute for Cancer Research and Molecular Biology, conducting research on breast cancer — the same disease that had afflicted her grandmother; doing rounds with doctors at Temple University Hospital; completing a research internship at the National Institutes of Health working on HIV/AIDS; and working as a research intern at Rosetta Inpharmatics, a subsidiary of Merck and Co.

“I was doing hardcore research in a lab with a real scientist,” she said. “I was really humbled by that whole experience.”

In 12th grade, Hilaire was selected to be a Gates Millennium Scholar. Funded by the Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation, it provides 10 years of financial, academic and personal support to minorities studying in the fields of computer science, education, engineering, library science, mathematics, public health and the sciences.

She enrolled as an undergraduate biology major at Temple in fall of 2007.

“I don’t think I would have had the same experience somewhere else,” she said. “Being somewhere where you’re already connected and you have a relationship — I say Temple and I have had a long-term relationship — is really important.

She will next pursue her master’s degree in public health — possibly at Tulane University — then go on to medical school with the thought of one day starting her own medical practice.

“An education is the greatest gift I have gained in America and as an aspiring doctor, I intend on sharing it with the disadvantaged communities, people just like me,” Hilaire said. “My life-long dream is to open a hospital in Haiti, especially for children. It may start off as a clinic, but a hospital is my dream.” u

# Sudanese ‘Lost Boy’ finds his future at Temple



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By Anna Nguyen  
For the Temple Times

Two civil wars in more than 50 years have claimed the lives of some 2.5 million people in Sudan. Koch Deng Bior considers himself lucky that he wasn’t among them.

Having grown up in the midst of the brutal Second Sudanese Civil War, Bior has endured tremendous hardships to reach this day, as he earns his degree in public health from Temple.

As a young child, Bior fled with his uncle to Ethiopia after being separated from his parents during a government attack that destroyed his village in southern Sudan in 1987. Unrest in Ethiopia then led him to seek refuge in Kenya.

In 1992, Bior made the treacherous journey from Ethiopia to Kenya — a frightening three-month, 700-mile walk through the wilderness, at times without food or water.

“Lost Boys...it was a term that was a reality,” said Bior, referring to the term aid workers in refugee camps gave to the more than 20,000 boys like him who were separated from their families during the civil war.

After arriving at the Kakuma Refugee Camp in Kenya, Bior, who speaks Dinka, Arabic and Kiswahili, worked for the

International Red Cross as a translator. He helped determine which refugees required additional care in hospitals and provided general support in the community. The opportunity marked the beginning of Bior’s interest in public health.

In the camp, Bior said he became determined to come to the United States for a better life. Koch qualified for a program to come to the U.S. and arrived shortly before turning 18.

With little formal education and limited English skills, over the next five years Bior worked countless hours at odd jobs, ranging from factories to the local 7-Eleven. He saved money for community college while sending money back to his family in Africa.

“You don’t have a lot of help and you have to start work. I was by myself and didn’t know anyone,” he said. “I knew that I wanted to go to school and do what I did in Kenya.”

He came to Temple in 2008 and worked as a security guard to earn his way through school.

“He has overcome so much to get where he is today, and he’s so determined to give back,” said Sylvia Twersky-Bumgardner, assistant chair of the Department of Public Health, who first met Bior three years ago in the “Introduction to Public Health” class. “He wants to help those in the same situation.”

Bior has spoken about his own experiences in Twersky-Bumgardner’s “Complex Emergencies and Forced Migration” course. “He has a unique perspective as a refugee and he worked in the aid camp,” she said.

Bior also shared his experiences with newly arrived refugees when he interned on the health team at Nationalities Service Center in Philadelphia, a nonprofit that provides assistance to immigrants and refugees.

“I was always impressed by his flexibility and eagerness to learn to new things. He was interested in the processes, but also in wanting to get to know people,” said Gretchen Wendel, a NSC clinic liaison.

After graduation, Bior hopes to find a job in the public health field and return to Sudan to visit his mother and brother. The family never learned the whereabouts of his father.

“[Public health] is needed in underdeveloped countries like mine in southern Sudan,” he said. “We don’t have a lot of technology like here. There’s a real need for health care.”

But Bior says his plans with school aren’t quite through.

“If God wills it, I’ll go for my masters in public health and maybe even a medical degree,” said Bior. “That’s my dream. I want to do something better. I want to help other people who came just like me.” u

## Study abroad is pivotal experience for Kang

*As a high-school student in Mechanicsburg, Pa., Joyce Kang developed an interest in politics and strong desire to explore her cultural identity as a Korean-American. Her interests led her first to Philadelphia, to Temple, and then to study abroad in South Korea. In several undergraduate research projects that grew out of her study abroad experiences, Kang examined national identity, pride and multiculturalism in South Korea.*

**Temple Times: Why did you choose Temple?**

**Kang:** My sister went here, and my best teacher in high school graduated from Temple. He told me Temple had a strong political science program. I really wanted to be in the city — something a little different from where I grew up — and I wanted a school with diversity and a strong study abroad program. The Honors program sealed the deal. It gave that small college feel within the large urban university setting.

**TT: Describe your most transformative experience?**

**JK:** I took advantage of Temple’s Diamond Ambassadors Scholarship program and went to South Korea twice. I did a summer internship at a broadcasting company and took courses at a Korean university. This fall I went back and focused more on language courses. I’m a strong advocate of study abroad. It can influence you in so many ways, culturally and personally. It was a pivotal experience for me and forced me out of my comfort zone.

**TT: Where can you be found in your spare time?**

**JK:** As a theater minor, I participate in university-related and local productions when I can. One of my most unique experiences



Joseph V. Labolito

was performing a monologue written by a local high school student as part of Philadelphia Young Playwrights. It gave me the opportunity to get into the head of someone who grew up here in Philly.

**TT: What are your plans for the future?**

**JK:** I am hoping to work in the public policy arena and be part of an organization that works with Asian Americans.

— Kim Fischer



# Brain Gain

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move elsewhere after earning their degrees — Temple graduates are fueling the local economy by putting their degrees to work in and around Philadelphia in greater numbers than graduates of any other regional institution.

According to surveys of local college students conducted by Campus Philly, a non-profit organization seeking to stimulate economic growth by encouraging college students to study, explore, live, and work in Greater Philadelphia, nearly two-thirds of Temple students indicated that they were likely to stay in the Philadelphia area after graduation. Almost three out of 10 Temple students surveyed indicated that they were “very likely” to stay in Philadelphia — a higher percentage than any other of the region’s research universities.

Like many seniors in the Class of 2011, Staten came to Temple with the intention of moving to another city after earning her degree. An African American studies major from

Philadelphia, Staten felt the pull of Washington, D.C., where she hoped to explore a career in the law, government or intelligence — a path that she hoped would lead to politics. But while at Temple, she took courses with former Philadelphia Mayor John Street, started working with local ward leaders, took advantage of connections she developed with student organizations and local alumni and decided to jump-start her career in public service in Philadelphia instead of D.C.

“I’m running for city commissioner,” Staten said. “It will be great to give back to the city I know and the people I know who have supported me. If I went somewhere else, I wouldn’t have that support.”

Buckman, a finance and international business major from Doylestown, Pa., acknowledges that New York is the world’s finance capital. He even visited a few companies there. But ultimately, he said, “I still want to be in Philly.”

“Part of that is wanting to stay involved with the Fox School of Business,” said Buckman, who starts at Deloitte in September. “But it’s more than that. I developed an entire network in Philadelphia. This is the

nation’s fifth largest city, with a wide variety of companies, both big and small.”

Given Temple’s long history of serving students from greater Philadelphia, the fact that large numbers of Temple students intend to stay in town isn’t a surprise. More than any other institution, Temple has been the region’s source for educated workers: About one in every eight college-educated people who live in Philadelphia or the four surrounding Pennsylvania counties has at least one Temple degree. Yet Temple’s urban appeal also attracts thousands of out-of-state students to Philadelphia. When they get here, many take advantage of what Philadelphia has to offer, learn to love the city and decide to stay.

Lukehart — a political science major from Takoma Park, Md., a suburb of Washington, D.C. — was lured to Temple by its big-city campus and the diversity of its student body. While working as a photographer for the *Temple News*, the student newspaper, he shot pictures all over the city from sporting events to protests. He liked the urban environment so much that he accepted a full-time service job this fall with City Year as

a tutor in an underserved Philadelphia community.

“I think that one of the biggest reasons that I’m staying in Philadelphia is the phenomenal experience I had at Temple,” Lukehart said. “I really think this city has so much to offer and so much potential yet to be realized. I’m excited to be part of helping Philadelphia realize that potential in the next few years.”

That’s sweet music to elected officials, business leaders and others who hope to keep the Philadelphia region economically vital. Deborah Diamond, president of Campus Philly, cites research suggesting that a 1 percent increase in a city’s college graduate population will lead to cascading economic benefits totaling \$4 billion. People with college degrees earn more, she says. When they earn more, they spend more. And that spending sends ripples throughout a region’s economy.

“Increasingly, the regions that are going to thrive are regions that are built off highly educated workers,” Diamond said. “The increasing economic health of this region is directly tied to how educated our workers are. Temple is a pillar of this change.”

— Hillel Hoffmann



## Still looking? Take advantage of these career resources

Still hoping to find a post-graduation job, internship, grad school or volunteer opportunity in the Philadelphia area? Temple’s Career Center is hosting Campus Philly’s 34th annual Opportunity Fair on Tuesday, May 24, from noon to 3 p.m. in the Student Center.

And don’t forget that the Career Center’s career coaching resources are available free to Temple alumni. Visit [www.temple.edu/careercenter](http://www.temple.edu/careercenter) for more information.

## Guide to school and college ceremonies

Temple University’s 124th Commencement exercises will be held Thursday, May 12, beginning at 10 a.m. in the Liacouras Center. Chris Matthews, a Philadelphia native who has built a national reputation as host of “Hardball” on MSNBC and “The Chris Matthews Show” on NBC, will receive an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

In addition, each of Temple’s schools and colleges will hold smaller ceremonies to recognize their individual graduates and bring together the class cohorts for a final send off. Below is a list of each ceremony and speakers announced by the school or college. All events are on May 12 unless otherwise indicated.

- n Tyler School of Art**  
4:30 p.m., Temple Performing Arts Center  
**Speaker:** Student Keith Hartwig, architecture
- n Fox School of Business and School of Tourism and Hospitality Management**  
3:30 p.m., The Liacouras Center  
**Speakers:** Temple Trustee Jane Scaccetti, CEO of Drucker and Scaccetti, P.C.; student Timothy M. Buckman, international business and finance.
- n School of Communications and Theater**  
3 p.m., The Student Pavilion  
**Speaker:** 1986 journalism graduate Steve Capus, president of NBC News.
- n Kornberg School of Dentistry**  
4 p.m., Pennsylvania Convention Center, 1101 Arch Street  
**Speakers:** Kathleen T. O’Loughlin, executive director and chief operating officer, American Dental Association; Dean Amid I. Ismail; David Bresler, alumni board president; Louise Skarulis, assistant professor, restorative dentistry; and valedictorians Gregory W. Carr and Geoffrey S. Zinberg.
- n College of Education**  
5:30 p.m., The Student Pavilion  
**Speaker:** Steven Jay Gross,

- Main Campus Ceremonies**

  - Art, Tyler School of
  - Business & Management, Fox School of
  - Communications & Theater, School of
  - Education, College of
  - Engineering, College of
  - Health Professions & Social Work, College of
  - Honors Ceremony
  - Law, Beasley School of
  - Liberal Arts, College of
  - Music & Dance, Boyer College of
  - Pharmacy, School of
  - Science & Technology, College of
  - Tourism & Hospitality Management, School of

interim chair, Educational Leadership and Policy Studies Department and professor of educational administration; and Natalie Ramos-Castillo, Temple Student Government president.

- n College of Engineering**  
12:30 p.m., Temple Performing Arts Center  
**Speaker:** Student Christopher D. Tufts, electrical engineering  
**Reception:** 2-3:30 p.m. College of Engineering
- n School of Environmental Design**  
3:30 p.m., Ambler Learning Center Auditorium  
**Speakers:** Adam Supplee, president-elect of the PA/DE Chapter of the American Society of Landscape Architects; alumna Mary Ann Fry; and student Susan Fallon,

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  - Dentistry, Maurice H. Rumburg School of
  - Environmental Design, School of
  - Medicine, School of
  - Podiatric Medicine, School of
  - The Academy of Music

- horticulture.  
**Reception:** 4:30 p.m., Formal Gardens (Ambler Campus Dining Center in case of inclement weather)
- n College of Health Professions and Social Work**  
7:30 p.m., The Liacouras Center.  
**Speaker:** U.S. Rep. Allyson Y. Schwartz
- n Beasley School of Law**  
May 19, 4 p.m., The Liacouras Center  
**Speaker:** Former U.S. Sen. Arlen Specter  
**Reception:** 2 p.m., Klein Hall
- n College of Liberal Arts**  
1 p.m., The Liacouras Center (undergraduate)  
4 p.m., Anderson Hall, room 17 (graduate)

- Speaker:** Terry Rey, chair, Department of Religion
- n School of Medicine**  
May 16, 9 a.m., The Kimmel Center (Broad and Locust streets)  
**Speaker:** John M. Daly, emeritus dean and Harry C. Donahoo professor of surgery.
- n Boyer College of Music and Dance**  
1 p.m. Great Court, Mitten Hall  
**Speakers:** Students Jeffrey Torchon, jazz music education; and Kendra L. Balmer, music education
- n School of Pharmacy**  
May 13, Noon. Temple Performing Arts Center  
**Speaker:** Magid Abou-Gharbia, associate dean

- for research and director, Moulder Center for Drug Discovery Research
- n School of Podiatric Medicine**  
May 16, 10 a.m., The Academy of Music (Broad and Locust streets)  
**Speakers:** Richard Englert, Temple provost and senior vice president for academic affairs; Harold Schoenhaus; and Kieran T. Mahan.  
**Reception:** Union League, 140 South Broad St., immediately following the ceremony
- n College of Science and Technology**  
12:30 p.m., The Student Pavilion  
**Speaker:** Lewis Katz, Temple University Trustee; student Jenna Fox, biology.

# Temple University Main Campus Commencement 2011 Map

**To Temple University's Main Campus**

**From the Pennsylvania Turnpike:**  
Take Exit 324 (Philadelphia/Valley Forge). Follow I-76 East (Schuylkill Express) approx. 10 miles to Exit 344 (Central Philadelphia-4th). Note: Exit is on left. Follow I-76 approximately 1 mile to Central Phila. (Broad Street exit). Take Broad Street exit (stay to left). In one block go left onto Broad Street. Follow Broad Street to Norris Street (approx. 2 miles). Turn left onto Norris Street and left again onto 4th Street. Vaupar Parking Lot 1 entrance is on the left. You may also park at the Liacouras Center Parking Garage, located at 4th Street and Montgomery Avenue.

**From the Northeast Extension Pennsylvania Turnpike:**  
Take Exit 20 to I-476 South to I-76. Exit at I-76 East (approx. 5 miles). Take I-76 East approx. 10 miles to Exit 344 (Central Philadelphia-4th). Note: Exit is on left. Follow directions from I-476 above.

**From I-476 North:**  
Take Exit 20 (Central Philadelphia-4th). Follow Central Philadelphia sign to Broad Street exit. At next intersection (Vine Street) turn left. In one block, turn left onto Broad Street. Follow Broad Street to Norris Street (approx. 2 miles). Turn left onto Norris Street and left again onto 4th Street. Vaupar Parking Lot 1 entrance is on the left. You may also park at the Liacouras Center Parking Garage, located at 4th Street and Montgomery Avenue.

**From I-476 South:**  
Take Exit 22 (Central Philadelphia-4th). Note: left lane exit. Follow I-476 West to Broad Street exit. See above directions from Broad Street exit.

**From the New Jersey Turnpike:**  
Take Exit 4 to route 20 North. Follow approx. 1 mile to Route 20 West. Follow for 10 miles to Benjamin Franklin Bridge. Take I-476 West to Broad Street exit. Follow above directions from Broad Street exit.

**Public Transportation to Temple's Main Campus**

SEPTA Regional High Speed Lines: All lines stop at Temple University Station, 4th and Berks Streets.

Broad Street Subway: All local trains stop at Cecil B. Moore Station (Broad Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue).

"C" Bus: Stops on Broad Street at Cecil B. Moore Avenue, Montgomery Avenue, Berks Mall and Norris Street.

"Y" Bus: Stops at Cecil B. Moore Avenue from 4th Street to Broad Street.

"22" Bus: Stops on 4th Street (southbound) and 22nd Street (northbound) at Berks Mall, Montgomery Avenue and Cecil B. Moore Avenue.

