Commitment to Pennsylvania

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Temple’s Commitment to the People of Pennsylvania

• Lead the charge on affordability
• Create new ways to limit college debt
• Power the Commonwealth’s workforce
• Generate greater Pa. impact
• Conduct research that changes lives
• Energize our community engagement
Lead the charge on affordability

• Introduced **Fly in 4** in fall of 2014
  • Best way to limit college debt = graduate in 4 years
  • Students sign agreement as freshmen
  • Just under **90 percent** of freshmen signed up
Lead the charge on affordability (continued)

• Tuition increases held to average of 2.4 % over the last three years
• New financial literacy courses on budgeting and borrowing
• Decentralized budgeting to promote efficiency and entrepreneurship
Power the Commonwealth’s workforce

- Create more opportunity for acceptance through Temple Option
- 70 percent of this year’s incoming class from Pa.; about 4,000 transfer students
- Temple awarded 4,854 bachelor’s degrees in 2014, the most ever.
- $1 million invested in Career Services to connect employers with students/grads
Generate greater Pa. impact

• Temple generates >$6 billion for the Commonwealth
• Temple supports 71,000 jobs in state
• Growing alumni base
  • >160,000 Temple alumni live in Pa.
  • Temple produces many of the state’s doctors, lawyers, CEOs, teachers and elected officials
Conduct research that changes lives

• Focused on real-world problems:
  • Eliminating HIV
  • Early Alzheimer’s detection
  • Improved energy storage
  • Reducing crime in urban communities

• Research impact:
  • 13 startup companies in 5 years
  • $230 million in research expenditures
Energize our community engagement

• $1 million to create educational programs and career training in North Philadelphia.
• $2.2 million federal grant to enhance STEM education
• $65 million in charity care at Temple Health
• $1.75 million initiative to improve oral health care access
• Named to U.S. President's Higher Education Community Service Honor Roll