

# President's Update, November 5, 2021

## CABINET HIGHLIGHTS ACADEMICS



<u>TechOwl</u>, short for Technology for Our Whole Lives, is a program of the <u>College</u> of <u>Education and Human Development</u> that's getting <u>worldwide attention</u> for its viral TikTok videos that educate people about everyday tools for people with disabilities.

### ADMINISTRATION



Temple University's <u>endowment increased 28%</u> in 2021 on strong investment returns.

#### ATHLETICS



We are revving up for basketball season! <u>Cherry & White Night</u> provided the chance for students and guests to meet the teams, compete in a half-court shot contest, and see performances from the band and spirit squad.

#### **TEMPLE HEALTH**



The sale of <u>Temple Health</u>'s interest in <u>Health Partners Plans</u> closed on November 1, providing a meaningful injection of capital as TUHS continues its relentless focus on fiscal stability, social determinants of health, and best-inclass care.

#### INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Alumni Dr. Arnold Shatz and his wife Sherri Shatz made a \$15 million testamentary gift to Temple to support the establishment of endowed chairs in the <u>Department of Urology</u> at the <u>Lewis Katz School of Medicine</u> and the <u>Nursing Department</u> in the <u>College of Public Health</u>, with the remainder to be used at the discretion of the respective deans.

#### PUBLIC AFFAIRS



RESEARCH



Sonia Sanchez, Emeritus Faculty from the Department of English in the College of Liberal Arts and <u>Philadelphia's first Poet Laureate</u>, was recognized for her ongoing achievements in inspiring change through the power of the word as the 28th annual <u>Dorothy and Lillian Gish Prize</u> recipient. The prize, initiated in 1994, includes a \$250,000 award and recognition alongside of other <u>iconic</u> artists.

Temple students <u>traveled to Harrisburg</u> last week to meet elected officials, voice their support for continued funding from the Commonwealth, and in general demonstrate that they are outstanding ambassadors for the university!

# BOARD ENGAGEMENT EVENT



Thursday, November 11, 2021, 11 a.m. Room 200C, Howard Gittis Student Center, 1755 N. 13th Street

Join me and the Military and Veteran Services Center (MVSC) for a <u>ceremony</u> welcoming and honoring our military-connected and veteran students on Veterans Day.

#### GOVERNANCE



ICYMI – As part of my remarks at the public session board meeting, I invited <u>Tyler</u> faculty member and head of the <u>glass-blowing program Jessica Jane Julius</u> to join and give us her insights on teaching a uniquely hands-on skill during a pandemic; also <u>nursing student Justine Jones</u>, who provided a clear and passionate explanation for her pursuit of a career in healthcare at Temple.

#### SHOUT-OUT



Thank you to Drew Katz for arranging a meeting with me, our new Athletic Director Arthur Johnson, and Larry Miller (FOX '82), Chairman of Jordan Brand (Nike), on Monday to discuss areas of engagement for Temple athletics and the university as a whole.

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