President’s Update, November 5, 2021

CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMICS

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

ADMINISTRATION

Temple University’s endowment increased 28% in 2021 on strong investment returns.

ATHLETICS

We are revving up for basketball season! Cherry & White Night 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 Temple Health’s interest in Health Partners Plans 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-in-class 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 Department of Urology at the Lewis Katz School of Medicine and the Nursing Department in the College of Public Health, with the remainder to be used at the discretion of the respective deans.
PUBLIC AFFAIRS

Temple students traveled to Harrisburg 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!

RESEARCH

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

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 ceremony 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 Tyler faculty member and head of the glass-blowing program Jessica Jane Julius to join and give us her insights on teaching a uniquely hands-on skill during a pandemic; also nursing student Justine Jones, 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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