

President's Update, November 12, 2021

CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

ACADEMICS



Anthropologist, associate professor of theater, and <u>Faculty Senate</u> President <u>Dr. Kimmika Williams-Witherspoon</u> was quoted in a <u>Business Insider article</u> on how corporate America is awakening to the power of historically black colleges and universities.

ADMINISTRATION

Temple's <u>Liacouras Center</u> is sporting a new digital look for the upcoming events season. The more than <u>2,200 square feet of high-definition LED</u> will create a state-of-the-art experience for Temple fans.



ATHLETICS



Student-athlete <u>Khalif Battle</u> of the <u>men's basketball</u> team was featured in a <u>Philadelphia Inquirer story</u> that paints a vivid picture of how he developed a taste for competition.

TEMPLE HEALTH

Temple University Hospital received full three-year accreditation from the <u>Joint Commission</u> for its <u>Jeanes</u>, <u>Episcopal</u> and <u>Main</u> campuses.



INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



Temple alum Robert Rashford '83 was on campus Wednesday, November 10th for a series of presentations and meetings at the <u>College of Engineering</u>. Rashford founded <u>Genesis Engineering</u>, developer of tools used by astronauts during space walks. His company will partner with Jeff Bezos' Blue Origin in the <u>development of a new space station</u>.

PUBLIC AFFAIRS

I attended an event hosted by the Lewis Katz School of Medicine <u>intended to bring together Black male college students with Temple-affiliated Black male medical students and physicians</u>, together with interim Provost Gregory Mandel and interim Dean Amy Goldberg.



RESEARCH



Temple University's <u>School of Pharmacy</u> is joining several other institutions in the <u>RAPID Alliance Research Consortium</u> to address a <u>\$500 billion medication</u> <u>problem</u> – optimizing medication and vaccine use in the United States. Clinical Associate Professor <u>Dr. Van Hellerslia</u> is passionate about the work and Temple's role in the project.

BOARD ENGAGEMENT

EVENT

Join us on Saturday, November 13 as <u>football</u> takes on the <u>Houston Cougars</u> at noon at <u>Lincoln Financial Field</u> and <u>men's basketball</u> tips off against the <u>USC</u> <u>Trojans</u> at 7 p.m. in the <u>Liacouras Center</u>.



GOVERNANCE



As we continue to move forward turning vision and goals into plans of action, the conversation about risk and risk management becomes ever more important. We recommend to your reading list this recent message from AGB discussing the Board's role in overseeing institutional risk.

SHOUT-OUT

With enormous respect and gratitude, thank you to newly elected Honorary Life Trustee <u>Patrick J. O'Connor</u> for his decades of philanthropy and tireless service to the governance and mission of Temple University.



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