

## President's Board Update

December 3, 2021

### CABINET HIGHLIGHTS

#### ACADEMICS



[David J. Wilk](#), assistant professor of finance and director of the real estate program in the [Fox School of Business](#), was quoted in an [article in US News & World Report](#) regarding conventional mortgage loans.

#### ADMINISTRATION

I announced a [significant investment in the Main Campus core](#) to increase our Campus Safety force by 50%, collaborate with Mayor Kenney's office to expand anti-violence initiatives, and enhance our safety infrastructure.



#### ATHLETICS



Read and/or listen to [this conversation](#) with [Women's Lacrosse](#) head coach [Bonnie Rosen](#), and learn about her lifetime in sports and 15 years at Temple.

#### TEMPLE HEALTH

In a vote of confidence for the increasing financial stability of [TUHS](#), [Fitch Ratings](#) has [upgraded the health system's revenue bond ratings](#) to investment grade ('BBB' from 'BB+', two notches better) while [revising its rating outlook](#) to stable from positive.

The Fitch Ratings logo, with "Fitch" in red and "Ratings" in black.

#### INSTITUTIONAL ADVANCEMENT



[S. Lee Merritt](#), a 2012 alum of the [Beasley School of Law](#) is a civil rights attorney, represents the family of Ahmaud Arbery, and is [running for Attorney General in Texas](#).

## PUBLIC AFFAIRS

We hosted a [forum](#) for the Temple community to respond to concerns about gun violence and campus safety in the wake of the tragic death of senior [Samuel Collington](#).



## RESEARCH



Temple is Pennsylvania's only public institution to be ranked in the top 50 for both [undergraduate](#) and [graduate entrepreneurship](#) by the [Princeton Review](#).

## BOARD ENGAGEMENT

### EVENT

If you'd like to hear a first-hand sample of student sentiment regarding campus safety issues, [Temple Student Government](#) will be hosting a town hall on Monday, December 6, at 4 p.m. The event will be a Zoom webinar available at this link: <https://temple.zoom.us/j/97447629382>.



## GOVERNANCE



Temple, like universities across the country, has experienced a dramatic increase in the demand for mental health services. As an example, requests to our counseling center for urgent crisis intervention have increased by 255% from 2019 to 2021. In a recent blog post, the [Association of Governing Boards of Universities and Colleges](#) tackles "[Reimagining Support for Mental Health](#)." It recommends a holistic examination of these important services to meet the needs of struggling students while avoiding overburdening counseling staff.

## SHOUT-OUT

On Wednesday, Trustee and Comcast Senior Vice President [Bret Perkins](#) admirably served as interviewer for my appearance in a [Philadelphia Chamber of Commerce](#) event as part of its "CEO Connection" series.



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