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.

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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