

# PROUD TU SERVE

THE NEWSLETTER OF TEMPLE UNIVERSITY'S DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY

## Chief's Corner

A big congrats to our grads! Temple University's 139th Commencement, along with 19 graduation ceremonies across its schools and colleges, were all celebrated over four very busy days. Through it all, Temple University Public Safety demonstrated professionalism, teamwork and dedication at every turn. From managing large crowds to helping graduates, families, and guests safely navigate campus, your efforts helped made this year's celebrations a success for the more than 8,100 graduates who earned degrees during the 2025-2026 academic year.

The positive feedback we received from parents and families across our social media platforms speaks volumes about the impact that our members continue to make each day. Here are just some of the comments:

- "Thank you for your service! You did great yesterday! Navigating so many people!!!"
- "Thank you Temple Public Safety, especially for the many, many safe 2am walks home from the library for our daughter."
- "Thank you for your service!"
- "Thank you for keeping our Owls safe!!"

These messages are a reminder that the work by Public Safety matters, not only during major events, but throughout the entire academic year. We represent Temple University with pride, as we are commitment to keeping our shared Temple and North Philadelphia communities safer. Great job to all!

-Jennifer Griffin, Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety



## Bring Your Child to Work Day Big Success

Smiles, sirens and a behind-the-scenes look at Temple University Public Safety! We were proud to take part in Bring Your Child to Work Day, giving young visitors a hands-on look at what it's like to serve Temple and North Philadelphia. From exploring a police vehicle to meeting our police officers, it was a day full of learning, curiosity and fun.

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## Career Day

Chris Willard, Temple Public Safety's Director of Tactical and Professional Development (right), visited St. Malachy Catholic School today for their career day. She was joined by a dynamic panel of professionals sharing real-world insight and experience. We left inspired by their curiosity, energy and the bright future ahead!



## Police Ride-Along inspires potential career in policing

A recent ride-along with Temple University Police offered freshman Nick Alexander an up-close look at the realities of campus policing. A criminal justice major, Nick said he was eager to participate because of his strong interest in law enforcement and public service. Throughout the experience, he observed officers responding to calls, engaging with the community, and maintaining a visible presence across campus. Nick said the opportunity reinforced his respect for the work officers do every day. "My dad served for 23 years in the Navy, so I always have been interested in a career of service," he explained. During the ride-along, Nick noted the professionalism and approachability of Temple Police Officers, as well as their commitment to keeping students safe. He appreciated the balance between enforcement and community engagement, calling it an experience he'll never forget.



## Congrats, Captain!

Temple Student Government proudly honored Temple University Police Captain Enoch McCoy with the Administrative Excellence Award, recognizing his outstanding leadership, professionalism, and unwavering commitment to the Temple and North Philadelphia communities. Through his dedication to public safety, collaboration with students and steady presence on campus, Captain McCoy continues to set a standard of excellence. This recognition reflects his impact within the Department of Public Safety. Capt. McCoy is truly Proud TU Serve! Congratulations!



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## High-Fives for Finals

Earlier this month, we were proud to support our students during one of the most demanding times of the semester through High-Fives for Finals. The initiative provided free snacks, drinks, and words of encouragement to help students stay energized and focused as they prepared for exams. "This is a small but meaningful way for us to show our support for the Temple community," said Chief Jennifer Griffin. "We connected with students during finals and reminded them that their safety and well-being remain our top priority. We're here not just in times of emergency, but as a consistent presence of support." Programs like High-Fives for Finals reflect our ongoing commitment to fostering a safer, supportive and engaged campus environment.



## Temple On Board Grads!

Big congratulations to Public Safety's Deputy Director of Emergency Management Joshua Nussbaum and Assoc. Director of Administration Amber James on reaching an incredible milestone as graduates of Temple On Board!

Temple On Board is a universitywide professional development program that prepares and helps place Temple faculty, staff and graduate and professional students to serve on community, nonprofit and advisory boards. Both Nussbaum and James are leaders in Temple Public Safety and continue to show that dedication to service goes hand-in-hand with a commitment to education. Congratulations!

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## Temple Police sponsor high school students for prom



As Maurice Urbina carefully sorted through racks of suits, weighing colors and styles, one detail was already decided: a burgundy tie to match his prom date's dress.

"I'm excited for my first prom and it's important that we coordinate!" said the junior from George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science. Carver is a selective admissions public school located just blocks from Temple's Main Campus. Urbina was one of six students from Carver recently treated to a prom shopping experience made possible through a partnership between Temple University Public Safety and Norton Towing. The students were selected through a competitive essay competition as part of a community-focused initiative aimed to uplift Temple's North Philadelphia neighbors. "Each student submitted an essay reflecting on what attending prom would mean to them," said Jennifer Griffin, chief of police and vice president for public safety. "From those submissions, six students were selected to receive full support for their prom attire, helping ensure they could participate in a milestone event that can often come with financial barriers."

Temple police officers Leroy Wimberly and Arashdeep Bawa took two young men shopping and said the effort was about reinforcing that their hard work matters. "They put in the effort and earned this," Wimberly said. "We're honored to be a small part of such an important night." Officer Bawa added it's important to continue building relationships that go beyond campus boundaries. "When there is an opportunity to give back in a meaningful and personal way, we're happy to take part in it," Bawa said. "For these students, they'll go to prom not only feeling great in their clothes but feeling supported, too. That's important because supporting the North Philadelphia community is a part of our mission." The selected students said shopping with Temple Police was an experience they will always remember. "Prom can be very expensive. There are the suits, the cars you're going to be riding in, flowers, and it all adds up," Urbina said. "So I'm grateful for Temple that they are there for me, the community and they're here to help us." Urbina added that he is considering attending Temple for photography in fall 2027. "I can really see myself growing as an artist at Temple," he said. "The photography program is second to none, and having a school like that right here in our backyard makes it an easy choice." Prom is their moment," Griffin said. "They've earned it and we're proud to support them."

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## Broad Street Run

Here's to all the runners who took part in the Broad Street Run, including our Director of Tactical and Professional Development Chris Willard! Vice President for Public Safety and Chief of Police Jennifer Griffin met her at the finish line to present her with her medal! Public Safety was also proud to support and cheer on over 40,000 participants while handing out pretzels and water ice along the route. Great job to all!



## Students Awarded Scholarship

The George Washington Carver High School of Engineering and Science announced the first recipients of the inaugural Temple Police Officer Leroy Wimberly Community Service Scholarship, recognizing two graduating seniors who have demonstrated exceptional leadership, dedication to service and a commitment to making a positive impact both inside and outside the classroom. The scholarship honors students who plan to attend Temple University this fall and reflects the values embodied by Officer Leroy Wimberly throughout his career of service to the Temple University and North Philadelphia communities. Congratulations!

## Enroll in TUMove, a free off-campus trash collection

As off-campus students prepared to move out for the summer, Temple University encourages students to enroll in TUMove, a free trash collection program aimed at keeping North Philadelphia neighborhoods clean and reducing the large piles of furniture and garbage that often accumulate during move-out season. The initiative allows students living within the Temple patrol zone to schedule pickups for bulk items such as mattresses, couches, electronics, appliances and household trash directly from their off-campus residences. The program was created after university officials collected more than 200 tons of material left on neighborhood streets during previous move-out periods. Temple Service Operations developed TUMove as an on-demand service to make disposal easier for students while also improving quality of life for nearby residents. Dumpsters were also placed throughout the neighborhood to provide additional disposal options. Temple leaders said the initiative reflected the university's commitment to being a good neighbor and supporting cleaner, safer streets around campus. Temple's Office of Community Affairs and Engagement and Public Safety also worked with community partners to identify cleanup "hot spots" and respond quickly to neighborhood concerns during the busy move-out period. Enroll [here](#).

