

# PROUD TU SERVE

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## Chief's Corner

I want to extend my sincere thanks and appreciation to each of our Police Officers, Security Officers, Dispatchers and administrators for your hard work during the university's 138th Commencement, as well as during 18 other ceremonies. The Class of 2025 includes approximately 8,500 graduates, and they safely celebrated their big milestone because of your dedication. Your presence gave peace of mind to them, their families, guests and the entire Temple community who came together over a jam-packed three days of events. This can't be stated enough: Your work does not go unnoticed. Many parents came up to me to personally thank me for the work you do. I saw you each represent both our department and the university with pride and excellence. Thank you for all you do.

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



**Police Chief Jennifer Griffin with one of the 8,500 students who graduated from Temple during this academic year.**



**Police Captain Terry King of Temple University's Department of Public Safety wrote his dissertation on community policing.**

## Capt. to Grads: Keep learning

Meet Terry King, Ed.D., who recently joined Temple University's Department of Public Safety (TUDPS) as our new Captain of Professional Standards and Advocacy. Previously, he served as the Deputy Chief of Detectives in the Camden County Prosecutor's Office, where he rose through the ranks of detective, sergeant, lieutenant and captain while simultaneously earning multiple degrees. He said his love of learning helped to expand his view of his professional life.

"To our graduating Owls, I would encourage them to consider pursuing more education, because what you're doing is setting the stage for your future and preparing yourself for bigger and greater things to come," he said.

While working to get his Ed.D., King wrote his dissertation about community-oriented policing within a metropolitan area.

"It's clear that Temple Public Safety's own Engagement Unit is doing the work with sincerity. They are continuing to build relationships with the North Philadelphia community with projects like their book donations, annual children's holiday party and more. And that's something I also want to become involved in." Read more [here](#).

-Deputy Police Chief Mike Smith

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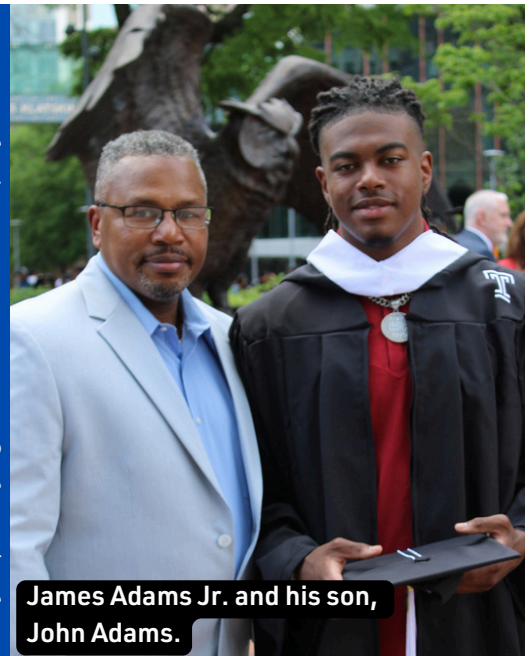
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## Longtime Public Safety employee's son graduates & shares message

A big congratulations to Temple University's 'Comeback Student-Athlete of the Year' John Adams - son of Temple Security Officer James Adams - graduated from the Klein College of Media and Communication after an unforgettable senior year. The speedy wide receiver broke his leg during a Temple football game in November 2023. He thought about quitting football altogether, but his dad inspired him to keep going. John worked hard, made a full recovery and it paid off: Last year, he earned a Football Scholarship.

"My message to students is if you're going through difficult times, keep the faith," he said. James, his father, agreed, adding that his son is the definition of Temple's motto: *Perseverance Conquers*.

James is also Temple Made and is a former Temple baseball pitcher. Prior to his current role as a security officer, he served as a Temple Police Officer for 27 years. -Cpt. of Patrols James Hennigan



James Adams Jr. and his son, John Adams.

## Two year Review: Temple's Safety Audit

Park-and-walks, annual security camera upgrades and a beefed up social media presence are just some of the dozens of changes made to Temple University's Department of Public Safety (TUDPS) as part of a safety audit that focused on the university and was released two years ago. Conducted by 21CP Solutions and released in April 2023, more than 90% of the audit's recommendations are either completed or in-progress.

Chief of Police and Vice President for Public Safety Jennifer Griffin said the changes reflect the hard work of the police officers, security officers, dispatchers and administrators within her department as well as by many other employees across the university. "We are proud of the significant progress made to Temple Public Safety over the last two years. We've implemented key enhancements, and the results show that our efforts are making a real difference," Griffin said. According to the Safety Dashboard, 56 recommendations have been implemented and many others are in-progress.

## Bring Your Child to Work Day

Bring Your Child to Work Day was a 'badge of fun' as we welcomed the next generation of community heroes! Temple Police Officers welcomed children for a fun-filled, educational glimpse into life behind the badge. The day included allowing them to peek inside patrol vehicles, K-9 demonstrations and much more. Children had the chance to ask questions and learn about the vital role law enforcement plays in our community. Thank you to all those within Temple Public Safety who participated and helped make this a memorable day. Events like this strengthen the bond between our department and our Temple families. It may even inspire some future recruits!





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## OEM Minute

Director Len Clark and Deputy Director Joshua Nussbaum of Temple University's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) attended a workshop with the Department of Homeland Security and Philadelphia OEM, which hosted the event. Together, they discussed preparedness for potential incidents at special events. Exercises like these help to improve teamwork and communication by bringing together leaders and decision-makers from city agencies and partner groups.



Deputy Director Joshua Nussbaum and Director Len Clark of Temple University's Office of Emergency Management

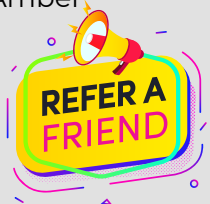
## Health and Wellness

The first Broad Street 10-mile run was held in 1980. It is the largest 10-mile race in the country. Entry is conducted by lottery, with 40,000 runners towing the line the first Sunday in May. The historic course starts at Central High School and travels south on Broad Street, passing Shriners Hospital, Temple University, Roman Catholic High School for Boys, City Hall, Pennsylvania Academy of the Fine Arts, before finishing at the Navy Yard. The atmosphere is like a 10-mile block party, lined with kids, dogs, music groups, barbecues, and church goers in their Sunday best. Interested in training for BSR 2026? See Director Willard for information.



## Know someone seeking employment?

Refer your friends to work with us and Public Safety will offer a \$500 referral payment for eligible positions through TERP. The referral payment amount will be paid after the referred employee successfully completes 90 days of employment. Contact Amber James, Associate Director of Administrative Operations, for more information: [Aajames@Temple.edu](mailto:Aajames@Temple.edu)



## Mark Your Calendar!



We are looking forward to June 11th, when Temple Public Safety is joining forces with Temple Football to paint and revitalize Duckrey School. Together, we're painting a bright future one wall at a time! If you would like to join, please reach out to Temple University Police Officer Leroy Wimberly for the details! All are invited in this fantastic community effort!

