NEIL D. THEOBALD: TEMPLE’S NEW LEADER

He’s the guy everyone is talking about, and since his first official day as Temple University’s 10th president, Neil D. Theobald has been out there talking with all of you—Temple’s donors, alumni, faculty, staff and students. He’s having conversations with other university presidents, community leaders and government officials. And his agenda in meeting with all these audiences is a singular one: to learn.

“I plan to learn everything I can about Temple from the people who know it best. My goal is to use this information as we put together a 5- to 10-year agenda for the university, which will be unveiled at an October inauguration.”

“But some things are already obvious—things I hear, loud and clear, everywhere I go. We have a reputation for providing an affordable educational opportunity that is second to none. Temple rightly cherishes that core characteristic and we need to keep it central to our mission.”

He also stresses the need to continue Russell Conwell’s vision of ensuring Temple students are “world-ready,” able to graduate in four years with the skills and experiences they need to thrive after graduation, with a minimal amount of debt.

“In addition to looking at how we can contain costs, we need to look at other sources of revenue—number one here at Temple is fundraising.”

“It’s what drives the people, places, and programs that allow Temple to thrive.”

“In my short time here I have already been amazed by the worldwide network of Temple University donors and supporters, and I have been inspired by their passion for this institution and their vested interest in its success. It is vital in advancing our mission.”

To hear the president talk about his early Temple experiences in his own words, visit: news.temple.edu/news/2013-01-21/meet-temples-10th-president-neil-theobald

NEIL D. THEOBALD
- Nationally recognized leader in the field of educational finance, with a focus on the role of decentralization
- First member of his family to attend college
- From Indiana University, where he served as senior vice president and chief financial officer
- More than doubled Indiana University’s financial aid endowment from $150 million to $370 million

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MEET YOUR CHAIR

Hi, I’m Kate Long, director of the Conwell Society. One of the best parts about my job is that I frequently get to sit and chat with Ulrick P. Joseph, ENG ’81—who we all just call Rico. Rico is the chair of the Conwell Society and Temple’s #1 fan. We recently got to talking about his thoughts on philanthropy at Temple. Here’s a listen:

KATE: Do you remember the first time you made a gift to Temple?

RICO: My first gift was at graduation, right then and there—$25 to become a member of Engineering’s alumni association. I became a member of the Conwell Society not long after, because I noticed that the people I most looked up to made it a point to give back. And I thought, “Hey, this is something I can do, too.”

KATE: What do you tell other alumni who may not have had that same kind of contact with the university?

RICO: The first thing I tell them is, “Come back.” Especially if they haven’t been back in a while, what Temple has been doing these past several years has been absolutely transformational—you’ll be shocked. Even if you think you know Temple and have been involved in the past, the deeper you go, the more Temple surprises.

ULRICK P. JOSEPH
- Chair of the Conwell Society, since 2010
- Past president of the TUA, 2008-2010
- Served on the Board of Trustees, 2008-2010
- Member of the Wachman Society and the Acres of Diamonds Circle, two distinguished donor recognition societies.

KATE: In what way?

RICO: The breadth and reach of Temple always surprises me. Seventeen schools and colleges, and so many opportunities. How many places have 24 Division I athletic teams and a medical and law school to boot? You like music? Check out what Boyer is doing. And on and on. The truth is, there just aren’t many places like Temple—and it’s up to us to keep that going.

You’re receiving this because you’re one of the movers and shakers, the VIPs, the all-star supporters who help Temple University thrive. In other words, you’re part of the Conwell Society. We want to thank you and share with you the progress being made as a result of your leadership investment.

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY
PUSHING TO BE EXCEPTIONAL

As an incoming freshman from North Philadelphia, D’Juan Lyons was a ‘C’ student and he was fine with it. But when he became connected with the staff and advisors at the Russell Conwell Center (RCC), he suddenly found that he wasn’t willing to be just average. Instead, D’Juan entered an atmosphere in which he was given the educational and moral support to move beyond his comfort zone and explore potential he never even knew he had.

“When you slack, you hear about it—there’s no coasting around here. And when we do something good, it’s celebrated and I mean it’s celebrated. Everybody’s there to pat you on the back, like “Keep going, D’Juan.” It keeps us motivated. And it keeps us accountable.”

Over the years, the RCC has become a hub of academic support at Temple University, with high demand and high results. It provides students with everything from time management training, study skills and book rentals to résumé building, professional development and career networking.

It’s all based on the mission of Russell H. Conwell and the core principle on which this institution was founded. Students from all means and backgrounds can, and will—with the right opportunities and the right tools—forge their own paths and make a difference in the world.

And the RCC pushes students like D’Juan to channel their talent and energy and become leaders themselves. As an upperclassman he now serves as a tutor and mentor at the RCC, and went from being a ‘C’ student to being recently accepted into a PhD program.

Conwell donor support enables programs like the RCC, TUteach and Honors to excel at providing the right resources for students to realize their potential and set themselves up for success.

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PROGRAMS AT TEMPLE

The Russell Conwell Center is just one of Temple’s many programs that are shaping the students who are shaping our world. From the Honors Program and TUteach to the Undergraduate Research Program and Service Immersion Trips, our students have every opportunity to get their hands dirty and come away with experiences that not only better themselves but also better the lives they touch, and that’s thanks to donors like you.

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EACH YEAR

250-300 new freshmen enrolled in RCC

250 internships held by RCC students

200 students involved in community service or other volunteer work

120 inductees into Chi Alpha Epsilon Honor Society

IT ISN’T A CRASH PAD. IT’S A LAUNCHING PAD.

It’s the building everybody is talking about.

Anyone who has visited Main Campus this past year—prospective students, returning alumni, friends and neighbors—has registered awe and delight as Temple’s newest residence hall and new center for student life has arisen from North Broad Street and Cecil B. Moore Avenue. And across the city, Philly residents looking north have seen a new and striking member of the city’s skyline arise, a new northern anchor for Philadelphia. It quickly became apparent that this was to be more than just a building.

Temple Board of Trustees member and alumnum Mitchell L. Morgan noted that this new hall reflects the reality of Temple today. “We are no longer just a commuting university, we are a family—a community.”

The space and vibrancy that Morgan Hall adds to Main Campus ensure its place as a nexus of activity, a place where students can live, work, grow and thrive. Its prominence and breathtaking views connect Temple to the city of Philadelphia like never before.

This is more than just construction work. This is an evolutionary step forward for Main Campus, a confident announcement of Temple’s integral place in the city of Philadelphia, and a renaissance of the student experience at Temple.

Check it out—take your own virtual tour; visit www.temple.edu/housing.