RE-ENVISIONING SCIENCE
North 12th Street and Polett Walk: where science will thrive. The new 246,000-square-foot Science, Education and Research Center (SERC), opening in the summer of 2014, will enable the College of Science and Technology to expand scientific exploration, attract additional research funding and bring new discoveries to market.

As part of Temple’s campus plan, SERC will serve as a new gateway to the sciences on Main Campus. Its leading-edge technology will enhance the learning and research experience of students and faculty, providing them opportunity to reinvent and redefine real-world problems and solutions. While energy-efficient technologies exist in other campus facilities, SERC will be Temple’s first LEED-certified building.

Thanks to committed Conwell Society members Candace Jensen, TYL ’08, and Owen Schuh, TYL ’07, the decision to give back to Temple was easy.

Rome is where their story began. They met while studying at Temple University Rome in spring 2007. Schuh, a teaching assistant in the Temple Rome painting program, was hosting a walking tour of the city for new students.

“My roommate and I were debating about going on the tours at all,” Jensen says. “But I saw Owen stand up and gather a group, and frankly I fell in love at first sight. My whole life changed when I went to Rome.”

When the pair married in September 2013, they did not forget that Temple Rome was the catalyst for their relationship. As part of their wedding registry, they asked for gifts to the Temple Rome Scholarship Fund to help students fund trips to Italy. They were able to raise more than $1,500.

Jensen desired to make a transformational impact on the lives of Temple students: “I put myself through school, [and] I had to take out a good bit of money to fund the trip. But it was worth it. It’s a big transition to Philly, but going abroad is another step away to learn who you are and what the world is. We wanted to help someone else have that same opportunity without having to worry so much about paying for it.”
PEOPLE

THE STATS

$29,400 national average student debt

$12,400 average additional debt for Temple students who graduate in six years

10% the inflation-adjusted cost of education Temple has cut from its operating costs

$16.5 MILLION donated by alumni and friends in support of Temple scholarships in fiscal year 2013

TEMPLE’S COMMITMENT TO REDUCE STUDENT DEBT

The biggest problem facing higher education today is student debt, and at public universities, the time it takes to graduate has become the primary determinant of student debt levels. What’s Temple doing about it? Fly in 4—a new initiative that will guarantee students can complete their degrees in four years, or the university will pay for any remaining course work.

Temple President Neil D. Theobald is committed to reducing student debt. “Temple students must not keep their futures waiting,” Theobald says. “Under this initiative, our students will be able to limit their debt and advance more quickly into careers that will allow them to pay off the debt they do acquire.”

There is also a financial aid component to Fly in 4. Many students who take longer than four years to graduate do so because they work a number of hours for pay each week. To alleviate that problem, Fly in 4 will provide annual $4,000 grants to 500 students with the highest need in each incoming class, so those students can focus less on working for pay and more on finishing their degrees.

As Conwell Society members, your philanthropic leadership has been instrumental in sustaining Temple’s mission of providing opportunities for innovation and a quality education to those who seek it—Fly in 4 proudly honors this legacy.

ENRICHED EXPERIENCE

INNOVATED EDUCATION

The Temple experience is more than just a high-quality education in an urban environment. It’s the people who define the learning and enrich the experience. Faculty are the backbone of the university, and Conwell members enable Temple to attract top talent to share expertise, guide thought, shape future leaders and encourage innovation.

Faculty member Meredith Broussard came from the University of Pennsylvania; she chose Temple because “Temple students are terrific, and Temple’s School of Media and Communication [SMC] is a regional powerhouse. Temple graduates are sparking innovation at every level of the media industry. I appreciate that my fellow faculty members are leaders in journalism research, education and practice.”

In the course The Entrepreneurial Journalist, Broussard teaches journalism majors how to look at their future careers through an entrepreneurial lens. They examine the business of journalism, how it has evolved and how to recognize opportunities within underserved niche markets.

SMC Dean David Boardman says, “Entrepreneurship is not just for the business school”; observing that Temple students are uniquely prepared for an innovated education—they are pragmatic, hardworking, creative and proud to be at Temple. They want the skills and experience to find solutions and create their own paths, and Temple faculty are helping them find the way.

FLY IN 4

TEMPLE SWAGGER

(Go on, brag to your friends.)

Temple Owl Arman Serebrakian, a second-year medical student and world-class Alpine skier, competed for Team Armenia in the Sochi 2014 World Olympic Games.

Serebrakian has been the world’s top-ranked Armenian Alpine ski racer for the past seven years. As an undergrad-uate at the University of Colorado, he accrued four top-10 NCAA finishes.

Arman plans on becoming a surgeon.