



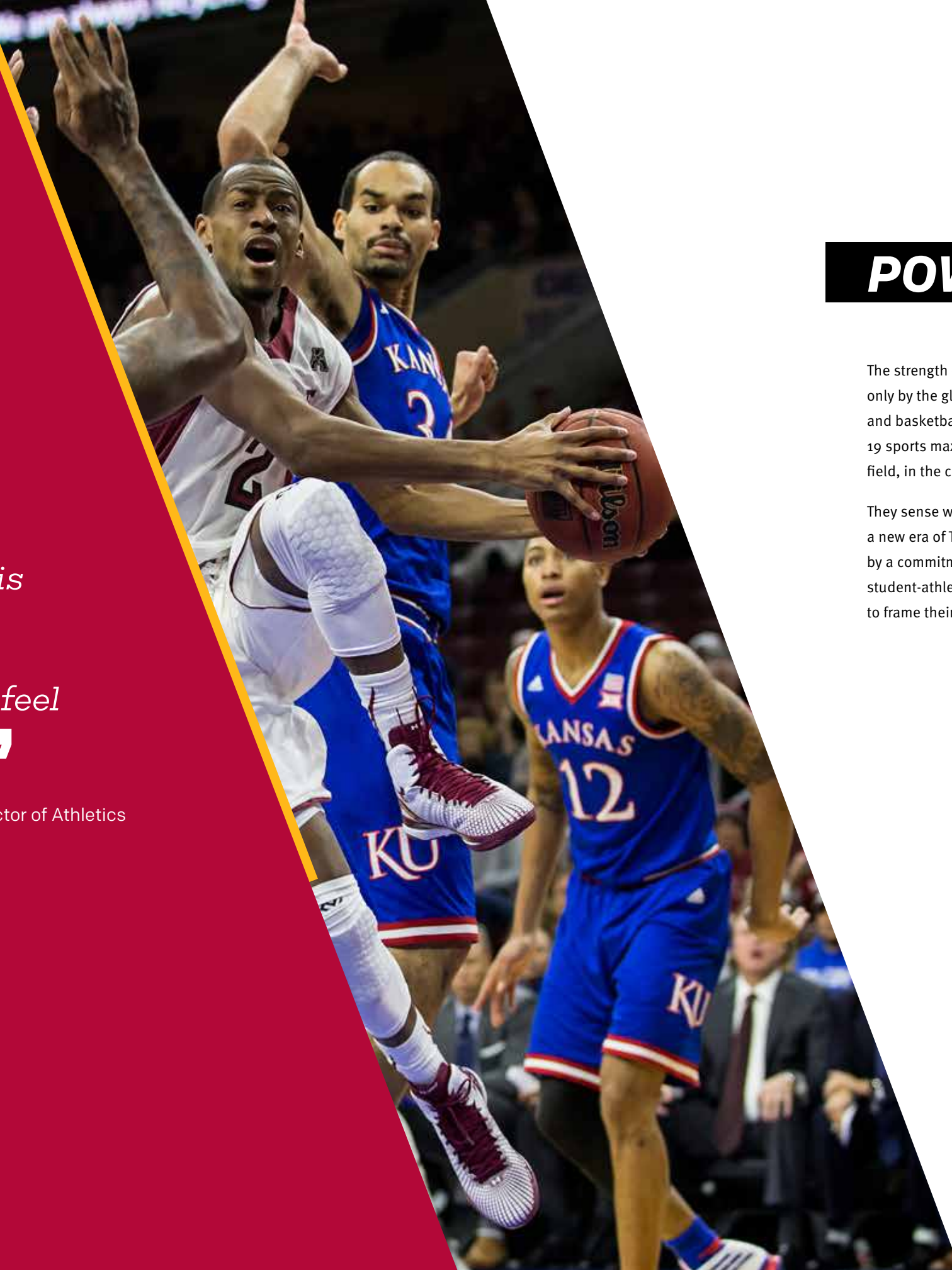
***POWER***

***FORWARD***

*A NEW ERA IN TEMPLE ATHLETICS*

*“Spirit, mind, body—we want to address all of the needs of our student-athletes. This is the first stage of what will be a new look and feel for Temple Athletics.”*

—Kevin Clark, Vice President and Director of Athletics



## **POWERING FORWARD**

The strength of Temple University’s heritage is matched only by the glow of its future. From football to fencing and basketball to volleyball, diverse student-athletes in 19 sports maximize their impact on the court and the field, in the classroom and the community.

They sense what we all feel—anticipation. Because a new era of Temple Athletics is upon us. It’s marked by a commitment to supporting our well-rounded student-athletes and building state-of-the-art facilities to frame their accomplishments.

***We’re relentless.***

***We’re unstoppable.***

***We’re ascending.***

***We’re Owls.***



# STRONG

The first half of this decade spurred the dawn of a new era. As the university's red-hot momentum continues to grow, Athletics is helping lay the foundation for Temple's success.

Our American Athletic Conference affiliation is increasing the university's national visibility. New leadership is providing unmatched support for Temple's student-athletes by upgrading and expanding their facilities and services. In turn, the academic performance of student-athletes is reaching new heights.

These changes are catalyzing an era in which Temple's 476 student-athletes and 19 Division 1 teams are clearing hurdles, exceeding their goals and breaking records.





# VISIONARY

The success of Temple University's student-athletes is creating an energy—an energy that fuels reinvestment to assure further accomplishment. It's providing new locker rooms, upgraded training facilities, more and better coaching, and increased services to support the Owls' physical and mental well-being.

But not all of the improvements focus solely on success in the athletic arena. The Nancy & Donald Resnick Academic Support Center for Student Athletes—a state-of-the-art learning support center established by Donald, FOX '59, and Nancy Resnick—is powering Temple student-athletes' excellence in the classroom.

The Temple Owl Club provides the resources needed to enrich the lives of student-athletes as they strive to achieve excellence in the classroom and at the highest level of competition.

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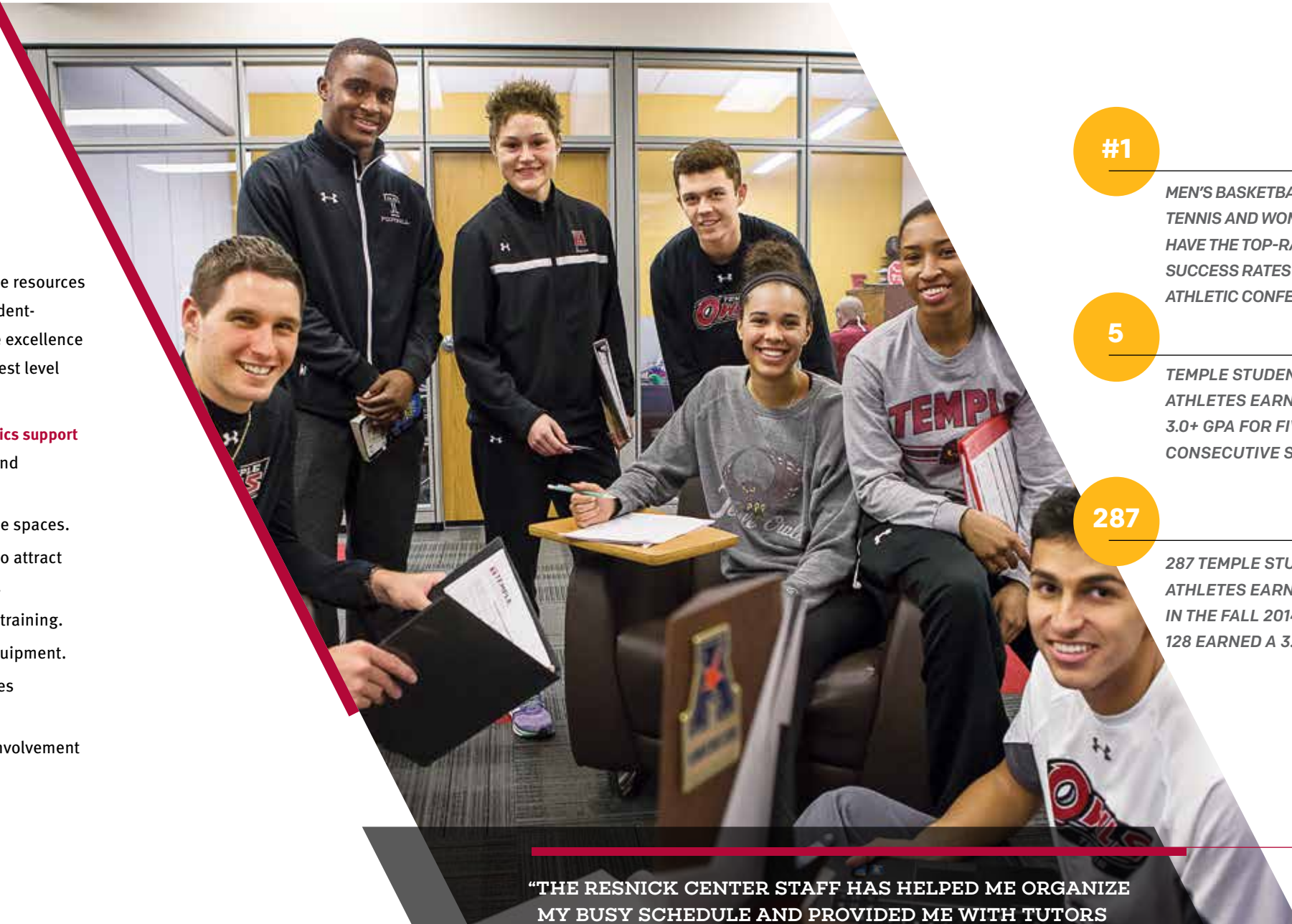
- student-athlete scholarships and financial aid.
- enhanced facilities and practice spaces.
- foremost recruiting programs to attract talented athletes and coaches.
- key strength and conditioning training.
- advanced technologies and equipment.
- funding for travel to away games and tournaments.
- opportunities for community involvement and leadership development.



"The locker room enhancements mean a great deal to me and my team," said women's lacrosse junior Nicole Tiernan. "We are so thankful to have the support of the university. It makes us a better team by providing us space to bond as teammates and focus on both lacrosse and school."



Junior Hicham Belkssir of the men's tennis team echoed that sentiment. "Locker rooms are the athletes' living room. We are thankful that we now have great ones."



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MEN'S BASKETBALL, MEN'S TENNIS AND WOMEN'S TENNIS HAVE THE TOP-RANKED GRADUATION SUCCESS RATES IN THE AMERICAN ATHLETIC CONFERENCE.

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TEMPLE STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED A 3.0+ GPA FOR FIVE CONSECUTIVE SEMESTERS.

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287 TEMPLE STUDENT-ATHLETES EARNED A 3.0+ GPA IN THE FALL 2014 SEMESTER. 128 EARNED A 3.5+.

**"THE RESNICK CENTER STAFF HAS HELPED ME ORGANIZE MY BUSY SCHEDULE AND PROVIDED ME WITH TUTORS AND MENTORS WHO HELPED ME REACH ACADEMIC SUCCESS."**

— BRANDON CHUDNOFF, CLASS OF 2015, KINESIOLOGY MAJOR AND DEFENSIVE LINEMAN (FOOTBALL)

# VICTORIOUS

Temple University's student-athletes know teamwork produces significant, lasting results. Teams at Temple have set records and maintained legacies, inspiring each other to achieve the impossible. For Owls, there is no substitute for 100%.



In 2014, Fencing Coach Nikki Franke, CPH '74, '88, surpassed the 700-win mark for her 43-year career.

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WOMEN'S FENCING HAS WON THE NATIONAL INTERCOLLEGIATE WOMEN'S FENCING ASSOCIATION CHAMPIONSHIPS 19 YEARS IN A ROW.

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TEMPLE FOOTBALL HAS HAD THREE HEAD COACHES INDUCTED INTO THE COLLEGE FOOTBALL HALL OF FAME. WAYNE HARDIN, THE PROGRAM'S ALL-TIME-WINNINGEST COACH, WAS INDUCTED IN 2013. HE JOINED POP WARNER AND RAY MORRISON AS HALL OF FAMERS TO GRACE THE TEMPLE SIDELINES.

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MEN'S BASKETBALL IS THE SIXTH-WINNINGEST PROGRAM AT THE NCAA DIVISION I LEVEL. TEMPLE HAS COMPILED MORE THAN 1,800 WINS AND COMPETED IN 49 POSTSEASON TOURNAMENTS (31 NCAA, 18 NIT) IN THE PROGRAM'S 118-YEAR HISTORY.

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TEMPLE UNIVERSITY ATHLETIC TEAMS HAVE WON EIGHT NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS, WITH THE WOMEN'S LACROSSE TEAM (3) AND MEN'S SOCCER TEAM (2) GARNERING MULTIPLE TITLES.

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WOMEN'S BASKETBALL HAS HAD A STORIED HISTORY OF SUCCESS HIGHLIGHTED BY 18 POSTSEASON APPEARANCES. TEMPLE HAS COMPETED IN 10 NCAA TOURNAMENTS, INCLUDING AN EIGHT-SEASON RUN FROM 2004 THROUGH 2011. THE OWLS HAVE APPEARED IN FIVE WNITS AND THREE EAIW CHAMPIONSHIPS.



## EXEMPLARY

Student-athletes give back and give their all to the Philadelphia community through volunteering, tutoring and celebrating others' achievements.

- Temple football team members tutored fourth-graders at Kenderton Elementary School in North Philadelphia on the math and reading skills they need to excel.
- Men's and women's basketball players brightened the days of children at Shriners Hospital by delivering toys collected from Temple fans at basketball games.
- More than 120 student-athletes served as cheerleaders for the 2014 Special Olympics Fall Festival.
- Twelve teams participated in fundraising efforts for UNICEF, which provides healthcare, nutrition and education services to the world's most vulnerable children.
- Women student-athletes assisted with clinics for the 29th annual National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Nearly 150 elementary and middle school girls from the Philadelphia area attended and were inspired by the event.



*Led by the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee, Temple student-athletes participated in more than 50 different service events over the past year.*



# ACCOMPLISHED

**THIS IS WHAT A NEW ERA LOOKS LIKE.**

## **Vaughn Spurrier, CST '14, soccer**

- named the American Athletic Conference's 2013–2014 Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
- earned a 3.5 GPA as a biophysics major
- was a member of Temple's Student-Athlete Advisory Committee and the InterVarsity Christian Fellowship Leadership Committee
- served as a physics and chemistry tutor in Temple's Nancy & Donald Resnick Academic Support Center for Student-Athletes
- was a two-year participant in the Maximizing Access to Research Careers program
- was a member of the Honors Program at Temple
- is continuing his studies in a PhD program in biophysics at the University of Chicago

## **Jaqi Kakalecik, Class of 2016, lacrosse**

- ranked second among all goalkeepers for conference games with 6.71 saves per game
- made a career-high 10 saves in the Owls' 12–10 win against Villanova in 2014
- was a member of the Trustee Ten, an honor that goes to the 10 student-athletes who have the highest GPAs
- maintained a 3.9 GPA as a biochemistry major

At the 2015 American Athletic Conference Indoor Track and Field Championships, junior Blanca Fernandez earned the Women's Track Most Outstanding Performer award for her first-place finishes in the mile and the 3,000-meter runs.





# SUCCEEDING

Tenacity. Grit. Focus. Discipline. They're the fuel that drives Temple student-athletes to excel on the field or on the court, and the power that charges them to athletic success after graduation.

#### **Aaron McKie, CPH 1991–1994**

is an assistant coach of Temple men's basketball team. McKie was selected in the first round of the 1994 NBA Draft by the Portland Trail Blazers. He played 13 seasons in the NBA, including eight with the Philadelphia 76ers. Named the 2001 NBA Sixth Man of the Year, he served as an assistant coach with the 76ers for six seasons prior to joining the Temple staff in 2014.

#### **Candice Dupree, CPH 2002–2006**

was the sixth overall pick of the 2006 WNBA draft and is now a forward for WNBA champions the Phoenix Mercury. A three-time WNBA All-Star, Dupree won a gold medal when she played with the USA Basketball National Team at the FIBA Women's World Championship in 2010.

*13 Temple football players have appeared in 20 Super Bowls and won 15 Super Bowl rings.*



#### **#WeTheT**

The three little words "We the People" were written in Philadelphia in 1787, setting a bold tone for a common cause that united a country, its people and its government.

With a nod to that historic prose and the university's deep roots in a historic city, Temple University Athletics created "We the T," a rallying cry for the university. "We the T" unites Temple, its teams, alumni and fans—much as the Constitution's preamble united the nation 227 years ago.

#### **#CherryOn**

It's more than a hashtag; it's an attitude. It's a way for Owls fans—whether students, faculty and staff, or alumni—to display their Temple pride. Created by Temple Student Government in 2013 "Cherry On" builds campus spirit by urging Temple fans to wear cherry and white on Fridays.

**IT'S NOT JUST FASHION.  
IT'S FAMILY.**



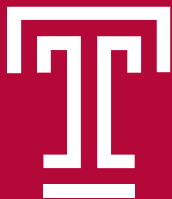


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***THE NEW ERA IN TEMPLE ATHLETICS: TAP INTO OUR ENERGY.***

*For more about the new era in Temple Athletics, student-athletes,  
coaches and alumni—and how you can be a part of it,*

*visit [athletics.temple.edu/forward](https://athletics.temple.edu/forward).*



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