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Title: TAMRON HALL, weekdays at 4pm on WGNT 27

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Tamron Hall is back - and she's ready to share the stories that bring us together. So let's talk about it, weekdays 4pm on WGNT 27!

An accomplished and award-winning journalist, Tamron Hall hosts the nationally syndicated daytime talk show, "Tamron Hall," weekdays at 4pm on WGNT 27. From the deeply moving to the purely fun, "Tamron Hall" will be a daily destination for all things topical and a platform for viewers to connect with the people who are shaping our world through meaningful, engaging, and entertaining conversations. As a new mom, a newlywed, and a survivor who is proving you can accomplish anything at any age, Tamron Hall brings a refreshing, relatable, unpredictable, and unstoppable voice to television.

In addition, Tamron has hosted "Deadline: Crime with Tamron Hall" on Investigation Discovery since September 2013. The series, which is entering its sixth season, takes an in-depth look at crimes that shocked the nation. She also brought her signature reporting style to the "Guns On Campus: Tamron Hall Investigates" special that explored the importance of securing one's personal safety on public property. In a powerful interview, Tamron brought together two survivors to lay out both sides' positions behind this controversial debate among college campuses.

Tamron was part of the NBC News team as a co-host of the third hour of NBC News' "TODAY" and the anchor of "MSNBC Live with Tamron Hall." She received the 2015 Edward R. Murrow Award for Reporting: Hard News in Network Television for her segment on domestic violence as part of "TODAY's" Shine A Light series. She has also hosted several special reports for MSNBC and NBC News including "Education Nation: Teacher Town Hall," which was nominated for an Emmy Award in 2011, and she served as a correspondent for the NBC News special "The Inauguration of Barack Obama," which won an Emmy for Outstanding Live Coverage in October 2010.

Prior to joining MSNBC in July 2007, Tamron spent 10 years at WFLD in Chicago, where she held a number of positions including general assignment reporter, consumer reporter and host of the three-hour "Fox News in the Morning" program. She also anchored the weekday mornings and served as a noon anchor. While at WFLD, she covered several breaking news stories including one of Amtrak's most devastating accidents in Illinois, and she secured a one-on-one interview with Sen. Barack Obama shortly before he announced his run for the presidency. Tamron was nominated for an Emmy for her consumer report segment, "The Bottom Line," which she launched in 1999. Before joining WFLD, she spent four years as a general assignment reporter at

KTVT in Dallas. She began her broadcasting career at KBTX in Bryan, Texas, as a general assignment reporter.

Tamron was the recipient of Temple University's prestigious Lew Klein Alumni in the Media award in 2010 and in 2015, was appointed to Temple's Board of Trustees. In 2016, she received an Honorary Doctorate from Peirce College and most recently she was a Variety Power of Women Honoree. She is involved with several charitable organizations that strive to end homelessness and illiteracy, as well as others that fight domestic abuse. She has been recognized by Day One, a New York-based advocacy group for victims of domestic violence, for her work and support and she received the Ackerman Family Advocate Award for her efforts to raise awareness for families who have a loved one experiencing abuse. Safe Horizon honored Tamron with the 2014 Voice of Empowerment award and most recently, they teamed up with Tamron to launch The Tamron Renate Fund in honor of her sister to help victims and families affected by domestic violence. In addition, Tamron is an active member of the National Association of Black Journalists.

Tamron is a native of Luling, Texas, and she holds a Bachelor of the Arts degree in Broadcast Journalism from Temple University.

Title: Stockton holds naming ceremonies for places within AC Academic Center

**Author:** Vincent Jackson

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Two places within Stockton University's Academic Center were named Thursday after people who made significant contributions to the resort's education history or to the resort itself.

Paul Greenberg and his wife, Ellen, committed \$100,000 to the Stockton Foundation — \$50,000 for the Atlantic City Opportunity Fund, an endowment providing money for initiatives designed to expand Stockton students' engagement with and in Atlantic City, and \$50,000 to support the university's needs through the Stockton Fund.

In exchange for their gift, the Greenbergs got to name a classroom in the new Academic Center. The naming of the Myra and Jerome Greenberg Classroom was made official in a ceremony in Room 313.

Myra Greenberg earned her New Jersey permanent teaching certification from Stockton during the 1970s. She was one of the first Stockton students to graduate from the teaching program.

"Luckily, Stockton was there for her to get her teaching certificate," said Paul Greenberg, Myra's son, in a statement. "From there, she taught various sciences at (Atlantic City High School) for many, many years in classroom 313."

Myra Greenberg and her husband, Jerome, also were involved with philanthropic initiatives.

Jerome Greenberg played a pivotal role in establishing Ye Olde Tymers Club Endowed Scholarship at the university. Myra Greenberg led a study group in 1971 that evolved into the group now known as Friends of Encore Learning of Stockton.

Also on Thursday, Charles Kramer and his wife, Lynn, honored the memory of Charles' parents, Arnold and Gertrude Kramer, by creating in their name an endowed scholarship fund at Stockton that will assist Atlantic City High School graduates who attend the university.

The front veranda of the new Stockton Academic Center was named the Kramer Veranda in memory of Arnold and Gertrude Goldstein Kramer.

"If there had been a Stockton, or scholarship money, when my mother graduated high school, she could have gone to college," Charles Kramer said in a statement. "She was so smart. This endowment is really about providing scholarship money for students, but I hope they also take the time to read the plaque."

A plaque on the veranda provides a short history of Arnold and Gertrude Goldstein Kramer's lives.

Arnold Kramer's father, Ben, started Kramer Beverage in 1924 in the resort. Arnold Kramer, a 1933 Atlantic City High School graduate, joined the business after graduating from the Peirce School of Business in Philadelphia. Charles and Lynn Kramer expanded the family business, which is now based in Hammonton and extends into eight counties.

**Title:** Value Colleges Releases Rankings of the Best Value Information Technology Degree Programs

**Author:** Value Colleges

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Also shared on 60 amounts of other news sources.

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Value Colleges, an independent online guide to the best values in undergraduate and graduate education, is pleased to share three new rankings:

Top 25 Best Campus IT Programs for 2019

https://www.valuecolleges.com/ranking/best-bachelors-in-information-technology/

Top 25 Best Online IT Programs for 2019

https://www.valuecolleges.com/ranking/best-online-it-degree/

Top 25 Most Affordable IT Programs for 2019

https://www.valuecolleges.com/rankings/cheapest-online-information-technology-programs/

Value Colleges' rankings of the Best Value Campus IT Programs, the Best Value Online IT Programs, and the Most Affordable Online IT Programs focus on degrees that provide the best overall return on investment. For all three rankings, Value Colleges focused specifically on regionally accredited colleges and universities with an established reputation for quality.

The top 3 online residential IT programs are: 1) Purdue University, 2) University of Arizona, and 3) Brigham Young University. The top 3 online IT programs are: 1) University of Minnesota, 2) Arizona State University, and 3) Penn State World Campus. The most affordable online IT programs are: 1) Daytona State College; 2) Bellevue University; and 3) Brigham Young University Idaho.

Value Colleges congratulates the top 3 in each category, as well as all of the top information technology schools!

The full lists, in alphabetical order, can be found below.

An IT bachelor's degree "provides a broad foundation in the systems that make modern life possible," according to VC editors, "giving students the opportunity to begin a

career right out of the gate, or setting the stage for more advanced degrees, certifications, and specializations." Even though "technology is one of the highest-paying fields for workers without a bachelor's," a bachelor's degree still has its advantages: "Strong mentorship, access to the latest technology, internship opportunities, hands-on research, and a strong job market network are the features to look for in an IT degree program." Without a bachelor's, "Managerial and leadership positions may be out of reach, and even experienced professionals may not have the skills for more specialized roles." Value Colleges' rankings of the best IT bachelor's degrees "is dedicated to return on investment."

Value Colleges has a mission to help future students - whether they are working professionals, new graduates, minority and first-generation students, or others - to find residential and online degree programs that will help them make their goals a reality. Value Colleges is independent and unbiased, ranking degree programs, providing guides for the complex financial and professional questions of college students, and offering honest facts about the potential and pitfalls of a college education.

Top 25 Best Value Campus IT Programs for 2019

**Brigham Young University** 

East Carolina University

Elmhurst College

Ferris State University

Florida State University

Idaho State University

Illinois Institute of Technology

La Salle University

Lindenwood University

Loyola University Chicago

Marist College

Montclair State University

New Jersey Institute of Technology

Oakland University

Ohio University

**Purdue University** 

Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

Rochester Institute of Technology

Temple University

Texas Christian University

**Towson University** 

University of Arizona

University of South Florida

University of Tulsa

**University of Washington** 

Top 25 Best Value Online IT Programs for 2019

Arizona State University

Bellevue University

Central Washington University

Colorado State University-Global Campus

Florida International University

Fort Hays State University

George Mason University

Georgia Southern University

Herzing University

Kennesaw State University

Oklahoma State University

Old Dominion University

Oregon Institute of Technology

Penn State World Campus

**Regis University** 

Tennessee Tech University

**UMass Lowell** 

University of Alabama at Birmingham

University of Central Florida

University of Cincinnati

University of Denver

University of Minnesota - Twin Cities

University of Minnesota-Crookston

University of Wisconsin Stout

Washington State University

Top 25 Most Affordable Online IT Programs for 2019

American Public University

**Bellevue University** 

Brigham Young University Idaho

Central Washington University

Daytona State College

East Carolina University

Fort Hays State University

Georgia Southern University

Golden Gate University

Granite State College

Monroe College

New Mexico State University

Old Dominion University

Peirce College

Purdue Global

Rogers State University

Tennessee Tech University

University of Central Florida

University of Illinois at Springfield

University of Minnesota-Crookston

University of Nebraska Omaha

University of North Texas

University of Wisconsin Stout

Western Governors University

Western Kentucky University

**Title:** Why 1,400 Philly security guards haven't gotten a raise, despite a city law requiring it

**Author:** Juliana Feliciano Reyes

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In the fall of 2016, Mayor Jim Kenney made it official: Security officers guarding Philadelphia's major educational and medical institutions would get the prevailing wage.

The law, introduced by Councilwoman Helen Gym in 2016, would be a significant gain for those workers, most of whom were making \$7.25 — minimum wage — when they unionized in 2011.

But almost three years later — and more than three weeks since the July 1 deadline Kenney set — roughly 1,400 security guards still haven't gotten the raise they were promised, according to SEIU 32BJ, the union that represents them. The union filed a complaint Monday with the city. Right now, many are paid the salary floor of \$12 an hour. The union says they should be making \$15 an hour.

Under the law, nonprofits including the University of Pennsylvania and Temple University are required to pay security officers the prevailing wage because the institutions get a longstanding discount on their city water bill — what is called the "charitable organization discount." Penn, Drexel University, and Temple get annual water bill discounts of more than \$100,000. Last year, the 25% discount earned Penn and its hospitals more than \$2.2 million in water bill reductions, according to city records.

"Taxpayers' dollars should not subsidize poverty wages," Kenney said in February. His administration has passed a number of labor protection laws in the last three years, but has struggled to enforce them.

The city didn't notify the nonprofits that the water discount triggered the prevailing wage law until February 2019, which is why Kenney set a July deadline for compliance, mayoral spokesperson Lauren Cox said.

About 400 security guards work at Penn's buildings, which include its hospitals, and another 400 work at Temple and its hospitals. The union in its complaint said these institutions also are not paying security officers prevailing wage: Drexel University, Peirce College, St. Joseph's University, and Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine (PCOM).

Prevailing wage, set by the federal government, is \$13.62 an hour for an unarmed security guard, plus \$4.48 an hour in fringe benefits. The union calculated \$15 by subtracting health-care benefits. Cox said any combination of wages and benefits can be paid as long as it meets the total package.

The city is working with these nonprofits to make sure they are complying with the law, Cox said. Some have indicated that they plan to discontinue the discount so they do not have to comply. She added that Penn workers are part of a collective bargaining agreement that predates the law, and that Penn indicated it would raise wages when the agreement was up for renewal. The contract expires in September 2020.

By way of enforcing this law, the city can revoke financial subsidies, but the Mayor's Office of Labor has said it sees measures like those as a last resort.

Spokespersons for Penn and Penn Medicine said the institutions are "in compliance with the city's applicable prevailing wage obligations."

Peirce College spokesperson Joseph Guzzardo said the college decided to end its water discount this year.

Temple University spokesperson Ray Betzner said that wage rates for contracted workers, such as security guards, are set by their employers and that Temple is working with the city to make sure it's in compliance. PCOM spokesperson Renee Cree said the college was not involved in the process of setting wages for its security guards.

St. Joseph's spokesperson Gail Benner said, "We continue to pay close attention to this and related workplace issues." Drexel did not respond to a request for comment.

Most of these workers are employees of contractor Allied Universal. Allied spokesperson Vanessa Showalter said the company was following the collective bargaining agreements that are in place.

## Enforcement as a campaign

Labor unions and advocates have ramped up campaigns to get Philadelphia to enforce its labor standards, especially as the city embarks on implementing Fair Workweek, a scheduling law that will apply to an estimated 130,000 service workers. This is not the first time 32BJ has used political pressure to get employers to comply with a city law. It was able to raise wages for workers in 2015 after getting American Airlines to write the wage increase into its agreement with the city.

The prevailing wage law applies to more than these security officers. But because the building service workers at subsidy-receiving universities, hospitals, and stadiums, as well as the Convention Center, Philadelphia International Airport, and the Philadelphia

Regional Port Authority, do not have a union representing them, it's unclear whether they're receiving the prevailing wage.

Hadiyyah Edwards, an Allied security guard who just got transferred to Drexel from Hahnemann University Hospital, said making more money could mean she could afford her own housing.

Edwards, 28, who used to work as a certified medical assistant, recently moved in with her mom in West Oak Lane because she couldn't afford the rising rent at her apartment. She makes \$12 an hour and usually chooses to work more than 40 hours a week to make ends meet.

Working at Hahnemann meant she was on the front line of emergencies — fielding gunshot victims or pregnant women in labor. Once, she said, a woman miscarried in her arms.