MOYLAN MENTORS DISCUSS EXPERIENCE

At a recent celebration of community partners who work with Trinity students as they conduct research and engage with the city, two Trinity students participating in the Moylan Mentors program spoke about their experiences as mentors to students at Hartford’s Moylan Elementary School. Nicole Katav ’17 and Brayan Duarte ’18 shared some of what they’ve learned during the experience as mentors and showed a video about the program.

In all, 10 Trinity students participate in the Moylan Mentors program, each working with two mentees. While the students were glad to serve as mentors and role models for young people in the city, they found that they got as much from the experience as the kids.

“It wasn’t only beneficial for the students,” said Duarte. “We learned a lot, too.”

TWO GENERATIONS OF PARKVILLE DANCE PROGRAM

When he was in elementary school, Carlos Velazquez ’14 was among the first students to participate in the Judy Dworin Performance Project’s Moving Matters! Residency Program at Parkville Community School. The dance education program is led by Judy Dworin, Trinity professor of theater and dance. Nineteen years later, Velazquez is back at Parkville substitute teaching for a first-grade class. On April 30, he accompanied that class to Trinity for this year’s performance, There’s No Place Like the Parkville Galaxy!

TRINITY STUDENT CONNECTS WITH HARTFORD ON TWO WHEELS

When Alex Perez ’17 arrived at Trinity in the fall of 2013, he brought his bicycle to campus. He knew that Hartford was relatively small, and he was determined to explore Connecticut’s capital city by bike. During a pre-orientation program that takes students cycling around Hartford, he started his Trinity experience by doing just that. He soon discovered that while Hartford has a dedicated and tight-knit cycling community, its infrastructure was sorely lacking. So Perez decided to do something about it.

As a first-year student, Perez connected with Cameron Douglass, Thomas McKenna Meredith ’48 Postdoctoral Fellow in Environmental Science, to develop a map of Hartford’s cycling infrastructure. Using GIS data from the City of Hartford, Perez and Douglass identified the existing dedicated bike lanes and the routes to connect them, patching together the safest possible infrastructure that cyclists can use in Hartford today.

In the months since they finished their work, Perez has been working to make the map accessible to more people, to develop Hartford’s cycling community, and to lobby policymakers for a safer and more robust cycling infrastructure in the city. Perez has engaged with cyclists throughout Hartford and, most recently, organized a panel discussion at City Hall about Hartford’s cycling infrastructure.

With Hartford rapidly evolving – the state’s first rapid transit system, CTfastrak, recently began running, and a new minor league baseball stadium is slated to open in April 2016 – Perez sees the opportunity for cycling to play a major role in reinvigorating the city. To that end, he’s working to help cyclists have their voices heard and pushing for protected and high-visibility bike lanes throughout the city.

THREE WIN SINA AWARDS

The SINA Neighborhood Service Awards recognize individuals who have made outstanding contributions to our nearby neighborhoods. Winners were nominated by community members who live or work in the neighborhoods south of Capitol Avenue. The following received a $250 donation to an organization of their choice in appreciation for their commitment to our community.

Judy Johnson founded the “Friday Night Program” at Emanuel Lutheran Church in 1993. Every Friday afternoon, she greets kids ages 3 to 18 who are looking for a fun and safe place to hang out. Johnson, 74, started a Friday Night Scholarship Endowment in 2005 that has since awarded $49,000 to 17 youths who participated in the program.

Since the tragic death of her brother in 1979, Mayra Lozada has dedicated her time to highlighting the importance of diversity of public safety officers and first responders and to supporting Latino youth. In 2012, the Julio Lozada Scholarship Foundation came to fruition. The Society of Latin American...
Mayoral Candidates Forum
Thursday, June 11
6:00-8:00 p.m.
Trinity College’s Mother Hall, Washington Room, second floor
Please join Hartford’s Democratic Town Committee of the 6th District and the South End NRZs to learn more about the candidates as they respond to South End neighborhood priorities. Registration begins at 5:30 p.m.

Peruvian Arts Dance and Culture
Tuesday, June 23
5:30-7:00 p.m.
Goodwin Branch of the Hartford Public Library
A free exhibition celebrating the Peruvian culture and national identity through dance and art

Riverfest Food Truck Festival
Thursday, Friday, and Saturday, July 9, 10, and 11
Martensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford Foood, entertainment, and family activities, including fireworks at 9:00 p.m.

24th Annual Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz
Friday, Saturday, and Sunday, July 17, 18, and 19
Bushnell Park, Hartford

SUMMER FARMERS’ MARKET
Thursdays, June-October
11:00-2:00 p.m.
The Green at Billings Forge
563 Broad Street

This newsletter is a collaboration of Trinity College and its community partners in Frog Hollow, Barry Square, and Behind the Rocks to share information about the area’s organizations and numerous activities.

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