

BROAD STREET HAPPENINGS

Events for the communities of Barry Square, Behind the Rocks, Frog Hollow, and Trinity College

Summer 2016



Garret Forst, left

GETTING INVOLVED IN HARTFORD

Garret Forst '19 is excited by the opportunities that studying at a liberal arts college in an urban setting afford him.

From his very first day at Trinity, the Cleveland, Ohio, resident has been exploring Hartford. Last August, he participated in one of Trinity's Bantam Beginnings pre-orientation programs, the Amazing Race Hartford, taking part in team-building activities and exploring the city.

Forst has continued to engage with Hartford. Frequenting Hartford Wolfpack hockey games and eating at different restaurants, he has made it a priority to get off campus several times a month and to encourage others to do the same.

Academically, Forst continues to take advantage of Trinity's urban setting. With a plan to major in urban studies and history, he enrolled this past spring in "Community Development Strategies," a Community Learning Initiative course that involves a partnership with the Southwest and Behind the Rocks Neighborhood Revitalization Zone (NRZ). Forst enjoyed the grassroots experience, working with the NRZ to start a business association in the neighborhood and developing a survey to get a sense of the business needs that the NRZ might be able to address.

This past February, Forst attended an NRZ meeting featuring a discussion with Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin, who in May visited Trinity's campus to discuss his vision for Trinity's engagement with the city. President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and several students helped strategize ways to keep students in Hartford upon graduation and to further engage them while on campus.

'GIRLS CAN DO IT'

Trinity students were the driving force behind "Girls Can Do It!" — a program designed to spark interest in engineering and computer science among members of a local Girl Scout troop. With support from Trinity's Women & Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC) and the College's Advancement Office, students were awarded funding from the American Association of University Women (AAUW) through its Campus Action Projects (CAP) program.

As outlined in the Girls Can Do It! grant proposal, a key goal of the program was to introduce young girls to the possibilities of STEM (science, technology, engineering, and mathematics). The project was designed to "inspire young girls to cultivate interest in these fields and foster life attributes, such as problem-solving, empowerment, and overcoming obstacles." According to project co-leader Giselle Garcia '16, an engineering major, another objective was to build a stronger community among Trinity women enrolled in engineering and computing classes.

Laura Lockwood, director of WGRAC, and John Mertens, chair of Trinity's Engineering Department, served as mentors for the program, which included five sessions this past spring at the girls' school in Hartford's South End, the Asian Studies Academy at Bellizzi. The group's local AAUW liaison was Donna Haghghat '89, who is co-president of AAUW Connecticut.

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James Shmerling of Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, HPD Police Chief James Rovella, and Stuart Markowitz of Hartford HealthCare (HHC) celebrate with HPD officers after SINA partners presented four new patrol bicycles to support local law enforcement efforts in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood.

SINA DONATES BIKES TO HARTFORD POLICE

The Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA) — a partnership between Connecticut Children's Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College — has donated, through a public safety grant, four specially-equipped bicycles to the Hartford Police Department. At an April 29 ceremony held at Trinity's Koepfel Community Sports Center, Hartford Police Department (HPD) Chief James Rovella accepted the bicycles on behalf of the City of Hartford and the HPD.

The HPD's South District officers will use these bicycles to patrol the Frog Hollow neighborhood. Rovella spoke of the benefits of Hartford police officers riding bicycles instead of patrolling in cars. "The goal of community policing is to know your patrol area," he said. "These bicycles make it easier for Hartford's officers to become intimately connected with their patrol area. It allows for more immediate and direct contact with neighborhood residents."

Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney said, "As a Hartford resident, I am personally grateful for the consistent presence and work of the Hartford Police Department. As president of Trinity, I was thrilled to support the building of the Trinity College substation. I know that many community members — and that includes my family and me — value the dedication of the department's community service officers. We hope that the bikes presented today will continue to facilitate such strong relationships between the Hartford police and our community. We at Trinity College look forward to greeting the officers as they ride the bikes throughout our campus and neighborhood on their local patrols."

LITTLE FREE LIBRARY OPENS ON BROAD STREET

A new Little Free Library has opened between Trinfo.Café and the community garden.

This "Read and Seed" Little Free Library, designed to celebrate brain health by encouraging everyone in the neighborhood to read and to eat fresh food, is maintained by the Trinity College Neuroscience Program and the Grange, the nation's oldest general farm and community public interest organization. The box containing books and seed packets was painted and decorated by the Trinity College Neuroscience Club.

At the grand opening celebration, held on April 29, free books were given to students from local after-school programs. The event also included a visit from the Hartford Mobile Market, which sells convenient, fresh, affordable fruits and vegetables from a brightly colored bus.

Little Free Library is a community movement that promotes the love of reading through the free exchange of books. Small libraries are installed in public places by members of the community. Anyone may take a book, read it, and then return it or bring another to exchange, thus promoting reading.

Trinfo.Café has free computers available to find out more about gardening and cooking, to research other topics, to create resumes, to look for jobs, and more. The Community Garden is maintained by members for their personal use. Garden plots are available at no charge to individuals and community groups. Visit www.trinfo cafe.org for more information.



Trinity College Neuroscience Club vice president Sasha DiNitto '17 and president Jasmin Williams '17 welcome children to the opening of the new Little Free Library with free books and snacks.



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Hartford Mayor Luke Bronin (center), alongside Trinity students and Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney (right), recently discussed ways in which Trinity can be a part of Hartford's continued growth.

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Additionally, when the Aurora Women & Girls Foundation sought to thank Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney for serving as keynote speaker at Aurora's annual fall breakfast by contributing to a worthy educational program involving women and girls, Berger-Sweeney selected Girls Can Do It! to receive further funding support.

Project co-leader Claudia Trafton '16 was set to present the results of the Girls Can Do It! program at the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders at the University of Maryland in June. Trafton, a computer science major, said she enjoyed watching the girls' progress. "Data shows us that girls start to lose their confidence around middle school age," she said, "so giving them an opportunity to build their confidence now in STEM is really important."

Girl Scout Troop Leader Samantha Altius said she incorporated the lessons shared by the Trinity students into her weekly troop meetings. Altius noticed significant changes in the girls' attitudes since they started working with the team from Trinity. She saw the girls adopt an openness to discussing project ideas and observed that they were more comfortable in a mixed-gender classroom setting. Altius said, "The girls believe that if a man can do it, a woman can do it also."



"Girls Can Do It!" participants from Trinity and the Girl Scouts gather at the Asian Studies Academy at Bellizzi in Hartford. PHOTO: DIANA GUAY PHOTOGRAPHY

HAPPENINGS ON AND AROUND CAMPUS

Second Thursdays
5:00-8:00 p.m.
KNOW GOOD Market

30 Bartholomew Avenue
Enjoy live music and food trucks.



Thursdays
11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.
Summer Market
(June-October)

The Green at Billings Forge,
539 Broad Street

Wednesdays
2:00-3:30 p.m.

Junior Maker LEGO Club

Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street
Ages 5 and up are invited to an afternoon of building, with LEGO bricks provided.

Mondays-Fridays,
June 13-August 12
12:30 p.m.

Free Summer Lunch for Children and Teens (ages 0-18)

Any library branch in Hartford

Saturday, June 25
Noon-9:00 p.m.

Hartford Latino Fest

Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford
Visit this free festival featuring Latino cultural food and beverages, family fun, and live entertainment.

Thursday, Friday, and Saturday,
July 7, 8, and 9

Riverfest Food Truck Festival

Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford
Enjoy food, entertainment, and other family activities.

Friday, Saturday, and Sunday,
July 15, 16, and 17

Greater Hartford Festival of Jazz
Bushnell Park, Hartford

Saturday, August 6
1:00-11:00 p.m.

Taste of the Caribbean & Jerk Festival

Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford
Enjoy island rhythms, cuisine, and costumes.

Saturday, August 13
10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Women's Economic Summit

Hartford Public Library, 500 Main Street

Sunday, August 14
Noon

Barry Square Community Day

Webster Theater parking lot

Saturday, August 20
8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Riverfront Dragon Boat & Asian Festival

Mortensen Riverfront Plaza, Hartford
Join in the celebration of Asian culture.



Saturday, October 15, 7:30 p.m.
Sunday, October 16, 2:00 p.m.

Frog Hollow: Hartford

The Studio at Billings Forge,
140 Russ Street, Hartford

This grassroots investigative theater project is dedicated to collecting the living stories of Frog Hollow residents.

General admission is \$10; students and seniors are \$8; FREE for residents of Frog Hollow; and as always, No One Turned Away for Lack of Funds (NOTALF).

NOTALF tickets must be reserved in person at the door on the day of the performance.

Interested in being interviewed for the project? We will be conducting another round of interviews on June 27, 28, and 29. We can come to you! Contact Cindy Martinez at (860) 251-9199 or cindy.martinez@hartbeatensemble.org.



Your neighborhood technology center. For a listing of classes and services, go to www.trinfo.org.



Cinestudio is an independent film theater located on the campus of Trinity College in Hartford, CT

- General Admission: \$9
- Admission with Friends of Cinestudio Card: \$7
- Admission for seniors over 62: \$7
- Students from any school, with student ID: \$7

For listing of showings and times, please go to www.cinestudio.org.

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

To share your organization's events or to provide content, please contact Julia Rivera at julia.rivera@trincoll.edu or (860) 297-4203.

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Trinity College 2016 SUMMER MUSIC SERIES

WEDNESDAY EVENINGS, rain or shine

The chamber concerts are held in the Chapel.

The carillon concerts will take place on the Main Quad.

JUNE 29*

Carillon concert ~ 7:00 p.m.

Eddy Mariën, Royal Carillon School, Mechelen, Belgium

**Please note: Tours of the Chapel Tower will be offered at 6:00 p.m. There will be no 6:00 p.m. chamber concert on this date.*

JULY 6

Chamber concert ~ 6:00 p.m.

Harmonia V (wind trio)

Carillon concert ~ 7:00 p.m.

Ellen Dickinson, Trinity College Carillonneur

Picnic competition with Yelp's Emily Cahill as judge; details to be announced at facebook.com/TrinitySummerMusic

JULY 13

Chamber concert ~ 6:00 p.m.

Christopher Houlihan '09, Trinity College Artist-in-Residence (organ), and

Doug Perry (marimba)

Carillon concert ~ 7:00 p.m.

Mathieu Polak, Rotterdam, The Netherlands

JULY 20

Chamber concert ~ 6:00 p.m.

Judith Lee (violin), Noemi Miloradovic (violin),

Lu Friedman (viola), and Peter Zay (cello)

Carillon concert ~ 7:00 p.m.

Thomas Kilmer,

Agata Sorotokin, and

Heather Wang, Yale University

JULY 27

Chamber concert ~ 6:00 p.m.

None of the Above (a cappella)

Carillon concert ~ 7:00 p.m.

Lynnli Wang,

New Haven, Connecticut

AUGUST 3*

Carillon concert ~ 7:00 p.m.

Andy Zhang, Salem, Oregon

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