

Summer 2021

Greetings,

This has been a challenging year for everyone, but we are proud of the work that has been done and are excited about what lies ahead.

First, we'd like to thank and acknowledge, Trish Klestadt '80, P'09,'11, the first Chair of the WLC, for her 11 years of service and dedication to this important network of alumnae. Without her efforts we would not be in such a good position to move forward from here. During this unusual and unprecedented time, the WLC provided support and reassurance. Our virtual programs allowed us to connect with alumnae regardless of geography and we are excited to build on those connections. In addition, the WLC tackled issues of diversity, equity and inclusion head on and conducted a year-long review of the WLC itself that resulted in significant change.

We are pleased to have been asked to co-chair the WLC and to oversee the work of three important new committees: Programming, Mentoring, and Engagement. It is our hope that the creation of these committees will provide opportunities for you to become more involved in the areas of greatest interest to you. Our Committee Chairs Yarel Silverio Marshall '96, Ann Newman Selvitelli '91 and Kathryn Van Sickle '12 will be looking for volunteers in the coming weeks and we hope you will join us.

The mission statement for the WLC has also been revised and we are happy to share it with you here:

The mission of the Trinity College Women's Leadership Council (WLC) is to build and sustain a network of support for all women-identifying Trinity College alumni and students. The WLC creates opportunities for mentorship in which alumnae connect with one another and/or undergraduates. In addition, the WLC provides experiences and benefits that assist alumnae throughout their lives, in both personal and professional endeavors. The WLC also encourages alumnae to support the college philanthropically and strives to foster an engaged and dynamic community from which to identify future leaders who will help amplify the voices of all Trinity women.

Over the coming year we hope to continue to grow our membership and support Trinity in a variety of ways. Keep an eye on the WLC website for details on our events, mentoring program and networking group through the Bantam Career Network, and other ways in which you can get involved. If you have any questions, or would like additional information, please contact, Melissa Bronzino Regan '87, Associate Director of Alumni Relations at melissa.regan@trincoll.edu, or feel free to reach out to us directly.

We look forward to working with you and thank you for all you do for Trinity and the Women's Leadership Council.