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Reunions 2021 and 2022 Award Citations Presented at Reunion 2022

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Reunion 2021

Thomas R. “Tom” DiBenedetto '71, P'08, '12, '13, '15, '17
The Eigenbrodt Cup

The Eigenbrodt Cup, presented by Miss Sallie Eigenbrodt to the college in memory of her brother, David L. Eigenbrodt, Class of 1831, is one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a Trinity alumnus/a. A recipient of this honor must be an alumnus/a of

national or international prominence, who has rendered unusual and significant service to the college.

You told *The Trinity Reporter* that what you remember most about being part of the Bantam football team was not winning, but rather how you and your teammates pushed each other to reach your full potential, both on and off the field. Those lessons learned playing football served you well and set the foundation for your exceptional achievements over the next 50 years.

At Trinity, you were equally outstanding in the classroom and on the playing field. An economics major, you were elected to Pi Gamma Mu and received the John C. Alexander Memorial Award, which recognizes excellence in economics and varsity athletics. You played football all four years at Trinity and, during your senior year, helped your squad secure a record seven wins, with only one loss.

You were also a member of Sigma Nu, the Economics Club, the Intramural Board, and the International Association of Students in Economics and Management. In addition, you served your community by mentoring young people through Big Brothers/Big Sisters.

In 1973, you earned an MBA from the Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania and then honed your skills at some of the nation's most prominent investment banks, including Salomon Brothers, Allen & Company and Morgan Stanley. In 1983, you struck out on your own, founding Olympic Partners, a real estate investment fund. Since then, you have been investing in private equity activities and have been active in telecommunications, technology, real estate and mining ventures.

Currently, you are director of Alexander's, Inc., a real estate investment trust and a Partner in Boston Red Sox baseball. You also serve as chairman of the board of Jefferson Waterman International, a Washington, D.C.-based political and business consulting firm, and as president and majority owner of Junction Investors, Ltd., a private equity firm, and its affiliate, Boston International Group, a money management company. Previously, you were President, Director and principal shareholder of AS Roma Serie A Soccer League.

Your volunteer service has been equally impressive. Over the years, you have served on the leadership council of the JFK Center for Business and Government at Harvard University and the board of the Boston Biomedical Research Institute. You have also served on the boards of the Canterbury School and Kents Hill School.

At Trinity, you served on the Board of Trustees for many years and currently are a Presidential Advisor and member of the board's Enrollment Committee. In 2017, you were part of a group of Trinity alumni, parents and friends who supported the relocation and building of new fields for Trinity's baseball, softball and soccer programs, including the Linda M. and Thomas R. DiBenedetto Stadium.

In 1991, you were awarded the Alumni Medal for Excellence, and in 2006, you received the Gary McQuaid Award for your leadership as an undergraduate and your success in the business world.

You and your wife, Linda, have five sons — Thomas, Cory, Marc, Christian and Nicholas — all of whom are Trinity graduates.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Eigenbrodt Cup, a most distinguished alumnus, Thomas R. "Tom" DiBenedetto, Class of 1971, P'08, '12, '13, '15, '17.

**The Honorable Claudia A. Baio-Downes '86
Paul E. Raether '68 Alumni Achievement Award**

This award is bestowed annually to a member of the alumni body who has distinguished himself or herself in their line of endeavor or beyond the call of normal pursuits.

Lewis Carroll said, "One of the secrets of life is that all that is really worth the doing is what we do for others." In your words and deeds, you have embodied that sentiment: from your days at South Catholic High School to your ascension to the judicial bench, you have lived a life of extraordinary service and meaningful contributions to society and the public trust.

As a student majoring in English and educational studies at Trinity College, you received the Human Relations Award for outstanding citizenship and sportsmanship, a reflection of your passion for crew, rugby, and volunteering with organizations such as Big Brothers/Big Sisters, and your role as coordinator of volunteer services for the College. As a leader with Tri Delta sorority, you received the coveted Sarah Ida Shaw Award. Your academic excellence elevated you to the Faculty Dean's List, and awards such as the President's Fellow in Educational Studies and the Richard K. Morris Book Award for Excellence in Education.

After graduating from the University of Connecticut School of Law, you obtained a prestigious clerkship with the Connecticut Appellate Court and went on to spend almost three decades practicing law. A leader in the bar, you served as president of the Hartford County Bar Association and the Connecticut Defense Lawyers Association. You were a commissioner and chair on the State Governmental Accountability Commission and served as a member and chair of the State Contracting Standards Board.

In your community, you served as president of the Rocky Hill Chamber of Commerce and volunteered your time with Dress for Success and Habitat for Humanity as well as the Connecticut River Valley Law Explorers Program.

In 2015, you were elected mayor of Rocky Hill, and then re-elected to a second term, serving until your appointment to the Connecticut Superior Court in 2018. During the

bittersweet process of stepping down as mayor, you were lauded for your professionalism and your willingness to listen.

You have always kept Trinity College close to your heart. You have served on the Women's Leadership Council, as an Executive Committee member of the Trinity Club of Hartford, as a Reunion Class Committee member and on the Class Executive Board.

Madam President, on the occasion of her 36th Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Paul E. Raether '68 Alumni Achievement Award, an extraordinary community member who always leads by example, the Honorable Claudia Baio-Downes, Class of 1986.

**Peter Duncan '81, P'13, '14
The Gary McQuaid Award**

This award is presented annually by the Trinity College Alumni Association to an alumnus/a who has demonstrated leadership as an undergraduate and success in the business world.

Navigation is the process or activity of accurately ascertaining one's position and then planning and following a route. The hallmark of your career and life, from business to sailing the high seas, has been expertly moving from one place to the next, always with your eyes on the horizon.

After graduating from Trinity College with a major in American studies and varsity letters in hockey and lacrosse, you joined George Comfort & Sons in 1982. You were appointed president and CEO in 1995 and have built one of the oldest real estate firms in New York City into a market leader with global reach.

You have given back to the community in so many ways, including as a trustee for Phipps Houses, a board member for the Madison Square Park Conservancy, and a director of the Grand Central Partnership. You have been honored by the March of Dimes and with the Albert Einstein Humanitarian Award from the Albert Einstein College of Medicine.

An accomplished yachtsman, you received US Sailing's Rolex Yachtsman of the Year in 2017. You have won numerous championships and have served as a member of the U.S. Olympic Sailing Committee and as a member and former commodore of the American Yacht Club in Rye.

Your relationship with Trinity College has deepened and flourished over the years. With warm memories of courses, classmates, and your membership in Psi Upsilon, you have served as a Trustee since 2018. You are a member of the Bicentennial Athletics Committee and have served on the Board of Fellows and your Reunion Class Committee. In 2018, the College recognized your generosity by adding you to the Wall

of Honor. You have shared your enthusiasm for Trinity with your family and have celebrated the journeys of your children Hadley '13 and Parrish '14 as fellow Bantams.

Madam President, on the occasion of his 41st Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Gary McQuaid Award, an inspiring business leader and role model, Peter Duncan, Class of 1981.

Julie Mancuso Gionfriddo '96, M'05
The Kathleen O'Connor Boelhouwer '85 Alumni Initiative Award

This award, presented by the National Alumni Association Executive Committee, in memory of Kathleen O'Connor Boelhouwer '85, a Trinity leader, both as a volunteer and as a senior professional, annually honors that alumna or alumnus whose leadership, persuasion and activities advance the engagement of Trinity's alumnae in the college's excellence and reputation. The Boelhouwer Award recognizes that person each year who helps expand the number of women in leadership volunteer roles at Trinity, and/or who helps connect successful alumnae to one another and the college, and/or who helps educate alumnae about their philanthropic power in support of Trinity, and/or who increases alumnae mentoring on and off-campus, and/or help recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Trinity women, as graduates or as undergraduates.

As an economics major at Trinity, you were inspired by your professors, Diane Zannoni and the late Manijee Zavareei. You told the *Trinity Reporter* that it made a huge difference to be taught by female economists. Today, you inspire other young women, including Trinity students, who are seeking careers in the traditionally male-dominated world of finance.

You found an intellectual home at Trinity. A member of Kappa Kappa Gamma and the women's varsity swimming team, you were also a tour guide for the Admissions Office and, during your senior year, served on the Admissions and Financial Aid Committee.

As a junior, you studied Eastern European economics in Vienna at the Austro-American Institute of Education, calling the experience invaluable. During your senior year, you were a teaching assistant in the economics department. You also interned with former representative Barbara Kennelly at the United States House of Representatives during the summer before your senior year.

After graduation, you turned those valuable Trinity experiences into a position as an analyst with Landmark Partners, a private equity and real estate investment company in Simsbury, Connecticut. During your 18 years with the company, you rose to vice president in their private equity group. And along the way, you found time to earn your master's in economics from Trinity.

In 2014, you became a principal with Apple Tree Partners, a venture capital firm in New York City that invests in pharmaceuticals, biotechnology, medical technology, and

healthcare services. Currently, you are director of advisory services at Fiondella, Milone & LaSaracina, an accounting firm in Glastonbury, Connecticut.

While growing your career, you have consistently found time to mentor and advise women in finance. You serve as president of the Board of Directors for the Women's Association of Venture and Equity, a nonprofit committed to the development and advancement of women in private equity and venture capital.

At Trinity, you helped found the Women's Leadership Council, which promotes active engagement of Trinity alumnae by encouraging them to help shape the future of the college and to be more responsive to the needs of female undergraduates. You also served on the 50th Anniversary of Co-education Steering Committee and were a member of Trinity's Board of Fellows from 2015 to 2018.

In 2016, you received the college's Alumni Medal of Excellence and, in 2018, the Trinity Club of Hartford named you Hartford's Person of the Year for your outstanding service to your community and your alma mater.

Madame President, on the occasion of her 25th reunion, I am honored to present for the Boelhouwer Award, Julia Mancuso Gionfriddo '96, M'05.

Whitney Gulden '16
Alumni Medal for Excellence

This medal is awarded annually to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.

You are Trinity College at its best. You are both a thinker and a doer. By giving back, you move the College and society forward. From the day you stepped on campus, you have made an impact.

As a freshman, you embraced the Quest Leadership Program, venturing into the wilderness to meet new challenges and develop new skills. You enthusiastically participated in Do-It Day to help Trinity and local organizations improve Hartford's neighborhoods. You seized opportunities to contribute — as a student employee in the Admissions Office, a teaching assistant, through writing for *The Trinity Tripod*, and by joining St. Anthony Hall. You participated in the Inter-Fraternity Council, Honor Council, Students Encouraging Consensual Sex, and Trinity College Women and Gender Resource Action Center. You also initiated Trinity's founding chapter of Gamma Sigma Alpha, National Greek Academic Honor Society.

Your honors were many, including the St. Anthony Hall Community Service Award, the Women's Empowerment Activist Award, and the Greek Woman of the Year. You also earned Faculty Honors, played volleyball, and enjoyed a study abroad opportunity at the University of St Andrews.

With your double major in philosophy and political science, you built a foundation for a success as a student at Brooklyn Law School, where you served as a Family Law and Policy Fellow. As an associate at LoPreto+Levy, you have found a professional home that shares your passion for matrimonial and family law.

Outside of work, you continue to lead through service. You are a class agent and member of the Board of Governors of The Hotchkiss School and have served as a committee co-chair for St. Anthony Against Sexual Assault, participant in the Trinity College Campaign for Community, chair of St. Anthony Hall's Technology Committee, on the Women's Leadership Council, the New York Club Committee, as a class agent, and as member of your Reunion Gift Committee and Reunion Class Committee.

Madam President, on the occasion of her 6th Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most dedicated alumna, Whitney Gulden, Class of 2016.

Justin Maccarone Jr. '81, P'19
Alumni Medal for Excellence

This medal is awarded annually to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.

Role model, business executive, and community leader, you have devoted your life to excellence and to service. In doing so, you have contributed to Trinity College and to the lives of so many who have benefitted from your wise counsel and stewardship.

From your small-town upbringing in Connecticut to your first airplane flight — to Trinity College's Rome Campus for a semester abroad — to your position as managing partner and now senior advisor for Tradition Energy, you have always been ready to spread your wings and embrace all that the world offers. As an international relations and economics double major and president of the World Affairs Association at Trinity, you soared into a career that has spanned the world of private equity and leveraged finance as well as energy management. Among your many accomplishments, you were a founding partner of UBS Capital Americas, the private equity arm of UBS Americas.

As a corporate leader, you have made volunteering a priority. You have sat on numerous corporate boards, including service as a trustee of Darien Boy Scouts and as an executive board member of Pacific House, a homeless shelter.

The connection to Trinity runs deep in your family: Your late father, Justin Maccarone Sr. '50, was able to attend Trinity thanks to a scholarship, and your late mother, Lucia Maccarone M'51, earned a master's in education. In turn, your son Michael '19 is also a proud graduate. You have called Trinity a "life changer" and with gratitude for all that the College has done for your family, you have been a steadfast and devoted graduate. You

have served as a Trustee, as Vice President and President of the National Alumni Association Executive Committee, you have attended reunions, served on your Reunion Class Committee, and participated in a wide variety of alumni events and career and mentoring programs that benefit your fellow Bantams. In every way possible, you have personified Trinity College's mission to engage, connect, and transform.

Madam President, on the occasion of his 41st Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most dedicated alumnus, Justin Maccarone, Class of 1981.

Yarel Silverio Marshall '96
Alumni Medal for Excellence

This medal is awarded annually to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.

Educator, innovator, and relationship-builder, you embrace life and people with open arms and a warm heart. Your compassion and commitment to community continue to reverberate through the halls of Trinity College and echo far beyond.

Education is your passion. As a Trinity student, you majored in American studies and contributed to the campus community through the Trinity Coalition of Black Women, Trinity College Gospel Choir, Pan African Alliance, La Voz Latina, and WRTC. Always a valued team member, you ran track and managed the men's soccer team. You also found your life partner, Carl Marshall '96, at Trinity. Together, you have raised three children, crediting the foundations built by your immigrant parents as well as your education with the values that have guided your professional and personal journey.

After graduating from Trinity, you went on to earn a master's degree in romance languages at Southern Connecticut State University and you are now impressively pursuing a doctorate of education in intercultural/multicultural and diversity studies at Northcentral University. As a beloved teacher, you now share your passion for education with your students.

Encouraging and supporting all students, and particularly those for whom English is a second language, animates your professional journey. You have chosen to use your childhood experience with learning another language to fill the gaps for others, students who bask in the warmth of your respect, love, compassion, and support as they navigate their way through a language and culture that can be daunting, but with your steady hand and guidance, becomes familiar and surmountable.

Your ties with Trinity run deep. As a graduate, you have been involved with the Women's Leadership Council, Black Alumni Organization, Reunion Class Committee, and as an admissions volunteer. From the moment you set foot on the Trinity campus to today, you inspire all of those around you with your zest for life.

Madam President, on the occasion of her 26th Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most dedicated alumna, Yarel Silverio Marshall, Class of 1996.

Jorge E. Rodriguez '91
Alumni Medal for Excellence

This medal is awarded annually to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.

Business leader and innovator, athlete and devoted graduate, your success is a shimmering reflection of Trinity College's mission to produce graduates who transcend boundaries while staying true to themselves.

From your early years growing up in Puerto Rico to the pinnacle of the business world, you have been a leader. An economics major at Trinity, you were an enthusiastic athlete on the fencing team and on the tennis team, for which you served as captain. You were an active participant in La Voz Latina, community outreach activities, and St. Anthony Hall.

After graduating, you earned an MBA from the Kellogg School of Management at Northwestern University. Today, you serve as Managing Director, Head of Debt Capital Markets, at Marathon Capital, where you are responsible for developing Marathon's suite of debt solutions and services to energy and infrastructure clients. Your career includes more than 20 years of investment banking, capital markets, and investment management experience, having raised, managed, and invested in energy and infrastructure transactions domestically and internationally. Prior to joining Marathon Capital, you served as Managing Director, Portfolio Manager and Head of Infrastructure Debt, at DWS. Earlier in your career, you held pivotal positions with Dresdner Kleinwort in both New York and London, and with Aladdin Capital, BNP Paribas, and Chemical Bank.

Your devotion to Trinity College has been steadfast. You have served as an Admissions volunteer, career advisor, Reunion Class Committee member, Reunion Gift Committee member, on your Class Executive Board, on the Board of Fellows, and on the Social Sciences Advisory Board. You are currently a member of the Executive Committee of the Trinity College Alumni Association. In recognition that Trinity College was instrumental in helping to shape your future, career, and aspirations, you have given back to the College time and time again.

Madam President, on the occasion of his 31st Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most dedicated alumnus, Jorge Rodriguez, Class of 1991.

Ann Newman Selvitelli '91
Alumni Medal for Excellence

This medal is awarded annually to alumni who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College

William Butler Yeats said, "Education is not the filling of a pail, but the lighting of a fire." The bright light of your passion for academia was lit during your years at Trinity College and on wings of fire you have soared.

At Trinity College, you embraced residential life. You were an enthusiastic residential assistant and program coordinator, tour guide, and senior interviewer for the admissions office. You tutored in the Community Outreach Program, served as a Student Government representative and class officer, and you were a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. As a political science and government major, you earned Faculty Honors and the Senior Achievement Award.

After graduating, you launched your career in education and earned a master's degree focused on psychological services from the University of Pennsylvania. Early in your career, you served as associate director of admissions for the Loomis Chaffee School, as dean of students for Dana Hall School, and as director of undergraduate admissions for Babson College. Since 2004, you have served as Director of College Counseling and Leadership at Suffield Academy and as a valued dorm parent, class advisor, coach, faculty advisor, and chair of the Leadership Department.

You have radiated grace and good will in your commitment to service. You are an active volunteer with First Church of Christ, Suffield, and a devoted Trinity alumna. You have given back to the College as a career advisor and through the Shadowing Program. You have been a member of the Hartford Club Committee, Boston Club Committee, your Reunion Gift Committee, Reunion Class Committee and have served as program chair for your Reunion Committee. You have served on the National Alumni Association Executive Committee, your Class Executive Board, the Alumnae Leadership Committee, and the Women's Leadership Council.

At Trinity, you found a family and you created family: In 1999, you chose to marry your husband, David, in the Trinity College Chapel.

Madam President, on the occasion of her 31st Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most dedicated alumna, Ann Newman Selvitelli, Class of 1991.

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Peter Robert Blum '72, P'12 The Eigenbrodt Cup

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Nelson Mandela said, "Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world." You exemplify the spirit of these wise words through your support of your alma mater, most notably your generous giving to Trinity's Human Rights Program.

You came to Trinity in the fall of 1968, a time of social change that fostered your lifelong commitment to making a difference through philanthropy and volunteerism. A psychology major, you took advantage of the diversity of the college's offerings. You were a member of the Freshman Advisory Counsel, Alpha Delta Phi and Cerberus and played competitive tennis and ice hockey. You also founded the Northam Fine Arts Society.

After graduation, you earned your MBA from Harvard University, and then proceeded to make your mark in the world of business. In 1976, you joined Salomon Brothers in Boston, where you had an impressive 22-year career, most recently serving as managing director and manager of the bank's Boston Equity Unit. In 1998, you joined the U.S. Active Strategy of

Mayo, Van Otterloo & Company, where you were managing director, portfolio manager and senior client manager. In 2002, you co-founded the financial advisory firm of Mayo Capital Partners, now Colrain Capital LLC. As founding partner and president, you manage the firm's business affairs and develop and implement its strategic business and investment plans.

Your service to Trinity is no less impressive. In 2007, you established the Peter R. Blum Endowment Fund for Human Rights. This fund supports the budget of the college's Human Rights Program in perpetuity and provides funding for the Human Rights Summer Internships. These internships are transformative experiences for students, who return to campus with a more sophisticated understanding of human rights issues and the world of advocacy.

Over the years, you have also served your alma mater as a member of the Board of Trustees and as a presidential advisor. Currently, you are a member of the board's subcommittee on investment. In 2002, you received the Gary McQuaid Award, for your leadership as an undergraduate and your success in the business world.

In addition, you are chair for the World Peace Foundation at The Fletcher School at Tufts University. You also serve as a trustee and co-chair of the investment committee for the Norman Rockwell Museum in Stockbridge, Massachusetts, and are on the board of the Concord Conservatory of Music.

You and your wife, Sarah, have three children: Nicholas, Jessica, and Christopher, who is a member of Trinity's Class of 2012.

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Richard Palmer '72
Paul E. Raether '68 Alumni Achievement Award

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Guardian of the rule of law, scholar, athlete, and respected colleague, you personify Trinity's mission to prepare graduates to be bold, independent thinkers who lead transformative lives.

As a student, you distinguished yourself as a scholar and athlete. You majored in political science and excelled in multiple sports, including baseball, basketball, and soccer, and served as captain of the squash and tennis teams. You were awarded the George Sheldon McCook Trophy as the outstanding athlete in the senior class and the Eastern Collegiate Athletic Conference Scholar-Athlete Award. Recognized as one of Trinity's top scholars, you served as Editor-in-Chief of *The Trinity Tripod* and were inducted into Phi Beta Kappa as well as Pi Gamma Mu.

After graduating from Trinity, you enrolled in the University of Connecticut School of Law, from which you graduated with high honors and served on the *Connecticut Law Review*. You enjoyed a distinguished and fulfilling career in private practice and as U.S. Attorney for the State of Connecticut before ascending to the Connecticut Supreme Court bench in 1993.

On the bench, you were renowned for a long and exceptional career that created a remarkable body of work, including decisions that abolished the death penalty and established the right to same-sex marriage. At the time of your retirement in 2020, you had written close to 600 decisions over nearly three decades and served as Co-Chair of the Connecticut Appellate Rules Committee, as Chair of the Connecticut Criminal Justice Commission, and as a member of the Executive Committee of the Superior Court. You have also shared your wisdom with students at Yale Law School and Quinnipiac University School of Law.

From the moment you received the Trinity Club of Hartford's Person of the Year Award in 1993 to today, you have distinguished yourself as jurist, scholar, and humanitarian.

Madam President, on the occasion of his 50th Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Paul E. Raether '68 Alumni Achievement Award, an extraordinary community member who always leads by example, Richard Palmer, Class of 1972.

Shakira Ramos Crespo '02
The Gary McQuaid Award

This award is presented annually by the Trinity College Alumni Association to an alumnus/a who has demonstrated leadership as an undergraduate and success in the business world.

With the brain of an engineer, your senior project at Trinity College focused on advanced techniques in wing design, but it has been with the heart of a leader and mentor that you have lifted up others throughout your life and career. In the business world and in your personal life, you have demonstrated that success is best measured not only by your personal achievements, but also by contributions to your communities.

You were introduced to Trinity through a high school pre-engineering program that opened your eyes to the possibilities for women and students of color. As a student at Trinity, you made a lifelong commitment to promoting cultural awareness and the advancement of diverse individuals. You served as a leader for so many organizations, including La Voz Latina, P.R.I.D.E., the Multicultural Affairs Council, Trinity's chapters of the National Society of Black Engineers and the American Society of Mechanical Engineers, and Lambda Theta Alpha Latin Sorority. For all of this and more, you received the Promesa Youth Award in 2002.

With your bachelor's degree in mechanical engineering and an MBA from the University of Hartford, you have excelled at Pratt & Whitney since 2002. You have served in a variety of roles, including engineering, business management, customer service, and product marketing. You received the United Technologies Corporation Volunteer of the Year award in 2006 and the Professional Role Model Award in 2007 from the Society of Hispanic Professional Engineers-Connecticut chapter. You also served as president of Pratt & Whitney's Hispanic Leadership Forum.

With boundless energy, you have brought your inspiring messages to Hartford and beyond. You have served as chair of the Tech Savvy Conference and on the board of directors for the Connecticut Academy of Education in Mathematics, Science & Technology. You are a leader and role model at Miss Porter's School, your alma mater, and on the board of Hartford Youth Scholars.

Your connection with Trinity has been a guiding light for so many in the College's community. You served on Board of Trustees as the Funston Trustee and on the

Alumnae Board. You are a member of the Women's Leadership Council, a mentor to students in the Society of Women Engineers, and served on the Women at the Summit Steering Committee. You have taken part in many career-related panels and networking events throughout the years.

Madam President, on the occasion of her 20th Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Gary McQuaid Award, a dedicated and inspiring leader and role model, Shakira Ramos Crespo, Class of 2002.

Elizabeth "Liz" Elting '87
The Kathleen O'Connor Boelhouwer '85 Alumni Initiative Award

This award, presented by the National Alumni Association Executive Committee, in memory of Kathleen O'Connor Boelhouwer '85, a Trinity leader, both as a volunteer and as a senior professional, annually honors that alumna or alumnus whose leadership, persuasion and activities advance the engagement of Trinity's alumnae in the college's excellence and reputation. The Boelhouwer Award recognizes that person each year who helps expand the number of women in leadership volunteer roles at Trinity, and/or who helps connect successful alumnae to one another and the college, and/or who helps educate alumnae about their philanthropic power in support of Trinity, and/or who increases alumnae mentoring on and off-campus, and/or help recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Trinity women, as graduates or as undergraduates.

As a self-made entrepreneur and a socially conscious philanthropist, you are an inspiration to woman everywhere who seek to break through boundaries and achieve success.

You came to Trinity from your home in Toronto, Canada. You majored in modern languages — French and Spanish — and were a member of the College's Spanish Club. You also spent your junior year studying in Córdoba, Spain.

Shortly after earning your MBA from New York University in 1992, you co-founded TransPerfect, a translation and language-services company, with zero outside funding. That business grew into the world's largest privately owned provider of language and business solutions with more than 6,000 employees in over 100 cities worldwide. While you were co-CEO of the company, you received numerous awards for your leadership, including the Women of Power & Influence Award from the National Organization for Women.

In 2018, you founded the Elizabeth Elting Foundation to break down barriers, bridge gaps, and foster systemic change for women and other marginalized people. In April 2020, at the height of the pandemic, your foundation launched the Halo Fund, a comprehensive multimillion-dollar pandemic relief initiative that provides direct support for medical needs, hunger relief and health equity in underserved communities.

Through the foundation, you also helped found the American Heart Association's Circle of Red for Women Campaign. This initiative aims to increase awareness of women's heart health and improve the lives of women across the globe. In 2019, you were named to the New York City board of directors of the American Heart Association.

Your interest in improving the lives of women extends to your work with Trinity. In partnership with the college, you launched the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference for Women's Leadership, part of the Trinity Venture program for first-year students. You are also a founding member of Trinity's Women's Leadership Council and of the Marjorie Butcher Circle.

In addition, you have been a member of the College's Board of Trustees since 2016, serving on multiple committees. In 2007, you were awarded the College's Alumni Medal for Excellence and, in 2017, you received the Gary McQuaid Award for your leadership as an undergraduate and your success in the business world.

Trinity is also a special place for your family: your father, Everett Elting Jr., is a member of the Class of 1958, and your sister, Lynn Elting Siegel, is a member of the Class of 1985.

Madame President, on the occasion of her 35th reunion, I am honored to present for the Boelhouwer Award, Elizabeth "Liz" Elting, Class of 1987.

**Ellin Carpenter Smith '82, P'19
Alumni Medal for Excellence**

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Creator, visionary, and entrepreneur, the arts have animated your life journey, while your business acumen has provided the foundation for your success. In all that you have achieved, you have been a faithful and dedicated member of the Trinity College community.

From the moment you stepped on to the Trinity campus, you wanted to shake things up. You designed your own major combining fine arts and economics to explore the connections between beauty and business. Yours was the lens of a visionary, charting new paths to understand how we connect with one another through design. You were the first woman to hold the position of Editor-In-Chief of *The Ivy*, excelled as a varsity tennis player, participated in the Concert Choir, and served as a campus tour guide.

You also found your life partner, Matthew Smith '82, P'19 at Trinity. Together, you went on to Northwestern University, where you earned a master's degree in marketing and advertising. You launched your career at Ogilvy & Mather Advertising and went on to become a leading interior designer and marketing consultant. You founded and built your own design firm, Timeless Interiors, and The Marketing Roundtable, which brings

together top stake holders and new prospects in intimate discussion group settings. You also serve as a Designer Concierge and Marketing Manager for DesignSourceCT. You have given back to the community through the Junior League and The Town & Country Club.

As an active alumna of Trinity College, you have mentored women in business and entrepreneurs and served on the Women's Leadership Council, Parents Fund Committee, your Reunion Class Committee, and your Class Executive Board. You have also been a Parent Senior Tribute Gift volunteer and Admissions volunteer. You revel in your family's connections to Trinity, including your father-in-law, David R. Smith '52; mother-in-law, Joan Parsons Smith M'54; sisters-in-law, Maureen Smith St Germain '99, Colleen Smith Hayes '95, and Lisa Trocki Smith '88; brothers-in-law George Lewis Smith '78, David R. Smith '87, and Christopher J. Smith '87; and with the utmost pride, your daughter, Diana Rose Smith '19.

Madam President, on the occasion of her 40th Reunion, I am honored to recommend for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most dedicated alumna, Ellin Carpenter Smith, Class of 1982.

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When Trinity student Augustus P. Burgwin wrote "Neath the Elms" in 1882, he included these lyrics, "On the hills of our old Trinity, In the halls of our dear old Trinity, There is bright merry cheer, There are friends true and dear." No words ring more true than for you and the entire Smith family, including your wife, Ellin Carpenter Smith '82 P'19; father, David R. Smith '52; mother, Joan Parsons Smith M'54; sisters Maureen Smith St Germain '99 and Colleen Smith Hayes '95; sister-in-law Lisa Trocki Smith '88; brothers George Lewis Smith '78, David R. Smith '87, and Christopher Smith '87; and with the utmost pride, your daughter, Diana Rose Smith '19.

When you arrived at Trinity, you walked the path of your family, but you also blazed your own trails. You majored in history and earned varsity letters in lacrosse and cross-country, and served as co-captain of the cross-country team during your senior year. Impressively, you earned the Gold Award for three varsity letters in a single sport. You were also a member of St. Anthony Hall and spent a summer at the Trinity College Rome Campus.

After graduating, you and Ellin attended Northwestern University, where you earned an MBA. Today, you serve as chief marketing officer, general manger, and director at Panacea Scientific, Inc., where you develop and execute strategies to market products with the power to help individuals achieve their health goals through all-natural

supplements clinically proven to promote optimal nutrition, digestive health, and weight management. Earlier in your career, you held leadership positions with Hero Beech-Nut Corporation, Nestle Nutrition, Integrated Brands, and Unilever Ice Cream North America.

Throughout your career, you have stayed close to Trinity: as an Admissions volunteer, career advisor, and member of the Trinity Club of Hartford, your Reunion Gift Committee, and your Reunion Class Committee.

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