# Trinity College Alumni Association

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# AMBASSADOR MICHAEL A. BATTLE, SR. '73 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. Each recipient receives a medallion symbolizing the honor; the cup itself, inscribed with his or her name, remains at the college. The cup has been awarded annually since 1935 except in 1939, 1944, 1945 and 1963.

Throughout your impressive career as a diplomat, academic, faith leader and military chaplain, you have dedicated yourself to improving our world and making a difference in the lives of others. It is not surprising that President Biden nominated you as

ambassador of the United Republic of Tanzania with the U.S. Department of State in August 2021. You took oath for the office on December 21, 2022.

During your confirmation hearing, U.S. Senator for Georgia Jon Ossof called you an outstanding diplomat, adding that our country needs your skilled representation in East Africa.

Your distinguished public service, spanning four decades, includes 20 years as a chaplain in the U.S. Army Reserve. You retired with the rank of lieutenant colonel in 1997. During the Obama administration, you served as ambassador to the African Union in Ethiopia and as a U.S. representative to the United Nations Economic Commission for Africa. In 2014, you were a senior advisor to the Bureau of African Affairs at the Department of State for the U.S.-Africa Leaders Summit.

You also served as vice president and provost at the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati, Ohio, in 2015 and 2016.

Earlier in your career, you held several leadership roles in academia, including serving as president of the Interdenominational Theological Center in Atlanta, vice president of Chicago State University and associate vice president of Virginia State University. From 1976 to 1996, you were university chaplain at Hampton University in Virginia.

Among your many notable achievements are serving as vice president of the American Committee on Africa from 1994 to 1998 and participating as an election observer in 1994 for the first free election in South Africa.

As a volunteer, you have given richly to your community in Atlanta, Georgia. In addition to serving as chair of the Robert W. Woodruff Library of the Atlanta University Center, you have been a member of the United Negro College Fund's Institutional Board of Directors, the Atlanta Rotary Club, 100 Black Men of Atlanta, and Historically Black Colleges and Universities Congressional Forum Steering Committee.

In addition, you chaired Atlanta Mayor Shirley Franklin's Advisory Committee for a Sustainable Atlanta and served in a variety of roles at the Atlanta Regional Council of Churches, Atlanta Urban League, and the Atlanta Fulton Family Connection. You were a member of Leadership Atlanta's Class of 2008 and hold lifetime membership with the NAACP and the Southern Christian Leadership Conference.

You came to Trinity through a scholarship created in memory of Second Lieutenant Michael P. Getlin, who was killed in the Vietnam War. You said that learning about Lieutenant Getlin's story inspired you to pursue a career as a military chaplain. After graduating from Trinity with a bachelor's in religious studies you continued to serve your alma mater as a dedicated admissions volunteer. In honor of your exceptional career, Trinity awarded you an honorary Doctorate of Divinity 2011. You also hold a master's of divinity from Duke University and a doctorate in ministry from Howard University. A devoted family man, you and your wife, Linda, have three children, Michael, Lisa, and Martin.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Eigenbrodt Cup, a most distinguished alumnus, Ambassador Michael A. Battle, Sr., Class of 1973.

# BRYANT MCBRIDE '88, P'20 The Paul E. Raether '68 Alumni Achievement Award

Renamed in honor of Paul E. Raether '68 on the occasion of his 50th Reunion in 2018, this award is given each year by the Trinity College Alumni Association to a member of the alumni body who has, preferably recently, distinguished him/herself in either his/her line of endeavor or beyond the call of normal pursuits. As an award given by the Alumni Association to one of its own members, it is considered to be of a singular purpose, and intended to be clearly distinct from the Eigenbrodt Trophy and the Alumni Medal for Excellence.

Though you are an executive, entrepreneur and investor with a talent for building successful startups, you acknowledge that your eight-to-midnight career is advocating for social and racial justice. To that end, you produced the acclaimed documentary, *Willie*, which was released in 2019 and tells the story of Willie O'Ree, the first Black player in the National Hockey League. In addition, you created curriculum to help educators use this film as a teaching tool in their classrooms.

A transfer student from the United States Military Academy at West Point, you quickly distinguished yourself at Trinity as a political science major and an All-American defenseman for the Bantam's hockey team.

After graduating from Trinity, you earned your master's in public administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. Following your passion for ice hockey, you became the first Black executive at the National Hockey League, serving as vice president of business development from 1992 to 1999. At the NHL, you led the creation of new businesses, including international broadcasting, rink development and multiple grassroots, fan-based initiatives.

In 2000, you began your career as an entrepreneur, building businesses at the intersection of sports, technology and media. Since then, your track record has been outstanding. The sale of five of these businesses netted your investors eight times their original outlay. In addition, you have built growth initiatives with Fortune 500 companies and leading consumer brands, including Walmart, Bank of America and United Technologies. Your current endeavor, Burst.com, of which you serve as CEO, is a leading platform for user-generated content.

Despite your many professional commitments, you find time to give back to your community, including serving on the boards of the New York Roadrunners, the Armory Track and Field Center in New York City, and the Rose Kennedy Greenway Conservancy in Boston.

Your service to Trinity is no less exemplary. You are currently on the Board of Fellows and, since 2007, have helped plan your reunions as part of the Class of 1998's Reunion Class Committee. You were also a member of the Alumni Association's Executive Committee from 1995 to 2001 and served on your Class Executive Board from 1988 to 1993.

In your spare time, you have started, and finished, 26 marathons and serve as a youth hockey coach. You also enjoy mentoring fellow entrepreneurs.

A devoted family man, you are husband to Tina McBride and father to son Taylor, Class of 2020, and daughter Cleolette.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 35th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Paul E. Raether '68 Alumni Achievement Award, a most distinguished alumnus, Bryant McBride, Class of 1988, P'20.

# CHRISTOPHER SKELLY '93 The Gary McQuaid Award

The Gary McQuaid Award was established by family and friends in memory of Gary W. McQuaid '64 and in recognition of his leadership as a Trinity undergraduate and his subsequent success in the business world. The award is presented annually by the Trinity College Alumni Association to the alumnus/a who has demonstrated leadership as an undergraduate and success in the business world.

Hippocrates said, "Where the art of medicine is loved, there is also love for humanity."

Dr. Christopher Skelly, you embody this quote in your position as chief of vascular surgery and endovascular therapy at the University of Chicago Medical Center and as a national expert in minimally invasive surgery for the treatment of median arcuate ligament syndrome, a vascular condition that affects the upper abdomen.

For more than 20 years, you have dedicated yourself to the treatment of individuals with an array of vascular diseases. Your patients say that you put them at ease and take your time to explain their diseases in ways they can understand.

In addition to your clinical practice, you direct a research laboratory that explores methods for improving outcomes and durability of vascular graft repairs. You also serve as professor of surgery at the University of Chicago's Pritzker School of Medicine and work on numerous clinical trials relating to vascular disease. Over your extraordinary career, you have authored more than 35 scientific articles in peer-reviewed journals and several book chapters and reviews. Recently, you edited a book titled *Difficult Decisions in Vascular Surgery: An Evidence-based Approach*.

In 2008, you received the National Heart, Lung and Blood Institute's Clinical Scientist Development Award. In 2021, you were listed among Chicago's top surgeons in *Chicago Magazine*.

Your impressive performance at Trinity foreshadowed your successful medical career. A biochemistry major and member of St. Anthony Hall, you showed your well-roundedness as a member of the Trinity crew team and as a recipient of the Esther and Lloyd Cooper Prize in Fine Arts.

As a President's Fellow, an honor given annually to one outstanding student in each major, you met with Trinity's president to discuss campus issues and edited *The Trinity Papers*.

You also received the Louis Aronne, Class of 1977, Prize in Biochemistry, given to an exemplary biochemistry major who has also demonstrated interest in general scholarship and campus activities.

It was also at Trinity where you met your wife Sarah Titus Skelly, Class of 1994. You are the parents of Jackson and Caroline.

Following your Trinity graduation, you earned your medical degree from New York Medical College in 1997 and did your residency at the University of Chicago Medical Center.

You hold professional membership in the Society of Vascular Surgery, the American College of Surgeons, the Association for Academic Surgery, and the American Heart Association. You also find time to serve on the board of the National Median Arcuate Ligament Syndrome Foundation.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 30th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Gary McQuaid Award, a most distinguished alumnus, Christopher Skelly, Class of 1993.

# KATHRYN MAYE-MAGGIO '78 The Kathleen O'Connor Boelhouwer '85 Alumni Initiative Award

This award, presented by the Trinity College 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.

Your expertise in volunteer management, your efficiency in program planning, and your tireless devotion to your alma mater have made Trinity a better place.

For more than 30 years, you have been involved with the Trinity Club of Hartford, serving as president for many years and, currently, as a member of the club's executive committee. A volunteer organization of alumni, parents, and friends of the college, the Trinity Club of Hartford provides student scholarships and partners with the Office of Alumni Relations and other departments to create events that keep alumni connected to Trinity, the city of Hartford and each other.

Over the years, you also served on your Class Executive Board and your Reunion Class Committee. As a current member of the Women's Leadership Council, you help to build and sustain a network of support for all women alumni and students.

At Trinity, you majored in psychology and served on the Student Government Association. You also were involved with Trinity's radio station, WRTC.

Following your Trinity graduation, you earned your M.B.A. in management and finance. After serving as an account executive for Travelers Property Casualty Company from 1992 to 1994, you started Murphy Enterprises and served as president, owner and senior consultant of that business until 2018.

Madame President, on the occasion of her 45th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Boelhouwer Award, a dedicated Trinity volunteer, Kathryn Maye-Maggio, Class of 1978.

#### JEFFREY DEVANNEY '93, P'25, '26 The 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.

Since your undergraduate days at Trinity, your name has been synonymous with excellence in college football. As a member of the Bantam football team, you were voted the NESCAC Football Defensive Player of the Year. As the team's head coach, you have been honored as the NESCAC Coach of the Year five times.

You came to Trinity from East Lyme High School. A history major and all-conference player in football and baseball, you were among the college's all-time leaders in punt

returns and stolen bases. After graduation, you coached wide receivers for the United States Coast Guard Academy football team.

In 1995, you earned your master's in liberal studies from the State University of New York at Albany, where you also coached wide receivers and tight ends. You further honed your football coaching skills at the Georgia Institute of Technology before being hired as Central Connecticut State University's defensive coordinator.

You returned to your alma mater in 2001 as the Bantams' defensive line coach and were quickly promoted to secondary coach a year later.

In December 2005, you became the 27th head coach of Trinity's football team, and that first season, the Trinity defense surrendered just 54 points. Since then, you have led your team to a 113 to 20 mark as head coach, giving you the best winning percentage in the history of Trinity football. Last year, you led Trinity to its fourth undefeated season and the first 9 and 0 record in program history. Under your leadership, the Bantams have won or shared the NESCAC title seven times, including in 2022.

This year, you were selected as the Division II/Division III Coach of the Year by both the New England Football Writers Association and the Gridiron Club of Greater Boston. Your other honors include being named Harford's Person of the Year in 2013.

A Trinity man through and through, you also find time to volunteer on your Reunion Class Committee.

This fall will mark your 18th season heading the Bantams, and, if history is any indicator, it is bound to be another successful year.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 30th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most distinguished alumnus, Jeffrey Devanney, Class of 1993, P'25, '26.

#### RABBI DANIEL HILLEL FREELANDER '73, P'08 The 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.

In the 50 years since you graduated from Trinity, you have devoted yourself to the development of liberal Judaism.

From 1974 to 2014, you were on the staff of the North American Union for Reform Judaism, most recently serving as their senior vice president. In this position, you provided creative vision and managed dozens of programs and projects, including worship initiatives, programs in Israel and the organization's biennial conferences.

In 2014, you changed your focus from national to global when you accepted a position as president of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. Established in London in 1926, the organization serves as the international network of the Reform, Liberal, Progressive and Reconstructionist movements in Judaism, with close to two million members in more than 1,250 congregations worldwide. You retired from that position in 2019, leaving a legacy of change in the way liberal Judaism looks operates and even sounds.

A gifted musician, you have written and recorded many contemporary and well-known worship songs and are co-founder of the contemporary Jewish folk music group Kol B'Seder. Your songs "Shalom Rav" and "Lo Alecha" are well-known in most non-Orthodox congregations today.

At Trinity, you majored in music and were a member of the Trinity Pipes and the Concert Choir. You also contributed to *The Tripod* and *Cerberus*. Wishing to find a Jewish home for yourself on campus, you helped form the college's Hillel society with classmates Susanna Heschel and Robert Gershenfeld.

An exceptional student, you were the recipient of the Helen Loveland Morris Prize in Music, the Fishzohn Award for Community Service and the Jerome P. Webster, Class of 1910, Book Prize.

In 1979, you received your rabbinic ordination from Hebrew Union College in New York City. It was there that you met your wife, Rabbi Elyse Frishman. You are the parents of Adam, Dreva and Jonah, Class of 2008.

In retirement, you continue to lecture on liberal Judaism and serve on many nonprofit boards, including the Jewish Agency for Israel and the Zamir Choral Foundation.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most distinguished alumnus, Rabbi Daniel Hillel Freelander, Class of 1973, P'08.

#### EVE MARIE PERUGINI '88 The 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.

The pioneering endocrinologist Hans Selye said, "It is not stress that kills us; it is our reaction to it." As a licensed psychologist in private practice for more than 20 years, you understand the mind-body connection. Your practice focuses on well-being, and you help your clients manage stress, anxiety, and mood and health challenges using a solution-focused, time-sensitive approach that prioritizes evidenced-based treatment.

In addition, you offer consultation to medical professionals and organizations on communication, performance and mental health issues. In 2021 and 2022, you shared your expertise with other Trinity alumni by conducting virtual workshops that led participants in exercises to target wellness, resilience, and mental health.

A psychology major at Trinity, you were named an honorary undergraduate scholar by the New England Psychological Association in 1987. In 1991, you received your Ph.D. in psychology from the University of Connecticut and interned at Hartford Hospital's Institute of Living and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. In addition, you have published research articles on hypnosis, parenting, and neuropsychological assessment.

Your volunteer work is no less impressive. You are a member of Trinity's Women's Leadership Council and the American Psychological Association and serve as a disaster mental health territory lead for the American Red Cross. You also serve as the veteran outreach coordinator for the Connecticut Mission of Mercy Free Dental Clinic and sit on the board of directors of the Connecticut Foundation for Dental Outreach.

Madame President, on the occasion of her 35th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most distinguished alumna, Eva Marie Perugini, Class of 1983.

#### DANIEL KORENGOLD '73, P'09, '12, '14, '18 The Michael A. Schulenberg '63 Alumni Fellowship Award

This award, presented by the Trinity College Alumni Association Executive Committee and awarded for the first time in 2022, shall honor a Trinity graduate, celebrating their 50th Reunion, who has demonstrated the qualities of fellowship, loyalty, and community-building during their time at Trinity and after graduating. This award honors Michael A. Schulenberg '63, whose spirit of friendship, kindness, and fidelity to his fellow Bantams has enriched the lives of an entire class. Recipients of this award have helped to foster the long tradition of meaningful, lifelong friendships begun at Trinity and carried through the lives of its graduates.

Baseball's great Jackie Robinson once said, "A life isn't significant except for its impact on other lives." Over the years, you have positively impacted the lives of many with your generous gifts of time, energy and resources to several nonprofit institutions, including your alma mater. A psychology major at Trinity, you were a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the college's baseball and football teams. After graduation, you considered pursuing a career in neurology but ultimately took a job as a salesman with your stepfather's company, Ourisman Chevrolet in Marlow Heights, Maryland. It was a decision you have never regretted. Two years later, you were promoted to the company's sales manager. In 1978, you became the dealer principal at the newly opened Ourisman Dodge in Alexandria, Virginia. Today, you are president of eight dealerships in the greater Washington, D.C. area, and Ourisman ranks among the 50 largest dealership groups in the nation.

Over the years, your dealerships have received numerous recognition, including Toyota's President's Award, Toyota's Board of Governors Award, Ford's North American Customer Excellence Award and Chrysler's Five Star Dealer Award

You have said there is a no single career achievement that is most meaningful to you. Instead, it is the notion that you have achieved success in a challenging business, and this success has allowed you to make a positive difference in the world.

You and your wife, Martha Dippell, have established endowments that enrich the lives of others at many organizations, including the Washington Performing Arts Society, the National Rehabilitation Hospital, The National Museum of Women in the Arts, the Norwood School, Holton-Arms School, and the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington. In 2004, you received the National Service to Youth Award from the Boys and Girls Club of America.

You have served on the boards of the Washington Performing Arts Society, the Chevy Chase Club, the National Rehabilitation Hospital, the Boys and Girls Club of Greater Washington, the Norwood School, and the Washington Area New Automobile Dealers Association. You were also president of the George Town Club, treasurer of Traveler's Aid Society and finance chair of the National Child Research Center.

You and your family helped establish the Betty Lou Ourisman Breast Cancer Center at the Lombardi Institute at Georgetown Hospital.

A devoted Trinity volunteer, you have served on the Board of Fellows and the National Alumni Association, and were president of the Trinity Club of Washington. In 1993, you received the college's Alumni Medal for Excellence.

You are also a proud Trinity father. All four of your children are alumni: Madelyn Korengold Terbell, Class of 2009; Kathryn Korengold Bernstorf, Class of 2012, William Korengold, Class of 2014, and Hannah Korengold, Class of 2018.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Schulenberg Award, a most distinguished alumnus, Daniel Korengold, Class of 1973, P'09, '12, '14, '18.