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FRANCISCO “FRANK” BORGES ’74, H ’20
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.

Nelson Mandela once said, “Education is the most powerful weapon you can use to change the world.” Frank Borges, you embody these wise words through your steadfast support of educational institutions, particularly your alma mater.

In 2021, you and your siblings — Peter L. Borges, Class of ’80; Francesca Borges Gordon, Class of ’82; Maria Borges Correia, Class of ’85; and Joaquina Borges King, a graduate of Wesleyan University — established an endowment that provides financial aid for outstanding students who would otherwise be unable to attend Trinity. In recognition of this generous gift, the college renamed the admissions center for your remarkable parents, Manuel and María Luisa Lopes Borges.

As a child, you came to the United States from Cape Verde with your family in 1958. Seeking better opportunities for themselves and their children, your parents instilled in you and your siblings the importance of education in opening doors. You took to heart their encouragement to “study with earnestness,” and won a scholarship to Millbrook School in New York. At Trinity, you
majored in political science and participated in the Student Government Association and the Trinity Coalition of Blacks. You were also a member of Trinity’s basketball team. After graduation, you earned your juris doctor degree from the University of Connecticut in 1978 and went on to have an impressive career in law, politics and investment management.

You began your career as legal counsel to Travelers Insurance Companies from 1978 to 1986. During that time, you were elected to Hartford City Council and served as deputy mayor from 1983 to 1985. In 1986, you were elected state treasurer and re-elected four years later.

In 1993, following your political career, you took a position as managing director of GE Capital’s Financial Guaranty Insurance Company and Capital Markets subsidiaries. More recently, you were chairman and managing partner of Landmark Partners, where you directed the company’s strategic planning and investment activities. During your tenure, Landmark grew and expanded its investor base and secondary market activities globally and across asset types.

In 2021, you joined Ares Secondaries Group as partner and chairman. You also serve on their Private Equity, Infrastructure, Credit and Real Estate Investment Committees.

Despite your demanding career, you serve on many professional and nonprofit boards, including the Hartford HealthCare Corporation. You are also chair of the board of the Nominating and Governance and Executive Committees of Assured Guaranty, a leading municipal bond insurer, and a past board member of the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation.

Your service to Trinity has been equally impressive. A trustee of the college from 1988 to 1998, you served as a class agent and are currently a member of your Reunion Gift Committee. A 2020 Trinity honorary degree recipient and a 2018 Wall of Honor recipient, you also received the college’s Alumni Medal for Excellence in 1989 and the Trinity Club of Hartford Person of the Year Award in 1987.

On the occasion of his 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Eigenbrodt Cup, a most distinguished alumnus, Francisco “Frank” Borges, Class of 1974.

**MICHAEL BEAUTYMAN ’69**

*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.*

The American philosopher Will Durant said that excellence is not an act, but a habit. In your impressive law career, you have made a habit of excellence.

In 1990, you founded Beautyman Alvstad, LLP, a law firm in the Philadelphia area that specializes in health and law consulting. Over the years, your firm has represented
corporations, physicians, healthcare facilities and other providers in a variety of cases, including those dealing with managed care contracting, the development of patient care organizations, physician networks, mergers and acquisitions and joint ventures. Currently, you are retired chairman of the firm.

Before founding Beautyman and Alystad, you served as chairman of the health law group at Drinker, Biddle and Reath in Philadelphia from 1985 to 1990. From 1975 to 1985, you were a member of the health law group of Ropes and Gray in Boston.

Your corporate leadership includes serving as national co-chair of the legal section of the Independent Physicians Association of America, as a member of the American Health Lawyers Association, and as a director of the Pennsylvania Society of Healthcare Attorneys.

An English major at Trinity, you distinguished yourself in the classroom and as an exceptional athlete. A member of the soccer, squash and tennis teams, you received the John A. Mason Award for excellence in squash, the Sheldon Tilney Tennis Trophy and the George Sheldon McCook Trophy. In your senior year, you were named the Eastern College Athletic Conference Outstanding Scholar-Athlete. You were also a member of Saint Anthony Hall fraternity.

After Trinity, you earned your juris doctor degree with honors from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Despite your busy professional life, you have served your alma mater as a member of your Class Executive Board and as program chair for your Reunion Class Committee.

Still an avid tennis player, you founded and run the Beautyman Cup, an international master’s tennis competition.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 55th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Paul E. Raether ’68 Alumni Achievement Award, a most distinguished alumnus, Michael Beautyman, Class of 1969.

JAWANZA “JOE” GROSS ’94, P ’12
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.

Since your graduation from Trinity, you established yourself as a major player in the field of investment management and institutional credit. As managing director and chief operating officer at BNY Mellon Corporate Trust, you oversaw one of the world’s largest providers of trust, custody and agency services for debt issuers. Your responsibilities in this position included synthesizing vast amounts of information while keeping a 700-person team on the same page.
You joined BNY Mellon in 2013 and held various roles within the company, including serving as chief administrative officer for investment management. Previously, you served as vice president at RBC Capital Markets and Morgan Stanley’s Fixed Income Division. You began your career at American Express in marketing and sales positions.

In 2022, in recognition of your professional accomplishments and commitment to community, you were named a Finance Catalyst by the Council of Urban Professionals.

In an article in the Spring 2023 issue of the The Trinity Reporter, you called your Trinity education one of the key building blocks in your life’s journey. An economics major, you expanded your knowledge by taking a diverse range of classes. You were also a member of the men’s varsity rowing team and participated in student government. After graduation, you went on to earn an M.B.A. in finance from Columbia Business School.

Your gratitude for your undergraduate education is evident in your service to Trinity. You served as ex officio member of Trinity’s Board of Trustees in your role as immediate past president of Trinity College’s Alumni Association. Over the years, you have served on the Board of Fellows, the Alumni Association Executive Committee and the Black Alumni Organization, among other committees.

Most notable, however, is your passion for mentoring Trinity students, particularly those from groups that have been historically underrepresented in finance. As a volunteer with Trinity’s Career and Life Design Center since 2019, you have hosted events, chaired panel discussions and offered students informational interviews and referrals for coveted jobs and internships. Your “tough love” style of mentoring belies your big heart. You know telling students what they need to hear, not what they want to hear, is the best preparation for the challenges of a career in finance.

You have also worked to provide educational opportunities to young people in your community through volunteer work with the Stokes Foundation, a nonprofit that provides educational resources to students and communities in need, and with A Better Chance, a nonprofit that places talented young people of color into the nation’s leadership pipeline through increased access to academically rigorous schools.

A father of three, you share a love of Trinity with your daughter, Jasmine Owarish-Gross, Class of 2012.

Madame President, on the occasion of his 30th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Gary McQuaid Award, a most distinguished alumnus, Jawanza “Joe” Gross, Class of 1994.

TERRIE ROUSE-ROSARIO ’74
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 helps recognize and celebrate the accomplishments of Trinity women, as graduates or as undergraduates.

As an accomplished manager for nonprofits and as a member of Trinity’s Women’s Leadership Council, you have served as an inspiration and mentor for Trinity alumnae.

You came to Hartford in 1970, a member of the second class of women who entered the college. After receiving your bachelor’s degree in intercultural studies, you went on to earn a master’s degree in Africana studies from Cornell in 1977 and a master’s degree in African history from Columbia University in 1979.

Your passion for the arts led you to a long and distinguished career in museum and nonprofit management. In 2018 and 2019, as a mayoral cabinet member, you served as the executive director of Washington, D.C.’s Commission on Arts and Humanities. You also served as inaugural chief operating officer for the National Center for Civil and Human Rights in Atlanta, which opened in June 2014. Previously you were chief executive officer for the United States Capitol Visitor Center and executive vice president and director of museums for Union Station Kansas City.

Over the years, you advised many cultural and nonprofit organizations with your firm, Rouse Consulting. In this capacity, you were pivotal in the creation of The President’s House, an outdoor exhibit, located in Philadelphia, that examines the paradox between slavery and freedom in the founding of our nation.

Along the way, you published many academic papers in art publications and have participated in presentations and lectures on subjects ranging from cultural tourism to the management of art collections.

You have served on more than a dozen professional associations and boards, including the American Alliance of Museums Board. Currently, you are on the board of directors of the Susquehanna Art Museum in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, and serve as an advisor for Credence, an Oakland, California-based leadership development group.

Your service to your alma mater has been no less exemplary. Since 2017, you have been a member of the Women’s Alumni Council, which works to build and sustain a network of support for all women-identifying Trinity College alumni and students.

You are also a member of Trinity’s Alumni Association Executive Committee and your Reunion Class Committee. In the past, you have served on the Board of Fellows and the Women’s Leadership Council.

On the occasion of her 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Boelhouwer Award, a dedicated Trinity volunteer, Terrie Rousse-Rosario, Class of 1974.
SOPHIA STRANSKY ’94
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.

Nelson Mandela said, “We can change the world and make it a better place. It is in our hands to make a difference.” Sophia Stransky, you have taken these words to heart. As CEO of Digicel Foundation Haiti, you help improve the lives of millions living in a country devastated by natural disasters and civil unrest.

The foundation supports community-based activities in Haiti, with a focus on those related to early childhood and primary school education. It is a charitable arm of the Digicel Corporation, a major provider of mobile telecommunication services in the Caribbean, Latin America and the South Pacific.

Since its beginning in 2007, Digicel Foundation Haiti has touched the lives of more than 1.3 million people by investing 87 million dollars in 625 projects, including building schools, providing professional development for school educators and providing grants for sustainable development projects.

In an article in Philanthropy News Digest, you stated that corporate citizenship is of the utmost importance in emerging economies, especially in countries like Haiti where resources are scarce and extreme poverty creates an urgent need for initiatives that improve the lives of local people. You also said that, while you and your colleagues are focused on education in Haiti, your broader goal is to empower people with practical knowledge, hands-on experience and a sense of agency.

Your Trinity education certainly helped prepare you for your career. An economics major, you minored in Latin American studies and were a member of the French club.

Madame President, on the occasion of her 30th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Alumni Medal for Excellence, a most distinguished alumna, Sophia Stransky, Class of 1994.

AIMEE BROWN ’74
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.

Winston Churchill once said, “We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.” Whether financing infrastructure improvements or serving on various professional and nonprofit boards, you are committed to making our world a better place.
Your lifelong friend Lise Gesheidt, Class of ’74, calls you a premier networker, leader and dear friend to the many Trinity graduates, professional associates, and others who have been recipients of your generosity.

Your extraordinary career in municipal finance spanned 25 years. Nationally known for your expertise in airport financing, you played leading roles in some of the largest, most complex projects in the nation. You were also instrumental in the development of products that improved municipal finance markets.

After graduating from Trinity with a degree in urban studies, you received an MBA in finance and public management from Northwestern University in 1976. You began your career at the Goldman Sachs Group, where you served as vice president in municipal finance for 13 years.

In 1990, you founded Artemis Capital Group with five female colleagues. You served as principal of the group until 1999, when it was acquired by Dain Rauscher Corporation. Soon after, you joined Dain Rauscher’s Incorporated Fixed Income Capital Market Group as its managing director. In this capacity, you oversaw the company’s public finance department while continuing to work with airport clients throughout the country. You left the firm in 2001, after successfully completing the transition of Artemis Capital clients.

Since then you have used your vast business experience serving on nonprofit boards, with a specific focus on mentorship.

You are a founding member of Trinity’s Women’s Leadership Council, which works to build and sustain a network of support for all women-identifying Trinity College alumni and students. You have also served on your Reunion Class Committee and were a member of the college’s Board of Fellows from 2006 to 2012.

In your community, you serve as a board member and treasurer of CORO of Northern California, a nonprofit that gives people the skills, knowledge, and networks to collaborate and accelerate positive change. You are also, a mentor and coach with the Women Corporate Board Readiness Program and a mentor to social entrepreneurs through the Miller Center Global Social Benefit Institute at Santa Clara University.

In 1994, you received Trinity’s Gary McQaid Award for your outstanding leadership as an undergraduate and success in the business world.

On the occasion of her 50th Reunion, I am honored to present for the Schulenberg Award, a most distinguished alumna, Aimee Brown, Class of 1974.