Parents Leadership Council Newsletter Fall Weekend Recap 2025

Vibrant Colors, Lasting Bonds: Celebrating Our PLC Community

As the fall colors reach their peak and Halloween decorations brighten our campus, we've been reflecting on a truly memorable Fall Weekend. This year's gathering was particularly special, marked by the historic inauguration of Trinity's 23rd president, Daniel G. Lugo—an inspiring milestone that brought added energy to our vibrant Parents Leadership Council (PLC) programming.

The weekend opened with a full day of engaging symposia and performances that brought the Trinity community together, followed by a warm and welcoming PLC reception. Parents reconnected with fellow Bantams and heard from our new PLC Chairs, Ben and Julie Fawcett P'28, '29. They also enjoyed thoughtful remarks from Maria del Carmen Flores, Associate Vice President for Student Life, who spoke to what makes Trinity distinctive—from its strong professional networks to the shared journey of college parenting.





Saturday began with a relaxed breakfast and continued with a full day of celebration. Following the inauguration ceremony with poignant remarks from our parent delegates, Ben and Julie Fawcett, we gathered for a festive PLC tailgate, generously hosted by the Fawcett family and Suzie and Jim Nebelung P'26, '28. It was uplifting to see so many PLC families—including new Class of 2029 parents—come together to celebrate, forge new connections, and share in Bantam pride.

The Parents Leadership Council plays a vital role in enriching the Trinity experience for all students. Whether by building community through events like the PLC tailgate, offering guidance to incoming families, or providing philanthropic support, our members are helping shape the College's future every step of the way. We are deeply grateful for your partnership and continued investment in our students' success.

Looking ahead, we hope you'll join us for our upcoming reception with <u>President Lugo in Boston on November 12 at the Revere Hotel</u>. As we carry this momentum into the winter season, we're reminded of the vibrant spirit and strength of the PLC community. Your dedication continues to empower our students and propel Trinity forward.

PLC Members - Henry & June Biner

Meet the Biners: A Global Trinity Family

With roots in both the United States and Switzerland, June and Henry Biner bring a global outlook and deep sense of community to everything they do.

June and Henry met while pursuing their MBAs in the International Business Education and Research (IBEAR) program at the University of Southern California, a one-year intensive program designed for globally-minded professionals. "There were only five women in our class of around 50 students," June recalls. "We were paired on a consulting project with J.D. Power—analyzing whether the computer and heavy equipment industries could have any parallels with the automotive industry in developing marketing strategies—and by the end of it, we realized that if we could survive that project together, we could probably survive marriage!"

After living and working across Asia, Europe, and the U.S., the Biners have developed a firsthand appreciation for both the excitement and challenges of adapting to new environments. "When we first moved to Switzerland," June says, "I couldn't work, so I immersed myself in the culture—learning German, joining the American Women's Club, and navigating daily life abroad." Those experiences now shape how the family supports others in the Trinity community.

That global perspective also informs Henry's work at P/E Investments, where he collaborates with partners across Europe, Asia, Australia, and the Middle East. Over the years, he has drawn on his international experience to understand the nuances of different markets—an approach that naturally extends to how the Biners connect with and welcome families from around the world.



Erica's high school graduation with her family (left to right: Henry, Nicole, Erica, and June Biner)

They see themselves as a welcoming bridge for parents and students joining Trinity from abroad, offering guidance on everything from housing and transportation to cultural adjustments and community life.

Their eldest daughter, Erica, is a first-year at Trinity and a proud member of the volleyball team. On the academic front, she enjoys her Freshman Seminar—Herstory of China—and German classes. She also serves on the Executive Board of the Athletes of Color Coalition. Their younger daughter, Nicole, a 9th grader, plays field hockey. Outside of their professional and volunteer commitments, June enjoys playing tennis and Henry is an avid skier, given that his hometown is Zermatt, Switzerland. Most of all, they love traveling and spending time together as a family.

Reflecting on their connection to Trinity, the Biners share a simple philosophy: "It takes a village—we should help each other and be supportive of everyone." We're here for Trinity families, especially those far from home. Think about how you'd want your own student to be welcomed when studying away—that's the kind of care we want to extend."

Henry adds: "From the day Erica was accepted, Trinity has felt incredibly inclusive—not just for students, but for parents too. At every event, we've met alumni and families who embody that same spirit of connection. When you join Trinity, you're not only joining the College—you're joining a close-knit community. We're honored to help strengthen the Parents Leadership Council through our international perspective and friendships."

Upcoming Events



Meet President Lugo in Boston: November 12

Please join fellow alumni and parents for a cocktail reception welcoming President Lugo to the greater Boston Trinity community. This event will be held on Wednesday, November 12 from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. at the Lantern Lounge at the Revere Hotel. Learn more and register here.



Holiday Parties: December 10

Join the Bantam community in <u>New York City</u> or Los Angeles as we come together to celebrate the holiday season. We will have more information about our east and west coast celebrations soon, please stay tuned.



PLC Reception with the Biner Family: February 26

The Biner family welcomes you to their home in Wellesley, MA from 6:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. A great evening for families in the area to gather and engage with one another about all things Trinity.