Dear Trinity College Class of '67,

I hope this message finds each of you well! My name is Erica Jansch, and I am a sophomore at Trinity College planning to double major in Public Policy & Law and Economics.

I wanted to begin this letter by expressing my heartfelt gratitude to each of you for your generosity in making my college education possible. I am truly honored and grateful to have been chosen as a beneficiary of your support for the second year in a row, and for the opportunity to continue the legacy of the Class of 1967.

I would like to briefly share some highlights from my first year at Trinity. As I shared in my first letter from last fall, I was involved in several on campus clubs and extracurriculars. On campus, I was involved in The Women's Network and the Trinity Community Care Project (TCCP). I also served as a First-Year Representative for the Pre-Law Society, where I had the opportunity to engage with Trinity alumni practicing law across the country as well as gather insight into the law school admissions process. Off campus, I served as a Big Sister at the CREC Montessori School as part of Hartford's Big Brothers Big Sisters program.

In terms of academics, during my second semester I was chosen as a Trinity Social Justice Initiative Fellow. During this fellowship, I participated in a group research project aimed at determining ways in which Trinity can improve dining sustainability on campus. Part of our goal in this project was to bring awareness to initiatives and resources that already existed, including programs like TCCP's Food Recovery, which donates the leftover food from Mather Dining Hall to a local homeless shelter. In addition, through Trinity's Community Action Gateway Program, I completed a community-based research project about the North Meadows Landfill, the advocacy efforts that led to its eventual closure, and the environmental impacts the landfill had on the communities of color surrounding it.

This summer, I continued my academics by enrolling in Trinity's Summit to Wall Street program. This 8-week program provided resources on resume building and networking, the finance industry recruitment process, and an introduction to financial modeling. Aside from this academic pursuit, I also worked throughout the summer catering, bartending, and caddying at a small country club in southern Vermont. In addition, I had the pleasure of returning to campus early again this year to serve as a mentor for Venture, a women's leadership conference sponsored by Trinity alumna Elizabeth Elting. Returning to Venture as a mentor after having graduated from the program last fall was certainly a full-circle moment, and it was so rewarding to be able to provide the next class of Bantams with the same community and support that has made my time at Trinity so valuable!

Looking ahead to this semester, I will be taking two classes in the Public Policy & Law department, Macroeconomics, and a writing course. These courses

reflect my deep interest in pursuing a career in law with a focus on public policy and economics. For extracurriculars, I will be continuing with all of the clubs I was involved with last year, as well as taking on a new position as Co-President of the Trinity Community Care Project's Backpack Nutrition Program, which provides nutritious foods to under-resourced students in Hartford. I am also looking forward to joining the skilled team in the Donor Relations office as a student employee this year.

Once again, thank you all for your investment and support in my academic journey. Attending Trinity is an amazing opportunity, and it is one that I do not take lightly. Thank you for helping make this opportunity possible. As always, I would appreciate the opportunity to meet you and learn more about how Trinity has impacted your academic and personal journeys. Please feel free to reach out to me at erica.jansch@trincoll.edu.

With deep gratitude,

Erica Jansch