



**Please carefully review the letter below and share it with your guardian(s), paying close attention to the dates and deadlines in bold.**

Greetings Class of 2024!

We, the members of the Bantam Network, are so excited to welcome you to Trinity College!

Right now, we recognize and appreciate the difficulties of these uncertain times and that you are eager to know what the fall semester will look like. We want to assure you that the Bantam Network is here to help you build and navigate your Trinity experience.

In the meantime, the Office of The Bantam Network Residential Learning Community, is preparing the residential communities for your arrival. Your Residential Learning Coordinators & TRINsition Fellows, as well as your Community Mentors, will reach out to you soon. They are here to connect with you, to answer any questions you might have, and to provide information regarding your transition to college.

We trust that you are excited to learn more about your housing and roommate information. Before these assignments can be made, we need you to complete a few tasks, and to hold the following information into consideration:

- All students will be asked to complete a Residential Survey, featuring questions about how you will live and learn in the community. ***\*\*We ask that you answer every question thoroughly and honestly, as these answers will inform who will live with\*\****.
- If you would like to request a specific roommate, you may do so by e-mailing Susan Salisbury at [susan.salisbury@trincoll.edu](mailto:susan.salisbury@trincoll.edu). **The deadline to request a roommate is June 30, 2020.** ***\*\*Please Note: We cannot guarantee that your request will be accepted. Requests submitted after June 30th, will not be considered\*\****.

#### **Placement into Your Residential Community**

As first-year students, you are unable to request a specific residential building. The only exception is if you request to live in Gender Inclusive Housing, an option we are pleased to offer our first-year students beginning this Fall.

- On our Residential Survey, question 7 will ask you if you are interested in this option. If you select "yes," the Director of LGBTQ+ Life will reach out to you directly to discuss the best living situation for you!
- If you have any questions about this or anything about gender inclusive housing, please e-mail Carrie Robinson, Director of LGBTQ+ Life, at [carrie.robinson@trincoll.edu](mailto:carrie.robinson@trincoll.edu).

In general, the residential community to which you are assigned, will be determined by the Nest you are placed into. You will live amongst both the familiar faces from class and those with academic interests different than your own.

***\*\*Please Note: Your first-year seminar selection determines placement into your Nest. Your Nest and first-year seminar placement cannot be changed to accommodate a request related to roommates or room-types\*\*.***

Upon learning your assignment, we highly recommended reaching out to your roommate(s) prior to your arrival to campus. You might want to consider together what items you want in your shared space, such as mini-refrigerators and microwaves, and which of you will bring them. Look to the First-Year housing guide and the FAQ page on our website, for a comprehensive list of suggested items to bring.

Your housing/roommate information will be posted to your student portal in August. Be sure to regularly check your e-mail for updates.

If you have any questions regarding housing, please call our main office at (860) 297-2305 or email us at [residential-community@trincoll.edu](mailto:residential-community@trincoll.edu).

### **Occupancy Dates**

As we continue to monitor the evolving situation with COVID-19, we will provide more information regarding the opening of our residential buildings this fall 2020 semester. **We will keep you updated on occupancy dates as more information becomes available.**

In the coming weeks, please check your e-mail for communications from the Office of The Bantam Network Residential Learning Community. If you have questions sooner than that, we encourage you to reach out to us.

Again, we are so very excited to welcome you to Trinity and wish you healthy, safe, fulfilling weeks, as you close out this academic year!

All the best,

The Bantam Network