

“I went to Trinity from 1964 to 1968 which was a very tumultuous time. There was the Civil Rights Movement, there was the antiwar movement, and I was involved in those. I was against the war in Vietnam, I was for civil rights, and I became sort of like a person who wanted to work to make a difference in the world and society, and so I chose the Peace Corps.” Richard Weingarten '68 has always felt passionate about cross cultural affairs, which is why this summer he supported five Trinity College students in their pursuit of unpaid, cross-cultural internships all over the world. The Career & Life Design Center, those interns, and Mr. Weingarten sat down last week for a visit and to share their experiences.

Grace Sullivan '25 interned at CDC Kenya, working in the public health sector. **Xavier Mercado '24** taught at Kent Denver, encouraging and embracing the cultural practices of the students and staff. **Kelsey Brown '23** worked in Chicago, Illinois for the Council for Advancement and Support of Education which centered around acknowledging the difference in race, nationality, ethnicity, and culture and representation. **Etsub Gebremariam '24** worked at a non-profit, Catholic Medical Mission Board (CMMB), where she worked on projects that increase access to healthcare services for women and children in Africa, Latin America, and the Caribbean. **Marshall Montner '23** interned in Germany for Peschel Communications, a multilingual translation services agency, and is currently studying abroad in Barcelona.

We learned much about Mr. Weingarten: he was shaped by his time in Mexico City while on breaks during his Trinity years. He is also familiar with Brazil: “I fell in love with a Brazilian woman when I was in the Peace Corps and we stayed together for over four years. Four and a half years and she taught me how to speak Portuguese. And you know the best way to learn a language is to fall in love with someone who speaks the language.” Mr. Weingarten has traveled all over the globe and continues to champion international connections and extends that passion to his fellow Bantams with his generous funding and consistent presence on campus discussing and promoting the importance of cross-cultural experiences.

To learn more about how to apply for the Weingarten Cross-Cultural Summer Internship Fund, click [here](#), or email careers@trincoll.edu.

