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Jessica Fortin ’14, a senior in neuroscience headed to medical school, is the type of Trinity scholar who, when told she needs to work a 30-hour week for a program, works 40. William “Mac” McCarthy ’14, a senior chemistry and Russian major who has been singing with the a cappella group the Accidentals since freshman year, is the type of actor who will take on a role because it is tough: he was recently the lead in Parade, a Trinity production about Leo Frank, a Jewish businessman killed in the South after being falsely accused of murder. “I wanted to honor his memory by playing it well,” McCarthy says.

Versatile in their pursuits and intellectually curious, they are the faces of Trinity College scholars, grateful for their opportunities and particularly thankful for the scholarships that have sustained them financially.

A Josh P. Kupferberg Scholar, Fortin emerged early as a leader at Trinity, founding Nightwatch, which takes a preventative approach to decreasing toxic drinking and sexually aggressive behavior by putting student eyes on the street and in parties. She also was instrumental in organizing an Adopt a Platoon program, delivering care packages to soldiers in Iraq. As part of the Health Fellows Program, Fortin shadowed a primary care doctor at Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, prompting her to consider a career in rural primary medicine. The quality of her education at Trinity, and her professors, drove her to dream. “Trinity gave me an opportunity to grow,” she says. “I’ve had such fabulous professors, which is a hallmark of Trinity. Professors here push students to achieve above their own expectations and are incredibly accessible. My professors have become my mentors, my inspirations, and my support system while at Trinity.”

A Presidential Scholar, McCarthy, too, evolved through his experience at Trinity. He emerged as a singer and actor fluent in Russian, an accomplished laboratory chemist, and a top diver in a competitive sport. “Being able to come to Trinity has given me amazing opportunities,” he says. “I’ve been able to establish myself, and I feel like I’m a valued member of the Trinity community.”

Both students are grateful for the financial contributions that allowed them to study at Trinity. And a sense of gratitude is an equally important factor for donors who support scholarship opportunities at Trinity, as members of the Kupferberg family attest. “My wife, Karen, my brother Josh, and I were all members of the Class of ’73 at Trinity, and we all had very successful careers and were very conscious of our good fortune,” says Lenn Kupferberg ’73, P’07, whose parents, Jack and Dolly, created the Josh P Kupferberg Scholarship Fund to honor the memory of their son, who died in 1998. “We want to share that good fortune. The students have a real intellectual curiosity, and the caliber of students I’ve seen at Trinity—I would match them with any academic institution I’ve known over the years.”

Now is the time to ensure that Trinity’s unique brand of education stays within reach of all promising students. We are reaching out to alumni, parents, and friends of the College to invest in more scholarship resources, with a focus on increasing spendable funds to boost our financial aid budget. For information about our IMPACT initiative, please contact the Office of the Director of Development at (860) 297–2369 or christopher.french@trincoll.edu.
SPRING DATES TO SAVE!

LONG WALK SOCIETIES CELEBRATION
Thursday, April 24, 6:30-9:00 p.m.
Our annual celebration in New York City for LWS members
www.trincoll.edu/giving/totrinity/LongWalkSoc

WASSONG LECTURE
Monday, April 28, 7:30 p.m.
Annual Shirley G. Wassong Memorial Lecture:
“Nietzsche’s Love for Socrates” by Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy Drew Hyland

TRINITY GIVING DAY
Wednesday, April 30
Celebrate the Trinity experience. Participate in Giving Day.

WINTER ALONG THE WALK (AND BEYOND)

INaugural Lecture on Philosophers and Wagner
Erik Vogt, Gwendolyn Miles Smith Professor of Philosophy, delivered his inaugural lecture February 24. Titled “The Philosophers and Richard Wagner,” the presentation delved into three philosophers’ interpretations of the problematic yet far-reaching “case of Richard Wagner,” which Vogt described as an aesthetic-political genre known for a great deal of “philosophical debate about the constellation of music, theater, mythology, and community.” The Gwendolyn Miles Smith Presidential Chair was endowed in 1995 with a bequest from Gwendolyn Miles Smith H’90, widow of Allan K. Smith, 1911, H’68, in support of a professorship in an academic department or program as determined by the president and the dean of the faculty.

LONG WALK SOCIETIES COMMITTEE
Members of the Long Walk Societies Committee met at Má Pêche Momufuku in New York City for a dinner meeting at which Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Tom Mitzel was the group’s guest speaker. The restaurant is owned by Trinity alumnus and superstar chef David Chang ’99, named by TIME magazine as one of the world’s “100 Most Influential People.”

From left, Chris Hillyer ’80, Molly Goodwin ’09, Will Cleary ’10, Adam Dawson ’10, Trinity Trustee Sophie Bell Ayres ’77, P’12, Amanda Hatfield ’08, Dean of the Faculty Tom Mitzel, Amy Dilatush ’94, Teddy Schiff ’01, Victor Consoli ’87, and Ted Duff ’92, co-chair of the LWS Committee.
During a recent visit to campus, singer Javier Colon, winner of *The Voice*, met with students to talk about finding their voices. The Common Hour lecture was the latest in the Music Business Colloquium series, funded as part of a President’s Grant Initiative of the Andrew W. Mellon Foundation. Above right, Colon performs his take on “Hallelujah” by Canadian singer-songwriter Leonard Cohen. Above, Colon is joined by Eric Galm, associate professor of music and chair of the Music Department, and Jennifer Allen, visiting lecturer in music and director of the Trinity Jazz Ensemble.

**STUDYING HARTFORD’S PAST AND FUTURE**
From left, Xiangming Chen, dean and director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS) and Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Global Urban Studies and Sociology, and Nick Bacon ’10, Ph.D. student in urban anthropology at the City University of New York and CUGS research associate, autograph copies of the book they co-edited, *Confronting Urban Legacy*, after a recent presentation at the Mark Twain Museum Center. The book explores the transformative relationship between globalization and urban transition in Hartford while including comparative chapters on other New England cities: Portland, Maine, along with Lawrence and Springfield, Massachusetts.

**DUNCAN FAMILY HOCKEY STICK RACK DEDICATED**
Trinity hockey coaches, captains, and friends gathered at Trinity’s Koeppel Community Sports Center for the dedication of the Duncan Family Stick Racks on January 18. The hockey stick racks were gifted by Trustee Josh Gruss ’96 in memory of Trinity parent Gary J. Duncan P’96. From left: Jeff Duncan (brother of Gary M. Duncan ’96), Corinne Duncan P’96, Josh Gruss ’96, President James F. Jones, Jr., and Gary M. Duncan ’96 and son.
Fields of Excellence

Our baseball, softball, and men’s and women’s soccer teams are a source of pride at Trinity. Historically, we have fielded competitive teams in all four sports—and been a formidable opponent in our league, the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC). While these Bantam teams exemplify the finest of college athletics, the fields on which they practice and play are in need of improvement. The time has come to upgrade the current grass fields for all four sports to state-of-the-play artificial turf fields. This renovation will significantly improve the experience for all Trinity students, from varsity student-athletes to club sports players to those who come to cheer.

To make this vision a reality, we are embarking on a $5.1 million capital project called Fields of Excellence. For information about this proposed project or to request a copy of our Fields of Excellence brochure (pictured below), please contact the Office of the Director of Development at (860) 297-2369 or christopher.french@trincoll.edu.

Support Health and Wellness Programming, Help Meet Sharp Foundation Challenge

Help Trinity bring fitness and wellness programming to the College’s Department of Athletics. If a $75,000 dollar-for-dollar challenge from the Peter J. Sharp Foundation is met, Trinity will bring more fitness classes to campus, train student instructors, and amp up programming in nutrition, time management, and wellness. To make a gift in support of a healthy living and learning community and to help reach the challenge goal—which has a May 15 deadline—please contact Director of Principal Gifts and International Advancement Gretchen Orschiedt at gretchen.orschiedt@trincoll.edu or (860) 297-4123.

Recent Major Gifts

Below is a sampling of major gift commitments Trinity’s generous donors have made to the College in recent months.

Anonymous » To support the Fields of Excellence athletics project and the Friends of Women’s Soccer

Alan S. and Donna C. Buchholz P’98 » To endow the Daniel S. Buchholz ’98 Memorial Scholarship Fund, in honor of Daniel’s achievement in the Mathematics Department

James W. Cuminale ’75, P’09 » To support the IMPACT financial aid initiative

Hartford Foundation for Public Giving » Seed funding to establish the position of director of urban educational initiatives, allowing Trinity to maximize partnerships with K-12 schools in Greater Hartford

Hunter M. Marvel ’63 » To establish the Hunter Marvel Charitable Remainder Unitrust, the residuum of which will support The Class of 1963 Scholarship

Robert M. Olton ’59 » To establish the Robert M. Olton ’59 Endowed Fund for Scholarships

P. Rhoads Zimmerman ’65 » To support the Class of 1965 President James F. Jones, Jr. Scholarship Fund
Douglas M. Macdonald ’89

It was there that he became interested in pursuing a career in biomedical research and decided to continue his education, earning his M.S. in medical sciences and Ph.D. in pharmacology and experimental therapeutics from Boston University School of Medicine. From there he started his career in the pharmaceutical industry, which has led him to his current position as director of drug discovery and development at CHDI Foundation, where he leads multiple drug-discovery programs to identify therapeutics to combat Huntington’s disease. A resident of Los Angeles, Macdonald’s continued interest in Trinity College has brought him back to campus as a seminar series lecturer for the Chemistry Department and to help sponsor research in Trinity’s Neuroscience Program. His Bantam family includes his brother Scott Macdonald ’98 and sister-in-law Mary Jane Frisbee Macdonald ’05.

“Giving back to Trinity as a volunteer means being part of an incredible community of alumni who care about the future of the College. I especially enjoy working with current students through mentorship and career development initiatives. It’s a privilege to help support Trinity’s continuing mission in providing exceptional liberal arts education.”

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Students Explore Career Options with Help of Alumni and Parent Hosts

Two groups of Trinity students spent a day in New York City in late February during the Trinity Days break from classes to explore career possibilities in arts and business. Thanks to alumni and parents who invited participants to visit them at their workplaces, the students were able to get a more comprehensive idea of the industries they hope to work in one day. As part of a third Career Exploration Trek, students met with Hartford-area alumni working in a range of law-related careers. Through the Trinity Days Externships Program, 25 other students shadowed Trinity alumni and parents at their places of work. With externship opportunities available in fields from education to social service to arts administration, the program offered students an inside look at a “day in the life” of a diverse array of jobs.

Read more about the programs and see additional photos at www.givingtotrinity/news.