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Scholars share their pursuit of excellence

Strengthening scholarship support is a top priority for Joanne Berger-Sweeney. Soon after her Inauguration as Trinity College’s 22nd president, she launched the Presidential Financial Aid Leaders initiative, designed to put a Trinity education within reach of a greater number of highly qualified students. Presidential Financial Aid Leaders are donors who make an individual commitment of $125,000 or more, qualifying for a one-to-one match from Trinity.

The scholarship initiative aims to enroll more of our most qualified applicants, improve student recruitment and retention, and bolster Trinity’s reputation.

“We must ensure that we have the financial resources to attract the very best students from a wide range of backgrounds, giving them the opportunity to attend this institution regardless of their ability to pay full tuition,” says Berger-Sweeney.

ETHAN CANTOR ’16

The recipient of the R.C. Knox and Co. Scholarship and the Samuel C. Suisman Scholarship, Ethan Cantor ’16 is grateful for his Trinity education.

Cantor, a public policy and law major, recalls that when he toured Trinity, sat in on a course, and interviewed with a senior admissions associate, he thought, “I just know Trinity is going to be the best place for me.” But he also feared not receiving enough financial aid to attend.

That fear dissolved soon enough. “Many students recall the day that they received their acceptance letter from Trinity as one of the happiest days of their lives,” says Cantor, who is currently studying abroad in Copenhagen, Denmark.

“The day the letter arrived, I was beyond excited. I would have been devastated if I had not been able to attend Trinity,” says Cantor.

BRIANA CHANG ’16

When looking at colleges, Briana Chang ’16, the child of Jamaican immigrants, immediately gravitated toward the Trinity campus, but she knew that she was going to need financial assistance if she wanted to attend the College. Chang found her Trinity aid in the form of the Class of ’63 scholarship. “It’s a phenomenal scholarship,” says Chang, a junior majoring in biology.

The scholarship allowed her to thrive in a place she knew she

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belonged. “The atmosphere and the faculty-to-student ratio were important to me,” she says.

She recognizes her financial challenges, particularly as she aspires to become a dentist. “I am thankful for the scholarships that have made my education possible. As others have believed in me through financial support, I hope to someday be able to provide for other students who might not have the opportunity to receive an education from amazing institutions like Trinity College.”

LUIS CRUZ ’16

Luis Cruz ’16 grew up in Honduras, the son of an electrical engineer who bought Windows 95 as soon as it was available and installed video games on the family computer to amuse his son. In his early teens, Cruz began teaching himself programming languages and then mastered digital electronics, building his own video games.

Cruz created an eye-tracking system where people with disabilities can have access to a computer without having to spend thousands of dollars on equipment. His invention, in which he built the eye-tracking system into one set of glasses, cost less than $300.

Cruz’s entrepreneurship brought him recognition, including his being named in a Huffington Post story as one of “9 Tech Innovators Under 21 Who Are Changing the World.” He already is an entrepreneur, helped along in his Trinity education by the Andrew Forrester ’61 Scholarship Fund and the William P. Scully ’61 Scholarship Fund.

“My dream has always been to come to the United States to study,” says Cruz, a junior electrical engineering major, “and the scholarships are what have made me able to accomplish my dream.”

Join us in the Presidential Financial Aid Leaders initiative. To learn more, please contact the Advancement Office at (860) 297-2369.

President Joanne Berger-Sweeney among ‘Top 5 to Watch in 2015’

Change requires leadership, and the Hartford Business Journal has taken note: President Joanne Berger-Sweeney has been named one of the top five individuals in Greater Hartford to watch in 2015. The Business Journal’s first issue of 2015 recognizes her as a leader focused on increasing engagement with Connecticut’s business community through student internships, creating a Trinity presence in downtown Hartford at 200 Constitution Plaza, and expanding graduate programs.

“I knew when I walked in the door,” President Berger-Sweeney told the Hartford Business Journal, “that Trinity was a strong liberal arts college, where staff and faculty care deeply about the students. I’m not sure I fully realized how involved all the members of Trinity are in the community beyond the campus. It’s one of Trinity’s strengths.”
The strength of the art history major will be fortified by two recent gifts: the Kluger Family Professor of Art History Fund and the Stroud Art History Endowed Fund.

“Art history has become one of our strongest majors, partly because of the amount of external support it has received,” says Thomas Mitzel, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs. “Its popularity says much about the teaching quality and the student mentorship in the program.”

The question on which donors, faculty, and administrators have focused is: How can these gifts most effectively help student education? One answer: establish a permanent endowment to fund an existing faculty position in art history.

The Kluger Family Professor of Art History is funded by Michael Kluger ’78, a Trinity trustee, and his wife, Heidi Greene ’78, both of whom are parents of August, a 2013 Trinity graduate.

The Kluger family’s generosity will allow Trinity to recognize a standing member of the department with an endowed chair and to further support that individual’s work with an associated research fund. “This gift will help us to better educate our students by allowing us to more fully develop and integrate our research projects into our teaching, which is one of our shared goals in the Art History Department,” says Kristin Triff, director of Trinity’s art history program and an associate professor of fine arts. “It will also help support the extensive mentoring we do outside the classroom and enhance our role as advocates for the students as they navigate future career paths.”

Another answer: create an endowment to support a variety of initiatives in the Art History Department.

The Stroud Art History Endowed Fund will support student and faculty site visits to view original works of art or architecture, lecturers and guest speakers at Trinity, and temporary exhibits of artworks loaned to the College or curated by students, faculty, or staff.

Morris Stroud ’77 and his wife, Donna ’78, are Trinity alumni. Their son Alexander graduated from Trinity in 2013.

“We are thinking about the bigger picture,” says Triff. “This is going to help us more fully prepare our students to be visually and culturally literate global citizens when they graduate. I know these donors value global engagement and art, and we are deeply grateful to them.”
The College recently announced two major gifts to women’s squash: the Wendy C. Bartlett Endowed Fund for Women’s Squash and the Albert and Kathy Gordon Endowed Fund for the Assistant Women’s Squash Coach.

“The Gordons are very special people, and this is an incredible game changer for the women’s squash program,” says Wendy Bartlett, the women’s coach. “The program has never had an endowment for a full-time women’s assistant squash coach. Now there will be one assistant focused just on the women, and we can now work to form a year-round program that focuses on what is best for the women’s squash program. These gifts raise the bar, and they show that women’s athletics can get — and deserve — this kind of support.”

Celebrating the Remarkable Career of Larry Dow ’73

After 41 years of interviewing thousands of applicants, signing the acceptance letters of all admitted students, and enrolling more than 10,000 students, Larry Dow ’73 is retiring.

To honor his years of distinguished service, the College has established a Trinity Fund scholarship in his name, helping defray the cost of attendance for Trinity’s most-deserving students.

When Dow began working in Trinity College’s Admissions Office right after his graduation, he had only his own Trinity admissions experience as an entering student on which to rely. But he also brought an understanding of the attributes that Trinity sought in each of its admitted students: curiosity, intellect, and commitment. He advanced into the director of admissions position, and three years into serving in that role, he had so mastered the art of student recruitment, selection, and enrollment that he was appointed dean of admissions and financial aid.

Join alumni and parents in celebrating Dow’s unwavering commitment to Trinity by supporting the Trinity Fund scholarship in his name. For more information, please contact Emily Wanczyk at (860) 297-4126 or emily.wanczyk@trincoll.edu.
“I have a sincere, multifaceted appreciation for the education I received at Trinity, and volunteering is my way of giving back to my alma mater. So much of my life is centered on Trinity — my family, close friendships, and the excellent liberal arts education that has allowed me to pursue my career goals.”

After graduating from Trinity with a B.S. in psychology, Victoria “Tory” Hamilton McCarthy spent five years in finance working in media relations. Looking to make a career change, she reflected on her days as a student caller for the Trinity Fund and gravitated toward the development field. “Working as a student caller gave me a taste of fundraising in a higher education setting,” she says. “I always had it in the back of my mind as a possible career.” McCarthy is currently an assistant director in development at Harvard Business School, where she is responsible for the fundraising campaigns for a portfolio of reunion and annual classes.

As a volunteer for Trinity’s National Alumni Association, McCarthy works closely with the Alumni Relations Office to help further engage alumni and to maximize their involvement with the College.

McCarthy lives in Boston with her husband, Jim McCarthy ’06, and their 7-month-old daughter, Ellie. Since graduating in 2006, she has enjoyed keeping in touch with her Trinity friends, including seeing some at monthly book club meetings. In addition to her husband, her extensive Bantam family includes her mother, Betsy Kellogg Hamilton ’75; sister Sarah Hamilton ’03; brother Perrin Hamilton III ’09; sister-in-law Kerry McCarthy ’13; future sister-in-law Chauncey Kerr ’09; great-uncle Joseph Flynn, Jr. ’34; and great-grandfather Benedict Flynn H 1913.

CURRENT VOLUNTEER ROLES
• National Alumni Association, Executive Committee, and Area Clubs/Young Alumni Subcommittee
• Admissions Volunteer
Below is a sampling of major gift commitments Trinity’s generous donors have made to the College in recent months.

Raymond J. Beech ’60 & Roberta Beech » To augment the Fields of Excellence project to upgrade the soccer, baseball, and softball fields

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Robert A. Boas, Esq. ’67 & Suzanne E. Boas » To establish the Robert A. and Suzanne E. Boas Scholarship Fund

CT Health and Educational Facilities Authority » To support the Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy Summer Science workshop

Dr. Frank & Monique Cordasco P’17 » To provide support for the Cordasco Fund for Faculty Development

Shelby & Gale Davis » To support the United World College Scholars Program

Peter D. Edwards ’78 & Rose Edwards » To augment the Rose and Peter D. Edwards ’78 Scholarship Fund in honor of Professors Norman Miller and James A. Miller

Andrew A. McAleer ’80 & Valerie J. McAleer P’14 » To establish the McAleer Family Scholarship Fund

James H. Oliver ’67 & Susan Darnell » To enhance the Class of 1967 Scholarship Fund

Dr. Robert M. Olton ’59 » A bequest to augment the Robert M. Olton ’59 Endowed Fund for Scholarships

Joseph H. Schachter ’48 & Irma K. Schachter » To establish the Irma Klein Schachter and Joseph H. Schachter ’48 Endowed Fund for Scholarships

David L. Schnadig ’86 » To establish the Schnadig Family Scholarship Fund

Robert A. Schumacher P’72, GP’93, ’96, ’01 » To support Dream Camp at Trinity College

Albert R. Subbloie, Jr. ’82 » To augment the Fields of Excellence project to upgrade the soccer, baseball, and softball fields

Timothy J. Walsh ’85 & Mary C. Walsh P’15 » To augment the Timothy J. Walsh ’85 and Mary Casner Walsh Scholarship Fund

Stephen & Elizabeth Wojdak P’17 » To establish the Wojdak Family Scholarship Fund

P. Rhoads Zimmerman ’65 & Marcella Zimmerman » To augment the Class of 1965 President James F. Jones, Jr. Scholarship in honor of their 50th Reunion

Anonymous » To augment the Trinity College Library Endowment Fund

#AllinforTrin
January 13, 2015, marked a special occasion for the Trinity community: the opening of the Retired Faculty Lounge in Mather Hall. “I can’t tell you how happy I am to have this space here,” said Tom Mitzel, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, shortly before the lounge’s ribbon cutting.

After a meeting with Borden W. Painter, Jr. ’58, H’95, professor of history, emeritus, and a former president and dean of the faculty, Mitzel worked with a group of current faculty members and retirees to establish and open the space.

“This is a very small but visible symbol of how much we want you to remain connected to the community,” said President Joanne Berger-Sweeney to the 40 retired faculty members in attendance. Berger-Sweeney encouraged them to stay in touch with Trinity students and to become engaged with the College’s new mentoring networks.

(From left to right) Frank Kirkpatrick ’64, Ellsworth Morton Tracy Lecturer and professor of religion; John Gettier, professor of religion, emeritus; Leslie Demangles, professor of religion and international studies; President Joanne Berger-Sweeney; Borden Painter ’58 H’95, professor of history, emeritus; and Tom Mitzel, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, at the ribbon-cutting ceremony of the Trinity College Retired Faculty Lounge.