

*2019–20 Guide for*

# TRINITY PARENTS



WE APPRECIATE THE IMPORTANT ROLE YOU PLAY  
IN THE TRINITY COLLEGE COMMUNITY AND  
WELCOME YOUR INTEREST IN OUR COMMON  
GOAL—HELPING YOUR STUDENT ACHIEVE  
THE BEST EDUCATION POSSIBLE.





**T**his brochure describes a number of ways in which you may obtain information about the college and about parent programs and activities. We encourage you to attend events on and off campus and to visit the Trinity website often for news and updates. Best wishes to you and your Trinity student for a wonderful academic year!

Be sure to visit the college's website at [www.trincoll.edu](http://www.trincoll.edu) for up-to-date information about Trinity. You can find a listing of college departments and programs by using the "A to Z" listing in the menu. You also can search the site for topics and key words.

**The Parents Website:** The college maintains a website especially for parents. [www.trincoll.edu/Parents](http://www.trincoll.edu/Parents)

**Trinity Today:** Events and announcements for the Trinity community are posted on Trinity Today. [www.trincoll.edu/TrinityToday](http://www.trincoll.edu/TrinityToday)

**E-Newsletter:** Parents will receive a regular e-newsletter during the academic year that shares news and events from the Trinity community. You will receive the e-newsletter if the college has your current email address.

**Email:** To ensure that you receive important communications from the college such as announcements, newsletters, and information about Trinity programs and events, be sure to add your current email address to our self-service web app at [www.trincoll.edu/Parents](http://www.trincoll.edu/Parents). If you are a parent of a student in the Class of 2023, you can add your email address in late August 2019. Please note that the email list for newsletters and other college communications is separate from the Nelnet Campus Commerce billing and payments system.

**The Trinity Tripod:** Parents may read the college's weekly student newspaper by visiting [commons.trincoll.edu/Tripod](http://commons.trincoll.edu/Tripod).

**The Trinity Reporter:** The college's alumni magazine is mailed three times a year to parents, alumni, and friends. Find it on the web at [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](http://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter).

**Athletics:** Follow your favorite Bantam team at [www.BantamSports.com](http://www.BantamSports.com).

**@TrinityCollege on social media for updates on all things #TrinColl:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/TrinityCollege](http://www.facebook.com/TrinityCollege)  
 Twitter: [www.twitter.com/TrinityCollege](http://www.twitter.com/TrinityCollege)  
 Instagram: [www.instagram.com/TrinityCollege](http://www.instagram.com/TrinityCollege)  
 YouTube: [www.youtube.com/TrinityCollegeCT](http://www.youtube.com/TrinityCollegeCT)  
 LinkedIn: [www.linkedin.com/school/trinity-college-hartford](http://www.linkedin.com/school/trinity-college-hartford)

**Bantam sports on social media:**

Facebook: [www.facebook.com/BantamSports](http://www.facebook.com/BantamSports)  
 Twitter: [www.twitter.com/BantamSports](http://www.twitter.com/BantamSports)  
 Instagram: [www.instagram.com/BantamSports](http://www.instagram.com/BantamSports) and [www.instagram.com/BantamSuperFan](http://www.instagram.com/BantamSuperFan)

# RESOURCES FOR YOUR STUDENT

**W**hile the primary goal of the college experience is to develop students with independent habits of mind—along with the ability to find needed information on their own—it may be useful for you to know about some of the key resources they will be seeking.

**ACADEMIC AND SOCIAL LEADERSHIP:** Trinity's administrative structure includes a number of leaders who are responsible for administering both the academic and social aspects of the college. Those leaders are located in various campus offices.

For questions related to academics, please call the Office of the Dean of the Faculty at 860-297-2130.

For questions about campus life, please call the Dean of Students Office at 860-297-2156.

For questions regarding diversity, equity, and inclusion, please call the Office of Multicultural Affairs at 860-297-3251.

For questions about student success and career development, please call the Center for Student Success and Career Development at 860-297-2496.

**THE BANTAM NETWORK:** Trinity's Bantam Network supports new students from their very first days on campus through a unique network of individuals and experiences. Designed by students for students, the Bantam Network is at the heart of Trinity's first-year experience. It helps incoming students—who are divided into smaller groups, or “nests”—get to know faculty and staff members and other students and offers the ready support that new students want. The Bantam Network gives incoming students the tools to succeed and quickly makes them feel at home at Trinity. [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/BantamNetwork](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/BantamNetwork)

**FACULTY ADVISERS:** Every Trinity student has a faculty adviser. First-year seminar instructors serve as advisers to their students for the first two years, or until their students declare a major. Once a student has declared a major, no later than the

spring of the sophomore year, a faculty member from the major department then becomes the student's adviser. Advisers help students select courses, offer guidance on choosing a major, and refer students to other campus resources, such as the Writing Center, the Aetna Quantitative Center, and the Raether Library and Information Technology Center. Students will know their advisers, and every student is encouraged to meet with that person on a regular basis to review academic progress and plan for the upcoming semester.

**CENTER FOR ACADEMIC ADVISING:** The new Center for Academic Advising supplements faculty advisers. The center has five faculty fellows—each associated with specific Bantam Network nests—who are available to provide drop-in academic advice to students who have general questions about courses and requirements. Each faculty fellow staffs the office one day a week and is available by appointment and during other drop-in hours. The fellows offer counsel to students who have yet to designate their majors, utilizing both individual meetings and larger information sessions timed to occur before advance registration each semester. [www.trincoll.edu/Academic-Advising](http://www.trincoll.edu/Academic-Advising)

**FACULTY MEMBERS:** Students are encouraged to maintain contact with their professors outside of the classroom. Every faculty member has regular office hours during which students are welcome to stop by with questions or concerns about their course work. Faculty members appreciate hearing from students and are ready to offer advice and assistance as needed.



**FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS:** First-year seminars at Trinity are small, discussion-rich classes where students and their professor engage one another and wrestle intellectually with a topic. Students practice critical reading and analysis, use writing as a mode of learning, and develop essential skills in research and documentation. Seminar instructors serve as academic advisers to seminar participants until they declare a major. Each seminar is supported by a variety of academic resources, including a dedicated upper-year academic mentor and first-year librarian. The intimacy of the first-year seminar prepares students to become active participants in their own learning and fosters the capacity to communicate effectively and collaboratively. [www.trincoll.edu/Academics/FYS](http://www.trincoll.edu/Academics/FYS)

**STUDENT HANDBOOK:** The *Student Handbook*, which can be found on the Trinity website, contains comprehensive information about the nonacademic aspects of life at the college and certain academic information. Students should be thoroughly familiar with the handbook's contents, as they are responsible, in accordance with the Student Integrity Contract, for knowing the policies and regulations it covers. [www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/StudentHandbook.pdf](http://www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/StudentHandbook.pdf)

**TRINITY COLLEGE BULLETIN:** The *Bulletin* is an important guide to all academic matters at the college. It lists all courses and faculty members and has an extensive section on academic regulations, covering everything from degree requirements to special programs. The *Bulletin* is the essential reference that guides students toward successful completion of these degree requirements. Students must know how to access the *Bulletin* and how to use it to meet the requirements for their course of study. <http://adsvm19.cc.trincoll.edu/Bulletin>

**STUDY AWAY:** The Trinity College Office of Study Away contributes to the college's mission of providing students with a well-rounded liberal arts education that extends beyond the classroom. Trinity offers a wide variety of study-away programs and best-in-class study-away advising, staffed by highly experienced advisers who are committed to helping students choose the destination and program that they will get the most out of academically, professionally, and personally. All students are assigned a study-away adviser who helps them through every step of the process, including while they are away and when they return, so they always know where to turn to find answers to their questions. Fifty percent of Trinity



students choose to study on one of the Trinity College programs, which have been designed intentionally to integrate with and to extend their Trinity educational experience. Trinity programs are located in Barcelona, Cape Town, Paris, Trinidad, Rome, Shanghai, Vienna, and New York City. They provide students with outstanding academic experiences that are deeply integrated into the host cities as well as co-curricular and extracurricular opportunities, including internships, community engagement projects, volunteer programs, and structured social activities, such as playing on a local sports team. In addition, students may choose from more than 75 approved external programs that have been selected because they have academic and extracurricular strengths that complement a Trinity education. Students also may choose from a suite of J-Term and summer study-away options. [www.trincoll.edu/StudyAway](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudyAway)

### **STUDENT SUCCESS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT:**

The Center for Student Success and Career Development provides students and alumni with the opportunity to develop an individualized portfolio of experiences and competencies required to create purposeful lives and meaningful careers. Our friendly staff works with students from the beginning of their Trinity experience through graduation and beyond. The center supports students with a dynamic range of resources to achieve academic, professional, and personal success. Students utilize the center's numerous services, including individual career coaching, internships, treks, recruiting events, and extensive alumni mentoring and networking. [www.trincoll.edu/CareerDevelopment](http://www.trincoll.edu/CareerDevelopment)



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**TITLE IX COORDINATOR:** The college's Title IX coordinator is Venice Ross. Her office is located at 124 Williams Memorial, and she may be reached at [venice.ross@trincoll.edu](mailto:venice.ross@trincoll.edu) or 860-297-2072. The Title IX coordinator is responsible for ensuring that Trinity establishes and follows a prompt, thorough, and equitable process for addressing allegations of sexual misconduct and discrimination or differential treatment based on sex. The Title IX coordinator is responsible for providing leadership and centralized support for compliance with all requirements under Title IX of the Education Amendments Act of 1972 (Title IX), the Jeanne Clery Disclosure of Campus Security Policy and Campus Crime Statistics Act (Clery Act), the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), and other federal and state laws and regulations pertaining to sex discrimination, harassment, and sexual violence. The Title IX coordinator serves as the college resource on Title IX requirements and compliance and provides consultation as needed. The Title IX coordinator also is responsible for creating and implementing complaint and investigation procedures, as well as training programs related to Title IX compliance. See the Complaint Investigation and Adjudication Process section of the Policy on Sexual Misconduct ([www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/Policy-on-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf](http://www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/Policy-on-Sexual-Misconduct.pdf)) for the Title IX coordinator's specific duties related to complaints of sexual misconduct.

**STUDENT ACCESSIBILITY RESOURCES:** Trinity College provides reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. To receive accommodations, students must submit an online application along with detailed documentation from a qualified provider. Applications should be submitted prior to May 31, 2019. For more information and a link to the application form, please visit [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/StudentAccessibilityResources/Students](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/StudentAccessibilityResources/Students). Any questions may be directed to Lori Clapis at [lori.clapis@trincoll.edu](mailto:lori.clapis@trincoll.edu) or 860-297-4025.

**COUNSELING AND WELLNESS CENTER:** The Trinity Counseling and Wellness Center provides a full range of counseling and psychological services to all students who desire assistance in coping with personal and emotional difficulties and social relationships. All counseling services offered by the center are free, and all contact with members of the staff is privileged and confidential as provided by law. In addition to counseling and psychotherapy, the center provides medication consultation

and evaluation (for students in counseling or psychotherapy in the center) for which student insurance is billed, as well as referral to off-campus providers if requested. The center sees approximately 40 percent of the students in any given year and more than three-quarters of them at some point during their four years at Trinity. The center provides help with problems such as anxiety, depression, alcohol and drug issues, eating disorders and concerns, stress management, social adjustment issues, homesickness, identity issues, relationship problems, and many other matters. [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/HealthWellness/Counseling](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/HealthWellness/Counseling)

**HEALTH CENTER:** The Health Center, located in Wheaton Hall, is available to all students enrolled in at least two classes. The center is an outpatient clinic and functions as a primary-care office for students, referring urgent care to local providers. The center uses a fee-for-service billing model, with charges for office visits, laboratory services, and pharmacy items. The center files insurance claims directly with all insurance companies. Any charges deemed to be the "member responsibility" by the insurance company, such as deductibles, coinsurance, and co-pays, are billed home for payment. It is important that ALL students carry insurance cards and prescription cards with them at all times.

**CAMPUS SAFETY:** The mission of the Campus Safety Department, located at 76 Vernon Street, is to promote and provide a safe, secure environment where members of the Trinity community can live, study, and work. The department strives to provide effective safety services, prevent crime, and foster an atmosphere in which members of the college community practice personal safety. The department serves the Trinity community 24 hours a day, 365 days a year. Please feel free to contact Campus Safety at 860-297-2222, or visit [www.trincoll.edu/Campus-Safety](http://www.trincoll.edu/Campus-Safety).

**STUDENT INVOLVEMENT:** Campus life at Trinity College is vibrant and appealing no matter your student's interest area. Feel free to visit [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/Clubs](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/Clubs) to find more information about activities and leadership opportunities on campus. Bantam Link, our student organization portal, will be your student's main connection for getting involved. This portal is linked to a free app, CORQ (available on Android and Apple devices), that provides an up-to-date listing of all student events occurring on and off campus. While

your student will have to log in to Bantam Link with Trinity credentials to join student organizations and to get the full list of scheduled events, you may see our complete student organization list at [trinity.collegiatelink.net/Organizations](http://trinity.collegiatelink.net/Organizations). New organizations come to life every year, so your student can visit the Office of Student Activities, Involvement & Leadership (S.A.I.L.) to talk to a staff member about starting one if existing groups are not of interest. Student leaders also are a great resource for your student. All are specially trained to assist with academic and social matters. These leaders include first-year mentors, QUEST leaders, teaching assistants, resident assistants, and P.R.I.D.E. leaders. Often students are most comfortable approaching their peers with questions before they seek staff assistance. Your student is likely to find these peer leaders to be an invaluable source of initial advice and information. We hope that you will encourage your student to utilize these resources, if needed.

**SPIRITUAL AND RELIGIOUS LIFE:** Spiritual and religious life at Trinity supports spiritual formation and cultivates community life on campus, student well-being, social justice, and music and the arts. We embrace pluralism while promoting the common good. We help students to express faith and to engage in practice. We encourage members of the Trinity community to explore and appreciate a range of religious and nonreligious traditions and worldviews. Our multifaith team of professional staff and campus affiliates offers resources and care to all, and the Reverend Allison Read, college chaplain, provides confidential pastoral care and counsel. [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/SpiritualReligiousLife](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/SpiritualReligiousLife)

**BANTAM BUCKS:** Bantam Bucks are the funds deposited to a student's Trinity ID card, which works as a debiting system that may be used for purchases at many on- and off-campus venues. Some of these venues include the Underground Coffeehouse, Cinestudio, Peter B's, the College Bookstore, and any of the campus dining facilities. Bantam Bucks also may be utilized for laundry/vending machines and public printers. For more information, please visit [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/Help/ID](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/Help/ID).

**CAMPUS DINING SERVICE:** All students living in college housing (except for members of Trinity-authorized eating clubs) must purchase a meal plan. For information on these plans, the many on-campus dining venues, and other dining-related topics, please visit [www.dineoncampus.com/Trinity](http://www.dineoncampus.com/Trinity).

**HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT:** Trinity College requires that all enrolled students have active health insurance coverage regardless of site of study. We recommend benefits and coverage similar to the plan offered by the college to assist with access to local services. To ensure universal coverage, Trinity offers an annual undergraduate Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) that is billed to the student's tuition account. Information about the college's plan can be found on the Health Center's website. [www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/HealthWellness/Health](http://www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/HealthWellness/Health)

Students/Parents may elect to maintain their coverage from home instead of keeping the college's plan by completing a waiver that opts out of the coverage, informs us of active coverage from home, and reverses the charge off of the student's account. Be advised that if your coverage originates outside of Connecticut, i.e. HMO plans or state Medicaid plans, we highly recommend purchasing the SHIP, as your coverage may not allow access to local providers in Hartford without additional fees. All families need to take action by the July 31, 2019, deadline. Choose to enroll in the SHIP or to decline the SHIP by completing the waiver through the link found on the student account bill.

**IMMUNIZATION REQUIREMENT:** Trinity College students must comply with State of Connecticut laws regarding immunizations required for enrollment at an institution of higher education in our state. Currently, these requirements include documentation of the following vaccines PRIOR to arrival on campus:

- Two doses of measles, mumps, rubella vaccine (one dose after 12 months of age and one dose at least 30 days after first dose)
- Two doses of varicella vaccine (one dose after 12 months of age and one dose at least 30 days after the first dose)
- One dose of Neisseria meningitidis vaccine [A,C,Y, W-135] after 16 years of age and within five years of enrollment date.

Please contact the center at 860-297-2018 with any questions.

## **E-BILLING AND STUDENT ACCOUNTS OFFICE:**

Trinity College offers online e-billing and payment options and does not print and mail paper billing statements. All billing is handled electronically, and email notices are sent to the student's Trinity College email address and any authorized payer email address each month. A student must create authorized payer access on Nelnet Campus Commerce system for any parent(s) or person(s) assisting with payment on the student account. The student and any authorized payer may access the account online and make payments by e-check or credit card (transaction fee applied to credit card payments). Payments also may be made by check and mailed directly to the Student Accounts Office at 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106. All billing information is private and secure. Both students and payers should check email from [student-accounts@trincoll.edu](mailto:student-accounts@trincoll.edu) regularly. Failure to view and pay bills by the established due date each term may result in late fees and financial holds on registration. All users of the Trinity system are expected to safeguard their personal login credentials and should not share their username or password information with anyone. The Student Accounts Office processes payments, handles all billing inquiries, and assists with private student loans and Parent PLUS loan questions. [www.trincoll.edu/Admissions/finaid/SA/Accounts/Pages/TrinBillPay.aspx](http://www.trincoll.edu/Admissions/finaid/SA/Accounts/Pages/TrinBillPay.aspx)

## **THE FAMILY EDUCATIONAL RIGHTS AND PRIVACY ACT (FERPA):**

Learning responsibility for one's actions is an important part of a college education. With this in mind, Trinity affords students the rights and responsibilities of adults and works directly with them in matters pertaining to bills, grades, course credits, and academic and disciplinary status. The Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act (FERPA, also referred to as the Buckley Amendment) prohibits the disclosure of a student's education records to anyone other than the student and "school officials with legitimate educational interest." The college encourages students to keep their parents informed of their academic and disciplinary standing and expects that students will inform their parents when there is a problem. However, Trinity believes that there are some situations about which parents should be informed, and amendments to FERPA permit us to do so.

They are as follows:

- Academic records—Parents of students who are financially dependent may have access to information concerning their child's academic records according to U.S. Internal Revenue Service rules. Each semester, copies of grades will be mailed to the parents of dependent students. Trinity sends information to all students, requesting them to indicate their financial status. This same form has a separate section that students, regardless of age, may choose to sign, authorizing the college to release any conduct information, in addition to what is described in the following, to parents.
- Health and safety—Parents may be notified when the college learns that a student has been admitted to the hospital or is suffering from a life-threatening illness, or there is reason to believe that a student's health and well-being are in jeopardy. Parents also may be notified if the college learns that a student has been arrested and is unable to arrange for his or her quick release.
- Drugs and alcohol—With the exception of extraordinary circumstances, the college adheres to the following guidelines: Parents may be notified if the college hears from law enforcement officials that a Trinity student under the age of 21 has been arrested during the academic session for an alcohol- or drug-related violation. Parents of students under the age of 21 may be notified if their child incurs a serious sanction for a first-time offense (such as removal from housing, censure, suspension, or expulsion) or incurs any sanction for a second or subsequent violation of the college's drug and alcohol policy. Lastly, parents may be notified if their student repeatedly puts himself or herself at risk due to alcohol or substance abuse. Although in practice we may notify a student when a parent or guardian has been contacted, we are not required to do so by law. In addition, under some circumstances, we are permitted by law to release the student's records to a court without the student's or parent's consent. For a discussion on Trinity policies relating to alcohol and other drugs, please see the *Student Handbook* on the college's website. [www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/StudentHandbook.pdf](http://www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/StudentHandbook.pdf)

# STAY CONNECTED



**EMAIL:** The email formula for most members of the Trinity community is [firstname.lastname@trincoll.edu](mailto:firstname.lastname@trincoll.edu). For example, [alisha.smith@trincoll.edu](mailto:alisha.smith@trincoll.edu).

**REGULAR MAIL:** Address all mail to your student to: Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Include your student's post office box number, which your student can give you.

**TELEPHONE LANDLINE:** All Trinity landlines can be reached through the college's switchboard at 860-297-2000.

**HOW TO ORDER A BIRTHDAY CAKE FOR YOUR STUDENT:** You can have a birthday cake made and a card delivered to your student's mailbox by calling the college's dining service, Chartwells, 48 hours in advance at 860-297-4086.

**SENDING FLOWERS AND OTHER GIFTS:** If you want to send flowers to your student, please have them delivered to the Mather Hall Front Desk. The delivery should include your student's cell phone number and email address for notification.

**HAVEN'T HEARD FROM THEM?:** If you are concerned because you have not heard from your student in a while and your efforts to make contact are not successful, please notify the Residential Life Office at 860-297-2305 or the Dean of Students Office at 860-297-2156 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. In an emergency situation, please contact Campus Safety at 860-297-2222.

# PARTICIPATE IN THE TRINITY COMMUNITY



**COME FOR A VISIT:** The Greater Hartford area is filled with wonderful restaurants, great shopping, and interesting cultural and historical attractions. Your student will appreciate a chance to see you and enjoy an off-campus family outing while you are here. Visit [www.trincoll.edu/Admissions/Visit-Trinity](http://www.trincoll.edu/Admissions/Visit-Trinity) for more information on area destinations, hotels, restaurants, and more. Note that the college maintains a membership in Hartford's Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art, granting your student free general admission with a Trinity ID.

**STAY AT THE SMITH HOUSE:** The Smith House is a Victorian-style guest house located on campus. It offers four guest rooms, each with a private bath, cable TV, wireless internet, phone, and air conditioning. The house also features a 56-seat dining room and conference rooms accommodating up to 10 people. Please note: the house is unavailable during major college events. Please email [smithhouse@trincoll.edu](mailto:smithhouse@trincoll.edu) for room availability. [www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/Offices/CalendarOffice/Pages/SmithHouse.aspx](http://www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/Offices/CalendarOffice/Pages/SmithHouse.aspx)



**FAMILY WEEKEND, OCTOBER 4-5, 2019**

THIS ANNUAL EVENT IS AN EXCELLENT WAY  
TO GET TO KNOW MORE ABOUT TRINITY.

IT ALSO PROVIDES AN OPPORTUNITY FOR YOU  
TO SEE HOW YOUR STUDENT IS DOING.

# MAJOR EVENTS

[www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/MajorEvents](http://www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/MajorEvents)

## **President's Convocation, August 29, 2019**

First-year students are officially welcomed to Trinity during this ceremony. Parents are an essential part of the event and are cordially invited to participate. A live webcast also will be available at [www.trincoll.edu/LiveVideo](http://www.trincoll.edu/LiveVideo).

## **Family Weekend, October 4–5, 2019**

This annual event is an excellent way to get to know more about Trinity. It also provides an opportunity for you to see how your student is doing.

## **Honors Day, May 1, 2020**

Trinity celebrates the academic successes and community involvement of its students at this annual event. A live webcast will be available at [www.trincoll.edu/LiveVideo](http://www.trincoll.edu/LiveVideo).

## **Commencement, May 17, 2020**

The Trinity community gathers with families and friends of the graduating class for the most important event of the Trinity academic year. Parents of graduating seniors will receive information about Commencement in early February.

**ATHLETIC EVENTS:** Cheer on your favorite Bantam team, either on campus or at an away game near you. It's a great way to support our players and to meet other Trinity parents. Find schedules and more at [www.BantamSports.com](http://www.BantamSports.com).

## **REGIONAL AND INTERNATIONAL TRINITY**

**EVENTS:** Trinity College parents and alumni live all over the world, and as the college continues to develop as a truly global institution, our network has become global as well. Area clubs and regional events constitute the primary means by which Trinity and its alumni and parents (particularly those who are geographically separated from the college) can establish and maintain a close working relationship. Local events are organized to create opportunities for networking, ongoing education, and Bantam camaraderie. They also help to establish, renew, and maintain the connections of alumni, parents, and friends in the local community. Regional volunteers and current clubs work with the college to plan events in Asia, Europe, Atlanta, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Fairfield, Florida, Hartford, Los Angeles, New Haven, New York, Philadelphia, San Francisco, Washington, D.C., and more. [www.trincoll.edu/Alumni](http://www.trincoll.edu/Alumni)

**PARENTS AND CAREER DEVELOPMENT:** Trinity parents and families play a critical role in the Center for Student Success and Career Development. Share your workplace experience, post a job on our job board, sponsor a summer internship, or meet with a group of students during a career exploration trek. For more information, please contact [careers@trincoll.edu](mailto:careers@trincoll.edu). [www.trincoll.edu/CareerDevelopment/Families](http://www.trincoll.edu/CareerDevelopment/Families)

**FAMILY GIVING:** Trinity families play a central role in the college's success, supporting initiatives that transform the educational experience for all Trinity students. These acts of generosity greatly enhance student life, financial aid, curriculum, facilities, and more. Parents and families can support the Trinity College Parents Fund, which provides unrestricted support for the college's operating budget and reinforces every part of the Trinity experience. In addition, gifts may be designated to restricted purposes such as financial aid, career development, and athletic teams. [www.trincoll.edu/GivingToTrinity](http://www.trincoll.edu/GivingToTrinity)



# GETTING INVOLVED

Parents and families of Trinity students play an important role in advancing the mission of the college as donors and ambassadors and help cultivate positive relationships with fellow Bantam families. You can be actively involved with the college in many ways, including:

- Giving philanthropic support to the Trinity College Parents Fund
- Volunteering time to help raise gifts for the Trinity College Parents Fund
- Providing mentorship, access to job opportunities, and internships for Trinity students
- Offering to host events and representing Trinity in your home community
- Attending regional events in major cities and engaging other parents and families

The family giving program in the Office of College Advancement coordinates the efforts of dedicated parents and families who devote time and resources to maintaining Trinity's excellence.

**PARENTS LEADERSHIP COUNCIL:** The Trinity College Parents Leadership Council is the volunteer organization for Trinity's parent outreach efforts. Membership on the Parents Leadership Council provides an opportunity to participate in the growth and development of Trinity while fostering stronger ties to your student's experience and the Trinity community. Parents Leadership Council members provide annual unrestricted support at the leadership level. They are invited to attend two meetings per year on campus that provide exclusive access to Trinity's president, senior administrators, and faculty. Parents Leadership Council members provide an important link between Trinity parents and the administration of the college and serve a crucial role as ambassadors for the college in their home communities. Members support the college's strategic initiatives and enhance the experience for all Trinity students. If you would like more information on family giving or getting involved with the Parents Leadership Council, please contact the family giving staff. If your passion or expertise lies outside of advancement, the Office of Family Giving will connect you to the appropriate resources in the Center for Student Success and Career Development, the Admissions Office, athletics, or another area.

Kerry Smith  
Director of Family Giving  
860-297-4076  
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# IMPORTANT DATES

## FALL 2019

August 29	Thursday	Class of 2023 and transfer students arrive
August 31	Saturday	Classes of 2020, 2021, and 2022 students arrive Residence halls open after noon to returning students
September 2	Monday	Labor Day; college offices closed
September 3	Tuesday	Fall term begins
October 4–5	Friday–Saturday	Family Weekend
October 14–15	Monday–Tuesday	Trinity Days (college open, but regular classes not held)
October 21	Monday	Midterm
November 27– December 1	Wednesday–Sunday	Thanksgiving vacation (college closed; residence halls remain open)
December 9	Monday	Last day of classes
December 7, 8, 10, 11	Sat., Sun., Tue., Wed.	Review period
December 12–18	Thursday–Wednesday	Final exams
December 19	Thursday	Residence halls close at noon

## SPRING 2020

January 18	Saturday	Residence halls open after noon
January 20	Monday	Martin Luther King Jr. Day (college closed)
January 21	Tuesday	Spring term begins
February 20–21	Thursday–Friday	Trinity Days (college open, but regular classes not held)
March 9	Monday	Midterm
March 14–22	Saturday–Sunday	Spring vacation (residence halls remain open)
April 29	Wednesday	Last day of classes
April 30–May 3	Thursday–Sunday	Review period
April 20–May 1	Thursday–Friday	General examinations for seniors
May 1	Friday	Honors Day
May 4–8	Monday–Friday	Final exams
May 9	Saturday	Residence halls close at noon to all students except those participating in Commencement
May 17	Sunday	194th Commencement
May 18	Monday	All students, including seniors, must be moved out of residence halls by 9:00 a.m.

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