We appreciate the important role you play in the Trinity College community and welcome your interest in our common goal — helping your son or daughter achieve the best education possible.
This brochure describes a number of ways in which you can obtain information about the College and about parent programs and activities. We encourage you to attend events on campus and off 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 website at www.trincoll.edu regularly for up-to-date information about Trinity. The easiest way to find your way around the site is to click on “A-Z” in the lower right-hand corner of the main page. That will take you to an alphabetized list of all College departments and programs.

**The Parents Website**
The College maintains a website especially for parents. www.trincoll.edu/Parents

**Trinity Today**
Events and news for the Trinity community are posted daily on Trinity Today. www.trincoll.edu/TrinityToday

**TRINConnection**
This electronic newsletter is published five times a year and contains items of interest to Trinity parents. You will receive TRINConnection regularly if the College has your current e-mail address.

**E-mail**
To ensure that you receive important announcements, newsletters, and the latest information about Trinity programs and events, be sure to add your current e-mail address to our self-service Web app at www.trincoll.edu/Parents. Please note that the e-mail list for newsletters and other College communications is separate from the TrinBillPay e-mail list; to receive College communications, you must add your information at the site listed above. If you are a parent of a student in the Class of 2019, you will not be able to add your e-mail address until late August 2015.

**The Trinity Tripod**
Parents may read the College’s weekly student newspaper by visiting commons.trincoll.edu/Tripod.

**Athletics**

**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.

**Trin’Shots**
Find snapshots of Trinity at commons.trincoll.edu/trinshots.

**Trinity College on social media**
Facebook: www.facebook.com/TrinityCollege
Twitter: www.twitter.com/TrinityCollege
Flickr: www.flickr.com/TrinityCollege
YouTube: www.youtube.com/TrinityCollegeCT
Instagram: www.instagram.com/TrinityCollege

**Bantam sports on social media**
Facebook: www.facebook.com/BantamSports
Twitter: www.twitter.com/BantamSports
Instagram: www.instagram.com/BantamSports
While 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.
CAREER DEVELOPMENT
The Career Development Center provides students and alumni with the opportunity to develop an individualized portfolio of experiences and competencies required for professional success. A diverse professional staff works with students longitudinally, beginning in their first year of study. The Career Development Center provides support across a variety of domains, enabling students to achieve academic, professional, and personal success. Students utilize a holistic range of services, including individual career advising, internships, externships, treks, recruiting events, and extensive alumni mentoring and networking.

www.trincoll.edu/Academics/CareerDevelopment

COUNSELING CENTER
The Trinity Counseling 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 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), as well as referral to off-campus providers if requested. The center sees approximately one-third of the students in any given year and well over half 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

DEANS
Trinity’s administrative structure includes a number of deans who are responsible for administering both the academic and social aspects of the College. There is a dean of campus life and a dean of students; a dean of the faculty, who has overall responsibility for the academic life of the College; and a dean of multicultural affairs, all of whom welcome contact with your student for consultation and advice.

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Joseph DiChristina
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FACULTY ADVISERS
Every Trinity student has a faculty adviser. First-year seminar instructors serve as advisers to their students for the first two years. 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, Quantitative Center, and the Raether Center. Your student will know who his or her adviser is and is encouraged to meet with that person on a regular basis to review academic progress and plan for the upcoming semester.
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 coursework. Faculty members appreciate hearing from students and are ready to offer advice and assistance, as needed.

THE BANTAM NETWORK
Trinity’s new Bantam Network is designed to support 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 get to know other students, faculty, and staff members, and offers the ready support that new students want. The Bantam Network will give incoming students the tools to succeed and will quickly make them feel at home at Trinity. To learn more, go to www.trincoll.edu/StudentLife/BantamNetwork/.

FIRST-YEAR SEMINARS
The 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. Attached to each seminar is a unique network of academic resources, including an upper-class Academic Mentor, Writing Associate, First-Year Librarian, and Student Technology Assistant. The intimacy of the first-year seminar prepares students for becoming active participants in their own learning, fostering the capacity to communicate effectively and collaboratively.

HEALTH CENTER
The Trinity College Health Center (TCHC), located in Wheaton Hall, provides health care for all students enrolled in at least two classes. The center is licensed by the State of Connecticut as an outpatient clinic and functions as a primary-care office for students, referring urgently needed care to local providers. The center coordinates ongoing care with home providers and assists students with referrals to off-campus specialists. Our website, www.TrinityCollegeHealthCenter.com, offers more information. If a prescription is needed, an order is placed with local pharmacies (one pharmacy – Walgreens – delivers to the TCHC for the student’s convenience).

STUDY AWAY
Study away is an integral part of the Trinity experience, and all students are encouraged to take advantage of a summer, semester, or full-year study-away program. Approximately 60 percent of Trinity undergraduates study abroad or in another U.S. city before graduating, most for a semester or full academic year. Study away offers immersive living and learning experiences in some of the world’s great cities. Every Trinity student can explore the world in person and still graduate on time. Eight international sites (Rome, Barcelona, Buenos Aires, Cape Town, Paris, Trinidad, Shanghai, and Vienna), plus Trinity/La Mama (a performing arts semester program located in New York City), are Trinity-designed programs taught by a combination of Trinity faculty and university professors local to the program. The College also maintains a list of more than 90 approved international and domestic programs in which Trinity students can easily satisfy their major, elective, and general distribution requirements.

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, as well as 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

**STUDENT LEADERS**
There are many different kinds of student leaders at Trinity, all of whom are specially trained to assist with academic and social matters. These include first-year mentors, teaching assistants, residence assistants, and P.R.I.D.E. leaders. Often, students are most comfortable approaching others of their own age with questions before they seek out adult assistance. Your son or daughter is likely to find the student leaders to be an invaluable source of initial advice and information.

**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. In order to acquire the breadth associated with a liberal arts education, all undergraduates must complete at least 1.0 credit with a C- or better in each of five categories: the arts, humanities, natural sciences, numerical and symbolic reasoning, and social sciences. In addition, students must meet requirements in writing, quantitative literacy, and a second language. All students also must take a first-year seminar and one course on global engagement. The *Bulletin* is the essential reference that guides students toward successful completion of these degree requirements. Your student must know how to access the *Bulletin* and how to use it to meet the requirements for his or her course of study. www.trincoll.edu/pub/about/bulletin
HEALTH INSURANCE REQUIREMENT

Trinity College requires all enrolled students to have health insurance coverage. To assist families who may have no or limited coverage while on campus and in Hartford, Connecticut, Trinity offers an annual undergraduate Student Health Insurance Plan (SHIP) that can be billed to the student’s account. This ACA Platinum-level policy is underwritten by Aetna Student Health and managed by University Health Plans, Inc. A description of benefit coverage can be found at www.aetnastudenthealth.com/Schools/Trinity.

Students/Parents may elect to maintain their coverage from home instead of purchasing the SHIP by completing a waiver and informing us of active coverage. Be advised that if your coverage originates outside of Connecticut, i.e. HMO plans, state Medicaid plans, and international plans not based in the United States, you may want to consider enrolling in the SHIP as the Trinity College Health Center (TCHC) and local providers around our campus may not be paid in full for services rendered, which may result in out-of-pocket charges/expense for you.

The TCHC uses a fee-for-service billing model, similar to your private physician’s office. There are charges for office visits, laboratory services, and pharmacy items. The TCHC will file insurance claims directly to all insurance companies. Any charges deemed to be the “member responsibility” by your insurance company, such as deductibles, coinsurance, and copay, will be posted to the student’s account for payment.

Students/Parents who want to waive the SHIP coverage must complete the online waiver found on our website (www.trinitycollegehealthcenter.com) to notify us of the comparable coverage you have before the deadline of August 15, 2015.

Students/Parents who want to purchase the SHIP coverage must complete the enrollment form on our website (www.trinitycollegehealthcenter.com) before the deadline of August 15, 2015. Timely enrollment helps to get your information to the insurance company’s system. Until your enrollment is processed by Aetna, you will not be able to use your insurance at a pharmacy and will have trouble accessing your benefits at a doctor’s office or in a hospital.

It is important that ALL students carry insurance cards and prescription cards just as they carry their student identification cards. The TCHC will need to copy the front and back of the insurance card at every visit. Should your insurance plan change, please provide your student with a current updated insurance card.

If you have any questions about the online waiver/enrollment process or about the Student Health Insurance Plan, please contact University Health Plans at info@univhealthplans.com or (1-800) 437-6448.

TRINBILLPAY 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 e-mail notices are sent to the student’s Trinity College e-mail address and any authorized payer e-mail address each month. A student must create authorized payer access on TrinBillPay for any parent(s) or person(s) assisting with payment on his or her student account. The student and any authorized payer can 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 e-mail from 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
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 United States Internal Revenue 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 website. www.trincoll.edu/SiteCollectionDocuments/StudentHandbook.pdf
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TRINITY COMMUNITY
MAJOR EVENTS
www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/MajorEvents/Pages/default.aspx

President’s Convocation, September 3, 2015
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.

Family Weekend, October 23-24, 2015
This annual weekend 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 6, 2016
Trinity celebrates the academic successes and community involvement of its students at this annual event. If your daughter or son is receiving an award, please consider attending this celebration.

Commencement, May 22, 2016
The Trinity community gathers with families and friends of the graduating class in the most important event of the Trinity academic year. Parents of graduating seniors will receive information about Commencement in late February or early March.

CAREER DEVELOPMENT
Trinity parents and families play a critical role in ensuring the success of our students and the Career Development Center. Share your workplace experience: host an externship, sponsor a summer internship, or meet with a group of students during a career exploration trek. For more information, please contact careers@trincoll.edu. www.trincoll.edu/Academics/Career Development

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 meet other Trinity parents. Find schedules and more at 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, it is necessary to bring Trinity to various constituencies around the world. Area clubs and regional events constitute the primary means by which Trinity College and its alumni (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 friendship of alumni in the local community. Regional volunteers and current clubs work with the College to plan events in Africa, 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

COME FOR A VISIT
The Greater Hartford area is filled with fascinating restaurants, 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. Find hotels and restaurants at www.trincoll.edu/Admissions/CampusVisit/Pages/Hotels.aspx. Note that since the College maintains memberships in both the Wadsworth Atheneum and the New Britain Museum of American Art, your student’s College ID will gain him or her free general admission to both institutions. Other family attractions can be found in nearby area towns such as West Hartford and Old Wethersfield.

E-MAIL
The e-mail formula for all members of the Trinity community is firstname.lastname@trincoll.edu. For example, alisha.smith@trincoll.edu.
REGULAR MAIL
Address all mail to your student at: Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106. Include your student’s post office box number, which he or she can give you or which can be found in the online directory on Trinity’s website.

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 Mather Hall Front Desk. The delivery should include your student’s cell phone number and e-mail address so he or she can be notified to pick them up.

HAVEN’T HEARD FROM THEM?
If you are concerned because you have not heard from your student in a while and your efforts to reach him or her are not successful, please notify the Residential Life Office at (860) 297-2305 during normal business hours, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. If you need assistance outside of normal business hours or in an emergency situation, please contact Campus Safety at (860) 297-2222.

STAY AT THE SMITH HOUSE
The Smith House is a Victorian-style guest house located on the campus. It offers four guest rooms, each with a private bath, cable TV, wireless Internet, phone, and air conditioning. Please note: the house is unavailable during major College events. Please e-mail smithhouse@trincoll.edu for room availability. www.trincoll.edu/AboutTrinity/Offices/CalendarOffice/Pages/SmithHouse.aspx
Parent giving is essential to the success of the College’s many academic, athletic, and extracurricular programs. The Parents Fund, composed of unrestricted gifts, supports the operating needs of the College and benefits every student, every day. In the 2013-2014 academic year, more than 1,180 current parents and parents of alumni made gifts to the College, and the Parents Fund totaled more than $1.525 million. All gifts to the College, both restricted and unrestricted, are greatly appreciated and are used to enhance your student’s Trinity experience.

Parents can be actively involved with the College through regional events, which are held in major cities throughout the country during the academic year. Parents are mailed invitations to notify them of upcoming events in their area. These events provide a wonderful opportunity to meet other parents and to support a sense of community at the College. Additionally, parents also can be involved by volunteering their time. Parent volunteers are extremely important to furthering the mission of the College, acting as ambassadors, and helping to cultivate positive relationships with fellow parents.

Each year, a number of parents are invited to join the Parent Directors, a parent leadership group. Parent Directors meet twice yearly on campus and are kept informed of recent College developments. They also assist the College in outreach and serve as hosts at various events.

Members of the Parents Fund Committee (PFC) serve as the primary and most personal contact between Trinity College and their fellow parents. PFC members help to raise unrestricted gifts for the Parents Fund, increase parent participation, and connect parents to the College.

Please contact Parent Giving staff if you have questions or would like further information.

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# IMPORTANT DATES

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For the complete academic calendar, please visit
www.trincoll.edu/Academics/Registrar/Pages/AcademicCalendar.aspx