These are the stories of Trinity College in Hartford

A Partnership in Community
2020
For all of its nearly 200-year existence, Trinity College has been both in and of Hartford. As we approach our bicentennial in 2023, we celebrate and seek to affirm and strengthen all that constitutes our most distinctive quality: Trinity’s relationship to Hartford.

Our location in a state capital that is one of the most socioeconomically, culturally, and ethnically diverse cities in the country provides students with incredible opportunities for research and hands-on learning. But Hartford is not our lab; it is our home. We contribute to the local, regional, and statewide community as individuals and as an institution. Trinity’s impact on the community is evidenced in the talent we attract and cultivate, the knowledge we advance, and the partnerships we build.

The creation in 2018 of the Center for Hartford Engagement and Research (CHER) united the college’s engagement programs to enable deeper collaboration and to strengthen connections among and between civically engaged members of the Trinity community and Greater Hartford.

To tell the full story of what it means and why it matters that Trinity is in Hartford would be to chronicle the college’s entire history. With this publication, then, we aim merely to share some highlights of that story as it exists today and to quantify aspects of our impact on Greater Hartford and the state of Connecticut.
Located at Trinity College’s downtown campus at Constitution Plaza, the Liberal Arts Action Lab connects faculty members and students from Trinity and Capital Community College with community partners to address pressing challenges in Hartford. In the fall of 2019, the Connecticut Coalition to End Homelessness (CCEH) worked with an Action Lab research team that included Karolina Barrientos ’22 and Stefanie Wong, assistant professor of educational studies, to raise awareness about youth homelessness in Hartford and the rights of students who are experiencing homelessness. CCEH used content developed by the team for trainings in high schools and other community spaces statewide. The work is one of 17 projects completed to date by the Action Lab.
Trinity’s Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement is committed to creating future civic leaders through active student participation in the Greater Hartford area. Led by Joe Barber, a Trinity staff member since 1996 and director for 17 years, the office builds and sustains strong partnerships with the Hartford community. Collaborations include Project PACKS, in which Trinity students assemble and deliver 40 backpacks filled with food every week during the school year to Hands on Hartford for distribution to children who may not have access to consistent meals over the weekends.

CIVICALLY ENGAGED STUDENTS

TRINITY HOMELESSNESS PROJECT
This group raises awareness in the Trinity community of homelessness in Hartford and supports local organizations that provide services to the homeless.

JANUARY EXPERIENCE OF LIVING, LEARNING, AND OUTREACH (JELLO)
Students work with community partners throughout the year and sponsor an annual week of service in January.

ACES
Student volunteers organize community service events such as Halloween on Vernon, a Thanksgiving Drive, and the Holiday Gift Drive for Interval House.

CONNPIRG
This chapter of a statewide organization focuses its efforts on environmental preservation, voter registration and turnout, consumer protection, and student rights.

40%
Students engage in at least one community service activity each semester

100
Families supported by the 2019 Thanksgiving Drive
Launched in 2018, the Trinity-Infosys partnership is leveraging the liberal arts in creating the future of work. The collaboration with the global technology giant is, among other things, helping to train liberal arts graduates—including Trinity alumni—from Hartford and beyond as new Infosys employees. Infosys has established one of its main U.S. hubs in Hartford, pledging to create 1,000 local jobs by 2023. The innovative initiative exemplifies Trinity’s long-standing role as an institutional citizen and partner in advancing Hartford. “Liberal arts graduates are uniquely poised to succeed in the tech sector,” says vice president for academic affairs and interim dean of the faculty Sonia Cardenas, who has spearheaded the partnership with Infosys. “A broad-based, communication-rich education equips our students with the analytical and people skills needed to drive digital innovation.”

**SELECT TRINITY-HARTFORD PARTNERSHIPS**

**SOUTHSIDE INSTITUTIONS NEIGHBORHOOD ALLIANCE (SINA)**
Founded more than 25 years ago as a partnership among Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, Hartford Hospital, and Trinity College, SINA is a trusted, effective force for positive change in surrounding neighborhoods.

**TRINITY-HMTCA INITIATIVE**
This early college experience for students who attend the nearby Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy includes a summer writing academy and other academic collaborations.

**HARTFORD YOUTH SCHOLARS (HYS)**
Housed on Trinity’s campus with deep roots in the community, HYS prepares Hartford middle school students for academic excellence in high school and college.
Cinestudio, the nonprofit independent movie theater located on Trinity’s campus, is at once a cultural destination for the Hartford community and woven deeply into the fabric of campus life. Now celebrating its 50th anniversary, the theater features a Dolby sound system and state-of-the-art digital projector while retaining its 35mm and 70mm film projectors for classic movie presentations. Co-founded in 1970 and run ever since by James Hanley ’72 and Peter McMorris ’73, Cinestudio is home to the college’s student-run Trinity Film Festival and hosts the Reel Youth Hartford Film Festival and Connecticut LGBTQ Film Festival. Cinestudio relies on student volunteers, and, in turn, provides them with a unique opportunity to learn how to operate a movie theater to the highest technical standards.
Karraine Moody ’01 was a student at Trinity pursuing a self-designed major in community development when she first volunteered with Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity. A few years after graduation, she joined the organization as its family director, and in 2019, she became its chief executive officer. Under her leadership, the nonprofit has guided more than 300 families to home ownership in the Greater Hartford area. In her spare time, Moody volunteers with local shelters and supports other community empowering organizations. She’s one of many Trinity alumni who stay and make Hartford their home, making significant contributions locally, regionally, and beyond as entrepreneurs, innovators, elected officials, community leaders, and changemakers.
Trinity College brings opportunity to the region

8,680 JOBS CREATED

Economic Impact $1,182,891,904

The total economic impact of a university can be measured in terms of the direct and induced economic impact of a university’s activity on the local economy.

TOTAL DIRECT SPENDING
$ 712,671,349

Direct spending is defined as the amount of money spent directly by the university, university employees, students, and visitors.

INDUCED SPENDING
$ 470,220,556

The induced economic impact is the additional employment and expenditures of local industries that result because of direct spending.

Direct Spending by Employees
$68,487,346

Direct Spending by Students
$12,529,633

Direct Spending by Visitors
$1,838,558

College Purchases
$48,504,610

Capital Assets
($5 year average)
$510,644,258

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Connecticut is home to 5,730 ALUMNI

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The data on the left comes courtesy of the Connecticut Conference of Independent Colleges (CCIC), which every other year quantifies the economic impact of the state’s 15 nonprofit independent colleges and universities using publicly available data from the U.S. Census Bureau, Integrated Postsecondary Education Data System, U.S. News and World Report, and the institutions themselves.

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58 Community Learning courses offered in academic year 2019–20

1,160 Events on campus that were open to the public in 2019

4,631 Alumni in Greater Hartford

$1.183 Billion economic impact to local economy