

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.



Knowledge for the Public Good

KAROLINA BARRIENTOS '22;
CARL ASIKAINEN,
youth systems coordinator
of the Connecticut Coalition to
End Homelessness; and
STEFANIE WONG, *assistant*
professor of educational studies

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200+
Hartford-area
internships every
semester



58
Courses sponsored
by the Office of
Community Learning
in academic year
2019-20

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CURRICULUM MEETS COMMUNITY

CONCRETE FOUNDATIONS RESEARCH

Faculty and students in Trinity's Environmental Science Program have developed affordable, reliable tests to assist homeowners whose foundations show signs of deterioration.

VITA TAX CLINIC

Launched in 2019 at Trinfo.Café, the program trains Trinity students in the "Tax Policy and Inequality in Hartford" course to help prepare income tax returns for local residents.

"MATHEMATICS OF REDISTRICTING" CLASS

The Community Learning course connects math to laws surrounding gerrymandering and a real-world understanding of how redistricting works in 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.

Social and Civic Responsibility

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.

Community Service and
Civic Engagement team:
JOE BARBER, director, and
BEATRICE ALICEA,
assistant director



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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

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SONIA CARDENAS,
*interim vice president
for academic affairs
and dean of the faculty*

Institutional Citizen/ Economic Engine

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.”

\$364,000

Direct annual support
from Trinity to
programs such as SINA

\$1.3 million

Trinity’s annual
spending on institutional
engagement



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.

Destination: Campus



PETER MCMORRIS '73
and **JAMES HANLEY '72**,
co-founders and co-executive
directors of Cinestudio

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.



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



25
Community groups that
used campus spaces and
facilities in 2019

WELCOMING THE COMMUNITY

TRINITY INTERNATIONAL HIP HOP FESTIVAL

For 15 years, this free, public festival has brought to campus some of the biggest names in hip hop and rap.

ATHLETICS

Bantams on 30 varsity athletics teams play before campus and local spectators, competing in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

TRINITY COLLEGE CHAPEL

An architectural icon and landmark building in Hartford, the Chapel houses worship services, special public occasions, the Chapel music program, and more.

AUSTIN ARTS CENTER

This hub of artistic life on campus is home to Goodwin Theater, Garmany Hall black box theater, and Widener Gallery's formal exhibition space.

Alumni Impact

KARRAINE MOODY '01,
*chief executive officer
 of Hartford Area
 Habitat for Humanity*

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.



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TRINITY GRADUATES MAKING A DIFFERENCE *(just to name a few)*

JAMIE BRÄTT '05
 engagement manager, Infosys

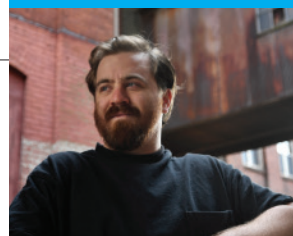
JEFF DEVEREUX '12 •
 co-founder, Breakfast Lunch & Dinner

JUDY DWORIN '70
 Trinity professor of theater and dance, emerita; executive and artistic director, Judy Dworin Performance Project

THEMIS KLARIDES '87
 Republican minority leader,
 Connecticut House of Representatives

PAUL MOUNDS JR. '07
 chief operating officer and
 deputy chief of staff, Governor's Office

4,631
 Trinity alumni who
 live and/or work in
 Greater Hartford



Brian A. Pounds / Connecticut Magazine

450
 Current Trinity
 students (undergrads,
 IDP, and master's) who
 are from Greater Hartford

Trinity College

HARTFORD CONNECTICUT

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



Trinity
College
brings opportunity
to the region
8,680
JOBS CREATED



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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- cceh.org
- cher.trincoll.edu
- trincoll.edu/strategic-initiatives/trinity-infosys-partnership/
- cinestudio.org
- hartfordhabitat.org

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and Trinity College neighbor



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