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Associate Professor of Theater and Dance Peter Kyle performs in *JOY!*, a stage spectacular tailored for the celebration of Trinity's 200th anniversary. The production of dance, music, and circus, which took place during the Bicentennial Fall Weekend in October, featured a multigenerational cast of Trinity College students and faculty members, local high school students, and professional artists directed by award-winning dancer and choreographer Tandy Beal. For more on *JOY!* and the rest of the Bicentennial Fall Weekend, please see pages 3–5 and visit [trincollreporter.online/BFW](http://trincollreporter.online/BFW).

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The buildings of Trinity College are seen in the distance of this photo, dated circa 1907, of an old quarry that stretched north from New Britain Avenue and lined the west side of the campus.

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# The importance of being all in

In our third century, what do we want Trinity's impact to be?

Last November, I had the pleasure of attending the Bicentennial Fall Symposium, an all-day campus event that engaged more than 700 people with 30 thought-provoking sessions created by faculty, staff, and students. The day was a demonstration of the power of Trinity, tying together intellectual discussions, cultural explorations, and hands-on workshops. It was truly heartening to see the entire Trinity community—including alumni—come together to reconnect in dialogues about our past, present, and future.

The most important mission that any academic institution holds is ensuring the creation, preservation, and dissemination of knowledge. I argue that the Trinity impact goes deeper. We educate those who use knowledge to influence and reshape fields of study, industries, communities, and cultures around the world.

Most importantly, we do it through the power of community. Faculty members, coaches, mentors, advisers, classmates—all are dedicated to educating our students. They intentionally cultivate intriguing discourse and advise attentively, often leading to a result that is lifelong—one that alumni often recognize and appreciate with the benefit of time away from campus.

In November, we launched the public phase of Trinity's most ambitious fundraising effort to date, the historic All In comprehensive campaign. At the launch, we heard from a number of alumni who spoke about their powerful experiences and the relationships that were fostered.

Trustee Paul Mounds '07, who steered the State of Connecticut through the unprecedented COVID response, credited coach Jeff Devanney '93 for teaching him invaluable lessons on and off the football field: "Jeff Devanney is the most influential person in my life aside from my own father."

Entrepreneur and award-winning restaurateur Danny Meyer '80, P'20 spoke about how Trinity's Rome Campus "opened so many doors, and so many of our restaurants are based on what I learned in that very semester."

These stories are not unique; we have heard countless variations on the same theme. Our people and this place have a profound impact on those we graduate—this is what I call the "All In effect."

As Trinity enters its third century, I ask all alumni to remember how Trinity touched their lives and to help ensure that this indelible impact continues for future generations. I am proud of the progress we have made through our strategic plan, Summit. Now it is time that we ensure that Trinity delivers fully on this plan and on our mission well into the future.

We already have seen remarkable progress based on investments made during the campaign's quiet phase, including spaces designed for today's students. The rest of the campaign will focus on supporting our dedicated faculty and the academic program, ensuring a distinctive student experience, and building generous financial aid to promote access.

Our faculty will benefit from expanded support and programmatic



JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

enhancements, such as increased professional development and named professorships that provide resources for sustaining academic excellence. While we evolved the Trinity Plus curriculum by pairing liberal arts learning with time and credit for experiential learning, the campaign will allow us to fulfill the goal of adding more co-curricular opportunities so we become known for our distinctively ample and flexible options.

Bolstering financial aid that supports more middle-income families will bring greater socioeconomic diversity to Trinity. This campaign can make the difference for many deserving families who currently believe that Trinity is out of the question financially.

I was honored to have worked with the late Vice President for Advancement Michael Casey, and I am deeply grateful to fundraising veteran Carrie Pelzel '74, who graciously stepped in with alacrity and skill. Along with our campaign co-chairs, Carrie is leading our team by demonstrating the grit and grace that Trinity alumni are known for—the spirit of being "all in."

I strongly encourage you to visit the Campaign's website at [www.trincoll.edu/Campaign](http://www.trincoll.edu/Campaign) to learn more. Join us and be all in, for the sake of today's students and generations to come.



# Along the Walk



Samiya  
Mehammed '25  
and Etsubdink  
Gebremariam '24  
take part in the  
Festival of Nations.

## BICENTENNIAL

# Fall Weekend



For more on the Bicentennial  
Fall Weekend, please see  
[trincollreporter.online/BFW](http://trincollreporter.online/BFW).

Trinity College's Bicentennial Fall Weekend, held October 13–15, combined the much-loved traditions of Homecoming and Family Weekend.

On Friday, alumni and families were welcomed inside labs, lecture halls, and academic and student life centers and on tours around the ever-evolving campus. On Saturday, Bantam athletes met rivals on the field and the court, and fans enjoyed receptions for their favorite teams. On both days, members of the community filled the Austin Arts Center during three performances of *JOY!*, a spectacle of music, dance, and circus that featured college and high school students alongside professional performers.

Other activities and events during the weekend included the Festival of Nations, the P.R.I.D.E. 25th Anniversary Celebration, and various group gatherings on the Main Quad. >>

BICENTENNIAL

# Fall Weekend

**1.** Sydney Young '26 and Allie Mikalatos '26 perform in *JOY!*

**2.** Dante Soriano '24 sings with The Accidentals a cappella group.

**3.** Maddy Boehm '26 gets support from her fellow cheerleaders.

**4.** Margaret McCarthy '24 shows intensity during the volleyball match.

**5.** Fans root for the Bantam football team.

**6.** Attendees make their way to an event.

**7.** A group celebrates the 25th anniversary of P.R.I.D.E.

**8.** Jackson Weisman '24 and mom Nina Silberman pause during the festivities.

**9.** Tyler Jameson '26 and teammates prepare to take the field.



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# Campus Pride Index

## TOP RATING FOR LGBTQ INCLUSIVENESS

With a demonstrated commitment to students of all sexual orientations and gender identities, Trinity College recently earned a rating of 5 out of 5 stars on the Campus Pride Index, an independent national database on the LGBTQ inclusiveness of campuses across the country.

"I'm immensely proud of the efforts the Trinity community has taken to earn this exceptional rating as we continue to strive to be a campus where all can thrive," said Anita Davis, Trinity's vice president for diversity, equity, and inclusion. The Campus Pride Index provides us with invaluable feedback focused specifically on the experiences of LGBTQ+ members of the Trinity community. This annual report assesses our progress while assisting us in strategizing with campus partners about ways to address concerns and act on what we learn."

Crystal Nieves '08, M'23, Trinity's director of LGBTQ+ life, said, "This is huge for the Trinity community. The Campus Pride Index is our road map to get the campus to where it needs to be in terms of inclusive policies for employees and students, campus life efforts, and everything that could affect a student's well-being and their ability to succeed at college."

Since 2007, the Campus Pride Index has functioned as an LGBTQ national benchmarking tool to help colleges and universities create safer, more inclusive campus communities. Prospective students, families, or employees, as well as those interested in higher education, use the free online database to search for LGBTQ-friendly colleges that are dedicated to improving the academic experience and quality of campus life, according to Nieves.

When members of the public look up Trinity on the Campus Pride Index, they have access to the College's LGBTQ-Friendly Report Card. This report includes specific ratings of sexual orientation-related policies and programs, gender identity-related policies and programs, institutional support, academic life, student life, counseling and health resources, housing, safety, and more.

Since Trinity began participating in the index more than 10 years ago, the College's rating has increased from 3.5, to 4, to 4.5, to 5. "That consistent improvement is really important to us," Nieves said. "Trinity's 5-star rating reflects that we are doing the right strategic things to build a strong foundation that offers an opportunity to impact the entire campus culture." Improvements Trinity has made include a gender-inclusive housing process, she added.

Of the more than 400 colleges and universities that completed the Campus Pride Index Assessment this year, 47 received 5-star ratings.



REVAMPED

# Mather Dining Hall

At the start of the fall 2023 semester, the campus community found a renovated Mather Dining Hall, replete with changes from floor to ceiling, including branded blue and gold décor, 36 percent more seating, and an updated layout with new furniture.

“We want to change the vibe for students who are busy with classes, clubs, and sports,” said Toby Chenette, district manager for Chartwells, which operates dining programs at Trinity and on about 300 campuses nationally. “I’d love to see it used in ways it hasn’t before. . . . I really hope it becomes more of a hangout.”

The new seating array raises the total number of spots to 488 and offers varied options. High-top and standard tables as well as booths encourage students to remain in the space to pursue activities beyond eating, such as meeting with study groups. Soft seating at the front of the dining hall invites students to lounge in comfort while waiting for friends.

Booths with electrical outlets facilitate students doing schoolwork on their laptops. QR codes at four food stations enable students to order and then gather drinks or set down backpacks before responding to a text that their dishes are ready. The technology provides a range of customizable menu items so that students have the freedom to mix and match ingredients to create their own meals.

To promote student wellness, the dining hall includes a performance kitchen, which provides a healthy menu platform and options, and an expanded allergen-awareness kitchen, “Delicious Without,” featuring menu options prepared without any of the nine major allergens.

“We wanted the renovation to include components that resonate with students,” said Mark Tarkanick, senior director of marketing for Chartwells. “Students today are more retail focused, and our primary goal was to provide students with a culinary experience that reflects their preferences while still promoting healthy eating habits.”

Sustainability, which is a focus of the College’s strategic plan, Summit, continues to be a central design feature. LED lighting fills the dining hall, which is certified by the Green Restaurant Association, said Chenette.

The dining hall also stays open longer and later, with hours stretching from 7:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. Monday through Friday and 10:30 a.m. to 8:00 p.m. on weekends. In addition, the all-access nature of the meal plan means students can visit Mather an unlimited number of times each day.

Chenette noted that when dining staff returned to campus for the academic year, he heard “a lot of oohs and aahs,” adding, “This is set to be a culinary journey that will leave everyone eagerly craving more.”



## NEW FACULTY

New tenure-track faculty members are listed below. All began their appointments on July 1, 2023, unless otherwise noted.

JONATHAN T. ASHBY '09

**Assistant Professor of Chemistry**

*Ph.D., University of California, Riverside*

*B.S., Trinity College*

VICTOR CHURCHILL

**Assistant Professor of Mathematics**

*Ph.D., A.M., Dartmouth College*

*M.S., New York University*

*B.A., Boston College*

NATASSJA B. GUNASENA

**Assistant Professor of International Studies**

*Ph.D., M.A., University of Texas at Austin*

*B.A., Minnesota State University*

MICHAEL J. HATCH (January 2024)

**Associate Professor of Fine Arts**

*Ph.D., M.A., Princeton University*

*B.A., Middlebury College*

ADAM D. HILL '08

**Assistant Professor of Chemistry**

*Ph.D., University of California, Berkeley*

*B.S., Trinity College*

MAMINUR ISLAM

**Assistant Professor of Computer Science**

*Ph.D., University of Memphis*

*B.Sc., Bangladesh University of Engineering and Technology*

SUSANNE KEREKES

**Assistant Professor of Religious Studies**

*Ph.D., University of Pennsylvania*

*M.A., Mahidol University*

*B.A., DePauw University*

SERENA LAWS

**Assistant Professor of Public Policy and Law**

*Ph.D., M.A., University of Minnesota-Twin Cities*

*B.A., Amherst College*

CHANNON S. MILLER '11

**Assistant Professor of American Studies and History**

*Ph.D., M.A., Boston University*

*B.A., Trinity College*



For more on the new faculty members, please visit [trincollreporter.online/NewFaculty2023](https://trincollreporter.online/NewFaculty2023).

# Around Hartford

## TheaterWorks

233 PEARL STREET, HARTFORD, CT

In its newly renovated space, TheaterWorks Hartford continues to stage five or six live theater productions a year, with seasons running from the end of September to the end of June. The 188-seat modified thrust theater—with audience members situated on three sides of the stage—serves, according to the theater's website, “as a unique ‘hug’ to the shared humanity on stage and in the audience.” Founded in 1985 by Steve Campo, the theater endured the pandemic by going virtual, welcoming an international audience, and by going outside, utilizing the riverfront to bring the community together; TheaterWorks Hartford was recognized by the Connecticut Critic's Circle for innovation for its efforts during that time.



For more information, including the current season's plays *The Garbologists*, *Sanctuary City*, and *Sandra*, please visit [trincollreporter.online/TheaterWorks](http://trincollreporter.online/TheaterWorks).

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# Volunteer Spotlight

## Tom Calabrese '63, P'05

IN THE 60-PLUS YEARS since his graduation, Tom Calabrese '63, P'05 hasn't stopped giving back to his alma mater. "Trinity has played such an important role in my life. I want to do what I can to support the College and our class," he says.

He has helped plan Reunions and Homecomings and served on the committee to fund the Trinity College Chapel renovation. When the secretary of his class needed to step down, Calabrese didn't hesitate to take on the position. One of his favorite volunteer roles was calling classmates and asking them to give to Trinity's Annual Fund. "It gave me an opportunity to catch up with my friends," he says.

Last June, as chair of his class's 60th Reunion Committee, he spearheaded an eventful weekend for his classmates that included a nostalgic golf-cart tour of the campus and dinner with more than a dozen Class of '63 scholars who shared about their graduate studies and careers.

In recognition of the hard work he put into planning the Reunion, Calabrese and his wife, Linda, were honored with a standing ovation and a bouquet of roses before Saturday's dinner.

"Being a team player is part of Tom's DNA," says friend Michael Schulenberg '63. The two were members of Alpha Chi Rho and played varsity football together. "He is the first one in and the last out on any task or challenge."

Growing up 30 minutes from campus in Avon, Connecticut, Calabrese idolized Trinity athletes including Bill Goralski '52 and Ray Aramini '56. "I watched them play and came to love Trinity for its great football and other sports, beautiful campus, and outstanding reputation in higher education."

A talented athlete—"I could run fast"—he was thrilled when he was recruited by Trinity for the football team. "It was a dream come true for me," says Calabrese, who also played on the Bantam baseball team.

Though he majored in engineering, he took enough education classes during his senior year to qualify as a high school teacher. It was his hope to continue his connection to sports as a coach. But after two years of coaching football



and teaching high school math and physics in Hartford and Avon, he went back to Trinity for a fifth year in engineering. There he discovered data processing, and his professional life took off.

"Trinity had just gotten its first computer. I was fascinated by this machine, where you could put in some data, the lights blinked, and out popped an answer." Encouraged by his mentor, August "Gus" Sapega [Karl W. Hallden Professor of Engineering, Emeritus], Calabrese pursued a career in the field, working at IBM, Travelers Insurance, and Pricewaterhouse Coopers. He retired as a senior systems analyst from Baystate Health in 2013.

With his professional background, Calabrese maintains a database of his classmates' contact information. He frequently sends messages to his cohorts, urging them to attend important Class of 1963 events, such as their monthly catch-up via Zoom. His work pays off. Over the years, his class has received five Reunion attendance awards, including for their 60th.

A dedicated family man, Calabrese is the father of six, including Jamie Calabrese Bratt '05, and the stepfather of three. He and Linda have 21 grandchildren between them, as well as one on the way.

"I thoroughly enjoyed my years at Trin," he says. "I learned a lot, academically and otherwise, made many lifelong friends, and very much enjoyed playing the sports I loved so much."

—Mary Howard



## Recent publications

### Shakespeare's White Others

DAVID STERLING BROWN '06,  
Associate Professor of English  
Cambridge University Press, 2023; 214 pages

### Iraq: Power, Institutions, and Identities

ANDREW FLIBBERT,  
Associate Professor of  
Political Science  
Routledge, 2023; 219 pages

### A Day I Ain't Never Seen Before: Remembering the Civil Rights Movement in Marks, Mississippi

JOE BATEMAN and  
CHERYL LYNN GREENBERG,  
Paul E. Raether Distinguished  
Professor of History, Emerita  
The University of Georgia Press, 2023;  
280 pages

### Decolonize Self-Care

ALYSON K. SPURGAS,  
Associate Professor of Sociology, and  
Zoë C. Meleo-Erwin  
OR Books, 2023; 275 pages

### Leon Trotsky and the Struggle for Socialism in the Twenty-First Century

DAVID W. GREEN '71,  
under the pen name David North  
Mehring Books, 2023; 276 pages

### Designing-Women's Lives: Transforming Place and Self

TOBY ISRAEL '74  
ORO Editions, 2023; 179 pages

### The Children's Front: The True Story of an Orphanage in Wartime France

MARTY PARKES '81  
Indie Books International, 2023; 117 pages

### Peril at Price Manor

LAURA PARNUM '95  
HarperCollins, 2023; 292 pages

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# Experiential certificates

As part of the Trinity Plus curriculum launched in 2021, the College introduced experiential certificates, which complement the core liberal arts experience with integrated courses and applied learning experiences that prepare students for their next steps after Trinity.

"Experiential certificates are all about connecting academic inquiry to professional aspiration," said Mitchell A. Polin '96, associate dean for curriculum and professor of theater and dance. "They present an opportunity for students to practice ideas and not just examine them from a distance."

With 30 experiential certificates now offered—and more being designed by faculty each year—students have the opportunity to pursue deeper, more hands-on studies in highly focused areas. "The faculty is dedicated to expanding ways for students to think about what comes after Trinity, especially in their senior year, and to explore the disciplinary areas about which they're passionate and curious," Polin said.

An experiential certificate is one way in which students may fulfill the new curriculum's three "plus" credits beyond Trinity's required 32 academic credits, with 35 needed for graduation. Each certificate consists of three credits, combining both academic and co-curricular credit-bearing experiences, with at least one credit from both categories. Co-curricular experiences include, but are not limited to, teaching assistantships, peer teaching and mentorships, internships, short-term global study, some unpaid research with a faculty member, paid summer research, and most January Term courses.

A completed certificate will be reflected on a student's transcript, which Polin said will demonstrate to a potential graduate school or employer that the student has worked seriously on a focused topic. "It tells where a student's passion lies and provides a deeper story of who they are and the work they pursued while at Trinity College," he said.

"We're not leaving behind critical ideas and questions that are happening in the classroom—we're applying them outward, pushing against the edge of the classroom and into the world," Polin said. "The hours students spend outside of the classroom matter, too. With these certificates, students continue learning through experiential activities."

## 30 EXPERIENTIAL CERTIFICATES

Academic Leadership  
Archaeological Fieldwork  
Bioinstrumentation  
Carceral Systems and Social Change  
Clinical Neuroscience  
Cybersecurity  
Design Thinking  
Digital Communication  
Entrepreneurship  
Ethnomusicology  
Film Curation  
Global Health and Human Ecology  
Information Security  
Innovation  
Machine Learning

Medicine and Allied Health  
Multidisciplinary Approaches to Climate Emergency  
Multimedia Communications  
Organ Performance  
Private Governance  
Research in Mathematics  
Software Development  
Subject Specific Writing  
Tax Policy and Inequality  
Technical Theater  
Translation in Practice  
Tutoring Academic Writing  
Urban Engaged Learning  
Using Second Language Skills in a STEM Context  
Writing Pedagogy



For more information on Trinity's experiential certificates, please visit [trincollreporter.online/ExperientialCertificates](https://trincollreporter.online/ExperientialCertificates).

## LETTERS

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### Rowing recollections

A childhood friend sent me the back of your current Trinity College magazine with this picture of my dad. I just wanted to let you know how much it warmed my heart. He was not at Trinity for very long, but I do remember living there when I was very young. He left to teach American history and coach crew at Phillips Exeter Academy in New Hampshire for the remainder of his career. He is 91 and currently resides in Exeter with my mother in the house I grew up in. I sent this picture to them yesterday when I received it, and I know it brought back some nice memories and a smile to their faces. Thank you for that!

**Amy Gilcreast Nye**

*Alpharetta, Georgia*

You asked if anyone could identify the people in the photo on the back cover of the fall 2023 *Reporter*. The fellow in the light-colored sweatshirt second from stern carrying the boat (with eyeglasses) is Richard Charney '66. Coach Gilcreast is at right.

Note the ramp from the boathouse is sand and had not yet been paved. I think this dates the photograph to 1964. ... I entered Trinity as a freshman in fall 1965 and became coxswain of the freshman crew of 1965–66. Rich Charney was by then in the varsity or JV boat. Gilcreast was my coach for 1965–66 and 1966–67 when I was JV coxswain.

**Alden Gordon '69, P'05, '10, '12**

*Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts  
Farmington, Connecticut*

## COMMITMENT TO

# Diversity

Trinity is among 110 higher education institutions nationwide—and the only one from Connecticut—to receive the 2023 Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award, which recognizes the College as a leader in advancing the core values of diversity, equity, and inclusion.

“This is a remarkable achievement that underscores and celebrates our community’s commitment to the core values of diversity and inclusion,” said Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. “I’m extremely grateful for the progress we’ve been able to make to foster a more welcoming and representative environment and for the effort that so many have given to champion this work. This recognition is certainly a moment of pride for the College.”

The publishers of *INSIGHT Into Diversity* magazine, which issues the award, noted the honor is a tribute to higher education institutions that effectively encourage and inspire a new generation of diverse students to succeed.

The recognition arrives five years after Trinity launched its Office for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) and named Anita Davis its inaugural vice president. “Through multiyear interventions, we are creating an inclusive environment,” said Davis. “Partnerships throughout the College ensure we all own this as an important goal.”

In applying for the HEED Award, Trinity provided a rigorous accounting of policies, strategies, programs, initiatives, demographics, and protocols. The Task Force on Campus Climate created an Action Plan for Racial Justice, which captured more than 250 actions identified by departments, programs, and groups to move the campus along the path to becoming a more racially and socially just community.

Trinity also integrated DEI principles into faculty and staff search processes. A recent special opportunity hiring initiative increased faculty of color from 21 percent in 2019 to 35 percent in 2023. The College increased staff of color from 20 percent in 2019 to 30 percent in 2023.

At the same time, Trinity continues to strengthen diversity and inclusion through modifications to the employee application process, through the onboarding process, and through continuing staff development, according to Michelle Cabral, associate vice president for human resources.

In the past decade, the College has increased by 50 percent financial aid for undergraduate students, enriching the socioeconomic, racial, and international diversity of the student body.

# Trinity Treasure

## P.R.I.D.E.

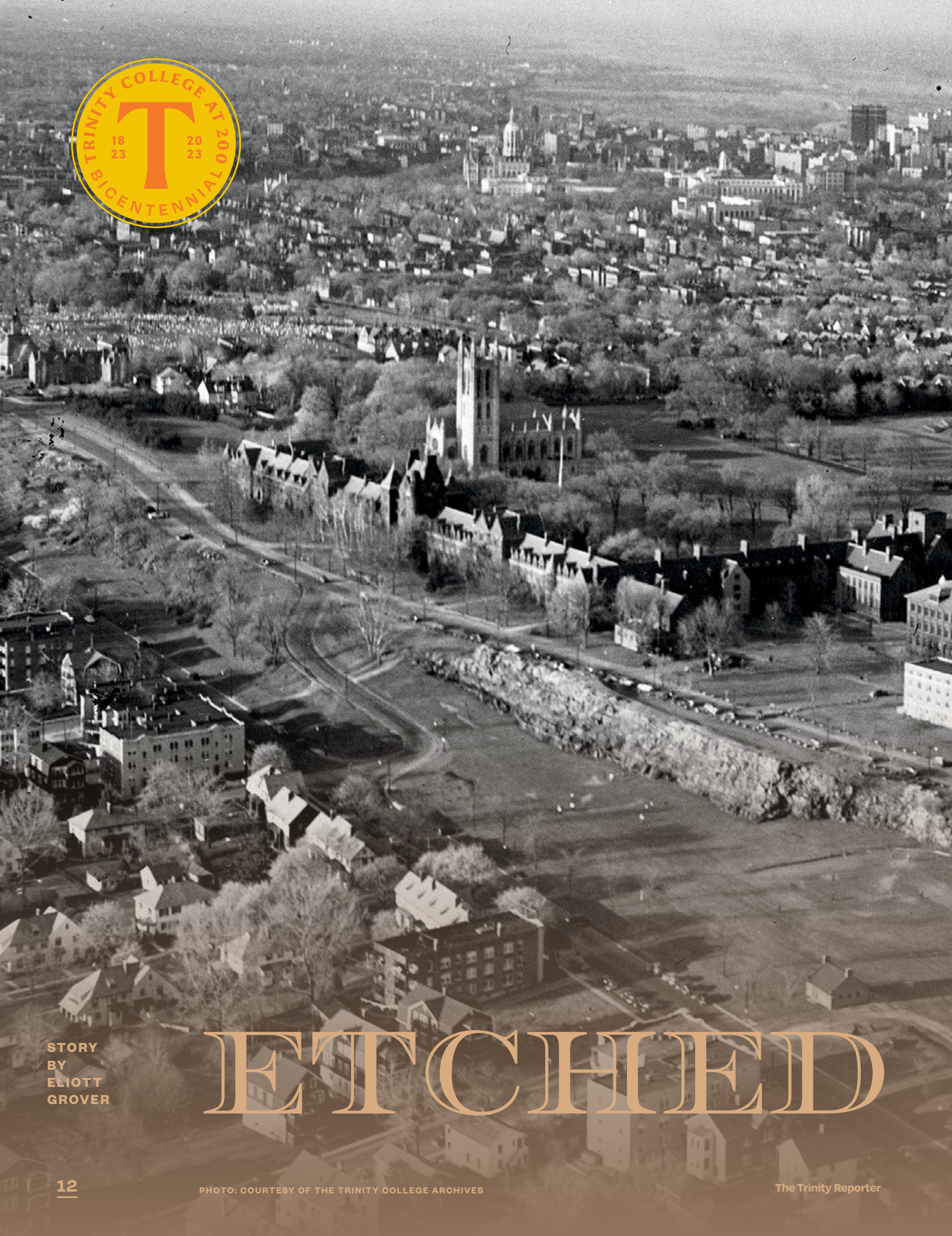
Promoting Respect for Inclusive Diversity in Education—more commonly known as P.R.I.D.E.—is a peer-mentoring program that promotes a culture of support and understanding for the challenges that students from underrepresented backgrounds face at a predominantly white institution. At the start of each academic year, P.R.I.D.E.'s three-day Welcome Weekend aids new students in learning about the campus and in making a successful transition to the College's academic and social environment. The support continues as P.R.I.D.E., which celebrated its 25th anniversary in 2023, boasts nearly two dozen student leaders who live in all first-year residence halls and in other housing throughout campus, providing a visible and available mentoring network. The program also extends its resources to all students across the academic year. P.R.I.D.E. Program Coordinator and Cultural House Supervisor Jared Delane notes that the program's greatest strength is that it creates a community where students feel connected to one another, the College, and Hartford. "P.R.I.D.E. provides students from all backgrounds a space on campus where their voices and experiences can be heard and validated," Delane says. "P.R.I.D.E. also cultivates opportunities to educate and highlight the diversity that exists in our campus community."

"Trinity Treasure" highlights a person, place, or thing on campus that is just what the name implies: a Trinity treasure. Do you have an idea for what to showcase? Please send your suggestions to [sonya.adams@trincoll.edu](mailto:sonya.adams@trincoll.edu).



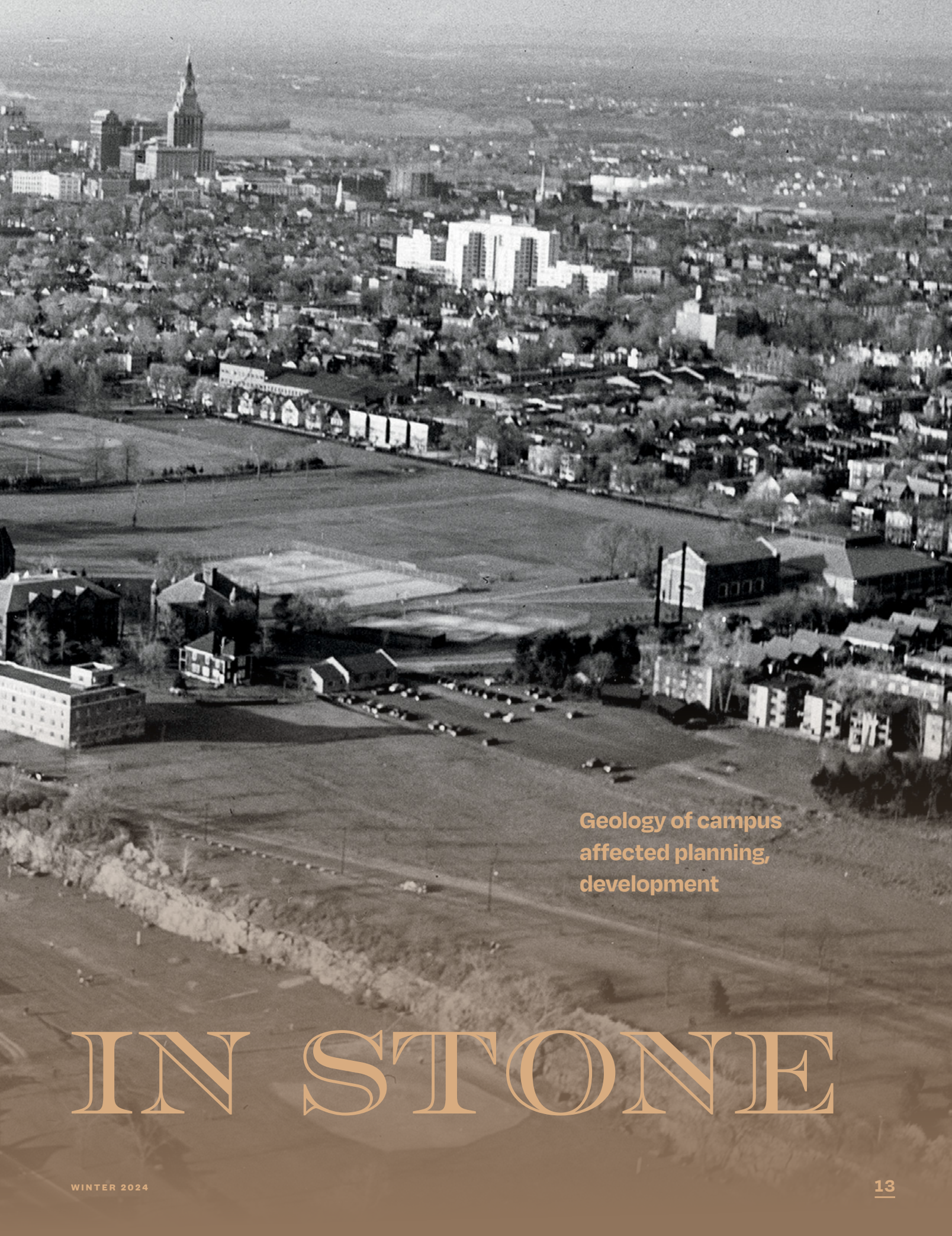
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P.R.I.D.E. leaders Jessica Cruz '26, Ashley Nelson '26, Lilly Supples '26, and Aleem Ogunsanya '26 gather in front of Mather Hall.



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# ETCHED



Geology of campus  
affected planning,  
development

# IN STONE

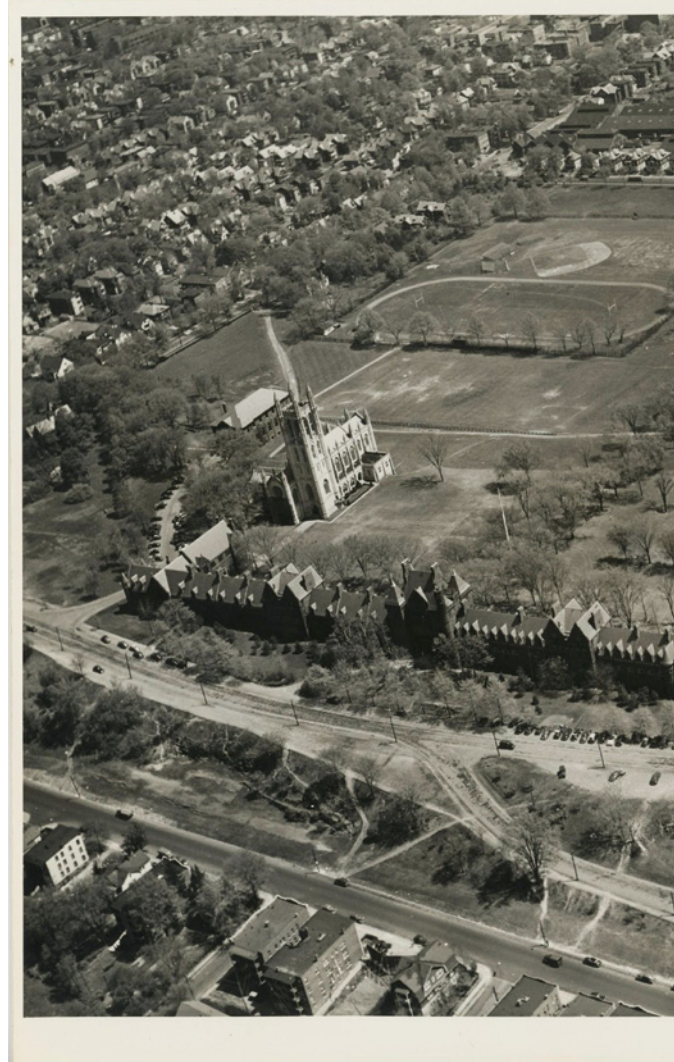
As Trinity College continues to mark its Bicentennial, the *Reporter* dug deep—figuratively—into the geological foundation of the campus on Summit Street. Read on to learn what we unearthed about the background of what was once known as Rocky Ridge.

#### BACK TO THE BEGINNING

According to *300 Million Years of Trinity History: A Field Trip into the Geology of Trinity's Campus*, a pamphlet by Christoph E. Geiss, professor of physics and environmental science, and Jonathan Gourley, principal lecturer and laboratory coordinator in Trinity's Environmental Science Program, the rocks underlying Trinity's campus were created some 200 million years ago during the Jurassic Period and the breakup of Pangea, the supercontinent that had formed roughly 100 million years earlier.

Rifting, the pulling apart of tectonic plates, shaped a series of parallel valleys between Africa and the Americas. Water flowed into these valleys, creating a narrow inland sea between the conjoined continents. As the rifts widened, many of the valleys joined a larger system that became the Atlantic Ocean. But the Hartford Basin, the rift that opened in the Connecticut Valley, never fully developed. As geologic time passed, volcanic and glacial activity took turns shaping the Hartford landscape.

Geiss says that as the Hartford Basin opened, it dumped red sediment into the valley below. Over time, thanks to the mineral-rich groundwater that seeped up, the sediment compacted, cemented, and turned into sedimentary bedrock. Meanwhile, the widening rift created long cracks in the Earth's surface. Through those cracks, magma rose to the surface and then formed big lava flows. Geiss says the lava cooled in a horizontal position and turned into the basalt rock upon which Trinity is built.



"If you go down to Zion Street, to that little park down there, you can see the base of that basalt flow," Geiss continues. "The base was deposited as the basalt overran the red sediment. Those sediments had water in them, and the water evaporated on contact. You can actually see little gas bubbles in the basalt that came when the water evaporated out of the sediments, trying to squeeze their way into the basalt, and then froze in place."

Also as the Hartford Basin opened, it stretched asymmetrically, creating the ridge that Trinity is sited on, Gourley says. "The ridge is there because all those rocks slowly but surely tilted to the east, allowing them to extend upward toward the west."

This aerial photo, dated circa 1940–47, shows, at bottom right, the rocky ridge bordering the west side of campus.

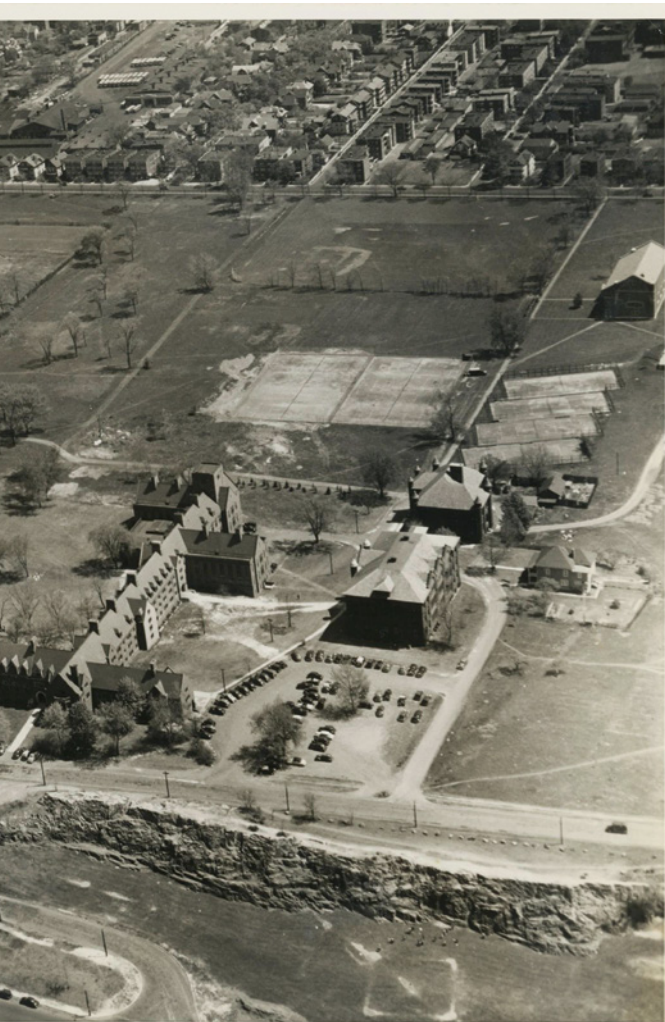


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Like much of the Northeast, Trinity's campus bears the scars of glacial activity and erosion. "The rocks tell a story of the past," he continues. "Boulders as big as school buses were getting dragged along the base of this continental glacier and scraping the bedrock." Glacial striations, such as the ones visible near the Fuller Arch, he says, point north to south and indicate which way the glaciers were moving.

#### BUILDING THE BUILDINGS

After the 1872 sale of the College's original campus to the City of Hartford as the site for the new State Capitol, Trinity's trustees purchased a large parcel about a mile to the southwest. The new campus, Rocky Ridge, was perched atop a cliff whose face

had been chiseled by a defunct quarry that fed the city's industrialization. That cliff formed the western edge of the long ridge that ran north to south between the Farmington and Connecticut River Valleys.

"The majesty of Trinity and the landscape that you can see off to the east is 100 percent controlled by the bedrock geology. . . . To maximize that wonderful view, the architects of Trinity College built a series of buildings and quadrangles that looked out to the east," Gourley says. "Not that the west wasn't attractive as well, but it's a cliff off to the west side. That makes for a difficult campus if you extend down a cliff side. But if you extend down this nicely, gently sloping east-tipping landscape, it really allows the architecture to build a gorgeous campus, which we have."

#### TIME AFTER TIME

The geologic timescale might be considered a dizzying concept. One tip from the National Park Service is to imagine geologic time as a calendar year. If Earth formed on January 1, 4.6 billion years ago, dinosaurs did not become dominant until December 15. The dinosaurs were extinct by December 19, and the Pleistocene ice ages lasted for about three hours on the morning of December 31. Humans first appeared at 11:38 p.m. on New Year's Eve.

Alden Gordon '69, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts, notes that in the 1870s, Trinity trustees hired acclaimed British architect William Burges to design the Rocky Ridge campus. A leading figure in the Gothic Revival movement, Burges was based in London and never actually visited Hartford; he trained an American architect named Francis Kimball to serve as his lieutenant. "Kimball was the one who saw the importance of cooperating with the north-south axis that was given by the geological formation," says Gordon.

Kimball also discerned that Burges's initial plan, which called for four ornate quadrangles, was too costly, Gordon says. Kimball suggested a single linear building known as a "bar building" that could run parallel to the ridge. Burges used this recommendation to design the Long Walk, the continuous structure that defines Trinity's campus and has influenced many others across the country.

"It's an earlier and more authentic Gothic Revival than most other New England campuses,"



**Jonathan Gourley, principal lecturer and laboratory coordinator in the Environmental Science Program, shows his fall 2023 "Introduction to Earth Science" class a rock formation on Summit Street.**

says Gordon. "The Gothic at Yale and Wellesley is all 20th century. Trinity being in the 1870s was in the first wave of American campus buildings that was looking to the European style."

With the cliff forming Trinity's western boundary, Gordon explains, Burges and Kimball used rubble from the Long Walk excavation to level the ground for the Main Quad on the east. Overlooking a pastoral New England landscape that rolled gently toward the Connecticut River, the view from the quad became a focal point of future campus planning.

For the 1923 Centennial, the trustees hired the architecture firm Trowbridge & Livingston to create the College's second master plan. Samuel Trowbridge was a Trinity graduate, Class of 1883, and his design led to many significant buildings, including Cook Hall, Hamlin Hall, and the

Trinity College Chapel. A critical element of the Trowbridge plan was that it honored Burges and Kimball's respect for the site's topography.

"Trowbridge and Livingston were smart enough to understand that they could square off the corners of the Burges bar building and make a return, but they would never close the eastern view," says Gordon. "That's what makes Trinity distinctive. The Main Quad is, in fact, not a quad. It's an open U."

Gordon says that the U-shape almost disappeared as part of Trinity's third master plan in 1996. "There was this fully developed plan to add to the library and have it come out to the statue of the Bishop," he says, adding that the proposed expansion would have closed off a quarter of the Main Quad's eastern view. Gordon was part of a coalition that lobbied successfully

# “THE ROCKS TELL A STORY OF THE PAST. BOULDERS AS BIG AS SCHOOL BUSES WERE GETTING DRAGGED ALONG THE BASE OF THIS CONTINENTAL GLACIER AND SCRAPING THE BEDROCK.”

JONATHAN GOURLEY, Principal Lecturer and Laboratory  
Coordinator in the Environmental Science Program

for the College to build the library addition in the opposite direction. “The first exercise in that master plan,” he jokes, “was to stop a building from being built.”

Today, the Raether Library and Information Technology Center offers an ideal vantage point to visualize the area’s geologic history. Gourley says he likes to visit the building’s rooftop for a panoramic view of the landscape. “You can see the big picture,” he says. “You see all the way across to the eastern side of the valley where the Connecticut highlands start and where the rifting ended because there’s a big fault there.”

## VOICE FROM YESTERYEAR

Writing in 1923, Trinity President Remsen Ogilby acknowledged the disparate relationship between biological and geological events. “The College itself proudly records a single century, while the rocks below register in silence thousands and millions of years.” Ogilby seemed to understand that a milestone anniversary was the perfect opportunity to recognize the history of the College and the land beneath it. Today, 100 years later, the Bicentennial offers a similar occasion to celebrate Trinity’s past and its commitment to the future, an ever-evolving story etched in scholarship and stone. ●✕◆

## What is your favorite place on campus?

**TIM LENICHECK '63:** I visited Trinity during spring vacation of my junior year in high school because the dean at the Episcopal Cathedral in Milwaukee, my home church, asked me to stop by and say hello to his friend from seminary days, Mo Thomas, who was chaplain at Trinity. He pointed out that I would be going to Harvard from Princeton and this would be a good break from the highway. So, I did. Reverend Thomas was not on campus—(almost) nobody was since it was spring break—but someone in Admissions produced a student who was on campus writing a senior paper, and he walked around with me. The day was classic pre-spring: bare branches, gray sky, chilling wind, almost funereal. Not at all like the warm sunny day I’d had at Princeton. The Long Walk, anchored then and now by the Chapel at one end and the library at the other, sent me a clear message: this was a place where I could learn—academics, yes, but much more. I saw Harvard—arrogant, aloof, needing nothing and certainly not me. When I was told Princeton grads loved it so much they were buried in orange-and-black blazers, my mind was made up: I was going to Trinity if it would have me. It would, and the rest is history. Meaningful places on campus? The **Chapel** and the **Long Walk**, of course. I lived three of my four years in Jarvis and Cook. Sometimes you get lucky. I did.

**BOB EBINGER '67:** My favorite building on campus was the newly built **Austin Arts Center**. It was here I developed my love for theater as a member of the Jesters. Not adept at acting, I enjoyed being behind the curtain once as the stage manager for *Rhinoceros*. In one of the center’s rooms, I started the Film Society using Arthur Knight’s *The Liveliest Art* and viewing 16-millimeter films from the Museum of Modern Art film library. Several of my fellow cinephiles went on to found Cinestudio in the old Clement Chemistry Building, which at my time was a lecture hall for my first-year history lectures. What were the two windows in the above room? several of us wondered. Not until James Hanley discovered that it was a projection room with its aging projectors was the Cinestudio idea born.

**IAN Y. BENNETT '62:** My favorite place at Trinity was the **football field**. I was with classmates who share my love of that game.

**SCOTT CASSIE '82:** My favorite place was, and still is, the **Funston Courtyard**. This oasis of green calm is nestled between Clement Chemistry Building and the library. The steps with the then-working fountain leading up to the quad and library entrance were the favorite path from my freshman room in Jones Hall.

The Clement building’s first-floor windows of my freshman chemistry course with Dr. Henry DePhillips looked out onto this beautiful gem. I remember looking out those windows as the seasons changed. New England autumn color gave way to silent snowfall, and then dogwood blossoms announced spring. That view would always generate within me a relaxing joy and a smile in the midst of navigating the rest of my hectic freshman year.

Therefore, when our 40th Reunion Dinner was scheduled to be held in the Funston Courtyard, I felt that it was channeling my personal Trinity karma. We enjoyed a great night in this intimate outdoor space. That relaxing joy and smile returned to me, these many years later.



Read more personal reflections on the Bicentennial  
website at [www.trincoll.edu/Bicentennial/200-Stories](http://www.trincoll.edu/Bicentennial/200-Stories).

# Digging into data for nutrition know-how

CDC expert  
**CYNTHIA OGDEN '83**  
credits lessons  
learned through  
liberal arts education

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Throughout a 30-year career at the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Cynthia Ogden '83 has distinguished herself in the fields of public health, nutritional epidemiology, obesity, and child growth. Her byline has appeared in more than 145 of the top scientific journals, including the *Journal of the American Medical Association* and *Pediatrics*. She has led a research staff of 12 doctoral and master's-level scientists, including physicians, nutritionists, epidemiologists, and statisticians, and has lectured in her field throughout the world.

Yet if one asks Ogden what her most memorable class was during her days at Trinity College, her answer might be surprising. She recalls an art course (though the religion course "Job and His Friends," taught by longtime professor John Gettier, might be a close second). Ogden credits art with teaching her to do what is critical in scientific work: to pay attention.

"I remember spending hours in front of paintings in the Austin Arts Center with Fine Arts Professor George Chaplin telling us, 'You have to look. What do you see?'" Ogden says. "Now, I spend hours examining survey results and trying to understand what I'm looking at. Is there a pattern? Is there a better way to communicate what I'm doing? Is my scientific paper saying what I want it to say? What is the story? In both art and science, you are always telling a story."

When it comes to the story of Ogden's career, it's clear that the strength of Trinity's liberal arts curriculum played a pivotal role. The College offered an education that taught the budding scientist to think broadly and critically, a skill that became particularly relevant in the kind of unscripted moments that came with the advent of a novel coronavirus spreading in a defenseless human population of nearly 7.9 billion.

As an undergraduate, Ogden was able to explore a wide range of interests, so much so that when the time came for her to declare a major, she found herself in a bit of a quandary. She was good at math and always loved it, but she also loved art and literature. Her childhood included poetry readings with her father, poet and beloved Trinity English professor Hugh Ogden, and exploring art museums with her mother. When she arrived at Trinity, she met students hailing



from as far away as West Africa, sparking more inquisitiveness.

"I remember talking to my dad," she says, "trying to figure out what to major in because I had all these interests. I didn't want to major in anything—I just wanted to keep taking classes!"

"When I met people from Ghana at Trinity, I realized that I knew absolutely nothing about African history or culture or politics," she continues. "I got a lot from Trinity. Not just from teachers like Gettier and Chaplin but also Leslie Desmangles [religious studies, international studies], Sonia Lee [language and culture studies], and Jim Miller [English, American studies]. I was also introduced to statistics. I liked it because it's a way of quantifying things. I like the patterns and numbers and being precise in my language."

Ogden finally decided on the interdisciplinary major of intercultural studies, writing her senior thesis on images of the mother in West African literature. After graduating, she took a

Cynthia Ogden '83, in her Hyattsville, Maryland, CDC office building



and travel to Kigali, Rwanda, just a few months before the genocide, to research her dissertation, which focused on malnutrition among that city's young children.

"I decided that studying and analyzing information about the epidemiology of nutrition was a good place to use my math skills," she says. "It wasn't enough for me just to do math in insurance."

A postdoctoral year with the New York State Health Department's Nutrition Division saw Ogden researching the nutritional status of young children and analyzing county-level data on childhood obesity. That experience led to the Epidemic Intelligence Service (EIS), a two-year applied epidemiology fellowship program with the CDC.

"When you join EIS," she says, "they place you in any one of a number of different parts of the agency. I was placed at the National Center for Health Statistics, working on the National Health and Nutrition Examination

Survey (NHANES), the premier nutrition survey for the U.S. It was perfect for me."

She has been with the CDC ever since. Now an internationally recognized expert, she is a branch chief in the division that operates NHANES. She also teaches nutritional epidemiology and the epidemiology of obesity at the George Washington University's Milken Institute School of Public Health, where she has mentored dozens of students.


"Anyone in the field of obesity knows Cynthia's work," notes Craig Hales, M.D., M.P.H., a clinical reviewer at the Food and Drug Administration's Division of Diabetes, Lipid Disorders, and Obesity. "She is one of the most published scientists at the CDC. In fact, because of her enthusiasm and approach—and her generosity with her time and expertise when we first worked together—I switched my career trajectory from being a medical epidemiologist specializing in infectious diseases to obesity epidemiology and medicine."

job in computer programming in an insurance company's actuarial department but found the work did not suit her at all. "I was not ready to stop learning," she says.

After less than a year in insurance, she applied to five graduate schools and was accepted to all of them; she chose Cornell University. Focusing on international development—while continuing to take classes in art and African studies—she earned a master's degree and a Ph.D. in city and regional planning, with a minor in nutrition.

"International development—that's what I thought I wanted to do," she says. "I even considered the Peace Corps. I wanted to teach math in Africa. City and regional planning—it's broader and encompasses how societies function together, how we live together in urban and rural areas, including food systems and health."

Her years at Cornell were punctuated by an internship in Rome with the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), where she worked as an international nutrition consultant,



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It was during the COVID-19 pandemic that Ogden’s expansive liberal arts background showed its usefulness and power. With the virus spreading, Ogden was called to step away from the relative ease of her known work to deploy to the CDC Office of Readiness and Response. With the world’s scientific community waiting for the most up-to-date news, she led a service for CDC leaders in which a team of scientists scoured emerging scientific information daily to pull together summaries of the most important newly released studies. She also developed a daily summation email for the CDC director.

The work was intense, at least 60 hours a week, in a field of expertise not her own. “But I am proud of having been able to learn quickly,” she says, “to apply my skill set to digesting and interpreting a different area of science and to do something absolutely essential at that moment.”

Ogden made other, unique contributions to the COVID-19 response after realizing that the medical trucks used for NHANES—which was shut down with everything else—could be repurposed to support testing in areas with limited access. She worked with the D.C. Department of Forensic Science to get the trucks deployed, says Barbara Mahon, M.D., acting principal deputy director of the CDC Global Health Center.

“Cynthia is the one-in-a-million person who is both incredibly astute quantitatively

and who also has extremely acute emotional intelligence and concern for others,” says Mahon, who worked with Ogden during the COVID-19 emergency response. “These qualities have driven her whole career, from the teaching in analytic thinking that led to her receiving a national award for mentorship in quantitative sciences [the Jeanne E. Griffith Mentoring Award from the American Statistical Association Government Statistics Section], to her transformative work on the COVID-19 response in synthesizing emerging scientific knowledge for the highest levels of leadership.”

Back at her regular CDC job, based in Hyattsville, Maryland, Ogden continues to carry out cross-disciplinary research and to give presentations at workshops, professional meetings, and universities, as well as doing media interviews. In her personal life, she also brought her scientific expertise to the board of Sidwell Friends School, where she served for nine years and where her two children were educated.

“When I give talks, people will often comment, ‘You really love your job!’” Ogden says. “And I do. I work with fabulous people, and I love gathering and analyzing data because of what it can teach us. The applied research I do helps us answer questions that many people care about.” Those include questions raised by disparities in obesity throughout the country and by the significant increase over the past four decades in U.S. obesity rates among adults (from 15 percent to 42 percent) and among children (from 5 percent to 20 percent). They are questions Ogden finds herself well prepared to accommodate—it was way back in the religion class taught by John Gettier where she first learned to sit with the hard questions, to appreciate the complexity of human life and societies throughout the ages.

“Trinity opened up a lot of things I didn’t know anything about,” she recalls. “World history and philosophy. That’s what Trinity did for me. I thought, ‘Wow, there’s so many things to learn.’ There were so many moments where I said, ‘I didn’t know that!’” ●✕◆

*Kathy Ogden IDP’90 contributed to this story.*

## REMEMBERING

# Hugh Ogden

'I was proud of being his daughter'

A profile of Trinity graduate Cynthia Ogden '83 would not be complete without a nod to her father, poet and longtime Trinity College English professor Hugh Ogden.

The elder Ogden taught at Trinity for almost 40 years and co-founded the College's creative writing program. He published seven books of poetry; won a National Endowment for the Arts Creative Writing Fellowship and three Connecticut Commission on the Arts grants; and during the last 10 years of his life, secured residencies at MacDowell in New Hampshire, Djerassi Resident Artists Program in California, Hawthornden Literary Retreat for Creative Writers in Scotland, the Château de Lavigny in Switzerland, the Island Institute in Sitka, Alaska, and many others.

But it was his time in the classroom where he may have had the most impact—Ogden is still cited by alumni for the effect he had on their lives. Among them is celebrated Pakistani poet and painter Raja Changez Sultan '72, who spoke at Trinity's Commencement in 2022 and received an honorary doctor of fine arts degree from the College. Sultan wrote his first poem 'neath the elms and said he remembers Ogden reading the poem in the cafeteria the next day—and encouraging the young Sultan to keep writing.

Steve Foley '72 was another of Ogden's students who had fond memories.

"He was the only teacher I've ever had who could make a class sort of gasp with wonder," Foley told *The Hartford Courant* after Ogden's death on Sunday, December 31, 2006. Ogden had fallen through the ice at his island cabin at Rangeley Lake, Maine.

Coming as it did when he was still teaching and months after the publication of his latest book, Ogden's passing was observed in television news and newspapers around the region, including in a *New York Times* story that described him as a "popular" presence on campus "whose visage evoked an ebullient Albert Einstein."

In the months after his drowning, Cynthia Ogden led an effort to create a poetry reading in honor of her father; that work led family, friends, former students, and colleagues to make gifts to the College and resulted in the creation of the Hugh S. Ogden Poetry Prize/Poet-In-Residence.

Though the prize and reading were sidelined by the COVID-19 pandemic, recent recipients are a testament to the strength of the English Department today. The 2019 recipient of the prize was Ada Limón, who in 2022 was named 24th Poet Laureate of the United States, and the 2018 recipient was Carl Phillips, winner of the 2023 Pulitzer Prize for Poetry.



Top to bottom: Cynthia Ogden '83, right, with father Hugh Ogden at her Commencement; Ogden with sister Kathy IDP'90, brother David, and father Hugh at Kathy's Commencement

Previous Hugh Ogden poets, who all have returned to campus to work with students, include Trinity alumni Chase Twichell '73, Herman Asarnow '72, James Longenbach '81, and Steve Foley.

"I was proud of being his daughter," says Cynthia Ogden. "He was an important part of my Trinity experience, even as a little girl. I remember coming to campus as a child and sitting in on his classes. I remember playing on the quad and rolling down the hills overlooking the city of Hartford. I loved it."

# Finding their footing

**All incoming students take part in 'flipped' orientation**

**“How do we welcome students from all over the world and help them to come together and start being Trinity Bantams?”**

John L. Selders Jr., assistant dean of students, said that this question guided the creation of a reimagined New Student Orientation program that was introduced in fall 2023. “It’s all about building a Bantam identity right off the bat,” he says.

A conversation after the previous fall’s orientation led to a significantly restructured program that is designed to foster a greater sense of community among the new students and a more immediate connection to the campus and to the city of Hartford, according to Jody T. Goodman, dean of student life.

“We flipped orientation on its head this year,” Goodman says. In recent years, incoming first-year students could choose to arrive on campus several days early for a limited number of intensive special-interest pre-orientation programs. After these small groups had bonded, the remainder of the new students would move in and the whole class would begin orientation programming after Convocation. Now, the order is reversed, and every student is included in the entire process.

In the updated format, most new students arrive on the same day for the Convocation and Matriculation ceremony, marking the start of the academic year (some exceptions include early-arriving student-athletes and participants in the P.R.I.D.E. Welcome Weekend; see page 11 for more on the latter). Along with their assigned orientation groups—each with a student orientation leader—all students attend workshops related to important social and wellness topics and informational sessions about academics. They are introduced to their first-year seminars, meet their residential learning coordinator and resident adviser, and take part in traditions old (signing the Matriculation Book, which dates back nearly 200 years) and newer (a candle-lighting in the Chapel, which began in 2017).

Finally, students break off into specific Orientation NEXT programs, which have replaced the optional pre-orientation programs [see page 29]. Goodman says this puts all students on the same footing, giving everyone the time and opportunity to form bonds and eliminating possible barriers to participation.

Matthew Hyde, dean of admissions and financial aid, says that he and his team played a role in this new process by helping to put together the orientation groups. “With 10 to 15 students per group, we gathered dynamic, diverse sets of students that represent the

**Incoming Trinity students view *The Genius of Connecticut*, a bronze sculpture in the Connecticut State Capitol in Hartford, during New Student Orientation.**



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dimensions of the class,” Hyde says. “We wanted to create small communities where students could recognize how much they had to learn from their classmates, especially when difference exists.”

To Hyde, having all new students on campus together earlier offers more time for them to engage with their peers as they absorb a good deal of information as a group and create their collective Trinity identity. “It’s so important to build a connection among the new students and between them and the College,” Hyde says. “This new design creates more grace and space for all students to find their footing and not to rush it. Our goal for orientation is to maximize a sense of care, connection, and community, leaving students feeling empowered that they know people here and that they know where to go for support.”

That support system for new students begins with the student orientation leaders. “We had an amazing group of orientation leaders this year who worked really hard. I don’t know how we would have done this without them,” Goodman says. “They even did extra things to help new students feel comfortable on campus, like finding their classrooms.”

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**MATTHEW HYDE, Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid**

Heading up the team of student orientation leaders were chairs Xavier Mercado '24 and Abby Nick '24, who began their time at Trinity during the height of the COVID-19 pandemic in fall 2020 and therefore without any on-campus orientation. “Giving new students the time to define Trinity as their own space during orientation is really important,” says Nick. “I wanted to help create the kind of welcoming experience I couldn’t have when I was coming in. Orientation leaders are experts at being students; you can ask them anything. It builds a sense of trust between mentors and younger students.”



**1. Bantams enter Austin Arts Center. 2. Students take part in Sustainable Trinity, Sustainable Hartford in the Trinfo.Café Community Garden. 3. New students take turns signing the Matriculation book. 4. Izzy DiPreta '27 and Ryley Disner '27 participate in the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference for Women's Leadership. 5. Two students take part in the Invention, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship program.**





**“It is important for all students to feel a sense of pride in the whole community when they get here: you’re a Trinity student, you ought to be proud of that and build a sense of belonging.”**

**JODY T. GOODMAN, Dean of Student Life**

Mercado, who says he wanted to be part of orientation to help develop meaningful and intentional relationships, adds, “I was so proud of all the leaders; they were so engaged and on the ball.” He recalls when he was reminded of how every connection can make an impact: “One first-year student who asked me for help on move-in day said I gave him a tour of campus last year when I worked for Admissions,” he says.

Mercado says that he appreciated how the Orientation NEXT programs encouraged students to get outside of their comfort zones—and off campus—to find new interests related to Hartford.

“This is a great way to help students with a smooth matriculation process,” he says.

Among the Orientation NEXT programs that found students exploring their new home city was Insights into Hartford, which included tours and activities focusing on local art, cuisine, sustainability, and more.

“This is an opportunity for more first-year students to participate in the wide array of what Hartford and the region have to offer,” Selders says. “They were moving, eating, experiencing different places, even getting bus passes. Some students visited the State Capitol, and others did a dance class in Bushnell Park. They walked back to campus and learned about the Park Street Library and all that Parkville has to offer, just a few blocks away.”

Throughout New Student Orientation, organized activities didn’t stop when the sun went down. “There was so much energy at our late-night orientation programming that I don’t think I’ve seen before,” says Goodman. The informal events included a carnival, a karaoke night, and bingo and other games. “I loved seeing students outside with some music playing, just





## Orientation NEXT

### **BANTS: Fall Early Returning Athletes**

First-year fall student-athletes explore foundational concepts of leadership, teamwork, and wellness with an athletics nexus.

### **Building Better Bantams**

Incoming students build their leadership skills as members of the Bantam community through this multidisciplinary program for emerging leaders.

### **Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference for Women's Leadership**

Through sessions on team building, strengths assessment, and more, new students have an opportunity to get to know future classmates interested in women's leadership.

### **Insights into Hartford: Our Place, Our Home**

Incoming Bantams are provided a unique lens through which to view Trinity's home city. The Hartford-focused programming includes:

- Amazing Race
- COMPASS: Trinity College Chapel's Orientation NEXT Program
- hARTford
- Hartford Highlights
- Hartford Is Home
- Hartford on a Plate
- Sustainable Trinity, Sustainable Hartford

### **Invention, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship**

New first-years experience multiple field trips to explore innovation around Hartford, including visits to RTX Technologies Research Center and Six Flags New England, to see engineering in action.

### **Quest: Outdoor Adventure**

Through Trinity's outdoor orientation program, incoming students focus on leadership development and community building while starting their college journey with a wilderness adventure.

### **Summit 2 Success Scholars**

New students design their Trinity experience and prepare to navigate college transitions successfully through this program designed to support transitions and academic engagement.

talking and laughing," she says. "Good, clean fun was happening in those spaces, and it just felt good to be there."

New students weren't the only ones becoming oriented with Trinity and all it has to offer. Parent orientation was expanded to a two-day program, rather than just one afternoon. Goodman says the sessions were well attended, with more than 300 people registered. "We invited a lot of people parents always want to speak with, like faculty members and staff from the health center," she says. "I think everyone asked great questions and walked away with a really positive experience."

As the Office of Student and Community Life gathers feedback and lessons from this year's experiences, work on next fall's New Student Orientation has already begun, with plans to refine the schedule and to recruit more staff and faculty partners from across campus.

"We're all very proud of the work we do to provide meaningful first experiences," Goodman says. "It is important for all students to feel a sense of pride in the whole community when they get here: you're a Trinity student, you ought to be proud of that and build a sense of belonging."

Adds Selders, "We don't get another chance to make a first impression. All of this planning and hard work goes into providing days of activities and programming so that new students can feel welcome and feel more comfortable that, for the next four years, this is home." ●✕◆



**Left:** Students tour downtown Hartford.  
**Top:** P.R.I.D.E. leader Aleem Ogunsanya '26 takes a break.  
**Above:** Princess Davenport '27 participates in the Invention, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship program.



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pen novels

# From roommates to writers

It wasn't obvious during their time as Trinity College students that Peter Wheelwright '72 and Bill Miller '72 would become writers. Wheelwright chose to major in studio arts because he "didn't want to write a paper ever again." Miller, an English major, dropped out of his creative writing class with celebrated poet Hugh Ogden. "I regretted it later," he admits.

But in 2022, the former Trinity roommates published well-received novels. Wheelwright's *The Door-Man* (Fomite) was listed as "One of the Best Books of 2022" by *The New Yorker*. The book combines fact and fiction as it tells the story of three generations of families and their connection to a paleontological discovery. He also is the author of *As It Is on Earth* (Fomite, 2012).

Miller's book, *Steel City: A Story of Pittsburgh* (Lyons Press, 2022), examines growth and brutality in the author's hometown, when Pittsburgh was in its golden age as the country's leader in steel, food processing, and electricity. A reviewer on BookTrib.com says, "*Steel City* entralls readers of historical fiction from the first page with an immersive plot set in the industrial sprawl and black smoke of Pittsburgh in the 1890s."



**Above:** Bill Miller '72 and Peter Wheelwright '72, reunite on the Long Walk in September 2023; **far right, top:** Miller and Wheelwright in their fraternity portraits; **far right, bottom:** Miller's and Wheelwright's novels

The two met during their first year at Trinity, introduced by Will Whetzel '72, who grew up with Miller in Pittsburgh and attended boarding school with Wheelwright at St. Paul's School in New Hampshire. "We all came from very structured, traditional backgrounds," says Whetzel. But against the backdrop of the 1970s, their college years were less so.

Wheelwright, who grew up in Lenox, Massachusetts, admits to being a bit of a "rascal." Kicked out of St. Paul's as a senior—"I busted every rule"—he spent a year studying in England before arriving at Trinity, where his older brother, George, was a student.

**"Billy and I both share in our books an interest in research and history, imagining the inner lives of these real characters in history."**

**PETER WHEELWRIGHT '72**

Wheelwright had an appetite for mischief and distinguished himself on campus by driving an old Jaguar while wearing goggles and a white scarf. "I was restless and fun loving," he says.

Miller also had his wild side, taking many crazy road trips to nearby women's colleges. "But somehow, we protected each other from going too far out," says Wheelwright.

During their sophomore year, they lived in a former office in Seabury Hall, with Whetzel and Hugh Mohr '72, who passed away last May. "There were two great big rooms for the four of us," recalls Miller. Wheelwright created his own den out of soundproof panels in an alcove, and a friend painted a giant image of the Hulk on one of the walls. There was even a dog, Poco, whom Wheelwright brought home from the garage where he worked part time. "She died six weeks after my first child was born," he notes.

Wanting to stay connected, all four roommates pledged to St. Anthony Hall. It was a difficult choice for all of them, but particularly hard for Wheelwright, whose brother wanted him to pledge to his fraternity, Psi Upsilon.

"I remember that we all were in tears at different times that week," says Miller. "It seems silly, in retrospect, but it shows how close we were."

During their junior year, Miller and Wheelwright lived together in Ogilby. "There were a lot of fun and games, but it wasn't all fun and games," says Miller, who recalls spending hours in the library, "grinding out papers." He also enjoyed English professor Richard Benton's "Five Popular Fictional Forms" class, where he delved into Zane Grey, Robert Heinlein, and Raymond Chandler. "They resonated with me more than Jane Austen," he says.

Wheelwright admits, “We probably had too much fun.” Though his class rank was consistently in the bottom 10 percent, he “stopped playing around” when he discovered architecture in the fall of his senior year. Professors Terry La Noue and Dieter Froese from Trinity’s Fine Arts Department organized an independent semester in SoHo, where students could apprentice with artists or architects. Wheelwright spent the semester with celebrated architect Charles Gwathmey. “It was a fabulous opportunity,” he says.

After graduation, he spent a year studying architecture at Cornell University before earning a master’s in architecture from Princeton University in 1975. He began PMW Architects in New York City shortly thereafter, and his work has been published in *Architecture*, *Metropolitan Home*, and the *Journal of Architectural Education*, among other publications. His pieces *Kaleidoscope Dollhouse* and *Poolhouse*, which he co-created with Laurie Simmons, are in the permanent collection of the Museum of Modern Art.

Wheelwright also taught architecture at Parsons School of Design, The New School, from 1983 to 2017, serving as chair of the Department of Architecture from 1997 to 2007. It was there that he started to think seriously about writing. Influenced, in part, by his uncle and namesake, Peter Matthiessen, a novelist and recipient of three National Book Awards, Wheelwright began taking creative writing classes at The New School and penned a few short stories. “I can’t think of many better trainings than architecture to help one write a story—how to structure it, move through it, create the space of it,” he says.

One of those stories became his first novel, *As It Is on Earth*, which centers around a young college professor, Taylor Thatcher, who wrestles with his religious legacy and complicated family history. The campus described in the book is a “thinly veiled” Trinity, and Thatcher’s office is in a building reminiscent of Seabury, says Wheelwright. The book received an honorable mention for the 2013 PEN/Hemingway Award for Debut Fiction, “which was validating,” says the author, who is working on his third novel.

Miller was so delighted when Wheelwright published his first novel, he threw his friend a book party in Manhattan, where they were both living. It also got him thinking. “If Peter could do it, maybe I could, too,” he says.

Miller’s first job out of college was as a reporter for *The Day* newspaper in New London, and he



owned a summer weekly newspaper in Rhode Island for two years. He also wrote a successful blog, *Who’s Your Favorite Beatle?*, where he shared his film and theater reviews. But much of his professional career was spent at Time Inc., where he worked in the consumer marketing division for more than 30 years. He retired as a director of the department in 2016.

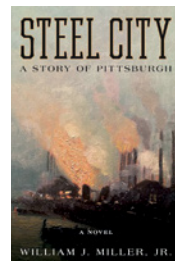
For Miller, writing *Steel City* was a labor of love. A native of Pittsburgh, he has been fascinated by the city’s past since he was a child. “I lived on the same street as steel man Henry Frick’s daughter, Helen,” he says. “In Pittsburgh, the history is all around you.”

The book took Miller almost five years to complete. “It was a year of research, a year to write, and then three years to find an agent and get published.” He says he chose to tell the story through a historical novel because it offered him more freedom. “I could shape the story the way I wanted within the bounds of historical fact,” says Miller, who has begun working on a sequel.

Wheelwright says, “Billy and I both share in our books an interest in research and history, imagining the inner lives of these real characters in history.”

Though they don’t see each other often—Miller and wife Warren travel between their homes in Rhode Island and North Carolina, and Wheelwright and wife Eliza divide time between their loft in Manhattan and a home in Upstate New York—theirs is a relationship of fondness and respect, says Wheelwright.

“And whenever we do get together,” notes mutual friend Whetzel, “we’re right back to where we were the first time we met.” ●✕◆



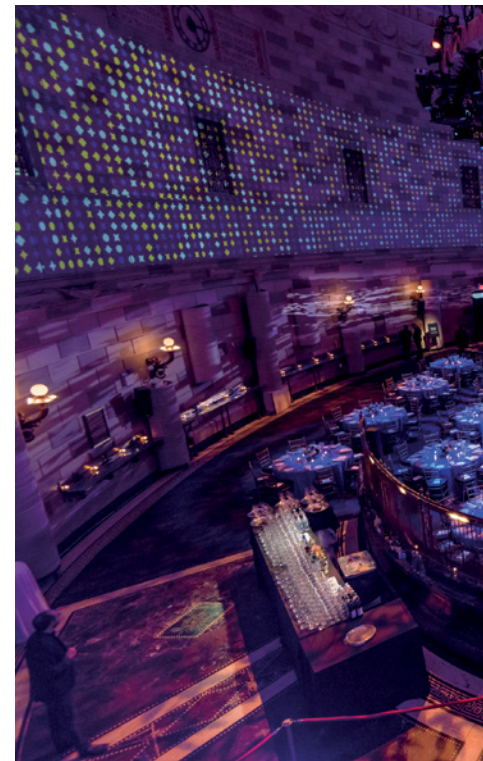
## Fundraising campaign for Trinity College kicks off public phase

# ALL IN



TRINITY COLLEGE KICKED OFF the public phase of its historic fundraising effort, the All In comprehensive campaign, on November 27, 2023.

In her message to the Trinity community announcing the launch, Board of Trustees Chair Lisa Bisaccia '78 commented on the campaign's identity: "For Trinity's most ambitious fundraising effort to date, we selected the campaign name All In because it reflects the ethos and spirit that have come to define our community." She added, "The Trinity impact is profound. For 200 years, we have educated those who use what they have learned to influence, reshape, and lead industries and communities around the world. Our students become alumni who make a difference for others, often recognizing and appreciating the depth of their connections years after leaving campus."



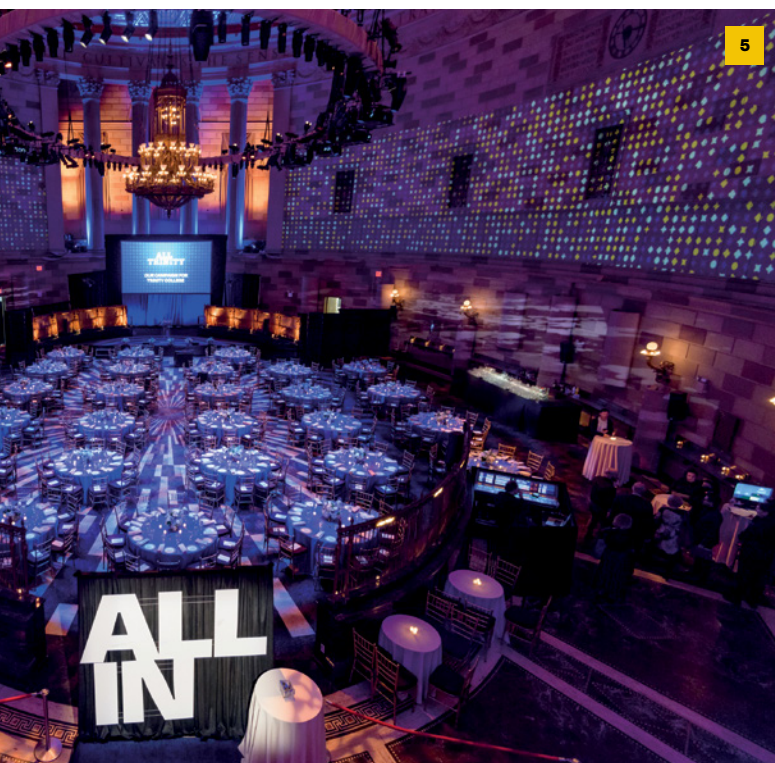
**1. President Joanne Berger-Sweeney**

**2. Dave Schnadig '86, Cornie Thornburgh '80, H'22, and Henry Mallari-D'Auria '83, All In campaign co-chairs**

**3. Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith, Bill Scully '61, H'18, and Jeff Devanney '93, P'25, '26**

**4. Andrea Joyce P'16 and Harry Smith P'16, emcees of the All In launch event**

**5. New York City's Gotham Hall, decked out in blue and gold**



Trinity started the campaign's quiet phase in 2017 and raised \$320 million. The first campaign since 2012, All In already has supported the revitalization of student spaces including the Cornelia Center, the Chapel, and the Manuel and Maria Luisa Lopes Borges Admissions Center, as well as the upcoming Ferris Athletic Center expansion. In addition to adding \$90 million to the College's endowment, efforts have raised \$71 million for student scholarships, \$60 million for the student experience through the Trinity College Fund, and \$67 million in legacy commitments.

The fundraising now will focus on affirming the most distinguishing features of a Trinity education: faculty excellence, a distinctive student experience, and a robust financial aid program.

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6. Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sonia Cardenas with John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science Kevin McMahon and Professor of History Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre



For many of us here, our Trinity experience was marked by faculty who ignited our intellectual curiosity. They made us feel intellectually alive, smarter, and capable of discoveries we believed were solely our own."

**SONIA CARDENAS**

DEAN OF THE FACULTY AND VICE PRESIDENT FOR ACADEMIC AFFAIRS,  
SCOTT M. JOHNSON '97 DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF POLITICAL SCIENCE

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## ALL IN TEAMWORK

The success of this intense effort is due to a dedicated leadership team. The co-chairs of the quiet phase, Peter Duncan '81, P'13, '14 and Kathryn George Tyree '86, worked closely with the late Vice President for Advancement Michael Casey and a strong volunteer Campaign Executive Committee. As the campaign enters its public phase, the new co-chairs, Trustees Henry Mallari-D'Auria '83 and David Schnadig '86 and former Trustee Cornelia "Cornie" Parsons Thornburgh '80, H'22—alongside Executive Director Carrie Pelzel '74, the Advancement team, and the Campaign Executive Committee—have stepped up to complete the campaign.

At the public phase launch celebration in New York City, Mallari-D'Auria, Schnadig, and Thornburgh spoke about the power of a Trinity education and the importance of supporting its future.



"We are growing resources for our faculty to attract and retain outstanding teacher-scholars and to provide our students with the experiential learning opportunities called for in our Trinity Plus curriculum," Schnadig said. "Today's students want to be challenged by discovering and learning about real-world problems firsthand."

Mallari-D'Auria added, "The All In campaign is giving our students a transformative experience that will launch them on their life's work and journey, that will someday cause them to say, 'At Trinity, there was someone who believed in me.'"

Thornburgh concluded, "Let me return to a theme of this evening: our students cannot be and will not be their best without Trinity College and all of us giving them our best."

7. Kathryn George Tyree '86 and General Counsel and Secretary of the College Deke Mathieu

8. Elissa Raether Kovas '93, P'25 and Malcolm MacLean '92

9. Doug Tansill '61, P'91, '96, Cornie Thornburgh '80, H'22, and Paul Raether '68, H'14, P'93, '96, '01, GP'25

10. Liz Elting '87, Doug Macdonald '89, and Tara Lichtenfels Gans '88, P'20

11. Board of Trustees Chair Lisa Bisaccia '78

12. Danny Meyer '80, P'20, Katherine Gage Boulud '05, Audrey Meyer P'20, and Daniel Boulud





## THE ALL IN IMPACT

The target for the remainder of the campaign—the distinguishing features of a Trinity education—is to raise at least an additional \$100 million by the end of fiscal year 2025 to support:

### Faculty excellence and the academic impact

- Generous faculty development and named professorships will ensure that faculty are afforded more resources to remain leaders in their fields and active mentors to their students.
- Experiential learning opportunities called for in our Trinity Plus curriculum—such as internships, global experiences, research opportunities with faculty, and entrepreneurship—will enable students to engage more deeply with real-world problems firsthand.

### A distinctive student experience

- Cultural houses, student residences, and spaces for collaborative work will encourage connections to be made, ideas to be shared, and friendships to be formed.
- Athletic facilities, endowment, and support for our coaches will help student-athletes compete every season to be their best and will keep Trinity highly competitive in intercollegiate sports.

### Robust financial aid program

- Broadening financial aid to support a greater number of middle-income families will widen Trinity's reach nationally and will engage students who otherwise might not think that Trinity is financially within reach.

“The world needs Trinity graduates, and our duty to prepare them well is not just an obligation to fulfill Trinity's mission; it is our obligation to society. We know that when the people of Trinity are all in, anything is possible.”

JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY  
PRESIDENT AND TRINITY COLLEGE PROFESSOR OF NEUROSCIENCE



For more information about the historic campaign, visit the campaign website at [www.trincoll.edu/Campaign](http://www.trincoll.edu/Campaign) or visit [trincollreporter.online/Campaign](http://trincollreporter.online/Campaign).

**Eric Lodge '65**  
and his classmate  
**Sam Earnshaw '65**



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**Eric Lodge '65** has been a loyal Trinity College Fund supporter for many decades. He has fond memories of his college days, including stimulating classes with professors such as George Cooper, Richard Scheuch, and Paul Smith; football weekends; and best of all, the friendships that have continued over the years. His investments in the College are inspired by today's Trinity, too. "I've been gratified to see how Trinity has kept up with the times without sacrificing the traditions established over its 200-year history. The diversity of the student body and the up-to-date course offerings indicate to me the graduates will be well equipped to be leaders in the coming years," he says.

After encouraging his clients to include philanthropy in the disposition of their estates for years, the now-retired estate planning attorney has taken his own advice. Eric recently created a charitable gift annuity (CGA) at Trinity using the Legacy IRA Act provision. He says, "A CGA enables me to make an irrevocable gift to Trinity and still retain an income stream for my lifetime at a rate higher than would be available through certificates of deposit or similar fixed-income investments. Depending on how my circumstances evolve, I may decide to donate all or a portion of the annual income from the annuity back to Trinity. The new Legacy IRA Act is unique in that it allows me to take funds directly from my IRA (up to a maximum of \$50,000) and transfer them to Trinity in exchange for the annuity. The amount transferred is not taxable income to me, and it counts toward my annual required minimum distribution (RMD). Overall, it is a win-win situation for me and for Trinity."



  
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**To learn more** about ways to include Trinity in your estate plans, contact Beth Cahill, assistant vice president for advancement, at 860-297-5315 or [elizabeth.cahill@trincoll.edu](mailto:elizabeth.cahill@trincoll.edu). Please also visit our website at [legacy.trincoll.edu](http://legacy.trincoll.edu).



# Class Notes

**1951** Vice President: Norman L. Wack • Class Agent: Vacant

**1952** Vice President: John E. Taylor • Secretary: Finley Schaef, finley.schaef.1952@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Vacant

**Bob Mansbach** reports: "In a little less than two weeks, my wife, Mary, and I will be celebrating our 67th wedding anniversary at The Otesaga resort in Cooperstown, New York. I send my best wishes to all of our surviving 1952 classmates!"

From **Ben Wilmot**: "Not much to report, but I am feeling pretty good. I am in a wonderful retirement home and paint, rest, play the piano, rest, and then nap. I am amazed at how much energy we all had in those Trinity days. Cheers!"

**1953** President: John A. North Jr. • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agent: Vacant

The class secretary position for the Class of 1953 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

**1954** President: Albert L. Smith Jr. • Vice President: Alexander J. "Sandy" Campbell • Secretary: Robert A. Wolff, robert.wolff.1954@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Alexander J. "Sandy" Campbell II

**Grant Thomas** gave a wonderful remembrance of our freshman year when the "fraternity sing-off" was scheduled. This left us freshman out, some 40 or so with choral experience. A presentation was made to the committee in charge. We were rejected. Our counter was, "Just let us be heard." We were given approval with the understanding that we would sing last and could do two numbers. The eight fraternities sang their two selections with their smaller groups and did well. [Then it was our] turn with our 40 experienced voices, including four tenors. First song was "Stout-Hearted Men." Remember the Korean Conflict was a very hot war at that time. All lights were dimmed, the chorus stayed in place. Ten seconds later, a key light illuminated a beautiful blonde in strapless black gown contrasting with a summer tan still in place.

A gasp came forth from the audience of 500 and chorus. A tenor/baritone launched into "The Sweetheart of Sigma Chi" (was it **Ray Moylan**?). On the song ending, there was an instant of silence and then a roar of applause. The Class of '54 did not compete, but we know who won unofficially. Grant also recalled the freshman basketball game with Holy Cross. Holy Cross had Togo Palazzi, later a top Boston Celtics player. That was an even bigger roar when our freshman team beat them. A great double-header of reminiscences. Thanks, Grant.

**Stan Newman** reminded us of his winning the Albert Gallatin speaking prize in 1954. His subject was the European coal and steel community, an initial step toward the EU as we know it today. Prize of \$5.

**Al Smith** reminds us of our 70th Reunion next June. He is planning a Zoom meeting on that Saturday morning for those who might have trouble attending.

**1955** Secretary: E. Wade Close Jr., wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: E. Wade Close Jr., Richard Ferraro, Don Penfield, Joseph Michelson

So here we go again, celebrating reaching the 90-year-old age category none of our class would have, could have expected as we strolled the Long Walk during our four years'neath the elms. However, I want to report the most amazing endurance performance that came to an end this past fall as **Bill LaPorte** lasted his "tour" with hospice for almost a year. His positive attitude and willingness to live a normal life under duress kept him chipper and vibrant, which I experienced with him during many of our wonderful phone visits. What would we do without our cell phones? Please see this issue's "In Memory" section.

I enjoyed hearing from **Dave Hoag**, who sent an "attaboy" message to me for the fall edition of Class Notes. I must admit the pleasure of being your secretary for 68 years in a way is all mine as my contacts often result in learning the details of some amazing events and experiences relating to our fellow '55ers.

Touching base with **Hank Scheinberg** and discussing the current mess in Israel, he said he was a U.S. Army Special Ops-trained soldier ('56-'58) and today would like to be

involved. He also admitted he tried to volunteer in the 1967 Six-Day War.

Another amazing story recently came from **Al Fisher**, who revealed that following his earning an advanced degree in oceanography, he was a top security civilian employed 30 years by the U.S. Navy. He worked on the leading edge of submarine sonar technology. The book *The Hunt for Red October* includes some of what he experienced. At one point, Al spent more than a month underwater on a U.S. Navy sub.

I have enjoyed long phone visits with roommate **Tom Bolger**, who defies age by keeping in touch with children and grandchildren almost from coast to coast. His usual two-month summer sojourn to Montana gave Shaila and him an escape from this year's high temperatures and humidity.

Loann and **Chuck Leonard** continue to confirm that their decision to relocate near their Huntsville, Alabama, family has resulted in a very, very happy existence. In contrast, **Ed Yeomans** has stayed put for literally "umpteens" years in his Hartford-area home, and he is happily under the caring and watchful eye of his daughter and his significant other.

Celebrations for reaching 90 continue into 2024 as this February, **Frank Solomita** will celebrate 90. Other than a hip replacement, Frank has been free of any major health challenges.

Barbara and **Irwin Meiselman** report they are quite pleased with their decision to settle in Riderwood, a 2,500-resident community that provides all the amenities and services you could ever want in your retirement years. Irwin will reach 90 in May.

**Dave Dimling** has transitioned to the level of being a professional croquet player and probably will be featured soon on a Wheaties cereal box. My oft visits to Atlanta to see my family allow me to keep in good touch with Dave and coincidentally with my first great-grandchild.

**Al Fisher** came up with a wonderful suggestion. Let's have another Zoom reunion. I'll check with the Alumni Office and see if that could be arranged. Keep in touch!

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In August, I talked to David Taylor about the devastation visited on the Hawaiian island of Maui, specifically when the fires did so much damage to the west side of the island. He was shocked, of course, and sent me pictures and an article on the size and scope of the devastation to the historic town of Lahaina. On a lighter note, David was virtually at the airport when we talked and about to leave for his annual visit with his daughters in Connecticut and then on for a week or two on Cape Cod. That is a regular highlight for David and family. Here are some highlights from that trip. "First, we took a walking tour of Wellfleet on Cape Cod. After 30 yearly visits, it was interesting to learn more about the place than that it is just lobsters and oysters. And later moving on from the Cape, we enjoyed Connecticut, then a train to Washington, D.C., and on to Alexandria, Virginia, and a visit riding in a restored canal boat on the Chesapeake and Ohio Canal. I was surprised by how long those boats are and happy to learn more history of that era. Interesting country we live in."

David Hoare wrote in August that he recently returned from a family trip to North Carolina for a wedding, and sadly, also a funeral. He and wife Sharon are anticipating their annual vacation to Ocean City, New Jersey.

Ron Boss reminisced with David in midsummer about his long and rewarding career with American Airlines. During those years, American acquired other airlines, and in some cases (like Trans Caribbean), it was smooth and a natural fit, but not for all. TWA did not enjoy the merger. On a personal

note, Ron says he enjoys his quiet life and is delighted that his granddaughter was, that week, registering for her first year in college (he didn't reveal where she was going).

Charlie Stehle and I talked on the phone in midsummer. He is generally healthy but has been having some balance problems and otherwise coping with life after wife Joanne passed. He continues to work on a book about his distant relative Colonel Maynadier, an 1827 West Point graduate.

In July, my wife and I spent part of the month on our annual vacation with our daughter Laura and her family. We rented a house on Martha's Vineyard for a week. The total family (seven in all) came, and we enjoyed the beaches, the food, and pleasures of Edgartown.

Ken Weisburger continues to send humorous jokes to me (and I assume others). Some of them are quite funny. He lives in an assisted living facility in Connecticut since his wife died, and he suffers from neuropathy.

David Taylor also wrote me, saying that our class fundraising effort for Trinity was a big success and that for the year ending in June, our class had 25 donors—not quite 50 percent. This is remarkable and a true sign of loyalty.

Other, less happy statistics that I received from Henry Zachs in July showed that through attrition, our class of 249 freshmen has shrunk to 60.

And on this subject, Ned Montgomery wrote me in August about the passing of Rusty Muirhead. He was Ned's Trinity roommate for two years. In his obituary, Rusty's daughter shared a lovely memory about her dad. Rusty used to get up before dawn and drive across the Golden Gate Bridge to the Dolphin Club, where he swam in San Francisco Bay before going to work, evidently in all weather. In honor of this feat and in his memory, the club put its flag at half-staff. Then, the ultimate, most personal gesture: in late August, she and her daughters and two others went to the Dolphin Club to take a swim to honor and commemorate their father and grandfather. Very touching, appropriate, and meaningful.

**1957** President: Ward S. Curran  
• Vice President: Donald B. Stokes • Secretary: Frederick M. Tobin, [frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu](mailto:frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Ward S. Curran, Neil Day, Donald B. Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin  
I'm pleased to report that Don Stokes has made a good recovery from some health

issues. He is home at his palatial estate in Weston, Connecticut, looking forward to watching the New York Jets on TV. Under the supervision of wife Karen and daughter Amanda, he works out with one-pound weights.

From your class secretary: Carroll and I continue to split our time between our apartment in Sarasota, Florida, and our home at Bromley Mountain Ski Resort in Vermont. Our children and grandchildren spend quite an amount of time with us there.

Paul Cataldo has been enjoying watching his grandchildren play ice hockey. Two of his grandsons are slated to play for an Ivy League college.

Talked with Jim Kenefick. He traveled to Ireland recently with his family, traveled extensively, visited several relatives, and had a wonderful trip.

I am sorry to report that Steve Letcher's wife, Tina, has died.

**1958** President: Gary L. Bogli • Vice President: Mike Zoob  
• Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Gary L. Bogli, Joseph J. Repole Jr., Edward B. Speno  
The class secretary position for the Class of 1958 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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**1959** President: Robert D. Coykendall • Vice President: Jon Widing • Secretary: Paul S. Campion, [paul.campion.1959@trincoll.edu](mailto:paul.campion.1959@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Robert D. Coykendall, William H. Pfeffer

From the Alumni Office: A celebration of the life of Oliver "Nol" de Montalant Putnam will be held in May 2024 near his home in the Huntly area of Virginia (Rappahannock County), and all are welcome! The details will be posted on Nol's site on CaringBridge and announced in the *Rappahannock News*. Please see his obituary in this issue.

**1960** President: George P. Kroh  
• Vice President: Murray H. Morse Jr. • Secretary: Edward M. Cimilluca, [edward.cimilluca.1960@trincoll.edu](mailto:edward.cimilluca.1960@trincoll.edu) • Class Agent: Charles J. Middleton

The Class of 1960 continues to soldier on with the usual aches and pains the subject of many discussions. Nonetheless, many of our classmates continue to be active and to stay in touch with amazing regularity.

**Woody Osborne** is a good example, reporting that he is mentoring a child with autism, raising money for the local land trust, and delivering soup in and around Deer Isle, Maine.

I received a nice note from **Mike Zitt**, who practices part time and lectures in his field of allergy, asthma, and immunology. Sadly, Mike informed us about the passing of **Jim Tilzer**.

**Marv Peterson** continues to summer in Montana and soon will be returning to California.

We got a note from **Bill de Coligny's** wife, Margaret, telling us that he is happy living in a long-term facility for dementia and loves to hear about news from Trinity.

I had a nice chat with **Jack LaMothe**, who has three grandkids in college, at Bucknell, Fairfield, and Williams. Fingers crossed that two of his grandkids in high school will opt for Trinity.

**John Flynn** is happily ensconced in a continuing care retirement community in Florida and is staying active, as is **Bud Anderson** in Vero Beach.

We recently established the position of poet laureate for the class, and **Tim Baum** is the first recipient. What follows is his inaugural submission, "Another 'Getting Older' Poem."

85 is not quite as easy as 80; / Nor 75, 70, 60 or 50. / But it certainly is more lofty / (Thus, fittingly worthy of celebration). / But once big 85 is past, certainly / Let it not be close to the last. / Let's instead head for the bigger 9+0 / (Through sunshine rain, lightning or snow); / And when we ascend to that grand plateau / Then let us all whoop it up and celebrate! / In fact, let's make that a date, O.K.? / Because that will be one big, glorious day. / And meanwhile, for right now: ole, ole, ole! / Happy Birthday everybody.

Sadly, my dear friend **Dick Stockton** passed away in his sleep this past August. Dick was a fervent Trinity supporter, a magnanimous financial supporter of the school, and a great salesman for all things Trinity. He will be sorely missed.

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It's nice to hear about classmates with Trinity children and who are staying so active.

**Dick Schnadig** is retired after 50 years of law practice, "most of which I enjoyed." He has 10 grandchildren, and two of his four children are Trinity graduates: David, a trustee of the College, and Ian (partly named after classmate **Ian Rawson**).

**Vin Stempien** is "still playing doubles tennis and weekly golf with no end in sight. The genes are still good!"

On a Los Angeles trip, **Peter Kreisel** will be staying with freshman roommate and lifelong buddy **Dick Lowe**.

**Randy** and **Pam Ryan** "are still enjoying life in our retirement community. We are busier and have many more friends here than we had over the past 25 in Tucson County Club Estates and at Tucson Country Club."

**1962** President: **Charles L. Hoffman** • Vice President: **Michael W. Creighton** • Co-Secretary: **John Densem, john.densem.1962@trincoll.edu** • Co-Secretary: **Frederick M. Pryor**, [frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu](mailto:frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: **Michael W. Creighton**, **Charles L. Hoffman**

Well, here we are, after another holiday season! **Fred Pryor** and I (**John Densem**) hope you had a wonderful time with family and friends! Due to space limitations, some of the following comes from prior submissions but hopefully still will be of interest.

**Ilhi Synn** replied back in June that he is still the president of Keimyung University in Daegu, South Korea (and Wikipedia indicates he's been a professor there as well). (Secretary's note: This private, Christian university boasts an enrollment of some 22,000 students!) He says his term ends in July 2024, but he thinks he wants "to bow out before the year of the Black Rabbit runs out—a nice Christmas gift—for working at a thankless job for more than three decades." But he says that they are "very nervous about recruiting freshmen as population decreases with a very low birth rate of about 0.85" and suggests that, "in a century or so, there might not be a little thing called 'Korea.'" But, he adds, "if you see some wandering high school graduates, point them to this direction. We have seats enough for lost souls." He can be reached at [synnlihi@kmu.ac.kr](mailto:synnlihi@kmu.ac.kr).

**Doug Anderson** writes of enjoying our 60th Reunion. He's encouraging a periodic class Zoom meeting (**Chuck Hoffman**, are you listening?). He goes on to say that he and Missy visited Australia and New Zealand in January 2023. (I love his quote! "In Europe, you see man's architecture. In

New Zealand, you see God's architecture.") Further travel in 2023 included a trip to Africa, visiting four countries and "focusing mainly on wildlife safaris." Doug says he's retiring at the end of 2023 after 35 years in the executive search business.

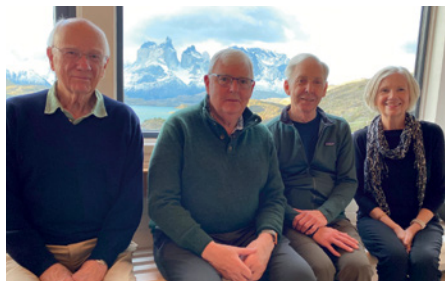
**Jay McCracken** writes that he spent many years in the sports collectibles industry, as a sales vice president and founder of a company called Upper Deck. He was nationally recognized and "even got to throw out the first ball at UD-sponsored Old-Timers' games in 23 major league ballparks." He and his wife of 60 years, Barbara, have lived in SoCal for 30-some years. (He can be reached at [janandjaymccracken@gmail.com](mailto:janandjaymccracken@gmail.com).)

**Ian Bennett** writes that his son and daughter-in-law gifted him with a box seat at the 2023 Wimbledon men's finals last July 18, on the occasion of his 83rd birthday. (He can be reached at [ianben@me.com](mailto:ianben@me.com).)

**Ross Hall** writes that he and wife Bonnie are enjoying "a mostly uneventful retirement on tranquil Cape Cod." He's joined local hobbyists in building a large model railroad layout in a friend's basement. "(W)e're creating a holodeck and operating a supply-chain simulation, a logistical exercise moving goods and people. Now we are one-inch tall, working in the locomotive cab, handling paperwork at the caboose desk, and directing the freight setouts and pickups on the ground by hand signals or vocally. We run at scale speeds and follow prototype operation protocols. You're looking at several hours of focused cooperative activity with like-minded friends. And the stuff is real, not just images on a screen." And, he adds, remember "sliding on Mather Hall dining hall trays across the frozen soccer field in the middle of winter?" (Ross can be reached at [rosshall@comcast.net](mailto:rosshall@comcast.net).)

**Alan Coyne** writes that he and wife Deanna traveled to China to visit their oldest son, Andy, and family, first in Tokyo and then in Beijing. He recalls being on the Debate Team at Trinity, where one topic was "how the U.N. could allow memberships for both China and Taiwan. Now, over 60 years later, that is still a difficult situation." He notes that he has lived in a beautiful Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, community for 43 years and has four children and nine grandchildren. (He can be reached at [alan@alancoyne.com](mailto:alan@alancoyne.com).)

**Fred Pryor** and wife Barbara had a "small world" experience recently. Neighbors were invited over for drinks, the conversation turned to colleges, and in the course of things, it turned out that their neighbor,



**Tom Johnson '62, Scott Reynolds '63, and Julie Johnson Darnieder '73, right, enjoy a surprise meeting with Chris Arterton '65, third from left, at the Explora hotel in Torres del Paine, Chile, in October 2023. Nine members of the Johnson family—including Tom, Scott, and Julie—traveled from Santiago, Chile, to Torres del Paine National Park, then cruised through the Chilean fjords and then to Buenos Aires, where they hoped to connect with Henry Whitney '63. They happened to run into Chris at the hotel, showing that no matter where you go in the world, you will encounter Bantams!**



**Mike Schulenberg '63 joins Daniel Korengold '73, recipient of the Schulenberg Friendship Award.**

Sally, is the sister of our classmate **Jay McCracken**. Small world, indeed! Fred noted that they have lived in a 55-and-over townhome community since it was built in 2001, near Boston, with all the conveniences one could want just a five-minute walk away, including a Starbucks. (Fred, Barbara, and I, **John Densem**, met up in Boston in early December!)

**Bill Polk** and wife LuAnn moved into a retirement community in Lexington, Massachusetts, about five years ago. They seem very happy there. Bill coaches in the leadership program at the Harvard Graduate School of Education. They still go to their home in Nova Scotia in the summer. Bill said that last summer they had to deal with two big fires and two floods. Fortunately, their home survived, and only their road was washed out. The Polks have two daughters: one teaches English at Milton Academy, and the other is a counselor in the Manchester-Essex school system. Bill frequently returns to Groton School, where he was headmaster for many years, to attend meetings and services.

**John Densem** had an Amtrak “ride to hell and back” last August. The California Zephyr to Chicago was canceled at 3:30 a.m. on arrival in Salt Lake City, turned around, and returned immediately to the San Francisco Bay Area. Obviously, no one got on board, as no one knew about the unscheduled 22-hour return trip, with only two stops (Reno and Sacramento). Almost everyone got off in Salt Lake City (“on your own,” the train manager said). Imagine 22 hours with only 25 people on board! Only one sitting for dinner with four tables, but John got the last piece of cheesecake! Food service on Amtrak long-distance trains is superb even with a limited menu. John’s advice: “Be careful how you plan your travel. Build in contingencies.”

That’s all, folks, until next time. Be well and happy!

**1963** **President: Timothy F. Lenicheck • Vice President: Mike Schulenberg • Secretary: Thomas E. Calabrese, thomas.calabrese.1963@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: William C. Howland, Scott Reynolds**

Another milestone in the history of our great class occurred at Reunion in June when the very first awarding of the Schulenberg Friendship Award was celebrated at our Class Dinner. The recipient, Daniel Korengold '73, was at our dinner and met with Mike and others in the class as we all congratulated him.

From **Steve Perreault**: “Some news I can submit is an account of a recent personal adventure. As part of a motor trip to celebrate our 60th wedding anniversary, Jean and I rode the 154-year-old historic cog railway to the summit of Mount Washington in New Hampshire. At 6,288 feet, this peak is one of the highest east of the Rockies. Thankfully, weather conditions on this special day were spectacular, perfectly clear, and free of any smoke plumes from the Canadian wildfires, providing us with excellent views of the entire Presidential Range and well beyond. Fortunately, we weren’t married during the winter months when our commemorative ascent might have been stymied by the mountain’s notorious reputation for extreme winds and cold!”

From **Bill Howland**: “Martha and I journeyed out to Dawson City, Yukon, Canada, to visit our son John and Jessie in July. They have a camper that is set up for us in the middle of town, which becomes home for us for two weeks. They are in the process of building their own home with room for us next

year. Dawson City feels like a cowboy town. The pace is slower, and everyone is warm and friendly. We set off to Edinburgh September 13 to attend the wedding of Martha’s cousin to a Scot. We joined a large contingent of Americans at the Old Course Hotel in St Andrews who were there for the same reason. The ceremony was held in the Elie Parish Church and then on to the home of the groom. The party went on till 3:00 a.m. we were told, minus us. After the weekend, we headed south to the borders, Galashiels, to stay with a cousin of mine and her family. We have stayed with them many times but not for long. Grandchildren are in place, some new sheep, and two friendly pigs. We walked their beautiful land, looking at walls on the property that date back to the 1300s. There is nothing left of the house, but we found ourselves wondering about those times. We are very grateful for a summer with family and good travel. See you at Homecoming.”

Notes on **Richard Birney-Smith** (a busy guy): He attended our 60th Reunion, played the organ for our memorial service in the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship, and followed it with an organ recital. At the memorial service, we sang the hymn he wrote for the rededication of the Friendship Chapel in April 2022. He departed directly from Reunion to spend more than four weeks in Europe, visiting friends and relatives in London, Salisbury, Paris, Nancy, Lyon, and Vernon (near Monet’s home and garden at Giverny). He is putting the finishing touches on volume one of his memoirs. U.S. Thanksgiving is the anticipated publication date.

From **David Holroyd**: “I am living in Kittery, Maine, and enjoying Kittery Estates, an independent senior living community. I have just fully retired and have celebrated 55 years of ordained ministry. It was a joy to participate in the dedication of the Class of 1963 Chapel of the Perfect Friendship last year and to get reconnected with my 1963 classmates at our recent 60th Reunion!”

From **Jim Blair**: “It’s been a very sad two months for our family as our son, Jonathan, 54, passed away on August 2 from lung cancer. He was a gifted musician, songwriter, carpenter, and good friend to all. We are still processing this tragedy. Over the past year, we have had our share of happy moments and physical mishaps. Our 80s are definitely different than our 70s. Our teenage grandchild, Helena, continues to please and amaze. Looking forward to possibly making a brief appearance at Homecoming.”

From **Tom Calabrese**: “Linda and I had another enjoyable trip in our van camper, the Winnebago Travato we have named Red Rover. This trip was 50 days, visiting 13 states and traveling 5,800 miles, mostly east of the Mississippi with forays into Kansas, Nebraska, and Iowa. Highlights included revisiting the Craggy Gardens along the Blue Ridge Parkway in North Carolina, where 10 years earlier we were nearly blown off the mountain in a flash rainstorm, and accidentally coming across the site of a stopping point in Kansas where the caravans on the Oregon Trail replenished supplies and refreshed their animals. We visited our granddaughter, Captain Hannah Makuch (West Point grad), in St. Robert, Missouri, and got a grand tour of the Army base Fort Leonard Wood. We absolutely loved Door County in Wisconsin; it’s like the Cape Cod of the Midwest, jutting up into Lake Michigan with lovely lakeside towns like Sister Bay (we also saw the neighborhood and home in Milwaukee where **Tim Lenicheck** grew up). A wonderful memory occurred when we survived a challenging hike in and back out of the Eternal Flame (natural gas lighting a flame behind a waterfall) in Orchard Park, New York. We saw and did a lot and rekindled our belief that travel refreshes the soul and opens your eyes to other ways of life just as valid and meaningful as our own.”

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Since 1964, the world has transformed in ways that even the most imaginative sci-fi writers of our year would’ve never dared to predict. Back then, we were rocking out to The Beatles on vinyl records and hoping for a flying car by the year 2000. Fast forward to today, and we’ve got Spotify playlists, and, while not flying, we do have self-driving cars.

In the ’60s, communication meant rotary phones and handwritten letters. Now, we’re tweeting, posting, blogging, and sending emojis that somehow encapsulate our entire emotional spectrum. We’ve gone from color TV to 3D holograms and virtual reality. Remember those clunky computers with punch cards? Now, we’ve got smartphones that could land a spaceship on Mars. Back then, the only cloud we knew of was the one that brought rain. Now, we’re storing our entire lives on it and occasionally yelling at

Alexa to turn off the lights when we could’ve just flipped a switch.

The world since 1964 has transformed into a sci-fi comedy of errors, where we’re constantly amazed, befuddled, and slightly terrified by the rapid pace of change. But hey, at least we can still enjoy The Beatles on our smartphones while waiting for that elusive flying car. (Confession: neither of your class secretaries wrote this; ChatGPT did.)

#### 1965 President: **David O. Williams** • Vice President: **Jon D. Simonian** • Class Agent: **Robert H. Mason**

**David Williams** is sorry to report the following deaths: **Tom Garson** died October 16, 2023, after a brief but serious illness. Following graduation, Tom served in the National Guard and attended Columbia Business School. Subsequently, he rose to the position of senior vice president of sales and marketing in his family business. Tom was our class secretary and was dedicated to Trinity. He maintained contact with many members of our class, especially those of Alpha Chi Rho, five of whom attended a memorial service for him in New York. We are sorry if you submitted notes to Tom for this issue.

On September 16, 2023, **Park Benjamin III** died. A celebration of his life was held at the Seawanhaka Corinthian Yacht Club in Oyster Bay, New York, near Park’s home. He was past commodore. Park loved sailing and spent much of his free time at the club. This celebration of his life included a photo from our 50th Reunion. Please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

#### 1966 President: **Randolph M. “Randy” Lee** • Secretary:

**Randolph M. “Randy” Lee**, [randolph.lee@trincoll.edu](mailto:randolph.lee@trincoll.edu) • Class Agent: **Joseph A. Hourihan** First and foremost, I want to remember our classmate and my good friend, **Dave Charlesworth**, formerly our class secretary, who passed away in November 2022. Dave served Trinity in so many ways and will never be forgotten, especially by the Class of 1966. Dave was a cardiac surgeon at Catholic Medical Center from 1986–2010 and a co-founder of Cardiothoracic Surgical Associates, one of the premier cardiac surgery programs in the country. He helped found the Northern New England Cardiovascular Disease Research Group and was referred to as the “heart and soul of the NNE” by his fellow research members. He loved Trinity and served his alma mater continuously after graduation.

So, it is with the realization that his are big shoes to fill that I agreed to serve as your secretary.

After 54 years (following our graduation) working in Trinity’s Counseling and Wellness Center, as director for the last 23, I retired from the center this past June. I’m teaching my psychotherapy seminar once more this fall, then “retiring” to San Diego with my middle daughter, son-in-law, and one of my two wonderful granddaughters. They say if you tell people you’re in San Diego and they are welcome to visit, they do! And I genuinely invite any of our classmates to come and enjoy the San Diego weather. I have two bedrooms and a pool, so there’s plenty of room.

I received a sad note from **Joe Hourihan** reporting the loss of wife Antoinette after 40 wonderful years of marriage. “Although not a member of our class, she attended more Reunions, Homecomings, and Trinity football games than most members. Ironically, at her last event at Trinity, a football game last fall, we sat with Jane and **Dave Charlesworth**. Many fellow classmates were kind in their condolences. In particular, **Brian** and **Katy Grimes** made several trips to visit, and **Ed Landes** was always inquiring. It was just 25 years ago this month that Antoinette and I started our wanderlust, which was a large part of our life. That was our first drive across country during which we visited classmates **Ed Landes**, **Bob Dunn**, **Bill Brachman**, **Bill Schweitzer**, and **Bob Camp** ’65. By the time of her death, Antoinette’s travels had taken her to 49 states (just missing North Dakota), all the Canadian provinces, and all continents but Antarctica. As others who have suffered such a loss know, she will be sorely missed. She always wanted to die first because she felt she had no friends. I always pointed out she had many friends and classmates who became her friends, and, particularly with classmates, liked her better than me! In the here and now, I plan to play golf with **Brian Grimes** in football team events, where ‘we are a lock for high gross!’”

**Dennis Dix** writes, “Penny and I are aging gracefully in place with the usual decomposition one would expect but nothing debilitating—yet. We have fled the South Florida human barbecue for July and August to North Carolina for temps 25 degrees less than home with our delightful Aussiedoodle Sheila, who keeps us on our toes. I continue my municipal advisory work, which has slowed down some but is still enough to keep my brain engaged and away from the spit and

whittle club. **Scott Sutherland** has joined me and brother Jock in Delray Dunes in Boynton Beach, where we plan to open a local Psi U chapter . . . all three of us! I continue to pick up golf after 45 years, earning a near max handicap of 35. That's for nine holes converted to 18, I gather. God willing, I'll try to make the 60th Reunion. Unbelievable."

**Marty Gall** reports, "My wife, Ally (in particular), and I dodged a bullet this past April 6 (during the first day of Passover), when we were involved in a serious car accident that left Ally with 10 rib and three pelvic fractures. I had very minor injuries, but our Prius was totaled. To make matters worse, two of my three sisters were also involved in car accidents, and my eldest sister fell and seriously injured her shoulder and arm. All in all, a tough spring for the Gall siblings and spouse."

Finally, **Frank Vincent** says that "all is well in the Vincent family. Coping with feeling older is an unexpected challenge! Old age caught us by surprise. Who knew?"

I really do want to make this column broad-based, and I will be contacting you individually for news of what's happening in your lives. So please drop me an email, short or long, anytime. Part of why I took on this gig was to hear from classmates, so don't let me down!

## 1967

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Lestz • Secretary: Daniel L. Goldberg, daniel.goldberg.1968.trincoll.edu • President Emeritus: Lawrence Roberts • Class Agent: Barry Bedrick • Class Ambassadors: Emil Angelica, George Barrows, Ken Button, Richard Coyle, Daniel L. Goldberg, Malcolm L. Hayward, Bennett Jaffee, Paul H. Jones, Michael Lestz, Christopher McCrudden, Joseph McKeigue, Douglas Morrill, Stephen Peters, Richard Pullman, Lawrence Roberts, Geoffrey Steinemann, Richard Weingarten Homecoming in October saw **Mike Lestz, Rich Weingarten, Joe McKeigue, Kim Miles, Parker Prout, Walt Harrison, Larry Roberts**, and your secretary return to campus. Some of us were able to have lunch with two of our Class of '68 Scholars: Anupam Khargharia '26 and Jamila Hussaini '27. Continuing his computer

interests (you may recall he became the go-to computer expert in his small village in India), Anupam plans to major in computer science and already is planning his future in the field. Jamila told us about her perseverance in getting an education as a woman in Afghanistan, where she had to deal with such unimaginable obstacles as a suicide bombing at her school (which killed some of her friends) and extended family pressures on her parents to abandon their strong support for her getting an education. Her departure from Afghanistan was facilitated by a wonderful nonprofit, Afghan Girls Financial Assistance Fund, and, of course, her financial aid at Trinity derives from the generosity of our classmates. (You will be hearing more about our plans to increase the scholarship endowment, including by making legacy gifts, to help others like Anupam and Jamila get a wonderful Trinity education.) Both Anupam and Jamila were wonderful to chat with. If you get to campus, look them up; you will really enjoy meeting them. And hopefully they will be sporting the Class of '68 baseball caps that they received at Homecoming. Our two other '68 Scholars could not attend and for very good reasons. Julia Cheesman '24 was running the Hartford Marathon, and Emma Markowski '25 was studying abroad.

The Homecoming football game against Middlebury was quite exciting, although it ended with Trinity in need of a touchdown from the two-yard line with 17 seconds left, which they simply did not convert as time ran out. But **Larry Roberts, Kim Miles**, and **Joe McKeigue** got to spend some time with their old football coach, Don Miller, who is 90 but still coming to games and welcoming his former players.

There also was a 90th birthday party for Coach Miller a few weeks before Homecoming that **Joe McKeigue** and his son Patrick '92 (perhaps the only father-son duo to play for Coach Miller) and teammates **Paul Goldschmidt, Tom Nary**, and **Larry Roberts** attended. We all learned life lessons at Trinity from a variety of sources and experiences, and Joe spoke at the party of how the coach imparted the importance of perseverance and attention to detail, both of which have been mainstays of Joe's personal and professional lives.

Our classmates continue to travel extensively, making up for the lost time of COVID. **Rich Coyle**, wife Tina, and daughter Christine were in South Africa in September, with Kruger National Park and the search

for the "Big Five" on their agenda. And **Stu Bluestone** and wife Judy spent three weeks traveling around New Zealand and Bhutan (a country with no stoplights, among other wonderful features!).

**Bob Price** and wife Edith navigated parts of Florida, (Miami, the Keys, Naples, and Marco Island), hit Boston and Cape Cod, and later visited New Jersey and New York, where they stayed in the storied Hotel Chelsea (adding to the list of luminaries such as Leonard Cohen and Janis Joplin who have stayed there). Bob has a theme of staying in old literary hotels in N.Y.C., having stayed the prior year at The Beekman. The Prices' holiday travel plans include Charlestown and Amelia Island. Bob is putting the rest of us to shame with his whirlwind travel schedule, not to mention the events and museums he's been able to catch, from Wynton Marsalis at Lincoln Center, to going to The Met's *Manet/Degas* exhibition, to browsing at Judy Blume's bookstore in Key West (yes, the rest of us would have been looking for that lost shaker of salt!).

**Parker Prout**, living in Litchfield, Connecticut, got to spend some time on Cape Cod with Trinity roommate **Richard Fischer**, and they were joined by Parker's younger sister and her husband, both Trinity graduates. (Who could have predicted we'd be able to make that statement about women grads back when we were at Trinity!)

On the international front, **Peter Chang** reports that he and wife Grace moved from Hong Kong to the United Kingdom in 2022, along with his son and family. They live outside London.

Family expansions also are the order of things. **John Miller** welcomed a new granddaughter, Nora, in summer 2023 and sent a photo that would melt your heart! **Rich Coyle** became a grandfather for the first time but doubled down by welcoming twins Eva and Anthony. Since the newbies live in Calgary, Rich and his wife have been loading up on their frequent-flyer miles as well as delighting in their FaceTime sessions.

And given space constraints, I will have to save for future *Reporters* the tales of serendipity that our classmates shared at our 55th Reunion.

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## 1969

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**Bob Kehoe** and wife Barbara recently got together with **Joe Connors**, who had been invited to Chicago to deliver what he swears would be his last presentation on lymphoma. Joe is winding down a fantastic career as clinical professor emeritus in the Division of Medical Oncology at the University of British Columbia, picking up along the way membership in the Order of Canada, one of the country's highest awards. He and wife Maria recently uprooted from Vancouver to settle down in nearby Victoria, still enjoying the outdoors.

**Ted Cook**, professor of history, emeritus, at William Paterson University, will be in Japan in the 2023–24 academic year as a research associate of the Institute of Comparative Cultures at Sophia University in Tokyo. He also will be experimenting in the fall with the role of study leader for Walk Japan, an affiliate of Road Scholar, sharing his years of Japan experience in Kanazawa, Kyoto, and Tokyo, getting to profess without exams or papers to correct. Ted deeply regrets missing the 2023 Reunion and the chance to share with '68 but is already looking ahead to our 55th in 2024.

**Alden Gordon** and Jean Cadogan connected with Keith "Kim" Miles '68 and wife Wendy in Onancock, Virginia, during a trip down the Eastern Shore in late June. We had a great visit and ate crab, and Kim gave me a copy of his memoir, *Miles to Go*, which has a vivid account of 1967–68 on the Trinity campus. You can find it online at SaltWaterMedia.com.

**1970** President: John L. Bonee III  
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**Charlie Tuttle** recently sent me some great photos from Sweden. He and wife Melanie were exploring many urban and rural nooks and crannies of Sweden and having a fabulous time. Melanie has ancestry there going back centuries, some of whom were members of the nobility. It was fun to receive the pictures because my wife, Jeanette, was born and raised in Stockholm; hence, we had seen many of the sites in person and enjoyed being reacquainted. Charlie and I were in the same class at Loomis Chaffee before Trinity and also were in the same fraternity at Trinity. On my way home from Uganda after setting up the student exchange program for Trinity in 1971, I met up with Charlie in the Swiss Alps, where he was working at a ski resort.

We had some unforgettable adventures at a commune of Swiss French skiers. Charlie is from Windsor, Connecticut, and I am from Hartford, Connecticut, two of the three original Dutch trading posts established by the state's first settlers. I'm sure there are many such parallel encounters and interconnections that you can relate to me to report for some interesting stories among our class. Please do so in your spare time, and let us know about your wonderful travels, which you should take the time to share. We owe it to one another.

Speaking of stories, read Bill Browder's *Red Notice* (Simon & Schuster paperback, 2015), a No. 1 *New York Times* best seller and a true story. Extremely thrilling. Imagine a Salomon Brothers vice president who decides to jump on the opportunity to become an oligarch in Russia after the fall of the Soviet Union, and its wealth has been "distributed" to all of its people only to be bought up and exploited by avaricious capitalists forming a cutthroat new class of entrepreneurs. No one else from the West, let alone a highly successful financial wizard with a B.A. in economics from University of Chicago and an M.B.A. from Stanford Graduate School of Business, had the guts to take such a personal risk. Browder learns that the warnings of one of our generation's favorite authors, Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn, in *The Gulag Archipelago*, remain accurate and occurring in modern Russia, where the rule of law is an ad hoc administration controlled by power-hungry dictators with no constraints on their actions. Browder's life has been changed forever, but he is lucky to escape with it while many of his friends and associates did not. A red notice is the closest instrument of Interpol to an international arrest warrant in use today.

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**David Sample** writes that he survived another long road trip. "For four weeks in June/July, I traveled west and visited 12 national parks in North and South Dakota, Wyoming, Montana, Utah, Arizona, and New Mexico. Thanks to plenty of water and electrolytes, I was able to take many long hikes in the sweltering heat. I covered about 7,500 miles and camped out about 80 percent of the time."

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**Kevin Sullivan** writes, "Wish I had something happier to share, but I am in treatment following bladder cancer surgery. Good news is that the treatment is going well so far, and immunotherapy is a very hopeful treatment. Special thanks to **Bill Reynolds** for continuing to check in with encouragement."

**Michael E. Trigg**, M.D., writes, "My time at Trinity provided me with further basic skills of scientific research/investigation to the point that in my first year of medical school, I took a job at [National Institutes of Health] working in the field of bacteriophage research. A BBC documentary (*Race Against Resistance*; watch on YouTube) was made to further explain the clinical usefulness of bacteriophage, which formed the basis for several papers I published during medical school. None of that would have been possible without the preparation that I made at Trinity. After my 30-plus-year academic career in hematology/oncology/cellular therapies, one of the many positions I took was that of chief medical officer of Adaptive Phage Therapeutics, highlighted in the documentary. I recently established an endowed fund at Trinity to support students pursuing medical research projects in the hematology/oncology/immunotherapy fields. It is through these and other efforts of others that may pave the way for the next generation of clinical scientists who will help push the envelope for less suffering and disease, particularly as we age. Luckily for me as the former chief photographer and photo editor for the Trinity *Ivy* in 1970 and 1971, I was never without a camera and have a number of great pictures in my current home from that era, particularly pictures of snow blocking the archways along the Long Walk, a form of water that I never see here in Florida, although most recently outdoor toboggan and sled runs were opened in the

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winter at which one can rent gloves or mittens, parkas, and boots.”

**Mike James** writes, “Hey, Howie and Debbie, hope you guys are both well. We had a magnificent day at the celebration of Don Miller’s 90th birthday at Trinity’s opening-game thumping of Tufts. **David Sample** headed the committee that put the festivities together, and it was terrific to catch up with **Sheldon Crosby**, **Peter Miller**, **Jon Miller**, **Cliff Cutler**, **Tom DiBenedetto**, **Bill Sartorelli**, David, and others from different classes who had played for Coach Miller. (We missed you, Howie.) I know the day was very emotional for him, as it was for many of us who were lucky enough to be on his teams.”

**David Green** writes, “It has been an interesting summer. I was immensely pleased that the string quartet of my grandfather, Ignatz Waghalter, was performed in Berlin on September 1 at a public memorial to the millions of victims of World War II, which was launched by Nazi Germany exactly 84 years earlier. In a statement prepared for the event, I quoted the words of my grandfather: ‘Music is the citadel of universal democracy. It knows no race, religion, or nationality.’ These words acquire renewed and exceptional relevance in the present environment. Another significant experience was the invitation that I received to speak on the island of Prinkipo, off the coast of Istanbul, where Leon Trotsky lived from 1929–33 following his exile from the Soviet Union. The residents of this idyllic island are proud to have given political sanctuary to this giant of 20th century history. I will never forget the beauty of Büyükkada (as the island is known in Turkish) and the hospitality of its people.”

**Robert Muller** writes, “We moved permanently in early September after 34 years in our house in Ridgewood, New Jersey, to what had previously been our second home in Narragansett, Rhode Island. Our second grandchild and first grandson is expected later in October. Looking forward to a slower retirement at some point.”

**Bill O’Reilly** writes that he is continuing his book project on the late **Chuck Shouse**. If you

would like to offer memories, please email [wjoreilly@gmail.com](mailto:wjoreilly@gmail.com). Bill has not been idle since 1971. “I have co-founded three schools in N.Y.C., served on Harvard committees for 14 years, and since COVID have been writing novels (seven), novellas (12), and a memoir and starting an indie publishing company, Innermotivation LTD Publishers, Brooklyn and Boston—‘Where Unique Voices Thrive.’”

**Kathie Graham Congdon** lives in Northern California; has been married to Larry, a veterinarian, since 1975; and has five kids and seven grandkids. She returned to school in the mid-70s to get an R.N. degree but chose to remain home to support her family and their many activities and to volunteer for her community. “I learned the ropes of all the activities the children were into, including downhill skiing, mountain biking, motorcycle racing, hunter/jumper horse shows, barrel racing, and volleyball.” Now that Larry has retired, they are empty nesters. “I enjoy being a member of an antiques club, spending time with friends, reading, gardening, and occasionally going on quad rides with our children. I joined a group of quilters, and I like to work on various crafts.” They recently sold their house and will be heading temporarily to Arizona. They have yet to decide their permanent move. The choice to be near family includes Portland, Maine; Columbia, Missouri; Pecos, New Mexico; San Tan, Arizona; and Malibu, California. “I hope that I’ll be able to connect with some of my Trinity friends with whom I have lost touch. I have fond memories of the time I spent there.”

**Beverly Elder** writes, “I am still learning to be who I am now after the death of my husband, Hugh Miller Elder ’70, who passed away on November 13, 2021. I am still living in the house I designed and we built here in Peru, gardening, swimming in a nearby pool once a week, and working occasionally as a volunteer interpreter for special medical campaigns that do charity operations in a small clinic run by my friends. During my exciting last visit to the United States in July, I followed the Outerspace Band for a week during their yearly tour in Maine. Still dancing up a storm!”

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An unexpected benefit of working on Class Notes is the opportunity to reconnect with folks one hasn’t communicated with since, at best, the last Reunion.

**Bill “Duff” Lingard** writes that a few of us have been able to meet in various configurations, including **Kristin Emerson**, **Peter Blum**, **Phil Nelson**, **Ham Clark**, and **Rob Lawrence**. Duff writes, “It has proven to be an enjoyable way to maintain our long-standing friendships . . . [we’d all] welcome other classmates in the area to join in.” It’s nothing formal or regular, but, if interested, let me know so the next blast email casts a wider net.

I had a nice conversation with **Bill Miller** (the subject, along with roommate **Peter Wheelwright**, of an article in this *Reporter*) about the efforts involved in bringing an idea from creation to the bookstore, from research to writing, to rewriting, to editing, to publishing, to promoting. He’s living and thriving with wife Warren in Watch Hill, Rhode Island, and Greensboro, North Carolina.

**Gene Stamell** writes, “So, inquiring minds must be asking, with bated breath, ‘What’s been happening with Geno over the past five decades?’ Let’s see: 44 years of married life, three children and 3½ grandkids, 35 years of elementary classroom teaching, and seven more (and counting) of part-time tutoring in private schools, writing songs, and performing for children and adults (search **Gene Stamell** on Spotify to hear three albums), taking up golf and cigars about six years ago—not sure which is more likely to lead to premature death, and writing guest columns for local papers (search **Gene Stamell** guest columns for a few chuckles, I hope). After living in eastern Massachusetts for 35 years, we moved to the tiny town of Leverett (population 1,851) in 2018. We border Amherst and love the peaceful, liberal vibe of the Pioneer Valley. I feel immense gratitude for the life I live. Best to all.”

**Dan Reifsnnyder** sends his greetings and writes, “My spouse, Kathryn, and I discovered the Shetland Islands last year and returned again this June for a week (plus a week on the Isle of Skye, which I had never seen despite many trips to Scotland). I am teaching a full-semester course on global climate change at the University of Virginia’s Batten School of Leadership and Public Policy and in the Politics Department of the College of Arts and Sciences. That enables me to see my daughter Claire and first granddaughter Molly (born last November) weekly as they live just north of Charlottesville. I am otherwise overseeing many projects at our

cabin in the Shenandoah Valley. Best wishes to all."

**Will Whetzel**, after letting on that he lives in the Boston area (Philly's loss), relates, "Life is good here in Chestnut Hill. After too many years of wrestling with various back pain and disc issues, I finally found a wonderful doctor at Hospital for Special Surgery in New York (who also happens to be a golfer), and post-laminectomy surgery in March, I stand straighter, swing better, and walked my first 18 holes last weekend. Other time in my eighth decade is spent wrangling eight grandchildren, four in N.Y.C., two in Bronxville, and two in Tampa. And just to make sure we don't get too idle between family visits, we took a deep breath and purchased a small cottage in Ireland, County Mayo, that we've had our eyes on for a number of years and that last year as we biked by it noticed a for-sale sign. On we go, come and visit."

**Olivia Henry** writes of fun much farther away, "Just back from trekking to see chimpanzees and gorillas and go on game drives, learn about different cultures, indigenous people in Uganda. I was in a small group of 12. As we introduced ourselves, I learned I was one of three Trinity graduates, so we made up one-fourth of the tour! The others were Craig Maier '71 and Taylor Maier '19."

**Bayard Fiechter** writes from Philadelphia how great it was to be at Reunion a year and a half ago and lamented the passing of JoAnne Epps '73, a longtime figure at Temple University, as a "great loss." He also writes, "But news closer to the Class of '72, not of me but of a family member: our daughter Olivia, in a few weeks, is marrying the love of her life, Bobby Weaver, whom she met in college some 6½ years ago. He is a gem of a gentleman, and for that we are grateful. As an aside, Olivia has pursued a career in professional squash since college, is active on the international tour, and is ranked No. 2 in the United States and No. 9 in the world (in women's rankings). Many years in the making, but we are so very proud of her. Her goal is to make her way further up that ladder, so children might have to wait a bit to enter the picture. I remain in the wealth management business (Fiduciary Trust International); wife Stacy is an interior designer. We have three grandchildren courtesy of our son. All good. I hope you and all yours are well. It is crazy out there given all that is going on here and abroad, but enough positivity to keep us on track."

**Kirk "Chief" Kubicek** writes, "Despite retirement, I am still in active parish

ministry part time at the historic 1805 Christ Church Forest Hill Rock Spring Parish in Harford County, Maryland. A wonderful, active, and faithful congregation of folks who care about others and creation. I'm also still playing drums in several Grateful Dead tribute bands in the D.C. area. Mallory and I are awaiting grandchild number three: a baby girl to our youngest daughter, Cerny Lee, and her husband, Patrick. She will join Mo, 4½, and Miles, who will be 2 around Thanksgiving, grandsons of Harper and Matt Kudler, daughter number 1. The Chief is now officially known as Papi K! Kirk Jr. is a drummer living in Nederland, Colorado, with wife Jamie. He's teaching music and playing in a variety of bands in the Nederland, Boulder, and Denver vicinities. In addition to parish ministry, I spend time running and walking with weights each morning, keeping up our one-acre lot in the country, and rooting for the Baltimore Orioles and Ravens, who for once are playing well at the same time! Life is good! Be well, everyone."

Please reach out to the school and to your classmates. To quote **Jack Nelson**, secretary, emeritus, "Find classmates at mytrinet.trincoll.edu. Update your contact info so people can find you." Keep the news coming. See you further on up the road.

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**John Gatsos** writes, "I really enjoyed our 50th Reunion. More importantly, my wife, Barnard '77, did as well. She was impressed with everyone she met and found them articulate, interesting, intelligent, and fun. Not a bad report on the Class of '73. I am happy to report that after a couple years of trying, I finally retired at the end of June. So far, I am thoroughly enjoying the relaxed pace and the ability to pursue things of interest that had been tabled for so many years. Best to everyone."

Per **Dave Schirmer**, "Sorry to miss Reunion. Don't get up there as much with my pal Fitzy no longer with us and still dearly miss Twig Spencer—hard to believe 9/11 is more than two decades ago. My son has his 20th next year. Good grief! Hope all are well. Best, Dave."

**Greg Zec** attended Reunion and says, "I heard about Reunion via a mailing and discussed it with my pal **Scott Cameron**, who has unending good humor and a knack for bringing people together. The weekend

provided an opportunity to meet old friends and make new ones! The seminar with George Will was my favorite, but I also learned about Hollywood careers such as being an agent or a screenwriter. The campus looked splendid, and I opted to stay in a dorm (Jarvis), which reminded me of living on a submarine. I attended three events in the Chapel: an organ concert, a memorial service, and a Sunday morning traditional service. That was one more service than I attended as a student! I had a super weekend and really enjoyed seeing old friends. Am thinking of relocating to the Hartford area for family reasons, so I spent a fair amount of time scouting the area. Bradley International has gotten pretty big!"

**Antoinette Leone Ruzzier** writes, "Sorry I couldn't make Reunion. It's amazing all the years that have passed so quickly. I've been in Florida for 21 years and love it. Trinity was a great place and prepared me well for law school and all the wonderful things I got to do in life: practicing attorney, elected and appointed official, law school professor, and a variety of community activities. I have been a widow for 15 years and have three children and six grandchildren and a lot of wonderful friends. I thank God for a good life even though I still can't believe I'm 70 years old!"

Per **Mike Holverson**, "I was fortunate enough to return for Reunion. I had a wonderful time catching up with old friends and spending time with new ones. Aside from catching up with permanent friends (those where the years in between conversations have no effect on the relationships), I had two conversations that were special: one was with a young international student from Africa who I'm sure will continue to reflect well on Trinity in future years; the other was sharing baseball experiences of our youth in Champaign, Illinois, with George Will '62."

**Martha Wettemann** writes, "I was so sad to hear that **JoAnne Epps** had passed away on September 19. I remember fondly the Trinity Concert Choir events and the travel we enjoyed. She had a very distinguished career culminating as acting president of Temple University. Jim and I greatly enjoyed the 50th. In Tennessee, we are hoping to improve the political landscape as one of the Tennessee Three is running against a traditional conservative for the Senate. Should be exciting. We welcome all Trinity alumni who want to visit us in Nashville; better yet, move here! We have plenty of new condos and apartments under construction, and I'm sure there is one you would love."

# Rod Jacobsen '73

## DEGREE:

**B.A. in English; M.A. in English education at Stanford University; "This past summer I returned to celebrate my 50th Reunion and Trinity's Bicentennial. I was so happy to have attended."**

## JOB TITLES:

**Volunteer mentor, National Kidney Donation Organization; staff volunteer, Person-to-Person; former independent school teacher**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**My father, a local Hartford lad, graduated from Trinity in 1942. He often regaled me with stories from a very different time and institution, and when I decided to attend, he strongly recommended that I take a few courses with George Cooper, a legendary historian (his specialty was British history) who had just arrived at Trinity, fresh from his Ph.D., and was still teaching throughout my years at school. When my dad came to campus for a visit, probably during my sophomore year, I arranged for the three of us to have a chat (more like an audience, I think) in Dr. Cooper's office in Seabury. Seeing my father, a very sentimental man, to be sure, so happy to relive his past and enjoy such a moment through our mutual professor was gratifying and special.**

**What did you do in your teaching career?** [I spent most of it at] a boarding school, where we stayed for 30 years. I taught English, drama, journalism, and global studies. I also directed many plays and musicals and did some coaching. I also acted as chair of the English Department and dean of faculty. I retired in 2000.

### Where do you focus your volunteer efforts?

My wife and I work in the food pantry and distribution center of Person-to-Person in Norwalk, Connecticut. Since my kidney donation, I am a volunteer mentor for the National Kidney Donation Organization. We offer our services as a key part of the network of transplant centers working in conjunction with the National Kidney Registry, which matches patients suffering from end-stage renal disease with prospective donors: family, friends, or acquaintances of the recipients or, as in my case, "non-directed" donors who give one of their kidneys to a stranger in need who is a "close match." I am assigned three new prospective kidney donors each week, and I contact them to offer information about the process of donation, including comprehensive testing, psychological screening, preparation for surgery, the surgery itself, and recovery.

### What led you to make a living kidney donation?

In my final year of teaching, one of my English students did her senior project on living kidney donation. As I read through her notes, I learned about the prevalence of kidney disease, the profound discomfort of dialysis, the intricacies involved in transplantation, and the sad facts pertaining to those on the transplant waiting list who die before a donor is found. I felt rather embarrassed to be so ignorant of the problem, and the more I learned, the more curious I became about living donation. After extensive tests and examinations, I was matched with a recipient who had been quite ill for five years and was a near-perfect match. On April 13, 2021, my left kidney was removed and sent to a transplant center in Denver. I ultimately learned my recipient's identity, and last year my wife and I met him and his wife. My transplanted kidney is working beautifully, and both of us are in excellent health.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your life?** At Trinity I learned how to study. I met several students who had better skills and habits



**Rod Jacobsen '73 with his wife, Susan**

than I, and I was wise enough to follow their lead after a fairly disastrous first semester. Dave Barnes '73 and I were roommates sophomore and senior years, and watching him take notes was a revelation for me (I spent my junior year abroad in Kampala, Uganda, where I studied African traditional religion and philosophy; that year changed my life forever). Dave and I are still best friends, and he is still teaching me. My peer group (the aptly named "Seabury Giants") was an eclectic group, and living with them for two years prepared me for the future in myriad ways. Compartmentalizing my approach to academic, athletic, and social activities (prioritizing responsibilities and fun) showed me that I could thrive in college, and I am indebted to those who helped me organize my life and who taught me the meaning of intimate friendship. The skills I learned carried over to my teaching, to be sure. I was rather apolitical when I came to Trinity, but when the traumatic national events occurred in the spring of 1970, my peers and I were thrust into a world that suddenly seemed in need of profound change. Kent State and its aftermath, the Vietnam War, and a general sense of cultural awakening galvanized us, and the College was supportive as students became central leaders in the area's protest movements. My freshman roommate, Dave Roochnik '73, who told me early on in our friendship that he was "practically born on a picket line," and several seniors took me under their wing and helped me see our responsibility as citizens to fight against injustice and inequity, and I believe their mentorship reoriented me toward a career in teaching and volunteering.

To read more about living donation, please visit the [trincollreporter.online/KidneyDonation](https://trincollreporter.online/KidneyDonation).

Reunion Committee member **Art Baldwin** writes from Phnom Penh, Cambodia. “Mary and I are doing a Viking river cruise down the Mekong River, to be followed by a trip to Indonesia, where one of our daughters taught chemistry and STEM. You may remember from my yearbook contribution that I was training for my first century bike ride (100 miles). I was able to complete it in late August. I thoroughly enjoyed Reunion, once again gathering with dear friends and meeting people who had dodged me for four years. Our son Tim in Mexico is engaged to be married next year to a delightful woman. I hope to see you all in five years! And yesterday I went to Angkor Wat at 5:00 a.m. to watch (and photograph) the sunrise.”

“There is nothing in the world like a persuasive speech to fuddle the mental apparatus, upset the convictions, and debauch the emotions of an audience not practiced in the tricks and delusions of orators.”—Mark Twain

From the Alumni Office: **Barbara Brown** reports: “I recently returned from one of my bucket-list trips—an Alaskan cruise, from Anchorage (Whittier) through the Inside Passage (Skagway, Juneau, and Ketchikan), ending in Vancouver. Denali National Park is a gem; so much wildlife and beautiful mountain vistas, including Denali mountain itself. We happened to visit on an exceptionally clear, bright sunshiny day so had a perfect view of ‘The Great One.’ Other highlights were riding the White Pass and Yukon train to British Columbia and watching the salmon swim upriver to spawn. I would like to have visited Bill Orfitelli ’74, who lived in Anchorage for many years, but sadly he passed away last April.”

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From the Alumni Office: **Margaret Meigs** reports: “In June 2022, my husband, Paul Laskow, died suddenly of a massive heart attack suffered while rowing on the Schuylkill, his pastime of more than 50 years. He was also the father of Nellie Laskow ’11 and friend and occasional rowing partner of Bob Ellis ’72, Dave Diefenbach ’79, and Marty Schardt ’13. To lose one’s life partner is a passage some of us have already experienced—and more of us will. It is so dislocating, even surreal. I know I will be OK, thanks in part to my amazing children,

five grandchildren, extended family on both sides, the rowing community, and many friends accumulated from living almost 50 years in Philadelphia. My only advice: Life is short. Live it up. Don’t leave anything on the table. See you at our 50th.”

Also from the Alumni Office: **Toby Israel**, Ph.D., writes that she “is a founder of the new field of design psychology. Defined as ‘the practice of architecture, planning, and interior design in which psychology is the principal design tool,’ this new discipline continues to gain international attention.” Toby has been interviewed on *CBS Sunday Morning* and on NPR’s *Talk of the Nation* and *Radio Times* and for newspapers including the *Los Angeles Times*, *The New York Times*, and *The Wall Street Journal*. Trained as an environmental psychologist, she has multidisciplinary experience in design, psychology, the arts, and education. She has served as a consultant in the United States and the United Kingdom, including as head of the research division of the design firm LRK and of the visual arts program for the New Jersey State Council on the Arts. Toby’s most recent research and presentations on women and design psychology are summarized in her new book, *Designing Women’s Lives: Transforming Place and Self*. The former University of Lincoln (U.K.) professor of architecture and psychology works out of Princeton, New Jersey, and writes the *Design on My Mind* blog for *Psychology Today*.

The 50th Reunion Committee encourages all to attend this milestone event. Contact Ted Stehle for more information.

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Class President **Henry Bruce** writes, “Turning 70 has been great. As a way to celebrate my 70th and Melissa’s and my marriage belatedly (December 23, 2021), we decided on a Viking river cruise down the romantic Danube this past July. We went with local friends and had a fantastic time. We started in Passau, Germany, and traversed 18 locks, four countries, and memorable stops in Vienna, Budapest, and many other lesser-known towns. Highly recommend these river cruises all over Europe. We love it so much we booked a Christmas cruise on the



**Joan Biddle ’75, Beje Hirsch, class scribe Steve Hirsch ’75, Robin Bodell ’75, and Vicky Munsell ’75** gather at the Belle Haven Club in Greenwich, Connecticut, in September 2023.

Seine later this year (from and to Paris). We will celebrate our anniversary and Melissa’s birthday (same day!) on our last day on the boat and then three more days in Paris, enjoying the famous Christmas markets, cafés, and sites. On another note, I was coaxed out of retirement back in January to work for a longtime colleague. I started consulting part time, then hired full time in May, and I am enjoying what will be the last hurrah as a marketing exec. Company name is Andela.com and is totally remote. I expect to work for another year and then return to Florida Gulf Coast living—gardening, fishing, and golfing! If you are anywhere near Tampa, Sarasota, or Bradenton, give a shout, and we can reminisce on a beach somewhere.”

**Mike Barry** writes, “Hope you and your families are both well! I am retiring from adult primary care practice at Massachusetts General Hospital this month after 40 years! I will continue as chair of the U.S. Preventive Services Task Force and work on several grants related to clinician-patient shared decision-making. I will use the newfound time to support my two transgender daughters. On September 10, Jean Wierzbicki Barry ’74 and I celebrated our 46th wedding anniversary. Best to all!”

From **Gail Mardfin**: “After spending a fantastic summer based in northeast Pennsylvania, with forays down to the Jersey Shore and New York City, I returned home to Santa Rosa, California. I’ve been living here for eight years and have accumulated a lot of friends and celebrated my 70th with a bunch of them, mostly from the local art group where I’m the communications/graphic designer. It was a potluck with square dancing! Hope everyone stays



Former players of legendary coach Don Miller's football teams celebrate his 90th birthday during halftime of the Trinity vs. Tufts game on September 16, 2023. Miller is pictured in the center holding the game ball.

healthy and enjoys their venture into the next decade; we are the lucky ones."

**Mike Rosenbaum** (a.k.a. Rosie) celebrated his 70th birthday at a Bruce Springsteen concert in Europe, a repeat of his 60th birthday celebration.

**Kate (Kathy) Falk Campbell** tells us: "My husband Mark and I took what's become our annual summer road trip from Los Angeles to Boston. This was a long one, and I finally ticked Arkansas off my bucket list as the 50th U.S. state to spend time in. (It's beautiful, by the way.) We stopped a while in Maryland to visit with Chief Kubicek '72 and Mallory Harris '74, whose hospitality and loving presence never fails to bring joy. We celebrated '70' with lots of laughter and smiles with **Eileen Bristow** in Lexington, Massachusetts. Mark got called up to sing in North Conway, New Hampshire, and in Birmingham, Alabama, he reunited with his old Muscle Shoals band from the 1970s to do a few sets, too. (That city's come a long way.) We visited Civil War and Revolutionary War battlefields, giant bison, and the Great Lakes. Back to 'normal' now on the left coast; Mark's back to Los Angeles and Las Vegas musical gigs (no TV or movies during the strike), and I'm back to school, still enjoying getting to know the young lawyers-to-be as they navigate their legal studies. It's all a blessing at this point."

**Steve Hirsch** says, "My wife, Beje, and I were able to assemble the entire family to celebrate Father's Day, our 70th birthdays and 45th anniversary on the island of Mustique in the Leeward Islands. It was a magical time in a very magical place. The two of us recently gathered to break bread with **Joan Seelye Biddle**, **Robin Bodell**, and host **Vicky Tilney Munsell**. Good times!"

From **Rich Tucci**: "On the heels of the pandemic, I embarked on a journey to develop a team collaboration software platform using tools and methods for organization change and improvement developed over the past 25 years in my consulting practice. I'm hoping to make an 'impact' for hybrid and remote workplaces with IMPACT ([www.impactfaster.com](http://www.impactfaster.com))!"

Cheers to us, Class of '75.

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From Class President **Phil Bieluch**: "Phil and Gayle celebrated the wedding of their son, Tom Bieluch, to his Bucknell College sweetheart, Carolyn Sidoti, in September. Trinity graduates in attendance were **Jim Devery**, Monica Sidor '77, Alexis Morledge '90, and Chris Sidor '94."

From Class Vice President **Chip Goode**: "In 2022, coming out of COVID, Laura and I really wanted to start traveling again as much as possible, so we began touring the Southwest and hiking in the Grand Canyon, Bryce Canyon, and Zion National Parks in the fall of 2022. Then we spent a good part of January and February 2023 in the United Arab Emirates, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Thailand. In October 2023, we have just been in Portugal and are heading to Sevilla and southern Spain. On all of our trips, we really enjoyed all the local cultures, friendly people, wonderful cuisines and wines, magnificent scenery, and environments. Lots of fun and enriching experiences."

From Co-Secretary **Hal Smullen**: "We just wrapped up another fun boating season despite frequent bouts of rain and rough seas this summer. We managed two trips to Block Island and visited some other favorite ports of call. Looking forward to the upcoming Bicentennial Fall Weekend."

From Co-Secretary **Sue Weisselberg**: “My husband, Nick, and I celebrated the wedding of our son, Nick Neeley, to Joy Battista, in July. Fortunately for us, they live in Connecticut (as do we).”

From **Rebecca Dunn Reinmann**: “Greetings from North Carolina, where in September it is as hot as can be.” Her two-month trip to Edinburgh, Copenhagen, Iceland, and elsewhere was completed. “Now it’s watching and hoping the hurricanes are mild this year while considering the next travel plan.”

Since 2022, many of us have been catching up on planned travels. Please send us stories of your adventures for Class Notes!

From the Alumni Office: **Louise Albin’s** restaurant, Café Louise, was named Caterer of the Year by the Connecticut Restaurant Association.

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**Sophie Ayres** sends greetings and tons of news: “This has been a great year for our family, and I’ve been in touch with many Trinity friends and classmates. First of all, we became grandparents for the first time. Our son, Dill, and his wife, Jenna, both Class of 2012, welcomed a precious little boy named Teddy in late August. Our daughter McVey is thriving in San Diego. My husband and I spend winters in Delray Beach, Florida, where we get to see Cackie Bostwick ’79, **Mimi Coolidge**, Vivi Dunklee ’78, Julie Rogers ’79, Donna Stroud ’78, Alec ’78 and Carol ’76 Monaghan, **Ede Gibbons**, and many others who pass through this super fun town! This summer, I got to hang out with **Diana Lee** in Maine, and I stay in close touch with **Margo Halle** as well. As many of you know, a bunch of friends and teammates got together to raise funds to dedicate two new scoreboards in the beautiful hockey rink in memory of our friend **Ted Judson**. We had over 35 people contribute to the scoreboards and an athletic endowment in Judson’s name. It was a blast to work with **John McKenna**, Jeff Kelter ’76, **Tim Ghiskey**, and Clint Brown ’79 to help make this happen, and contributors included both Trinity and Taft alumni. As **Sandy Weedon** said, Judson wouldn’t believe it. We can visualize Jud, climbing to the top of the scoreboard, sitting on top, dangling his legs, and cheering with that Cheshire grin of his. A simple dedication will take place January

20 before a home hockey game. I’m headed to Homecoming next week to help honor retiring legend Paul Assaiane and receive a copy of the newly published *A History of Trinity College Squash*. Sending best wishes to all of my classmates!”

And from **Andy Friedman**: “Fifteen years ago, I founded the Washington Update to help investors and financial advisers understand how developments in Washington are likely to affect the markets, investments, and taxes. At the end of last year, with our younger daughter leaving for college, I made the tough decision to retire. My wife, Susan, and I are easing into empty-nest status with travel: Ireland this summer and France this month. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th!”

**Margo Halle** has been in touch with us, too: “I have been living in Baltimore since 2014; retired as of 2022, which has allowed plenty of time to help with childcare for our grandson (in Kingston, Massachusetts) as well as for some of my Baltimore friends’ grandchildren. Total joy! Rooting hard for the Baltimore Orioles to win the pennant and make it to the World Series!”

**Doug McGarrah** is busy: “With three kids mostly launched (our youngest turns 25 in October!), my wife, Beth, back working in early childhood support at Waldorf School, and 32.5 years at one law firm (Foley Hoag), I decided to make a change and follow the sage advice of our class leader (our elected class president **Gil Childers**!) and go back into public service as general counsel at the Massachusetts Department of Transportation and the MBTA. Yes, I know, the system is in tough shape and there are indeed ample challenges that will keep me busy for years to come! But I am working harder than ever and earning less . . . maybe I have discovered the fountain of youth! We’ll see at the 50th Reunion in 2027!”

**Didi Burns** keeps us up-to-date on what she and **Greg Burns** have been up to: enjoying retirement. “We keep busy by visiting our children, nine grandchildren, traveling, playing golf and pickleball, and volunteering.”

**Michael Osur** checks in, too: “Recently saw **Jason Jacobson** in the San Francisco Bay Area. Jason and wife Michelle and family were in San Francisco to see the last shows of Dead and Company. They came to our home for dinner in the Oakland Hills. I retired exactly two years ago as the assistant director of the Riverside County (California) Department of Public Health. In September 2023, I was in Rochester, New York, for my 50th high

school reunion (Brighton High School). Alas, no Trinity alums in attendance.”

Finally, I’m sorry to tell you that our classmate and friend **Earl Gardner** passed in August 2023. His obituary is available in *The Hartford Courant*. And please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

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Note from your class secretary: It is with sadness that I share the passing of our classmate **David Rowland**. He was a tablemate and a suite mate of mine during our 45th Reunion. He had great stories to tell about the work he was doing in reclaiming stolen art. You can google his obituary in *The New York Times*, and please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

**Stuart Kerr** writes, “Was great to see lots of classmates at our 45th. A big bonus that it was also my daughter Marian’s 10th Trinity Reunion. Update: I am badly failing at retirement. Just got talked into returning to my long-ago U.S. Department of Commerce unit, though just half-time. I’ll be managing some legal reform projects in the Balkans. Earlier this year, was voted onto the boards of Potomac Boat Club and my old prep school, Peddie. Plus, I’m still the head crew coach at a local Catholic girls’ high school, president of the institute I ran years ago, and chair of a charity that funds a high-performing, community-led primary school in Nairobi’s Mukuru kwa Reuben slum. My wife just shakes her head.”

**Rand Pearsall** shares this: “My wife, Josanne, and I attended the Trinity football game against Tufts on September 16 in honor of Coach Don Miller’s 90th birthday, with a celebration dinner in Mather that night. Also on hand from our class were **Jim Smith** (tailgate host), **Karl Herbst**, **Mike Daven**, **Marc Montini** (and **Debbie**), **John Doldoorian**, and **Floyd Monroe**. My Trinity graduate school roommate and wide receiver coach Larry Mattison M’80 also flew in from Georgia with his wife, Jackie. Great day all around!”

Loyal Bantam **Clay Phillips** writes, “It was a big shock to see David’s obit in the *Times* a few weeks ago. I chatted with him several times during Reunion Weekend and made a point of introducing him to others so he could tell his story. He had just landed a huge

settlement and was feeling pretty good about things. Taken away too soon.” Clay keeps busy as the founder and principal of Crow’s Nest Consulting.

And, I, **Jory Lockwood**, will add a few more words. “I am learning Welsh on Duolingo. I picked Welsh because my great-great-grandfather was born in Wales and then came over on the boat as a child. I was horrible at world languages when I was in high school, and—no surprise—I continue to be more or less horrible at learning a language now. I have no study partners with which to practice conversation, so while I may eventually become marginally adept at reading Welsh, I doubt I will ever be much good at speaking it. Still, the challenge is a good one, and Welsh is an interesting language. It has sounds not found anywhere in English.”

From the Alumni Office: The Jennifer Baahng Gallery is pleased to announce the gallery representation of **Deborah Buck**, a painter for more than 40 years. Her debut solo exhibition at the gallery is scheduled for spring 2024.

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Our Class Notes usually have a variety of news. As we count down to our 45th Reunion (you’ll be there, won’t you?) in June 2024, we have good news and some sad tidings.

**David Rosenblatt** may have stepped aside in April 2023 as managing partner of Burns & Levinson in Boston after 24 years, but his legal prowess is still recognized. Dave was named in July 2023 to *Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly’s* inaugural Hall of Fame and received a Lifetime Achievement Award. During Dave’s tenure, his law firm more than doubled in size to more than 125 attorneys, making it the 12th largest in Boston. He’s a leading attorney in environmental law, chairs his firm’s environmental group, and is a member of its real estate group. And, he’s a mentor to seniors at Trinity plus Boston College Law School, where he graduated with honors.

Let’s go to Kansas City, where **Sarah Alderks Brown** also received legal honors. The

Kansas City Metropolitan Bar Association named her the recipient of the Dean of the Trial Bar Award at its 50th Bench-Bar & Boardroom Conference. Sarah was saluted for her trial skills as a litigator and her professional demeanor. During her career, she has helped victims of sexual abuse, harassment, and discrimination fight for justice. Sarah also spent more than a decade fighting for justice for more than 100 victims of childhood abuse by clergy members.

Speaking of the law, **Jeff Seibert** writes, “I am finally retired (effective December 31, 2023) after practicing law for 41 years at the same firm in Baltimore, Maryland. My wife, Jane ’80, and I are looking forward to spending more time at the New Jersey Shore and visiting with our grandchildren in D.C. and California. I met up recently with **Laura McCanless Gakos** and hope to catch up with other classmates at our 45th Reunion in June.”

**George Brickley** retired a few years back and still has strong Trinity ties. And he’s a Reunion Committee volunteer. He writes, “Not much to report from Melrose, Massachusetts. Cindy (Higgins) ’80 and I spent this past summer relaxing and enjoying our three young granddaughters. I played several rounds of golf, but my game needs much work. Help! I am planning on attending our 45th Reunion in June; should be fun. Let’s get a big ’79 crowd back to campus and do this right! I have volunteered to serve on the Reunion Committee, so contact me at [g.brickley@comcast.net](mailto:g.brickley@comcast.net) if you’re considering attending in June. We’d all love to see you!”

**James Cropsey** traveled to Spain after winning a Grand Slam Club Ovis (GSCO) charity auction for a Spanish red deer hunt. Jim says, “GSCO has been instrumental in bringing several species of the desert wild sheep of Mexico back from the brink of extinction in the tradition of President Teddy Roosevelt, wherein hunters support conservation efforts. Scotland gets to call their deer red stag; the Spanish do not!” Jim hunted in Spain in September with Gonzalo Colomina of Spanish Mountain Hunts at his 10,000-acre home. “Gonzalo has been supporting the European wild sheep known locally as mouflon, and his property supports a couple of herds. The red deer were in full rut, roaring day and night. They sound much like the North American elk and physically resemble them.”

**Gus Reynolds** reminds us that he continues his podcast productions on music and music history. After 104 episodes of *The First Note*

([www.thefirstnotes.com](http://www.thefirstnotes.com)), which traveled back in time to look at the origins of your favorite songs, he has started his latest show, *Going Down the Rabbit Hole* ([www.gdtrh.com](http://www.gdtrh.com)), which focuses on your favorite bands and musicians from the 1960s–80s. All the shows have aired on HomeGrownRadioNJ and can be heard at the websites listed. Check it out!

When we started the process of collecting this issue’s notes, **Diane Molleson** learned that **George Griswold** passed away. Diane took the time to write this remembrance: We extend our heartfelt condolences to the friends and family of **George Griswold**, who passed away on August 21, 2023, at his home in Metairie, Louisiana. Born in Erie, Pennsylvania, George was a videographer and editor with KRON-TV in California and received numerous Emmy nominations and awards. In 1999, he moved to the New Orleans area and owned and operated an independent production company. Those who knew George remember him for his passion for photography, creativity, sharp wit, quirky sense of humor, and gentleness. Donations in his memory can be sent to World Central Kitchen at [wck.org](http://wck.org) or with a check payable to World Central Kitchen, Attention: Donor Services, 200 Massachusetts Avenue NW, 7th Floor, Washington, D.C. 20001. Please see this issue’s “In Memory” section.

As we mentioned above, our 45th Reunion is coming, and the Reunion Committee has begun planning. Dave, Jeff, Jim, and George are members of the committee. Also serving as committee members are **Holly Singer**, **Susan Tananbaum**, **Bruce Somerstein**, **Cindy Flanagan Goss**, **Eric Samuelson**, **Barlow Peelle**, **Jane Abraham**, **Bill Hagan**, and **Ken Crowe**.

When you read this, there still will be time to help. Just get in touch with the College or the class secretaries. And above all, please attend. We want to see you back on campus.

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**Lisa Bloom** has a new book—*Climate Change and the New Polar Aesthetics: Artists Reimagine the Arctic and Antarctic*—on the artist response to climate change in the polar region. The cover of her book is haunting. Lisa was interviewed along with contributor Elena Glasberg by Thyrza Nichols

Goodeve in *Art Journal* last spring. Lisa says that “much of her writing in the last 15 years brings the issues of gender, race, and colonialism and the relation of the human and nonhuman to bear on the topic of climate change and contemporary art.” In the interview, she mentions her thinking about social art history and feminist approaches since her time at Trinity as an art history major and credits her professor Judy Rohrer. Lisa is a trained photographer and has an M.F.A. in the history of photography and a Ph.D. from the University of California Santa Cruz. You can check out her website detailing her scholarly writings, lectures, and books ([www.lisaebloom.com](http://www.lisaebloom.com)). She has taught at numerous universities and art schools and is a scholar-in-residence at UC Berkeley’s Beatrice Bain Research Group in the Department of Gender and Women’s Studies. She spends her time between Berkeley, California, and New York City.

**Tom Casey** let me know that **Scott Lessne** was elected to the Executive Committee of the Trinity College Alumni Association (TCAA). It’s nice to know the TCAA is in capable hands. Tom also mentioned that he and wife Chrissy went to **Sarah McCoy’s** eldest son’s wedding. He said Sarah’s identical twin, Anne, was there, which was off-putting seeing Sarah in double. Apparently, the wedding was a great event.

What a talented class! You may recall that last year **Denise Jones** was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame for swimming, softball, and track and field. Her breast-stroke record stood for 30 years. Another classmate, **Susan Proctor**, is a 2023 Hall of Fame inductee. Sue captained the 1980 undefeated crew season, which culminated in winning the championship at the Dad Vail Regatta. That followed the 1979 undefeated season. She rowed the varsity eight for three years, which is even more impressive when you know she never rowed in high school. As I recall, the crew teams went out really early when it was nice and chilly on the Connecticut River. That took a special kind of dedication, and I never remember Sue without a smile on her face. She went on to compete for Team USA in the pairs in 1981, 1982, and 1983. In her remarks at the ceremony, Sue said she learned what “teamanship” meant. She asked her teammates to stand up: Lisa Bourget Frisbie ’81, Anne Brainard ’79, Elizabeth “Liz” Kelly Droney ’79, Elizabeth “Libie” Kilbourn Graham ’81, **Cindy Higgins Brickley**, Deedee Look ’81, and Debbie Davis ’81, as well as coaches

Andy, Gary, and David Greenspan to be recognized. Sue was a biochemistry major, got her master’s at Tufts and doctorate at Boston University, and pursued a career as a scientist. I could not help but think about the book *Lessons in Chemistry*, where the main character is a chemist and rower in the 1960s. Sue had a long career of advancing Army medicine as a USARIEM researcher and division chief. She said that much of her success can be attributed to knowing how to work as a team—what she learned at Trinity to get the best out of each other. At her retirement, she was recognized as changing the perception of military readiness, which will have a lasting impact on the military. She researched environmental and occupational effects that have advanced the safety of the military. Congratulations, Sue, you have made the Class of 1980 very proud.

James Cropsey ’79 emailed me to share some news. James went to Berkshire with **Tom Casey** and **William Bullard**. He also rowed with Tom at Trinity. He wanted to let me know that **Robert Herbst** has set another record with Guinness World Records for incredible feats of strength for a 606-pound yoke carry at a 164-pound body weight at age 64. Robert also held the record in 2022.

Not nearly as accomplished, but my husband and I won our club’s seniors (60-plus) tennis tournament, and I won low gross mixed team and longest drive at an environmental industry outing October 5. The week before, I ran into **Nina** and David ’79 **Diefenbach** and one of their daughters as I was looking for an errant golf ball at Philly Cricket. At Homecoming, I ran into another Trinity couple, Dede ’81 and **Doug Stone**, at the football game. The Stones know how to put together a tailgate: well-appointed with blue and yellow flower arrangement, “Go Trinity” banner, and delicious food and drink selections. They were there with son Geoffrey Stone, a great guy who speaks French as well as his dad. Others who attended Homecoming included **Mark Leavitt**, Clinton Brown ’79, David Beers ’77, Mike Foye ’79, Lindsey Davison Page ’94, and her son, Bo Page ’27, who is loving Trinity.

That’s all I have for now. I hope to hear from you in the coming months.

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Wow, this was a slow news quarter! Happily, **Shaun Finnegan** and **Cynthia Blakeley** came to the rescue with last-minute submissions!

Shaun writes, “I am enjoying retired life here in Fernandina Beach/Amelia Island, Florida. Have gotten together this summer with fellow Trinity grads Michael Scinto ’80, who also lives here, and David Deacon ’80, who visited from Chicago. Also had a nice visit with fellow Crow brother Bill Gabor ’80 on a vacation to Cazenovia, New York, in July.”

And from Cynthia: “I am still working as a freelance editor and teaching interdisciplinary courses at Emory University in Atlanta (e.g., ‘Memory and Memoir,’ ‘Interdisciplinary Research Methods,’ and ‘Theories of Dream Interpretation’). I am currently editing a book on Beethoven, and I hope to have a book of my own published in 2024 (it’s undergoing peer review at UMass Press). A hybrid memoir, the book melds stories from my upbringing in Wellfleet, Massachusetts, with scholarly commentary on how we remember, why we forget, and the choices we all, and especially memoirists, make in our curation of the past. A Trinity romance makes a brief appearance! In other news, my daughter, Hannah Rose, married this summer to a wonderful man who works in tech finance. They live in Manhattan. Hannah Rose is working on a Ph.D. in art history and spent the past year in Belgium on a Fulbright. We had fun visiting her there. Lastly, I had a recent email exchange with one of my favorite professors at Trinity, Borden Painter, who is doing well and living in a retirement community in Connecticut. I also stay in touch with another amazing Trinity prof, Dori Katz, whose memoir, *Looking for Strangers*, I have taught in my



The "Trinity 5" from 1982—Dave Congdon, Mark Thibault, Joe Upton, Tom Savage, and Tom Mathews—don matching shirts at a recent get-together at Joe's cottage on Lake Michigan.

class. It's about her search for the family that hid her as a young Jewish child during World War II. It's a fascinating read. I feel lucky to have had such wonderful professors and friends during my undergraduate years."

From **Sue Walsh Ober**: "As I was about to submit this, I thought I'd mention that I'm suffering through my first bout with COVID (until now I thought I was invincible), and my wonderful friend **Izzy Lerman** is on her way to my house to bring me soup and chicken salad! Izzy and I live 10 minutes from each other and have had a great time reestablishing our Trinity friendship after running into each other in a supermarket checkout line 10 years ago!"

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The first bit of news I received came from a group of guys who have always known how to have a good time. From the sophomore slums on Crescent Street to the shore of Lake Michigan: **Tom Mathews**, **Joe Upton**, **Mark Thibault**, **Tom Savage**, and **Dave Congdon** have stayed in touch. They recently met and stayed at Joe's cottage on Lake Michigan for a long weekend of golf, beach, and libations, as well as matching shirts courtesy of Tom M. He shared an update of the "Trinity 5" (of '82): "I (Tom) am retired, living in Charlotte, and still working part time at Total Wine teaching classes and selling wine. Mark lives outside Detroit and just retired after 25-plus years with GM. He was the pickleball champ for the weekend. Dave is doing some consulting, living in Southern Connecticut and playing plenty of golf. Joe is still working and selling books and still in Ann Arbor (where the best football team

is!). **Tom Savage** is still in the Philly area working as a banker and doing deals."

Switching gears to literary pursuits, **Dan Boyne** shared that his new murder mystery, *Body of Water*, came out a few months ago.

**Barbara Selmo** is having a craft essay published in an upcoming book by Diane Zinna called *Letting Grief Speak: Writing Portals for Life after Loss* (Columbia University Press, due in 2024). "I also see **Judy Bolton-Fasman** frequently, to our ongoing delight. Forty-five years of friendship and counting!"

**Steve Andsager** sends this update: "In early September, I was at Wrigley Field rooting on the Chicago Cubs. Ironically, while I was there, I got a text of a photo of classmates **Jim Phelps** and **Doug Amster** at Wrigley! Based on the photo, I could tell they were sitting remarkably close to me. In fact, we were within 10 rows of each other! We were able to catch up between innings; it was great to see both of them."

**Barb Sherman Levison** reports how big September was for her family as not only did daughter Liza get married on a picture-perfect day in Kennebunkport but also Lee got a brand-new hip the following week. "Hoping the new hip improves his golf game. We continue to love our retirement as residents of Southwest Florida with summers in Maine. With continued good health, we enter our 40th year of marriage with gratitude."

**Bailey Johnston Farrin** continues to work in Charlotte immigration court for asylum seekers. "Very hard but less stressful right now because the government is dismissing non-priority cases (those who are not dangerous). I have one daughter in Stanford Law School and one who is teaching English in Spain."

**Scott Cassie** is happy to report that his son, Rob, 28, is engaged! He and fiancée Bri Owens live in East Bay, San Francisco, where he works at Pixar.

**Nancy Netcoh** has been playing lots of pickleball and still running her graphic design/art licensing company. "Combining our lifelong loves for writing and creating art, my business partner and I have started a wall-decor blog, *If Your Walls Could Talk*, and would love to see if any alumni are interested in subscribing to learn about the wall-decor industry and design trends. On the other fun side, Frank and I have been happily spending a lot of time at the Cape and are welcoming our third granddaughter in October/November."

**Andy Stephenson** has been staying in touch with old friends via Zoom recently while

celebrating the 40th wedding anniversary of Di '81 and **Will Fiske**. "I retired from teaching a little over a year ago and just got a part-time job fabricating gangways, two days a week, loving it! Still well connected to our '81 boat that I'm so proud of. Dear, old friends!"

**Rise Singer** is pleased to report that she started a new position at Brandeis University (where she's been for the past 20 years!) as director of initiatives to counter anti-Semitism.

**Chris Tolerico** sent his first update. He and wife **Tracey Caesar Tolerico** still live in New Jersey. He still practices emergency medicine and works on his handicap but has more administrative work as the director of the department. With two daughters and a son with a granddaughter and grandson, Tracey spends much of her time babysitting. Chris writes, "We recently caught up with **Pat Morris** in July at his son's wedding in Cleveland, Ohio, where he still lives. We got together with **Joe Adinolfi** and **Paul O'Brien** for our daughter's wedding in South Africa."

**Nancy Carlson** checked in to share that she is happily retired and remarried. "I sold my Vermont women's health and aesthetic offices in June 2021 and my Florida office in January 2022. My husband, Stephen, retired in 2022 as well after a long and successful career at J.P. Morgan. We divide our time between Richmond, Vermont, and Pelican Bay in Naples, Florida. My oldest daughter married September 30 on a gorgeous fall day in Vermont. My oldest son and his wife are expecting their first child (my first grandchild) on Christmas. My second son is in the Army (Fort Bragg), and my youngest daughter lives and works in Boston. Stephen and I have seven children between us, so life is full and busy!" She reconnected with her St. A's meal club and premed study friend Noel Sorvino '81 in Naples, where they both live in Pelican Bay and belong to the same golf club. "It has been wonderful to golf and socialize with her and her husband, Donald. She had two holes in one this past season, and I was with her for one of them, which was so much more fun than studying in the basement of the library! Cheers to all, and would love to hear from you at [nacarls-onmd@gmail.com](mailto:nacarls-onmd@gmail.com)."

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**Matt Gworek** has reports that he and **Andrew Aiken** hatched a plan at Matt's daughter's wedding a few years back to enter the Mount Washington Auto Road Bicycle Hillclimb held in August every year. Unfortunately, this year the race was shut down due to bad weather. But the ambitious pair are determined to hit the trail in 2024 and welcome any other Trinity bikers to join them in New Hampshire next summer.

**Jean Walshe** was at the 40th Reunion in June and then spent two weeks in Sweden with her partner, Christer. They started in Stockholm and then moved on to play golf on the island of Gotland and later Trosa, which is a little south of Stockholm. Unfortunately, they had to battle rainy skies for both outings, but it sounds like a great trip anyway.

Our classmate **Oren Miller** regrets not making Reunion, but his medical practice in the Southwest could not spare him. But it appears as they might have to for a while as Oren suffered a minor heart attack while performing some of his duties. Being near one of his clinics, he was able to get the attention he needed in a timely fashion. I plan on getting together with Oren soon and ensuring he enjoys life a little more and can make it to our 45th and beyond.

**Rashne Desai** had reported her retirement from Whole Foods earlier in the year but is not staying idle. Alongside some academic pursuits, she has launched a new business called The Perfect Bite. It is a culinary consulting company to coach clients who are seeking to start up, elevate, or build a culinary company that inspires creativity, passion for food, and product innovation. It'll no doubt be another success for her.

It was great to see **Anne Collins** at Reunion. She retired on May 1 and celebrated with a party at the jazz festival in New Orleans, joined by **Otie Brown Filkorn** and Sandi Stott Gridley '85, among others. Since then, she's attended the Women's World Cup in New Zealand and Australia, gone sailing with Otie on Lake Champlain, and spent Labor Day weekend on Orr's Island with **Dave Warren** and friends. Anne wrote this update while on a bus heading to New York City for **Sarah Koeppel Cohn's** daughter Emily's wedding, an event to be held at the Central Park Zoo. Sounds like retirement suits Anne well.

Last spring before attending Reunion, **Janet Huley** and husband met up with their daughter, who has been living in Japan for several years. They visited Italy together and proceeded on a whirlwind tour of mostly art museums in Rome, Florence, and Venice.

Janet notes that the high-speed rail was wonderful, the food was exceptional, and they got lots of pictures and memories. She definitely plans to return.

Reigning Golden Scribbler co-champ **Al Strickler** and wife romped through New England this summer following his attendance at Reunion. On their voyage, they were able to spend time with classmates **Ben Howe**, **John Swain**, **Tim Clarke**, and **Peter O'Brien**. Then the couple dropped down to New York City to catch up with **Jamie Dooley**.

Finally, I was able to get together again with **Angelos Orfanos** and **Ron Carroll** with wives for our annual New York dinner when my family ventured north for our summer visit. It was great to see them again only a month after Reunion. Also, upon hearing from **Chuck Petridis** at Reunion that his son was interning in New York, we opened the dinner up to him and all of our offspring. It was a great night at a Greek restaurant owned by Angelos's close friend.

That's all for this edition.

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**Steve Klots** shares, "Not much has changed for me. I've just started my 30th year as chaplain of South Kent School, and I continue to do quite a bit of work for the Episcopal Church in Connecticut. I'm holding up pretty well otherwise, although my legs, especially my knees, tell me that my running days are over, and I had to have rotator cuff surgery on my left shoulder in July. Unfortunately, I probably won't be at Reunion because that's the same weekend as South Kent's reunion (marking our 100th year), but perhaps I can be there on Friday night. Overall, I can't complain; life is good."

**Bob Flynn** writes, "I attended the Trinity Bicentennial this past year, saw a few folks from 1983, not many from 1984, but still a nice time. I was actually taking classes at the ol' place, taking advantage of the Alumni Audit Program. It was fun, although sitting among the real students, I suddenly realized how old I am! It must have sparked something in me because this summer I registered for a master's program! Keeping to the Trinity theme, I'm now in Ireland attending classes at Trinity College Dublin. I'll be here for the year, focusing on human



**Tim Nash '84** and **Tom Hampton '84** are all smiles after bumping into each other late last winter with their metal detectors at Duxbury Beach, Massachusetts. The initially contentious encounter, with both of their devices beeping wildly over the same patch of sand, turned friendly upon their recognizing each other as fellow Bantams and brothers in arms. A couple bottle caps, a buffalo nickel, and this photo commemorate the happy reunion. Tom quoted author Paulo Coelho: "Remember that wherever your heart is, there you will find treasure."



**Mac Nash '81**, **Eric Rosow '86**, **Andrew Merrill '85**, **Bob Reichart '84**, and **Deb Davis '81** take part in a mini Trinity rowing reunion at the USRowing Masters Nationals in Indianapolis in July 2023.

rights. The program is international peace studies, studying large-scale conflict with an eye toward understanding and resolving, hopefully preventing, it. I'm in my first week and trying to remember how to read, think, small challenges like that, let alone trying to figure out all this stuff online. Honestly, though, the biggest challenge (I hope) will be trying to stay focused during mini breaks to the Mediterranean . . . LOL."

**Bob Reichart** reached out as well: "We had a mini Trinity rowing reunion at the USRowing Masters Nationals in Indianapolis in July. Connected with Deb Davis '81, Mac Nash '81, Andrew Merrill '85, and Eric Rosow '86. Deb, Mac, and I competed for Chinook Performance Racing, Andrew and Eric for Riverfront Recapture in Hartford. Many medals earned by all!"

Next to write was **Weezie Kerr Mackey**. She says, "Just got off a Zoom with a few classmates who are helping to plan Reunion. I'm excited to announce I've moved from Houston, Texas, to Brunswick, Maine, as of June 2023. Still working for Rice University



**Maria Rodriguez '87, Eileen Vargas-Costello '87, and Jeanne Harrison '87 get together in the Poconos in October 2023.**



**Lincoln '87 and Nancy Golding Purdy '87, Lisa Cummings and Jim Rossman '87, Chris '87 and Kelly Smith, Ted McNamara and Maureen Neylon '87, and Dave Smith '87 and Lisa Trocki Smith '88 celebrate the wedding of Chris and Kelly's son Craig on July 8, 2023, in Jersey City, New Jersey.**

as a writer at the business school, but now I'm lucky enough to be doing it remotely from home 2,000 miles away. My husband, Rob, still will commute back and forth for a while but should be full time by the new year. Our oldest son is in grad school in Boston and takes the train up to visit a bunch, and our youngest is a senior at Trinity University in San Antonio and will be playing his last season of college baseball this year before starting a finance analyst job in Houston after graduation. My other big news is that I'm on the Reunion Committee and am hoping to see classmates I haven't seen in years this June."

**Steve Tall** and your secretary continue to love our spot on the Lamprey River in Lee, New Hampshire. We have a cozy guest cottage called Mousetrap that we list on Airbnb that keeps us busy, along with trying to get more people to try Row House, our indoor rowing studio, on Lovejoy Wharf in Boston. We are working on a second location, hopefully closer to home. It was a busy summer with a son's wedding in L.A., two of my tennis teams advancing to New England championships, and our youngest being on a national tour for a couple of months as drummer for Frances Forever. Steve also went on a "mancation" in Sedona with friends including **Marc Ackerman** and **Bob Sansonetti**. We are definitely enjoying being grandparents, although our daughter is too far away in Austin, Texas. The hardest part is coming up with what we want to be called. Since I'm still mentally in my 40s, I have a hard time being a nana or grammy. Any suggestions? We're looking forward to catching up with **Marc Ackerman** and **Peter Yearley** at the Head of the Charles in October 2023. So excited Peter is back on this side of the pond! Lastly, by the time you read this, you

should be making your reservations to attend our 40th Reunion this June. Stop ignoring those emails from the Reunion Committee, and just do it! Hope to see you all there!

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Greetings! I hope everyone is well and enjoying the start of fall.

**Max Smith** passed along news of his daughter's wedding in early September with a Trinity connection. "Our daughter Addie married Liam McKillop '15, who was part of the 2015 men's hockey national championship team. Most of the team attended the wedding in Quogue, New York, and it was great to share such a special day with so many Trinity alums. Kate (Rodgers '87) and I are so proud as Trinity parents. Our daughter Nell '22 also graduated from Trinity, so it was an awesome day for the Bantams." Congratulations, Max and Kate—and especially Addie and Liam!

**Joe Adam** sends the following update, "In July, **Michael Chichlowski, Eric Rosow, Jenny Davidoff, Kim Crowley, Pete Zimmerman**, and I got together in West

Hartford Center for dinner. It was an excellent time for all. We all committed to going to the next Reunion. We reminisced and talked about everybody's lives, but also the call went out to find a few people who have been absent for too long; where are you **Mike Morris** and **Karen Resony**?"

As always, pass along any news you want to share.

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From the East End of Long Island, not one but two classmates have been in the news! In Southampton, **Bill Manger** was elected mayor on June 16, 2023; he defeated the incumbent with 58 percent of the vote. An article in *Dan's Papers* in September 2023 profiled **John Nicholas**, his invention of a new oyster shucking device, the Easthampton Shucker, and the company he founded. The device is "a precision-fitted clamp that takes the risk out of opening and eating the 'jewel of the sea.'" Nicholas said the shucker, which comes in several varieties, "will make the process of growing, buying, and eating oysters more accessible to the general public, while at the same time having a 'multiplier' effect on the local ecosystem."

**Chris Smith** writes that he is "currently vice president of the global modernization business at Otis Elevator, the world's largest and oldest elevator company (celebrating our 170th year). At Otis we install new elevators, maintain elevators, and after 20-plus years modernize old elevators with the latest technology. Yes, the job has its ups and downs!" He has been married for 34 years to "a wonderful woman and [they] have three great

kids who are all out of the house and off the private dole!” His oldest son, Craig (a Tufts graduate), was married on July 8, 2023. Class of 1987 attendees were **Lincoln** and **Nancy Golding Purdy**, **Maureen Neylon** and husband Ted McNamara, **Jim Rossman** and wife Lisa Cummings, and brother **Dave Smith** and sister-in-law Lisa Trocki Smith ’88. These classmates also attended Craig’s baptism 31 years ago, “so it was fitting they came to his wedding.” Other Trinity alumni in attendance included George Smith ’78, Matt ’82 and Ellin Carpenter Smith ’82, Colleen Smith Hayes ’95, Maureen Smith St. Germain ’99, and Diana Smith ’19, daughter of Matt and Ellin. **Lincoln Purdy** said it “was a beautiful affair with a stunning view of Manhattan. It seemed like old times, celebrating with **Mo Neylon**, **Jim Rossman**, **Dave Smith**, and Lisa Trocki Smith ’88.” Lincoln writes that due to a last-minute change in plans, he and Nancy missed Trinity’s Bicentennial Celebration; in “late July, we were hosted by **Cary Lyford** and **John Self** in Colorado. Always top-notch hosts, John and Cary helped us escape the New England heat and humidity with a few days of cool, fresh mountain air. While there, I was able to check off a bucket-list item, as we attended a Tedeschi Trucks Band show at the famed Red Rocks Amphitheatre. August brought a joint visit with **Patty Chen**, who was splitting time between Texas and Massachusetts, and **Kathy Lawlor Morrissey**, who traveled up from Connecticut. Nancy and Kathy ended the summer with a quick girls’ trip to New York City to visit our son, Andrew, who is in the cast of *The Book of Mormon* on Broadway.”

As I was about to submit my column to the Alumni Office, I received an email from **Eileen Vargas-Costello**, just in the nick of time! Eileen spent the first weekend of October with **Jeanne Harrison** and **Maria Rodriguez** in the Poconos. Eileen writes, “We had a great time hiking, shopping, and catching up . . . 40 years after freshman year!”

May your 2024 be filled with reminiscences of our freshman year and meetups with pals from the Class of 1987!

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The class secretary position for the Class of 1988 is vacant. If you would like to serve as



**Shannon O'Connor '88 and Michael Miller were married on July 29, 2023, at Denver Botanic Gardens, in Denver, Colorado.**

class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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We had an impressive response to my latest appeal for news and have received updates from several classmates we have not heard from in a long while.

First to report in was **Rick Ewing** from Nashville, Tennessee. “**Sandy Burke Ewing** was elected to the Nashville Metro Council for District 34, where she will serve a four-year term.” Rick recently was elected to the Trinity College Alumni Association (TCAA) Executive Committee. Congratulations to you both, and thank you for your service!

**Gina Zarra Blum** earned herself and **Becky Holt Fine** a drink on me at our 35th Reunion in response to my bribe for news from seldom-heard-from classmates. She writes, “Andrew’s incentive for Class Notes and my dear freshman-year roommate **Becky Holt Fine** are the impetus for this submission. I don’t know the last time (if ever) I submitted info for the *Reporter*, so here goes: I’ve been working for the past dozen or so years in the nonprofit sector, specifically with aging-in-place organizations. I am the executive director at Staying Put in New Canaan, and we

provide services to help senior citizens live confidently in their homes and stay engaged in the community. It is such rewarding work! My husband, David, and I celebrated our 30th anniversary this summer. Our three kids are pretty much grown and still pursuing degrees (I think they plan to never get out of school!). We enjoy a lot of time boating on Long Island Sound, and I always find time for racquet sports—wrapping up tennis now and turning to paddle, with pickle always coming in third. Life is good, and I am looking forward to Reunion and that drink with Andrew and Becky!”

And for a third not-heard-from-in-a-long-while classmate, **Kelly Keating** writes from Manhattan, “I am still living in New York City, where I have been since 1991. For the last 15 years plus, I have been living in Chelsea near The High Line and Hudson River. Since 2010, I have had my own business, The Antique Flâneur, in which as an accredited appraiser in silver with the Appraisers Association of America, I perform all types of appraisals—insurance, market assessment, estate tax, donation, etc.—for not only silver but also English ceramics. The other half of my business helps clients sell their antiques and vintage items because of downsizing, etc. In my one-person operation, the appraisals and the consignments keep me busy. In the city, I often see alums **Judy Sandford** and Nancy Barry ’88. Nancy and I are pretty much art freaks, and my neighborhood has over 300 art galleries. I’m also a silver collector and a crazy collector of 18th century English early porcelain figures.”

# Lindsey Marshall, D.M.D., '93

## DEGREE:

**B.S. in biology, minor in studio arts; D.M.D., Harvard School of Dental Medicine**

## JOB TITLES:

**Cosmetic dentist; QVC guest host**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**That's hard to narrow down . . . the little things were the best, hanging out with friends in our rooms, dinners in Mather, late nights. A highlight was senior year when Adam Sandler came to Trinity, hilarious and tailored to Trinity.**

**What do you do in your role?** I am a general, cosmetic, and physiologic dentist. I do everything from full-mouth reconstructions to basic general dentistry, always with an eye for the aesthetics and the bite, helping to treat and prevent TMD (temporomandibular issues). Owning my own practice also makes me a small business owner. I have been practicing dentistry for 25 years and in my own office for 23 years. I run every aspect of my business, including managing my team, overseeing the financial aspects of the business, and marketing. I also am an ambassador for Supersmile products and appear on social media and QVC to promote and sell products.

**How might your office be different from that of other dentists?** I think we are different because we don't "feel" like a dental office—everything from the appearance of the office when you walk in to the smell of our candles and the fun spirit of my team. We are an all-female office that focuses on delivering personalized care with cutting-edge technology while keeping the atmosphere light and fun for our patients to have their best experience. I think that by keeping my team and office small and boutique, I have been able to maintain close relationships with my patients, and the patients value that as much as we do.

**Some people are afraid to go to the dentist. How do you help patients who have that fear?** You are right, so many people do, which is why we make our office experience so different. People have a lot of triggers, and you never know what will trigger that fear. Is it the smell of the office or how it looks, is it getting a "shot" to get numb, is it the sounds, is it not being numb enough and fear of pain? So, we look different, we smell different, our layout is different. We have TVs on our ceilings above the chairs with noise-canceling headphones so you can watch Netflix or listen to music. We have blankets and a massager in the chair and provide sedation if that is what someone needs to relax and have a great experience.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** The people, the variety of things I do, and always learning something new.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your career?** Trinity gave a strong background in science and the arts and let me explore both of those interests in a way that made me want to pursue those



passions in my career. Cosmetic dentistry allows me to express and use both of those abilities every day. Beyond the education, the small environment at Trinity allowed me to develop deep friendships and a sense of community that continues to this day. Many people from Trinity have come to see me as patients, or we connect in the squash world as my kids play squash, and just last week I met a new orthodontist in New York City who also went to Trinity. When people say they went to Trinity or their kids are going there, it makes an instant connection that everyone in the Trinity community can understand.

**Did you have a professor who was particularly influential?** Yes. Dr. Henry DePhillips always spoke about the use of science in art and the connection of the two fields.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** I loved when I took "Botany" with Dr. Craig Schneider as it was so different from all the other biology courses I had taken and wished I had taken it sooner. Also, during my senior year, I did a studio arts independent study and had a show of my paintings; that was really exciting!

**What advice would you give to an incoming Trinity student who is thinking of dentistry as a career?** You need to do all the science courses and requirements, but add your interests outside of science to fill in the spaces in your schedule. Planning this your first year will allow you to space things out so you can also take courses of other interests or maybe even a semester abroad. Follow your passions and have fun because you have to love what you do.

And from **Lisa Abshire Pojano**, “As I write this, things are changing. Our oldest graduated from Hofstra this past May. I am enrolled in my first semester of Georgia Tech’s cybersecurity and public policy master’s program. We have offers to buy the house and for a new job for me. If things go according to plan, by the next issue of the *Reporter*, I will have traded Connecticut’s Charter Oak for the Spanish-moss-draped live oaks of South Carolina’s Low Country.”

**Jay Flemma**, the indomitable sportsman, reports from a skiing trip in Argentina, where he was on assignment for two different magazines. “One day they took us deep into the Baguales National Forest and drove us up random mountainsides to shred fresh pow.” Jay also shared that he’ll soon be relocating from New York to somewhere out West soon, and I’m looking forward to that update.

**Michelle McEttrick** was in touch to share news about **Sue Kinz Maggioni**’s dog, Maggie, being rescued by the Newton, Massachusetts, fire department, with an accompanying link to a YouTube news story about it. Poor Maggie got out of the house and managed to get swept into a nearby river. The video showed the dramatic rescue and pictures of Sue and Maggie’s reunion. Thank goodness for the happy ending. You can watch it on YouTube by searching for “missing Wellesley dog rescued by the Newton Fire Department in the Charles River.”

I got to see **Kevin Scollan** twice over the summer when he made two road trips to New London, Connecticut, where I spend time in the warmer months. He still works as a writer and editor for E\*Trade and lives in West Hartford. On his second visit, we met up with Jeff Kriebel ’88, who also spends time in nearby Niantic each summer. We stopped in the Dutch Tavern, a time capsule of a watering hole once frequented by Eugene O’Neill in the early 20th century. Allegedly, it was one of the inspirations for Harry Hope’s bar in *The Iceman Cometh*. As my new favorite hole-in-the-wall, I’ll happily meet any of you there in the summer months if you’re passing through.

And speaking of summer, we’re quickly approaching our 25th Reunion, and I hope to see a big crowd of you there!

From the Alumni Office: Fairfield University Vice President for Athletics **Paul Schlickmann** has been selected among the 28 winners of the Cushman & Wakefield AD of the Year Award, as announced



Several 1990 classmates—Kristin Cummings Palmer, Denise Chicoine, Linda DiPaolo Jones, Marie Dempsey, and Suzanne Davidson Talbot—meet in London in July 2023 to mark their collective birthdays. Talbot reports, “While abroad, we enjoyed our time together as well as many activities in London, Bath, and Paris. It’s really a testament to our time at Trinity that we’ve been able to maintain our friendship for 35-plus years!”

recently by the National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA). Schlickmann is in his sixth year as the leader of Stags Athletics.

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From the Alumni Office: **Lisa Banks** was named to Washingtonian’s “Most Powerful Women in Washington.” The October 2023 list featured “169 of the most influential women shaping government, business, the arts, education, law, media, and nonprofits.” Banks, a partner at Katz Banks Kuman in Washington, D.C., was listed in the “Legal Powers” category, along with four sitting Supreme Court justices.

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Matt Freeman ’90 and **Jeb Bowron** “founded the Young Geezers Club (YGC) as a support group for eccentric middle-aged men developing into outright geezers. Pre-codgers also

are welcome. More info to follow as we study the internet.”

**Mary Magauran** and husband Jack’s oldest child, Charlie, is a first-year cadet at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, where **JB Wells** is his football coach. Fellow 1991 Bantam **Maya Cameron Houston** has a daughter, Cici, at the USCGA as well. It was such a pleasant surprise when Mary realized Cici was her son’s cadre (battalion leader) this summer. Such a small world!

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**Ron Irwin**’s new novel, *My Side of the Ocean*, is out! It can be found on Amazon in Kindle and eBook formats. Early reviews have been excellent. Congrats, Ron!

**Nancy Lima Sebert** writes that she is teaching seventh grade in Kittery, Maine, and has been there for 20 years! “Crazy to think I went to grad school at UMass right after Trinity and have been teaching middle school since 1993, first in Brattleboro, Vermont, then in Byfield, Massachusetts, and ended up here in Maine. I live in a small town called North Berwick with my husband of 24 years, an old dog, and two cats. My daughter is 21 and a senior at UNH, so close by but on her own at the same time. I love my life, I love Maine, and I just wanted to say hi to people from Trinity who remember me; it’s been a while.”



Graham Schelter '94, Mark Kastrud '94, Sanji Fernando '94, and Dan Herbert '94 get together at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, in fall 2023.

Megan Spann Dennen writes, "Bill Dennen and I just returned from a wonderful trip to Iceland! We'd highly recommend it to anyone considering a visit. Earlier in the summer, we caught up with **Marc Davis** and **Mikio Miyawaki** and wife Monica DaSilva '94. Our older son is a sophomore at Amherst College, and our younger son is a high school senior getting ready to apply to college. There's still a chance we'll have another Bantam in the family. We're living in Cumberland, Rhode Island. Bill works for Cloudfare as a technical account manager, and I just celebrated 25 years at Blue Cross & Blue Shield of Rhode Island."

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Hi, classmates. I hope you all had a wonderful summer. I was back on campus for a football game in September, and former football coach Don Miller's 90th birthday was celebrated. I saw a ton of folks who came back to honor him. Once again, the Bantams have a tough team, led by our classmate **Jeff Devanney**. Now for some updates.

**Doug Rausch** writes, "Justin Grigg and I, along with our families, met up at the New Jersey Shore for a couple of days this summer in Bradley Beach. It was fun to hang at the beach, to catch up on post-Reunion news, and to relax with longtime friends. After a few years of doing this, it is starting to turn into an annual tradition!"

**Amanda Reynal** reports, "My son **George Reynal** is a sophomore living in Goodwin this year. Reunion was so much fun, I cannot wait to go back in October. I have something exciting to share: I am a published author. My book comes out October 3. I am hoping to figure out a book-signing event at Homecoming. By the way, it's called *Designing Rooms with Joie de Vivre*." Congrats!

From **Kelsey Rollinson**, "Our Reunion and the Bicentennial bash was a great way to kick off the summer! As always, it was so fun to see old classmates and friends and spend some time having some laughs and reminiscing 'neath the elms! I'm in Ridgefield, Connecticut, and enjoy working for Connecticut Public Television and Radio. I look forward to broadcasting out of their new studio facilities at Fairfield University this fall! After a trip to the Upper Peninsula of Michigan to visit my husband's family in July, we settled into summer fun in Connecticut, which consisted of lots of swim meets, tennis matches, fishing, and fun for the kids. I, too, managed to play a lot of tennis and even won the club singles B championship at the end of the summer, which was exciting! The kids are enjoying being back at school. My son, 13, is in eighth grade, and my daughter, 11, just started sixth grade and is adjusting to middle school! The fall is already filled with field hockey, flag football, and lots more activities for them! I'll wrap up fall tennis and am excited for paddle tennis to start in October! Go Bants!"

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**Emelie East** writes, "My husband and I are taking sabbaticals and about to embark on an Atlantic crossing by sailboat. We plan to leave Cape Town, South Africa, early October, stop at the islands of St. Helena and Fernando de Noronha (Brazil), and ultimately end our journey in Grenada sometime in November. This trip should take us about 35 days at sea. As sailors (and licensed captains) here in the Pacific Northwest, we're pretty excited to go big and experience an ocean crossing, especially since we ultimately plan to sail the world."

**Duffy Mudry** writes, "Our son, Chris, is a [first-year] at Trinity! He is enjoying it and just made it into The Accidentals, one of the a cappella groups. **Ali Baird**, **Renee Barkley**, **Cristina Pozefsky**, and I get together when we can and are hoping to make it happen sometime this spring."

**Peter Friedman's** son William committed to pitch for Trinity. He'll be entering a year from now, Class of 2028!

**Mike Robinson's** son Luke recently led New Canaan over St. Joseph, winning for the first time since 2014. Luke threw for four touchdowns and ran for a fifth and as of this writing is leading the polls for Fairfield County Player of the Week.

**Graham Schelter** recently hosted **Mark Kastrud**, **Dan Herbert**, and I at his country club. We played a great round and much to our surprise ran into **Tom Corderman**, looping bags as a caddie at the club. Tom was fresh back from Italy. He was there with his good friend Fred Couples and watched the United States disappointingly lose to the Europeans. Frustrated with decades of poor Ryder Cup play, Tom and Fred are convinced the poor performance of U.S. caddies are holding our players back. Tom's dedicated himself to launching a new caddie academy, ensuring the United States has the best caddies to win back the cup back in 2025.

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Hello, classmates! It's either been a really boring few months for everyone, or you all have been so busy that no one had the time to spare to send a quick update for the *Reporter*. Since I hate the way it looks when a class has no news, I'll give you an update on me. I fill my days with various volunteer work. I have been reelected as the Class of 1998 class secretary, so you will be seeing my updates for five more years. I'm also a class agent and work with the alumni and development offices to help with fundraising. I also volunteer with the development office at my daughter's high school and am vice president of the Parents Association. The biggest news in my life lately is that I dropped my son off for his freshman year at college. That was kind of crazy. His dorm room reminded me of the one I had in Jones, but now that everyone has smartphones, gone are the days of whiteboards on your door and stalking the laundry room for free machines. They text each other if they need to leave a message, and there's an app that tells them which washing machines are free and how many minutes are left in the cycle. That's all from me for now. Until next time, take care and go Bantams!

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From the Alumni Office: Justin Gottlieb was featured on the front page of *The Bulletin*, a daily newspaper in Bend, Oregon, in July 2023, in a story about bottle deposits that explains why some residents want state and local government to do away with the daily limit of recycling 350 containers. The story includes two photos of him, including one showing him organizing cans and bottles that he collected. Justin's nonprofit, We CAN, is based on his personal journey from homelessness to stability. According to the nonprofit's website, [www.wecanoregon.com](http://www.wecanoregon.com), "Participants work as community recycling stewards who empower themselves through daily canvassing opportunities. The

goal is to collect and manage \$35 per day of redeemable aluminum, glass, and plastic containers within assigned areas. Daily earnings would be allocated to reoccurring expenses such as food, utilities, fuel, fun, and savings. Matching funds support stewards in covering larger, destabilizing expenses such as rent, deposits, transportation, and taxes after successfully completing a 90-day probationary period."

**2000** President: Peter B. Collins • Secretary: Virginia W. Lacefield, [virginia.lacefield.2000@trincoll.edu](mailto:virginia.lacefield.2000@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Doug Borgerson, Peter B. Collins, Peter Espy, Wick McLean, Katie Thomson, Johanna Tighe Traven, Catherine Zito • [f/Trinity-College-Class-of-2000-193274580990](https://www.facebook.com/Trinity-College-Class-of-2000-193274580990)

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**2002** Secretary: Ellen Zarchin, [ellen.zarchin.2002@trincoll.edu](mailto:ellen.zarchin.2002@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Shakira Ramos Crespo, Dave Kayiatos, Nhung My Thi Lam, Ellen Zarchin

Happy fall, y'all! I hope this edition of Class Notes finds you all well and settled into your fall schedules. As I write this, it's another rainy day here in Westchester County, and I'm trying to recall how many sunny weekends we've had over the last few months. Here's hoping for drier and sunnier weather patterns soon!

Nick Barquin checks in from Washington, D.C., and shares he is heading out to Mill Valley with Pete Rogers to see a Samples show with Adrian Fadrhonic. I'm pretty sure The Samples played on the Cave patio during our Trin days. Can anyone confirm this? I now have "Did You Ever Look So Nice" running through my head! Nick, send us photos from the show for the next Class Notes!

Andy Robinson reports the Trinity Bicentennial celebration was a great time, and he enjoyed seeing Dana and Taylor Wolfe, Caroline Leary, and Shakira Ramos. Andy suggests we organize a pickleball tournament for our next Reunion. Who's in? Amanda Todd Lynch, Shaylor Steele, Nick Barquin, and other 2002 tennis enthusiasts, can we recommend you for leading the charge in 2027?

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Kate Volpe Canavan shares that she is starting a new chapter of life in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her two daughters. She is recently divorced and has started, with her best friend, a podcast about divorce titled *A Million Paper Cuts: Divorce Demystified*. Check it out!

Patrick Roman and I enjoyed seeing Noah Feinstone on the Opti sailing circuit this summer. Noah's daughter, Sammy, and two of our children, Luke and Eliza, sailed in the same regattas in Hampton, Virginia, and in Bellport, New York. Rob Bohn and Jessica Harmon Bohn, maybe we will see you at one of these regattas?

If you have relocated, started a new passion project, welcomed a new family member, explored a new city, or gathered with other Trinity alums recently, please send your snippets of news my way ([ellen-zarchin@hotmail.com](mailto:ellen-zarchin@hotmail.com)). Until next time!

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Trinity turns 200 this year, but just as impressive: the Class of '04 diplomas turn 20 next year! Begin mentally, physically, and

# Andy McTeague '12

## DEGREE:

**B.S. in chemistry; Ph.D. in organic chemistry, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT)**

## JOB TITLES:

**Senior scientist, medicinal chemistry, at Morphic Therapeutic in Waltham, Massachusetts**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**Living in Jarvis my senior year with seven of my best friends. There are lots of memories from that suite that I look back fondly on, and I remain close with all of those friends today.**

## What was your path to your current position?

After graduating from Trinity, I began graduate school at MIT in the fall of 2012. Shortly thereafter I joined the lab of Tim Jamison. In his group, I honed my analytical thinking and research acumen and developed an expertise in organic synthesis. My early scientific career at Trinity, particularly in Tim Curran's group, had always inspired me to pursue chemistry that impacts human health, so I then took a position as a postdoctoral fellow at AstraZeneca. There I worked on covalent inhibitors with applications in oncology. Encouraged by my experience at AZ, I chose to continue my career in medicinal chemistry and started as a "scientist I" at Morphic Therapeutic in May 2019.

**What do you do in your role?** In an idealized sense, my job is to design new drugs to help patients. Based on existing data, we first form hypotheses about how to improve the properties of a given compound. We then make specific structural changes to (hopefully) achieve those ends. Once the data from these new compounds comes in, the whole process starts again. Through this iterative cycle, we're able to eventually get to a compound that has the potential to be used as a therapeutic agent. As the lead chemist for two of our preclinical projects, most of my work involves leading a team of computational chemists, synthetic chemists, structural biologists, and assay developers to ensure that this cycle turns efficiently.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** To me, therapeutic development is the most wonderfully confounding puzzle. It's incredible that with today's knowledge, we're able to rationally design small molecules to interact with specific proteins in the body to elicit a specific biological response. Despite this, there remain an endless number of biological questions to explore, and the more that get answered, the more that arise. Being part of this process of discovery is what drives me.

**What are the biggest challenges you face?** Human biology. As I alluded to, we're still very novice in many ways when it comes to designing new drugs. While animal models or in vitro data might support a novel target or encourage you to push a compound forward, translation into humans is fraught with challenges. The human body has had millions of years to develop, and we're still playing catch-up.



Andy McTeague '12 with son Dax

**How did Trinity prepare you for the work you do and for your life in general?** The breadth of experience I accumulated during my time at Trinity helped me hit the ground running when I got to graduate school. Beyond that, one of the most memorable aspects of my time at Trinity was the faculty. My professors, particularly those in the Chemistry Department, took a vested interest in my education, development, and who I was beyond the classroom. All of their mentorship and guidance ensured that I could build a solid foundation for my future.

**Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential?** Truthfully, it's hard to pick just one. Both Alison Draper and Tim Curran were hugely influential. Alison taught me what it means to be a scientist, and Tim showed me how to be a scientist. Alison's enthusiasm and encouragement propelled me into research, and Tim's mentorship and rigor turned me into the scientist I am today. Both of them played a vital part in my success at Trinity and beyond.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** Aside from my many semesters of research in Professor Curran's group, the ISP (Interdisciplinary Science Program) first-year seminar with Alison Draper helped shape who and where I am today. In addition to the demanding course load that pushed me academically, it encouraged me to challenge assumptions, consider alternative perspectives, and think analytically. The environment and curriculum in the ISP laid the foundation for my love of science and the scientific process.

emotionally preparing: our 20th Reunion is next summer!

**Jon Torodash's** Vetcove is rapidly growing. He is looking for Trinity grads to fill a bunch of open roles that are fully remote.

**Ashley Hilton Kadakia** and **Tina Porter Teagle** met up in Nantucket in late summer with their families.

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**2006** President: Victoria Hamilton McCarthy • Vice President: Kyle J. Cox • Secretary: Timothy Y. Fox, timothy.fox.2006@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Nicole Tsesmelis Cea, Kyle J. Cox, James McCarthy, Victoria Hamilton McCarthy, Kim Galloway McHale, Gabriel L.P. Rotman

**2007** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Joey Butler, Jenny Carson, Devon Lawrence, Samuel J. Rednor • [f/groups/TrinityClassof2007](#)  
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**2008** President: Cory Edmonds • Vice President: Alex Goldberg • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Nadia Zahran Anderson, Sasha C. Kravetz, Victoria Sprehe

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Hi, everyone! I'm so excited to share so much happy news in this edition of the *Reporter*. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me—[rmherrigel@gmail.com](mailto:rmherrigel@gmail.com)—if you have any news you'd like to share.



Five 2009 classmates—Mary Wulsin Zema, Ali Berluti Reycraft, Alana Tabacco Kontos, Natalie Jones Brennan, and Caitlin Brisson—enjoy an outing in New York City in August 2023.

**Alexandra Schwartz** (Kappa Kappa Gamma) married Jake Balbes of Franklin, Michigan, in March 2023 in a ceremony in Los Angeles. The wedding was attended by many former Trinity classmates and best friends! **Rebecca Green** (Kappa Kappa Gamma) served as one of the bridesmaids. Other alumni in attendance were Carver Diserens '09, **Morgan Furst Certner**, and **Whitney Weiler Zipser**.

**Nadjeda Estriplet** married the love of her life, **Brendon Singh**, on September 14, 2023, in Woodbury, New York. **Fatimah Finney '11** attended the wedding; the two went to high school together and have kept in touch over the years.

**Hanako "Hana" Justice** works at Oregon State University and lives in Corvallis, Oregon. She went from being a chicken to a beaver, and yeah, sorry—she considers that an upgrade. A few of her 2010 friends got married last year, so there were some Trinity reunions. **Christine Moody** and **Alex Bibi**, who met in Jarvis freshman year, got married, as did **Sreeya Bose** and **Mallory Levine**.

**Rebecca Herrigel** and **Corey Johnson** welcomed daughter **Avery McCallum** on July 26, 2023, in Portland, Maine. Avery's mom and grandmother, **Victoria Aronow '82**, look forward to her becoming a third-generation Bantam!

Congratulations to my freshman roommate, **Nadjeda**, and to all the happy couples!

**2011** President: Catherine E. Marinello • Secretary: Remi Evans Dolan, remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Rachel L. Meddar, Abigail A. Smitka



**Kelsey Semrod '12** and **Vince McLaughlin '12** were married on September 16, 2023, at the Adirondack League Club in Old Forge, New York. Bantams joining the bride and groom included **Katie Apfelbaum '11**, **Graham Skinner '12**, **Elizabeth Gerber '14**, **Zack Slouka '11**, **Rye Biddle '11**, **Michael McLaughlin '16**, **Alex Powell Sheridan '12**, **Greg Magarian '12**, **Claire Hellwig Finel '12**, **Brandon Taaffe '12**, **Andrew Cappello '15**, and **Will Kelly '11**.



Abbey Lake '16 and Alex Harvey '14 were married on June 17, 2023, in Sharon, Connecticut.

Hi, Bantams! Two updates from the Class of 2011.

First, congratulations to **Stephen Holla Garner IV**, who married Danielle Kyes Herschler at their home in Chester, Vermont, this past July. **Trevor Stern** and his wife, **TJ Tarca** and his fiancée, **Brendan Powers** and his wife and daughter, Ryan Lane '10, and Erin '10 and **Teddy Bascom** were there to celebrate the couple's beautiful ceremony and reception at the nearby Grafton Inn. Congratulations to the happy couple!

Second, **Michael Magdelinkas** has taken on an exciting new role at Accenture, leading its lobbying for the Northeast, including Hartford. Congrats on the new job, Michael!

Have anything exciting going on in your life? Share it, and we'll include it in the next issue of the *Reporter*.

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We have more baby Bantams and a wedding to celebrate in the Class of 2012!

**Tim Carson** and wife Julia welcomed their first baby, Timmy Joseph Carson III, on April 12, 2023.

**Darleny Lizardo** and partner Barry welcomed a baby girl, Nora Elouise. She was born on June 8, 2023.

**Khurty Ramudu** gave birth to a beautiful baby boy named Mateo on June 22, 2023.

**Brian Castelluccio** and Tracey Suter '11 welcomed a daughter, Liv.

**Kelsey Semrod** and **Vince McLaughlin** were married at the Adirondack League Club in Old Forge, New York, on September 16, 2023.

**2013** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Lauren Aber, Perin Adams, Caroline Brewster, Kevin Clark, Malcolm X. Evans, Emily Howe Gianis, David Hill, Megan Ingersoll, Matt Mainuli, Michael Mazur, Ryan McGuirl, Chris Novick, Alexander Raffol, James Thaler, Dobromir Trifonov  
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**Melva Juliana López Rodríguez** reports: "I started my first year of medical residency in obstetrics and gynecology in Bogotá, Colombia."



Grace Galhotra '16 and Ben Green '14 were married on June 17, 2023, at Green Bean Farm in Califon, New Jersey.

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Love was in the coop last summer for the Class of 2016.

**Grace Galhotra** and Ben Green '14 were married on June 17, 2023, at Green Bean

Farm in Califon, New Jersey, surrounded by friends and family.

**Abbey Lake** and Alex Harvey '14 were married on June 17, 2023, in Sharon, Connecticut.

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**2020** Secretary: Natalie Bruno, natalie.bruno.2020@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Luke M. Blough, Samantha Feenstra, Anna Kate Luddy, Elizabeth McCauley, Morgan McKeown

I am happy to share that **Mira Nakhle** and I, **Natalie Bruno**, started medical school together this summer at Penn State College of Medicine as part of the class of 2027. It was an exciting surprise when we found out we would be spending another four years together after meeting during orientation [as first-years] as part of the Interdisciplinary Science Program and living together on Crescent Street senior year. We can't help but think of Alison Draper's motto, everything is connected!

**2021** President: Jaymie D. Bianca • Vice President: Giovanni A. Jones • Secretary: Brendan W. Clark, brendan.clark.2021@trincoll.edu • Class Agents:

**Brendan W. Clark, Lindsey Fortin, Jessica Jones, Pearl Rourke, Hadley Smith**

The class was silent yet again. I hope to hear from many of you soon and hope that some of you made the trip back to campus for Homecoming celebrations in October, which was termed the Bicentennial Fall Weekend in honor of the College's 200th birthday festivities. The College held additional celebrations in the fall and will continue to celebrate in the spring with exciting symposia and other events. Of course, the Bicentennial Gala is still set to come in May, and I hope many of you will endeavor to come back to Hartford to attend.

As always, please share your experiences, updates, and milestones with me. I always welcome a word or note, however large. I would especially like to hear from my peers who are graduating from law and business school (or those who have gone back to law school). I see your exciting news on LinkedIn, but please consider sharing here for the edification of your classmates and the record.

Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email (brendanwclark@outlook.com) or via telephone (610-781-8446). Please continue to follow our class Instagram page for updates and developments on future class events @trincoll21.

As usual, I, **Brendan W. Clark**, share my own developments: I am in my final semester at William & Mary Law School and will be sitting for the bar examination this summer (please send your well-wishes and prayers!). I will return to work as an associate at Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. I remain engaged with Trinity via the alumni association and a host of other alumni activities. I will relocate to Delaware in April—any alumni who want to get together are most welcome.

**2022** Co-President: Nayantara Ghosh • Co-President:

Shawn Olstein • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Ishaan Madhok, Matthew Solomon, Alexander Sowinski

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**2023** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Peter Doyle, Zoë Sylvester-Chin

From the Alumni Office: **Henry Lagasse** received a Young Botanist Award from the



**Mira Nakhle '20 and Natalie Bruno '20 pose in front of the Penn State College of Medicine in Hershey, Pennsylvania, in July 2023.**

Botanical Society of America (BSA), one of only 22 awarded this year to U.S. undergraduates. The purpose of these awards, according to the BSA website, is "to offer individual recognition to outstanding graduating seniors in the plant sciences and to encourage their participation in the BSA." Henry conducted his honors thesis research on the evolution of ferns and the structure of their spores under the supervision of Assistant Professor of Biology Nikisha Patel. It was planned that their research together would be submitted for publication in fall 2023. In addition to this national honor, Henry received the 2023 Schneider/Blackburn Research Prize in Biology from the Trinity Biology Department. During summer 2023, he worked in an environmental education program in Stonington, Connecticut; he plans to apply to graduate programs in plant science in the coming years.

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**Master's** Co-Secretary: Crisanne Colgan M'74, crisanne.colgan.1974@trincoll.edu • Co-Secretary: Christopher McBride M'93, christopher.mcbride.1993@trincoll.edu

Greetings from your scribe, **Crisanne Colgan M'74**! A sincere thank-you to all who submitted updates. As for me, I was fortunate to participate in Career Connections, a networking

# Helen Ubiñas M'09

## DEGREES:

**B.S. in print journalism and Latin American studies, Boston University (after attending Northern Essex Community College in Haverhill, Massachusetts—shout-out to community colleges!); M.A. in American studies, Trinity College**

## JOB TITLE:

**Columnist, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* and *Philadelphia Daily News***

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**The serene beauty of the campus always felt like an oasis, especially on days when I had covered an especially hard story sometimes just blocks away. Also, the challenging but memorable discussions/debates I had in some of my classes stand out, especially these days when so many of us seem unable to talk to one another.**

**What do you do in your role?** Every week, I look around Philadelphia and the world and write reported columns of local and national significance, usually focused on equality and equity. I also try to write as much as I can about the people and issues that don't usually get as much space, attention, or care in the media as they deserve. In Philadelphia, that's often about the people impacted by gun violence. But it's also about the people in the poorest big city in the nation showing up for one another in inspiring and impactful ways.

**What was your path to your position?** It was long and winding, just like the scenic route I took through college. (As a first-generation college student whose parents exhorted the importance of education, I knew I had to get to college; I just wasn't prepared for how to get through it once I got there.) I started my journalism career as a neighborhood reporter for *The Hartford Courant*. (Another shout-out to my beloved *Courant*, where I grew up and grew into the journalist I am today.) My role was to seek out and write stories about "ordinary" people doing extraordinary things in Hartford's neighborhoods—so basically a dream job since there was never a lack of people and things to write about. The only downside was that the section was zoned, which meant the stories often were just seen by readers within the city, so it felt a little like preaching to the choir. We would have done everyone a bigger service if the stories were distributed widely. After that I took the road that many reporters at the *Courant* took: I became a town news reporter, covering Rocky Hill for several years, filing two, sometimes three stories a day. From there, if recollection serves, I became a features reporter with a short stint at the magazine—yes, we once had a magazine!—and then back to the news pages, where I eventually became their first Latina staff columnist.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** On its best days, being a journalist isn't just a job, it's a privilege. To be able to have a front-row seat to some of the most important moments in our communities and in our country is a never-gets-old thrill—and a responsibility that I never take lightly. To be a columnist and to have the ability to not just cover the news but to help interpret it for readers adds another layer



of responsibility. And to do all of that as a Puerto Rican woman in a field where there is still not enough representation of women of color is something that I don't take for granted and that I am working to pay forward. Last year I created The Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism, a way to contribute to the advancement of Latinas in the field through grants to nonprofit organizations and educational institutions. With the help of generous donors who believe in the mission, I've funded an internship for an amazing young Latina journalist through Voces Internship of Idaho, and I hope to continue to empower more Latinas to thrive in journalism.

**What are the biggest challenges you face?** It is challenging to still be the only Latina columnist, and one of too few Latinas, in the newsroom, a reality that is mirrored in newsrooms throughout the country. Even with the newsroom "reckonings" of 2020, representation is still an issue that affects everything from coverage to credibility.

**How did Trinity help prepare you for what you do now?** I enrolled in the master's program the same year I became a full-time columnist at the *Courant*—no pressure, right? At the very time I was beginning to write about Hartford with a critical eye, I was taking courses in urban studies and talking to professors and students about the city's past and present—and let me tell you as a new city columnist, the timing could not have been better. Trinity was part of my journey to becoming the columnist that I am today.

To learn more about the Ñ Fund for Latinas in Journalism and the Voces Internship of Idaho, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Ubinas](http://trincollreporter.online/Ubinas).

event for students to meet alumni and Trinity parents in various careers. I also participated in the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference networking dinner. Venture is a three-day leadership conference for Trinity women in their first year at the College. Trinity's Bicentennial events continue, including Cinestudio's Six Decades of Movies at Trinity and the Bicentennial Gala on May 11. I want to take a moment to honor the late Michael Casey, vice president for advancement, who passed away in August due to injuries sustained in a tragic bicycle accident. I had the good fortune of working with Michael through my service on the Executive Committee of the Board of Fellows. Michael was leading the historic fundraising campaign celebrating Trinity's Bicentennial. As master's alumni, let's all do our part to help lead Trinity into the next century.

**Roger H. Sherman M'73** shared an update since earning his degree in educational studies. Roger said he owed a deep debt of gratitude to Professor Charles B. Schultz. Roger described Schultz as a thoughtful, careful, and caring researcher and teacher who inspired him to continue his studies at Columbia University and be awarded a Ph.D. in sociology and education. Roger added that they published a lengthy article in a peer-reviewed journal together. After earning a doctorate, Roger taught graduate courses at Seton Hall University and Long Island University before ending his career as the provost at Long Island's Five Towns College. Roger also served as president of the Long Island Alzheimer's Foundation and vice president of Five Towns College's Board of Trustees. He lives in Fort Mill, South Carolina, and is treasurer of the Brown University Club of Charlotte, North Carolina. His email address is rhshermannj@gmail.com.

**Greg Mesniaeff M'89** continues to work on Wall Street as a sell-side equity analyst while restoring his historic home and property in Sharon, Connecticut. Greg's master's degree is in economics.

**Glenn Falk M'07** shares: "I learned so much from my history professors, Borden Painter, Jonathan Elukin, John Alcorn, and Mark Miller. Now, astonishingly, I have joined their ranks. After my first career as a legal aid lawyer, I am fortunate to teach Trinity undergraduates American legal history, First Amendment law and policy, and other subjects as professor of the practice in the public policy and law program. I also serve as coach for the Mock Trial Team, adviser to

the Pre-Law Society, and coordinator for the legal studies minor. Life takes unexpected turns." Glenn explained he has opted to teach undergraduates due to the opportunity to develop wide-ranging courses and to engage young people still deciding on career paths. For example, he created a first-year seminar, "Trials of the Century," which included the inquiries into the sinking of the *Titanic* and field trips to local sites associated with the ship. Glenn's master's degree is in history.

**Denise T. Best M'10** shares: "As president and CEO of the Voices of Women of Color, a social justice firm founded by Janice Flemming-Butler '09, we have done some exciting work building a statewide coalition of Black and brown women to address issues around social justice locally, citywide, and statewide. We have trained organizers and have established a lobbying institute graduating our first class of 10 women in October 2021. Alongside Tim Goodwin and Nyesha McCauley, I have co-founded the extraordinarily successful Community First School, an independent school in North Hartford. We intended to provide a quality education in the North Hartford community, eliminating the need to get our children up early and bused out of their neighborhood. We proudly boast that our students, who are in kindergarten through grade two, are at 80 percent proficiency or above in reading and math. The overall goal is to add a grade each year up to grade eight. We have outgrown our little schoolhouse and are actively looking for a new building. Since my retirement from Trinity, I have received several awards and sat on a dozen boards, only recently whittling the number down. I currently sit on three boards: the Upper Albany Neighborhood Collaborative, Community First School, and Journey Writers Inc., celebrating its 10th anniversary. In 2018, I received the 100 Women of Color award, and in 2021, the Blue Hills Civic Association's Hero Award and the Urban League of Greater Hartford's Path to Advocacy Award. Finally, I am working under the pseudonym of DJ Dede on our internet radio platform, Primal4k.com. Co-produced by my daughter Neiima Edwards and her partner, Joel M00-Young, I have a global reach of 20,000 listeners to my smooth jazz show, *Sunday Serenade*, Sundays from 10:00 a.m. until noon; *Wednesday Workout* from 8:00 to 10:00 p.m.; and a talk show co-hosted with my Neiima on Thursday evenings from 6:00 to 7:00."

**Sara Mowery M'17** shared she is "still studying" and is in the second year of the M.F.A.

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in fiction program at Southern Connecticut State University. After 19 years at her previous firm, Sara recently moved to planned giving at Yale University as a trusts and estates specialist. Sara noted that after earning an M.A. in American studies at Trinity, she earned an M.Phil. from Wesleyan.



**The Trinity College community is a family, with students, alumni, faculty, staff, and parents linked across generations and spread around the globe. Mike and Christy Maura, of Nassau, Bahamas, joined the Bantam family when their daughter, Olivia '24, began her Trinity journey.**

"We have watched our daughter grow and thrive at Trinity, finding a passion for cardiology and forming great, lifelong friendships along the way," Mike and Christy noted.

The Mauras joined the Parents Leadership Council and the Long Walk Societies because they saw an opportunity to share in the responsibility and critical work of developing young leaders—such as their daughter and her peers—at Trinity.

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# In Memory

**1944 Robert P. Holmberg**, 100, of Wallingford, Connecticut, died on August 10, 2023.

Holmberg attended Trinity before serving in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He went on to graduate from Teachers College of Connecticut and to teach high school chemistry and physics for many years.

Holmberg is survived by children Cathy Leahy (Patrick), James Holmberg (Priscilla), Beth Ogle (Joseph), and Thomas Holmberg (Kim); 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 73 years, Doris, and siblings Jeanne Dellay and Alan Holmberg.

**1948 Joseph H. Schachter**, 97, of Westport, Connecticut, died on June 26, 2023.

Schachter served in the U.S. Navy before earning a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters and participated in Hillel. After a 20-year career in advertising, he licensed the East Coast rights to Concrete Floatation Systems. The dedicated alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Schachter is survived by sons Theodore (Susan), Stephen (Carrie), and David (Daniel); five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by first wife Carol Kagan and second wife Irma Klein.

**1950 Harry C. Rowney Jr.**, 94, of Asheville, North Carolina, died on June 7, 2023.

Rowney earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the fencing team and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to attend Columbia University before launching a career on

Wall Street, where he worked for firms including J.P. Morgan, Drexel Burnham Lambert, and the United States Trust Company, the latter of which he served as senior vice president.

Rowney is survived by children Peter and Elizabeth and their partners, as well as three grandchildren.

**1951 Frederick Prose Jr.**, 94, of Sarasota, Florida, died on July 16, 2023.

Prose, who changed his surname from Prosiatkowski, earned an interdisciplinary B.S. from Trinity, where he played soccer and basketball. He went on to earn a D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and to serve in the U.S. Army Dental Corps. Prose had a private dental practice from which he retired in the mid-90s.

Prose is survived by wife Priscilla; daughters Suzanne Prose, Joanne Zorba (Alexander), and Pamela Hendrickson (Robert); and one grandson. He was predeceased by siblings Joseph Prose, Katherine Hanulak, and Stella Snyder.

**1952 John H. Miller**, 93, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on September 20, 2023.

Miller graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.S. in engineering. He was a member of the Newman Club and the Engineering Club. Miller went on to earn a B.S. in civil engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. The dedicated alumnus had a six-decade career as a professional engineer, including as a founding principal and president of the civil engineering consulting firm of Close, Jensen and Miller.

Miller is survived by children Ann Brickley, Nancy Davis '79

(Jim '79), and John Miller II '81 (Lisa) and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 68 years, Anita, and sister Marilyn Whalen.

**1953 Marland L. Berdick**, 91, of Glenview, Illinois, died on October 11, 2023.

Berdick graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.A. in history. He served as president of Alpha Chi Rho; participated in the Glee Club, the Jesters, and the Debate Team; and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Berdick's work life included time with the Illinois State Scholarship Commission.

Berdick is survived by wife Ruth; children Barbara Holland (Tom), Marilyn Berdick, and Brent Berdick (Elizabeth); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

**1953 G. Bruce Fox**, 91, of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on April 24, 2022.

Fox earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club and took part in ROTC. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he co-founded Fox & Fin Financial Group.

Fox is survived by children Elizabeth (Chris), William (Trisha), Gregory (Cathy), and Michael (Adam); 12 grandchildren; 11 great-grandchildren; and sister Alicia. He was predeceased by wife Mary Ann and brother Francis "Smokey."

**1954 David E. Fisher**, 91, of East Orleans, Massachusetts, died on June 28, 2023.

Fisher earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters,

the Senate, and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He also was an All-American fencer. Fisher went on to earn a Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry from the University of Florida. He began his teaching career at Cornell University and then became a professor of marine geology and geophysics at the University of Miami, from which he retired in 2010. Fisher also wrote and acted in plays and penned 25 books.

Fisher is survived by wife Leila; children Lisabeth DiLalla (Dave), Ron Fisher (Joey), and Marshall Fisher (Mileta Roe); six grandchildren; sister Deborah Stern; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law William and Sandra Katz.

**1954 Lewis D. McCauley**, 90, of Orchard Park, New York, died on August 8, 2023.

McCauley earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. After serving in the U.S. Army, he opened L.D. McCauley, a machine shop that was a major supplier of jet and rocket components. He later formed McGard to sell his patented automotive wheel lock.

McCauley is survived by wife Harriet; children Durham McCauley (Valerie), Jennifer Burger, and Peter McCauley (Rebecca); six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

**1954 Donald G. Sukosky**, 90, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, died on October 11, 2023.

Sukosky earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Glee Club. He went on to earn a Th.M. from Harvard University and a Ph.D. from Hartford Seminary. After working as a senior minister, he served for 35 years as a professor

at the University of Hartford. In retirement, he taught at Manchester Community College.

Sukosky is survived by son David Sukosky (Jane), four grandchildren, and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Peter Sukosky.

**1955 Gerow "Gerry" G. Crowell Jr.**, 90, of Gilford, New Hampshire, died on September 1, 2023.

Crowell earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and played football. After working for Southern New England Telephone, he spent the rest of his career with New England Telephone/NYNEX.

Crowell is survived by children Jeffrey Crowell (Nella), Peter Crowell (Nancy), Wendy Bua (Mark), Robert Crowell (Lynda), and David Crowell (Liana); 14 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 62 years, Marilyn.

**1955 Robert A. Laird**, 90, of Palm Springs, California, died on August 8, 2023.

Laird earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Sigma Nu and took part in ROTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Chicago. Laird spent his career in human resources. He also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Laird is survived by children Susan, Michael, and David; three grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Elaine.

**1955, M.A. 1967 William F. LaPorte Jr.**, 90, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on October 8, 2023.

LaPorte earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to earn an

M.A. in economics from the College. LaPorte retired from Cigna after 33 years. The dedicated alumnus, who served as a class officer and class agent, received Trinity's 175th Anniversary Award.

LaPorte is survived by wife Justine, children Lee Ann Harper (Phillip) and David LaPorte (Kristy), 10 grandchildren, and three great-grandchildren.

**1956 Richard J. Jordan**, 88, of East Hartford, Connecticut, died on April 9, 2023.

Jordan earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He went on to earn master's degrees in education from Central Connecticut State University and the University of Hartford. Jordan taught at East Hartford High School for more than 25 years.

Jordan is survived by daughter Catherine Jordan. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Irene.

**1956 Alan H. Loveridge**, 89, of Sarasota, Florida, died on August 11, 2023.

Loveridge earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and the Glee Club. He went on to work in the trucking and storage industry and later in real estate development.

Loveridge is survived by his wife of 67 years, Barbara; children Mark (Elizabeth) and Lynn Kling (Frank); five grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; sister-in-law Priscilla; and brother-in-law Bill Larson. He was predeceased by brother Stuart.

**1956 E. Rust Muirhead**, 89, of San Rafael, California, died on July 31, 2023.

Muirhead earned a B.A. in history and English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta

Psi, the Canterbury Club, and the Corinthian Yacht Club. He began his career with Pacific Union Bank and then moved to Heber Fuger Wendin. Muirhead launched the fixed income department at Rosenberg Capital Management, later retiring in 1993.

Muirhead is survived by children E. Rust Muirhead Jr. '86 (Mary Susan) and Elisabeth "Lisa" Price '86 (Tom '86) and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Mercedes, son Anthony, and siblings Stan Muirhead '54, Martha Muirhead, and Rowena Muirhead.

**1956 Anthony B. Rice**, 88, of Hernando, Florida, died on January 27, 2023.

Rice earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He went on to a career in the defense industry.

Rice is survived by wife Gerre, children Greg Rice and Doreen Rice Daab '86, and four grandchildren.

**1956 Jay M. Sivitz**, 88, of Elkins Park, Pennsylvania, died on April 3, 2023.

Sivitz earned a B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Jesters, and the soccer and swimming teams. He went on to earn an M.D. from Temple University. Sivitz also served in the U.S. Air Force.

Sivitz is survived by son Paul Sivitz (Gabrielle). He was predeceased by wife Shirley.

**1956 Giles A. Vigneault**, 89, of Vero Beach, Florida, and East Brunswick, New Jersey, died on June 28, 2023.

Vigneault graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.S. in chemistry. He was a member of the Brownell Club, the Newman Club, and the Glee Club. Vigneault went on to earn a master's degree in chemistry

from Columbia University. He worked as a chemist with Johnson & Johnson and later co-founded SaVit Enterprises, a medical accounts receivable company.

Vigneault is survived by his wife of 65 years, Gertrude; daughters Patricia Cauley and Susan Vigneault; daughters-in-law Gloria Vigneault and Kathy Davidson; eight grandsons; three great-grandchildren; and sister Lucille Queyrane. He was predeceased by sons Mark and Thomas, granddaughter Caroline Cauley, and siblings Marcel Vigneault and Jacqueline Farrelly.

**1957 David J. Elliott**, 88, of Charleston, South Carolina, died on May 16, 2023.

Elliott earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and ran track. He spent 37 years with Procter & Gamble as director of international trade and served as deputy assistant secretary at the U.S. Department of Commerce in the Carter and Reagan administrations. Elliott's later work led to the creation of the University of South Carolina's Mark Catesby Centre, which showcases the work and influence of its 17th-century naturalist namesake.

Elliott is survived by his wife of nearly 65 years, Sallie; children Gwen Farwick (Donald) and Jeff Elliott (Susannah); and four grandchildren.

**1958 Robert S. Carter Jr.**, 91, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on August 30, 2023.

Carter earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he played basketball. He went on to a 30-year career in banking, retiring from Bank of America as vice president and manager of the West Hartford Personal Trust Office. Carter also served in the U.S. Army.

Carter is survived by his wife of 65 years, Carole; children

Janice Hall (Stephen) and R. Stuart Carter III; and five grandchildren.

**1958 Eugene F. Corcoran Jr.**, 87, of Spring City, Tennessee, died on July 20, 2023.

Corcoran earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club and worked at WRTC. He served in the U.S. Air Force and then the Air Force Reserve for nearly 40 years, time that overlapped his three-decade career as a pilot for Trans World Airlines.

Corcoran is survived by his wife of 55 years, Joy; children Eugene Corcoran III and Ashley Majors (Bart); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Timothy Corcoran and a great-grandson.

**1959 Oliver D. "Nol" Putnam**, 89, of Huntly, Virginia, died on June 11, 2023.

Putnam earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He went on to earn an M.Ed. from the University of Massachusetts College of Education. Putnam taught history at independent schools before focusing on blacksmithing. Considered a master craftsman, he founded and then operated White Oak Forge for several decades. The U.S. Army veteran's most famous pieces include metalwork for the National Cathedral in Washington, D.C. He also authored or co-authored two books, *Lines in Space* and *Beauty in the Shadows: Wrought Iron in the National Cathedral*.

Putnam is survived by daughter Marinette "Anne" Putnam, stepson Jamie Braden (Jenn), a step-granddaughter, and sister Lawrence "Toni" Putnam. He was predeceased by siblings Augustus "Pete" Putnam and Anne Seamans.

**1960 Frederick S. "Ted" Fox III**, 86, of Cherry Hill, New Jersey, died on July 19, 2023.

Fox earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to a 35-year career in real estate at Fox and Lazo. Fox returned to academia at age 59 to earn an M.S. in dynamics of organization from the University of Pennsylvania.

Fox is survived by his wife of 57 years, Cathy; children Carey Fox, Katy Fox, and John Fox (Carol DeVol); a grandson; and siblings Beth McFeeley, Jane Fox, Sandy Fox, and Chuck Zwally. He was predeceased by brother G. William Fox '63.

**1960 Richard W. Stockton**, 85, of Vero Beach, Florida, and Siasconset, Massachusetts, died on August 20, 2023.

Stockton earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Theta Xi and manager of the basketball team, worked at WRTC, and took part in the Jesters. He started his career in steel sales and then moved into advertising and publishing. Stockton served as president of national advertising at *The New York Times* before launching NYT Custom Publishing, which later became Forbes Custom Publishing. He retired in 2002. The loyal alumnus served as a member of the Board of Trustees and volunteered in many capacities, including as a class secretary and an admissions interviewer. He was recognized in 1995 with Trinity's Alumni Medal for Excellence.

Stockton is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara; children Sallie Bunn (Andy), Rick Stockton '91 (Betsy), and Bob Stockton '94; and 10 grandchildren. He was predeceased by sister Mary Ellen Seitz.

**1961 Joseph E. Colen Jr.**, 84, of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, died on July 16, 2023.

Colen earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, the Canterbury Club, and the soccer team and worked on the staffs of WRTC and the *Izzy*. He went on to serve as president and CEO of Machined Metals and Jennings International. Colen also served in the U.S. Air Force. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Colen is survived by children Joseph "Dusty" Colen III (Mazie), Jennifer Colen '87, Jennifer Leach Anderson '92 (Hugh), and Ambler Selway (Jamie); eight grandchildren; siblings Susan Kreusser and Jeffrey Colen (Alyse); and companion Gretchen Lerch. He was predeceased by wife Mary, son-in-law Brian McAdams, and brother-in-law Robert Kreusser.

**1961 Bradford L. Wright**, 84, of Ellington, Connecticut, died on October 18, 2023.

Wright earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he participated in the band. After teaching in Coventry Public Schools for a decade, he served as a charter manager for Post Road Stages Bus Company for more than 30 years.

Wright is survived by his wife of nearly 40 years, Barbara; children Carl Tompkins (Birgit), Stephen Tompkins (Mindy), and Karen Downey (Gareth); eight grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Sally Miyara. He was predeceased by brother David Wright.

**1962 David S. Alberts**, 83, of Tucson, Arizona, died on July 29, 2023.

Alberts graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.S. in biology. He was a member of the International Relations Club and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. Alberts went on to earn an M.D. from the University of Virginia School of Medicine and to pursue a career in oncology. He also was a longtime professor,

teaching at the University of Arizona for more than 48 years. In addition, Alberts served as director of the UArizona Cancer Center for several years.

Alberts is survived by his wife of 60 years, Heather; children Tim Alberts (Angelle) and Sabrina Plattner (Danny); five grandchildren; and siblings Bunny Fried and Chip Alberts. He was predeceased by brother-in-law John Fried.

**1963 Richard D. Field**, 83, of Hobe Sound, Florida, died on July 28, 2023.

Field earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the Trinidads. He went on to a career in banking and investment, including serving as senior executive vice president of Bank of New York Mellon.

Field is survived by wife Schuyler; children Devon Pastor (Mike) and Richard D. Field Jr. (Beth); stepchildren Earle Cutler (Melissa), Peter Cutler (Whitney), and Katharine Coughlin (Read); 13 grandchildren; brothers H. James Field (Janet) and Christopher Field (Rose); and sister-in-law Margaret Holland.

**1963 Kenneth S. Fletcher III**, 82, of Port St. Lucie, Florida, died on June 24, 2023.

Fletcher earned a B.S. in chemistry from Trinity, where he served as president of Pi Kappa Alpha. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in electrochemistry from the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Fletcher spent his career at The Foxboro Company, leading its analytical sensor program.

Fletcher is survived by children Amy Conover and Kenneth Fletcher IV, three grandsons, and siblings Barbara Coburn and Ron Fletcher.

**1963 Malcolm M. McGawn**, 81, of Valparaiso, Indiana, died on June 1, 2023.

McGawn earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of Q.E.D. and captain of the track and cross-country teams. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned an M.A. in mathematics from the University of Wyoming. McGawn spent 36 years in civilian nuclear power production—first at the Westinghouse Nuclear Training Center and then at the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station—before retiring in 2009.

McGawn is survived by his wife of 54 years, Marilyn; children Lani Fisher (Greg) and Mike McGawn (Jessica); five grandchildren; and sisters Janet Bozadarevic and Carolyn Morris.

**1963 Lloyd L. Reynolds**, 83, of Falmouth, Maine, died on August 1, 2023.

Reynolds earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he served as captain of the crew team and the cheerleaders and was a founding member of the Trinidads. He also took part in ROTC and went on to 21 years of military service. Reynolds earned a master's in financial services from The American College and a master's in maritime history from the University of Delaware. He founded Reynolds Financial Services, which he led for nearly 30 years. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Reynolds is survived by wife Lee; children Lloyd L. "Kip" Reynolds Jr., Kyla P'an, and Nicholas Reynolds, as well as their spouses; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Jon Reynolds '59, H'15.

**1965 Park Benjamin III**, 79, of Centre Island, New York, died on September 16, 2023.

Benjamin earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and worked on the staffs of *The Trinity Tripod* and WRTC.

After serving in the U.S. Coast Guard, he began a career in investment banking at Lazard Frères while earning an M.B.A. from New York University. Benjamin later worked in municipal financing for Manufacturers Hanover, Chemical Bank, and Chase Manhattan Bank. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Benjamin is survived by wife Linda, sons Park (Amanda) and Jay (Kirsten); four stepchildren; five granddaughters; nine step-grandchildren; brothers Bill (Caroline) and Steve; and sister-in-law Rebecca. He was predeceased by brother Hoyt.

**1965 Thomas A. Garson Sr.**, 79, of Washington, D.C., died on October 16, 2023.

Garson earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the staff of the *Iqy*. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Columbia Business School. Garson worked for the family's intimate apparel business, The Lovable Company, and later owned its international trademark arm, Lovable World Trading. He also served in the National Guard. The dedicated alumnus was a longtime class secretary.

Garson is survived by wife Nancy; sons Thomas Garson Jr. and Michael Garson; stepdaughters Genevieve Jaffe and Emily Bracken; six grandchildren; and siblings Susan Taylor, Kathy Frank, Abigail Orris, and Arthur "Tim" Garson Jr. He was predeceased by first wife Julie Monsky.

**1965 Robert J. "Jon" Stansfield**, 79, of Bradenton, Florida, died on June 2, 2023.

Stansfield earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and the baseball team. He went on to earn an M.Ed. from Springfield College. Stansfield worked in human resources at Yale New Haven Hospital

and at Boehringer Ingelheim International. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

Stansfield is survived by wife Judy; sons R. Brent Stansfield (Stephanie Preston), Andrew Stansfield, and Matthew Ellis (Melanie); and six grandchildren.

**1969 Joel M. Goldfrank**, 75, of Santa Fe, New Mexico, died on August 8, 2023.

Goldfrank earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he served as president of Theta Xi. He went on to work for two decades at Eastdil Realty, rising to president. Goldfrank also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Goldfrank is survived by daughters Emily '03 and Alison Goldfrank, twin sister Jean Bronstein, and brother Lionel Goldfrank III.

**1969 Stephen G. Soule**, 75, of Wellington, Florida, died on May 25, 2023.

Soule earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. He went on to earn a D.V.M. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Veterinary Medicine. Soule founded the Delaware Equine Center in Pennsylvania and later established a practice in Florida, from which he retired in 2013. He also served as veterinarian for the U.S. Equestrian Team for multiple Olympic competitions.

Soule is survived by wife Jeanette Soule and sister Barbara Carlson (David).

**1971 Michael P. Najarian**, 73, of Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, died on June 20, 2023.

Najarian earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played football and lacrosse. He went on to earn a D.O. from Philadelphia College of Osteopathic Medicine. Najarian practiced as a trauma

surgeon at several hospitals in Pennsylvania, including York Wellspring Hospital from 2007 until his retirement in 2018. He also served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps for a decade.

Najarian is survived by his fiancée and partner of 27 years, Betsy Kopp; children Jennifer and Jason Najarian; and sister Lizabeth Hutchison.

**1972 Jory Johnson**, 71, of Urbana, Illinois, died on February 26, 2022.

Johnson earned a B.A. in theater arts and then worked at the New York Public Theater. He went on to study at Harvard University and to teach landscape architecture at the University of North Carolina at Charlotte and the University of Illinois Urbana-Champaign.

Johnson is survived by wife Margaret; children Devin Johnson and Adina Johnson; and sister Brenda Clay. He was predeceased by brother Verner Johnson.

**1973 JoAnne A. Epps**, 72, of Shamong, New Jersey, died on September 19, 2023.

Epps earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity and a J.D. from Yale Law School. She served as a deputy city attorney for the City of Los Angeles and then as assistant U.S. attorney for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania. Epps began her academic career at Temple Law School, with roles including professor, associate dean for academic affairs, and then dean. She later was appointed executive vice president and provost of Temple University, and in April 2023, was named Temple's acting president. The dedicated alumna served Trinity as a member of the Board of Trustees; she was honored with the Alumni Medal for Excellence in 1988, the 175th Anniversary Award in 1999, and an honorary doctorate in 2015.

Epps is survived by husband L. Harrison Jay.

**1973 F. Christian Horn**, 72, of New Hope, Pennsylvania, died on June 1, 2023.

Horn earned a B.A. in theater arts and went on to work in the field. He later turned his focus to public relations and advertising, spending two decades as vice president of Creative Marketing Alliance before retiring in 2016.

Horn is survived by wife Melanie Pittner; sons Tyler (Morgan Manfredi), Griffin, and Patrick (Jackie Schram); a grandson; and brother Andrew Horn. He was predeceased by brother David Horn.

**1973 Joseph E. McCabe**, 72, formerly of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on October 20, 2023.

McCabe earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Alpha Chi Rho and played football and baseball. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Boston College. McCabe worked as a chartered financial analyst and investment analyst, most recently at UBS.

McCabe is survived by children Megan Welch (Matthew), Katelyn Willis (Nicholas), and Brendan McCabe; four grandchildren; and siblings Joyce O'Rourke, Janet Cahill, and Jack McCabe. He was predeceased by wife Doreen.

**1974 William M. Orfitelli**, 71, of Anchorage, Alaska, died on April 9, 2023.

Orfitelli earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he worked on the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. His professional life included time as a financial adviser.

Orfitelli is survived by his wife of 40 years, Karen; daughter Robyn Orfitelli; siblings Lonnie Orfitelli, Nancy Hevenor, Dulcie Giadone, Gina Fredericks, Melissa Campbell, and Carolyn Orfitelli; and mother-in-law Deborah Barry. He was

predeceased by his first wife, Kay '73. His father, Orlando Orfitelli, graduated from Trinity in 1942.

**1976 Mark L. Baird**, 69, of Monroe, Connecticut, died on September 1, 2023.

Baird earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to a career in business and consulting, including serving as president of CDT Corporation.

Baird is survived by children Alexandra and Austin and siblings Linda Jansen (Edward) and William Baird Jr. (Dahnit). He was predeceased by siblings Cynthia DeRosa, Cheryl Baird, and Carl Baird.

**1976 Elizabeth Boles Gutterson**, 69, of Westwood, Massachusetts, died on September 24, 2023.

Gutterson earned a B.A. in psychology. She began her career at New England Trust Company before moving to New England Merchants National Bank; she later worked as a pre-school teacher.

Gutterson is survived by husband Eric; children Elizabeth Lynch '06 (Michael), Caroline Ward (Dana), and Christopher Gutterson; six grandchildren; mother Margaret Boles; and siblings Russell Boles and Margaret Fitzgerald. She was predeceased by brother Douglas Boles.

**1977 Earl W. "Chipp" Gardner**, 68, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on August 18, 2023.

Gardner studied theater at Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters and the band. He went on to act, direct, sing, and perform on TV and radio and in plays. Gardner most recently worked for Educational Data Systems as an employment navigator for the noncustodial parent program.

Gardner is survived by his wife of 44 years, Callie; son Caleb Bostic-Gardner; and



#### REMEMBRANCE

### MICHAEL T. CASEY VICE PRESIDENT FOR ADVANCEMENT

Michael T. Casey, 63, of Saratoga Springs, New York, Trinity's vice president for advancement since 2017, died on August 22, 2023.

Casey earned a bachelor's degree in Irish history and literature from Harvard University and began his career at Boston Publishing Company, co-authoring two books in The Vietnam Experience series. He moved into advancement work, first at the Baltimore Museum of Art and then in academia, where he spent nearly three decades of leadership at three other liberal arts institutions—Franklin & Marshall College, Wesleyan University, and Skidmore College—before arriving at Trinity. President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, in a letter to the community after Casey's passing, wrote, "A smart, strategic leader, Michael was a consummate professional and expert in the fields of fundraising, alumni engagement, and institutional planning. His work deserves the highest accolades."

Casey is survived by his wife of 36 years, Janet; children Liam and Fiona; and siblings Ned (Manda) and Mary. He was predeceased by brother Joseph (Ellie).

## In Memory

siblings Sylvia Gardner and Robert Gardner.

**1977 Richard D. Weiman**, 68, of Boulder, Colorado, died on June 17, 2023.

Weiman earned a B.A. in philosophy and went on to a career in real estate.

Weiman is survived by sons Jason Weiman and Derek Weiman, former wife Teresa Smith, and partner Helen Dohrman.

**1978 David J. Rowland**, 67, of New York City, died on August 15, 2023.

Rowland earned a B.A. in political science before earning a J.D. from New York Law School and a diploma in advanced international legal studies from the University of the Pacific McGeorge School of Law. He spent more than three decades specializing in international legal transactions, including cases involving the recovery of art stolen by Nazis.

Rowland is survived by his mother, Barbara, and sisters Leslie (William Jacques) and Liz (Paul Gagne).

For more on Rowland's work, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Rowland](https://trincollreporter.online/Rowland).

**1979 George T. Griswold Jr.**, 66, of Metairie, Louisiana, died on August 12, 2023.

Griswold earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and served as editor-in-chief of the *Izzy*. He worked for many years as a videographer and editor at a TV station before launching a career as owner and operator of Video Now, with clients including CBS, NBC, and the Food Network.

Griswold is survived by his wife of 31 years, Tracy, and sisters Susan Griswold, Carolyn Dixon (W. Randall), and Rebecca Griswold (Antonio Caruso).

**1984 Katherine VanWagenen Sperry**, 60, of Darien,

Connecticut, died on September 1, 2023.

Sperry earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where she was a member of Delta Delta Delta. She went on to earn an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Her work life included time at General Electric Capital Corporation.

Sperry is survived by her husband of 31 years, Bill; children Kara, Megan, and Billy; and siblings Bert VanWagenen, Pam Sweret, Sue McIntosh, and Liz Papile.

**1987 Michael A. Posternak**, 57, of Sharon, Massachusetts, died on July 2, 2023.

Posternak earned a B.A. in philosophy. He went on to earn an M.D. from Boston University School of Medicine. Posternak spent most of his career in a private psychiatric practice in Wellesley, Massachusetts. For the past 10 years, he volunteered his time with the Give an Hour foundation, providing free mental health services to veterans.

Posternak is survived by children Alysha and Zach and brothers Barry and Daniel.

**1993 Kirsten Kowalski-Lane**, 52, of Florence, Massachusetts, died on June 27, 2023.

Kowalski-Lane earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where she held leadership positions in the Student Government Association, served as editor-in-chief of *The Trinity Tripod*, and participated in the Concert Choir. After attending graduate school in public policy, she became a doula and then a homebirth midwife. Kowalski-Lane went on to Yale University, where she became a certified nurse midwife and women's health nurse practitioner. She was the owner and service director of Seven Sisters Midwifery and Community Birth Center.

Kowalski-Lane is survived by husband Jonathan Lane '93 and children William and Grace.

**1998 James J. Brennan**, 46, of New York City, died on July 2, 2023.

Brennan earned a B.A. in interdisciplinary computing with economics before earning a J.D. from Northwestern University. He worked as an associate in commercial litigation at Paul, Weiss, Rifkind, Wharton & Garrison and then as counsel at Wollmuth Maher & Deutsch.

Brennan is survived by wife Linda Cho, children Harry and Callie, and siblings Maryanne Gaffney (Charlie), Andrew Brennan (Polly Giragosian), and Michael Brennan (Valerie Courtois).

**2000 Marjorie K. "Kimmy" Clark**, 45, of Washington, D.C., died on June 2, 2023.

Clark earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where she served as captain of the rugby team. She went on to earn an M.S. in special education from Johns Hopkins University before launching a career working with children with development challenges. Clark served as director of the Autism Program at The Ivymount School, where she worked for 23 years.

Clark is survived by husband Timothy Pilotte, children Annie Clark and Tommy Clark, mother Delia Clark (Alan Platt), father Robert Clark III (Toni Allen), and brothers Willy Clark and Roger Platt (Frieda Arenos).

**2010 Christopher J. Andreozzi**, 35, of Hamden, Connecticut, died on May 23, 2023.

Andreozzi earned a B.S. in psychology from Trinity, where he played baseball. He graduated from the Yale University School of Nursing as an advanced practice registered nurse in child and adolescent psychiatry and then served as a psychiatric APRN at Yale-New Haven Hospital.

Andreozzi is survived by the love of his life, Lauren

Fenningdorf; parents Richard and Anna Andreozzi; and siblings Ryan Andreozzi and Kerry Andreozzi.

### IDP

**1984 Elizabeth V. Anderson**, 92, of Southington, Connecticut, died on August 17, 2023.

Anderson worked for several organizations, including the UConn School of Medicine and the State of Connecticut Department of Income Maintenance, before earning a B.A. in religion. She later worked for Christian Conference of Connecticut.

Anderson is survived by children Peter (Margaret), David (Rosemary), and Elaine (Warren McGrath); two grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband of 61 years, Leonard; siblings Robert Varney and Marian Connors; son-in-law Harry Lemasters; and a grandson.

**1989 Linda P. Morelli**, 80, of Charlton, Massachusetts, died on August 8, 2023.

Morelli earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where she served as the IDP representative to the Student Government Association. She went on to work in real estate at Griffin Properties.

Morelli is survived by sons Paul Morelli Jr. (Donna Jean) and Gary Morelli (Hinde); five grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and siblings Dominic Addario Jr., Joanne Stone, and Paulette Brogna.

**1998 Cornelius M. Dowd**, 70, of Worcester, Massachusetts, died on June 12, 2023.

Dowd studied at Manchester Community College before earning a B.A. in psychology from Trinity. He went on to earn an M.S.W. from Fordham University and to practice as a licensed clinical social worker.

Dowd is survived by siblings John, Kathy, and James

(Mariann) and his former wife of 20 years, Rosemary.

#### MASTER'S

**1963 Wayne G. Reilly**, 88, of Roanoke, Virginia, died on May 29, 2023.

Reilly earned an undergraduate degree from Middlebury College, an M.A. in political science from Trinity, and a Ph.D. from the University of Pittsburgh. He served in the U.S. Army before embarking on a teaching career, first at Washington and Lee University and then for 33 years at Hollins University.

Reilly is survived by his wife of 62 years, Pamela; sons Stephen (Lucy Wall) and Peter (Vicki); and four grandchildren.

**1965 Lawrence Werner**, 86, of Vernon, Connecticut, died on June 25, 2023.

Werner earned a bachelor's degree in chemical engineering from City College of New York before working at Boeing in Washington state and then at Pratt & Whitney in Connecticut. At Trinity, he earned an M.S. in physics. Werner later started his own chemical business, which he ran until his retirement.

Werner is survived by his wife of 62 years, Phyllis; children Arlene Werner and Scott Werner (Beth); a grandson; and brother Jerome Werner (Penny).

**1967 A. Austin Albert**, 89, of North Haven, Connecticut, died on July 21, 2023.

Albert earned a B.A. from Bowdoin College and an M.A. in Latin from Trinity. He taught for a year at The Taft School before being drafted into the U.S. Army. Once back in the States, Albert began a 38-year career on the faculty of Hopkins School, where he taught Latin and served as head of the language department.

Albert is survived by children Maureen Desrosiers (Jean), James Albert, Andrew Albert

(Tracey), Jo-Ann Manning (John), and David Albert (Denise); 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother Andrew Albert.

**1968 Arthur M. "Buck" Lawton**, 83, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on September 21, 2023.

Lawton earned a B.A. in government from Colby College and an M.A. in history from Trinity before serving in the U.S. Coast Guard Reserve. He served as head of Brookwood School for many years.

Lawton is survived by his wife of 60 years, Natalie; children Jonathan (Wendy) and Melissa (David); three grandchildren; and sister Marsha.

**1968 Joelle H. McLean**, 97, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on September 16, 2023.

McLean earned a B.A. from Vassar College and graduated from the Harvard-Radcliffe Program in Business Administration before earning an M.A. in history from Trinity. She spent her work life in personnel administration.

McLean is survived by children Laurie McLean (Earl Landesman), Andy McLean (Mike Burnham), and Mary McLean (Rita Cortes); two grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter. She was predeceased by husband Lauchlin McLean.

**1969 Charles C. Alexander**, 87, of South Dartmouth, Massachusetts, died on June 19, 2023.

Alexander earned a B.A. from Williams College, an M.A.T. from Harvard University, and an M.A. in Latin from Trinity. After teaching at Phillips Academy Andover and William Penn Charter School, Alexander launched a 48-year career on the faculty of Groton School, where he served as a teacher, coach, and adviser.

Alexander is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ann;

children Sarah MacEachern (John), C. Christian Alexander Jr. (Harriet), and Katherine Sears '91 (Nathaniel); and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by daughter Elizabeth Alexander and brother William Alexander Jr.

**1971 Peter J. Hopkins**, 88, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, died on April 11, 2023.

Hopkins served in the British Merchant Navy before emigrating to the United States and earning a B.A. from La Salle University. He went on to work for Travelers Insurance and then Sun Oil, from which he retired in 1999. While working, Hopkins earned an M.A. in economics from Trinity.

Hopkins is survived by children Christopher (Anne) and Susan (Bryan) and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Marie, and his brother, David.

**1971 Jane F. Seraphin**, 94, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on June 25, 2023.

Seraphin earned a B.A. from Saint Joseph College and an M.A. in political science from Trinity. She had a 26-year career with the State of Connecticut Department of Social Services.

Seraphin is survived by many cousins and other extended family members.

**1981 Lorraine S. Ferrero**, 73, of Myrtle Beach, South Carolina, died on July 13, 2023.

Ferrero earned a B.S. in education from the University of Hartford and an M.A. in English from Trinity. She also did postgraduate work at Birkbeck, University of London. Ferrero had a 35-year teaching career at Windsor High School, where she also mentored athletes as the academic eligibility adviser, until her retirement in 2010.

Ferrero is survived by husband Frank; children Christopher (Susan), Catherine

Wood, and David (Randi); and six grandchildren.

**1995 Barbara J. Beeching**, 94, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on July 6, 2023.

Beeching earned a bachelor's degree in journalism from the University of Missouri, an M.A. in history from Trinity, and a Ph.D. in history from the University of Connecticut. She spent much of her career at the Connecticut Office of Tourism; she also spoke and wrote about Connecticut history, including authoring *Hopes and Expectations: The Origins of the Black Middle Class in Hartford*.

Beeching is survived by children Sean, Stephen, Deirdre, Angela, Maud, and Simon; seven grandchildren; and siblings Pinky and Tom. She was predeceased by husband Paul.

**1996 Anne Wysowski**, 66, of Royersford, Pennsylvania, died on June 16, 2023.

Wysowski earned a bachelor's degree from the University of New Haven and an M.A. in English from Trinity. She taught English at Teikyo Post University, Pope John Paul II School, and St. Bridget School.

Wysowski is survived by her husband of nearly 40 years, Steven; children Amy Wysowski and Brian Wysowski (Meredith); two granddaughters; siblings Maureen Foster (Will) and Kevin Doherty; and sister-in-law Mary Ann Sahms (Craig).

#### HONORARY DEGREES

**1994 Lowell P. Weicker Jr.**, 92, of Old Lyme, Connecticut, died on June 28, 2023.

Weicker earned a bachelor's degree from Yale University and a law degree from the University of Virginia School of Law. He also served in the U.S. Army. Weicker practiced law in Greenwich, Connecticut, before moving into government, where his service included time in the Connecticut General Assembly,

as a U.S. representative, and as a U.S. senator. In the latter role, he introduced the Americans with Disabilities Act. Weicker also served as the 85th governor of Connecticut and was known as a supporter of abortion rights and of social services, such as school-based health clinics. He later served as founding president of the Trust for Public Health, which advocates for a strong public health system. Weicker received an honorary doctor of laws degree from Trinity, one of several honorary degrees he was given in recognition of his accomplishments.

Weicker is survived by his wife of 38 years, Claudia; sons Scot, Gray, Brian, Sonny, and Tre; stepsons Mason and Andrew Ingram '05; 12 grandchildren, including Brooke Weicker '12; four great-grandchildren; and sister Mary Audrey Mellor.

**2008 John E. Simmons III**; please see far right.

**2015 JoAnne A. Epps** '73; please see page 72.

### FORMER TRUSTEES

**Richard W. Stockton** '60; please see page 71.

**JoAnne A. Epps** '73, H'15; please see page 72.

### FORMER FACULTY

**W. Miller Brown**, 86, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, professor of philosophy, emeritus, and former dean of the faculty, died on July 26, 2023.

Brown earned a B.A. in philosophy from Amherst College and spent the following year in France as a Rotary Fellow, receiving a *certificat d'études supérieures* from the University of Paris. He went on to serve as a lecturer in French at Boston University and as a teaching fellow in general education (natural sciences) at Harvard University. In 1965, Brown joined the Trinity faculty as an instructor in

philosophy. After earning a Ph.D. in philosophy from Harvard University in 1970, he was promoted to assistant professor and rose through the ranks to full professor in 1983. Brown served as chair of the Philosophy Department three times and led faculty committees on appointments and promotions, educational policy, academic freedom, and faculty research. He also served as dean of the faculty from January 1999 to July 2004, with the first year as an interim. In addition, he served as director of the graduate program in public policy, coordinated the cognitive sciences minor, taught in the Interdisciplinary Science Program, and served on the Pre-Law and Health Professions Advisory Committees. Brown, who retired in 2015, also lectured extensively on the philosophy of science and the philosophy of sport.

Brown's survivors include wife Hilary, daughters Mara and Shana, and Hilary's children.

**James K. Heeren**, 94, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, professor of chemistry, emeritus, died on June 15, 2023.

After attending evening classes at Trinity while working for the American Hardware Corporation, Heeren went on to Tufts University, where he earned a B.S. in chemistry and an M.S. He then served in the U.S. Navy and later worked as a chemist for American Cyanamid Company. Heeren earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Massachusetts Institute of Technology and then served as a fellow in MIT's School of Advanced Study for a year before arriving at Trinity, where he taught chemistry from 1962 until his retirement in 1995; his area of expertise was organic chemistry, and he was awarded at least one patent for his work.

Heeren is survived by wife Jean, daughter Amy Mignone '89 (Marcus '88); stepchildren Cori

Caputo and Douglas VanNorden (Julianne); two grandchildren, including James Mignone '22; two step-grandchildren; and brothers-in-law David Nicol and Paul Rinaldi (Joan). He was predeceased by his first wife, Carole, and his sister, Helen Heeren.

**Ralph Morelli**, 75, of Cary, North Carolina, professor of computer science, emeritus, died on July 14, 2023.

Morelli earned a B.A. in mathematics from the University of Connecticut and three degrees from the University of Hawaii: an M.A. in philosophy, a Ph.D. in philosophy, and an M.S. in computer science. He joined the Trinity faculty in 1985 as the first tenure-track hire in computer science and the first director of the Computer Science Program. Morelli was promoted to associate professor with tenure in 1991 and to full professor in 2004. He led the effort to establish the program as a department and then served as the first department chair; he also played a key role in establishing the cognitive science minor. Morelli, who also taught at the Trinity College Rome Campus, was honored with the Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence in 2008. The co-author of multiple books received numerous grants, including several from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the Humanitarian Free and Open-Source Software (HFOSS) project. He also was a founding member of the Mobile CSP project, an NSF-funded effort to train high school instructors to teach "AP Computer Science." Morelli was an integral member of the Trinity College community until his retirement in 2016.

Morelli is survived by his wife, Choong Lan How, who worked briefly in Trinity's Office of the Dean of Students; daughters Meisha Morelli (Sudeep Mandal) and Alicia Morelli '06

(Rayn Sakaguchi '07); and four grandchildren.

**Diane L. Northrup**, 90, of Needham, Massachusetts, a former visiting lecturer in mathematics, died on December 22, 2022.

Northrup majored in actuarial mathematics at Pembroke College of Brown University and later earned an M.Ed. from the University of Hartford. After working at New England Mutual Life and the MIT Lincoln Laboratory, she taught math in West Hartford Public Schools and at Trinity College and Glastonbury High School.

Northrup is survived by children Melanie and Dana (Kristen), six grandchildren, and one great-grandchild.

**John E. Simmons III**, 87, of West Hartford, Connecticut, professor of biology, emeritus, died on September 5, 2023.

Simmons earned a B.S. in biology from Morehouse College, an M.S. from Syracuse University, and a Ph.D. from Colorado State University (CSU). Prior to completing his doctoral program, he served as an assistant professor of biology at Western College for Women in Ohio and as a research associate at the Washington Hospital Center, Department of Clinical Pharmacology. With his Ph.D. in hand, Simmons served as an assistant professor at CSU before joining the faculty at Trinity, where he was named associate professor of biology in 1972. During the 1974-75 academic year, he served as a visiting professor at Kuwait University. Simmons was awarded tenure soon after his return to the College and was promoted to full professor in 1983. He retired in 1997 after 25 years of teaching physiology, endocrinology, and neuroscience and conducting research in neuroendocrinology. Simmons's accolades include being awarded a Fulbright grant

for the 1982–83 academic year to teach physiology at Gezira University in Sudan. Trinity awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree in 2008, citing his training of innumerable research students who went on to excel as physicians, dentists, and research scholars in pharmaceuticals and other science fields. His portrait in the Albert C. Jacobs Life Sciences Center, commissioned by the College in 2003, honors him as the first Black individual in Trinity history to be promoted to full professor.

Simmons is survived by niece Donna Cannon, Wendell Cannon, and nephew Kenneth Page Jr. He was predeceased by sister Altamese Cannon.

#### FORMER STAFF

**Ivan Backer**, 94, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on July 1, 2023.

Backer earned a B.A. in history from Moravian College and bachelor's and master's degrees from Union and General Theological Seminaries. He joined the Trinity community in 1969 as the College's first director of community affairs. Backer later became director of graduate and special programs and helped develop a master's program in public policy studies. He founded and later served as executive director of the Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance (SINA), a partnership that today comprises Trinity, Hartford Hospital, and Connecticut Children's Medical Center. Backer retired in 1999 but continued his work as a community leader and activist, including helping to launch an adult learning program. He also authored *My Train to Freedom: A Jewish Boy's Journey from Nazi Europe to a Life of Activism*.

Backer is survived by his life partner of 20 years, Paula Fisher; children Karen Bird, Deborah Fortunato, and Timothy Backer; and six grandchildren. He was

predeceased by wife Carolyn and brother Frank Backer.

**Ernesto H. Blanco**, 94, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on December 28, 2022.

Blanco served as a foreman for Buildings and Grounds after serving in the Argentinian Navy.

Blanco is survived by his wife of 56 years, Julia; sons Hugo, Ramon (Wendy Bayona), and Vicente (Barbara Salvador); and five granddaughters. He was predeceased by sister Yolanda Baba-Berberian.

#### DEATH NOTICES

**1939 Arthur R. Cushman**

**1941 Charles J. Barolis**

**1941 William G. Devine**

**1941 Ralph S. Grover**

**1952 Arthur B. French**

**1956 Hugh E. Crilly III**

**1956 Barry T. Haff**

**1956 Ronald A. Warren**

**1958 C. Warren Ormerod**

**1960 Frederick W. Wagner III**

**1970 John F. Sibley**

**1972 Carl L. Prather**

**1973 Diane Hill Prather**

**1982 Cathy L. Rocca**

**1987 Lynwood H. Branham Jr.**

**M.A. 1947 Stacia M. Balazy**

**M.S. 1968 Leonard E. Mellberg**

#### IN MEMORY GUIDELINES

We will not announce the death of a community member without first confirming with a previously published obituary or direct notification from a relative. Also, those who passed away more than two years prior to the date of publication will be listed in Death Notices, along with those for whom we do not have enough information for a longer obituary.

# Alumni Events

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## 1. Trinity Club of Hartford Yard Goats Game Hartford, Connecticut August 3, 2023

Eugene Green P'86, '87, GP'13, '15 and Amanda Noble '15

## 2. Cocktails, Conversations, and Connections New Haven, Connecticut August 31, 2023

## 3. BIPOC (Black, Indigenous, and People of Color) Cookout On Campus September 7, 2023

## 4. Cocktails, Conversations, and Connections Washington, D.C. September 14, 2023

## 5. Women's Leadership Council Garden Party On Campus September 27, 2023

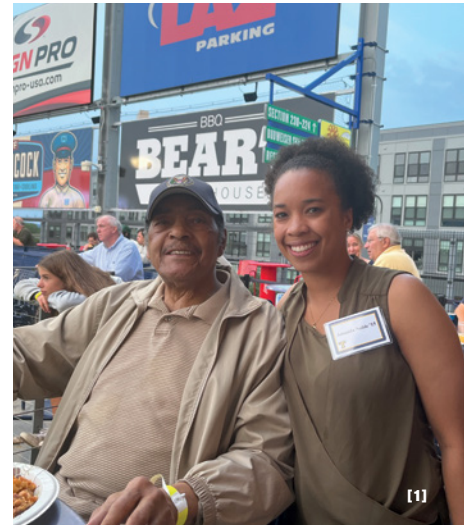
## 6. Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame On Campus September 30, 2023

2023 Inductees Kim Weiss '11, Liz Bruno Rotanz '12, Hobie Porter '76, Tyler Rhoten '06, Ric Ricci '73, Sue Proctor '80, and Bill Decker

## 7. Young Alumni Happy Hour New York, New York October 3, 2023

## 8. Faculty Regional Reception Philadelphia, Pennsylvania October 18, 2023

**THANK YOU TO OUR HOSTS:**  
Julie Gionfriddo '96, M'05  
Isis Irizarry '10  
Kathryn Van Sickle '12



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# Last Words



Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



When asked to fill out myriad contact forms for schools, I find the forms pre-loaded with gendered assumptions about families.

**JAMIE TRACY SZAL '06**, on motherhood in the legal profession; *Above the Law*, October 5, 2023



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It's not that anti-immigrant sentiment is historically high. It's quite the contrary. But it's energized a fragment or a segment of the electorate to a degree that is showing up in support for far-right or extreme-right parties.

**ANTHONY MESSINA**, John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science and author of the forthcoming book, *Immigration, Security and the Liberal State*, on trends in immigration; *U.S. News & World Report*, August 8, 2023

The same kind of donor influence in politics is also existing in higher education, and that's not a coincidence.

**ISAAC KAMOLA**, associate professor of political science, on pressure from donors; *The Boston Globe*, October 30, 2023

There are countless examples of charter schools in parts of cities where the public school buildings aren't even funded appropriately.

**ROBERT COTTO**, director, DEI campus and community engagement, on the relationship between charter schools and local school districts; *EducationWeek*, October 26, 2023

We have to prepare our students for the world they'll inherit. ... I'd like to think that when I'm done with my skeleton, I'd love to hang out in a lab like this.

**DANIEL BLACKBURN**, Thomas S. Johnson Professor of Biology, on a collection of specimens in his classroom; [www.trincoll.edu](https://www.trincoll.edu), October 24, 2023

That's the best part of this, you get to see young adults grow up and create their own lives.

**ABBY OSTROM '14, M'19**, Suffolk University women's ice hockey head coach and former assistant coach at Trinity and at Boston University, on her career; *The Suffolk Journal*, October 19, 2023

We are thrilled to move forward with construction while we work with alumni and friends of Trinity to complete the fundraising for this transformational new space.

**DREW GALBRAITH**, director of athletics, on the planned expansion of the Ferris Athletic Center, originally built in 1968; *Hartford Business Journal*, October 19, 2023



I think one of the most important aspects of being part of the Trinity community is also being part of the Hartford community.

**ABBY NICK '24**, on why voter engagement work is important to her; [www.trincoll.edu](https://www.trincoll.edu), October 30, 2023

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## Campus camaraderie

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