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Daniel G. Lugo meets with the Bantam at a December 4 welcome celebration on campus a day after Lugo was announced as Trinity College's 23rd president; he will assume his new role on July 1, 2025. Currently president of Queens University of Charlotte, Lugo also has served in administrative positions at three liberal arts colleges: Colby, Franklin & Marshall, and Carleton. Trinity Board of Trustees Chair Lisa Bisaccia '78 wrote in her announcement that Lugo "stood out above a highly competitive pool for his track record of accomplishments and for his deep commitment to the value of a liberal arts education and to fostering a sense of belonging on campus." For more on Lugo and his appointment, please visit trincollreporter.online/Lugo.

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ON THE COVER Mary McCormack '91

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“If I could say something to alumni who are disengaged, I’d tell them, ‘Come back to campus. You will not believe what you experience and what has evolved at Trinity. Meet current students—the caliber and breadth of who they are is remarkable.’ ”

Trinity Trustee KELLI TOMLINSON '94, page 34

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Community as legacy

I know that it may seem odd to begin my letter with a story about Wellesley College, but please bear with me. Last October, I had the honor of receiving Wellesley's Alumnae Achievement Award, the highest recognition presented annually to alumnae.

While at my alma mater, I realized that many of the leadership lessons I learned at Wellesley have influenced me for 50 years—from the day I stepped on that campus as a 16-year-old undergraduate from Los Angeles to my last year as president of Trinity College.

The lessons that we learn as undergraduates—particularly at a small liberal arts college—can last a lifetime, and the sense of community and a place to belong are critically important.

I recall my first day at Wellesley, when student Jennifer Jensen greeted me by name: “Welcome, Joanne from L.A.! It's so nice to have you here.” This traditional Wellesley welcome made me feel as though I was known from the start. And while we don't have this custom at Trinity, it provides a small example of how a tradition can instill an immediate sense of belonging.

Trinity's traditions include signing the Matriculation Book and activities in the Bantam Network, on athletic teams, in first-year seminars and gateways, and in student organizations. Every interaction, small and large, matters in creating a robust community.

My undergraduate experience also instilled in me a love of learning and expanded my intellectual horizons, my social circles, and even my comfort zone. I took courses that some considered frivolous (alongside my rigorous science curriculum), but they helped

me see a series of connections and find purpose.

My hope is that Trinity students would say the same about their college days. Our students benefit from the best a liberal arts education has to offer with our broad and experience-focused Trinity Plus curriculum that allows them the freedom to quench their intellectual curiosity while being mentored by outstanding faculty through real-world learning opportunities in our dynamic urban setting.

As it did 50 years ago for me, a small, caring intellectual community offers the benefit of being seen and known—all enhanced when traditions, programs, and events are developed to promote connecting with one another. Indeed, this is the purpose of our Bantam Network, which was created during my presidency.

In our small, tight-knit community, we learn how to disagree respectfully because we aim for every student to feel a sense of belonging. Over the last year, students may have had different views on geopolitical positions and world events, but our sense of community has helped us avoid the level of rancor, vitriol, and dysfunction that has been seen on other campuses around the country.

As the end of the academic year approaches, I have been asked about what I hope my legacy at Trinity will be. While academic rigor and intellectual vibrancy are vitally important, fostering a strong community, whose members are engaged and empowered, perhaps ranks highest for me.

Elevating the student experience also has been a high priority for me, and I recognize that doing so has been a



JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

community effort. We have seen significant growth in 11 years. The financial aid budget has increased by 50 percent to provide opportunity to excellent students who cannot afford Trinity's sticker price. Retention and graduation rates have increased, and 96 percent of the Class of 2023 knew within six months where their next step in life would be. We have worked collaboratively on our goals, and I thank all involved—faculty, academic offices, Admissions, the Career and Life Design Center, the Student Life team, the Student Government Association, Advancement, the trustees, and many others, as well as the myriad alumni who have volunteered time and energy as mentors, references, and employers. Thank you!

My last year is not over yet, but I hope that when it is, people will associate my presidency with a shared strength and a combined sense of purpose. Leading an administration has not been about seizing power; it's been about taking responsibility for our challenges and contributing to its joys. I have witnessed this community take responsibility over the last 11 years at an increased pace of engagement and with greater enthusiasm.

This is a legacy that makes me proud—it's our collective legacy.



Along the Walk



Xavier Ortiz '28 and Jen Roque '28

Wellness & a whirlybird

Hartford HealthCare's Life Star critical care helicopter touched down on Robin L. Sheppard Field in September as part of Wellness Week, allowing members of the campus community to get up close and personal with the aircraft and to meet its pilot. Wellness Week attendees also had the opportunity to experience interactive health demonstrations and stress-relief activities, to learn life-saving skills, and to explore campus resources.

Neck and neck

Every day, the neck carries a staggering amount of material between the head and the torso. Even during the laziest 24-hour period, humans move more than a ton of blood, plus air and food, through the vessels and pipes of the neck.

That type of anatomical information is packed into Kent Dunlap's "300-million-year tour" of the neck's role in animal evolution and human culture, a book aptly titled *The Neck: A Natural and Cultural History*.

During his career, the Trinity professor of biology has pursued research questions about fish, lizards, frogs, and rodents at the cellular, physiological, and evolutionary levels.

But he began mulling the role of the neck across species while making pottery as a hobby. As Dunlap focused on shaping vases, he found himself increasingly thinking about the narrow passage that defines many of them.

"I started seeing the neck as a site of beauty and vulnerability," said Dunlap, whose tome is published by the University of California Press and slated to hit store shelves in February.

His sculptures were not the only real-world connection with his writing. When Dunlap started, COVID-19 was reaping its devastation on humans via transmission that involved passing pathogens through the neck, an anatomical transition zone. He illustrates the neck's vulnerability throughout the book with examples of execution, whiplash, and illness from goiter in humans and predation in the animal world.

On the brighter side, Dunlap also referenced the neck as a location of a vital expression. For example, it



Professor of Biology Kent Dunlap

houses the voice box for speech and song. "The voice is incredible—all these different muscles in our vocal tract, and if we don't use them just right, we'd utter complete gibberish."

Vocal communication also is a priority in birds—some species even having two voice boxes, said Dunlap. And there are additional biological nuances in the bird world. The neck of the regal trumpeter swan, for example, is much longer than is visible. "Its trachea does an S-turn in its chest before looping down to the lungs."

Dunlap leaves readers with a final chapter on "Shields & Saints" that spotlights the work of protection and healing at the neck. That's when Saint Blaise, the patron saint of the throat, is introduced. A bishop and martyr in the fourth century, he was beheaded for his preaching.

It is not lost on Dunlap that his current academic research is focused on species without any necks at all—fish. And the book is a bit of a divergence from his other publications. But he stuck his neck out. "I had a great time writing, this," he said.

NOMINATIONS

The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence

Did you have a professor who impacted your life? If so, here's your chance to pay tribute to that faculty member. The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence, which recognizes consistently outstanding teaching by a senior faculty member, is awarded annually at Commencement. The prize constitutes one important means by which Trinity honors the teaching excellence of our faculty, central to our mission as a liberal arts college. All alumni are invited to submit nominations for those deemed to exemplify outstanding teaching. Nominations for the Brownell Prize—made possible by a gift from the late Paul H. Briger '61, P'87—should be submitted online using a link found at trincollreporter.online/Brownell2025. A list of eligible faculty members also appears at this link. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 7, 2025.

Questions? Please contact Sylvia DeMore, special assistant to the dean of the faculty, at sylvia.demore@trincoll.edu.

LeWinn honored

Driven by a conviction that all children should have the opportunity to realize their full potential, Kaja LeWinn '98 has dedicated her work to studying the neurodevelopment and mental health of the youngest members of society.

For her lasting contributions to this research area, LeWinn, professor of psychiatry and behavioral sciences at the University of California, San Francisco, received the Trinity College President's Medal for Science and Innovation in October 2024.

Established by President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, the award recognizes individuals who have gained prominence internationally in STEM fields and who represent the liberal arts ideals of empowering humanity through the sciences.

Following the medal ceremony, LeWinn delivered a speech on the scope of her work, which integrates perspectives from epidemiology, psychology, and neuroscience to identify the modifiable physical and social exposures that matter most for child neurodevelopment and mental health in underrepresented and understudied populations.

After graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a major in behavioral neuroscience, LeWinn went on to earn a doctorate in social epidemiology from the Harvard School of Public Health. She then was selected for the prestigious Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Health & Society Scholars program.

LeWinn is a leader of several regional and national epidemiological studies, including the NIH-funded ECHO Consortium, which includes more than 30,000 U.S. children and their families. She has authored more than 130 peer reviewed publications, and her work has been featured in *The Atlantic*, NPR, *Fortune*, and other news outlets.

The President's Medal for Science and Innovation Advisory Committee, which includes prominent STEM faculty at Trinity, leads the selection process and recommends highly qualified candidates to the president. Recipients are not necessarily graduates of the College but have made lasting contributions to their field.

Kaja LeWinn '98 and President Joanne Berger-Sweeney



'Jimmy & Lorraine'

Cast members of HartBeat Ensemble's acclaimed production of *Jimmy & Lorraine: A Musing* rehearse for the six performances held in Austin Arts Center's Goodwin Theater in October 2024. More than 700 tickets were booked in advance for playwright Talvin Wilks's poetic and political play that focuses on the friendship between James Baldwin (played by Jon-Michael Reese) and Lorraine Hansberry (played by Vanessa R. Butler), two groundbreaking Black American writers and activists. The performances followed a two-week guest artist residency at Austin Arts Center, where HartBeat Ensemble's creative team rehearsed on campus and shared its process with students and the wider community. HartBeat Ensemble's artistic director, Godfrey L. Simmons Jr., is a visiting lecturer in theater and dance at Trinity.

FULBRIGHT HONORS

Two recent graduates—Sarah Durkee '24 (above) and Felix Thompson '24 (below)—recently were awarded Fulbright grants.



Durkee won a Fulbright Combined Award for Austria to perform research, take classes, and teach English during the 2024–25 academic year in Vienna, where Sigmund Freud, the neurologist and founder of psychoanalysis, worked and lived much of his life.

Through journals and correspondence, Durkee hopes to understand Freud's philosophy on the technology growth of the 20th century and to use it in the context of today's emerging artificial intelligence (AI) technology. Beyond her research, Durkee will teach English to secondary school students and will take classes at the University of Vienna, where Freud earned a degree in medicine.

Durkee, who earned a B.A. summa cum laude with honors in both philosophy and interdisciplinary computing with philosophy, plans to start her Ph.D. in philosophy at Boston University after the Fulbright.

Thompson received a Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship for Tajikistan. He left in August for the Central Asian country and will be there through June 2025.

During that time, he will focus on English language coursework in an embassy-controlled area. The public policy and law major said that after his Fulbright experience, he would like to find his place within the U.S. State Department.

Two years in a row

For the second consecutive year, Trinity has earned distinction in two diversity-related areas: The College earned a five-star rating in the Campus Pride Index, an independent national assessment of LGBTQ-friendly colleges and universities, and received the Higher Education Excellence in Diversity (HEED) Award from *Insight Into Diversity* magazine, the oldest and largest diversity-focused publication in higher education.



For more on Trinity's receipt of these designations, please visit trincollreporter.online/Diversity.

LETTERS

Library memories

There was a one-page photo story in the [spring 2024] *Trinity Reporter*, under the heading "Around Hartford," about the Park Street Library @ the Lyric, and it brought back a flood of memories.

I grew up in Frog Hollow, on the corner of Russ and Oak Streets, two blocks north of the Lyric Theatre on Park Street and two blocks east of the old yellow brick one-story library with the flagpole on Broad Street just north of Park. The Lyric Theatre Saturday matinee was a favorite, and my mother would walk me over to that library starting at about the age of 5.

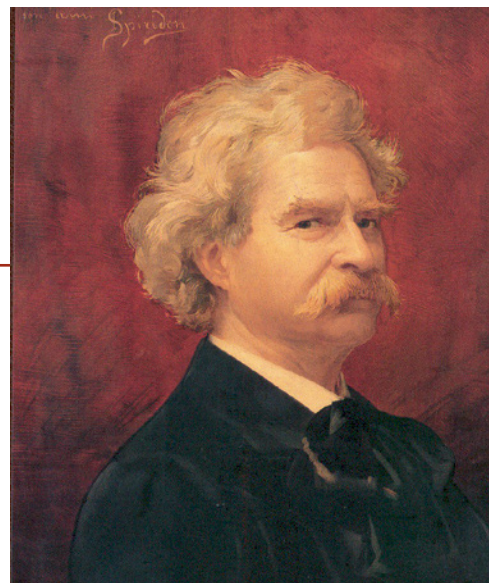
In those days, we learned to read in kindergarten at St. Anthony's School, in Italian in the morning and in English in the afternoons. Then in first grade we transferred to St. Joseph Cathedral School, which was English only! I had a friend here in Denver who, before he died a few years ago, was the superintendent of one of the nearby suburban school districts. He grew up in Frog Hollow, too, a few blocks from the Lyric Theatre, but went to St. Ann School and spoke French in the mornings and English in the afternoons. He read books at that same little library. And there were Lithuanians and Latvians among us, too, and Czechs and Hungarians. And Puerto Ricans who spoke mostly Spanish. And the vegetable market was on the corner of Park and Broad.

So the new library looks great in your photo, with the Lyric Theatre as part of its heritage. Thanks for putting it together!

Dan Strammiello '64

Denver, Colorado

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Around Hartford

The Mark Twain House & Museum

351 FARMINGTON AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT

"The loveliest home that ever was."—MARK TWAIN

The Mark Twain House & Museum, just about two miles from the Trinity College campus, showcases the restored 25-room, 11,500-square-foot home where the prolific author and humorist lived with his family from 1874 to 1891. During this time, Twain—born Samuel Clemens—wrote some of his most important works, including *Adventures of Huckleberry Finn*, *The Adventures of Tom Sawyer*, and *A Connecticut Yankee in King Arthur's Court*. Guided tours of the 1874 house, designated a National Historic Landmark, are available daily (except for a handful of holidays), with reservations encouraged. Living history tours also are offered, providing an immersive experience in the Clemens household. While on-site, visitors also may explore two exhibition spaces and enjoy the Nook Farm Café and museum shop. In addition, The Mark Twain House & Museum offers numerous educational resources and programs for all ages, as well as contests and specialty tours, including the popular seasonal ghost tours and "Clue" tours.



For more information about The Mark Twain House & Museum, including its history and its current offerings as well as the author's life, please visit marktwainhouse.org or trincollreporter.online/MarkTwainHouse.



The second-floor landing of the Mark Twain House in Hartford

Volunteer Spotlight

Rachel Schneider Mehta '95 and Jake Schneider '04

WHEN IT WAS TIME to apply to college, Jake Schneider '04 says, he did not want to go to Trinity. "There was no reason for that reluctance," he explains, "except for the fact that my sister went there and I wanted to do something different."

Rachel Schneider Mehta '95 loved her four years in Hartford. She blossomed as a student, majoring in American studies and minoring in Spanish studies, and sensed her brother would have an equally positive experience given their similar dispositions.

"He was looking at these bigger schools, yet I just knew Trinity would be a good place for him to flourish," Mehta says. "We're both very intellectually driven, very curious people. But we both also carve out a lot of time for humor."

Pulling the big sister card, Mehta insisted that Schneider apply to Trinity. She even paid his application fee. When admissions decisions were released and Schneider got into a number of colleges, Trinity offered him a scholarship that dwarfed that from every other school.

The two had experienced a tragedy when their father passed away several years earlier. For the single-parent household, financial aid was critical. Schneider's reticence evaporated instantly, and he accepted Trinity's offer. "I got to go to college because they picked me and decided they would be generous with me," he says. "I will forever be grateful to Trinity for that help."

For both siblings, Trinity provided an education that expanded their worldviews and shaped the rest of their lives. Mehta, a self-described liberal arts junkie who typically keeps five books on her nightstand, relished the opportunity to learn in such a dynamic setting. "If I had been on a singular track somewhere else, I probably would've felt stifled," she says. "But being able to take American studies, architecture, history, religion classes—to have that freedom to travel in some different directions was really a gift."

Schneider adds, "I wouldn't trade the education I received at Trinity for any other place." He majored in computer science, which he planned to study wherever he attended, and took advantage of Trinity's liberal arts curriculum by completing the Guided Studies: European Civilization program (now called the Humanities Gateway Program) and minoring in legal studies. Today, he is a technology and intellectual property lawyer at



Holland & Knight LLP in Boston.

Mehta is an angel investor and a consultant for a cybersecurity conference company. "Having a liberal arts background has made me unafraid of taking chances professionally," she says. "My experiences at Trinity gave me the inquisitiveness and confidence to enter new industries and to figure things out."

As students, they each found ways to give back to the Trinity community. Mehta put her Spanish skills to use by tutoring dining hall employees in English as a second language, while Schneider represented his peers for two years as class president.

As alumni, they remain generous with their time. Mehta serves as her class vice president and a class steward, which allows her to engage with classmates who have given to Trinity. Schneider is a class agent and serves as his class secretary. He also is quick to hop on the phone with current Bantams who are interested in entering his field.

"If you ask alums across the generations what makes Trinity special, they'll tell you it's the people and the relationships we build with classmates, professors, coaches, and staff," says Liz Hanusovsky Patterson '05, director of annual giving. "Rachel and Jake's bond as siblings is just a more visible example of the interconnectedness of our community—and the way we come together to support our alma mater and one another."

Mehta and Schneider each have two daughters. As parents, they are used to getting asked to volunteer for various organizations and school committees. "You have to be careful about not saying yes to too many things," Mehta says. "But Trinity is always a really easy yes."

Her brother agrees. "My rule is that if they call me, I answer the phone and I try to help the College because it helped me out when I needed it as a teenager," Schneider says. "To be in that environment with those professors and get that education, it makes you who you are."

—Elliott Grover



Recent publications

Born in Blood: Violence and the Making of America

SCOTT GAC,
Professor of History and American Studies
Cambridge University Press,
2024; 355 pages

Networks of Touch: A Tactile History of Chinese Art, 1790–1840

MICHAEL J. HATCH,
Associate Professor of Fine Arts
The Pennsylvania State University Press, 2024;
205 pages

Immigration, Security, and the Liberal State: The Politics of Migration Regulation in Europe and the United States

GALLYA LAHAV and ANTHONY M. MESSINA,
John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science, Emeritus
Cambridge University Press,
2024; 492 pages

The Innermost House

Cynthia Blakeley '81
Bright Leaf, 2024; 256 pages

A Home in Woods Hole: Life and History on Eel Pond

ELIZABETH HESLOP SHEEHY '86
The History Press, 2024;
208 pages

The Keeper

JOAN VINCENT IDP'86
North Street Publishing,
2023; 395 pages

What's Next:

A Backstage Pass to The West Wing, Its Cast and Crew, and Its Enduring Legacy of Service

MELISSA FITZGERALD and MARY MCCORMACK '91
Dutton, 2024; 588 pages

Scratch My Itch:

A Caregiver's Honest, Humorous, and Healing Stories about the Horrors of ALS

CYNDY MAMALIAN '92
Resource Publications, 2024;
151 pages

Around Every Corner of Connecticut: 100 Towns to Explore Every Season

SARAH CODY '95
Globe Pequot, 2024;
192 pages

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Puerto Rican studies

Amanda J. Guzmán (inset below), assistant professor of anthropology and co-director of Trinity's Center for Caribbean Studies, has been named as a fellow for a new research project hosted by Hunter College's Center for Puerto Rican Studies (CENTRO).

Guzmán is one of 13 research associates for the inaugural year of CENTRO's five-year Rooted + Relational initiative—supported by a grant from the Mellon Foundation—that seeks to foster a dynamic intersection between academia, arts, culture, and community-driven research.

The theme for the first year of Rooted + Relational is “Archives, Memory & the Present Past of Puerto Rico,” which, according to CENTRO, “aims to reinvigorate discourses and debates in Puerto Rican studies through a sustained engagement with material, affective, and public archives.”

Guzmán specializes in museum anthropology, focusing on the history of collecting and exhibiting Puerto Rico. As a fellow, Guzmán plans to develop several writing projects, including a book proposal tentatively titled *From Island to Museum: Materializing Puerto Rican Object Itineraries*. This forthcoming manuscript employs a comparative approach toward diverse institutional assemblages to trace the history of North American museum collecting in and representation of Puerto Rico.

Guzmán also will conduct museum collection visits and archival research at several New York cultural institutions related to a second project on the history of Puerto Rican exhibition practice. She most looks forward to the opportunity to write within a community of Puerto Rican scholars and artists and to complicate her preexisting disciplinary conceptions of what an archive is and can be.

“Through the analysis of object collections and associated archival records, my work reassembles not only individual acquisition narratives but also the larger contexts of the rise of museums and the field of anthropology,” Guzmán said. “Museum objects recover generations of silenced local actors and agency amidst a contemporary climate of material uncertainty and historical disrepair.”



Gravitational waves

Trinity College recently was accepted to the LIGO (Laser Interferometer Gravitational-Wave Observatory) Scientific Collaboration, enabling Assistant Professor of Physics Eyal Schwartz to continue researching ways to optimize the detectors that track gravitational waves and new astrophysical phenomena.

Throughout history, humans have mainly relied on different forms of light to observe the universe. Today, scientists have a new frontier to explore the cosmos: gravitational wave astronomy. Gravitational waves carry information on the dynamics of objects in the universe.

“This emerging field of science offers a new way of exploring the fundamental physics of gravity as a tool for astronomical explorations,” Schwartz said. “Gravitational waves are ripples in the fabric of space-time, caused by the dynamics of massive objects with extreme acceleration, like colliding black holes or neutron stars.”

Early in the fall semester, Schwartz secured Trinity’s membership in the collaboration, joining 130 colleges and universities representing 20 countries. Trinity is the only LIGO institution in Connecticut and in the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC).

Schwartz is the principal investigator of Trinity’s newly formed New Horizons Laboratory, with research focused on precision measurement techniques to optimize current and next generation gravitational wave detectors, dark matter exploration, new observational astrophysical and cosmological techniques, and education and public outreach.

The LIGO detectors are twin, 4-kilometer-long laser interferometers located in Hanford, Washington, and Livingston, Louisiana.

Early milestone observations of gravitational waves in 2015 and 2017, combined with contributions to the development of the LIGO detector, earned three key players in the LIGO Scientific Collaboration the 2017 Nobel Prize in Physics. Since that time, more than 200 detections of gravitational waves have been identified, and the search for new astrophysical phenomena is ongoing as LIGO is in the midst of its fourth observation run.

The LIGO collaboration encompasses scholars from a range of disciplines—including physics, engineering, chemistry, materials science, and math—dedicated to detecting the gravitational waves predicted by Albert Einstein’s 1915 general theory of relativity.

Trinity’s participation provides on-campus research and internship opportunities for students, including travel to the detector sites and hands-on experience on large experiments.

“This will allow all of us to actively contribute to one of the largest and famous collaborative scientific endeavors in the world,” said Schwartz.



Samples of history

Ralph Moyer, Scovill Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, holds a textile sample—in the form of a scarf—that he had a role in creating nearly 65 years ago while working in the Carbon Products Division of Union Carbide Corporation. He said that the loom-woven fabric is significant because “it marked the first attempt to take carbon yarns, and using the traditional methods of the textile industry, to construct the fabric of choice.” Moyer used various textile samples, made of newly patented carbon and graphite fibers, in several chemistry classes throughout his Trinity College teaching career, which spanned from 1969 to 2017. He recently donated the samples to Philadelphia’s Science History Institute, a museum dedicated to the history of science. “In my opinion,” Moyer said, “the carbon and graphite textile materials are of seminal historical importance, and examples taken from that period should be preserved. I am delighted that the folks [at the museum] agree with me.”


PHOTO: NICK CAITO

Trinity Treasure

Do It Day

Trinity students at
Rocky Ridge Park
near campus

If it's the first Saturday after fall classes begin, it must be Trinity College's Do It Day. Every year since 1999—with the exception of 2020 because of the pandemic—Trinity students have fanned out across Greater Hartford to take part in a day of service. In 2024, nearly 400 students—representing 15 athletic teams, JELLO, and the Trinity Homelessness Project, as well as P.R.I.D.E. leaders/cultural house coordinators—participated in the College's 25th Do It Day. Eighteen community organizations, from Goodwin Park to Habitat for Humanity ReStore to A Place of Grace Food Pantry and more, benefited from the students' efforts, including basic landscaping, gardening, tree planting, and cleaning. According to Joe Barber, director of community service and civic engagement and the event's founder, due to capacity issues, Do It Day underwent a bit of a reorientation in 2015, evolving from a project open to the whole campus to a smaller one primarily concentrated on athletic teams and P.R.I.D.E. leaders/cultural house coordinators. "It has worked well to have a more focused approach, and Athletics and the Office of Multicultural Affairs have been great partners in this endeavor," Barber said. "We are better able to run a quality event that is a positive experience for both the Trinity participants and community partners."



Acting out a dream

Mary McCormack '91
finds joy in her craft,
focuses on public
service in new book on
'The West Wing'

STORY BY
SONYA STORCH ADAMS

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CATIE LAFFOON / COURTESY OF MARY MCCORMACK '91



“I think there’s something almost like a tonic about watching it in the times we’re living in now,” says Mary McCormack ’91 of *The West Wing*, the seven-season hit television show—now streaming on Max—on which she played Deputy National Security Adviser Kate Harper.

Nominated for 95 Emmys and the recipient of 26, the hourlong drama centered on the fictional White

House administration of Josiah “Jed” Bartlett, played by Martin Sheen. Others in the star-studded cast included Allison Janney, Bradley Whitford, Richard Schiff, Dulé Hill, Janel Moloney, Josh Malina, and Melissa Fitzgerald.

A key theme of the series, which ran from 1999–2006 on NBC and marked its 25th anniversary last year, was public service, with characters devoted to the country and to the public good. According to McCormack, series creator Aaron Sorkin once called *The West Wing* a “love letter to public service.”



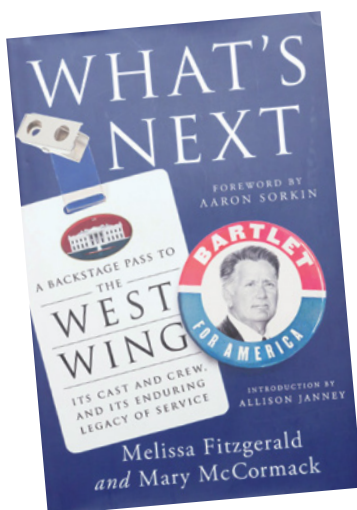
Rise), which benefits veterans; The Trevor Project, which supports LGBTQ+ youth; and Moms Demand Action, which works to protect people from gun violence.

McCormack says that the “unusually close” nature of *The West Wing* cast members helps them support one another’s nonprofit work. “We’re on a text chain that lights up all day long,” she says. “We’re a really, really tight group of friends . . . and I think that service helps keep us close. We do quite a bit of it separately and quite a bit

together. If someone sends out the bat signal, we all answer.”

McCormack and Fitzgerald began the book project in 2020, around the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. More than 100 interviews were conducted by Zoom, which McCormack says worked well.

“We could reach everyone; we were so spread out,” she says. “We talked to crew, we talked to background actors, writers, producers, everyone involved in the show, so Zoom actually was a great way of doing it. It was nice to connect with everyone and to hear people’s stories—a lot we knew, but tons we didn’t know—and to get people’s different points of view.”



With that in mind, McCormack and Fitzgerald teamed up to write *What’s Next: A Backstage Pass to The West Wing, Its Cast and Crew, and Its Enduring Legacy of Service*. McCormack says readers, especially “Wing-nuts”—what the cast admirably calls superfans of the show—will enjoy the book, which is chock full of behind-the-scenes details intertwined with the public service priorities of the actors. The pages about McCormack’s charitable focus, for instance, explore her devotion to Justice for Vets (a division of All

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MARY MCCORMACK '91

She notes that *What's Next*—with a title inspired by an oft-repeated phrase from the show—is different from other “fan books” because it was written by cast members. “We had the support of and the access to creator Aaron Sorkin, producer John Wells, and all the writers. We also got to talk to the head casting director, and he gave us access to his casting binders, which is incredible.

“It’s also a big book,” she continues. At 588 pages, “it was three times the length we thought it was going to be; there’s so much more we could have published and shared. I guess there’s always the chance of a sequel!”

McCormack, along with Sheen and Fitzgerald, visited the real White House in August 2024 to deliver the book to President Joe Biden and wife Jill. “That was amazing. I mean, who gets to do that?” McCormack recalls. “And there we were, chatting a little bit, and Martin Sheen was with us. President Biden said to him, ‘You didn’t tell me how hard this job was,’ and Martin was like, ‘I didn’t really know. I was just a TV president.’

“They were really cute together,” she continues. “And then [Biden] said, ‘Why don’t

you walk me out to Marine One?’ That’s not a sentence you hear every day. We did, and I couldn’t believe it. I kept thinking I had to wake up. This has to be a dream.”

McCormack always had a dream of being an actor. Growing up in Plainfield, New Jersey, she says, she loved theater and performing. Every year on her birthday, her parents took her to New York City to see a Broadway musical. “I couldn’t believe that was a job, these adults on stage dancing and singing and having a ball! I couldn’t believe that was an actual job adults could have,” she recalls. “I thought, ‘I’ll do that.’ Spoken with the built-in bravado of an 8-year-old!”

Opposite top: Mary McCormack '91 as Deputy National Security Adviser Kate Harper, with Allison Janney as Press Secretary C.J. Cregg in the background, on *The West Wing*; **Below:** McCormack, far right, with President Biden, center, Martin Sheen, third from left, and Melissa Fitzgerald, second from right



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WILL MCCORMACK '96

Above: The McCormack siblings—Mary '91, Will '96, and Bridget '88—at Will's wedding.

When it came time for college, she says, she applied to five schools and almost enrolled in a five-year joint program in classical singing at Tufts University and the New England Conservatory. But she thought that while she loved classical singing, she wasn't sure that she wanted five more years and a career in it.

Instead, she decided to follow her older sister, Bridget McCormack '88, who already was at Trinity. “The pull of Bridget . . . we're really close, and it seemed very easy and right. I had been there [on campus] a lot, and I loved it.”

The sisters overlapped for one year—when Mary was a first-year and Bridget was a senior—and lived in the same residence hall, High Rise, but on different floors. “It was like we were living in New Jersey again,” McCormack recalls. “I would go up and steal clothes from her, and she'd get mad when I wouldn't return them. It was fabulous!”

Bridget McCormack, a former chief justice of the Michigan Supreme Court and now CEO

and president of the American Arbitration Association-International Centre for Dispute Resolution, has similar recollections. “It was great,” she says. “I was a senior and felt like I could make her transition easier and less stressful. I'm not sure she really needed me for that, but I liked thinking she did. I loved having her around.

“Mary is one of a kind,” she adds. “She is exquisitely talented in her field—not just as an actor and a singer but also as a creator and an editor and a writer. She can see the way to make everything beautiful, and she always has a gorgeous way of explaining or describing people, emotions, and memories. And she is hilarious—the funniest person I know.”

McCormack says her big sister kept a protective eye on her. “She's always looked after me growing up, and she continued doing it at Trinity. I auditioned for the Pipes [a cappella group], and she was like, ‘That's good, that's the one to do.’ I had all the inside scoop.”

In addition to the Pipes, McCormack sang in the Concert Choir and had supporting roles in all the spring musicals. She recalls with particular fondness each fall's musical revue, where everyone had a solo. “Trinity is a small school, so that was a small group of people, and we were all really close. I love Gerry Moshell [professor of music, emeritus], and I'm still in touch with him.”

In fact, Moshell arranged and played “Married” from Cabaret at her 2003 London wedding to director and Emmy-nominated producer Michael Morris. Moshell recalls McCormack as one who “dove right away into a daunting array” of performance activities.

McCormack created her own interdisciplinary major in comparative arts. “I loved studio arts, and I loved creative writing and English, and I couldn't decide. I had taken so many courses in each,” she says.

The major was a good fit for her, according to Moshell, who notes that it allowed “the kind of not-entirely-structured structure in which particularly smart and imaginative Trinity students, like Mary, could assert creativity and thrive.” He adds, “This holistic approach

was surely contributory to Mary's flourishing, intelligently pursued career in TV, movies, and the theater."

The positive experiences that the McCormack sisters had at Trinity directly affected their younger brother, Will McCormack '96, a director, writer, and producer, as well as the recipient of a 2021 Oscar for Best Animated Short Film for *If Anything Happens I Love You*. "It never occurred to me to go anywhere else," he says. "Trinity was always my first choice. I idolized my older sisters. So when they went to Trinity, I knew I had to."

He describes McCormack as "a force of nature. [She's] strong. A real leader with a strong moral compass. An incredible mother and wonderful sister." He adds, "Mary is such a gifted artist, and at Trinity, she was really able to carve out and build her sense of self. She really grew into herself there."

For McCormack, a liberal arts background laid the groundwork for her next steps. "I feel very lucky that I took a wide range of classes at Trinity because I think that's the best preparation for an actor," she says. "It makes you a deeper, more interesting person, which makes for a better artist."

After McCormack graduated, her older sister, already in an apartment in New York City, invited McCormack to join her. McCormack signed up for a two-year program at the William Esper Studio, a top acting school in Manhattan, and waited tables to pay the bills. She also volunteered two days a week at a small talent agency, where she learned a different side of show business. "You can see who they represented and why, whose calls got returned, what worked for actors and what didn't," she says. "I felt like I had pulled the curtain up."

The agency eventually took her on as a client, and while she landed some small roles, she still had to keep waiting tables . . . until, that is, she landed a big one.

"There was a day when I could stop doing all of that. I auditioned for a TV show, and I got it. It was called *Murder One*, a TV show for ABC produced by Steven Bochco, one of the great

What's next?

McCormack soon will be on the big screen again, this time as Dakota Fanning's mother in the upcoming horror movie *Vicious*. "It's seriously creepy," she says of the film, which is due out in 2025. She also recently debuted in the Netflix series *Heels*, a critically acclaimed drama about two brothers who work for a family wrestling company.

As she eyes the future, McCormack says looks forward to doing more theater now that her three daughters—ages 20, 17, and 13—are getting older. "Theater is a six-month commitment, so you really can't do it unless you pick up and move the whole family," she says. "So, it was sort of temporarily off the table. But soon, I'll be back to that chapter."

What does she enjoy most about being an actor? "You're a storyteller. I like playing make-believe," she says. "But I also love that every day is different, that I shoot all over the world, that no two days are the same. It's always new actors, new crews, new locations, new stories . . . and that suits me, that kind of adventure. I love it."

producers of all time. He made *Hill Street Blues*, *L.A. Law*, *NYPD Blue*, and so many more."

"The day I got that job, I had three restaurant jobs—a brunch shift, a dinner shift, and a cocktail thing at night. I did all three, and then I never did it again. . . . It changed my whole life. I went from being hungry to being a working actor in Los Angeles."

McCormack says many of her roles—nearly 100 in television and film and on the stage—are memorable for different reasons. She cites playing Alison Stern in *Private Parts*, the Howard Stern biopic, as "a massive turning point" for her because of the size of the movie and the size of the role, adding that she and Stern remain good friends.

She also played "saucy" U.S. Marshal Mary Shannon on USA Network's *In Plain Sight*, which ran from 2008 to 2012, and mom-of-eight-boys Peggy Cleary on the short-lived but highly lauded 2018 ABC comedy series *The Kids Are Alright*, about which McCormack says, "I loved it. I would have done that part forever."

McCormack also has made her mark on the Broadway stage, including a Tony-nominated run as "over-the-top German flight attendant" Gretchen in *Boeing-Boeing*. "That was exciting. Because I grew up in New Jersey and seeing plays, for me to be on Broadway is really fun."

And then, of course, there's *The West Wing*. Of the cast, she says, "That's a group of people who are like real, actual family. Martin Sheen is like a second father. I feel very fortunate for *The West Wing* to have happened in my life." ●✕◆



Blazing a trail.

The
transformational
leadership
of Joanne
Berger-Sweeney

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The new Trinity Plus curriculum; a reshaping of the admissions process and increased financial aid; committing to diversity, equity, and inclusion to build a stronger Trinity community; strengthening connections in Hartford; the College's largest capital campaign; the Bicentennial; a pandemic. In her nearly 11 years as president of Trinity College, Joanne Berger-Sweeney has led through times of challenges, achievements, and changes. "Leadership necessarily involves managing change," says Larry Bacow, former president of Harvard University. "If you're not managing change, you're not leading; you are presiding."



While it may be difficult to measure the success of a college president, Bacow suggests looking at the impact a leader has had on people and on the institution itself. “The question about legacy can be fraught,” he says, “but I think you just need to ask, has the leader left the place better off than they found it?”

Bacow has known Berger-Sweeney since 2010, when he hired the then-Wellesley College neuroscience professor as dean of the School of Arts and Sciences at Tufts University, where he was president at the time.

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BOARD CHAIR LISA BISACCIA ’78

“What you want in a leader is somebody who is both analytic and empathetic,” says Bacow. His address at Berger-Sweeney’s 2014 Inauguration as Trinity’s 22nd president described her as having a “hard head and soft heart.”

Looking back at her tenure at Trinity, Bacow says, “Joanne doesn’t shy away from a hard decision, but she always considers how it affects people. To be an effective president, you need to engage lots of different constituencies: students, faculty, alumni, staff, the board, neighboring public officials. The fact that she has served with distinction for 11 years suggests to me that she has done that well and that she is very well respected.”

Lisa G. Bisaccia ’78, chair of Trinity’s Board of Trustees, says Berger-Sweeney has led by example through her thoughtful and generous interactions in any situation. “She inspires people to follow her when she lays out a path,” Bisaccia says. “You want people to follow you not because you tell them to, but because they want to and because

they feel that they’re a part of something bigger than themselves. That is the hallmark of a good leader, and it has been characteristic of Joanne’s presidency from the very beginning. Anyone can manage; few people can inspire.”

Bisaccia cites among Berger-Sweeney’s top successes the Trinity Plus curriculum,

which emphasizes co-curricular and experiential opportunities including internships, and an evolved admissions and financial aid strategy. “This has made Trinity more visible and more accessible outside of our traditional markets. This means that we get superior students with different experiences and from different backgrounds, which adds to and benefits our entire community,” she says.

Cornelia “Cornie” Thornburgh ’80, H’22, former chair of Trinity’s Board of Trustees, describes Berger-Sweeney as a “student first” president who built the student environment into one that is highly attractive to applicants through initiatives such as the Bantam Network. “Joanne can proudly point to the fact that she has attracted the kind of student that is very different from 15 years ago,” she says. “We’ve expanded geographically, of course, but the students are now more curious—both academically and socially. We’ve revived a sense of joy in learning.”

Thornburgh, who served as chair of the Presidential Search Committee when Berger-Sweeney was hired, says Berger-Sweeney spoke during her initial interviews about her belief that educational institutions should create a sense of community. “Any community has differing points of views . . . but in the end they come together around unified purposes of who they are and what they hope to achieve together,” Thornburgh says.

The entire Trinity community was put to the test during the COVID-19 pandemic, beginning in spring 2020. “The amount of organizational change during COVID was staggering,” Bisaccia says. “We needed Trinity to keep going and to provide students with the best educational experience possible, so Joanne and her team designed a model for both hybrid and remote teaching and learning that we would follow for a year and a half.”

Thornburgh adds, “Joanne asked the trustees and other alumni to write letters to 2020 graduates to let them know they were not the forgotten class. The sense of building community, for her, was always palpable.”

High points of the past 11 years include the yearlong celebration of Trinity’s Bicentennial and the launch of the College’s largest fundraising effort in its history, the All In comprehensive campaign. Bisaccia says, “A hallmark of Joanne’s legacy within the All In campaign is expanding the reach and resources of the Ferris Athletic



Center to all students, through the addition of the Wellness and Recreation Center, while still making sure our athletes have access to world-class facilities.”

Strengthening connections with Hartford is another important achievement during Berger-Sweeney’s time at Trinity, according to Paul H. Mounds Jr. ’07, a College trustee who grew up in Hartford. “Joanne had a vision upon her arrival about how Trinity can be not only a partner but also a leading voice to support the growth and vitality of the city and the state,” Mounds says.

To that end, Berger-Sweeney oversaw the creation of Trinity’s Center for Hartford Engagement and Research (CHER), which coordinates five core academic and co-curricular partnerships between Hartford’s diverse communities and the students, staff, and faculty at Trinity. “This incorporates Hartford into the curriculum, particularly for first-year students, and expands internship opportunities in the city,” Mounds notes.

Trinity in recent years also opened its Innovation Hub downtown at Constitution Plaza, housing the partnership with tech giant Infosys and programming for the College’s new Entrepreneurship Center.

Mounds, vice president of community and corporate alliances at Yale New Haven Health System and previously chief of staff to Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont, has witnessed Berger-Sweeney become one of most powerful civic leaders in the state. “She’s a person who can call the governor of the State of Connecticut, and he picks up the phone,” Mounds says. “I know because I’ve been in that office and I’ve seen it.”

Off campus, Berger-Sweeney has been a longtime member of the Capital Region Development Authority, which focuses on the economic development and growth of Greater Hartford, and is chair of the Board of Directors of Hartford HealthCare, the city’s largest health care provider.

In addition to fostering relationships in Hartford, Berger-Sweeney also has helped reconnect generations of alumni around the world with their alma mater. “There’s been a reengagement with an alumni base that is extremely vast, diverse, and influential,” Mounds says. “She’s found ways to help them understand what the school has done for them in their lives and to see the importance of giving back in an impactful and present manner. Like them, I’m proud to

The College’s ‘best self’

“When you have a job as complex as being the president of a college, you need to create and develop a highly networked team. You have to inspire people, empower them, and give them enough autonomy to do the work well. Leadership is not what a single person can do but what a team and a community can do collectively. When I think of the improvements that we’ve made in campus climate, for example, those positive changes happen because people feel included and engaged, focused on a common mission.

“When I started as president, Cornie Thornburgh told me that Trinity had really good bones, but there were some current challenges. What I saw in her and in other Bantams I met was real passion about this place but some frustration that the College wasn’t living up to their remembered experiences. I thought if Trinity had never had a woman president, it probably needed somebody with a different perspective to help it be its best self. What I’ve tried to do is highlight and elevate the incredibly positive things going on here and add some new positive things so that stronger, more engaged students, staff, and faculty are making an active choice to be part of the Trinity community.

“Instead of looking to the past for Trinity’s glory days, I wanted to create a bright future so people would be proud to say they’re a part of today’s Trinity College. I worked hard to create a community that felt better about itself, a community that could see all of the incredible potential that I saw. My job was to help Trinity’s light shine a little bit brighter for the world.”

—PRESIDENT JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

dedicate my time to Trinity because of the vision she has provided for the College.”

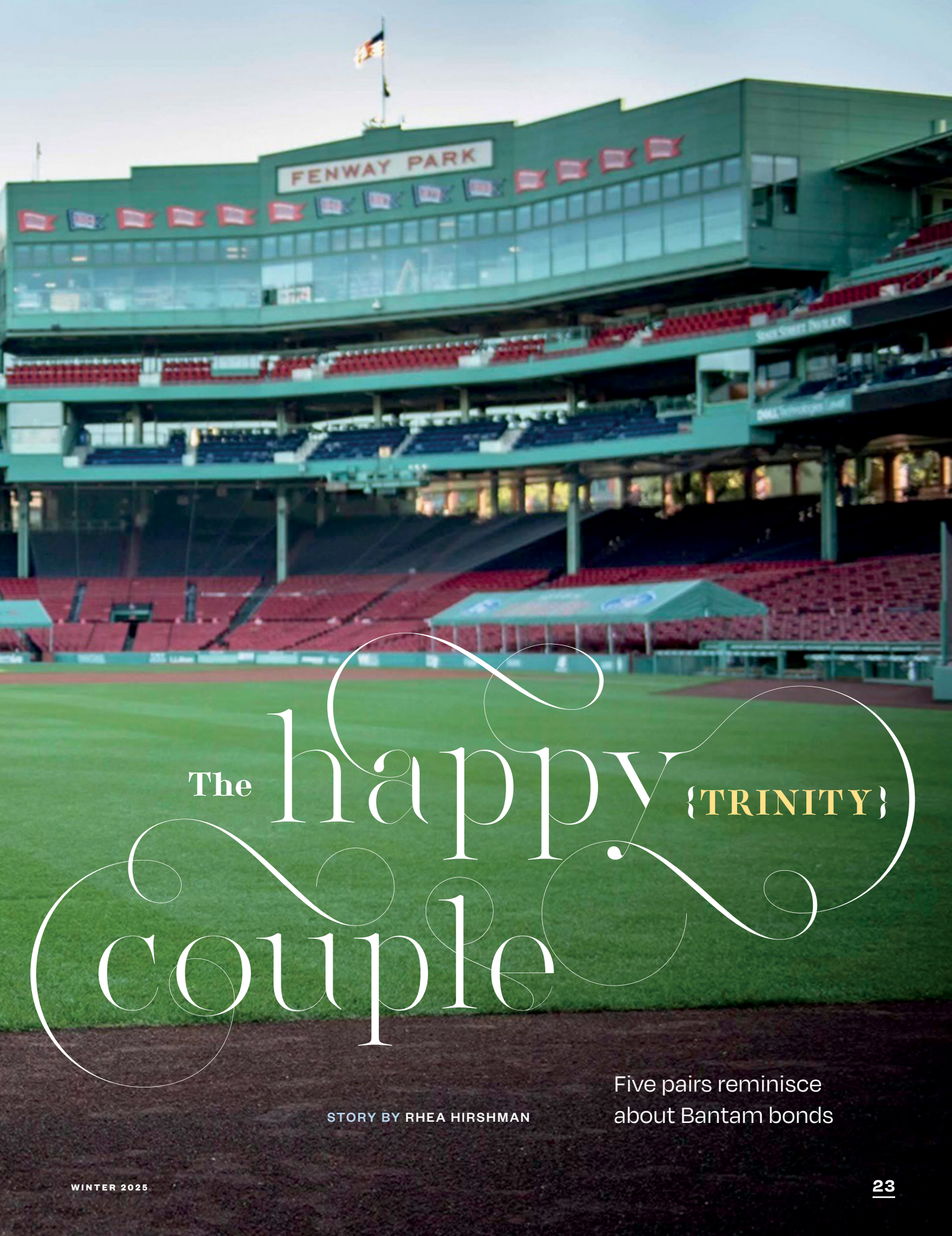
Bisaccia and Thornburgh both note that Berger-Sweeney’s commitment to liberal arts education will leave a tremendous impact on Trinity. “It’s a great gift to have a college president stay for 11 years,” Bisaccia says. “Joanne was able to shepherd changes and innovations from their inception as ideas to becoming reality.”

Thornburgh adds, “Trinity has gained so much from Joanne’s forward-looking optimism and her desire to find the best people—from the educators and administrators to the students themselves—and bring them to campus. She’s built a terrific framework as Trinity goes into its next 100 years. Still, we’re really going to miss her.”

And Mounds, for one, has a clear answer to Bacow’s question about Berger-Sweeney’s legacy.

“If there were a Mount Rushmore of Trinity College presidents, we need to start etching her face on it,” Mounds says. “She has prepared Trinity—and the next leader of Trinity—to take on challenges and to continue in an impactful manner for years to come. She is a transformational leader who was important and necessary at the time of her arrival. She will leave this place much better positioned than anyone would have ever thought.” ●✦◆





FENWAY PARK

The happy {TRINITY} couple

STORY BY RHEA HIRSHMAN

Five pairs reminisce
about Bantam bonds

ON THE WEEKEND of his 40th Trinity Reunion, David Booth Beers '77 rode his bicycle the four miles from his West Hartford home to the Friday evening clambake. Recently divorced and feeling “not very happy,” he sat down to chat with Marian Kuhn '77, with whom he had remained in touch and saw every five years at Reunion. “She was very kind,” David remembers. “I wound up blurting out to her, ‘I had a wicked crush on you back then!’ and she told me she had had no idea! I understood. We lived in adjacent dorms our first year and were sort of friendly. But I was young for my age, and Marian had been educated in Europe and was not interested in freshman boys.”

However, “24 hours of anxiety later”—the next evening after the Reunion dinner—when David declared that he didn’t want to wait another five years to ask her out for coffee, Marian, who was widowed, countered with an invitation to a hike near her home in Salisbury, Connecticut.

From then on, they saw each other every weekend. Marian’s sisters urged her on. Five weeks after Reunion, they were engaged. They married the following spring. “At our age,” Marian says, “when you know, you know. You don’t have a lot of time to waste.”

According to Trinity’s Alumni Relations Office, Marian and David are just one couple of more than 1,000 Trinity pairs. Just a few years before their time at Trinity, the College was a very different place for women as the all-male undergraduate student body was on the verge of a major shift. Margot Clement Clark '71, then a student at Vassar College, decided to become one of 16 female exchange students for the second semester of her sophomore year. “In many ways,” Margot says, “the College as an institution was not adequately prepared for women.” Still, her own experience was so positive and



she found the students so welcoming that she decided to transfer to Trinity when the College opened to women in fall 1969.

Part of that positive experience was meeting Jeff Clark '71. “We remember exactly where we were when we first met,” Jeff says. “We were on the Long Walk, with my roommate talking to Margot’s friend and me in the background.” Eventually, they began hanging out as friends, becoming a couple later that spring after Jeff asked Margot to his fraternity’s spring party. “I showed up at Margot’s door sporting a double-breasted navy-blue blazer I had bought at a thrift shop, with a silver medal around my neck that I had won in a crew competition that morning,” Jeff says. “And that,” Margot says, “is when I thought, ‘Well! OK!’”

They corresponded over the summer and by the following fall acknowledged their strong connection. After graduation and then two years of commuting, with Jeff in graduate school at Cornell University and Margot in graduate school at Simmons College, Margot said to Jeff, “We’re happy. Our parents are happy. Nothing is standing in our way.” Jeff adds, “Everything fit into place for us to get married.” In June 1973, they did.

While Margot and Jeff connected through mutual friends—a common story on a college campus—Marnie Richards Glazier '96, M'02 and John Glazier IDP'02 found themselves working

Wedding day photos of David Booth Beers '77 and Marian Kuhn '77, left; Margot Clement Clark '71 and Jeff Clark '71, below; and Marnie Richards Glazier '96, M'02 and John Glazier IDP'02, right



together at Timothy's, a Zion Street restaurant that was, for decades, a Trinity institution. Marnie, who came to Trinity as junior, began working at Timothy's during her senior year after she returned from the College's summer program in Rome and moved into an apartment above the restaurant. John joined Timothy's staff a few months later, shortly before beginning Trinity's IDP program, and moved into an apartment across the hall. ("I told him I thought it was haunted," Marnie says, "and he—unlike the others I'd told—took me seriously.")

They started walking their dogs together, began dating that winter, and married in February 1998 while John was still an IDP student and Marnie was in her graduate program. By the time they both graduated in 2002, they had two young children. John was a familiar sight on campus, wearing a baby in a backpack (referred to by students as "backpack baby") and often walking two dogs.

"Trinity was home to us and our family for quite a few years," Marnie says. They had their



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MARNIE RICHARDS GLAZIER '96, M'02

wedding in the College Chapel and their reception in the Smith House, catered by Timothy's. John notes, "We had the wedding on campus partly because of our friendship with Steven Charleston, the chaplain at the time." John's father, William S. Glazer II '48, an Episcopal priest, also officiated.

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Wedding day
photo of Lacey
Rose '10 and Carly
Bernstein Rose '13

Did you find your forever person 'neath the elms, or did you marry a Bantam later in life? Please email your love story to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu for possible publication in a future issue.



For more photos of these Trinity couples, please visit trincollreporter.online/Couples.

Marcus Halley, the College's current chaplain, has witnessed the significance of the Chapel in couples' lives. "Whenever a couple who were married here returns—for a visit or to renew their vows—they seem to be transported back to the day they were married," he says. "I've seen this happen over and over. I imagine that the act of remembering that day also means remembering the journey of their lives together. I think a place like Trinity's Chapel helps people find perspective about the highs and lows and walk away with a bit more joy."

A different kind of special place factors into the story of Lacey Rose '10 and Carly Bernstein Rose '13. They had their "first real date" in Fenway Park at a Red Sox game in 2010. Lacey says, "Sometimes, in college, you're not sure if you're just hanging out or dating. But once we were both back home for the summer and removed from the college environment, we realized there was something more."

The two were acquainted in middle school and high school and knew each other's families but were surprised to run into each other on the Trinity campus when Carly arrived as a first-year during Lacey's senior year. "I got a crush on a girl for the first time," Carly says, "and Lacey was one of very few gay people out on campus, so I reached out to her." By late spring, they had become very close. "I thought she was the one after a month of spending time with her," Carly says. But Lacey was more cautious.

"I didn't think it made sense for us to try to be together long distance while she was in college and I stayed in D.C. for several years. During that time apart, we both established our careers. We dated other people. But, when we were together, it always felt like home."

In 2019, when Lacey moved back to the Boston area, they reunited, and, in August 2020, she proposed to Carly—at Fenway Park. Lacey had cold-emailed Sam Kennedy '95, Red Sox president and CEO, asking to have the park for an hour so she could propose to Carly on the field. Kennedy sent his assistant to set up, and Lacey hired the Red Sox photographer. Carly said yes, and they married in August 2022.

Elizabeth Lyra Ross Norman '74 was not expecting to meet her future husband when she rushed straight from a job interview into a panel discussion with Trinity's Board of Fellows in February of her senior year. According to Norman, the board had invited all Black students to discuss how the College could better serve their needs, and the meeting's chair was John C. Norman '62, the only Black member of the panel, the only Black member of his class, and one of only six Black students at Trinity at the time.

"Some of the students' demands were totally unrealistic, and I was concerned that they would just be written off," Elizabeth says. She knew something about negotiating because her mother, an educator, was the union negotiator for the school system where she worked, and her father, who worked for Ford Motor Company, was very active in the UAW. "So I wound up as the arbitrator, talking a lot and helping the students make suggestions that could actually be implemented."

John took notice; they talked after the meeting and began dating shortly thereafter. Not wanting to get in the way of each other's careers—hers as an opera singer (involving frequent travel) and his in education administration—they often were separated, although never for longer than six weeks. "We finally decided that we could have our careers and be married," Elizabeth says. "We married in 1991 after one of the longest courtships in history."

Halley notes that marriage is a journey that is not easily mapped out from the start. "The traditional vows have the two individuals promising to stay 'for better for worse, for richer for poorer, in sickness and in health, to love and to cherish, until we are parted by death.' Couples will need all the help they can muster to keep these promises," he says. "Life is endlessly unpredictable, and if you want to remain married through all the ups and downs, you need to choose someone who can go through all of that uncertainty with you."

"I love weddings," he adds. "I think they're a balm for a world that could always use more love." ♦✕♦

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MARCUS HALLEY, College Chaplain and Dean of Spiritual and Religious Life

Wedding day photo of John C. Norman '62 and Elizabeth Lyra Ross-Norman '74



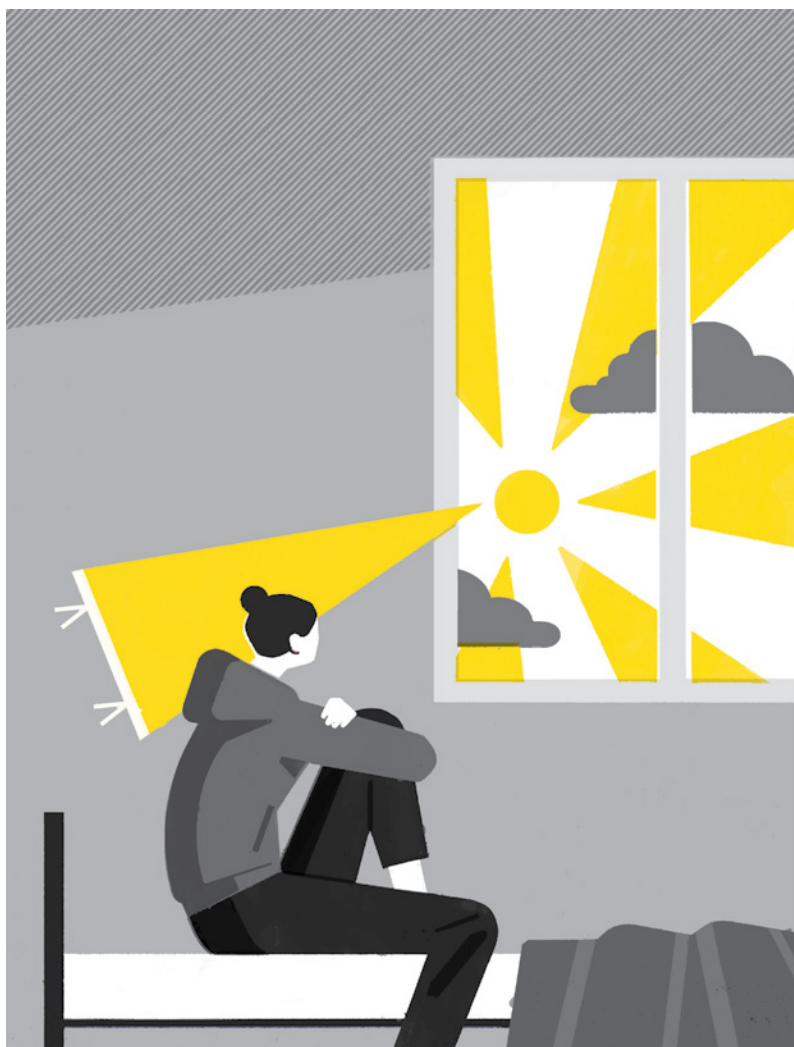


5 YEARS LATER

**STORY BY
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**Constructive
changes prompted
by pandemic still
impact today's Trinity**



FIVE YEARS AGO THIS SPRING

—on March 11, 2020, to be exact—Trinity College joined institutions around the world in swiftly adopting ways to teach and learn remotely during the COVID-19 global pandemic.

Early restrictions on in-person interactions soon gave way to faculty and students choosing whether to hold classes on campus or virtually, while evolving government rules about masking, testing, social distancing, and vaccinations continued to guide policy at Trinity for several semesters (see *In the rearview mirror* on page 32).

Although the undergraduate students who were enrolled at the start of the pandemic have since graduated, some of the critical changes made and lessons learned during the COVID-19 pandemic continue to be felt at Trinity today—often in beneficial ways.

MORE PREPARED TO FACE CRISES

Trinity's Emergency Management Team (EMT) had been in place long before 2020, but it had not faced any challenge as sustained or all-encompassing as a pandemic. As the global threat grew more apparent, the College formed a COVID Steering Committee through which administrators, staff members, and health professionals met daily to address pressing questions and to create plans to guide the Trinity community safely through the pandemic.

Joe DiChristina, vice president for student success and enrollment management and a co-chair of that committee, says that the meetings demonstrated the importance of collaboration, as representatives from all corners of campus worked together on difficult issues. "From that came the spirit of camaraderie, of sharing ideas, and the need to communicate more clearly to the College community," he says. "Relying on one another was important in that scenario, and it's a lesson learned that continues. Now we really know what kinds of practices to put in place and how to support one another in a crisis."

Rob Lukaskiewicz, dean of community life and standards and an EMT co-chair, says that the team continues to meet several times a semester. "Some meetings are planned for training purposes, while others are held due to issues requiring emergency or temporary solutions, including burst pipes or severe weather conditions," Lukaskiewicz says. "We also engage each academic year in a tabletop exercise, which presents scenarios like an emergency evacuation, a chemical spill, threats of violence, or a health crisis."

DiChristina adds, "The lessons from 2020 certainly help us plan ahead. We're always looking to be more proactive and more prepared. For example, the College offered training this year for employees about the prevention of violence on campus. The idea that comes out of COVID that sticks with us is, 'What do we need to do to create a healthy community?'"

NEW LEVEL OF CARE FOR STUDENTS

Trinity's partnership with Hartford HealthCare (HHC)—which began in 2019, giving students access to comprehensive health care services and sports medicine—took on greater importance as the College followed HHC's best practices regarding masking and testing policies, as well as quarantining and treatment of sick students. As DiChristina says, "We relied on their medical expertise to keep our community safe and later worked with HHC to distribute vaccines on campus."

Demetra Eleftheriou, M.D., M.P.H., regional medical director of campus care for Hartford HealthCare and medical director of the Trinity College Health Center, says the center adopted several policies five years ago that remain in place today. "We ask students to immediately wear a mask if they come to the Health Center with cold symptoms or fever. We've learned to mitigate the spread of infectious diseases as quickly as possible, and we've established relationships with local public health officials," Eleftheriou says. "I think we've also learned the importance of getting the correct information out to our campus community quickly. Education is the key to ease fears and prevent misinformation."

Haben Abraham '10, LCSW, director of Trinity's Counseling and Wellness Center (CWC), says that the center provided telehealth sessions for students who were remote or in quarantine during the pandemic. She notes that students still have access to telehealth sessions and online support as needed. "The CWC also continues partnering with Student Life, Campus Safety, and the Health Center to communicate student needs and collaboratively problem solve," Abraham says.

In 2022, the partnership with HHC expanded to include behavioral health services for students through Trinity's CWC. "To enhance accessibility, the CWC added daily outreach hours so that students can obtain same-day appointments, including emergency appointments," Abraham

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HABEN ABRAHAM '10,
Director of Trinity's Counseling and Wellness Center

says. "Another area of improvement was the hiring of per diem clinicians to assist with the increased demand for counseling services. We have clinicians—per diems included—from diverse racial/ethnic and expertise backgrounds."

Abraham adds that the pandemic illustrated the importance of care coordination to help students access not only services but also alternative wellness initiatives. "Lessons learned from the pandemic helped the CWC formulate programming that centers psychoeducation, skills building, and community learning across campus and not solely in one-on-one sessions at the center. The pandemic encouraged us to expand the term 'wellness' and its accessibility to all students," she says.

EXPANDED DIGITAL CAPABILITIES

The use of Zoom meetings and other virtual gatherings that became commonplace in spring 2020 has broadened. DiChristina says that New Student Orientation last summer offered about 15 virtual sessions for students and their families to meet with various members of the

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DAVE TATUM,
Head Of Digital Learning And Scholarship

Trinity community and to have their questions answered. “Five years ago, we never would have done that, but it’s clear that students live that way, the families appreciate it, and now it’s something we lean into,” he says.

Alumni all over the world also enjoy increased connections with their alma mater through the Virtual Long Walk, which has offered dozens of online webinars, lectures, and discussions since COVID hit.

Expanded digital communications tools that were embraced during the pandemic still have an impact on academics, offering more options and accommodations for both students and faculty. Geographical limitations have become a thing of the past, as faculty regularly invite long-distance guest speakers to classrooms via Zoom, and Trinity students can attend remote January Term and summer courses from anywhere in the world.

Cheryl Cape, who retired as senior instructional designer in Trinity’s Library and Information Technology Services (LITS)

division in July 2024, says the faculty gained experience teaching remotely, which they still may do if they’re not able to come to campus due to illness, travel, or weather. “They’re used to teaching via Zoom if needed, and students are used to taking classes over Zoom. And if a student needs to isolate, the faculty member can record their lecture or the student can view it live,” she says.

Cape adds that online learning management systems such as Moodle and the use of digital projects have become more popular since the pandemic. “Students can create ‘non-disposable assignments’ like story maps, timelines, websites, or podcasts and add them to a digital portfolio, perhaps to share with prospective employers,” she says.

Dave Tatem, head of digital learning and scholarship for LITS, says that faculty and students continue to benefit from the use of the Windows virtual desktop and cloud-based applications accessible anywhere. “Faculty now want to maximize in-classroom time as much as possible,” Tatem says. “The ‘flipped classroom’ model is not new, but during remote learning, faculty put the most meaningful activities in person. I think they’re now even more conscious to spend time in class discussing, answering questions, and doing experiments; they realize how precious that class time is.”

In the rearview mirror

February 6, 2020

Trinity announces that Fudan University, home to College’s study-away program in Shanghai, has delayed its spring semester start date; Trinity’s Emergency Management Team works to anticipate and to meet evolving needs.

March 11, 2020

Trinity announces temporary remote learning for the two weeks following spring break; NESCAC athletic events for spring season are canceled.

March 12, 2020

Trinity announces decision to bring all students home from study-away programs.

March 17, 2020

Remote learning is extended through end of spring semester; remote work by staff and faculty strongly encouraged wherever possible; Trinity remains open for students who must stay on campus.

April 2, 2020

Trinity announces postponement of 194th Commencement ceremony. (The Class of 2020 would return for its Commencement during Reunion Weekend 2022. Reunion Weekend 2020 also would be postponed.)



A class in fall 2020, with students taking precautions against COVID-19

Tatem adds, “A lesson I take away from COVID is to invest in the right technology in the right spaces, and always be ready to adapt.”

Vice President for Academic Affairs and Dean of the Faculty Sonia Cardenas emphasized that Trinity did not simply shift to offering remote courses but instead saw faculty explore how teaching and learning could be sustained in a digital format.

“Trinity’s faculty and staff responded to the global pandemic with agility and resilience, modeling the very best of a liberal arts education,” Cardenas says. “We created a flexible academic calendar that would support all students, and we revised academic policies to accommodate the full range of student needs. It was remarkable work in a short amount of time and under inordinate stress. But we emerged stronger and far more nimble as an academic community.” ●✕◆

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July 1, 2020

Trinity announces plans for 2020–21 academic year, with students and faculty choosing to be remote or in person. The academic year consists of four terms: modified fall and spring and optional winter and summer.

September 4, 2020

Fall 2020 semester opens with virtual Convocation. Students and employees are tested for COVID-19 regularly and are required to wear face coverings and to follow social distancing guidelines.

Spring 2021

As COVID vaccines become available, Trinity and Hartford HealthCare host vaccination clinics on campus.

May 21, 2021

Commencement 2021 comprises two separate outdoor ceremonies—to maintain low density and proper physical distancing—with testing or proof of vaccination required.

June 10–13, 2021

Trinity hosts Virtual Reunion Weekend.

September 8, 2021

New academic year begins with most of Trinity community on campus and most classes held in person.

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Trinity College presents moments of personal growth, whether one is involved as an undergraduate student or an adult contributing to campus life. And this growth occurs because of idea-enriching relationships—in the classroom, on the Main Quad, in cultural houses, through internships, or in the Greater Hartford area. These relationships often change the course of people's lives in positive, generative ways that are felt for decades beyond the moments they occur and fuel the desire to offer support to the College. The *Reporter* checked in with five couples to learn more about their Trinity experiences and the reasons behind their generosity.

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DAMIAN WILMOT '97, P'25 + YNDIA LORICK-WILMOT '99, P'25

The Umoja House is a three-story wood-frame building at 72 Vernon Street, with a covered porch shading its front. One of Trinity's three cultural houses, Umoja is much more than a structure—it has offered many generations of Black Trinity students “a place of solace,” says Trinity Trustee Damian Wilmot. “We held our student organization meetings at Umoja,” he says. “We also gathered there to study, interact socially, let our hair down, and bond as a community.”

Umoja also is where Damian first met his future wife, now Yndia Lorick-Wilmot '99, P'25. Both Yndia and Damian have been long-standing leaders in the Trinity community, guiding various Trinity campus organizations, including the Pan-African Alliance (now known as Imani), the Trinity College Black Women's Organization, and the Black and Latino Men's Collective, and serving on the executive board of the Black Alumni Organization, which Damian also led as president. They remain active and engaged alumni.

“Umoja House has a deep, rich history,” Yndia says. “It not only provided a meeting place for our organizations' boards but also served as a space for Black and brown alumni to connect with current students and host cultural events and activities that celebrate the diaspora.” That history and the couple's personal connection to it is part of the reason they have been generous to Trinity and have directed gifts to the Umoja House. “We made deep connections through the Umoja House,” says Yndia, who, in addition to being one of the inaugural co-chairs of the Marjorie Butcher Circle—an alumnae group recognizing women's philanthropic leadership—has served as a guest speaker at Trinity and a mentor to many students.

Damian, who also enjoys mentoring students, adds, “We both came from households where the scripture ‘to whom much is given, much is required’ is deeply integral to our passions and purpose. We've always given our time and talent to Trinity over the years, and now we are blessed to be in a position where we can give our treasure, too.”

Yndia notes, “We wanted to ensure the legacy of Umoja House lives on and the physical place would continue to positively serve current and future students as it did for many students in the past.”

The couple also created a current-use scholarship for underrepresented students through the Trinity College Fund. “Damian and I want to help students with similar backgrounds to pursue their scholarly interests in fulfilling ways,” says Yndia.

Yndia and Damian's philanthropy recognizes that “part of the learning is not just what you get from the professors, but what you get from outside the classroom,” Damian says. “It's so important to maintain a rich, diverse, and psychologically safe environment for students to thrive and become the best version of themselves.”

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STAN MARCUSS '63 + ROSEMARY MARCUSS

Stan Marcuss remembers scholarly discussions spilling out of the classroom and onto the Long Walk as he and his fellow students emerged from history class.

“Professor [George] Cooper, who taught my British history course, not only encouraged it but would join in,” says Stan. “Economics professors LeRoy Dunn and Ward Curran participated in after-class gatherings on the Long Walk, too.”

The intellectual alchemy between Stan and his teachers inspired him as an undergraduate in the early 1960s. “I loved being at Trinity. Learning how to think, to read, to speak. I was given the chance to ask why,” he recalls.

Scholarly discussions continued to connect Stan to Trinity, even as he moved on to become a Marshall Scholar at Cambridge University, a student at Harvard Law School, and a fellow at Harvard’s John F. Kennedy School of Government, doing research on urban issues in Washington, D.C.

“Linda Minoff, who worked in the development office, introduced me to Professor Garth Myers in urban studies at Trinity, and I was delighted when Professor Myers came up from Trinity to Harvard to attend several of my seminars and hear me speak,” Marcuss says.

He and Myers often talked about different mechanisms for inspiring collaboration between faculty and students, and those conversations ultimately sparked Stan and wife Rosemary’s interest in supporting scholarly enterprise at Trinity by creating the Marcuss Fellowship in Urban Studies, a program administered by Myers.

Each year under the fellowship, two Trinity students—not necessarily urban studies majors—are selected to prepare a publishable article or to engage in other scholarly work related to urban issues. Each is mentored by a faculty member, and both faculty and students receive stipends for their time.

“Relationships built on the exchange of ideas continue to motivate us and inspire our philanthropy,” says Rosemary.

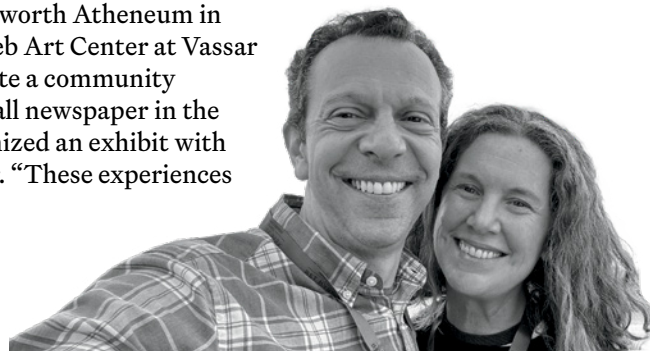
The Marcusses enjoy being a part of the intellectual community at Trinity and attend the public presentations by the fellowship recipients each spring. “These young people are part of our family,” she says. “And so are the faculty. They are all family to us.”

Says Stan, “The people matter. Without them, the College is just a collection of lovely buildings on a beautiful green campus.”

AMANDA KAUFF JACOBSON '94 + BLAIR JACOBSON

Trinity Trustee Amanda Kauff Jacobson and husband Blair Jacobson recall the same two highlights from college life in the '90s: exploring a fascinating variety of disciplines at small liberal arts colleges in the Northeast and then putting their classroom knowledge to work in summer jobs and internships.

Amanda, an art history major at Trinity, interned at the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford and the Loeb Art Center at Vassar College. She also wrote a community arts column for a small newspaper in the Berkshires and organized an exhibit with her Trinity professor. “These experiences



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AMANDA KAUFF JACOBSON '94

brought my major to life and definitely helped shape my future career path,” she says.

Blair, who majored in political economy at Williams College and met Amanda during their junior semester abroad in Florence, Italy, also sees the value of practical experience: “Internships were the rudders that helped steer our careers.”

When the Jacobsons decided they wanted to make a significant gift to Trinity, internships became an area of focus. “We wanted Trinity students to be able to pursue their job interests without having to worry about paying bills,” says Blair. “They need to be able to pair what they learn in the classroom with what can be done in the world of work.”

Amanda adds, “We hope to level the playing field for Trinity students. This includes being able to provide students with whatever they need, including business attire and transportation costs—the basics.”

The new Kauff Jacobson Fellows Program includes a preference for nonprofit internships, which, the Jacobsons point out, tend to be underpaid or unpaid. “Most people working in the nonprofit sector are more focused on a higher purpose than just money. They’re devoting their careers to helping others,” says Amanda.

Service has enhanced the lives of both Jacobsons. When Amanda worked in publishing in New York, she volunteered for several nonprofits and remembers reading to children on her lunch breaks. Today, in

addition to Trinity, she is an active board member at the Connecticut camp she attended for 13 summers in her youth and at a preservation and conservation trust in Massachusetts.

Blair recalls, “In high school, I would drive to the White Plains airport to schedule seats on private jets for cancer patients.” Today, he serves on the boards of a South African educational charity, of his synagogue’s endowment, and of his graduate school alma mater, now the University of Chicago Booth School of Business.

Amanda says, “This is behavior we want to model for our own children. And since Trinity is such a special place for both of us, we wanted to put our best foot forward with this gift and maximize its impact.”

EVERETT ELTING JR. '58, P'85, '87 + JOANNE ELTING P'85, '87

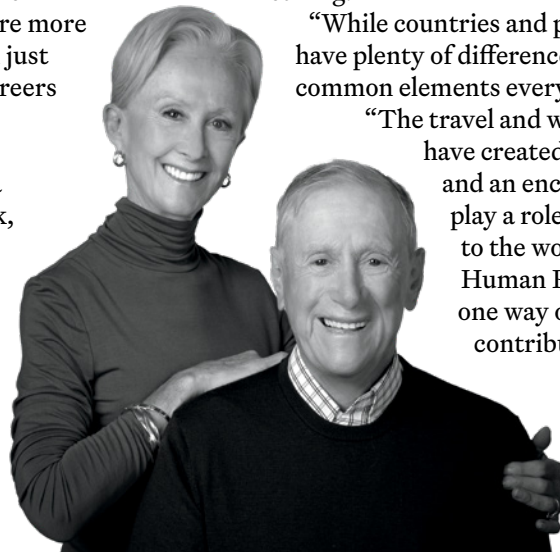
“Nothing compares with a smaller, liberal arts college. A dynamic liberal arts college in a vital state capital city like Hartford is even better,” says Everett “Ev” Elting Jr.

He says his experience at Trinity was all one hopes for in college. A shy kid “without a clear direction” in his first year, he set out to major in mathematics until confronted with a harder-than-expected introductory class. Fortunately, he stood out to both an English professor and a history professor, the latter after Ev produced a sophisticated paper on the Crusades.

Ev credits Trinity with broadening his perspectives on life, which set the stage for a successful marketing and advertising career that took him around the world. His retirement has furthered his explorations as he and wife Joanne have traveled to more than 100 countries since retiring.

“While countries and peoples certainly have plenty of differences, there are common elements everywhere,” he says.

“The travel and worldwide exposure have created an inducement and an encouragement to play a role in contributing to the world. Trinity’s Human Rights Program is one way of my making that contribution.”



For more information about how to support the student experience, please contact Caitlin Gasiorski at caitlin.gasiorski@trincoll.edu.

With funding for a professorship and program development, the Eltings are responsible for helping Trinity craft its Human Rights Program (HRP), the first of its kind at a liberal arts college in the United States. With a robust curriculum, research opportunities, and internships at leading human rights organizations, the program seeks to foster critical debate about human rights problems, interdisciplinary dialogue, and conversations that bridge the divide between local and global human rights concerns.

Ev notes, “We have been fortunate to play a major role in the establishment of the Human Rights Program at Trinity and to have been able to watch it grow and become important in the College’s offerings and activities.

“Not only have Trinity’s life and its students’ lives been enhanced by the Trinity Human Rights Program, Joanne and I believe that our lives have importantly been as well,” he adds. “We have enjoyed tremendously our discussions and interactions with the HRP faculty and students, and the program has been an important part of our lives. I like the way the HRP has evolved and grown, and I look forward to that continuing in the years to come.”

KELLI TOMLINSON '94 + STEFFAN TOMLINSON '94

When Kelli and Steffan Tomlinson visit Trinity, what they notice most is the vibrant sense of community that emanates from students, faculty, and staff and radiates into the areas surrounding campus. At the same time, Hartford residents who come to events energetically engage with those at the College in what has become a circle of positive energy.

“Every time I attend a board meeting,” says Kelli, a Trinity trustee, “I’m inspired and further engaged. The Trinity people are remarkable, and then there’s Hartford. [President Joanne Berger-Sweeney] has created powerful connections between Trinity and the surrounding community.

“When we were students,” Kelli explains, “there was a juxtaposition—geographic and economic—between Trinity and Hartford. It always bothered us. Joanne has done so much to bridge that divide.”

The College has relied on alumni and friends like the Tomlinsons to support the vision of a positive town-gown relationship. The Tomlinsons have provided support of many kinds, including important gifts for the Trinity Plus curriculum and for entrepreneurship. Yet what is closest to their hearts is their philanthropy for scholarships for Hartford students, particularly those who are the first in their families to attend college.

“Our commitment to first-generation students happened a while back, certainly before I joined the board, and partly in response to what we perceived as a chasm between the College and the community,” she says.

When scholarship recipients are interested in meeting alumni and friends of the College, Kelli enjoys having that connection. “I’ve loved interacting with them. I’ve met a number who came to Trinity as part of a bridge program in East Hartford.”

In fact, the Tomlinsons’ commitment to first-generation students is bicoastal. They are involved with three organizations in California’s Bay Area, including one that provides wraparound services for children beginning in the fourth grade and following them through college. Thanks to one of these organizations, Kelli says, a former fifth grader whom she mentored is a first-year in college.

“We’ve seen the power and effect of investing in first-generation students,” she says. “Uplifting young people so that they have equal access to the opportunities has been life-changing for us.

“If I could say something to alumni who are disengaged, I’d tell them, ‘Come back to campus. You will not believe what you experience and what has evolved at Trinity. Meet current students—the caliber and breadth of who they are is remarkable.’”

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“Trinity has been a constant”

Former trustee and board chair **Tom Johnson**'s belief in Trinity runs deep. For 62 years—since he graduated in 1962—he and his wife, Ann, have recognized the constant thread of Trinity in their lives through generous gifts to the College. Their impact is evident across campus, notably by faculty who hold the Thomas S. Johnson Distinguished Professorship and the Scott M. Johnson '97 Distinguished Professorship. The latter is named for Tom and Ann's son Scott, Class of 1997, who lost his life in the World Trade Center on 9/11.

“Philanthropy means that things get done that otherwise would not get done. And hopefully, they are good things. In the case of Trinity, I'm sure they are, and that's why Trinity has been a constant for me throughout my life,” Tom explained.

Determined to extend his impact at the College beyond his lifetime, Tom first joined the Elms Society in 1994. Now, in the final year of the All In campaign, he has significantly increased his bequest provision, becoming one of the College's most generous benefactors.




The
Elms Society
of Trinity College

Twenty percent of the All In campaign will come from bequest provisions. To add your support by joining the Elms Society, or to learn more, please contact Beth Cahill, assistant vice president for advancement, at 860-297-5315 or elizabeth.cahill@trincoll.edu. Please also visit our website at legacy.trincoll.edu.



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Al Smith wrote about our 70th Reunion via Zoom. There were a number of us who joined in. He got out our yearbook and was reminded of the exceptionalism of our class, scholars, leaders, athletes, and the many who went into the military. Let's keep in touch, and I join him in hoping we can celebrate our 75th.

I will add a few words. I remember seeing Ike in downtown campaigning for president and voted absentee four years later. I hope our class got out and voted in this past election. Welcome to our new school president.

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

Well, what do you know? We are in the process of planning our 70th Reunion for this coming June. Our class has been known to partake and enjoy gatherings for major five-year celebrations (no thanks to COVID); annual fall football weekends; and many, many wonderful Florida gatherings, including one with President Berger-Sweeney as our guest. So, we don't mess around. And this coming spring, our campus event will be a unique keeper. The effort will be headed up by local Hartford classmates **Craig Mehldau**, **Greg Petrakis**, and yours truly. Initially we will gather on campus for a Saturday lunch; then a mid-afternoon Zoom session, to include all of our class buddies who could not physically join us on campus; and then an early Saturday dinner for those who can stay the course.

So far, we have strong intentions to be on campus from **Lou Magelaner**, **Ed Yeomans**, **Bill Gardiner**, **Irwin Meiselman**, and **Dick Ferraro**, plus hopeful maybes from "locals" **Bob Welsh**, **Dan Miller**, **Leif Carlson**, **Norm Catir**, **Paul Carlson**, and **Tom Brett**. I contacted several classmates who are in amazingly good health and capable of a busy life. But they are not able to plan on being with us in June as they are fulfilling the responsibilities of caregiver for their life partners. Two in that category are **Tom Bolger** and **Charlie Gardner**.

Great news from Albuquerque as **Charlie Eberle** informs me that his very talented wife, **Eugenia**, has a new commitment from Simon & Schuster to publish her second book, *Vignettes from The Lovely House*. You might recall her first book, *American Pye: Autobiography of a Cat*, which is still in demand.

Phil Truitt continues to faithfully keep in touch by sending me handwritten notes with inside information on his favorite sports teams, particularly the L.A. Dodgers. Regular trips to Atlanta allow me to visit with **Dave Dimling** and **Joe Michelson**.

Looking forward to seeing many of you on campus in June.

1956 President: Henry Zachs • Vice President: David Taylor • Secretary: Bruce N. Macdonald, bruce.macdonald.1956@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Dick Abbott**, **Ned Montgomery**, **Phillip Stiles**, **David Taylor**, **Henry Zachs** **Don Anderson**, who lives part of the year in London, wrote me (as well as **David Taylor**) that he spent last summer in Vermont and decided that it would be his last visit. He and wife **Carole** returned to London in October. Don has started to have heart problems; his heart efficiency level is causing him limited energy. Happily, he is in contact with an excellent British heart surgeon who believes she can do something to restore his energy level, but it is a slow process (maybe it will take six months before the drugs she gave become effective). So, he feels that his travel days are ended, as well as golf for similar reasons. He is nostalgic but content because of all of his good memories of travel, summers in Vermont, and good days on the golf course. Stay well, Don.

Roger Martin remains active, volunteering at his local hospital and pursuing his new "career" as a watercolor artist. He notes the contrast to his earlier business career, which involved finance and accounting for manufacturing and insurance companies. This busy man also taught for 30 years at Keene State College in New Hampshire.

David Taylor notes that our class agents are happy to report that despite our shrinking class, we still had 25 donors for the year ending this past June 30. He wants to find more, so if you'd like to help, please phone or send a text to 808-321-6955.

Skip Beardsell reports about his vacation in Martha's Vineyard in late August when he had a great two weeks. It was a good family turnout with a good mix of grandchildren and children. The island was packed, but he found a parking space at the beach. They had great weather and did lots of clamming. He has been preparing for annual Fire Prevention Day at the local school, when they bring fire and medical equipment and encourage the kids with demonstrations and dialog about fire safety. Wife **Libby** is planning his 90th birthday gathering with 60 of his "closest" friends! Skip is still planning his annual Palm Springs trip for April 2025. Optimism at its finest!

Henry Zachs writes that he is still working and still playing tennis at 90 and still on seven nonprofit boards, including the Watkinson Library. He just built his fourth Hillel, at the University of Hartford, and is working with son **Eric** and grandson **Ben** building cell towers and selling cannabis at **Fine Fettle** in Connecticut, Massachusetts, and Rhode Island, as well as at **Uncle Henry's** in Georgia. "Who ever thought I'd become a legal drug dealer?"

I, **Bruce Macdonald**, remain active at 90, but at a reduced level. After 20 years teaching in Lexington, Virginia (first at Washington and Lee University and most recently at VMI), I have retired. I loved it and believe that my students (mostly business majors) continued to enjoy my classes, but I found standing in a classroom for several hours very wearing. But it is nice to be recognized, and last week I was given the annual Founders Day award.

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Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin

Dave McCracken tells me of the passing of **Russell Partridge** on June 24, 2024. May he rest in peace.

Paul Cataldo is well and enjoys watching television broadcasts of his grandsons playing ice hockey for Brown University.

Vincent Bruno is nearing his 90th birthday. He and Ann are surviving the hurricanes that have swamped Sarasota.

Fred Baird enjoys playing golf. He doesn't tell his friends that his nickname is the mouse.

Jim Kenefick still sits on the bench in the courtroom, but his hours have been reduced.

Mel Tews is well and continues to excel in math.

From **James Bradley**: "Greetings, all. I think I speak for the older (and oldest) generation of the family in saying we are all generally in good form, and the six grandchildren (two of whom are college graduates) are proceeding apace to take our place. As for me, 2023 was, I think, what you might call a year of ups and downs (more about that later)—but preponderantly ups. In February, special friend Patty Maloney and I took refuge from the New England winter in the rainforest of Costa Rica. It was a leisurely paced Road Scholar trip that included exposure to the country's ecological efforts, native dishes, and folk culture. With pride, I must report having paddled 'bow' at age 88 in a large outrigger canoe, and with modesty, of course, to having performed the 'Chiquita Banana' song (albeit from the balcony) at the Teatro Nacional in San Jose. It's a delightful destination! The climate is moderate but moist, the resorts comfortable, native flora and fauna abound: monkeys, crocodiles, sloths, toucans, and macaws.

"At the end of April, I made the trip to Rwanda solo to visit my son, David, who was there for the year with his wife, Nicole, laying the groundwork for a program in pediatric cardiology at the University of Rwanda medical school in the capital, Kigali. It was truly a marvelous experience, being in a country whose official language is Kinyarwanda, a Bantu variant. (French, English, and Swahili are also variously in currency.)

"The country, as a whole, is known as the 'land of a thousand hills,' and Kigali, already at an altitude of 5,000 feet, displays

that topography. The city rises from a deep bowl and climbs the surrounding slopes. It is quite modern in appearance and becoming increasingly so. The countryside is rural with carefully tended crops. Since the year includes wet seasons, there is luscious greenery. The preeminent tourist attraction is the mountain gorillas in the Virunga mountains, but—not exactly tourists—we satisfied ourselves with a visit to the Dian Fossey memorial, dedicated to the preservation of the species. To get there and back, we used local buses (an adventure); otherwise, travel in Rwanda is by foot, bicycle, or motor scooters.

"In the course of these adventures and later, on two occasions I have fallen while walking, the first time injuring my rotator cuff, the second time breaking two ribs. I am basically whole but have told Santa that what I want for Christmas is night goggles. Thankfully, he has told me that pending a review of the rest of my behavior, I have a good chance of getting them. My love and best wishes to all of you for a merry Christmas (or whatever other holiday you celebrate) and a happy new year, which—'where'er you [or I] walk'—will be less chaotic and safer than this one."

1958

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Coykendall

Shep Scheinberg was thinking about classmate **Owen T. Smith**, now deceased but who had an interesting life. Owen entered politics early and became an associate with William J. Casey in the publication of books on business law. Casey had been chair of the SEC and director of the CIA. Through this association, OT met and married Bernadette Casey. OT was a major restaurateur, owning and operating several Long Island upscale eateries of which the largest was the Milleridge Inn. He became involved in Republican politics, including Nassau County executive, chairman of the New York State Board of Elections, and other significant posts. For many years, Owen was a professor at Long Island University and

vice chair of Molloy University. At his death, he was chairman of the Institute of World Politics. Shep says his personal relationship with OT began at Trinity through their shared interest in politics. OT was president of Young Republicans, and Shep was vice president. Shep says he is now a Democrat. Thanks, Shep, for that remembrance of one of our classmates.

Michael Palmer reflected on the 65th Reunion, the last one organized by the College. He recalled the Class of '59 memorial service for our deceased classmates, organized by **Jon Widing** and **Shep Scheinberg**, blending elements of protestant and Jewish liturgy.

Karl Scheibe says our last formal Reunion may be over, but that does not preclude us from staying in touch with our surviving classmates and continuing our support for Trinity. He says, "Wendy and I continue to live near Wesleyan, where I retain an office in our retirement center and where I do some writing and maintain contact with students and alumni."

Paul Kardon writes, "Shep and I had lunch at a Cuban restaurant yesterday. We call these 'road trips.' This one was at least three miles away. For classmates who may not know, Shep and I, along with our wives, Linda and Chris, live in the same apartment building at Arbor Trace in Naples, Florida." He adds he is "working very hard for Harris-Walz and passage of pro-choice amendment No. 4."

Charlie Nichols says it has been a great family year, first great-grandson, eighth generation with the name Seth Nichols, grandson married in Southwest Harbor, Maine, and granddaughter married at Tanglewood in the Berkshires. Charlie still enjoys his antique cars and "playing junior architect."

And this from my old roommate **Denny Hoag**, "Ann and I moved to a retirement community in Hilton Head, South Carolina, in 2015. We had been spending winters in Hilton Head for about 15 years prior to moving here full time. We both have been active in the community serving on the Board of Directors of our community and participating in a number of island activities, including the symphony, World Affairs Council, etc. Ann still plays tennis three times a week, but I will admit to using a cane of late."

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The Class of 1960 continues to stay actively engaged with the College, namely a very interesting Zoom call in September with Matt Hyde, dean of admissions and financial aid. We had the largest turnout of our many Zoom calls with lots of interesting questions.

Aaron I. Fleischman recently received wide international praise for his gift of \$75 million to The Art Institute of Chicago, which will allow the museum to construct a major new building for modern and contemporary art. As many of you know, Aaron was a prominent lawyer in Washington, D.C., and is a well-regarded collector of art. Well done, Aaron.

Had a nice note from **Barry Royden**, who regularly stays in touch with **Saki Greenwald**, **Kenny Lyons**, **Jim Gavin**, **Charlie Bergmann**, **Marv Peterson**, **Jack LaMothe**, and **John Bassett**. He's still active with volunteer work teaching citizenship English and helping disadvantaged elders. But no more doubles tennis.

Bob Sweet reports he has retired as chief economist at M&T Bank and continues teaching at Hood College and Johns Hopkins.

We have noted in the past that **Marv Peterson's** wife, Sarah, suffered a hip fracture, and a partial hip replacement didn't solve the problem. She had a full replacement and is doing well.

Back in August, **George Kroh** treated **Bud Anderson** and me to lunch at the Chatham Yacht Club on Cape Cod. Lots of good chatter, and we were happy to see Bud's wife, Gina.

Tony Phillips reports he's been dealing with his wife's Alzheimer's but managed to drive east from Chicago and spend time in Little Compton, Rhode Island, a beautiful corner of the country. He also dropped by the campus and relived some old memories.

At the previously mentioned Zoom call, we were all excited to see our beloved classmate **Bill de Coligny** with wife Margie.

Clark Phippen notes that he and wife Louise have become poll workers in Groton, Connecticut, charged with managing the voting process. Can you imagine a more important job in this time of political dysfunction?

Have had several interesting notes from **Charlie Bergmann**, who resides in the beautiful town of South Newfane, Vermont. Charlie

continues to work as an architect and to renovate buildings on his property.

Finally, **John Flynn** reports he attended a family reunion on Martha's Vineyard celebrating 130 years of Flynn residence on the island. Wow!

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Vincent R. Stempien • Secretary: **William Kirtz**, william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu •
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Bill Scully had "a magnificent trip to Normandy in June" to honor those who opened up pathways for the invading D-Day forces. "Vero Beach friends built the park in the Easy Red sector of Omaha Beach. **Guy Dove** and I were involved." Four of Bill's 12 grandchildren were along for the France trip. Seven are in college, including the first at Trinity, **Kelsey Restivo '27**, whose lacrosse games Bill looks forward to seeing. His grandson **Jake Strobeck**, a two-time Vermont giant slalom champion, is starting Northeastern this year. Bill also notes that the pilot on his recent flight was **Gil Mackin's** son, Dan.

Dick Schnadig's son Dave '86 co-chaired the campaign for the Tuck Business Bridge Program, which lets Trinity students take Dartmouth College's global M.B.A. courses.

Speaking of Dartmouth, '56 Dartmouth grad **Larry Furrer** has some good advice for us all: "Clint Eastwood, into his 90s and still very active, was asked how he did it. He replied that it was easy: He got up every morning and did not let the old man in." This inspired Larry's poem, "Don't Let the Old Man In," which starts: He's always there in the morning, / But I hear a voice within. / It's sending me a warning, / Don't let the old man in! / Though I start out kind of slow, / I shake off all chagrin, / I tell myself, "Get ready to go." / And don't let that old man in!

Congratulations to **Mac** and **Karen Wiener**, who recently celebrated their 60th anniversary.

From the Alumni Office: The National Bell Festival is pleased to announce the accession of **Carl Scott Zimmerman** to the Order of St. Dunstan. The Order of St. Dunstan is an honor presented annually to individuals who have made exemplary contributions to the field of campanology, the study of bells.

1962 President: **Charles L. Hoffman** • Vice President:
Michael W. Creighton • Co-secretary: **John**



Campanologist **Carl Scott Zimmerman '61** shows his Order of St. Dunstan credentials, which were presented to him by **Paul Ashe**, director of the National Bell Festival, in July 2024 in St. Louis.

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 Class of 1962! Well, here we are, through another calendar year, tumultuous in many respects, not the least being severe weather events. **John Densem** here, hoping that you and yours are well and happy, as best we can be at our advanced, "young" ages, and that you enjoyed the holiday season!

Don Jones forwarded the leaflet from **Robert Nielsen's** service of September 15, 2024, held at the First Presbyterian Church of Brooklyn. Robert pursued a very active career in law, eventually via his own private practice. The leaflet notes "his commitment to his faith and his congregation . . . a testament to his character and generous spirit." **Paul LaRocca** added that Robert also was close to his Hartford Public High School classmate (and our TrinColl classmate) **Harold Geetter**, whose father, physician Isidore Geetter, was a founder of Mount Sinai Hospital in Hartford. Don also notes that he's gone through some physical therapy for "balance issues." (Secretary's note: Sounds familiar!)

Don Pine writes that his wife had a stroke in March, but she is much improved. He says he is "part of a group advocating for Medicare for all." Don adds that he continues to enjoy table tennis with other seniors but can't compete with his 12-year-old grandson.

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Peter Bundy notes the publication of his new book, *Plague and Ire, 2020–2023*, in two volumes via Amazon, a compilation of 150 issues of *The Hermit Herald*, the author's attempt to chronicle the events of our not-so-ordinary days during this tumultuous period (available at Amazon.com in Kindle, paperback, and hardcover).

Rod Day writes that he and partner Lauranda Byers took a cruise of the fjords of Norway this past July on *Le Champlain*, a small ship operated by French company Ponant. He noted the great cuisine and service and highly recommends this trip, sponsored by the Smithsonian, with daily presentations from two entertaining scientists who talk about the Vikings and a lot of Norwegian history.

Alan Coyne writes that he and wife Deanna traveled to Asia, meeting up with their son, his wife, and their two sons, ages 4 and 6, as well as his in-laws (for a total of eight!), in Bangkok, Thailand, then to Mae Chang, Thailand, and then to Kuala Lumpur, Malaysia, then finally to Beijing for the month of September.

Finally, **Charlie Classen** writes that he and his wife spent a month in Australia last March, their third trip there, but after a 30-hour trip home, he says that will be the last. He did add that they were planning a boat trip to Newfoundland at the end of September. Charlie notes that he and his daughter, Adrienne, were planning to publish a book about the history of their small family farm in North Carolina. He says that it will contain interesting and comprehensive historical and mostly unknown facts about small farms in the South, with his photography, and based in part on her extensive historical research.

That's it for this edition. Please continue to "feed the Bantam" for future columns. Submit to Fred and/or me anytime. You should have our contact info, from blasts from the College asking for news. Be as

well and as happy as you can be! John D at johnnawdensem@gmail.com

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**

Dear fellow Trinity alums, a few updates from members of the illustrious Class of 1963:

From **Tom Fraser**: "After a bit of internal upheaval, I am still an active car guy, drove my BMW M3 Competition 11½ hours to North Carolina and back in two days right before the storm. Am at Road Atlanta next weekend at the IMSA final. I got garage and working pit passes from the Rahal factory team plus passes for the BMW factory special suite they set up. Ran my race car. Road Atlanta's first race and still going back and am involved, trying to keep very active."

From **Scott Reynolds**: "Peggy and I traveled in Scandinavia for two weeks in September with Peggy's sister Julie '73 and friends and family from Milwaukee. The trip was a combination of sightseeing in big cities (Copenhagen, Oslo, Bergen, and Stockholm) and enjoying the natural beauty of the Norwegian mountains and fjords. The big surprise for us was Bergen, Norway, a lovely city with great food, interesting history, and easy access to the fjords. We both arrived home with COVID. This was the first time for me. I think the time-change issues were worse than the COVID. At any rate, we were back to normal quickly. Our next adventure will be Thanksgiving in Albuquerque with our son and his family."

From **Starr Brinckerhoff**: "I continue to feel blessed by online fellowship with a number of our classmates, playing golf in Vermont, teaching tennis in our Florida community, and leading worship services at our local church when asked to do so."

From **Steve Imrie**: "I'm afraid that the only news I can contribute is boring 'no news.' A year and a half after a partial pneumonectomy, there are no apparent metastases. I still work twice a week at the VA, and Susie finally stopped work (she refuses to say 'retired') after 56 years as a physical therapist at Stanford. We've been busy helping our daughter and her husband support our four grandchildren by getting them to their various sports activities (this spring they were on a total of eight different baseball teams), but did manage two weeks in Italy."

From **Bill Howland**: "Martha and I hosted our children and extended family over a five-day weekend this Fourth of July at Skytop Lodge in the Poconos. We had both grown up there as children and eventually met in 1959. I was headed off to Trinity and Martha one more year of high school. What a perfect spot to celebrate our 60th anniversary."

From **Stan Marcuss**: "By the time you read this, the presidential election will have been decided. As of this writing, however, I and a number of colleagues are acting as mentors advising Penn State students in their efforts to get out the student vote for Kamala Harris. Penn State has 40,000 or so undergraduates, so it is a potential treasure trove for Pennsylvania's 19 Electoral College votes. I can only hope as of now. When this edition of *The Reporter* arrives, my hopes will either be dashed or fulfilled. Such is the difference between the beginning and end of all things in life."

From **Richard Birney-Smith**: "I recently published volume one of my memoirs, *Recollections & Reflections*. The book includes the first half of my life (1941–82), including affectionate remembrances of my time as an American Field Service exchange student in France, my student days at Trinity, my marriage to Thalia, and the move to Canada. It is available at Amazon.com and Amazon.ca. Our classmate **Scott Reynolds** wrote the following: 'I thoroughly enjoyed reading your wonderful new book, *Recollections & Reflections*. I was really struck by the Reflections section. It was unexpected but very powerful. Your personal history makes a great story. As I read the book, I could hear your voice. I was aware of your many accomplishments, but mostly in the years after 1981. I look forward to volume two now that you have set the stage so well.'"

From **Lee Perron**: "I retired in 2015 and tried doing the things everyone does at this time, except golf. In 2023, my ambulation began to decrease noticeably, so I started an email project called Brief Poems/World Poets, sending out poems of various sorts and origins weekly to an audience of about 80 readers. For 2024, the selections have changed to Meditations, Odes, and Long Poems/World Poets, longer pieces going out biweekly. As a result of the project, I seem to be almost fully unretired. Of course, no money in this, no power, no prestige, no rock 'n' roll. Just kicks and some very pleasant reading. Life takes its unusual twists and turns."

From **Vic Keen**: “Many of you are aware that Jeanne and I have been collecting ‘outsider art’ (basically, art created by self-taught artists) for the last few decades and house the collection in a Philadelphia art gallery, a repurposed Quaker school. A portion of the collection recently toured to museums in Colorado and Illinois. In January 2025, two local museums will show works from the collection. The first is a new museum, the Maguire Art Museum, which has taken over the nationally known former Barnes Foundation gallery building in the outskirts of Philadelphia. An exhibition from the collection, *Make or Break, Creation as an Act of Survival*, will show the art of 16 artists who were incarcerated or otherwise institutionalized at the time they created their art. The exhibition will include a catalog with essays and photographs of some of the 70 works included in the exhibit. The second January 2025 exhibition will be at the Woodmere Art Museum, the preeminent local museum displaying current and early local and regional artists. The Woodmere exhibition will consist of a selection from the 35 works created by local outsider artist Jim Bloom. This show also will include a catalog with essays and photographs. Of course, classmates are always welcome to visit the collection and, if in Philadelphia in January, to visit either of the January exhibitions.”

From your secretary **Tom Calabrese**: I had something remarkable happen to me recently, so astonishing that I have to share it with you. After my stroke in January, my eyesight had been impaired. I thought I would have to live with it, and I was OK with that. I could see, but, particularly on darkened days or in bright sunlight, the colors were muted and things were fuzzy and just different; reading was a bit of a struggle. Yesterday, I had a procedure that is fairly common after cataract surgery where they eliminate build-up of the old cornea layer using a laser. Only one eye was done (the other to follow in two weeks), but the difference is incredible; my eyesight is so much better—clearer, crisper, more vibrant colors—pretty close to 100 percent. It is quite astonishing, and I am reveling in it—and oh so thankful. It is like a miracle. Yes, they do happen.

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REUNION • JUNE 5-8, 2025

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

The class secretary position for the Class of 1965 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.

1966 President: **Randolph M. “Randy” Lee** • Secretary: **Randolph M. “Randy” Lee**, randolph.lee@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: **Joseph A. Hourihan** I didn’t hear from too many of you this time, but I’ll keep bugging you with pleas to send info. I do get notes telling me how much everyone enjoys reading about what others are up to, so please, keep them coming! And though it’s early, please put our 60th Reunion in June 2026 on your calendar now. It’s just a little over a year until it’s here, and I’m already getting great suggestions for new programs! What are your ideas?

We recently heard that **Tom Chappell** has just written an online course on corporate social responsibility for CEOs and entrepreneurs who want to be more intentional about creating a culture of goodness and profit. You can read about it on his website, TomHelps.org. He also writes that he’s happy to report that four of his children and one grandson have graduated from Trinity, while two more grandchildren are currently enrolled! Good for Trinity.

King Hurlock and I had a good chat recently. King had moved around some but is back in Baltimore, where he came out of retirement to continue managing his own company, On Eagles’ Wings, as a Chartered Financial Analyst. He stays busy in many ways, despite, like so many of us, working with various replacement joints from years of intense athletic pursuits! In addition, he has continued to train dogs in agility, an endeavor begun by his late wife, Sherry, as well as keeping up with his two children and five grandchildren and staying very active in his church. King hopes to join us at our 60th Reunion and suggests that, as a class, we plan some class activity: a panel about what has changed since we graduated, a discussion about the state of the world, or some other engaging topic. Any interest, let me know, and I’ll try to get it going!

1967 President: **Charles Kurz II** • Vice President: **Alan S. Weinstein** • Secretary: **James L. O’Connor**, james.oconnor.1967@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Alex Levi, James H. Oliver** • f/groups/trinman1967

Luke Terry died in August after a long illness. He received the Class of 1967 Trin Man Award, recognizing his many contributions to Trinity. I played lacrosse with Luke back in the wooden stick era, but football was his first love. He was a rabid fan of Trinity football, attending as many games as possible. After graduation, Luke went to Wharton but left to serve in the Army during the Vietnam War. He returned to Wharton and then spent his career in finance at Credit Suisse. He was a Trinity trustee and a generous contributor. Luke was able to make a final visit to Trinity in May to attend the graduation of his son, Luther Terry III ’24.

Bob Ebinger was the first classmate to answer my plea for news: “Last May, Robin and I went with a group of International Rhino Foundation donors to South Africa, where we had behind-the-scenes ventures with people working directly with rhinos: tagging; monitoring; taking blood, tick, and fecal samples, as well as witnessing the translocating of white rhinos to other parts of Africa to improve genetic diversity. A trip of a lifetime! Did you know the rhino’s skin is actually soft? I surely did not!”

It’s September in New York City as I write this. Recently the weather has been sunny with temperatures in the high 70s to mid-80s. So, I think to myself, “How are the Weinsteins doing in Las Vegas?” As it happens, Alan sent me a note that Las Vegas had its 100th consecutive day with temperatures over 100.

Class President **Charley Kurz** sent great news about our Class of 1967 Scholar **Ernella Grant** ’25. This is the third year that Ernella has been one of the recipients of the Class of 1967 Scholarship. Congratulations!

Bob Tuttle continues his education at SCSU (Southern Connecticut State University, or “Southern” to locals). “Connecticut state colleges such as SCSU (15 minutes from my home) let senior citizens take two courses a term and get a prime parking space for only \$65. This term it’s a 300-level psychology course on brain biochemistry, neurology, and behavior and a 200-level course on archaeology: fact or fiction. Maybe I can combine these and find the ancient astronaut brains that built the pyramids or at least find out what going

over the rocks on Summit Street did to my brains.”

After reading the desperation in my email, **Steve Griggs** sent me this advice: “No news is good news.” I calmed right down. Thanks, Steve.

Chip Whitehead and family visited Tartu, Estonia, in June. Tartu is a 2024 European Capital of Culture and a sister city to Salisbury, Maryland (where Chip lives). He writes, “I serve on our local sister city committee and in that capacity, I joined a statewide delegation. While in Tartu, we visited Mayor Klaas and toured the city. I visited the University of Tartu and attended a performance of the *Forgotten Peoples* at the Estonian National Museum. We also visited and toured Tallinn. It is a beautiful country with a rich history.”

Scott Moreland is trying to retire with mixed results. “In January of last year, I left (finally) my employer of 27-plus years for what was intended to be a new phase of my life: retirement. This has turned out to be only partly true as I have been consulting for that employer and a few other clients for around 40 percent of my time, with travel to Tanzania, Nigeria, and South Africa. Meanwhile, my wife, Patty, and I have started to travel and hike regularly in North Carolina and with trips to Yosemite, Death Valley, and Patagonia. My daughter, Vanessa, finally tied the knot in August last year with her partner, and she continues to come to the farm to train horses and teach. My son, Roby, is doing fantastic training western performance horses in Texas.”

Peter Heller writes, “Still pivoting between the Berkshires in the summer and fall and the UWS of Manhattan in the late fall through spring. Most importantly, my health is good (though the work involved in maintaining it—working out with a trainer, daily workouts, naps, and multiple vitamins—is less than fun). My watercolor painting is reaching a new level with a gallery show forthcoming at The Lodge at Woodloch in the Poconos (Hawley, Pennsylvania) from mid-March through early June (see the works on Instagram under ‘peter_s_heller’). Before then, my partner, Abbie Wyman, and I will be visiting my daughter’s family (including two little granddaughters) in Cairo, Egypt, as well as my son’s family (including a little boy and girl) in Nairobi, Kenya. My daughter is a consultant with the World Bank on gender issues in the infrastructure sector; my son runs a company that sells refurbished cell phones on credit on the Nairobi market. We

will also be visiting Abbie’s sons and daughter in Boulder.”

Phil Gulley had a rough summer on Nantucket. “A bumper summer for me; broke two ribs in a sailing accident at end of June. Then, after six weeks healing, in another sailing accident, refractured one of them [stay off boats, Phil!], so Friday marks 10 weeks of no sailboat racing, kayaking, golfing. Nothing but walking three miles on the beach every day. Still no kayaking for a while though, left shoulder reverse replacement scheduled for mid-November. If I were as disciplined as I should be and attentive to the vicissitudes of a small boat in strong winds, surely these things would not happen.”

At long last, I’ve had news from **John Loeb**. “After I retired from 40-plus years in public health, Anna Belle and I moved to New Orleans, where we spent six great years immersed in NOLA’s rich history, great food, and music everywhere. We moved back north to Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, in 2020. Our immediate reward upon return was two serious cases of COVID with me being welcomed for a week’s stay in the hospital. We spend almost half the year in Vermont, where Anna Belle paints (her passion), and I kayak and sail our ancient Sunfish, bike slowly uphill, and continue to play quite awful golf. It has been great to refresh our friendship with fellow graduates **Dave Ward**, **Dan Haden**, and Jim Shepard ’66 and to visit occasionally with you and Jane. It is wonderful to live near our son Locke Woodfin ’92 and our four grandchildren, ages 11 to 18.”

From the Alumni Office: Retired Air Force Reserve Lt. **Donald Bishop** was inducted into the Defense Information School (DINFOS) Hall of Fame at Fort George Meade, Maryland, in August 2024. After returning from Vietnam in 1970, Don attended DINFOS, then at Fort Benjamin Harrison in Indianapolis. His career has included teaching history at the Air Force Academy, serving in the U.S. Foreign Service as a diplomat, and instructing strategic communication at Marine Corps University, where he serves as a distinguished fellow in the Brute Krulak Center for Innovation and Future Warfare. Bishop’s military decorations include a Bronze Star Medal, a Meritorious Service Medal, and the Air Force Commendation Medal. He and his wife have three sons and seven grandchildren. Don writes, “I asked them to put my photo between previous Hall of Famers Walter Mondale and Clarence Page.”

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Given the long lead times required, I am writing this during the turmoil of election season. I hope that by the time this gets published, the dangerous divisiveness in our country has subsided. To think that we can look back at the civil rights era and the Vietnam War protests as a period of relative calm is quite telling.

Our class president emeritus, **Larry Roberts**, a.k.a. the Bull, decided to try swimming while unconscious. Fortunately, everything turned out OK, and I’m told that upon being discharged from the hospital, his first words to wife Debbie were, “I want to go swimming.” Tough to keep the Bull down. Good fortune also shone on Class President **Paul Jones**, who, following some serious health issues in spring 2024, could quote Mark Twain to the effect that reports of his death were premature.

It has been a year of 60th high school reunions for most of us. Not sure how many went to theirs. **Carl Levitsky**, with whom your secretary went to high school, missed our 60th reunion in suburban Philadelphia due to travel in Canada. Carl reports that all is well in his retirement.

Phil Pennington spent the summer months on his boat cruising the St. Lawrence River, where he and his wife visited their kids and grandkids who summer nearby. Phil’s harmonica chops have him doing open-mic nights with guitar-picking friends, and he feels that music and crossword puzzles are keeping him sharper than he’d otherwise be. Maybe we all should take up music and word puzzles.

Paul Holinger’s book should be published by the time of this *Reporter*. He has let me know that he gave acknowledgments to fellow mental health professionals **Stu Edelman** and **Joe Saginor** (as well as to your secretary, for reasons I cannot fathom, and to the group of us who Zoom weekly).

Cruising to the Panama Canal, Colombia, and Costa Rica in December, **Bill Walsh**

reports that the Mayo Clinic (Florida) restaurant has replaced Alpha Chi Ro as his hangout and that **Rich Coyle** is among the other esteemed clientele.

Malcolm Hayward has connected with **John Vail** on Mount Desert Island, Maine, where Mal's and John's families have homes; with **Moss Disston** at his home in Castine, Maine; and with **David Chanin** via telephone. As Malcolm put it, all of these encounters "served to knit the years together."

Kim Miles was interviewed at length for the Trinity sports history project that will be available digitally at the Ferris Athletic Center once finalized. We all remember Kim as our quarterback extraordinaire, but who recalls sophomore year when he mostly played safety (on a defense that also featured **Joe McKeigue** and **Tom Nary**) and took an opening kickoff 100 yards for a touchdown (in what might still be a school record)? Kim's interview highlights gridiron feats by the speedy **Doug Morrill** and adventures in New York City with **Larry Roberts** during and after an event hosted by Ed Sullivan. Kim touches on the contrasting coaching styles of Don Miller (detailed game plans) and Dan Jessee (just throw the ball; they'll catch it).

Barry Bedrick recently circulated a really thoughtful piece he wrote on spirituality. I cannot do justice to its insights, which weave together the impact of places he has lived, the appreciation of nature, Quaker meetings, Indigenous peoples, teaching, and other meaningful experiences. Let me know if you want me to email you a copy. Barry's concluding sentence: "Perhaps staying open to and cultivating a wide array of human relationships is a pathway to healing our troubled planet."

Continuing a long tradition of spending several days together each year, in October **Joe McKeigue** hosted a number of us at the Cape Cod property that his father-in-law bought on Nantucket Sound decades ago. Along with various spouses and spouse equivalents (is that a term?), the group included **Joe Saginor**; **Ben Jaffee**; **Rod Cook**; **George Fosque**; **Kim Miles**; **Rich Weingarten**; **Stu Edelman**; **Ralph Oser's** widow, Katherine; and your secretary. Wonderful meals, pumpkin carving, some bocce and tennis, and rewatching the video Joe M. had put together for our 55th Reunion, along with endless conversation and laughter, made for a wonderful three days. By the way, if you are on campus, check out the Big Chill Student Lounge in the Cornelia Center on Vernon Street,

dedicated by a number of us in celebration of lifelong friendships created at Trinity.

As you know from other communications, first-year Aila Farrell '28 from Orono, Maine, is our latest Class of '68 Scholar. She joins Emma Markowski '25, Anupam Khargharia '26, and Jamila Hussaini '27 as enrolled Class of '68 Scholars. Aila was class president, plays field hockey, is fluent in French, and earned numerous academic awards and took many college classes while in high school. She plans to study neuroscience and theater and dance, intending to research connections between cognitive sciences and the performing arts.

Additionally, our alumni Class of '68 Scholars are doing well. Zach Yung '22 is at Tufts medical school, Cesira Barrett '23 is in her second year of the doctoral program in occupational therapy at Quinnipiac University, and Julia Cheesman '24 is a research fellow at the University of Alaska, working on the Arctic Coastal Mapping Project.

Finally, after 55 years of representing interesting clients and trying cases around the country, I joined most of you in the ranks of the retired. I still cannot fully understand why that news is often met with "congratulations," although it does open the door to new adventures and perspectives.

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Michael Carius writes with the news that as of the end of July 2024, he has retired from his 41-year practice in emergency medicine in Connecticut. "I am most fortunate to have been able to participate in more professional activities and organizations than I ever dreamed of. It was a difficult decision to make, but I want to spend more time with my wife and with the families of my three children, who have provided me with 11 grandchildren. And, of course, there is the travel bucket list, which I fear that I will never completely fill. I would love to hear from classmates, and I am already looking forward to our 60th Reunion in 2029."

Class President **Ted Cook** is busy in retirement attending conferences in Berlin at the Freie Universität and in Tokyo at Sophia University.

Brian Titus and **Barry Sheckley** are collaborating on a new book, *1,001 Approaches*

to Improving Your Golf Swing that Don't Work. The book is based on the extensive research they have conducted together during 18 months of frustrating rounds of golf, participation in golf lessons, hitting buckets of balls on a driving range, and reviewing online golf videos.

Congratulations and thanks to the entire 1969 55th Reunion video subcommittee: **Bill Cordner**, **Bill Glahn**, **Jim Jones**, **Bill Marimow**, **Michael Michigami**, **Nat Prentice**, and **Barry Sheckley**, plus Larry Bello-Castillo '24 for his technical assistance. Special thanks to Trinity's head of digital asset management, Amanda Matava, who solved the digital distribution problem. Please email me for the link to the full video.

Carl Fridy and **Kenneth Keown** were two classmates who wrote with positive responses after successfully downloading the video and seeing the images of the campus from the late 1960s and, of course, hearing the musical soundtrack.

By the time you read this, I, **A. Rand Gordon**, a.k.a. Alden R. Gordon, Paul A. Raether Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts and 1969 class secretary, will have retired from 46 years of teaching at Trinity. My freshman beanie and records of 60 years of undergraduate and professional affiliation with Trinity are now part of the Trinity College Archives. It seems that since we arrived in September 1965, our class has lived more than a quarter of the entire history of the College and still counting!

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appreciated, and we sincerely wish her the best in her dedication to Trinity. Taking over for our Reunion planning will be Ellen Bremner, who is extremely enthusiastic and who cannot wait to enlighten us as to the best way to do things as we march our way into upcoming planning.

We have decided to invite every one of you to join us in creating ideas and excitement for Reunion. In my view, we would be well advised to consider meaningful experiences among ourselves with reunionist inclinations plus all members of the Trinity community as opposed to attempting to formulate events and lectures related to saving the world for democracy as was idealized a century ago. For example, since when have undergraduates ever had appropriate aptitude for civil, reasoned, and liberal interactive discourse? Or, how we can make our health more perfect? Now that's a challenge better left for an off-campus discussion/seminar! So here are a few ideas percolating in my consciousness ever in search of fun and frolic for the good old days.

How about an afternoon instrumental challenge for the benefit of all? All undergraduates can be invited by the Music Department to perform brief solo pieces, whether it be piano, saxophone, violin, harp, or perhaps a rarely heard instrument from ancient Greece or the hills of Tibet or Hawaii to spark our imaginations in the auditorium. It could be a passionate love song or a spiritual recollection to touch our hearts. The department could do a preliminary audition or selection to help organize it. We may offer first, second, and third prizes based on the vote of attendees if that were thought to be appropriate. It could be fun, enjoyable, and interactive.

Another idea was generated by **Alex Belida**, who has traveled the world for the Voice of America: an afternoon or evening of

exotic and bizarre storytelling from our past. In many ways we have had amazing lives and done remarkable things that could lend themselves to a fabulous rendition of fables about our personal scary, dangerous, unforgettable, and cross-cultural experiences. It certainly will be a great way to bring us all together to share our personal histories to generate future conversations and visits. Our class historian and rapporteur, **Richard Turk**, may agree to take notes and write a brief memoir to be placed in the Watkinson Library for an arcane anthropological study by some idealistic undergraduate someday. One never knows what such a discussion will bring.

Perhaps we could do a survey of our personal choices for best book, poem, song, or symphony that had a profound impact on our view of life and our internal philosophies. We could have an after-breakfast gathering at the Chapel, where we perform readings and/or listen to brief recordings of the transformative works of art picked from the survey results. Hopefully, the experience in and of itself will have a spiritual impact.

These are some of my thoughts as I ponder our Reunion and the gorgeous October change of colors that is occurring all around Trinity and Connecticut this autumn. You will be hearing frequently from Ernie, Richard, **Joe Barkley**, and me as the months go by and we get closer to June. Please be generous with your thoughts and input, and remember to write to all of us with them. Looking forward to it and to seeing all of you.

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Tony Yablonski asks, "What ever happened to **Dick Schultz**?"

Peter Moore shares, "To celebrate my turning 75 earlier this year, wife Lorrie and I decided to visit Ireland (Lorrie's maiden name is O'Brien). We had a wonderful 10 days in Ennis, Kilkenny, all around the Dingle

Peninsula, and, of course, Dublin. While there, I did the required visit to Trinity College Dublin and its incomparable library. We loved our time in Ireland, and we will return someday soon. Other travel plans are in the works now that Lorrie has had successful back surgery; we're back on the road. Lorrie and I are enjoying our two grandchildren, one in New Hampshire and one here in San Diego. I continue to have regular contact with classmates **Lou Slocum**, **Bill Reynolds**, **Tom Sasali**, and **Ed Karam**, with updates to each other about our activities and about Trinity College. Blessed with good health, and tennis, golf, and road biking continue to fill my San Diego retirement days."

Margot Clark writes: "Jeff and I recently had a lovely reunion with John Chapin '70 and his wife and George Wheelwright '70 and his wife at the Chapins' home in Orford, New Hampshire. We had a fun time reliving many memories from our days on campus. The Trin ties never die. Jeff and I are planning to attend the June 2025 50-plus Reunion, and we hope to see you and many others from those three classes there."

Jonathan Miller shares, "I attended the 50th anniversary of my graduation from the Marine Corps Basic School in Quantico, Virginia, recently. We had a memorial service in which all the names of those in our class who had died were read. It was very moving. In the middle of the Post Chapel was a pew marked off with an MIA (missing in action) flag positioned on one of the pews, a reminder that there were others who were lost at war and are remembered. At the end, we met the commanding officer of the base. I will never forget the last thing he said to us: 'Men, I have two things to say to you before I leave. First, I'm proud of you. Second, I love you.' And then he was gone. I have never heard a senior Marine officer tell a junior officer either of those things. Yes, those senior officers may have felt those things in their hearts, but say them aloud—never. I saw a Marine at the YMCA and told him this story. And at the end I said to him, 'Hey, I'm proud of you, and I love you!' Tears came to his eyes. It's clear to me in a world tinged with fear and mistrust that the more we embrace the words of this commanding officer and tell each other those two things... 'What a Wonderful World' this would be. May God bless and keep all Bantams even more in the days to come."

Jay Kuder writes, "My wife, Lucy, and I are semiretired and living in coastal Maine with a second home in Sarasota. Both of us still do

some work from home, she for Educational Testing Service, me for Rowan University in New Jersey, where I taught and served as a dean and associate provost for research. I'm still singing. Performed with Opera Maine in *Aida* and preparing for *La Bobéme*. Singing with two other groups as well. I'm a member of the Brunswick (Maine) Golf Club and play all around Maine and Florida. We both spend a lot of time with our three wonderful granddaughters, 5, 4, and 1. Maybe one (or more) will go to Trinity. Hope so!"

Ann Harris shares, "I am back from Italy today. A fantastic trip with one of my oldest friends. We hiked the hill towns, revisited the churches and museums of Florence and Rome, and relaxed at a yoga retreat in Tuscany. Amazing adventure. It followed close upon a family wedding in the Lake District of England, which was beautiful in every way and a lovely trip through the highlands of Scotland. So, it has been a busy and active time, and we hope for more!"

Nick Booth writes, "Molly and I returned last week from three months in Ireland, where we had the second-coldest summer in 150 years in County Kerry. This meant a fire in the kitchen every morning until early July. Great sleeping weather, though. Back in Boston helping out with the Boston Symphony Orchestra."

Matthew Birmingham III writes, "Having never played golf and being unable to just sit on a beach, I continue to practice law in Ludlow, Vermont, as I have since I left law school at Boston College in 1974. Married to Lynne, a UNC graduate, in 1974. We have three great kids: Matthew '98, Tim (St. Michaels '02), and Sarah '04. Six grandchildren. Everyone lives in Vermont. I see all the time **John Stevenson**, **Jeff Sturgess**, **Peter Miller**, **Sheldon Crosby**, and **Cliff McFeely**. We always make it a point to get back to one football game and one hockey game at Trin."

Rosemary Morante shares, "I am in my fifth term on Town Council and enjoying it. I am also navigating the complexities of being treasurer for a state legislative campaign for another election cycle. My other 'retirement volunteer' role is at my local historical society, where I do research for various projects and truly get to use that history degree from Trinity!"

Kathie Graham Congdon writes, "My husband and I moved to Columbia, Missouri, last May, which puts us in the same town as Larry's oldest daughter and family. It's a big change from California! We're both doing well."

From the Alumni Office: **Lou Slocum** shared that he and Steve Gyllenhaal '72 attended the San Diego International Film Festival in October 2024. Steve was an award presenter, and Lou represented the actors' union, SAG-AFTRA, as a sponsor of the film festival. Further, Lou reported that he and Steve took the very first film class offered at Trinity by Professor Lawrence Stires over 55 years ago.

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This issue we feature news from around the world. **Olivia Henry** writes, "I am back from a trip [in August 2024] to Peru, where I explored cities, jungle, and mountains. I saw Lima and Cusco [and] hiked at Machu Picchu and sites in the Sacred Valley. I also spent time in the Amazon. We did a rainforest canopy walk, reaching about 120 feet: amazing feeling of freedom, the world as birds see it! Another highlight was a visit to a rescue center, Monkey Island. What an amazing variety of terrain, temperature, snowy mountains, and jungle heat. Wonderful culture and friendliness of the people." Olivia adds, "I sing; exercise; photograph; do volunteer work; visit our West Coast son, an engineer, trying to harness fusion to create electricity without fossil fuels. I have been to weddings and celebrations of life. Makes it particularly important to live intentionally with thankfulness."

At Reunion, **Holcombe Grier** spoke of his career in pediatric hematology and oncology at Boston's Dana Farber Cancer Institute. Holcombe writes, "**George Marks** made his annual trip to visit my wife and me in North East, Maryland, from L.A. for Labor Day. It is such a joy to see my long-term and old (aren't we all) friend!"

Bob Ellis spoke at Reunion on climate change. He writes, "Happy to say I'm still rowing on a regular basis on the Schuylkill River in Philly, [often] with one of my frequent partners, Margaret Meigs '74."

Jay Goodwin relates, "After 50 years in Telluride, Colorado, at 8,800 feet above sea level, we moved down valley to a balmy 6,300 feet. I still work in Telluride as a project consultant on local trophy homes, and Colleen and I continue to teach skiing. Since we are close to Utah canyon country, we are able to hike year-round. We were fortunate to have



Robert Ellis '72 and frequent rowing partner **Margaret Meigs '74** take a breather after a recent outing in Philadelphia.

Mike Sooley and **Irv Price** stay with us one night while on their annual motorcycle ride. So wonderful to catch up with old friends. I hope everyone who reads this is healthy and doing well."

John Koehler has spent a lifetime in music, supplying sound to the concert and festival industry through Klondike Sound Company. Klon sold KSC to his employees in 2016 and formed Klondike Resources LLC, where he continues to consult with event producers. Nor has he hung up his bass. He writes, "Spending time on little stages with my old Outerspace classmates and with other local musicians needing low notes and a few microphones. Occasional short-term festival production work. Lucky to be a high-mileage 1950 American human with all original parts, good tires, and a big garage."

Elliot Robertson writes: "Retired from business endeavors. Employed as maintenance man by wife Dianne. We live in Silverthorne, Colorado, where I ski when not working for Di. We have two homes on Green Turtle Cay, Bahamas. If anyone would like to join us skiing, boating, or doing maintenance, our doors are always open. Our last two long trips have been to Ecuador, including the Galapagos, and then Peru, including Machu Picchu and the Amazon. We have given up on building a home in the Pacific in Nicaragua; the political climate has made us unwilling to build there. I think of you guys often. I have fond memories of Northam Fine Arts Society and its contributions to the art of living."

Joseph Madeira '88

DEGREE:

B.A. in history and studio arts; M.B.A., The George Washington University

JOB TITLE:

Director of curatorial and visitor services for New York State, Office of General Services, in Albany, New York

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TRINITY MEMORY: One of my most significant memories is from senior year, during my Senior Art Show as a studio major. My parents (who have since passed away) came to see my work displayed in the Austin Arts Center gallery. My father had a successful career in business and, while supportive of my art, had always tried to steer me toward business studies as an undergraduate. That day, when he walked into the gallery, he told me how proud he was of me. I'll never forget that moment. Years later, I finally listened to him and attained an M.B.A., which has been instrumental for me in leading and shaping organizations. Looking back, however, I would not change a thing about the path I took and the decision I made to study studio arts and history at Trinity.

What do you do in your role? I am responsible for the presentation, administration, conservation, and preservation of the fine and decorative art collections owned by the State of New York. These include the Governor Nelson A. Rockefeller Empire State Plaza Art Collection and the New York State Harlem Art Collection, as well as the art and historic furnishings in the New York State Executive Mansion and the New York State Capitol. In addition to overseeing these important collections, I provide policy leadership and direction to New York State. I also manage the New York State Capitol Tour Program and the Empire State Plaza Visitor Center and Gift Shop and direct the interpretive programming for the Empire State Plaza, the New York State Capitol, and the New York State Executive Mansion.

What was your path to your current position?

After working for a few years at a private high school, I wanted to pursue a career that combined education with art and creativity, which led me to museum work, specifically in exhibitions. My first museum job was for the opening of the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum in Washington, D.C. After that, I moved to the Smithsonian Institution, where I became director of special exhibits for the National Museum of Natural History. As my responsibilities grew, I pursued an M.B.A. from the George Washington University. I then served as deputy director for the Kohler Arts Center in Wisconsin and later as executive director of the Southern Vermont Arts Center. In 2017, I took on my current role, a dream job that allows me to work with an incredible collection of monumental abstract expressionist art while guiding the historical interpretation and public programming for the New York State Capitol and Executive Mansion.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I get to lead a variety of projects and work with an amazing team. From exhibits on the history of New York and its people to long-term conservation projects for pieces such as our Alexander Calder sculpture or Claes Oldenburg's *Geometric Mouse*, my job is incredibly diverse. I also oversee outreach and partnerships, such as working with the Louis Vuitton Foundation on loaning our Mark Rothko for its retrospective in Paris. I organize new interpretive tours for the New York State Capitol and assist the governor in finding historic art and furnishings for the Executive Mansion. It's incredible to combine my love of history and art in a



job where every day presents new tasks that touch on both disciplines.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your work? My studies at Trinity, particularly in history and studio art, ignited the passion that directly led me to my career. I'm fortunate to be doing exactly what I studied at Trinity and found a career I love where I continue to learn new things nearly every day.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Professor James West's historiography class wasn't just about studying history; it was about understanding why we study it and how we approach it. The course examined underlying characteristics of how history was recorded, and it opened my eyes to the broader impacts of demographics, beliefs, attitudes, and lesser-known connections that shaped historical events. It was the first course for me that raised more questions than it answered, but it ultimately set a high standard for how I think about learning.

Did you have a professor who was particularly influential? Professor George Chaplin saw potential in me and pushed me to do better, but in a supportive way. In discussing art, art technique, and, of course, space, we became good friends. He had a subtle yet hilarious sense of humor and encouraged me to find value in everything I did. He'd say something like, "I know you can do better, but that's not important because who cares what I think. The real question is, why aren't you doing better if you know you can?"



Julie and Mike Sooley '72 enjoy a sunset dinner in Santorini, Greece, in summer 2024.



Irv Price '72, Jay Goodwin '72, and Mike Sooley '72 gather at Jay's home in Dolores, Colorado, in summer 2024.

Some of the memories are a bit hazy. Does anyone remember those artistic endeavors? Are you sure? If Di lets me off work, I look forward to seeing you guys for our next Reunion."

Mike Sooley writes, "This past June, my wife, Julie, and I spent two fantastic weeks in Greece with many Trinity alumni. Barry O'Brien '74 organized the trip guided by Anne and Rick Hazelton, former longtime Trinity AD. Barry and Mark DeMeulenaere '73 reached out to many of our pals from the Classes of '72, '73, and '74 to see who may be interested. I was the sole representative of the Class of '72. In addition to Barry and Sandy, we had Bob '73 and Holly Ghazey '74, Gabrielle and John Allen '74, Gina and Dave Doerge '74, and Lise Gescheidt '74. We missed Wendy and Mark. Much of the tour was focused on the Peloponnese region. We were treated to several tours of ancient sites and museums. The tour then brought us to Delphi and back to Athens before flying out to Santorini. The culmination was a visit to the Acropolis in Athens. The tour was excellent; the company of many Trinity alumni made it special. Upon our return to Santa Rosa, I prepared for my annual motorcycle ride with **Al Winrow** and **Irv Price**. Unfortunately, Al was unable to join us. Irv and I decided to modify our itinerary and ride the Rockies from southern Colorado, where we visited Colleen and **Jay Goodwin** in Dolores, then back up to Wyoming and Dinosaur National Monument in Utah. It was another epic ride; we crossed the Continental Divide more than a half dozen times. Al, Irv, and I have been doing this annual ride for more than 20 years. We pledged to continue until we are no longer

able to ride! I truly cherish my Trinity experience and the many lifelong friendships made there. Go Bantams!"

Will Whetzel's travels are guided by a different compass: "Having celebrated my 74th birthday in August, I find time moves along much more smoothly when grandchildren are involved. My younger daughter, Eliza Whetzel Savage '10 (in Bronxville, New York), brought her third daughter, Hope, into the world in November 2023. She joins older sisters Avery, 3, and Harper, 5. My older daughter, Farley Whetzel Bills '04 (in N.Y.C.), has more than kept up by producing four boys with husband John: Taylor, 12, Colin, 10, Xander, 5, and Parker, 3. Not to be outdone, but at a calmer pace, stepson Nick Pearson and wife Heather, living outside Tampa, have a son, Mason, 5, and daughter, Blakely, 3. Travel to visit these nine urchins keeps us busy and happy. Also, as a bit of a safety valve, Kim and I could not help but fall in love with, and purchase, a small cottage in County Mayo on the west coast of Ireland two years ago, just up the coast from another Irish landowner, Nick Booth."

Save the date, sign up, and show up for our tri-class Reunion, June 5–8, 2025, for the Classes of 1970, 1971, and 1972. I'm told that each name tag will have oversized font and include a vintage (i.e., yearbook) picture. That'll make things easy. Please consider coming to Trinity for a weekend that will leave you with a glow that will last the rest of the summer and beyond.

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Jay Fagan writes, "I thought you might be interested in my new book, *Fathers and Children Together*. This book was written for fathers interested in having close relationships with children. The book is relevant to fathers with children of all ages." Jay is a professor emeritus in the School of Social Work at Temple University. His research has focused on father-child relationships and co-parenting, responsible fatherhood programs, co-parenting interventions for low-income mothers and fathers, and adolescent fathers. Jay has published more than 100 peer-reviewed research papers on fathers. He also was the founding editor of the journal *Fathering* and principal investigator of the Fatherhood Research and Practice Network.

"The government is merely a servant—merely a temporary servant; it cannot be its prerogative to determine what is right and what is wrong and decide who is a patriot and who isn't. Its function is to obey orders, not originate them."—*Mark Twain*

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From **Lise Gescheidt**: "Immediately after basking in the afterglow of our 50th Reunion, a number of us embarked on our expedition to ancient Greece. **Barry** and **Sandy O'Brien**, **Gabrielle** and **John Allen**, **Lyn Hoskinson**, **Pam Scharlach** (Rome 1973), **Gina** and **David Doerge**, **Bob '73** and **Holly Ghazey**, **Mike '72** and **Julie Sooley**, and **Lise Gescheidt** visited the Peloponnese, Athens, and Santorini



Ed '74 and Patty '73 Webster celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary in June 2024 in Kennebunkport, Maine. Joining them were children **Alexandra '01** and **Ted (Edward Jr.)** with spouses **Ted Richardson '04** and **Gabi Paolini** and grandchildren, **Will, Eliza, and Woody (Edward III)**.



Gina and Dave Doerge '74, Pam Scharlach (Rome 1973), John Allen '74, Barry O'Brien '74 and Sandy, Bob '73 and Holly Ghazey '74, Gabrielle Allen, Lise Gescheidt '74, and Lyn Hoskinson (wife of Mike Hoskinson '74) dine during their summer 2024 trip to Greece.

on an informal tour led by former Trinity Athletic Director Richard Hazelton and his wife, Anne. We all enjoyed our week in Tolo, a small beach town, where we explored Corinth, Epidauros, Delphi, Olympia, and Nafplio, the first capital of Greece. We spent several days on Santorini, exploring ancient cities and vineyards, sailing, swimming in hot springs, and eating at three-star Michelin restaurants. Most of us concluded our trip in Athens, where Lise passed out at the Acropolis (100-degree temps) and most of us came down with COVID, while Lise and Pam went off to Crete for another eight days. It was a love fest, renewing old friendships, reliving Doc Davis lectures, and learning about the Minoan and ancient Greek and Roman cultures. A great time was had by all."

Also from Lise: "In early September, the 1973 Rome Campus celebrated 50 years of friendship at **Lise Gescheidt's** house in Tiverton, Rhode Island, in what has become an annual tradition. The weather was gorgeous, and we indulged in eggplant parm and lasagna made with Lise's homegrown eggplant and tomatoes, smoked salmon and homemade bread by **Dave Sylvestro**, delicious Italian pastries courtesy of Wendy Wheeler '75, and warm remembrances of our departed professor, Umberto Tudini, who had recently passed away in Rome. Attending were Dave and Lea Sylvestro '75, **Bart Schneider**, Wendy Wheeler '75 and Ian Reid, **Frank Chase**, Milton Marder '75, Kent '76 and Susan

Allen '76, **Connie Walkingshaw**, Sally Sinclair Hubbard (Rome 1973) and her husband, Ray. Bart brought the original memos drafted by Michael Campo welcoming us to Rome, which were hilarious and reminiscent of our teenage selves in Europe for the first time. All celebrated our long-standing friendships and experiences that bind us to each other and Italy."

Ed and Patty '73 Webster celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 15, 2024, in Kennebunkport, Maine. "Although we certainly did not have a celebration as grand and diverse as that held at Trinity a week before for the Class of 1974 Reunion, we were fortunate to be able to celebrate this nuptial milestone with our two children, Alexandra '01 and Ted (Edward Jr.); their spouses, Ted Richardson '04 and Gabi Paolini; and our grandchildren, Will, Eliza, and Woody (Edward III)!" Our congratulations to the Webster Family!

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Reunion Committee is making plans for it to be a most memorable and enjoyable event. Committee members include Ted and **Consie Prout Berghausen, Robin Bodell, Henry Bruce, Mark Cleary, Jim Cuminala, Bill Curren, Phillippe de Laperouse, Sarah Greve Frank, Betsy Hamilton, Steve Hirsch, Rich Huoppi, Dave Levin, Bill Levy, Gary Morgans, Lea Ingersol Sylvestro, Susie Tilney, and Rich Tucci**. Invitations are open to any classmate who would like to join the committee. Stay tuned for email blasts that will remind us all of what a wonderful experience our Trinity years were.

1976

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John Clifford writes: "I am happy to report my recent retirement after 43 years of litigating cases in the state and federal courts of Connecticut. Having lived in Avon with an office in downtown Hartford, I have enjoyed



Connie Hart Walkingshaw '74, Wendy Wheeler '75, Lise Gescheidt '74, Ian Reid (Wendy's husband), Milton Marder '75, Bart Schneider '74, Dave Sylvestro '74, Frank Chase '74, Ray and Sally Sinclair Hubbard (Rome 1973), Kent '76 and Susan Allen '76, and Lea Sylvestro '75 celebrate 50 years of friendship at Lise's home, "Casadoghair," in Tiverton, Rhode Island, in September 2024.

the proximity to our alma mater having attended many College functions and sports events. My wife, Aelish, and I look forward to more travel and longer stretches at our home in Naples, Florida. We are very active with our three children and their spouses. Daughter Kate '07 lives in N.Y.C., Morgan is downstate in New Canaan, and son JP and his wife are in Vermont. Despite my best advice, both girls married New York lawyers! We have been blessed with six wonderful grandchildren, ages 1 through 6. We recently had the entire crew together for a week at the Omni Mount Washington Resort for an early celebration of my upcoming 70th birthday. Hard to believe we left Trinity almost 50 years ago! I spend more time working on my golf game, which has been a work in progress most of my life. I've had the good fortune to catch up with some of our classmates, enjoying several rounds of golf with long-term friend **Hal Smullen**, **Steve Thoren**, and **Ron Preis**. I also caught up with Paul Pantano '77 for several rounds in Naples, where he and wife Cheryl spend most of the winter. I send my best to everyone, with a special shout-out to the AD boys. I hope all are happy and healthy and look forward to catching up at our 50th Reunion if not sooner."

Co-secretary **Hal Smullen** writes: "Mary and I had an active summer of boating and golf. The highlight of our boating season was a two-week cruise from our home port in Westbrook, Connecticut, to the Chesapeake Bay, with stops along the way in Brielle and Cape May, New Jersey; Chesapeake City

on the C&D Canal; and Annapolis and St. Michaels, Maryland. On the return trip, we spent our final night at Liberty Landing Marina opposite Lower Manhattan. It was the perfect spot to enjoy the beautiful, illuminated New York City skyline. In June, I had the pleasure of joining other alumni, staff, and coaches at the Bantam Golf and Gather event hosted by Chris and Peter Duncan '81, P'13, '14 at the Black Hall Club and their beautiful home in the Fenwick borough of Old Saybrook. In August, classmates **John Clifford**, **Steve Thoren**, **Ron Preis**, and I were able to grab 18 holes and reminisce about the old days 'neath the elms. I'm also looking forward to catching a few football games this fall and seeing many of the alumni regulars who visit the coop. Best to everyone, and start thinking about joining us at our 50th Reunion!"

Co-secretary **Lisa Heilbronn** writes, "My pandemic-deferred retirement plans are finally happening. I moved to New Orleans from the D.C. area in August. I'm still settling in but enjoying it so far—I've already gone through my first hurricane. I'll still be dividing my time between my place in Cape Town and here for at least the next couple of years."

From **Rebecca Dunn Reinmann**: "We are certainly happy for fall and cooler weather to arrive in Wilmington, North Carolina, after a series of unfortunate events (a kneecap break after a bike ride and vertebrae break while boating with grandkids), but I'm on the mend. We are getting ready to visit my first cousin in Chiang Mai, Thailand, where

we will rent a boat and go down the calm Mekong River together. Before that trip, we leave October 10 for a Vietnam, Laos, and Cambodia cruise. I'm ruing my horrible grades in East Asian civilization at Trinity, one of my hardest courses at the time. I'll be careful with my footing, avoiding bike riding and boat wakes for sure as this old lady travels. Amazing to think we are 70 years old!"

From **Mike Gilman**: "Hi from LaLa Land. We had a great trip to see our daughter, son-in-law, and grandkids in the Seattle area in early August. We capped the visit spending two days with my classmate and former roommate **Alan Hergert** and his wife at their beautiful place on Samish Island. I also enjoyed seeing classmate **Elaine Patterson** and her husband at a lively Trinity summer reception in L.A. on August 18. I also have come out of retirement to market equity and high-yield bond research from two very smart guys to funds with Fridson & Resnick Empirical Edge. Marty Fridson is well-known in high-yield circles and has been voted the number one high-yield strategist on Wall Street nine years in a row by *Institutional Investor* magazine."

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Hello, everyone! Thanks to all who wrote!

From **Martin Kanoff**: "Shanah Tovah 5785 (Jewish new year). I'm still delivering babies, but at a new location. I'm working for a group out of Lakewood, New Jersey, and delivering at Jersey Shore in Neptune. Children and grandchildren doing well. I'm getting along in my second year of widowhood. I look forward to getting back to Hartford for our 50th in 2027!" We're looking forward to seeing you, too.

Chris Jepson (finally!) writes! "I've got a couple of news items to share for a change. One is the big event of the year for my family, which was my daughter Eliza's wedding in July. The other is that I've at last officially declared my intention to retire as of January 2025 (and begun making my way through the Medicare maze). I'd like to say hi to all my fellow WRTCers and to all the theater people. DJing and acting were two things from my years at Trinity that I look back on very fondly. I haven't done either in a long time, but for the past few years I've been playing

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at local open mics, which kind of combines the two." Great to hear that news about open mics, Chris!

Peter Switchenko writes from coastal Massachusetts: "My wife of 46 years and I continue to live on Cape Cod. She is a part-time employee at our local church, and I remote tutor many Massachusetts Maritime Academy students in STEM courses. My golf season runs from March through November on the Cape."

My husband and I, although still working, are able to spend a lot of time on Cape Cod, too, with my mother, our kids, our granddaughter, nieces, nephews, and their kids. We're grateful for every minute! Remote work can be pretty great, although I personally still miss some office time with colleagues. Again, thanks for writing!

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Jory Lockwood (your class secretary) writes: I recently started taking a woodworking class in what used to be the Pepto-Bismol factory in Stamford, Connecticut. The class started off slowly; in the first three weeks, I made one wooden spoon. One spoon. In three weeks. Sigh. We have moved on to boxes, and the experience is growing on me. Our instructor brought in a two-foot length of tree trunk that we split and are turning into planks. The metamorphosis from tree trunk to usable object is amazing. It has fostered an interest in hand tools, and I am frequenting garage sales and flea markets to see what chisels and gouges I can discover, adopt, and bring back to working order. I am on a bit of a mission to see what I can make without using any electricity. On other fronts, the weather is chilling, and the hiking has begun.

As always, thank you to all of you for taking the time to submit Class Notes. Keep sending them, please.

Kathy Maye-Maggio shares this: "I'm writing this as the Connecticut foliage season is beginning to reach its beautiful peak! On May 11, I attended Trinity's Bicentennial Gala at the Connecticut Convention Center, which honored the Trinity-Hartford connection, raising funds for financial aid to support future students from the capital city. The night included live and silent auctions, dinner, and a performance by Grammy-nominated Plena Libre with dancing. The evening's emcees were Dennis House from WTNH Channel 8 and his wife, Kara Sundlun, from WFSB Channel 3. Speakers included Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam, and our classmate and chair of Trinity's Board of Trustees, **Lisa Bisaccia**. Lisa spoke of growing up in Hartford and her love for Hartford and for Trinity. I sat with fellow Trinity Club of Hartford Executive Committee (TCOH EC) members Susan Church Zibell '97; Matt and Ellin Smith, both '82, P'19; Amanda Curtiss '15; Carmen Leslie-Rourke '82, P'21; Pearl Rourke '21; and Claudia Baio '86. I visited with classmates **Marc and Debbie Montini**; TCOH EC members Ernie Mattei '70, P'03, Jeff Devereux '12, and Francesca Borges Gordon '82; former TCOH EC Presidents John '76 and Aleish Clifford and Hal '76 and Mary Smullen, both P'14; and also spoke with John Michael Mason '12. This event capped off a year of Trinity's Bicentennial celebrations. It was an incredible event, with over 700 attendees! On July 17, the TCOH, in conjunction with the Admissions Office, hosted the Annual Bantam Summer Reception for members of the incoming Class of 2028 to welcome them to the Trinity family! Special guest was Matthew Hyde, dean of admissions and financial aid, who spoke, along with several student mentors. It's so encouraging to see the enthusiasm and excitement of these young people as they begin their Trinity journeys!"

Rand Pearsall shares the following: "Donna and **George Smith** attended our daughter Alex's wedding at Perona Farms in New Jersey last July. Spurred by great memories of AD parties and *Animal House*, when the DJ played 'Shout,' I performed an impromptu gator (although I couldn't get George to join me). As I arose from the floor, one guest came up to me and said, 'Mr. Pearsall, you are my hero!' But there were a few people who hadn't

seen the movie, and my daughter's girlfriend seriously asked, 'Is Mr. Pearsall having a stroke?' As they say, youth is often wasted on the young. Amazingly, all major body parts were still functioning the next day."

"**Jim Smith** here. I had the great pleasure of getting together with many of my beloved Crow Brothers at the Denise D'Ascenzo Foundation Golf Tournament recently. In attendance from the Class of '78 were **Paul McBride, Jim Leone, Jack Thompson, Mike Daven, Marc and Debbie Montini, John Brigham, Brian O'Donoghue, Brett MacInnes, Steve Krasker, and Wayne Cooke**. Also in attendance were Mike Daly '79, Woody Baird '80, Chris Mosca '79, and Tony Ciccaglione '77. An amazing day for a wonderful cause! And too many laughs to possibly count!"

Andrew Terhune reports that he's been running into **Tina Orsi-Lirot** in Canaan, New Hampshire, where he spends a chunk of his summers. Tina is there full time. He writes, "We're enjoying another New England fall, just as nice as the ones we used to enjoy in Hartford beginning 50 years ago this fall!"

Doug Thom writes, "I'm headed to Cape Cod, by car, for a wedding. The bride is a 2012 Trinity grad. I'll be visiting friends along the way. Being social will keep me away from keyboards. Hallelujah. Have a great day!"

Brian Thomas shares the following: "Your ask for updates seems appropriate at this point since 2024 has been an eventful year. So here are some key updates in our lives: 1) I retired in April after 24 years at Johnson & Johnson and over 40 years of 'going to an office.' The change has been easier than I anticipated, however, and that was partially due to the level of activity across many areas. My wife, Marilyn, joined me in retirement as she decided it was time to end her teaching career after the 2023-24 school year. 2) We have filled our time with trips (Italy/Switzerland in April and a Danube cruise in October), time at our family homes in the Poconos and Rhode Island, and visits to our children in Arlington, Virginia; Philadelphia; and N.Y.C. Two granddaughters make these days even more enjoyable. 3) I missed my 50th high school reunion in April as we were in Europe that weekend. It is hard to believe that we have or are reaching that milestone. 4) Looking forward to the next many years while our health remains good and we are able to travel, relax, and do many things not possible when in an office five days a week! Cheers. See you in 2028 at our 50th!"

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As we push ahead toward our 50th Reunion in June 2029, Class President **David Rosenblatt** has filled out our class officer ranks by convincing **Anne Fickling Brainard** to serve as class vice president. We look forward to working together with you.

Also diving into a new class role is **Cindy Flanagan Goss**, who's helping with Class Notes. Cindy struck quickly, reporting that **Renee Sprinthall** (originally from Springfield, Massachusetts) writes from South Carolina that she will marry in fall 2024 and is so happy to be a bride. The couple will reside in Columbia, South Carolina. Renee works in financial services with Allstate. Her favorite hobby is playing keyboard and singing for public and private events.

Cindy also heard from **Jack Kassel**, who says he's "living in Montclair, New Jersey, (for as long as we have dogs). I spend summers in eastern Long Island and have been going to France and Mexico regularly as well. Widowed in 2020, I've been happily bonded with a lovely N.Y.C. woman since 2021. She and I graduated high school together but never exchanged a word then nor in the ensuing 47 years. My import business was decimated by Trump tariffs in 2019, so I downsized, and it has worked out well enough that I can call myself semiretired and with ongoing income. It's a great life! I try to get together annually with **Laura McCanness** for a birthday lunch, and there are still, to my count, four other grads from our class living in Montclair (**Scott Claman**, **Karen Schloss**, **Judy Feinberg**, **Rob Shields**). Apologies if I've omitted anyone."

On campus, **Kevin Maloney** moderated the panel discussion "Investing for Impact" about how not-for-profits invest to underwrite their missions. As we all recall, Kevin served as vice chair of Trinity's Board of Trustees, handled the College's Investment Subcommittee, and is chair of Bryant University's Finance Department. The panelists who appeared with Kevin were **Debby Kuenstner**, chief investment officer for Wellesley College; **Deborah Spalding**,

global head of nature finance, Conservation International; and **Geraldine Watson**, executive vice president, finance, operations, and Pocantico, Rockefeller Brothers Fund.

Farther away from campus, actually from overseas, **David Rosenblatt** is in Greece, and **Clint Brown** headed east. A long way east. Here's Clint's report: "Unfortunately, I was unable to attend our class Reunion as I was traveling. I had the good fortune of taking a magnificent trip to Bhutan with my wife, **Crashy**, and five friends to Bhutan in the Eastern Himalayas. It is a beautiful Buddhist country with a rich history that is focused on preserving their unique culture and environmental beliefs. We had a memorable trip that left a lasting impression on all of us. Attached is a picture of myself and our wonderful guide, **Toby Sonam**, in native dress on our way to a festival in Bumthang. Toby is wearing his Trinity hat, showing his Bantam pride. I'm sure everyone had a great time at the Reunion, and I will make sure I attend future events. Best to all! Cheers, Clint"

On the conservation front, **Jim Cropsey** continues his endeavors. Jim says he "received a grant from Bass Pro Shops and Cabela's Outdoor Fund for a joint project of Ducks Unlimited and Delta Waterfowl to build and place mallard henhouses in suitable locations in New Hampshire. Mallard ducks, referred to as green heads due to the drake's green feathered head, have been on the decline in the Northeastern United States for many years. The henhouses were proven successful in the Prairie Pothole Region by protecting nesting hen mallards from predators. This experiment may prove that black ducks may also use the sturdy structures. It is not only the eggs that are sought; often, the nesting hen is killed, too. Nesting success was increased from 20 percent to 80 percent using the structures. Maybe these round-up charities really are legit." Jim has long been active in Ducks Unlimited in New Hampshire.

Deborah Humphrey Hunter and **Ken Crowe** signed up to attend the College's Fall Weekend, a melding of Homecoming (remember those last home football games in early November against Amherst or Wesleyan?) and Parents Weekend.

In Albany, Ken spent the last two years serving as the lead person for The NewsGuild on securing the first-ever state funding bill for journalism in a state budget. Ken is president of the Albany Newspaper Guild. Location is everything, even in lobbying. Working with the New York News Publishers

Association, CWA District One, and the New York State AFL-CIO, \$90 million in tax breaks over three years for newspapers made it to the New York State budget on the last day of budget votes in late April. The bill was the first of its kind in the United States to provide funding to preserve and create journalism jobs. Since it passed, the State of Illinois has passed a similar bill.

If you read this far, you shouldn't be surprised to know that we have nine classmates considered lost by the College. Some of them pop up on Facebook and other social media from time to time. If you know how to reach them, please let us know. You can contact Ken at croweken@hotmail.com with their information. Those who are believed missing are **John T. Adams**, **Cheryl B. Berkowitz**, **Gregory David Biega**, **Morris R. Borea**, **Stuart L. Cohen**, **Regina M. Griffin**, **Robert H. Hurlock**, **Jane M. Jones**, and **John P. Rowland**.

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It's always great to hear from my classmates, and I encourage you to reach out. Thanks, **Mike McGovern**, for sharing that you swam a half mile in Swim Across America, a fundraiser for cancer research, at Roger Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island, in September 2024. Seven hundred other swimmers also participated! He'd like to thank all of his fellow Bantams who donated to his swim, including **Tricia Beaird '81**, **Tracy Benham '81**, **William Bullard**, **Bob Flaherty**, **Jordan Fried**, **Bob Keyes**, **Peter Lyons**, **Kent Reilly '79**, and **Ed Wrobel**. He exclaims, "Your generosity is greatly appreciated!"

In 2022, during Trinity's celebration of 50 years of Title IX, former athletics administrator and coach **Robin Sheppard** highlighted **Lanier Drew's** phenomenal record. Robin said Lanier will be in the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame one day. Two years later, Lanier is being celebrated for her legacy in women's cross country, basketball, swimming and diving, softball, and track and field. Robin said Lanier would wear her bathing suit under her basketball uniform, and when it was time for her event, Coach **Chet McPhee** would appear at the door to take Lanier out of the game and run to the pool for her

events. Lanier often finished the basketball game with a wetsuit underneath. Our classmate was a pioneer for women's athletics at Trinity. She assisted with the creation of the women's swimming and diving, cross country, and softball teams. She captained and swam for Trinity's inaugural swimming and diving team in 1976-77 and would serve as co-captain of Trinity's first varsity squad in 1978-79. In 1977, Lanier started the women's cross country program as the only woman running with the men's team and won her only meet over Coast Guard, Eastern Connecticut, and Connecticut College with a time of 18.44 on the three-mile course. She ran on the first women's track and field team at Trinity in 1979, and during her senior season, she broke the school record for the mile run just days after racing in the Boston Marathon. When I spoke to her at the Title IX event, she said she can't do the long runs anymore. Trust me, she does more than most of us. Congratulations, Lanier!

Also being inducted in 2024 is **Pat McNamara** for his contributions to Trinity football. Sadly, we lost Pat in 2008. His obituary said one especially proud moment for him was his football jersey (No. 12) being retired and placed in a trophy case in Ferris Athletic Center. An incredible athlete and leader, Pat set a single-season record for receptions (67), receiving yards (1,024), and receiving touchdowns (11), which stood for 45 years. He earned Kodak Little All-American status in 1978 after leading small colleges in receptions and helping guide the Bantams to a New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) title. At the time of induction, Pat ranked fourth in career receptions per game (5.88), fifth in career receiving yards (2,280), fifth in career touchdowns (20), and sixth in career receptions (141). Congratulations to the McNamara family.

James Cropsey '79 let me know that **Rob Herbst** made it to the Olympics for the third time. He helped supervise the anti-doping drug testing for gymnastics and basketball. Rob had a similar role at the London 2012 and Rio 2016 Olympics. He also helped organize the historic Opening Ceremony, and his team made sure delegations boarded the boats safely. He was assigned to Team USA, which was the largest delegation. He was happy to report no one fell overboard. For more on Rob's experience in Paris, search Robert Herbst Olympics on Trinity's website, trincoll.edu.

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Bob Orenstein writes, "Don't think I've posted for the *Reporter* in 20 years, so I'm due. I'm in my 23rd year working at the Mayo Clinic and 13 years as chair of infectious diseases at our Arizona campus. It's been a great adventure and opportunity to work with outstanding people and to care for people from all walks of life and from around the world. Not yet ready to retire but enjoying some great hiking and biking trips, working on our ranch in Tucson, and watching our daughter create a successful business career. Best to all of our classmates; stay alive and well!"

From **Wendy Melville Mains**: "This year has been full of fun family times and exploring a little more of Kentucky. I celebrated turning 65 in March with a party. We went on a bucket-list cruise to Alaska with our younger daughter, Liv, and her partner, Nel. I highly recommend it as a way to see a spectacularly beautiful part of our country, even for non-cruisers. We had two weeks with both of our daughters, their families, and my sister's family in Maine and Cape Cod in July. I spent a day visiting with Robert Flaherty '80, Michael McGovern '80, **Karen Merkl**, and **Paula Sarro** at Bob's condo. Paula and **Tricia Beaird** came to explore Kentucky in August. I'm back to my routine of caring for my grandkids several days a week; Genevieve is 6, and Oliver is almost 4. That and six-day-a-week workouts are keeping me fit and happy. We are always up for visitors to our little corner of heaven in Louisville. People are always surprised by how much there is to do and the food scene."

Nancy Lucas writes, "I'm loving retirement in southeastern North Carolina! It's what I always imagined it would be, and I'm happier than ever. I have a part-time job in a lovely gallery in a charming seaside town (please visit Lantana's Gallery & Gift Shop if you're ever in Southport!), where I get to chat with people from all over the world. I'm still devoted to the New York Rangers, even long distance! If I could find time to finally write that book, life would be pretty much perfect!"

Cynthia Blakeley's memoir, *The Innermost House*, recently was published by University of Massachusetts Press. She writes, "My



Wendy Melville Mains '81, Paula Sarro '81, and Tricia Beaird '81 stop by Kentucky's Buffalo Trace Distillery in August 2024.

memoir interweaves stories from my precarious upbringing as a year-round local in a fishing village on Cape Cod with scholarly commentary on how we remember, why we forget, and ways we curate the past (Trinity scenes make a pivotal appearance!). The book is available on University of Massachusetts Press's website (use UMASS20 for 20 percent off) or through Amazon, B&N, etc. I spent a couple of weeks this summer in a studio recording the audiobook version, which was scheduled to be available in November. I also gave a talk on the development of narrative identity and memoir at a conference in Helsinki in May and will be doing author talks at bookstores in the Boston area in February. Please feel free to let me know if a bookstore or book club near you might like to host an event! cblakel@emory.edu."

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As always, happy to have news to share from a nice bunch of classmates. This stage of our life brings stories of grand tours and

grandbabies. As many wind down their careers, new passions emerge, and others simply get more attention.

Scott Cassie checks in to say he's "happy to report that retirement as of January has been treating me very well. My wife, Beth, and I have done some traveling, mostly to our kids living out West. We also did a COVID-delayed milestone birthday trip to the Grand Canyon and Sonoma. Photos do not do either justice. The canyon is truly breathtaking! I have also been putting many miles on my bike and trying to improve my golf game. I participated in the Bantam Career Network's Connect Mentoring Program in February and would recommend it. The team did a good job of matching me with a senior who was interested in entering my industry, and we had great conversations. Hoping all of our fellow '82s are well."

Sandra Frazier Connelly is excited to share that she and George recently became grandparents. Her daughter, Katie, gave birth to a darling 10-pound, 10-ounce boy. "Mom and baby are doing well, and I am enjoying being 'Nanny'! We are lucky that baby George Graeme Connelly and his mom live close by, and we get to see 'Geordie' and Katie often."

Tom Mathews took one trip off of his bucket list when he traveled to Egypt in March with his mom. They spent two weeks touring Cairo, Giza, Alexandria, and Abu Simbel and a week on the Nile exploring various ancient temples. Then he and wife Lori spent two weeks in September touring Venice, Croatia, and Montenegro. "Saw lots of *Game of Thrones* filming sites but more importantly great historic fortresses and palaces, great food, friendly people, and generally nice wines."

Matt and I celebrated our 40th anniversary with a trip to France. It all came together when Matt's B-school group decided to plan a trip to explore Stephen Ambrose's history of D-Day. Our first week in France was spent in Bayeux with these men and their wives who all share a passion for history and fine dining. Everyone else had been to Paris before and offered tips on what to see and where to dine. I had already set sights on the House of Dior's special exhibit on the life of Christian. Loved seeing the evolution of Paris fashion. Matt appreciated the historical piece, as his story had a World War II component. Other highlights included the ultimate opera experience at Palais Garnier, the most exquisite dinner cruise on the Seine, seeing the sights in every direction from the rooftop of Galeries Lafayette (who needs to climb the

Eiffel Tower?). And the pièce de résistance was a virtual reality trip back courtesy of Musée D'Orsay. Last but not least, our three-hour dinner at Le Train Bleu, which took us back to the Gilded Age.

Karen Miller Boudreau writes to share that they are moving to San Francisco. "After eight wonderful years in Seattle, we found the right home in the Outer Sunset of SF. With both daughters, Sarah and Madeleine '16, there, it's a great next adventure for us. We're looking forward to spending more time with them and exploring the Bay Area hiking, biking, and other outdoor activities." They took a fantastic cross-country road trip in August, covering 8,400 miles, five National Parks, seeing corn as far as the eye could see, and celebrating her dad's 90th birthday with family in Harwich Port. "Ken and I really enjoyed the trip, even the challenges of signing papers and attending to all of the details of buying a home while on the road."

Also heard of classmates staying in touch with one another. **Anthony Fischetti** is in close touch with **Ted Austin, John Brady, Peter Gutermann, Billy Lindquist, Matt Pace, Carl Rapp, Mike Sinsheimer, and Craig Vought**. He just started his 25th year as a teacher, coach, and dean at Brunswick School in Greenwich. "Don't know where the time went. The days may be long, but the years sure fly by."

Andy Stephenson shares, "**Liz Engelke Poole** got a bunch together on Zoom to help her husband and our rowing coach, Charlie Poole '77, celebrate his 70th birthday. We were lucky enough to get Andy Aiken '83, **Dan Bradshaw, Will Fiske, Steve Grossman, Rich Malabre, Steve Morris '83, and Peter Tyson**. Great to see some faces for the first time in many years!"

Steve Pekock got together with **Larry Torres** last summer in Andover, Massachusetts, to "brag about our kids and explore New Hampshire." Steve shared that he is the director of development for the Global Lyme Alliance, and Larry is a principal in the Los Angeles Unified School District. "Larry's kids are doing great. I may lag the rest of the class; my oldest is a senior in high school, while my youngest is a sophomore. Someone once told me that, for many years, you compare yourself with the accomplishments of your classmates. Then, eventually, you are simply happy see those who are still with us. I saw **MaryAnn Connors Krikorian** and her husband, Steve, this summer in Whirlaway Sports, north of Boston. She reports that they have moved to Boston now that the kids have gone. What a surprise

and pleasure to see them."

Justin George reports that he has retired from his role as Prudential Financial's vice president of treasury and tax, bringing to a close a 45-year career in insurance and IT systems. Justin and wife Alison look forward to continuing to attend Trinity football home games, enjoying their summer cottage on Lake Hayward, Connecticut, and spending time with their new grandchildren.

Matt Smith continues to enjoy planning and moderating the Trinity Club of Hartford's speaker series of webinars. The most recent one was "Women at Trinity: The Next 50 Years." Prior to that was one close to my heart: "Is Trinity Becoming an Urban Studies Powerhouse?" It featured a dear family friend, Stan Marcuss '63, who along with wife Rosemary has sponsored a fellowship to provide opportunities for students interested in advancing inquiry into and research related to issues faced by urban communities.

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Dom Rapini has been enjoying a year and a half of peace after retiring from a very successful career at Apple. However, he informs me that he is looking to jump back into the fray by taking the helm of a software company in the coming months. He didn't disclose a firm name, but we'll all keep our eyes on social media for the big announcement.

A new grandfather among us is **Leif Fellingner**, who welcomed his first grandchild. Henry Fellingner was born to Leif's son James and spouse on July 30. Mother and baby are said to be doing very well.

Al Strickler's trip to Scotland and Ireland included a windy round of golf at St Andrews but was highlighted by the family's attendance at an Irish relative's wedding. Al is trying to dry out now that he is back in the States, but a mini Trinity reunion on Martha's Vineyard in September to celebrate **Tim Clarke's** daughter getting married pushed that back a little. Other Bantam alumni at the nuptials were **Ben Howe, John Swain, Peter O'Brien, and Jim Hagar**.

UVA is getting a lot of Trinity alumni money this year as **Jeff Bamonte's** daughter Lauren graduated from law school there in May. She joined the firm of Morgan Lewis in October and resides in Washington, D.C.

This will allow Jeff to fully enjoy his retirement from the medical device industry.

Lisa Lindquist and husband had a nice visit with **Wendy Kershner** in Philadelphia for a wedding over the summer. Although Wendy and Lisa are regularly in contact, it had been a few years since they met in person. Wendy gave a great walking tour of her neighborhood, which included wonderful wine, food, and memories.

Many in our Bantam base are experiencing offspring weddings as **Hillary Spizzirri McAtee's** daughter was married at the top of Buttermilk Mountain in Colorado. Hillary took additional initiative and climbed the mountaineers' route of Mount Whitney while in town. She had the good fortune to spend time with **Nancy** and **Gordy St. John** in early September.

After making it legal in Nantucket in the spring, the real wedding party for **Todd Beati's** daughter Samantha '17 commenced with a three-day September wedding celebration in Paris. Guests were welcomed with a party on the roof of the Kimpton Hotel, complete with views of the Eiffel Tower and the Sacré-Cœur. Then the wedding ceremony was held in the gardens of the Hotel Alfred Sommier and was followed by a dinner cruise on the Seine. In true Trinity fashion, everyone disembarked at 2:15 a.m. At the Restaurant Drouant brunch, the hosts bid adieu to the guests. According to Todd, the entire event was *très magnifique!*

It sounds like **Glenn Ratcliffe** soon will be on the wedding carousel as both of his sons recently were engaged. Glenn also reports that he sees **Bob Pigue** regularly on the tennis and paddle court and that Bob and wife Ann are doing well.

Dave Nagel has no dust settling on him after retiring from ESPN. He is auditing another course this semester at Trinity, "The American Presidency." It's certainly a fortuitous time for this particular class and interesting for Dave to hear the perspectives of today's students, most of whom said their first political memory is one of the Obama elections and inaugurations. Dave attended a recent Trinity football game, an impressive 45-14 trouncing of Williams. He says that the reconfigured stands are awesome and that we should all plan a trip to see them soon.

The town of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, home to **Mike Hurwitz**, was the scene of another mini reunion, which consisted of 1979 dwellers of New South Campus (before it was named Funston) Room 210. First-year roommates Hurwitz, **Chris Delaney**,

Bruce Silvers, and **Henry Mallari-D'Auria** and spouses hung out and enjoyed laughs and dancing. Mike and wife Roberta's thoughtfulness extended to creating whiskey glasses engraved with "New South Campus 210" to be used at each future get-together. The next gathering will be at the Delaneys, date to be determined.

Sasha Opel got together with a host of Trinity gal pals for a fun-filled weekend at Maryland's Eastern Shore. The group included **Alice Ericson**, **Ami Maron**, **Cara Bachenheimer**, **Jane Sykes**, **Margot Blattmann**, **Marissa Ocasio**, **Tina Tricarichi**, **Wendy Schon**, and **Wendy Tayer**. Among the highlights of the gathering were a ChatGPT Trinity history quiz and the announcement of Jane's engagement.

Finally, I was in New York this summer for a sad occasion as my mother passed away at 87. I got great support from my band of Trinity brothers **Angelos Orfanos**, **Tom Merrill**, and **Ron Carroll**. My mother had a good life and made all four Parents Weekends at Trinity while I was there. I should have stayed in New York a little longer, though, as Angelos and wife Denise later treated Ron and wife Ruta to the DHL suite at Met Life Stadium to see the Rolling Stones. I'll take a rain check, Ange!

That's all for '83 this go-round. Until next time. . .

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Hello, everyone. If this summary seems a little spare, it is because we are all planning to exchange news face to face on campus a few months from now, right? COVID robbed us of a proper Reunion for our 35th, so let's make up for it with a big turnout and lots of spirit in June.

For now, **John Fiske** built a lapstrake plywood Selway Fisher 15 in his garage in summer 2024. It will be powered by a three-horse electric outboard. Launch will be in 2025. The name is a secret until then, he says.

Sandy Stott Gridley retired in March after almost 39 years at various parts of United Technologies/RTX. She became a grandmother in May and welcomed a second grandchild in August. Her husband's two sons and their wives each welcomed a baby boy this year. Last summer, she attended a gathering in Guilford, Connecticut, with a bunch of Trinity folk, including **Pete Eisler**, **Chris Eveleigh**, **Jonathan Moore**, and **Danielle D'Angelo**.

Louise Williams Senopoulos, **Nancy McKeown Aboyan**, and **Bonnie Adams Connors** were looking forward to fun times at the wedding of Bonnie's daughter and later in Myrtle Beach for some golf and to toast the memory of their dear friend **Toria Arvenitis Jenks**.

Louise welcomed her first grandchild, Natalie Clementine, last spring. Her daughter and son-in-law live only two miles away, so Louise is feeling "very blessed." (I had the pleasure of meeting little Natalie last summer at Toria's celebration of life but declined to offer tales of her grandmother's college days.) Last spring, Louise officially retired after 14 years of coaching high school girls' JV tennis and seven years as head coach of community college women's tennis. "I hope to continue volunteering, but my back can't take six days a week on hard courts anymore! I keep my toe in the water of board work by serving as a trustee of my local library. My 'significant other,' Andy, and I are hoping to split our time between Savannah, Georgia, and Ocean City, New Jersey, to play golf and enjoy our 'retirement.'" She and Andy met online eight years ago. It turns out his first cousin was Louise's Trinity tennis coach, Becky Chase! Small world!

I know it seems hard to believe that our 40th Reunion is coming up. On the other hand, as more of us retire, welcome grandchildren, or simply look in the mirror, it really isn't a shock. Looking forward to seeing one and all 'neath the elms.

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Aileen Doherty '86, Kim Crowley Hart '86, Robin Silver Saitz '86, Elizabeth Heslop Sheehy '86, Karen Resony Peters '86, Eric Stepper '86, and Tom Sheehy '86 get together in July 2024 in Woods Hole, Massachusetts.



Elizabeth Heslop Sheehy '86, Tom Sheehy '86, Jennifer Zydney Stern '86, and Rich Stetson '86 catch up in August 2024 in Arlington, Virginia.

Greetings, Class of '86. Hoping everyone is well.

Elizabeth Heslop Sheehy passed along the following, "It's been a busy summer for **Tom Sheehy** and me. In July, I published my first book, *A Home in Woods Hole: Life and History on Eel Pond*. It's a nonfiction narrative history of this tiny village of 850 residents (3,500 in summer!) and the people who lived in our house since it was built over a century ago. Published by The History Press, it is the first direct use of my history degree since graduation. Launching the book has been a wonderful excuse to see Trinity friends: **Karen Resony Peters**, **Kim Crowley Hart**, **Aileen Doherty**, **Robin Silver Saitz**, and **Eric Stepper** attended its July launch in Woods Hole, while **Jennifer Zydney Stern** and **Rich Stetson** joined us for an August book event in our hometown of Arlington, Virginia, and **Katie Cook** met me at the Nickerson Family Association barbecue and book signing in Chatham, Massachusetts, in September. I've been in touch with **Rust Muirhead**, who bought and read my book, discovering many parallels between his life and mine—and not just because we both grew up in Northern California. I hope the book connects us to even more classmates! Tom is busy as well, working on a wide range of issues in Washington, D.C., and still focused on Africa concerns. He has become quite the expert on critical minerals and the Lobito Corridor, both hot-button issues in Africa circles. His work at the United States Institute of Peace and his own consulting

company keep him on the move." Congrats on the book, Liz!

Dave Schnadig writes, "I've been living in N.Y.C. for the past 29 years with my wife of 33 years, leading private equity firm Cortec Group during most of that time. We have two grown kids (adult children?) living in the Chicago area. Our daughter is getting an M.B.A. at Northwestern's Kellogg School, and our son works in the strategy group for the Chicago Blackhawks. We're both fortunate and proud to have such fantastic offspring! I've served on Trinity's Board of Trustees for the past few years and have been truly impressed by my co-trustees (including classmates **Michael Gary** and **Will Thomas**) and all that we are collectively trying to do for our alma mater. Continuing an annual (and sometimes semiannual) tradition we started more than 25 years ago, '86ers' (coined by **Marilyn Weiss** back in the day) **Jay Gangi**, **Bill Markowitz**, **Scott MacColl**, **Tom Sheehy**, and I made another fabulous guys' trip to a fun destination. In our most recent installment earlier this year, we traveled to Casa de Campo in the Dominican Republic to celebrate many of our 60th birthdays (in the words of David Byrne: '... and I ask myself, how did I get here?'). While we hoped frequent trip attendees and '86 classmates **Eric Stepper** and **Mark Menendez** could join us for the visit to Mark's 'old country,' unfortunately both had kids' sports-related conflicts." Thanks for sharing, Dave.

Tom Waxter sent the following update: "No major changes for **Olive Cobb Waxter** and **Tom Waxter**. Both still working. I

am an attorney handling toxic tort cases throughout the 50 states. Olive remains the executive director at the France-Merrick Performing Arts Center's Hippodrome Theatre here in Baltimore. The Hippodrome is the theater in town that hosts all the touring Broadway shows. Touring Broadway is robust. The big news for us is that our oldest daughter, Olive Hayes Mitchell, had a baby girl in May. Her name is Olive Byrd Mitchell. Daughter Olive works in wealth management for a firm in D.C., while her husband, Alec Mitchell, is in commercial real estate in Baltimore. They live about a mile from us. Our middle daughter, Maggie, moved home to Baltimore and started coaching and teaching at St. Tim's, a boarding school here. Our son, Jake, remains in Denver, working in multifamily commercial real estate. We recently spent some time with Anne '85 and **Charlie Wilmerding** and **Cappy** and **Sam Daume**. All are well." Great to hear from you, Tom!

Feel free to pass along any news you want to share.

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Welcome to this installment of Class Notes! I am writing this in the middle of Indian summer and thinking ahead to the cold and snow of February when this update will most likely reach you.

Carrie Pike '93

DEGREES:

B.S. in biology; M.S. in forestry, SUNY College of Environmental Science and Forestry; Ph.D. in natural resources, University of Minnesota

JOB TITLE:

Regeneration specialist with the USDA Forest Service—State, Private, and Tribal Forestry with the Eastern Region; based in West Lafayette, Indiana

FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

I ran cross country and track all 3½ years (except when I studied abroad), and I appreciated the friendships and camaraderie of the teams! Track and cross country parties were fun and memorable. I'm also still in touch with many of my North Campus dormmates from freshman year who are fantastic people.

What was your path to your current position?

I took a very nonlinear path. I enjoyed my biology classes at Trinity, but my study abroad at the Center for Rainforest Studies of the School for Field Studies introduced me to forestry and ecology. I wanted to do that. But I didn't know how to start, so I traveled abroad, after graduating, to Australia and Central America. Upon returning, I started doing temp work in New York City while living with my parents on Long Island (this was a low point). One of my many rejected résumés was eventually picked up, and I was offered a summer job as a field assistant on a project on Long Island, looking at black oak trees, that later became the subject of my master's degree.

What do you do as a regeneration specialist?

I provide technical assistance to partners (federal, state, tribal, NGO, etc.) on topics related to forest genetics. My expertise is in tree improvement and tree breeding, but I also provide guidance on assisted migration, tree seed, tree nurseries, and seed zones. In addition, I manage and monitor grants for state and tribal nurseries in the 20-state region that I cover. Those grants are part of the Biden/Harris Bipartisan Infrastructure Law (BIL).

Why do you feel your work is important? Applied forest genetics is an important skill set for foresters and land managers working in forest regeneration, but few understand or appreciate forest genetics (most are intimidated by it). I do my best to make forest genetics understandable and useful so I can help land managers make good decisions about seed sources to use for planting.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I love that I can help our partners do better work related to reforestation. I also love seeing tangible progress with tree species, including butternut (white walnut) and American elm, that are struggling with nonnative pests. Genomics is a useful tool, but in tree breeding we rely on common garden studies to sort out genetic and environmental effects. There is simply no substitute for a well-executed common garden to answer most of our pressing questions about tree health, growth, and within-species variation.

What challenges do you face? My job was once held by two people: one who specialized in nurseries and another who specialized in genetics. My predecessor



had both jobs, and I inherited both as well. With the recent ramp-up in reforestation across the United States, demand for technical assistance with nurseries is a growing need. Luckily, I am part of a national team that includes nursery specialists, and we help one another.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your career? Trinity provided me with a solid foundation of biology and helped hone my writing and analytical skills. I was pleasantly surprised to find that many of the faculty at my graduate institutions had earned B.S. or B.A. degrees from small liberal arts colleges like I had.

What were the most memorable courses you took at Trinity? I was inspired by Craig Schneider's botany class, but I also enjoyed studying Dante's *Divine Comedy* with Dario Del Puppo. Cheryl Greenberg was the first professor to make history fun and entertaining!

Did you have a Trinity professor who was particularly influential? Craig Schneider and Kathy Archer were most influential in terms of my career path. I knew I wanted to study plants (or trees), and both are experts. I was one of very few students in my biology class with zero aspirations to study medicine, so it was nice to have professors who work with plants. Both were passionate about their work and were great instructors. I had no previous exposure to plant science, and I was grateful to learn that the word "botanist" referred to a potential career path! This was a novelty to me, a kid from Long Island, who liked nature and enjoyed playing under the hemlocks on our postage-stamp-sized urban property but had no idea about career opportunities in the plant sciences.

David Smith writes: "I have some news which is exciting to me. I have decided to retire from corporate America. What are my plans? I plan to do nothing, but that is only in the mornings. That way I will have the afternoons free."

Katie Topper sent an update of her international adventures: "I most recently left Quito, Ecuador, after three years of teaching design technology and robotics at Academia Cotopaxi American International School. I had a wonderful time climbing volcanoes, observing blue-footed boobies in the Galapagos, and piranha fishing in the Amazon. I am fulfilling my dream and am back in Rome, Italy, where I am again running a makerspace at an American school. Rome has changed a lot since 1986. There are no more two-hour lines to make a phone call, and most stores take digital payment methods. However, people still evade the ticket collector on the buses and trams! I am living with my daughter, who is pursuing her master's degree in food studies at The American University of Rome. 2025 is the Jubilee, so if any Trin Barbieri Center alums need a place to land, please reach out."

James Harper's daughter Eleanor "Ellie" Harper is a member of the Trinity Class of '28. Jamie writes that he and his wife helped "Ellie move into Elton last August. Die-hard pal Mei-Wa Cheng '86 and her daughter Claire Brouillard '25 turned up, too, with a few things for the dorm room and a warm welcome."

And with that full-circle update, I conclude this installment of Class Notes, but first a request for news! Someone somewhere is wondering about *you*! Please reach out by

email, phone, snail mail, text, smoke signal, or in-person visit to share your news!

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It is with deep sadness I share the news that our classmate **Dave Lemons** passed away on August 10, 2024. Dave walked through life with a smile and a laugh that was infectious and memorable. He lived a full life at Trinity and beyond. Trinity alumni from different class years attended his memorial service to toast his friendship, his loyalty, and love. Attending his service were **Chris Cloney, Mark Furey, Brett Wolman, Will Dunning, Kimberly McDermott Esty, Art Muldoon, Andy Zimmerman, Amy J. Rouba, Jen Brewster Jordan, Wayne Fitzpatrick, Christy Chase, Laurie Stewart Crimmins, Marianne Mowat '89, Deborah Dolan, and Erin Clarke Gorden.** Many others were there in spirit. **Andy Zimmerman** delivered one of four eulogies. Andy wrote, "Dave made everyone feel like his best friend. He was a true Southern gentleman, and he has had an enduring impact on all of us who knew him. The Trinity contingent racked up the largest bar bill in the Myopia Hunt Club's history! He would have been so proud!" Yes, he would indeed. Dave is and will be deeply missed.

Love seeing Trinity friendships circle the globe. **Melissa Moore Janes** lives in Michigan with her family and works as a fundraiser.

She left for Italy in mid-October for five weeks to assist **Liesl Odenweller** and the Venice Music Project in a research and restoration documentary. Melissa says that Liesl is excited to be working with a documentary filmmaker to record the story behind manuscripts that have not been performed for centuries. The Venice Music Project will be unveiling these works at a concert in November. Can't wait to learn more!

Last fall marked the 40th anniversary of the beginning of our time together on campus in 1984. Forty years! Forty years! Let's hold dear the memories, the friendships, and the connections we made together. Let's look forward to many more special times and memories to make in the years to come. Stay connected. Be in touch. Cheers to 40 and the spirit of the Class of 1988!

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I am very sad to report the passing of another classmate, **Bryan Hauptfuhrer**, who died on September 12, 2024, after a battle with leukemia. He left behind wife Linda and daughter Amanda. His brother, Bruce '88, wrote several touching tributes to Bryan on Facebook. The adventures he and Bryan shared were truly remarkable. To Linda, Amanda, Bruce, and Bryan's classmates who knew him well, I am so sorry for your loss.

In happier news, **Kristin Bennett**, my New Dorm next-door neighbor, wrote to



Trinity friends and classmates celebrate the life of Dave Lemons '88 at the Myopia Hunt Club in South Hamilton, Massachusetts, following his memorial service in summer 2024.



Proud parents Lee-Ann '89 and Mitch Harris '87, right, attend the summer 2024 Rhode Island wedding of son Will Harris, center, and Therese Messina, second from left. Also pictured is daughter Allie.

say she had a fun reunion in Boston with **Bart Coughlin**, **Jen Weissman**, and **Helen de Baubigny**.

I was pleased to reconnect with long-lost pal **Carolyn Kostic**. She continues to live in the Bay area and is doing well.

Barbara Scudder Pritchard is excited to report that her daughter Grace '28 started at Trinity last fall and really enjoys it. Somehow, she managed to score a double room all to herself on a small floor in Jones that is mostly international students. Times have changed since our days of three-person doubles!

Janice Pierce Berner shared that her oldest child is expecting a baby, which will be her first grandchild, and her youngest recently started at Notre Dame. "Career wise, I have a financial advisory practice outside of Boston and specialize working with clients going through life changes such as divorce." You can check out an impressive YouTube video about Janice by searching for "Meet Janice Berner Financial Adviser with Baystate Financial."

Elizabeth Johnston Smith made a trip for a girls' weekend to visit **Alyssa Purbeck Greer** in Wisconsin, where they saw Alyssa's husband **Peter Greer**'s band play. They attended the Bristol Renaissance Faire, which is Alyssa's happy place and now also Elizabeth's!

Loyal correspondent **Sean Dougherty** contributes this: "My wife, Julie Atinaja-Dougherty, and I took our 25th anniversary trip to the Maldives in July and enjoyed the wonders of an island paradise on the other

side of the world. August–September was a whirlwind visit around the East Coast, seeing family and friends in the Northeast. I am preparing for a campaign to raise funds for the 50th Anniversary Celebration of the Society to Preserve and Encourage Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy (SPERDVAC), the nonprofit organization for classic radio fans on whose board I serve as I continue to enjoy retirement and life in Las Vegas." No moss gathers on you, Sean.

Sophie Wadsworth was gearing up for Trinity's alumnae masters boat race at the Head of the Charles last fall. She shares, "Thank you to Mary Conley '90 for helping me get involved! Aside from getting in shape for the race, I'm enjoying life near Boston with my family, including our 13-year-old son, Hugh. I'm also busy as a public speaking coach and consultant." I've seen Sophie's excellent content on LinkedIn, and if you haven't connected with her yet, I highly recommend it.

Lisa Abershire Pojano writes from the South with a unique update: "I've fully embraced Southern living. My clay-shooting skills are improving, and I'm getting used to the weather—two tornadoes and two hurricanes so far! I'm a big fan of the new hurricane building codes, as the only damage we suffered was losing 11 old-growth trees. It could've been much worse. Living on a plantation site has also sparked my interest in Civil War history, which I wasn't as passionate about before. In the meantime, I'm continuing my master's in cybersecurity and public policy at Georgia Tech."



1989 classmates Kristin Bennett, Bart Coughlin, Jen Weissman, and Helene de Baubigny meet in September 2024 in Boston.

And from **Steve Harrod**, "It was really great to see you all at Reunion last June, to taste Campus Pizza again, and to have an excuse to try business class on Aer Lingus. Hartford hasn't changed much. Life is good in Denmark. I obtained my first-ever electric bike a few weeks ago, and it has revolutionized my commute. I used to punish myself with a two-to-three-times-weekly cycle tour to work that is 10 kilometers and about 45 minutes or worse if the wind is blowing against you. My new electric bike holds a smooth 25 kmh the whole way, wind or not, and the trip is now 25 minutes. I just returned from Berlin and the world's largest railway exposition, InnoTrans." Skål, Steve!

Donna Haghighat recently retired from her role as CEO of the Women's Fund of Western Massachusetts after seven years. "I am working on a memoir about growing up Iranian-American. I have one small consulting gig, which is just enough to help me downshift. **Chris Dickinson** and I just spent the weekend at **Todd Gillespie**'s in Sparta, New Jersey."

Louise McCarthy writes, "Here's the latest from my corner of the world: still holding down the same fort in Newton, Massachusetts, since 2000. I've been happily married to the same guy since 1996, and I've also been practicing law for 32 years, which means I've spent over three decades honing the fine art of arguing (professionally, of course). Lawyering is great preparation for family life, especially when it comes to debating curfews and college choices. But despite my best lawyerly efforts, our son couldn't be convinced to carry on the family tradition at Trinity. Instead, he made a compelling case for Vassar."

Michelle McEttrick, **Sue Kinz Maggioni**, **Nancy Cudlip**, and **Kevin Scollan** continue their long-standing book club. Michelle writes, "We follow the age-old book club tradition of inconsistent book completion rates."

But do manage to meet on Zoom across three time zones about once a month.” Impressive track record!

I, **Andrew Walker**, have my own update. As I transition into retirement, or whatever comes next, I am working part time for the next year, focusing my spare time on the nonprofit Elevate to Even Plus, which I founded in 2020, and coordinating our move from Summit, New Jersey, to a fixer-upper in New London, Connecticut, with my wife, Tina.

From the Alumni Office: **Lee-Ann Harris** reports that her son, Will, got married this summer in Rhode Island.

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Murphy Jr., Gina Tarallo Ribaudó, Gabin Rubin

Steve Safran writes, “I have spent the past two years working for the Worcester Red Sox (‘WooSox’) as a TV producer for our games that air on NESN. I welcome my Trinity friends to come and check out a game next season—you will love Polar Park. My daughter, Sofia Safran ’18, is engaged to Graham Turner ’18, and we’re very excited for them. My wife, Kim, and I just celebrated our sixth anniversary and happily live outside Boston. Happy 2025 to you all.”

Beka Jeanette Farrar spent last summer in Bali with 19 students helping to rebuild the coral reef. She writes that she still teaches English at Ridgewood High School and that **Jason Farrar** looks forward to another season with Cayman Cookout. “Our middle, Sabrina, just graduated from Mount Holyoke and is in Geneva to finish her master’s. Our twins, Ava and Julia, are freshmen at McGill and Wellesley. Our oldest, Alexandra, is living at home and working as a package designer in N.Y.C. We spend our time hiking with our dog and performing with the family and just finished a production of *Pippin*.”

Lisa Freeman Conner shares, “After 30 years in Colorado, my husband received a new opportunity in the financial field in Washington state, so we moved in 2020 to Gig Harbor. We live on the South Puget Sound and are enjoying our new lifestyle of boating, kayaking, hiking, and skiing. Our son, Holden, 17, attends Annie Wright Schools in Tacoma and is applying to colleges. Soon we will be empty nesters. We

have been fortunate to have many visitors since we moved; one of them was **Valerie Miller**, my freshman roommate. It was so much fun to reconnect with her! We also have collaborated on a few design projects, one of them being her amazing NGO, Dream. Believe. Repeat. I am still running my design and advertising agency, ZetoCreative.com, and am keeping busier than ever. I plan on retiring in a few years and ramping up travel, but for now, my business, son, and three dogs (@sirius_furboys) keep me very busy!”

Ron Goodman reports: “My son Tyler ’27 is a Trinity sophomore, living in Jarvis, and is pledging AD—should be a brother when this is in print. Got together with **Robin Silver Grace** and **Todd Levine** to catch up on Trinity’s comings and goings. Both doing great. **Andy Steinberg**, who lives in Phoenix, left L.A. for an opportunity to get involved with the Suns as a minority owner. Great time visiting and going to the Suns–Celtics game!”

Pam Hickory Esterson writes: “After spending 25 years in N.Y.C., my husband and I relocated to Palm Beach in 2020; we have been enjoying year-round summertime in South Florida ever since. Fifteen years ago, I founded Amity Search Partners; we are an executive search firm specializing in global recruitment for leading investment firms. Also keeping me busy are our three sons: Hugh, a Duke ’22 grad working in strategy consulting in N.Y.C.; Max, a professional race car driver living in London finishing up his Formula 3 season about to move up to Formula 2 as this is being published; and Avery, finishing his senior year of high school in Florida and applying to colleges—the Hickory family’s last chance of three generations of Trinity grads. We’ll see what happens!”

Greg Milbourne writes that he is empty nesting with his “eldest, Cael, 21, and their brother, Aidan, 19, both Ursinus college students. My wife, Mary Susan, and I are taking more walks and might finally get a dog. My psychology practice keeps me busy even though I see clients in Pennsylvania and around the U.S. as well as Russian-speaking folks in Europe, mostly Ukrainian victims of the illegal Russian aggression. I am still running but taking a break from races and pacing to guide blind runners for Achilles International.”

Jennifer Osborne Prescott lives in Norwalk, Connecticut, where she continues to participate in local theater and comedy improvisation—often along with her



While traveling in Hungary in July 2024, **Suzanne Davidson Talbot ’90**, right, and husband **David**, second from right, dine with **Liz (Flammia) Rosato ’90** and husband **Tom**, who live in Budapest.



Nina Tiger ’90, **Julie Chung ’91**, **Sarah Reed Carter ’90**, **Jay Ufford ’90**, **Olivia Bingham English ’90**, **Peter Lyons ’90**, and **Liz Horn Shimpach ’90** meet recently in New York City.

youngest son, Dash! For the past year, she has been the director of marketing and communications for The Consortium for School Networking, a leading nonprofit professional association for K–12 ed-tech leaders. Her eldest son, Winston, attends Northeastern in Boston, where he studies pharmaceutical engineering, and her middle son, Baxter, attends Connecticut College, where he is pursuing botany.

Beth Clifford Coan checks in to say hello! Her daughter is a recent Colby College grad, and her son is a junior at William and Mary.

Sarah Reed Carter writes: “My husband, Jeff, and I have been busy running Rockbrook Camp for Girls. We met here, and we feel lucky to be stewards of this historic summer camp in the mountains of North Carolina. COVID and the rise in technology use have provided some interesting challenges, and we have found that people are really grateful that there are places to send their children that haven’t changed too much in the last century. Our two children, Eva and Lily, are on staff with us this summer, which is such a treat. I had a chance to connect with **Nina Tiger**, **Julie Chung ’91**, **Jay Ufford**, **Olivia Bingham English**, **Peter Lyons**, and **Liz Horn Shimpach** in New York for a weekend. It was amazing how being together after a long absence didn’t feel long at all. We were

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missing **Peter Swanson**, who was off promoting his new book. Liz and I also had a great weekend with **Angie Han Culin** in D.C. and reconnecting with some post-Trinity friends. Angie's daughter Ellie was a camper and a staff member at Rockbrook for 12 summers, so we feel grateful for many occasions to see each other over the years. And this spring, my Eva and I took a workshop together at the John C. Campbell Folk School, where we stayed with **Virginia Blesoe Mattox**. Virginia and her husband, Phil, recently completed construction of a really cool house. So great to see everyone!"

From **Todd Levine**, "Every June, a group of us get together for the annual Coley's Cause Memorial Golf Tournament, in memory of his daughter Nicole (www.coleyscause.com). In attendance this year were Tony DeNicola '88, **Terry McNamara**, **Rick Houlihan**, Eric Grant '89, **Darren Toth**, **Tom Schaefer**, and Kevin Griffin '89."

By the time you read this, our class agents and Reunion Committee friends will be getting ready for our 35th Reunion! I expect you all there! **Chris Seufert** promises to bring a vintage Busch pitcher, handed out the door of The View to him by **Loren Strand** back in September 1986.

Stay safe and healthy, everyone!

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I was excited to hear from a number of our classmates.

Cyndy Nahabedian Mamalian writes, "I am living in Potomac, Maryland, with my husband and am working as the director of development and alumni relations at a small private Episcopal school (Christ Episcopal School, Rockville, Maryland). Our three children are off living their best lives, and we



Aaron Clark '92 recently takes in Trinity College Dublin with Joanne '91 and Dave Bagan '92.



Melanie Power Everett '92, Caroline Gilman LaVoie '92, and Molly Gerber Silverman '92 gather in April 2024 in New York City.

are adjusting to a quieter house! This past summer, I was very excited to publish my first book, *Scratch My Itch* (Wipf and Stock Publishers, www.cyndymamalian.com). I have loved sharing my story and getting to know so many new people in the process. I'm still singing in my church choir, which I love, but nothing compares to singing with the Trinity Pipes—I miss those days!" Congratulations, Cyndy!

Sarah Chappell Armentrout writes, "We are excited to have our daughter Ivy '28 starting as a [first-year] at Trinity this fall, while her twin, Hazel, isn't far away at Connecticut College. Looking forward to many trips to Connecticut and cheering on women's lacrosse!" Go women's lax!

Aaron Clark writes, "I saw **Diego Roca** in Boston last week. He still lives in Lima but was dropping his son off to his first year of college. I also have plans to see **Dave Bagan** and Joanne Bagan '91 in early October. My daughter is starting her first year of college but is doing her first semester in Dublin, and their daughter is a junior and doing a semester abroad at the same college in Dublin. We found out we are both coincidentally visiting

our daughters at the same time, so we are all going out to sample the Guinness!" Enjoy that Guinness together!

Melanie Power Everett writes, "My father passed away January 1, and we held a celebration of life for him at the end of April in N.Y.C. at The Racquet Club. **Caroline Gilman LaVoie** and **Molly Gerber Silverman** both came to support me and show their love for my dad. It was a wonderful event." Melanie, we send our heartfelt condolences to you and your family.

Hope to see people at Fall Weekend in October!

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Hey, classmates! Some great updates here. Congrats to **Nick Neonakis**. "I had a terrific summer celebrating my 20th anniversary with my wife, Stephanie, by taking a cruise down the Dalmatian coast and stopping at a bunch of terrific cities. Montenegro was a real standout and highly recommended. Then we spent a few days in Venice and a month at my castle hotel in the mountains of Aragon, about an hour west of Valencia. If any Trinity family would like to go there, please let me know, and there is no cost for the room. On me. Seriously. www.hoteldelavilla.com. My oldest son Max was accepted to NYU; just taking a semester off. It's starting in January, while my youngest son, Alex, is driving!"

Jay Monahan gives us an update on his PsiU gang. "**Peter Knight**, **Rob Krebs**, **Jay Monahan**, and **Steve Skillman** convened in Florida in November for an intense athletic competition called The Bishop Cup, to reflect on our gratitude for Trinity and to laugh incessantly over old stories."

From **Britt Lee** while waiting for a car inspection sticker: "Tonight, I'm hitching a ride with Steve Safran '90 to attend **Jason Slavick's** performance of *Don't Open This* at a new art venue in Cambridge, Arrow Street Arts. Jason's theater company, Liars and Believers (LaB), continues to create original and awesome plays and musicals that have toured here and abroad. Stevie and I are meeting up with **Tony Canata** beforehand to catch up and chat about his recently



Noah Cox '02 and James Kessler '94, featured in the fall 2024 *Reporter* for how their work crossed paths, meet in June 2023 in Los Angeles for a conference.



The Space Coast Pride Board of Directors, including Justin Cercione '94, front row, second from left with hat, gathers at the 17th Annual Space Coast Pride, Parade and Pridefest in September 2024 in Melbourne, Florida.

published memoir, *I'm Not Doing Any of That*, which will appeal to anyone who went to Trinity, loves CrossFit, hates CrossFit, is or was an athlete, and appreciates good writing. Sadly, **Ran Barton** cannot make the trip, having just dropped off his daughter Kate '28 'neath the elms to join the Class of 2028! We'll get to relive our own youth through the lens of her Instagram. Since her departure to the city of brotherly love, we've only seen **Debby Gammons Brown** in virtual settings, where she has never been more fit and inspirational to those who have 'abs-pirations' that elude most of us in this decade of life (but remain fully affixed to Tony and Debby). It was a bittersweet spring day on campus recently to honor the life and impact of Dr. John Simmons. **Nicole D'Avirro Chiravuri** and I took quad selfies, walked on the plaque, found our old mailboxes, and shared stories about lab life in Trinity's ugliest building. Also in attendance were many Biology Department alumni and two

of Professor 'Doc' Schneider's kids who are somehow grown up and parents themselves! My own kids are in D.C., which offered the opportunity to meet up with John Claud '91, who remains as smart and witty as when we took classes with Professor Kuyk. My kids have hosted a number of Trinity alum progeny on Georgetown's campus, including recently 'the Swedes,' referring to the tall, towheaded, and talented sons of **Audrey Brashich Sjöholm**. (Note from Jim: If everyone were to send me an update while waiting for inspection stickers, this is the kind of gold I could get out to you all!)

Finally, from **Aurelia Brogan**: "I have been spending lots of time racking up frequent-flyer miles to the East Coast this year. I enjoyed a quick visit with my nephew John Fasano '14 and his family in Florida in March. In August, my husband and I celebrated our 25th anniversary back in Boston! We're back and forth to Pennsylvania and New York a lot, too. Our youngest is a sophomore at Lehigh, on the rowing team and studying engineering. Our oldest is a senior at Vassar, majoring in astronomy and had a terrific internship researching Mars at JPL/NASA this summer. I am still program director for an art school/gallery in SoCal and loving it. I figured I would also plug my latest work, a children's book, published earlier this year. It's a holiday story called *Little Palm's Big Holiday* (available at major bookstores in the U.S., U.K., and on Amazon)."

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Greetings, Class of '94! It was so much fun seeing many of you at our 30th Reunion in June. Thank you for the opportunity to serve as our class secretary. I look forward to sharing your updates.

Rachel Brumberg thanked me for accepting the class secretary position, which is truly my honor. She adds, "These days I spend a lot of time in the hot shop—blowing glass and teaching glassblowing. I have a few other teaching gigs at the moment, including teaching studio art to elementary school students. I'm also pretty excited to be planning a return trip to my favorite state: Idaho! That's happening in November, so maybe

I'll have more to report on that one for the next *Reporter*."

James Kessler mentioned that he saw lots of Bantams at the APTA Nationals at The Country Club in Brookline, Massachusetts, earlier this year. He shares this update: "Hattie (Dane) '92 and I celebrated our 25th anniversary last year with a trip to Santa Fe. We are both well and looking forward to at least 25 more loving years after we adjust to the soon-to-be empty nest. Speaking of which, Henry, 21, is a junior at WashU in St. Louis majoring in psychology and economics. He's studying abroad in Copenhagen this spring, and we just returned from visiting him and touring Denmark and Sweden. Natey, 19, is a freshman at The Ohio State University, Fisher College of Business. He's joining a fraternity this spring and hoping to get revenge over Michigan next fall. Theo, 17, is a junior and hopes to run cross country in college, maybe 'neath the elms? His Brookline High School cross country team won back-to-back Massachusetts state championships last fall and is trying for a three-peat next fall. All three boys will return to Camp Belknap this summer in various leadership roles. On the work front, I'm 28 years with Publicis Sapient and lead our state and local government consulting unit nationally. Recently we teamed up with two-time Academy Award-winning director Ben Proudfoot to produce a short documentary called *Forgiving Johnny* about our work with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office. In an amazing coincidence, one of the attorneys we worked with, who stars in the film, is also a Bantam! I worked with Noah Cox '02 for several years and did not know he was a Trinity alum until recently." (Editor's note: For more on James and Noah, as well as *Forgiving Johnny*, see the fall 2024 *Reporter*.)

Justin Cercione writes, "We just wrapped up our 17th Annual Space Coast Pride, Parade and Pridefest . . . I'm the president (volunteer) of Space Coast Pride, and the Board of Directors (volunteers) organizes the Parade and Pridefest, along with other events all year long. We estimate that we had over 20,000 people this year, and over 130 vendors participated. Despite Helene threatening the Space Coast of Florida, the crowds came out to show their support and pride to Historic Downtown Melbourne to celebrate. Even a few downpours didn't deter everyone from having an amazing day!"

Lastly, I am pleased to share that I am ABD (all but dissertation) in my Ph.D.

Jeanne Barber '07

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**B.A. in political science;
J.D., University of
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JOB TITLE:

**Owner and lead designer,
Camden Grace Interiors
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Living on the Long Walk with three of my closest friends (still close to this day!) and blasting the quad with our karaoke machine. We would crouch below the window so no one knew where the music was coming from and sing and laugh until our bellies hurt. While one roommate did a mean Tina Turner impression, the rest of us were not blessed with vocals, so we really tortured anyone who was outside listening to our antics.

Why did you found your company? Lawyering was my career, but design was my passion. In 2015, I gave birth to a premature daughter with health complications. It was a eureka moment for me—life is short, why not follow my passion? Today I lead a seven-person award-winning interior design firm that tackles projects throughout the United States, from designing single rooms to whole homes plus renovations and new builds.

What do you do in your role? When I first started, I was designing and decorating homes, but I was also the HR department, in-house lawyer, billing department, and marketing manager. Luckily, as Camden Grace has grown, the number of hats I wear has been reduced. While I still have a small hand in everything, now I am able to oversee the creative direction of all of our design projects and also play an active lead role on our larger projects and those that especially spark my interest. I love designing homes that have soul, which to me means a home that reflects our client's interests and looks collected over time; mixing patterns, eras, and forms is our specialty.

What do you enjoy most about your work? No two projects are alike because no two clients are alike. We get to know our clients intimately. I'm a people person, so I really enjoy the process of learning about their families, hobbies, traditions, and travels. For example, one of our clients was a Boy Scout who had saved all of his old badges, which we framed as part of an art installation. Another client brought back from her travels an Aztec stone rubbing we featured in her entry. I love seeing clients light up when they see their spaces transformed with items that are meaningful to them.

What are the biggest challenges you face?

HGTV—and now AI—can create unrealistic expectations. First, things don't happen with a snap of the fingers like on TV. Luckily, lead times have normalized since the COVID furniture shortage, but custom and bespoke items that are crafted by hand still take time. Second, quality design requires an investment. Cutting corners never pays off. Do it once and do it right, even if it means narrowing your project scope. Third, AI has changed the game, with clients showing us AI-generated inspiration images. While AI can offer cool ideas, they aren't always feasible to implement. When my daughter swooned over a bed



that looked like it floated atop a pillowy cloud, I had to break it to her that I couldn't pluck it from the sky.

How did Trinity prepare you for your work life?

I learned at Trinity that if you've done your homework, no question is dumb—ask away—and really listen to the answers. Fully understanding the problem is the only way you'll be able to offer effective solutions. This was true in my career as a lawyer and now as the owner of Camden Grace. On a daily basis, I am asking clients about their lives. The answers elicited help us create a winning design strategy. It's easy to make a room beautiful; it's harder to make it beautiful while also balancing client priorities about functionality, durability, and investment.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?

"Sexual Orientation and the Law" with Renny Fulco. This was 2005, when this area of law was newly evolving. We analyzed court decisions that could potentially set a precedent for gay rights, including *Loving v. Virginia*, which struck down a prohibition against interracial marriage. When the Connecticut Supreme Court legalized same-sex marriage in 2008, they cited this exact case, and I remember thinking, "Wow, what we learned in the classroom wasn't just an academic exercise."

For what are you most grateful to Trinity?

My husband, Drew Barber [also '07]. Our Matriculation speaker told us our future spouses might be among the group of us seated 'neath the elms, and he was right.



For more on Camden Grace Interiors, please visit trincollreporter.online/CamdenGrace.



Lisa Koch Rao '95 presents the Picture House Regional Film Center Lifetime Achievement Award to Amy Kerrigan Cole '95 in spring 2024 in New York.

in humanities program at Salve Regina University in Newport, Rhode Island. My dissertation topic is Collegiate Gothic architecture on American campuses, and dear old Trinity College features prominently. I continue to work full time at Yale and teach part time at the University of Connecticut. Additionally, I recently became the editor and publisher of Ivy Style (Ivy-Style.com). Please check out my article "Trinity's Preppy Culture Defined."

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Beyond our Trinity connection, we shared the connection of being go-to fathers who were also working full time." Check out thecompanyofdads.com.

Lisa Koch Rao writes, "This past spring, as chair of the Picture House Regional Film Center Gala (Westchester, New York), I presented Amy Kerrigan Cole with a Lifetime Achievement Award honoring the work she has done to expand and sustain this awesome arts nonprofit. Will McCormack '96 made a surprise appearance via a televised congratulatory video, and a few other Bantams, including Ashvin Rao and Anne Kierstie Clark Rucci '97, were in attendance. I'm excited for our upcoming 30th Reunion this June, although I can't believe it's been 30 years! The Reunion Committee is in formation; please let us know how you can be involved. It will be a great opportunity to reconnect with friends, visit our favorite campus haunts, and take in all the facility improvements. Looking forward to seeing everyone!"

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Congratulations are in order for Alex Zaitchik on the publication of his third book, a history of Big Pharma called *Owning the Sun: A People's History of Monopoly Medicine from Aspirin to COVID-19 Vaccines*. Alex's previous books include *Common Nonsense: Glenn Beck and the Triumph of Ignorance* (2010) and *The Gilded Rage: A Wild Ride through Trump's America* (2016).

Shara Abraham recently sent her older son, Kaleb, off for his first year at Butler University, where he is majoring in sports media. Shara's younger son, Ari, is an avid artist, pianist, Cleveland sports fan, and budding chef. Shara is an appellate attorney with the National Veterans Legal Services Program, and her husband, Brian, is a rabbi and recently celebrated 10 years at his pulpit.

On New Year's Eve, they'll celebrate 23 years of marriage. They live in New York. Shara says, "The highlight of this past year was a once-in-a-lifetime trip to Rwanda with my dad and sister for my dad's 80th birthday. We trekked with mountain gorillas! And I fulfilled my dream of kayaking in the Norwegian fjords for my 50th."

Jon Goldstein recently caught up with Jenks Whittenburg at a Yankees–Orioles game in the Bronx: "It was awesome to see Jenks. He is back in N.Y.C. teaching at Trinity School on the Upper West Side and enjoying it. I'm still in Colorado and leading up EDF's work to limit methane pollution from the oil and gas industry across North America (Mexico, Canada, and U.S.)." He sent a picture that shows a much happier, optimistic Jon, when the Orioles had won their game, and he was full of hope. As of last night, the Orioles are out. Thoughts and prayers, Jon.

Chris Elia and family have moved to Dublin, Ireland, for her husband's new job. "We had been living in Boston most recently, following a medical move there (for one of my children) from New York City. So far, Dublin feels like a suburb of Boston (or maybe vice versa) in that it is small and walkable, there is (allegedly) an Irish mafia on the north side of the city (I have been cautioned twice by Uber drivers), there are ambitious seagulls all over the city, and it is steeped in history. And *everyone* has a relative in America, generally in Boston and a few in New York. We live in the embassy section, Ballsbridge, and our kids are in local schools and taking Irish (6- and 11-year-olds), French (6-year-old), and Sanskrit (11-year-old). My 11-year-old plays full-contact Gaelic football (I am not entirely sure what that is, but we are going to a professional game shortly where I expect to be horrified), and my 6-year-old does riding lessons (where they say things like, 'Just go on kick 'em harder; it will be fine,' and there are multiple large signs in red type advising people to take out additional accident insurance). Assuming we come home in one piece to the States at some point, we will no doubt have had some great life experiences. I have donned snow pants daily since the end of August to manage the raw and wet weather and will likely make an investment in an outerwear company at some point to get some upside from my recent shopping patterns. All in all, it is a fun and interesting place to live, and we are happy for the opportunity!" Love Chris's description of her experience and love

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**Jon Goldstein '96 and Jenks Whittenburg '96
attend a recent Yankees–Orioles game.**

even more following along on her adventures on Instagram!

Jennifer Crookes Carpenter writes with an update from our old stomping grounds: “I’m back in Hartford full time after a gratifying and demanding stint as director of philanthropy at Long Wharf Theatre in New Haven. I love living halfway between Hartford and New Haven on the train line! I work at Breakfast Lunch & Dinner in Parkville leading fundraising and programming for large-scale cultural events. Reach out whenever you want to meet for lunch at Parkville Market or dinner at Gather55—I’d truly love to reconnect with Trinity friends and acquaintances who live nearby or are passing through Connecticut. My beautiful partner of 13 years, Terrence Lavin, is a metalsmith and art professor at Southern Connecticut State University, and I have two amazing stepkids, one a NICU nurse at Yale and the other a senior at Skidmore. Working in the arts and actively participating in downtown Hartford life, I bump into and spend time with tons of fascinating and fun Trin alumni from across the decades and visit campus quite a bit for mutual mentorships, performances, and events. Happy birthday to all of us who turned or are turning 50 this year—what a weird milestone.”

Let me echo Jen’s sentiments with a big happy birthday to everyone turning 50 this year. It’s been wild and wonderful to hear updates from classmates with kids going to college. Wishing all my classmates health and happiness and minimal joint pain as we march further into middle age. Please stay in touch!

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Hello, everyone! This is **Tanya Jones**, stopping by with a guest appearance to help revive our Class Notes.

I hope everyone is doing well, healthy, and engaged in all that makes you happy and whole. I am coming off of a fun-filled weekend at Camp Trin Trin. Ah, the beauty of that campus was once again breathtaking. Fall was “falling,” as the kids say, and the gorgeous montage of vibrant oranges and yellows took me back to my first time visiting campus during Spring Fling of ’93. We’ll get back to my weekend on campus, but let’s dig in with some news from our classmates first.

Courtney Hadly Zwirn shares this update: “All is well with the Zwirns! Our first-born, Nathan, started his freshman year at Drexel University in Philadelphia in September, where he is studying toward a B.S. in photography! Our middle son, Daniel, is a sophomore in high school, and our youngest is in eighth grade. Ben has been at Vertex Pharmaceuticals for 15 years and is the director of business engagement and technology for clinical systems. If you want to know what that means, shoot him a message on LinkedIn! As for me, after 16 years as a stay-at-home mom, I rejoined the paid workforce in September. I am teaching preschool three mornings a week! I have great co-workers, my commute is a 10-minute walk, and the kids are adorable. Hope everyone is healthy and doing well as we hit the half-century mark!”

Molly Goggins Talbot shares, “It’s been a big year for us Talbots! Jamie ’94 and I celebrated our 25th anniversary in May. In August, Hayes started his first year at Trinity and is very happy. It’s been very fun to see Trinity from a different lens. We were really impressed with the admissions program and onboarding process. Fun fact: Now Trinity celebrates the city of Hartford

in a very opposite way than the ‘we don’t talk about Hartford’ of our times. Hadley is finishing her time at NYU/Tisch as a dramatic writing major. Any screenwriters out there that need an eager assistant? HMU. Lastly, I began a new job as the director of admission and advancement at The Woodhall School in Bethlehem, Connecticut. It’s challenging and super fun, and I’m fortunate to still be able to split my time between Brooklyn and Connecticut.”

Ray Jones submits an update on behalf of **Ryan Saulnier**: “Ryan traveled with wife Amie and four kids across the Western United States this summer visiting seven states (Montana, Idaho, Wyoming, Utah, Arizona, Nevada, and California) and 13 national parks (Zion is their favorite) before returning to Cape Cod to celebrate his 50th birthday with family and friends. Their oldest son, Lucas, started at Concord-Carlisle High School (where Ryan teaches and coaches football) as their youngest, Sebastian, just started kindergarten.”

As for **Ray Jones**, he’s loving the Southern California sun. “Four-and-a-half years of West Coast living has turned me soft. I wear winter coats when it’s 60 degrees. Nothing like Cali sunsets and sandy toe jam.”

Sam Chang writes, “We are flat-out these days. Our 14-, 13-, and 9-year-old kids are fully immersed in school and after-school activities. I tell people that I’m an unpaid Uber driver at night for my kids. All that said, I wouldn’t have it any other way. Biz is doing great. We bought a financial advisory practice in Boston last year, so I’m there like two times a year now for work. I have picked up tennis, which is fun and challenging. I still need to find **Angus Jennings** to do a little competition. Hope all is well with you and the Class of 1997 folks!”

I attended Trinity’s Fall Weekend as a member of the Trinity College Alumni Association and the planning committee for the Black Alumni Reunion (BAR). I nominated **Shaakirrah Sanders** as our keynote speaker for the BAR to share her professional and personal story for “The Journey and the Joy”-themed weekend. She received a standing ovation for her vulnerability, brilliance, wit, and perseverance demonstrated throughout her presentation. Shaakirrah is professor of law, Lewis H. Vovakis Distinguished Faculty Scholar, and associate dean for antiracism and critical pedagogy at Penn State Dickinson Law (the first position along with this title ever established in the country). That’s our former class president



Campbell, Caroline, Kelly, and Jeremy Hough '98 rest after a September 2024 race in Omaha, Nebraska, during their quest to run a 5K in every state in 50 days to raise money for charity.



Geoffrey Zampielo '98, right, enjoys the Bridgewater (Connecticut) Country Fair with wife Amanda and children Morgan and Emma in August 2024.

and Trinity Board of Fellows member. Proud of you, Shaak!

We met with **Bill Bannon** and **Monique Daragjati Bannon**, who were on campus for their first Fall Weekend as Trinity parents! Monique writes, "Our oldest is a [first-year] studying music and neuroscience! So fun to be back on campus and to see Tanya, Shaakirrah, Molly, **Jim O'Hare**, and **Rolando Gonzalez!**"

Monique also gave updates on classmate **Liz Greenlaw Gill**, whose "oldest just started at Fordham," and classmates **Katie Whitters Vaughn** and **Nat Vaughn**, who "just traveled to Italy to visit their oldest, who is studying abroad."

Lastly, I still wear my producer hat but now through my own production company Mama Bear Media Group, working with clients from fintech to nonprofits. I produce a live storytelling event titled "Can We Kick It?" in Harlem. Please check us out on Instagram @canwekickit_harlem! My coaching practice continues after 10 years of being a certified professional coach. I work with clients through their career challenges and in pursuit of personal and professional transformation. My son is well and continues to pursue his music as an artist and also as an audio engineer. He also works on the tech

crew for "Can We Kick It" as a camera operator and editor. My other baby boy is thriving and making my heart full as a dog mama!

Thank you everyone for submitting updates! Lots of love to everyone.

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Geoffrey Zampielo and his family had some fun last summer. He reports that in August, he and his daughters, Morgan, 10, and Emma, 7, and his wife, Amanda, enjoyed attending the Bridgewater Country Fair in Bridgewater, Connecticut.

Jeremy Hough and I were able to catch up in July while visiting our children who attend the same summer camp. He was excited to tell me how his family was getting ready to embark on a big adventure. In September, Jeremy, wife Kelly, and daughters Campbell and Caroline set out to run a 5K in every state and Washington, D.C., in just 50 days. This endeavor was to raise money and awareness for two charities, Smile Train and The Association. Followers could track their journey on Facebook and Instagram by searching "Run 50 Strong."

1999 President: **William M. Mahoney** • Vice President: **Michael J. York** • Secretary: **Alyssa Daigle Schoenfeld**, alyssa.daigle.1999@trincoll.edu
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Classmates, it's a quiet quarter for us. Your class secretary is enjoying L.A. weather and went on a cruise to Alaska in August. I highly recommend both.

Dan Berman writes, "Went back to Trinity with my wife, Lauren Morello, for the celebration of Renny Fulco and to raise money for the Public Policy Program after a (fun) summer of all the legal political news at CNN."

Hopefully some of you will have attended Fall Weekend by the time you receive this!

2002 President: **Shayla L. Titley** • Secretary: **Ellen Zarchin**, ellen.zarchin.2002@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Shakira Ramos Crespo**, **Dave Kayiatos**, **Nhung My Thi Lam**, **Ellen Zarchin**
Hello! I hope this edition of the *Reporter* finds the Class of 2002 well!

Jen Villa recently stepped into the role of executive director at Love Live Local, a nonprofit founded in 2013. Love Live Local champions Cape Cod's small business community. You can check out more out at www.lovelivelocal.com. Shop local! Thanks for writing, Jen! Keep us posted, and congrats!

Bryan Armstrong was elected president of the Louisville Bar Association. Congratulations! Bryan skied with **Parker McBrier** last winter and speaks regularly with **Will Canning** and **Rob Segan**. Parker, Will, and Rob, send me an update for the next *Reporter* on what you are up to these days!

Rebecca Brosnan launched a new business in August called The HALO Planner (thehaloplanner.com), which creates paper planning products for busy people who want a high-impact life. She also joined the board of a London Stock Exchange-listed company called Taylor Maritime Investments, which is an owner of dry-bulk ships. Congrats!

Please send your notes to me at ellen-zarchin@hotmail.com. Until next time. . .

2003 President: **Trude Goodman Tiesi** • Vice President: **Kiran Melwani** • Secretary: **Joe Noonan**, [joe.noonan.2003@trincoll.edu](mailto:noonan.2003@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: **Brian Howard**, **Suzanne Schwartz Pfeffer**, **Des Potier**, **Laura Rand**, **Suz Schwartz** • [f/groups/trinitycollege2003](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinitycollege2003)

Greetings, Class of '03! This dispatch marks two *Reporters* in a row with content from 2003. Congratulations to us! Not surprisingly, our classmates are out in the world doing great things in a variety of pursuits. Without further ado . . .

Matt Weissman checks in from Northport, New York, on Long Island to report the

Mark Yanagisawa '14

DEGREE:

B.S. in engineering with a mechanical engineering concentration, minor in architectural studies

JOB TITLE:

Reliability engineer at Kimberly Clark in Chester, Pennsylvania

FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

While there are many to choose from, a favorite memory was setting the school record for the 200 butterfly my freshman year!

What was your path to your current position?

I started as a mechanical engineer at Kimberly Clark just three weeks after graduation day. Our manufacturing facility is the proud home of Scott 1000, where we take raw fibers and produce finished rolls and bundles you see in stores and take home. I started off on a project team working on capital projects developing, planning, and installing equipment and moved into an asset engineering position where I was the mechanical engineer overseeing the maintenance, reliability, and operation of a paper machine. My time and experience in that role led me to my current position as a reliability engineer. This year, I celebrated 10 years with the company.

What do you do in your role? As a reliability engineer, I am focused on preventing equipment failures and improving the efficiency of our machines. I analyze machine performance data and collaborate with maintenance and operations teams to develop and implement strategies to predict and prevent failures. Working in manufacturing is dynamic and provides me with a lot of different and interesting projects to work on while seeing results through the improvements.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I love the variety of projects—designing new equipment, improving the condition-monitoring routes, or piloting the latest vibration technology.

What are the biggest challenges you face? A challenge that I face is improving the communication between the asset teams and across the departments to ensure that there is alignment and understanding across the team. When working with big teams at work, at school, or at home, communication helps build trust and relationships and avoids misunderstanding.

How did Trinity help prepare you for what you do now? Trinity helped me develop critical thinking and problem-solving skills. The engineering classes and professors taught us to take a problem, break it down to its smallest parts, solve for the unknowns, and, ultimately, solve for the answer by building it back up. This has been so important and helpful when faced with a new problem, where I can methodically take steps to build my understanding and solve the problems.



What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? “Engineering 120,” where we designed, built, and programmed an autonomous robot to compete in the RoboWaiter competition. While I do not remember how we placed, I do have fond memories of the late nights with my classmates overcoming programming issues and repairing broken parts.

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? Professor [Emilie] Dressaire had an impact on my Trinity education and taught me the importance of working through problems systematically and being dedicated and focused in all aspects in and out of the classroom.

What advice would you give to current students interested in a career in engineering? Be curious. Take the initiative to learn as much as you can about a subject, and ask others for information and advice. Also, embrace failure, which is inevitable, both in school and industry, but it is important to reflect and to learn from the mistakes and to use them to succeed.

Did you participate in any extracurricular activities at Trinity? Why did you enjoy them? During my time at Trinity, I was involved in several extracurricular activities that shaped my time at the College and provided me with a community that I will forever remember. I was a student-athlete on the swimming and diving team, a member of the Pi Kappa Alpha fraternity, a co-founder of the Trinity College Engineers Without Borders Club, a Quest participant and three-year leader, and a TA for several engineering courses. I really enjoyed how I was able to try new things, discover my interests, and be introduced to lifelong friends through these programs.



Cliff Stevens '03 and Coley Dale '03 take in a street festival in Barcelona in July 2024.

arrival of baby number two, Alice, who joins older brother Miles. Matt and his wife are building a new home, and he will gladly welcome any Trinity classmates needing shelter . . . in exchange for a six-pack of Natty Light.

In Trinity's backyard, **Janice Castle** serves as the director of community engagement for the City of Hartford, where she manages all facets of community relations, oversees Hartford 311, and develops and implements resident outreach and engagement strategies. Additionally, Janice serves as board president for Rebuilding Together Hartford.

Sarah Weisberg reports that she is a licensed psychologist in the Maryland suburbs of D.C. and is the founder and director of Potomac Therapy Group. Sarah's specialty is women's psychology, and her team has providers specializing in many different areas. Sarah is grateful for the amazing faculty at Trinity for helping her get started in the field of psychology!

Cliff Stevens and his family traveled to Minorca and Barcelona last July and had a great time visiting **Coley Dale** and his family for a few days in Barcelona. From boating to festivals, a day trip to Sitges, cava, everything Gaudi, and amazing meals along the way, Cliff highly recommends making the trip and looking up Coley, as he is an awesome global citizen with great recommendations.

Just over nine years ago, **Alexa Finnerud Krause** embarked on an exciting journey, moving to London as a newlywed, eager to experience life abroad and gain a fresh perspective on the world. Alexa and her husband settled in various parts of central London, traveled extensively (at least initially), adopted some British-isms, and even started a family there. This summer, she and her family repatriated to America to their dream destination: Charleston, South Carolina.



Courtney Cregan '09 is part of the Olive Well real estate team in Chicago.

Alexa and her husband are excited to be back and to show their three British-born children (along with their British cat!) just how wonderful this place is. She would love to reconnect with anyone who finds themselves in her neck of the woods or anyone curious about the expat life.

Melissa Leone completed a master's degree in education at Vanderbilt University with a focus on independent school leadership! She's in her 16th year at The Linsly School in Wheeling, West Virginia, where she is the upper school dean.

That's all for now, but please keep the updates coming!

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Matt Sullivan '10 marks completing the Ironman in Cambridge, Maryland, in September 2024.

2007 Secretary: **Vacant** • Class Agents: **Joey Butler**, **Jenny Carson**, **Devon Lawrence**, **Samuel J. Rednor** • [f/groups/TrinityClassof2007](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityClassof2007)

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2009 President: **Danae G. McKenzie** • Secretary: **Caitlin M. Brisson**, caitlin.brisson.2009@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Danae G. McKenzie**, **Kumud Nepal**, **Alexandra Klestadt Patack**, **Alexandra Purdie Wueger** **Courtney Cregan** has returned to her hometown of Chicago, joining the Olive Well real estate team at Compass after working at the number one small real estate team in Palm Beach, Florida. "Olive Well is a group of phenomenal agents who have blown me away with their passion for real estate and how they treat their clients like family." So, whether you're looking to buy, sell, rent, or catch up, send her an email at cregan@compass.com.

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2010 President: **Jordyn Sims Pierce** • Vice President: **Stephanie E. Apstein** • Secretary: **Rebecca M. Herrigel**, rebecca.herrigel.2010@trincoll.edu •



2010 classmates Sarah Blanks Trotsky, Kristina Pappas Braithwaite, Allison McHenry Frangieh, Alyssa Simpson Rochwerger, and Stephanie Apstein celebrate Allison's birthday in summer 2024 in New York.

Class Agents: James Bancroft, Justin Barrett, Raquasheva Ramirez Darcy, Adam Dawson, Emilia Gagnon Lamb, Amye Waterhouse • [f/groups/777318939001542](https://www.facebook.com/groups/777318939001542)

Hi, everyone, happy Reunion year! The big 1-5! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at rmherrigel@gmail.com if you have any news you'd like to share for the next *Reporter*.

Matt "Sully" Sullivan completed the Ironman in Cambridge, Maryland, in September 2024. What an incredible accomplishment! I asked Sully if he'd be interested in training other alumni if they wanted to do an Ironman, and he said, "I'd be more than happy to talk with anyone considering doing one, especially a total rookie like myself."

Sarah Blanks Trotsky, Kristina Pappas Braithwaite, Allison McHenry Frangieh, Alyssa Simpson Rochwerger, and Stephanie Apstein gathered at Stephanie's home in New York to celebrate Allison's birthday last summer for some Trinity girl time, leaving the kids and plus-ones at home.

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

2012 President: John Michael Mason • Vice President: Andrew J. Koris • Secretary: Mary Kate Morr, mary.morr.2012@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: James J. Armillay, Naomi Sobelson Mashburn, John Michael Mason, Charles McConnell, Mary Kate Morr, Michael Schlesinger • [f/groups/trincoll2012](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trincoll2012)

2013 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Lauren Aber, Perin Adams, Caroline Brewster, Kevin Clark, Malcolm X. Evans, Emily Howe Gianis
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2013 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.

2014 President: Mark Yanagisawa • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Carl Barreto, Benjamin Plumer, Victoria C. Trentacoste
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From the Alumni Office: Taniqua Huguley-Chaplin, director of economic mobility initiatives at United Way of Central and Northeastern Connecticut, was named to the *Hartford Business Journal's* 2024 "40 Under Forty" list. In her role, she works to create programs and resources that help individuals and families in the community become economically secure. Taniqua earned a master's from Trinity in 2017.

2016 President: Joshua J. Frank • Secretary: Ashira E. Anderson, ashira.anderson.2016@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Ethan Cantor, Whitney Gulden, David Linden, Kathryn Orticerio Nesbitt, Ian Robinson • [f/groups/Trinity2016](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Trinity2016)

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2019 President: William J. Duggan III • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Rachel Brigham, Emma Godi, Talia La Schiazza, Molly McGonigle, Simran Sheth, Stephanie Velarde
Max Furigay earned a Ph.D. in chemistry from the University of Pennsylvania last spring and works in Washington, D.C., at intellectual property law firm Sterne, Kessler, Goldstein, and Fox in its biotechnology/chemical practice group. He is splitting time between D.C. and Philadelphia and getting very familiar with the Amtrak Northeast Regional.

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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
Friends, this winter no doubt brings new experiences for many of us. It is hard to imagine, but we are only a few years away from our 5th Reunion. No doubt you will all be hearing from our class officers soon about exciting plans for a return to Trinity. In the time since we have graduated, many changes have continued to mark Trinity. Among them this year is the search for a new president amid the departure in June of President Joanne Berger Sweeney; updates from the College are anticipated soon, and I hope that each of you took the opportunity to provide your feedback and thoughts on the search.

As always, I ask that you share your experiences, updates, and milestones with me. Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email (brendanwclark@outlook.com) or telephone (610-781-8446).

I, secretary Brendan W. Clark, passed the Delaware bar exam in July. In addition to being an attorney, I joined the advisory board of the Read House and Gardens in Old New Castle, Delaware. I also am restarting a local club for Trinity alumni in the region; please



Shaun McGann '14 and Hannah Beath (Sewanee: The University of the South, Class of '14) were married on May 12, 2024, at the Villa Aurelia in Rome, where they met 11 years ago while studying abroad. Joining the happy couple are Matthew Ehrhard '14, Tony Stephans '14, Alex Gray '14, Andrew McNair '14, Wes Simon '14, and John Shilling '14. McGann, McNair, and Simon all played soccer for the Bantams (2010 through 2014). Missing from the photo is Will Stankiewicz '14, another former Bantam soccer player.

write if you are in Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, or New Jersey.

Erkin Verbeek graduated from MIT with an M.S. in computational science and engineering.

Pearl Rourke is delighted to announce that she passed the Connecticut bar exam! She is a law clerk at the Connecticut Superior Court, where her responsibilities include researching and writing for the court.

2022 Co-president: **Nayantara Ghosh** • Co-president: **Shawn Olstein** • Co-secretary: **Alexandra C. Chambers**, alexandra.chambers.2022@trincoll.edu; Co-secretary: **Hannah M. Lynch**, hannah.lynych.2022@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Mia Conte**, **Ishaan Madhok**, **Matthew Solomon**, **Alexander Sowinski**

Amelia Huba graduated from Northwestern University with an M.P.P.A.

Han Lynch earned an M.P.A. from UNC Chapel Hill.

Hanifa Darwish earned an M.S. in education policy analysis from the University of Pennsylvania.

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

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2024 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: **CC Bennett**, **Alden Glovsky**, **Matt Pecora**, **Gabe Zeccolella**

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IDP Secretary: **Shahzad Keith Joseph IDP'19**, shahzad.joseph@trincoll.edu

• Class Agents: **Robert F. Peltier IDP'91**, **Liliana Polley IDP'21**, **Roberta M. Rogers IDP'10**

From the Alumni Office: **Joan Vincent IDP'86** recently published *The Keeper*. An excerpt from the book jacket reads: "*The Keeper* is framed in the world of corporate design and chronicles behind-the-scenes decision-making and conflicts at the architectural firm charged with managing the Moses Rocket renovation for one of Hartford's leading insurance companies." Carol Shields, Pulitzer Prize-winning author of *The Stone Diaries*, wrote the following about *The Keeper*: "Luminous writing. Observations, psychological and those that bounce off the natural world, are daring and precise, real leaps of courage that work." Joan is an award-winning poet, corporate designer, and educator. She also is the author of the coming-of-age novel *Because Mother Liked to Dance*; a children's picture book, *Molly Marbles*; and a children's chapter book, *The Legend of the Lost Lilies*. She lives with her husband outside of Boston.

Master's Co-secretary: **Crisanne Colgan M'74**, crisanne.colgan.1974@trincoll.edu • Co-secretary:

Christopher McBride M'93, christopher.mcbride.1993@trincoll.edu

Farnham Collins M'69 shares, "[After Trinity], I continued as a history teacher at the Millbrook School for a number of years. The Trinity program in those days was geared to a teacher's schedule. I have good memories of the courses I took, most particularly one or two with [history] Professor Bankwitz. I wish Trinity College well."

John Creelan M'72 writes, "I am the founder and director of artsandsociety.org and have been creating concerts and concert/dramas since 1979. On June 14, we will host our 45th annual Bloomsday event of music, drama, and humor based on the life and writing of James Joyce. This event will be at the Katharine Cornell Theatre in Vineyard Haven, on Martha's Vineyard. (Actually, we had a show at Trinity back in the early '80s when Borden Painter, my thesis adviser, was running the College.)"

From the Alumni Office: **Crisanne Colgan M'74** shares: "I was delighted to experience the extraordinary 27th annual Albert Schweitzer Organ Festival in our beautiful Chapel on September 22. The festival is one of the top competitions for young artists in North America. Jacob Gruss, this year's winner, performed in a concert featuring the Hartford Symphony Orchestra and Christopher Houlihan '09, John Rose College Organist-and-Directorship Distinguished Chair of Chapel Music. If you live in the area, I encourage you to attend next year's festival to enjoy a powerful experience highlighting music for the organ and orchestra. Also in September, I enjoyed the 10th annual WLC garden party hosted by Julie Mancuso '96, M'05. Julie is former co-chair of the Women's Leadership Council (WLC). This annual gathering connects alumnae from across the decades while providing an opportunity to hear updates from the College."

Chris LaRoche M'93 writes, "I recently retired after 22 years of part-time teaching at Northeastern University in Boston after finishing teaching my 100th course."

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“Increasing our support is our way of ensuring that Trinity continues to provide the same transformative experience for future generations.”

For **Bryan Blake '04**, Trinity provided the ideal blend of academics and athletics, shaping his college experience. **Abby (Samolis) Blake '04** cherished the small-school environment, enriched by larger opportunities, including the Cities Program and studying abroad in Córdoba, Spain.

Today, their children proudly wear Bantam gear. Bryan and Abby are thankful that Trinity remains a community to which they feel deeply connected, through friendships and shared experiences.

As longtime donors, Bryan and Abby's philanthropic journey has evolved from a simple act of gratitude to a deeper commitment ensuring that future students can fully embrace the Trinity experience. For them, joining the Long Walk Societies felt like a natural next step as they celebrated their 20th Reunion.

“Twenty years provided a chance to reflect on what Trinity means to us. Increasing our support is our way of ensuring that Trinity continues to provide the same transformative experience for future generations. Giving back has been a source of pride and fulfillment, and it's rewarding to know that we are contributing to the continued success of an institution that has played such a pivotal role in our lives.”



To join the Long Walk Societies or to learn more, visit www.trincoll.link/LongWalkSocieties.



In Memory

V-12 William S. Licht, 101, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on July 31, 2024.

Licht attended American International College before participating in the U.S. Navy V-12 program, attending Trinity and then Northwestern University. He went on to graduate from dental school at Tufts University. Licht served as a dentist during the Korean War and then in private practice.

Licht is survived by his wife of 79 years, Jean; sons Richard and Kenneth; four grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

1950 Bernard F. Wilbur Jr., 97, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on July 19, 2024.

Wilbur served in the U.S. Navy before entering Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi and earned a B.S. in mathematics. He worked for Phoenix Mutual before being recalled to the U.S. Navy to serve during the Korean War. Wilbur later worked at Connecticut Bank and Trust and then Hartford Insurance Group, where he retired as a senior vice president. The loyal alumnus served on Trinity's Board of Fellows and as president of the National Alumni Association (now the Trinity College Alumni Association) and received honors including the Alumni Medal for Excellence.

Wilbur is survived by son Ben, daughter-in-law Donna, and one granddaughter. He was predeceased by wife Ruth and sisters Eleanor Silverio and Janet Cosby.

1951 George W. Laub, 96, of Lake View, New York, died on May 1, 2024.

Laub earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club and the lacrosse team. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned an

M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. His career included several decades managing stocks at Niagara Share Corporation before founding George W. Laub & Associates, a registered investment advisory firm where he worked for 30 years.

Laub is survived by children George Laub (Heidi), Lorinda Laub Burger '86 (Van), and Thomas Laub (Laura); three grandchildren; former wife Sandra; and brother Irving Laub '52 (Elaine). He was predeceased by brother Robert Laub '54 and a grandson.

1952 Kenneth D. Thomas, 97, of East Haven, Connecticut, died on September 3, 2024.

Thomas served in the U.S. Army during World War II and the Korean War before graduating Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in history. He went on to study at the General Theological Seminary and to be ordained an Episcopal priest. Thomas served several parishes, including St. John's Church in Essex, Connecticut, for 28 years and Christ Church Episcopal in New Haven for 20 years.

1954 Donald W. Kimmick, 91, of Raleigh, North Carolina, died on July 6, 2024.

Kimmick earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Glee Club, the Chapel Choir, and the Trinity Pipes. He went on to attend seminary at the Berkeley Divinity School at Yale University and to earn an Ed.D. from Columbia University. Kimmick served as rector at The Church of the Good Shepherd in Midland Park, New Jersey, for 29 years and as chaplain at the Seamen's Church Institute for a decade. The licensed family counselor also taught at several

higher education institutions.

Kimmick is survived by wife Genevieve; children Adam '86 and Gretchen '85; five grandchildren, including Carolyn Kimmick '15; and one great-grandchild.

1957 Robert J. Douglas, 89, of Cary, North Carolina, died on September 18, 2024.

Douglas earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to earn a master's in mechanical engineering from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Douglas's career included time as vice president of research and development at General Electric and as president and CEO of Maul Technology.

Douglas is survived by his wife of 67 years, Hollie; daughters Cathy Meacham (Bill) and Theresa Sterlina (Pat); five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Robert Jr. and a grandson.

1957 Russell W. Partridge, 88, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on June 24, 2024.

Partridge attended Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played soccer, before working in insurance at Travelers, F.B. Hall, and AON Risk Associates. He also served in the Connecticut Air Force National Guard.

Partridge is survived by wife Marty; children Cindy Hunn (Stephen), David Partridge (Lisa Rose), and Douglas Partridge (Kimberly DiTolla); six grandchildren, including Cameron Partridge '26; one great-granddaughter; brother Gordon Partridge '52; and sister-in-law Doris Stauff.

1958 Gary L. Bogli, 87, of Vernon, Connecticut, died on June 29, 2024.

Bogli earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as vice president of Alpha Chi Rho and played varsity soccer. He went on to earn an M.Ed. from the University of Hartford. Much of Bogli's 37-year career in education was spent in South Windsor (Connecticut) Public Schools, including teaching social studies at Timothy Edwards Middle School. He also served in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Army Reserve. The dedicated alumnus was a longtime class agent and class officer who served on several Reunion Committees.

Bogli is survived by his wife of 59 years, Elizabeth "Bette"; children Stephen Bogli (Lenka), Sharon Kerr (Richard), and Heather Zilora (James); five grandchildren; and siblings Selden Bogli (Terry), Mark Bogli, and Kurt Bogli (Bonnie).

1958 Stephen W. Smith, 91, of Las Vegas, died on May 24, 2024.

Smith earned a B.A. in history and economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He began his finance career at the National Bank of Detroit and went on to work in equipment financing for global ventures in high-tech, biotech, and emerging growth companies. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Smith is survived by his wife of 65 years, Judith; children Constance Lundy '82 (Darryl), Stephen Smith Jr. (Eve), and Peter Smith (Celeste); and three grandchildren.

1959 James T. Canivan, 86, of Charleston, South Carolina, died on July 29, 2024.

Canivan graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in economics. He was a member of Alpha Chi

Rho and the Newman Club and played basketball and baseball. Canivan went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Chicago and later opened a law practice in Glastonbury, Connecticut. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Canivan is survived by children Gregory Canivan (Christine), Melinda Swafford (William), and Laurianne Canivan and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 35 years, Ann, and his sister, Catherine “Bunny” Canivan.

1960 William J. Noonan, 88, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on September 22, 2024.

Noonan earned a B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of the Newman Club. He worked for Pratt & Whitney for 35 years. Noonan also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Noonan is survived by siblings Patricia Gallagher (Eugene), Peter Noonan, and Mary Zawisza. He was predeceased by brother Carroll Noonan.

1960, M.A. 1961 Alan K. Salmon, 86, of Delran, New Jersey, died on August 1, 2024.

Salmon graduated Phi Beta Kappa with an interdisciplinary B.A. He was a member of the Concert Choir, The Chapel Singers, and the Spanish Club. Salmon remained at Trinity to earn an M.A. in history and went on to earn an M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary and a D.Min. from Drew University. He served in churches in New Jersey, including as rector of Christ Episcopal Church in Riverton for 33 years. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Salmon was predeceased by brother Walter Salmon Jr.

1962 Robert C. Nielsen, 83, of Brooklyn, New York, died on August 19, 2024.

Nielsen earned a B.A. in economics before earning a

law degree from the George Washington University. His legal career included time with Cullen and Dykman and later in private practice. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Nielsen is survived by his sister, Carol Salisbury (Baker).

1963 Remsen C. Barnard IV, 82, of Walnut Creek, California, died on June 4, 2024.

Barnard earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and took part in cheerleading. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned an M.B.A. and J.D. from Golden Gate University. Barnard had a private practice specializing in estate and contract law.

Barnard is survived by wife Vera, daughter Jennifer, son-in-law Chuck, four grandchildren, three great-grandchildren, and siblings Bill, Tom, JD, and Susanne.

1963 Robert C. Knox III, 83, of Savannah, Georgia, died on May 27, 2024.

Knox earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he served as president of Delta Kappa Epsilon and chair of Campus Chest. He went on to work in fundraising, as the owner of a guest house and restaurant, and at a document storage firm.

Knox is survived by children Heather Knox and Robert Knox IV (Naomi), three grandchildren, brother Lance Knox (Mary), former wife Ronni, and former wife Kim. He was predeceased by sister Leonice Knox.

1963 Cyril Yonov, 83, of Toledo, Ohio, died on July 31, 2024.

Yonov earned a B.S. in German from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the track and cross country teams. He went on to a career with Owens Corning, retiring from the international division.

Yonov is survived by his wife

of 56 years, Carol, and his sister, Tanya Harvey. He was predeceased by brother Serge.

1964 Robert F. Chagnot, 88, of Boston, died on June 2, 2024.

Chagnot served in the U.S. Army before attending Trinity, where he earned a B.S. in biology. He went on to earn a master's degree in psychology and worked as a school social worker.

Chagnot is survived by his wife of 58 years, Anne, and daughter Kathryn Chagnot (Bruce Hounsell).

1964 Christopher T. Gilson, 82, of Easton, Maryland, died on September 29, 2024.

Gilson earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and played squash and lacrosse. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth. Gilson's career included 16 years at Citicorp/Citibank and serving as president of Homecomings Inc., a GMAC mortgage subsidiary. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Gilson is survived by his wife of 57 years, Katherine; daughters Amy Twomey (Matt) and Susanna “Susu” Ribaudo '97 (Charles); five grandchildren; and brother Peter Gilson (Peggotty).

1964 Robert K. Wenger, 81, of Franklin, North Carolina, died on July 12, 2024.

Wenger earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Air Force ROTC Rifle Team. He went on to attend Air Force War College and to earn an M.B.A. Wenger retired from the U.S. Air Force after serving for nearly three decades, including during the Vietnam War and Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm.

Wenger is survived by his wife of 56 years, Charlene; children Lora Booher (Brad), Jan Wenger

(Pep), and Bobby Wenger Jr.; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

1966 Anthony D. Whittemore, 79, formerly of Sherborn, Massachusetts, died on August 14, 2024.

Whittemore earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Trinity Pipes, and the Senate and played lacrosse. He went on to earn an M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Whittemore was a vascular surgeon and professor of surgery at Harvard Medical School; he dedicated more than 35 years to Brigham and Women's Hospital in Boston. He also served in the U.S. Navy.

Whittemore is survived by his wife of 58 years, Rhodie; children Tony '90, Joshua '93, and Sarah; seven grandchildren, including Nathaniel '27; and brother Jamie. He was predeceased by brother Tim.

1967 Luther L. Terry Jr., 79, of Vero Beach, Florida, died on August 3, 2024.

Terry earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played football and lacrosse. While enrolled at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania, he put an M.B.A. on hold to serve in the U.S. Army and as a Green Beret. Terry had a 41-year career with Credit Suisse, ultimately serving as managing director of the Corporate Services Department. The loyal alumnus served the College as a trustee and was a member of the Elms Society; he was honored with the Alumni Achievement Award in 2002, and he and his wife were named to the Wall of Honor in 2005.

Terry is survived by wife Belinda, son Luther III '24, sister Janet Kollock (David), and sister-in-law Joan Terry. He was predeceased by brother Michael Terry.

1970 Lucian “Luke” Zielinski, 77, of Newington, Connecticut, died on June 23, 2024.

Zielinski attended Trinity before a career in retail management. He retired in 2010 from the Follett Corporation.

Zielinski is survived by siblings Victor Zielinski, Walter Zielinski, and Olga Johns (Cliff).

1972 Almer J. “Jay” Mandt III, 74, of Wichita, Kansas, died on June 20, 2024.

Mandt graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in philosophy. The Illinois Scholar served as chair of the Philosophy Club and as a contributing editor and business manager of *The Trinity Tripod*. Mandt went on to earn an M.A. and Ph.D. in philosophy from Vanderbilt University and to a career as a faculty member at Wichita State University. He also authored two books.

Mandt is survived by sisters Sue Mandt, Barb Mandt, Cathy Berg (Ervin), and Deb Keleher.

1988 David W. Lemons, 58, of Wenham, Massachusetts, died on August 10, 2024.

Lemons earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he served as president of Delta Psi and studied away at the London School of Economics. During his career in finance, he became a registered investment adviser with Merrill Lynch, earned a CFA designation, and started his own firm, Alapocas Investment Partners.

Lemons is survived by wife Nancy; children James and Sydney Lemons; first wife Lisa Lemons; stepdaughters Katherine and Eliza Littlehale; mother Janet Lemons; sister Martha Lemons; and brother-in-law Henry Sherrill.

1989 Bryan D. Hauptfuhrer, 57, of Wayne, Pennsylvania, died on September 12, 2024.

Hauptfuhrer earned a B.S. in computer science from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta

Psi and the squash team and served as editor of *The Trinity Papers*. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Carnegie-Mellon University. Hauptfuhrer's career included time at Travelers, Diamond Technology Partners, and Comcast. The loyal alumnus served as a class agent and career adviser.

Hauptfuhrer is survived by wife Linda, daughter Amanda, mother Barbara Hauptfuhrer, and siblings Brenda Helber and Bruce Hauptfuhrer.

1991 Timothy J. McNulty, 54, of Pittsburgh, died on July 5, 2024.

McNulty earned a B.A. in history and philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. After earning a master's in journalism from New York University, he worked in the Washington Bureau of *The New York Times* and then spent 18 years at the *Pittsburgh Post-Gazette*. McNulty later served as director of communications in the administration of the Pittsburgh mayor and as vice president of public affairs for the Pittsburgh Penguins.

McNulty is survived by wife Jennifer, daughter Lillian, mother Priscilla “Kitsy” McNulty, and sister Becky Randall (Tim). He was predeceased by his father, Arthur McNulty Jr. '62, also a Trinity alumnus.

1997 David H. Dibble, 50, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on August 4, 2024.

Dibble earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he played lacrosse. He lived in India for a decade, helping to establish an ashram.

Dibble is survived by parents Mary and Sandy Dibble and sisters Sarah Harris and Elizabeth Dibble (Jon Kuczmariski).

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1987 Ency S. Richardson, 79, of Harwinton, Connecticut, died on May 15, 2024.

Richardson graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a degree in psychology.

Richardson is survived by her companion of 32 years, Neville; children Heidi Ergin (Tarik), Chris Richardson, and Amy O'Reilly (James); daughter-in-law Norma Richardson; son-in-law Jim Leary; five grandchildren; and Neville's children, grandchildren, and siblings.

MASTER'S

1964 Rodney M. Jaros, 85, of Southbury, Connecticut, died on June 28, 2024.

Jaros earned a B.S. from Fairfield University before earning an M.A. in English from Trinity and an M.L.S. from the University of Hartford. He began his career as an English teacher and then served as a librarian, working for more than 30 years at Horace Greeley High School in Chappaqua, New York, and later in the library of Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut.

Jaros is survived by children Kristin Boylan (Timothy), Matthew Jaros (Emily Wong), and Mark Jaros; four grandchildren; sister Melanie Donnelly (Andrew); and sisters-in-law Stephania Dedman and Margaret Butler (Dennis).

1966 Dorothy Micloskey Ives, 98, of Terryville, Connecticut, died on September 23, 2024.

Ives earned a B.S. from Central Connecticut State University before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She taught English and drama in the Bristol (Connecticut) Public Schools.

Ives is survived by sons Mark Micloskey and David Micloskey (Nancy) and one granddaughter. She was predeceased by husband Edwin, first husband Stanley Micloskey, son Ken Micloskey, and sister Marion Dandonoli.

1967 Mary Klett Ryan, 87, of Rutland, Vermont, died on July 12, 2024.

Ryan earned a B.A. from Saint Joseph College before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She taught elementary school in Newington, Connecticut, and later opened a quilting business, Mary K Ryan Design.

Ryan is survived by children Stephen Ryan (Jeanette), Mary Kate Whittum (Jamie), and Maura Ryan (Tri Nguyen); three grandchildren; brother Michael Klett (Janet); and sister-in-law Maureen Klett. She was predeceased by her husband of 36 years, Thomas Ryan; brothers John Klett (E. Joyce), Joseph Klett, and Richard Klett; and sisters-in-law Charlene Fitzgerald, Martha Fabian, and Margaret “Peg” Noonan.

1972 Archangelo A. D'Amato of Vernon, Connecticut, died on September 1, 2024.

D'Amato earned a B.A. from Central Connecticut State University before earning an M.A. in history from Trinity. He went on to teach for a decade and then moved into pharmaceutical sales and real estate. D'Amato later taught real estate principles at institutions including Manchester Community College.

D'Amato is survived by his wife of 56 years, Jo Ann; children Scott (Pamela), Neal (Michelle), Marc (Jamie), and Marla (David Mozzer); two grandchildren; and siblings Louise Herdlein, Maria (George Prattson), Anthony (Catherine), and Joseph (Leslie).

1977 Joan B. Delphia, 73, of Windsor, Connecticut, died on June 18, 2024.

Delphia earned a B.A. from Boston College before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She taught middle school math and then worked at Travelers for 25 years.

Delphia is survived by her husband of 51 years, Larry; children Christopher Delphia and Alexandra Wittner (Mark); one granddaughter; brother-in-law

David Story; and sisters-in-law Patricia Griswold and Kathy Passafiume (Jack). She was predeceased by sister Julie Ann Story.

1977 Robert Feige, 75, of Wayland, Massachusetts, died on June 21, 2024.

Feige earned a B.A. from the University of Connecticut before earning a M.A. in economics from Trinity. He was an entrepreneur and business consultant.

Feige is survived by wife Pat, son Chris, daughter-in-law Siena, and two granddaughters.

1981 Mark D. Kostin, 76, of Cheshire, Connecticut, died on September 3, 2024.

Kostin served in the CIA during the Vietnam War before earning a B.S. from Central Connecticut State University. He later earned an M.A. in English from Trinity and a sixth-year certificate in educational leadership from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and Southern Connecticut State University. Kostin worked for two decades as an educator and principal for the State of Connecticut Department of Corrections and then as an administrator for other organizations and towns.

Kostin is survived by his wife of 45 years, Joan; daughters Susan Washburn (Ethan) and Shannon Kostin (Robert Beringer); one granddaughter; and brothers-in-law Thomas Flaherty (Elizabeth Lalik) and Robert Flaherty. He was predeceased by brother-in-law William Flaherty.

DEATH NOTICES

HON. 1989 Elizabeth D. Hay

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.

Alumni Events



1. Summer Reception
Los Angeles, California
August 18, 2024

Michael Horowitz '28, Greta Kessel P'28, and Ben Horowitz '28



2. Young Alumni Gathering
Manhattan, New York
September 25, 2024

Simi Schreiber '23, Alli Futter '23, Megan Maher '23, August Theoharides '23, Kevin Erickson '21, and Grant Hoeffner '21



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Fall Weekend—On Campus, October 25–27, 2024

3. Coach Wendy Bartlett and members of the 2024 women's squash national title team showing off their championship rings

4. Trinity College cheerleaders

5. Fans at the football game

6. Class of 1967 Scholar Ernella Grant '25 and Charley Kurz '67, P'99 at the Scholars Breakfast

7. Assistant Professor of American Studies and History Channon Miller '11, Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jonathan Ashby '10, Associate Professor of English David Sterling Brown '06, and Francesca Borges Gordon '82 at the Black Alumni Reunion Faculty Panel

8. Bantam football crowd



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Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



I think this is a highlight in my entire 90-year life. It brings comfort to my heart. A marvelous feeling of oneness with my community.

ANN GARRETT ROBINSON, former assistant professor of psychology, on a New Haven street being named in her honor; *New Haven Register*, October 21, 2024

Federal legislation on NIL could create a more equitable, transparent, and stable environment for college athletes, ensuring they can benefit from their own talents while protecting their rights.

JASON ROJAS, chief of staff and associate vice president for external affairs, on NIL (name, image, and likeness) reform; *The Hartford Courant*, October 8, 2024

Winter creates the oh-so-fun challenge of trying to look seasonally appropriate without overheating (or freezing).

ANNA VOGNSEN '06, on what to wear to a winter wedding; *PureWow*, October 28, 2024

Debate is the single best pre-professional preparation.

OWEN TRIPP '01, on how the matchup sharpens talents that are hard for AI to replicate; *Fortune*, September 10, 2024



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If I can make a few people smile or turn on the light-bulbs over their heads, then I've done my job. Listeners are everything.

CHRIS COWLES, longtime WRTC general manager, on working at the radio station on Trinity's campus; *West Hartford Life*, November 2024

I'm a neuro-scientist by training, and when you are doing an experiment, you never tinker with two or three factors at the same time, right?

JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY, Trinity College president and professor of neuroscience, on assessing factors that affect college applications, including the Supreme Court's ban on affirmative action; *The Economist*, September 19, 2024

For book lovers, the Arion Press *Moby Dick* is a sensual feast as well as a monument to thoughtful design.

ERIC JOHNSON-DEBAUFRE, rare books and special collections librarian, on a recent addition to the Watkinson Library's collection of fine press books; www.trincoll.edu, November 5, 2024

Judging the quality of an institution at which I've never worked, studied, or conducted an accreditation review is like asking a culinary expert to rate the signature dishes at hundreds of restaurants where they've never eaten.

SONIA CARDENAS, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs and Scott M. Johnson '97 Distinguished Professor of Political Science, on peer assessments factoring into *U.S. News & World Report's* college rankings; *Higher Ed Dive*, October 14, 2024



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Snow day!

Two brave souls—perhaps using trays from the dining hall—sled down the hill near the Trinity Chapel during the blizzard of February 19, 1972, when 11 inches of powder pounded the Hartford area. The image was taken by James G. Kirschner '75, part-time assistant to then-College photographer David Lowe, and was selected to be the cover of Trinity's holiday card the following winter.

PHOTO: JAMES G. KIRSCHNER '75