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science' at
Trinity College
Field Station

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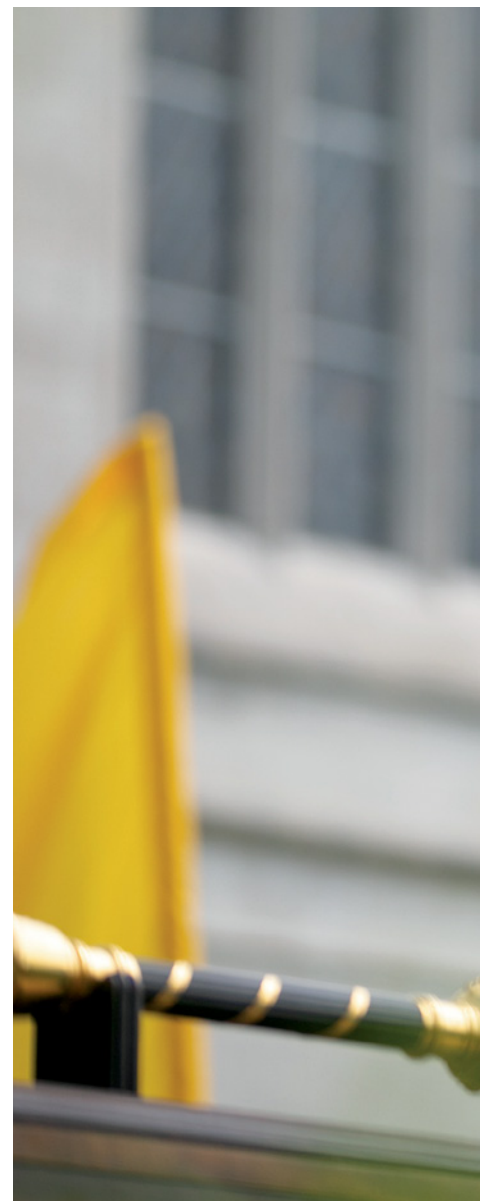


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to future generations
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Seane Curry '27, Oliver
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classmates conduct research at
the Trinity College Field Station.

PHOTO: HELDER MIRA

“[B]eneath that friendly exterior is
a person of steely determination
to leave the College better off
than when she first arrived. I
would say mission accomplished,
Madam President!”

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Protect what matters most in academia

“A true conservationist is a [person] who knows that the world is not given by [their] parents, but borrowed from [their] children.” This quote is widely attributed to John James Audubon, the famed 19th-century naturalist, ornithologist, and artist who produced one of the most iconic American studies of nature, *Birds of America*.

I encourage you to view our copy of this book on display in Trinity’s Watkinson Library. It is awe-inspiring that Trinity owns such a marvel and so many other splendid artifacts and artworks that are beautifully exhibited and cataloged under the care of those who love and appreciate the importance of research and knowledge preservation.

Most Wednesdays, Rare Books and Special Collections Librarian Eric Johnson-DeBaufre and the Watkinson team lead a ritual turning of a page of this oversized tome. They affectionately call this act “flipping the bird.” Like clockwork, our library colleagues faithfully demonstrate their respect for the magnificent artistry and scholarship of Audubon, who 200 years ago decided to try to catalog and capture every bird species in the American wild. Through his detailed study, we know which species have survived through the centuries and which have not.

When I was asked to identify a bucket list of last acts as president, flipping the bird was at the top. Yes, there is something quite special about touching an oversized page that embodies the preservation of knowledge and history in a beautiful art form.

My page was Plate 231, the Blue Jay (*Corvus cristatus*). How lovely it was to see

up close the beauty of Audubon’s artistry. The blue jays are depicted in a notorious act of stealing eggs from other birds. Eric shared that they also are known as excellent mimics of other birds, especially the sound of red-shouldered hawks.

Flipping the bird reminds me of why I love academia. This tactile interaction is the convergence of art, history, science, and conservation—a true interdisciplinary experience that characterizes the best of a liberal arts education. It takes place in the heart of the Watkinson—a cathedral of knowledge, as most college libraries are. I am grateful to the library staff who carefully and diligently preserve our treasures to the benefit of this generation and of those to come.

Audubon’s legacy is not without controversy. He was a slave owner, and his views on Indigenous peoples have offended many; in recognition of this, a number of Audubon Society chapters have renamed themselves: NYC Audubon Society became NYC Bird Alliance in 2024. Other chapters, including those in Seattle and Chicago, removed his name as well. However, after a long debate among members in early 2023, the National Audubon Society “decided that the organization transcends one person’s name” and retained the Audubon name.

As my 11th and final year as president comes to an end, I would like to leave our community with this point: Trinity and the progress we make as an academic institution are the sum of our actions and our commitments, which transcend individuals, including myself. While we may explore differing opinions and perspectives that ultimately might affirm or evolve



JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

how we see history, it’s the act of examination and discernment—one that can come only with academic freedom—that we must protect, uphold, and treasure.

Trinity has for centuries been the home of visionary thinkers and their acts of debate, exploration, research, and sometimes defiance. This moment in time is no exception. The value of a liberal arts education will transcend each one of us because it is our collective momentum that creates, disseminates, and conserves knowledge. Now more than ever, we need to stay true to this most precious kind of education.

It has been an immense honor to serve this community of great thinkers and bold leaders who lead transformative lives. I will never stop finding inspiration in the intellectual rigor of this brave community. As I turn the page to my next chapter, so does Trinity as we welcome incoming President Dan Lugo.

My last words on this last chapter are simply this: Let us all be grateful for the treasures that Trinity has to offer and protect the academic freedom that advances human knowledge. Let us cherish these golden days and borrow the graces of generations to come.



Along the Walk



National champs!



For more on both teams and other winter season athletics news, please visit trincollreporter.online/Champs.

Two Trinity College winter season athletics teams—women's squash and men's basketball—brought home national titles in March.

The top-ranked women's squash team claimed its second consecutive College Squash Association Women's Team National Championship—the Howe Cup—by topping No. 2 Harvard University 5–4 in a March 9 match in Philadelphia. The team also won national titles in 2024, 2014, 2003, and 2002.

Men's basketball, ranked No. 4, claimed the program's first-ever NCAA Division III National Championship by downing top-ranked New York University 64–60 in the title game, held on March 22 in Fort Wayne, Indiana.

Letters



Snow day memories

Responding to your note on the back cover of the latest edition of *The Trinity Reporter*. One of my most vivid memories from my time at Trinity occurred in December 1984. I was a freshman living on the quad (Cook), and we had the first snow of winter. The snow started around dusk. It wasn't heavy, but it was a steady snow. Growing up in Massachusetts, it was perfectly normal. However, one of my roommates, Matt Martin, was from Bakersfield, California, and to my amazement, he had never seen snow before.

Matt was a big kid, maybe 6'3", and his face lit up like an 8-year-old at a birthday party. He ran outside and laid on the quad making snow angels and laughing with pure joy. At the time, I thought he was nuts. But you couldn't help feel some of the same joy and appreciate mother nature and the beauty of the quad during winter. That was over 40 years ago, but I remember it like it was yesterday.

Richard Hickling '88

Springfield, Massachusetts

Who could ever forget the blizzard back in February 1978? That Monday morning, it felt like snow; by noon we were in total whiteout conditions. The world was silent and at a standstill. Governor Ella Grasso closed every road in Connecticut for three days, so the food selection in Mather Hall kept growing smaller. Classes were canceled, and we all had lots of idle time to play in the waist-deep snow. How many poor unsuspecting individuals were clobbered by avalanches off the rooftops while navigating the Long Walk? I couldn't have been the only one.

Ken Kraus '79

Peacham, Vermont

'Fine' in the fall

I've just finished reading *The Trinity Reporter*, which I enjoyed very much. The cover was particularly fine!

Jacques Hopkins '52

Lyme, New Hampshire

Remembering running

It's heartening to learn that a healthy Trinity tradition has persisted [fall 2024 "Around Hartford"] like the Bantam harriers' Old Wethersfield loop

(Ridge and Wells Roads, Main and State Streets, Hartford and Wethersfield Avenues, Brown Street to Maple to Broad). That was nine miles, 10 if Coach (and mathematics professor) Ralph Walde had us start and finish at the cannons for a time trial. Cross country co-captains Danny Howe '78 and Jon Sendor '78 introduced us freshmen to the loop, and perhaps they or Mike Lestz '68 can date its origins.

Running in Hartford was a revelation for freshmen from wealthier, less urban communities, especially if your only view of campus was the College guidebook's photo of the tree-lined 50-yard path between the President's House and Summit Street. Hartford Public grad Danny Howe started us Behind the Rocks with a foray down Flatbush to New Park Avenue. We also ran along the very sunny Brainard Airport dike with its river views until they secured it more firmly and the seven-mile Humane Society loop, which required some fence bending on Jordan Lane but offers spectacular views westward over the Newington quarry.

In the mid-'80s, Paul Deslandes '87 led a trend

GET IN TOUCH!

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toward shorter runs, to my consternation as coach, highlighted by tours of the Elizabeth Park Rose Garden and downtown. I learned during an Old Wethersfield run with the women one Sunday morning that they endure more abuse from drivers than men imagine. There was also lap running in the newly surfaced field house cage during inclement weather, more than I liked on the premise that Finland's Olympic medalists and our NESCAC peers farther north didn't spend December to April inside.

On the other hand, increasing access to Trinity's vans in the late '80s made rare visits to the woods of West Hartford's reservoirs more routine.

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RETIRING

The 2024–25 academic year marks the retirement of the Trinity College faculty members listed below.

CAROL ANY
Professor of
Language and
Culture Studies

JEAN CADOGAN
Professor of Fine Arts

ALDEN GORDON
Paul E. Raether
Distinguished
Professor of Fine Arts

DAVID MAURO
Professor of
Mathematics

IRENE PAPOULIS
Principal Lecturer
in the Allan K. Smith
Center for Writing
and Rhetoric

DIANE ZANNONI
G. Fox and
Company Professor
of Economics



For more on these
esteemed faculty
members, please visit
[trincollreporter.online/](http://trincollreporter.online/Retiring2025)
[Retiring2025](http://trincollreporter.online/Retiring2025).

Paw Patroller

An electronic pet collar that communicates with a smart car sensor to reduce the chances of an accident between pet and vehicle was the winning business proposal in this year's Trinity College Summit Innovation Challenge, held in the Cornelia Center in January.

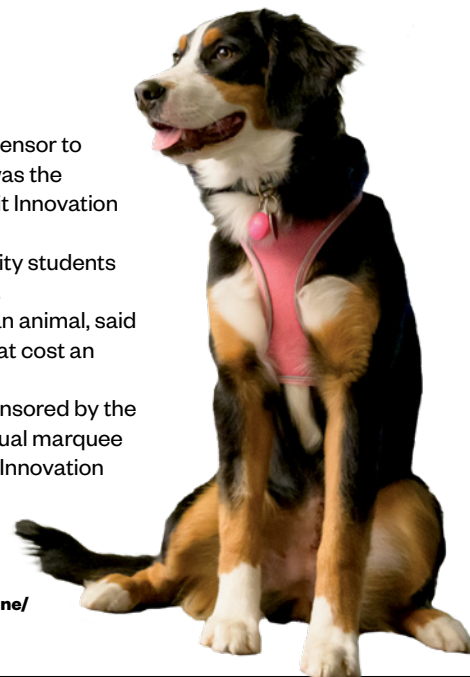
The product, dubbed the Paw Patroller, was pitched by Trinity students Cooper Edwards '28, Andrew Gabriel '28, and Owen Reilly '28.

Reilly developed the idea after he got into a car crash with an animal, said Edwards. "We wanted to stop and prevent animal collisions that cost an estimated \$8 billion in claims every year."

Organized by Trinity's Center for Entrepreneurship and sponsored by the Beba Foundation, the Summit Innovation Challenge is the annual marquee event for first-year students taking part in the two-year Tyree Innovation Fellowship Program.



For more on the Summit Innovation Challenge and Trinity's
Center for Entrepreneurship, please visit [trincollreporter.online/](http://trincollreporter.online/Challenge25)
[Challenge25](http://trincollreporter.online/Challenge25).



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Given the College's location compared with its peers, they're essential to persuading recruits that running at Trinity isn't all concrete and cemeteries, however scenic Bushnell Park and Cedar Hill (burial site of Trinity's founder) are.

Steve Klots '84 still hasn't forgiven me for leading him on a surprisingly long and rainy jaunt around Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford after his first cross country season, but such was the risk of trusting a senior in the time before Mapquest and Google/Apple Maps.

Alexander Magoun '81
Princeton, New Jersey

Editor's note: The fall 2024 issue's back-cover photo of several 1984 grads elicited numerous responses with identifications. Thanks to Gillian Fenton '84 and C. Duncan Yetman Jr. '84 for sharing that they recognized Barbara Guttman '84, left, and Ramona



Stilley Carlow '84, center. Carlow confirmed she's in the photo and noted, "Seems like a lifetime ago—such a wonderful place to spend my college years!" Eleanor Kerr '81 spotted Laura Austin '84 between Ramona and the graduate on the far right, although I wasn't able to confirm.

For more letters, include a few about
the Underground Coffeehouse,
please visit [trincollreporter.online/](http://trincollreporter.online/LettersSpring2025)
[LettersSpring2025](http://trincollreporter.online/LettersSpring2025).

Volunteer Spotlight

Amy McGill Dilatush '94

THE MOST ENDURING Trinity memories for Amy McGill Dilatush '94 are about people. Through her coursework in her art history major and creative arts minor and through living in Jarvis and Ogilby, Dilatush says, she formed a vibrant friend group that remains in her life 30 years later.

In fact, members of this friend group first got her involved in the Trinity College Alumni Association. "One of my old roommates nominated me to serve on the TCAA Executive Committee. That was nearly a decade ago." Dilatush joined the Executive Committee and soon became secretary. She served a subsequent term as vice president and—after a special extension—as president, a role she will wrap up in June.

"The TCAA expanded my community at Trinity," says Dilatush. "And I've enjoyed learning about other people's experiences at the College. Co-committee member Terrie Rouse-Rosario '74, for example, who was in one of the first classes of women admitted to Trinity, has broadened and deepened my understanding of the College."

Even before Dilatush became involved in the TCAA, she centered her involvement with the College around people. She recalls hosting a Trinity Club of Chicago event and a Women's Leadership Council luncheon as well as a great night co-hosting a new student welcome reception with Sonia Flanders McArdle '85. "It was such a fantastic night, and I loved meeting future Bantams excited to start their college years in Hartford."

Dilatush says she enjoys meeting with fellow Bantams. "As part of the TCAA, I have the special privilege of returning to campus for meetings and talking with students as part of these visits. About six years ago, we had a dinner with the student leaders at Smith House. What a treat it was to sit with engaged students and talk about Trinity. I love hearing about their experiences, about what's happening on campus."

Dilatush says she also appreciates being able to interact with Bantam staff members, from senior leaders who can give a picture of the admissions landscape to those in facilities who can showcase exciting changes in the physical plant.



More than anything, though, Dilatush says she loves the opportunity to widen her Trinity circle, all with the goal of making positive change at the College. Every volunteer role that she's held since graduation is aimed at supporting the institution. "Support of Trinity runs in my family. My dad, Charlie McGill, Class of 1963, served Trinity in many ways." Dilatush's father—who was awarded the Alumni Medal for Excellence in 1993 in recognition of his significant contributions to his profession, to his community, and to Trinity College—served on Trinity's Board of Trustees from 1994 to 2013 and as a presidential adviser from 2014 to 2020. An active alumnus, McGill has attended every Reunion since his 30th and has served on his Reunion Class Committee and his Reunion Gift Committee.

"Like my dad, I've loved giving back all these years, in so many ways," she says. "The past couple of years, at the TCAA, we have been focusing on laying the groundwork to deepen alumni engagement at Trinity."

Dilatush's predecessor at the TCAA, immediate past president Jorge Rodriguez '91, puts it this way: "During my time as president of the TCAA, I focused on building engagement opportunities for alumni. Amy has carried this theme while ably establishing her own vision so that the TCAA continues to engage more broadly with the alumni community. It's an exciting time to join other alumni and volunteers in giving back to Trinity."

Notes Dilatush, "The College offers so much to alumni, and I hope more people take advantage of all it has to offer."

—Christine Sanni

Recent publications

Agrarian Elites and Democracy in Latin America

BELÉN FERNÁNDEZ MILMANDE, *Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies*
Cambridge University Press, 2025; 257 pages

Esther against Joseph's Backdrop: The Theology and History of an Intertextual Relationship

GABRIEL F. HORNUNG, *Assistant Professor of Religious Studies*
De Gruyter, 2024; 152 pages

Disoriented Disciplines: China, Latin America, and the Shape of World Literature

ROSARIO HUBERT, *Associate Professor of Language and Culture Studies*
Northwestern University Press, 2024; 326 pages

Proving Prophecy: Dalā'il al-Nubūwa Literature as Part of the Scholarly Discourse on Prophecy in Islam

MAREIKE KOERTNER, *Associate Professor of Religious Studies*
Brill, 2024; 249 pages

Wild Weird West: Essays on Arid America

GARY REGER, *Hobart Professor of Classical Languages, Emeritus*
Texas Tech University Press, 2024; 309 pages



Without a Prayer: Religion and Race in New York City Public Schools

LESLIE BETH RIBOVICH, *Director of the Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life and Associate Professor of Religious Studies and Public Policy and Law*
New York University Press, 2024; 241 pages

Affects, Cognition, and Language as Foundations of Human Development

PAUL C. HOLINGER '68
Routledge, 2025; 165 pages

Fathers and Children Together: A Guide to Developing a Parenting Identity and Supporting Your Child

JAY FAGAN '73 and Glen Palm
Routledge, 2024; 189 pages

This Is Panther Country: A Memoir of Youth, Underdog Spirit, and Basketball Glory

TOM MCKEOWN '83
Brown Books Publishing Group, 2024; 252 pages

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Kudos for sustainability

Trinity College recently earned its highest rating on the STARS (Sustainability Tracking, Assessment & Rating System) report, which recognizes sustainability initiatives in higher education using a common set of measurements.

Trinity's new rating of silver by the Association for the Advancement of Sustainability in Higher Education (AASHE) reflects a host of significant achievements undertaken since the College first documented its sustainability activities for the organization in 2019 and earned a bronze rating.

Noted among Trinity's projects of distinction was the 2023 designation of the 100-acre urban campus as an arboretum by the independent accrediting agency ArbNet. The campus is home to more than 1,500 trees and dozens of tree species spread over about 100 acres.

Other campuswide endeavors include the implementation of a heating and cooling system upgrade, reducing the carbon dioxide emissions by 144 metric tons annually.

Within campus food services, the College implemented a number of programs encouraging use of reusable containers and new filling stations to support the use of reusable water bottles, as well as composting efforts for both pre- and post-consumer waste.

Trinity is encouraging behavior change with the establishment of student eco-rep positions. These peer educators identify and pursue new ideas within the College community. Student-led initiatives include partnering with campus coffee shops to promote the use of reusable containers and challenging sports teams to do away with single-use plastic water bottles at competitions. Pollinator gardens, a campus food pantry, and the reuse of items discarded during move-out are additional successful programs.

"Tapping into the ideas that students bring to the sustainability discussion is critical to continually expand what we do," said Hayley Berliner, sustainability coordinator. "Not only do students provide thoughtful proposals, they often serve as the best advocates for those ideas."



To see more details of Trinity's sustainability rating, please visit trincollreporter.online/STARS.



Tuck Business Bridge participants Ethan Cobb '26, Linh Ha '27, Charlie Vail '25, and Carl Callahan '25

Tuck at Trinity

Through a partnership with the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth, Trinity College this year offered a new January Term program, Tuck Business Bridge, which focuses on building essential business skills needed to help launch rewarding careers.

At Trinity's Innovation Hub in downtown Hartford, 37 undergraduate students took part in an intensive classroom experience that included a capstone team project, recruiting services, and one-on-one career guidance. Full or partial scholarships from the Raether Family Charitable Trust enabled all interested students to participate in the program.

Through applied sessions in business communications, financial accounting, corporate

finance, managerial economics, marketing, and spreadsheet modeling led by Tuck's M.B.A. faculty, students deepened their leadership, presentation, and collaborative skills to become better decision-makers and communicators.

The program also delivered personalized career resources designed to help students transition into a successful career, and students had access to a vibrant Bridge alumni community eager to offer mentorship, to share job and network opportunities, and to provide counsel.

Participant Lizzie Nelson '26 of Rockville, Maryland, said, "The program was intense but important. Tuck Professor Leslie Robinson said that what you put into the program is

what you'll get out of it. I got a good amount out of it because I put a lot of work in."

Nelson, who is majoring in film studies and minoring in writing, rhetoric, and media studies, noted that the program was different from typical classes at Trinity. "It was almost 70 hours of in-class instruction time over three weeks, not including time we spent with our study groups working on our capstone projects outside of class," she said. "We also consulted with an M.B.A. at Dartmouth on our capstone. It was a ton of work in a condensed period of time. During a normal semester, you have four classes, plus extracurriculars, but this was a dedicated environment where all you had to focus on was this

program. I would wake up, go to class all day, do the homework, and go to bed. It was a grind, but it was the only thing on your mind."

Former Trinity Board Chair Paul Raether '68, H'14, P'93, '96, '01 and family—also Tuck alumni—were enthusiastic about bringing the program to Trinity. "Trinity's liberal arts education has prepared legions of alumni for success in careers across the disciplines," said Raether. "The Tuck Business Bridge Program will now add to the undergraduate experience and give our students another significant leg up as they enter the workforce."

Sonia Cardenas, vice president for academic affairs and dean of the faculty, noted, "We are so grateful to the Raether family for supporting this exciting partnership and expanding the range of opportunities our students have during the January Term. The program complements the Trinity Plus curriculum, amplifying the power of a liberal arts education with essential business skills that students can apply to any field."



For more information or to ask questions about the Trinity Tuck Business Bridge Program, email trinity-tuck@trincoll.edu or visit trincollreporter.online/Tuck.

Around Hartford

Charter Oak Landing

50 RESERVE ROAD, HARTFORD, CT

Charter Oak Landing, one of Riverfront Recapture's four parks, is located just south of downtown Hartford in the Sheldon-Charter Oak neighborhood. Built on the site of a former naval shipyard, the park started to take shape in 1986 as part of Riverfront Recapture's master plan to restore public access to the Connecticut River. Visitors may take advantage of fishing access and a boat launch, a playground built in 2019 by Travelers volunteers, picnic tables and charcoal grills, and more. Charter Oak Landing also provides a great spot for photos of the Hartford skyline, and it's a good place to start and end the Two Bridge Loop, one of several paths ideal for exercise. In addition, a paved walkway along the river leads north to downtown's Mortensen Riverfront Plaza and then to Riverside Park. From there, miles of dirt trails extend almost to the Hartford-Windsor town line. All Riverfront Recapture parks, including Great River Park in East Hartford, are open from sunrise to sunset, 365 days a year. For more information about Charter Oak Landing and Riverfront Recapture, please visit trincollreporter.online/CharterOakLanding.



FACULTY FOCUS

Tim Curran

Vernon K. Kriebel Professor of Chemistry

When Tim Curran was in high school, he got some bad advice. His chemistry teacher said he shouldn't pursue chemistry in college because he was klutzy in the lab.

"I had dropped and broken a few things," Curran explains. "Looking back, I just thought it was terrible advice. When you first start riding a bike, you might fall off. You should get back on. You may eventually get good at it."

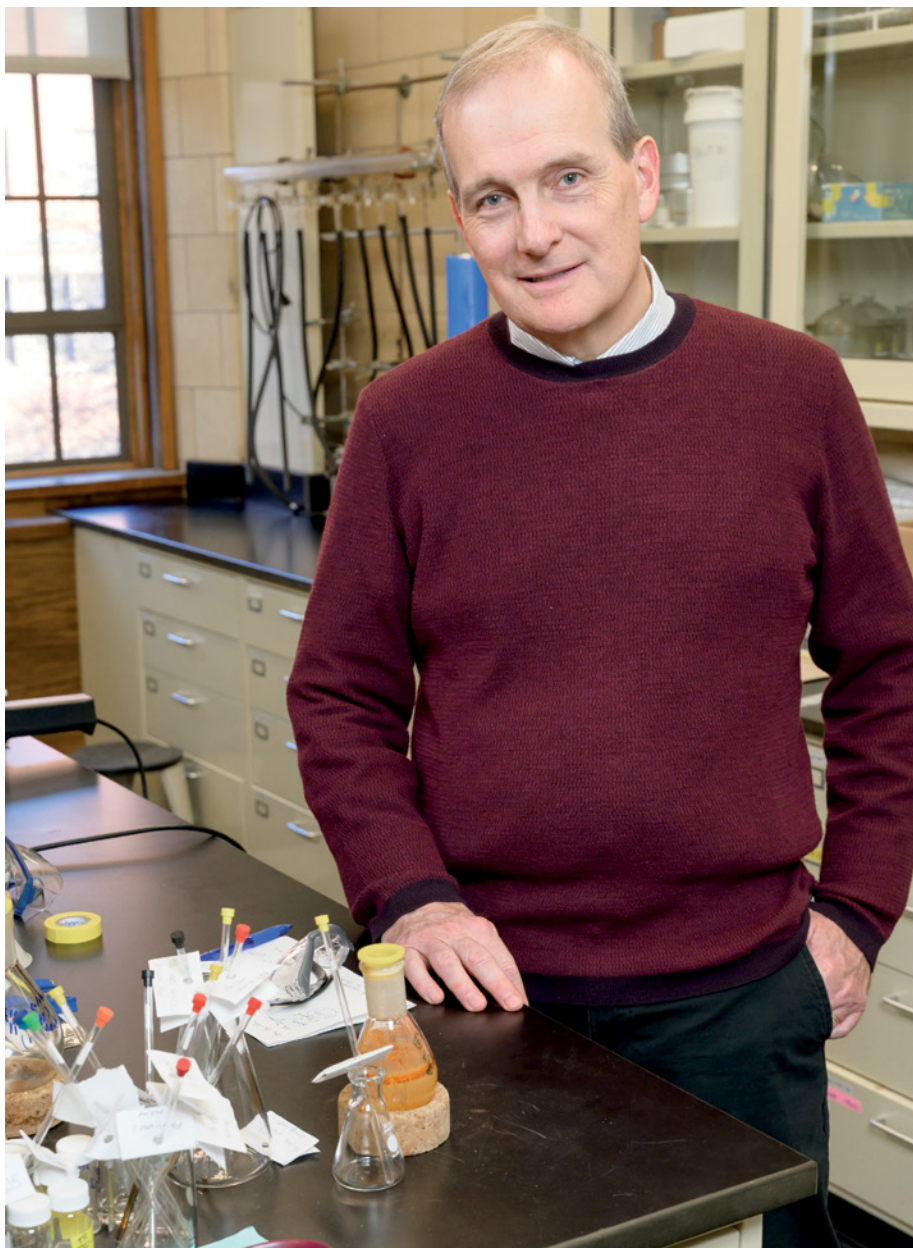
Thankfully, for the thousands of students Curran has impacted over his three-decade career in higher education, he ignored his teacher. After majoring in chemistry at the College of the Holy Cross, he earned a Ph.D. in organic chemistry at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Upon receiving his doctorate, Curran worked as a researcher at Harvard Medical School before joining a Boston-based biotech start-up. It didn't take long, however, for him to find his way to his true calling.

"I'm a practicing Catholic, and I believe that everyone has a vocation in life, and part of that vocation is trying to help other people," Curran says. "I thought that I knew quite a bit about chemistry, and I thought I'd be pretty good at sharing that with other people."

In 1991, Curran returned to Holy Cross, joining the faculty as an assistant professor. He arrived at Trinity College in 2000 and has chaired the Chemistry Department since 2006. Curran's teaching method, which he describes as Socratic, encourages every student to contribute to discussions. Most of his classes begin by analyzing a chemical reaction and investigating how it occurred. While truth is the objective, other lessons are learned along the way.

"I also make it really important for them to know that it's OK to be wrong," Curran says. "In the quest for getting things right, very often scientists are wrong. The ability to recognize that you're wrong and change



course is a really important trait to have in life."

Curran's influence looms large for many of his former students who have gone on to pursue careers in research and medicine. Alumna Lauren Davidson Former '16 notes, "His mentorship shaped my character and the course of my life as he encouraged me to pursue the Fulbright research scholarship in Germany, where I still am eight years later."

Former, who leads global projects aimed at removing toxic chemicals from water, honed her love for chemistry as a researcher in Curran's lab. "I was motivated by his passion for the beauty of what we can create with science and how he challenged students to creatively solve puzzles to 'see' the molecules behind the data," she says.

Last fall, Curran won a Career Achievement Award at Trinity's inaugural

Faculty Excellence Awards. “Tim is so deserving of this award,” says Michelle Kovarik, Gregory G. Mario ’87 Professor of Chemistry. “He has been an active researcher who trains students in the laboratory, an exceptional teacher who inspires students to get up at 8:00 a.m. to be in his sections, and a valued member of the community providing leadership and service.”

Alison Draper, director of Trinity’s Center for Interdisciplinary Science, adds, “Tim is always looking out for others—his students, his colleagues, and the College in general. He has built an amazing community within the Chemistry Department of faculty and students who know and support one another and strive for excellence, especially in research.”

Beyond his knowledge and expertise, Curran brings empathy and compassion to his teaching. While these attributes have always been part of his identity, he describes a tragedy that changed the way he works with students. When he was teaching at Holy Cross, he and his wife had a son, Stephen, who passed away shortly after birth.

“I think that was a turning point in my teaching career, that awful thing,” Curran says. “I can’t look at a student and not know that they had to have been loved so very deeply by somebody, and those people are committed to sending their child to Holy Cross or Trinity. Their parents or guardians or whoever wants them to get a good education, and I’m one of the people they’re depending on. I can’t let them down.”

Curran’s first teaching job came as a student at Holy Cross when he volunteered to teach religious education. To prepare for it, he took a mini teaching course with a Jesuit who was overseeing the program.

“His first words have always stuck with me,” Curran says. “‘To be a good teacher, you have to love your students. You have to be deeply committed to helping them do well.’ I would say that is probably true for me.”

—Elliott Grover

Mellon grant

The Mellon Foundation has awarded Trinity College a Higher Learning grant to support a new project, “Urban Environmental Justice in Hartford.”

A three-year, \$500,000 grant will fund a humanities-centered project of community engagement, student and faculty research, and curricular development.

The three Trinity centers that proposed the project—the Center for Urban and Global Studies (CUGS), the Center for Hartford Engagement and Research (CHER), and the Center for Caribbean Studies (OCS)—will work in close collaboration with Hartford-based community partners at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center (HBSO), which aims to advance social justice and literary activism, and the Center for Leadership and Justice (CLJ), which houses the Greater Hartford Interfaith Action Alliance (GHIAA).

During nearly 11 years leading Trinity, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney has worked to strengthen partnerships in the College’s home city, leading to the expansion of Trinity’s footprint into downtown Hartford and launching CHER to coordinate the work of five core community engagement programs. “The important work of the Urban Environmental Justice in Hartford project is exemplary of Trinity’s continued urban engagement,” Berger-Sweeney said. “Trinity is proud to be a community of thinkers and doers, driven by our passion to contribute to the public good.”

The Trinity team leading this work includes Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies; Abigail Fisher Williamson, associate professor of political science and public policy and law; and Amanda J. Guzmán, assistant professor of anthropology; with support from Eric A. Galm, professor of music; Erica M. Crowley, CHER’s senior director of academic programs; and Mary Mahoney ’09, digital scholarship strategist.

The team aims to encourage informed public dialogue on how historical land-use decisions have imposed health and environmental consequences on Hartford’s predominantly Latine and Black residents and to build regional consensus to address challenges brought about by that history.



For more about the Mellon grant, please see [trincollreporter.online/Mellon](#).

In tribute ...

Trinity community celebrates Joanne Berger-Sweeney

As President Joanne Berger-Sweeney's tenure comes to an end, *The Trinity Reporter* gathered sentiments* about her time at Trinity.



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“Joanne has lived and breathed Trinity for 11 years. . . . You see that through the passion with which she cares for our students, the respect she affords to our faculty, and the interest with which she interacts with our alumni.”

LISA BISACCIA '78, CHAIR, TRINITY'S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“Thank you for choosing us, and not just us choosing you. It's OK to look back at what you have accomplished for this school and to celebrate it. Now it's time for Trinity to share you with the rest of the world, so take who you have been here and spread it in a manner that is greater than Hartford and greater than Connecticut. Where things are in our world, we need more Joanne Berger-Sweeneys. Don't stay on the sidelines too long; we need you back on the field.”

PAUL H. MOUNDS JR. '07, TRUSTEE

“President Berger-Sweeney understood that Trinity and the City of Hartford are inextricably tied together, part of one community.”

LUKE BRONIN H'24, FORMER MAYOR, HARTFORD

“President Berger-Sweeney's unwavering commitment to fostering strong town-gown relations has been a beacon of hope and collaboration, bridging the divides between academia and community.”

ARUNAN ARULAMPALAM, MAYOR, HARTFORD

“President Berger-Sweeney is a natural convener, welcoming presidents from campuses in Connecticut and beyond to work together formally and informally to advance the diverse needs of students and faculty.”

RHONA FREE, PRESIDENT, UNIVERSITY OF SAINT JOSEPH

“President Berger-Sweeney's time at Trinity has undoubtedly shaped its direction, and her leadership will be remembered for the challenges she faced, the progress she made, and the vision she championed. Her dedication and lasting contributions have made both Trinity and the broader community a better place.”

FRANCESCA BORGES GORDON '82



In tribute...



“This pic was taken by my husband, Ramesh Kumar, during the 2023 Bicentennial Parent Weekend with my daughter during her freshman year. It was extra special because Jia had just been voted in Class of 2027 president, so it was a pic of two presidents. We have loved the impact of President Joanne Berger-Sweeney as it was clear she had a commitment to equity. We are sad to see her leave but wish her much success wherever she goes.”

**NIRASHA KUMAR P'26, MOTHER OF
JIA KUMAR '26 (graduating a year early)**

“To me, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney’s focus on inclusion has been rather meaningful. . . . Whether it’s seeing so many faculty of color in my 1½ years at Trinity or learning about how the name of a freshman dorm building was finally changed after student advocacy, President Berger-Sweeney’s positive impact on the Trinity community is lasting.”

JIA KUMAR '26

“I would like to celebrate Joanne the leader. Joanne has vision. Joanne is curious. Rigorous. Deep. Joanne has courage. Joanne operates with integrity. And Joanne is warm. Funny. Inviting. Switched on. Joanne is science and art, a walking example of the liberal arts in practice.”

LISA ALVAREZ-CALDERÓN '88, TRUSTEE

“Among the greatest gifts Joanne leaves higher education are the many leaders she has mentored, cultivated, championed, and supported. My five years working for Joanne were a master class in leadership. No M.B.A. program could’ve ever taught me what Joanne did. Every day, I had a front-row seat in watching a fiercely determined and kind leader navigate some of the greatest higher education challenges of our time—all with grit, grace, and joy.”

**ANGEL PÉREZ, CEO, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR COLLEGE ADMISSION COUNSELING;
FORMER TRINITY VICE PRESIDENT FOR ENROLLMENT AND STUDENT SUCCESS**

“President Joanne Berger-Sweeney has been a dynamic leader for Trinity College, Hartford, and the State of Connecticut. She has provided steady leadership during a time of significant challenge for institutions of all kinds. . . . Her commitment to academic excellence has attracted talented students, faculty, and staff who value the quality liberal arts education that Trinity provides.”

NED LAMONT, GOVERNOR, CONNECTICUT



“As a neuroscientist, President Berger-Sweeney brought a fresh spirit of experimentation to her leadership. She’s always pushed the boundaries of what was possible, encouraging us to innovate boldly, partner with Hartford in new ways, and pursue academic excellence. Her uncanny ability to find joy amid challenge is a reminder of why higher education thrives on resilience and mission-focused leadership.”

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

“Her accomplishments for the College are many and well documented. What is consistent and clear to see throughout it all is the range of care that she orchestrated: from the individual care of each precious Trinity student to ensure that each one had the tools and experiences to ‘Go boldly and be engaged,’ to the high-level intricate and data-informed institutional changes and policies that facilitated this and will ensure Trinity’s strong future and reputation in the country and internationally. Her devotion, vision, service, and commitment to the College is profound and indelible, and the whole Trinity community is better for it.”

CONSUELO PEDRO '15, G. KEITH FUNSTON TRUSTEE

“President Berger-Sweeney has accomplished a lot in leading improvements in the areas of academics, facilities improvements, and institutional planning. So beneath that friendly exterior is a person of steely determination to leave the College better off than when she first arrived. I would say mission accomplished, Madam President!”

DICK HOFFMAN '70

“When President Berger-Sweeney arrived on campus, she recognized our community’s historical strengths. Over the last 11 years, she redefined, amplified, and harnessed those strengths for the 21st-century context. Through her leadership and vision, we now understand the Trinity identity as forward-thinking, nimble, pluralistic, and connected.”

MOLLY JANE THOMS '17, M'19

“Speaking for myself and my 1963 classmates, we were proud to honor Joanne at Homecoming 2024 with honorary membership in our class. We first connected with her shortly after she became president, starting a relationship that continues today and beyond. We greatly appreciate her attendance at class events and her support for our scholarship program and our most recent project, the restoration of our magnificent Chapel.”

SCOTT REYNOLDS '63, H'11, FORMER SECRETARY OF THE COLLEGE

“Joanne’s arrival at Trinity coincided with our initial efforts to form an organization for retired faculty and staff. Her invaluable support got us going. We meet for lunch several times a year. Thanks, Joanne. We are part of your legacy!”

BORDEN PAINTER '58, H'95, PRESIDENT AND PROFESSOR OF HISTORY, EMERITUS

“The president was a breath of fresh air for Trinity. . . . [S]he has always been gracious and thoughtful through any crisis that has occurred at Trinity. I have been proud and impressed that she has been the person to lead Trinity.”

PATRICE BALL-REED '80, FORMER TRUSTEE



“We’ve accomplished a lot over the last decade plus. I’m happy to have been part of that and even more happy as an alum that Joanne has been such a strong and transformative president.”

CORNIE THORNBURGH '80, H'22, FORMER CHAIR, TRINITY’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES

“President Berger-Sweeney’s impact on Trinity College is undeniable. I am grateful for the opportunity to have learned from and been inspired by her during my time at Trinity.”

MELINA KORFONTA '25

<< Lisa Bisaccia '78, Cornie Thornburgh '80, H'22, and Joanne Berger-Sweeney



Douglas Macdonald '89, Associate Professor of Neuroscience Luis A. Martinez, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Applied Science Susan Masino, Joanne Berger-Sweeney, neuroscience majors Ingrid Schoenborn '24 and Emily Wertheimer '20, Assistant Professor of Neuroscience Sally Seraphin, and Barbara Caldarone '88 gather at the 2023 Society for Neuroscience Annual Meeting in Washington, D.C., where Berger-Sweeney delivered the History of Neuroscience Lecture: "Making Herstory: One Black Woman's Unconventional Journey from Bench Scientist to College President."

"Her vision and dedication have elevated Trinity's role as a pillar of institutional leadership across the city of Hartford."

CARLOS ESPINOSA '96, M'98, DIRECTOR OF COMMUNITY RELATIONS AND STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

"As the first Black woman to take leadership at Trinity College, Joanne Berger-Sweeney faced a unique set of challenges. The standards for effectiveness and impact change precisely because of who she is. And even though we didn't always agree, it is precisely in moments of dissent where you witness a leader's character. Joanne consistently created the space for conversation and built pathways where those around her could challenge ideas and attempt to collaboratively build new visions of purpose."

DAVARIAN L. BALDWIN, PAUL E. RAETHER DISTINGUISHED PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AND FOUNDING DIRECTOR, SMART CITIES RESEARCH LAB

"It has been a challenging time for institutions in higher education, and Joanne has helped Trinity navigate these challenges with vision and leadership."

JAMES YU '87, TRUSTEE



"Both our organizations proudly trace their origins to the early 19th century, and both succeed by focusing on what lies ahead. As Trinity College's president, and as chair of the Board of Directors of Hartford HealthCare, Joanne Berger-Sweeney has built on tradition to create a brighter future. In higher education and in health care, Joanne is a dynamic force for embracing change and making a positive difference—for students, for patients, and for our region."

JEFFREY A. FLAKS, PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER, HARTFORD HEALTHCARE

"Through her powerful philosophy of 'spiral up,' she championed investment in financial aid, fostering a cycle of ever-rising talent and opportunity. Her unwavering commitment to students, faculty, and the broader community elevated Trinity's standing and strengthened its mission."

HENRY MALLARI-D'AURIA '83, TRUSTEE

“Joanne Berger-Sweeney championed initiatives that fostered inclusion, making the campus a welcoming environment for students from all backgrounds. Her efforts in enhancing the academic curriculum ensured that students received a holistic and comprehensive education, preparing them for the challenges of the future.”

LATANYA LANGLEY '97, H'17, TRUSTEE

“When Joanne first arrived at Trinity, faculty with scholarly and teaching interests in the Caribbean and in Hartford’s Caribbean heritage approached her with an initiative we long championed: the creation of a Center for Caribbean Studies. . . . Today the Center for Caribbean Studies is thriving and is a fixed, ongoing institution known to faculty and students and Hartford residents, a legacy of Joanne’s commitments in this regard.”

DARIO EURAQUE, WILLIAM R. KENAN JR. PROFESSOR OF HISTORY AND INTERNATIONAL STUDIES

“One of Joanne’s real gifts is seeing how to make important changes happen at Trinity. She’s built the appropriate frameworks and structures that ensure we move forward, work collaboratively, and utilize data for better insights. She leaves behind an institution that’s built for innovation and ready to lead.”

KRISTEN ESHLEMAN, VICE PRESIDENT, LIBRARY AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

“I had the privilege of serving on the search committee that recommended Joanne as our 22nd president. We asked a great deal of her that included revitalizing admissions and career development, ensuring faculty quality remained strong, building new partnerships with Hartford, and finding new financial resources. She advanced these goals and others.”

PHILIP S. KHOURY '71, H'21, FORMER VICE CHAIR, TRINITY’S BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Joanne Berger-Sweeney and Hyacinth Yennie P'02, '06

“As a board member and chair of the Capital Region Development Authority’s Housing and Neighborhood Committee, Joanne has been a tireless advocate for expanding housing opportunities in Hartford, particularly those around home ownership.”

MIKE FREIMUTH, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR, CAPITAL REGION DEVELOPMENT AUTHORITY

“Joanne Berger-Sweeney will be remembered for bringing more diversity to Trinity College than any other president. She works well with our community, and we will miss her for that. Wishing her the best.”

HYACINTH YENNIE P'02, '06, CHAIR, MAPLE AVENUE NRZ GROUP





FRESH AIR, FRESH PERSPECTIVE

Students 'immersed in science'
at Trinity College Field Station
in Ashford, Connecticut

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Alexander Willard '27
and Maliah Ryan '25
conduct an experiment
at the Trinity College
Field Station as Principal
Lecturer and Laboratory
Coordinator in the
Environmental Science
Program Jonathan
Gourley and Sienna
Stephens '26 look on.

As the vast, open sky stretches above them, two Trinity students watch birds fly by quietly while leaves crunch beneath their feet. They have just arrived at the Trinity College Field Station, about a 40-minute drive northeast of campus.

"It's so peaceful out here," says Alex Willard '27. Adds Hannah Flis '27, "We always take a moment and appreciate the beauty around us, just standing in silence."

STORY BY ELIANA ROSEN '27

PHOTOS BY NICK CAITO + HELDER MIRA



As environmental science majors, the students come to the 60-acre field station to gain a deeper understanding of nature that can't be replicated in the classroom or in a laboratory. Trinity students, faculty, and staff use the field station for research, teaching, and recreation through fieldwork, class outings, and club activities.

Willard says that exploring the field station property provides a unique perspective and a peaceful atmosphere. "Because Trinity is in the city, sometimes it can feel far away from nature," he says. "At the field station, you immediately feel transported and farther away than you are."

NATURAL OPPORTUNITIES

Located in Ashford, Connecticut—in a region of the state known as the Quiet Corner—the field station comprises two pieces of land owned by the College: the 48-acre Fiano parcel and the 10-acre Bourne parcel. The two parcels abut the Church Farm property, owned by Eastern Connecticut State University, and the Joshua's Trust parcel.

Jonathan R. Gourley, principal lecturer and laboratory coordinator in the Environmental Science Program, has taught earth science and environmental science at Trinity for 18 years and says the field station is a valuable, hands-on resource. Students in his introductory classes conduct research by making observations and doing experiments in the Mount Hope River that flows next to the Bourne parcel and on the field station property.

"Students compare the rivers by studying the aquatic insects, as they are great indicators of water quality. If you have healthy bugs, you have a healthy food chain, healthy fish, and an overall clean river," Gourley says. "Mount Hope is an idyllic Connecticut stream with fish and living organisms. Trout Brook [in Hartford] has fish as well, but it's a far more stressed environment; there are no trout there anymore."

In addition, the field station land is home to a pond with a large beaver dam and a wide variety of plants, trees, and animals. Gourley and his students mapped out these parcels and installed boundary markers and other signage.

SEVERAL SUBJECTS

The field station also offers opportunities for those pursuing academic areas outside of environmental science, including biology, neuroscience, and psychology. Susan A. Masino, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Applied Science, encourages her students to explore the field station to study the connections between brain health and nature and to encounter those connections firsthand.

"The experiential learning at the field station is something that cannot be done in the classroom, laboratory, or on the main campus. And it feels extra special because it is part of the College," says Masino. "It is important for everyone to learn about our land and water. And having land to connect to is vitally important for our collective health. Students are excited to come back and visit over time and are happy just to know it is there."

Gourley notes that student interest in the field station has led to the development of independent studies, including those by Flis and Willard. They are particularly interested in conducting tree-ring research, known as dendrochronology, to date abandoned chicken coop foundations on the property.





At the field station, says Flis, “the environment has grown up around them. We want to use tree-ring cores to date the structures and, using that information, determine when the structures were abandoned.”

Flis and Willard hope to pursue this research as their integrating experience—a requirement of the environmental science major—applying the lessons they’ve learned to their future endeavors.

“I came into college knowing I wanted to major in environmental science but not really knowing what I would want to do with it,” Flis says. “After exploring this space and working out in nature, I know I want to continue to do research.”

Willard hopes to pursue a career in conservation. “Growing up in a city, it was hard to find natural places for me to explore. These places got harder and harder to find, and the ones that I did have were more polluted and less of a free space. As I got older, the abundant populations of my favorite animals were significantly diminished,” says Willard.

Students Harper Siemens ’26 and Scarlett Jago ’27 say that the research they conducted in the field station’s river gave them a better grasp of concepts learned in their “Introduction to Earth Science” classroom on campus.

“Stepping into the waders and going into the river, you just feel completely immersed in science,” says Jago. In one exercise for the course, students measure discharge—or flow—of the river using simple tools. Jago says, “We then compared our data with the real-time U.S. Geological Survey discharge of the Mount Hope River and used the historical flow data to make a graph on the recurrence intervals of a 100-year flood for this section of the river.”



IN THE OUTDOORS

The field station—which also is used as a destination for the Quest Leadership Program, Trinity’s outdoor orientation program for incoming students—can be a place to reflect and to ease stress. “After a tough week of class and volleyball, I remember going out to the field station during peak foliage season and just walking into the river. I was very sore, and the coolness of the river relieved my stress,” Jago says. “For a moment, I was just standing there, being outside and enjoying the fresh air, and I knew that I wanted to be an environmental science major.”

Siemens adds, “Sometimes students might dread going to class or have a lot on their mind, but here it makes learning more immersive and fun.”

Gourley says he believes that expanding access to and use of the field station could help all students see intellectual concepts in action and develop skills to support any academic or career path they choose.

“Beyond helping students conduct labs and teaching, I have been slowly trying to raise awareness of the property—to our deans, to our faculty, to our students—to encourage other possible projects,” Gourley says. “The field station is an important piece of the Trinity community that should be recognized and celebrated.” ● ✕ ♦

From left:
A sign marking
the Trinity
College Field
Station; Oliver
Gabrielson ’28;
Hannah Flis ’27;
“Introduction to
Earth Science”
students



To see a video of
the Trinity College
Field Station,
please visit
[trincollreporter.
online/FieldStation](http://trincollreporter.
online/FieldStation).

STORY BY
ANDREW J.
CONCATELLI

PHOTOS BY
NICK CAITO

Imaginative interplay

**Exhibition showcases dialogue
between Graham Collection, works
by current Haitian-born artist**

“It’s really a feather in Trinity’s cap,” Leslie G. Desmangles says of the Edith A. Graham Collection of Haitian Art.

The group of more than 320 paintings, sculptures, and objects is a treasure among the College’s art collection, according to the professor of religious studies and international studies, emeritus.





Desmangles's friendship with Graham—who had a 40-year commitment to Haitian art—began in the 1970s and eventually led to Graham's children donating her collection to Trinity in 2008, after her death.

"To have a collection that preserves the period of mid- to late-20th century Haitian art is of great value to the College," says Desmangles. "It can be shown to students to illustrate things that we teach. And it allows the College to make connections with other scholars and can help put Trinity on the map."

The College has presented several exhibitions drawn from the collection since its acquisition and continues to find new ways for the artwork to encourage discussion and to spark imagination.

Select pieces from the Graham Collection were part of a spring 2024 exhibition—*Echoes and Collisions: The Art of Frantz Patrick Henry in Conversation with Selections from the Edith A. Graham Collection of Haitian Art*—in the Austin Arts Center's Widener Gallery. The show was organized by Trinity's Studio Arts Program and supported by the Center for Caribbean Studies.

An artist from Haiti who creates sculptural installations, Henry learned about the collection through Pablo Delano, Charles A. Dana Professor of Fine Arts. The two met when Delano was invited to speak at NXTHVN, a nonprofit arts



incubator lab in New Haven, Connecticut, where Henry was completing a fellowship.

"What I saw in his studio was somebody who was trying to process his cultural heritage through the lens of contemporary art," Delano says of Henry. "Artists don't make art in a vacuum; they're always informed by the context they live in and the art that came before them." Trinity already was planning an exhibition of selections from the Graham Collection, and Henry was invited to respond to the historical pieces with works of his own. He chose eight objects from the collection with which he felt a personal, creative connection and wove in several of his sculptures.

The result was a site-specific exhibition in which pieces in different media, from different



time periods, combine in unique ways to comment on themes such as the evolving meaning of religion and the concept of home. Henry mounted one painting from the Graham Collection (Jean-Baptiste Bottex's *Walls of Jericho*, 1967) on the back of his steel sculpture that resembled a motorcycle frame (*Resurrection Highway*, 2024). The headlamp from that piece shone light through a sculpture from the collection (Serge Jolimeau's *Zodiac*, 20th century), which then cast a shadow that framed another of Henry's pieces (*Vestiges of Light*, 2024) mounted on the opposite wall.

"I like to interact with the space, to create the environment. I'm very interested in the ambience," says Henry, who fashioned a new wall through the center of the gallery to represent a home's front porch. "I wanted to communicate a

traditional house you'd see in Haiti. The shotgun house is one where you have different rooms, but you have access visually to everything because it's one straight line. I separated the gallery in two to create layering with multiple rooms. From one point of view, you get to see everything. It's a complete work, and you're inside of it."

Henry says he enjoyed the challenge of having a dialogue with the collection and exploring where his own style and vision either clashed



Images from the exhibition: left, *Untitled (Women in the Shower Room)* by Wilson Bigaud; center, *Liminal Frameworks* by Frantz Patrick Henry; inset, *Zodiac* by Serge Jolimeau, foreground, and *Vestiges of Light* by Henry, background



More glimpses of the exhibition: above, *The Igneous Element* by Frantz Patrick Henry; inset, Henry; right, *Resurrection Highway* by Henry with *Walls of Jericho* by Jean-Baptiste Bottex mounted on top

or connected with the historical pieces. In his exhibition statement, Henry says, “Here, cultural narratives intertwine, but sometimes misalign, reflecting the complexity of navigating art across different timelines. . . . The result is a dynamic tension, where past and present do not always seamlessly align but instead create new, unexpected meanings.

“This exhibition pays tribute to Edith A. Graham’s legacy while embracing the unpredictability of cultural dialogue,” he adds. “In this space, art becomes a force that collides, challenges, and ultimately expands our understanding of heritage and possibility.”

Echoes and Collisions came at a time when the mainstream art world was beginning to acknowledge the importance of Haitian art, Delano says. “In 2024, the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C., opened a show of Haitian art titled *Spirit & Strength: Modern Art from Haiti*,” he says. “And at the Venice Biennale last year, there was a whole room full of Haitian paintings, featuring some of the same artists represented in our collection.”

Haitian art generally is considered by scholars to be one of the most important examples of visual art of the African diaspora, Delano adds.



ABOUT THE ARTIST

Frantz Patrick Henry is an artist of Haitian origin who has been living in Montreal since 2011. Henry, who graduated from Université du Québec à Montréal in 2019, received the McAbbie Foundation Sculpture Excellence Grant from the School of Visual and Media Arts (UQAM) for his installation *Je suis nouveau ici* (2020) and the Elizabeth Greenshields Foundation Grant and the Explore and Create Grant from the Canada Council for the Arts for his upcoming solo exhibition in Toronto, *Am I a hero?* (September 2025). Having recently completed an M.F.A. in sculpture at Yale School of Art, he is a fellow at NXTHVN, an art incubator lab in New Haven, Connecticut.

A multidisciplinary artist, Henry explores the theme of “becoming” through sculpture, painting, and installation. He says that by appropriating everyday objects diverted from their function, his works often unfold in the form of a site promoting relations with the viewer, which invites them to an experience of self-reconstruction.

“Haitian art speaks to the whole Caribbean experience, as Haiti was the first free Black republic,” he says. “This is meaningful for Trinity because the population of our home city of Hartford is over half people of Caribbean descent.” He says he hopes the Graham Collection serves as a resource to scholars and an inspiration to Caribbean people.

Delano says he believes that art collections and exhibitions at educational institutions like Trinity can stimulate ideas in ways that some museums do not have the freedom to do. “Colleges can produce exhibits specifically for the purpose of raising questions and issues for people to discuss; they’re not dependent on selling tickets or on catering to current trends,” he says. “The value that they create is an intellectual value that can be used by the greater community as well.”

Lisa Lynch, gallery director and organizing curator of the Widener Gallery, also says she feels that generating thought and debate is a crucial role of art on a college campus. “College collections enhance the community’s experience



For more on the exhibition, including photos of all pieces, please visit trinreporter.com/online/HaitianArt.



on many levels. These collections enable object-based learning for students and can be used for faculty research in various disciplines,” Lynch says. “Exhibitions that present these objects in dynamic and innovative ways can expand our perceptions and broaden our understanding.”

In recent decades, advancements have been made in expanding the traditional art history canon, Lynch says, and it’s important for Trinity’s collection to reflect this significant change. “This exhibit used the Graham Collection in a new way, and it celebrated Haiti’s rich culture. Amid the political strife and natural disasters that appear on the news, one can easily overlook the country’s vibrant artistic and cultural traditions,” she says. “I hope that this exhibition prompts students of art and art history to think about how they and their contemporaries honor or grapple with their heritage. Addressing the past or incorporating traditional objects into their work can lead to dissonance, harmony, or both.”

Art that looks at complex global histories and cultural relationships can be challenging, Lynch adds, but that’s often the point. “Sometimes art is beautiful and offers an escape, and sometimes it’s difficult and uncomfortable,” she says. “All of that promotes deeper thinking as we grapple with current local and global issues.” ●✕◆

THE COLLEGE’S ART COLLECTION

The Trinity College Art Collection includes more than 4,000 pieces, says Christina Bleyer, College librarian, associate vice president of libraries and digital learning, and director of special collections and archives at the Watkinson Library.

The collection was put under the stewardship of the Watkinson Library in 2023 and is overseen by the College’s first full-time art collection manager, Barbara Sternal, who originated the position at Trinity in spring 2024. About half of the total collection has been formally documented and cataloged—a process in the art world known as accession—and Sternal has so far added more than 750 pieces to the JSTOR digital repository.

“This is the first time the full art collection will be searchable and viewable by the public,” Bleyer says. “Anyone, even outside of Trinity, can search our art collection online, and museums can request to borrow pieces for exhibitions. We are committed to making the art collection accessible however we can.”

Bleyer says that the mission of the Trinity College Art Collection is to support teaching using original works of art, to preserve works of art entrusted to the Trustees of Trinity College, and to document and make such works accessible for study to students, faculty, and the public. Assembled largely from gifts by alumni and other donors, the College’s collection includes a diverse range of objects and numerous time periods. Individual collections include 14th– to 16th-century European paintings from the Samuel H. Kress Foundation Study Collection, 18th– to 19th-century Japanese woodblock prints from the Philip Kappel Collection of Prints, Trinity College Presidential Portraits, the Edwin Blake Memorial Collection, the George Chaplin Collection, and the Edith A. Graham Collection of Haitian Art.

“The Trinity collection has some really wonderful works in it, and the Graham Collection is the jewel in the crown,” Bleyer says.

Various pieces from the art collection are on view in public buildings throughout campus and often are featured in special exhibitions in Trinity’s Widener Gallery. When not on display, some pieces are secured in an art vault on campus, while the rest are stored in the library.

“For faculty, staff, and students in all majors, pursuing a dialogue with works of art is the creation of new knowledge,” Bleyer says. “It’s a different way—beyond reading and writing—of engaging with what makes us human, offering a unique approach to the central questions that a liberal arts education asks and attempts to answer.”



Trinity Elms in Autumn by Robert W. Starkey '74

Pick me up

Three alumni share the hobbies that keep them happy

For those with demanding careers, hobbies can seem like a luxury at best, or, at worst, a waste of time. But the following three Trinity College graduates find that pursuing their interests enriches their lives and helps them navigate personal and professional challenges.

ALESSANDRA “ALLIE” ECHEVERRIA ‘08 is a “strongwoman” athlete. She can deadlift 315 pounds and carry 540 pounds using a yoke, a heavy metal frame with a crossbar. Still, she is completely serious when she says she is not athletic. It is not innate talent but will that helps her achieve her fitness goals, she says. “Compared with my Strongman friends, I’m not even that strong.”

Strongman is a sport that tests an athlete’s strength and endurance in a variety of ways, from doing dead lifts and squats to pulling a vehicle.

Echeverria made her way to the sport through CrossFit. “I fell in love with CrossFit in 2014,” she says. “I felt like I didn’t know how to make friends, but in the shared suffering of CrossFit, I discovered a community.”

Training at a CrossFit gym in Atlanta, Echeverria met Strongman coach Andrew Hanus. “I had heard Strongman was a sport that women could do, and he encouraged me to start competing.” At her first “in-house”

competition, meaning it was not sanctioned by an official Strongman organization, she won the novice division and started attending Hanus’s weekly classes. That was in 2018, and Echeverria has been at it ever since. On February 8, she competed in the Limit Breaker Invitational in Alabama, where she achieved three personal bests and came in fourth place.

Echeverria, diagnosed with ADHD as a young adult, says her Strongman training calms her “spicy brain.” She works out two to five days a week, combining Strongman exercises, such as heaving heavy sandbags over a high bar, with cable workouts and cardio. “I am not my best, glittery self if I don’t exercise regularly,” she says.

And being at her best is important for her job. Echeverria, a registered dietitian who holds an M.S. in nutrition from Georgia State University, is a pediatric oncology hematology dietitian at Children’s Healthcare of Atlanta.

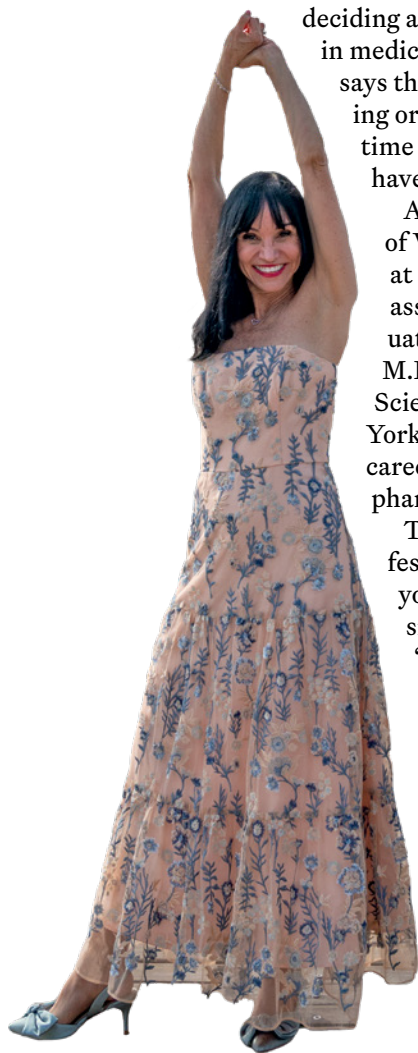
In addition to her athletic training and work helping children, the unstoppable Echeverria

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Allie
Echeverria ‘08
shows her
strength in a
Strongman
competition.

PHOTO: CB PERSPECTIVES



Kim Thacker '83,
once into ballroom
dancing, finds
joy in tap.



runs her own company, EatonBroshar.com, where she designs and markets planners for other “spicy brain” women. She also maintains a popular Instagram account, @inshapeoutofmind.

A sociology and writing and rhetoric major at Trinity, she credits her first-year seminar instructor, Robert Peltier, principal lecturer in the Allan K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric, emeritus, with her career success. As a first-year, she says, she “just didn’t value myself as someone who could positively contribute.” But Peltier “treated me with respect and listened to me,” says Echeverria, who later served as a teaching assistant for Peltier’s “Writing 101” course. She notes, “I am where I am today—changing children’s lives—because of him.”

KIM THACKER '83 was a serious student, deciding at an early age that she wanted a career in medicine. “I was the geeky girl at Trinity,” says the biology major. “I was either studying or working in the lab.” There was no time for pursuing hobbies—“I just didn’t have the bandwidth,” she says.

As a transfer from the University of Virginia, she felt “well supported” at Trinity, where she was a teaching assistant in biochemistry. After graduating third in her class, she earned an M.D. from SUNY Downstate Health Sciences University in Brooklyn, New York, and began a successful 20-year career as a biotech executive working in pharmaceutical research.

Though she was excelling in her professional life, she wanted to meet other young people in New York City, so she signed up for ballroom dance lessons. “Although I always loved to dance, I was not someone who took endless lessons as a child,” she says. She found a great practice partner, and the two spent many hours perfecting their steps on the dance floor.

But then her partner met the love of his life and “spun right out of our dancing duo,” she says. Searching for a style of dance that didn’t require a partner, she discovered tap.

“Tap dancing entered my life like an all-encompassing whirlwind of percussion and possibility,” she says. “With every shuffle, flap, and brush, we tell stories without uttering a word. It’s a conversation between our bodies and rhythm, where improvisation meets discipline in perfect harmony.”

That was in the early '90s, and Thacker—a former president of the board of the American Tap Dance Foundation—remains smitten. She takes two or three 90-minute classes a week and finds that the practice and close-knit community help her navigate life’s challenges, specifically the loss of her parents, brother, and uncle.

In 2018, she went back to the classroom to earn a master’s in bioethics from Columbia University and now combines her 20-plus years in pharmacology with her newer interest in biotechnology and bioethics. She is a fellow at the New York Academy of Medicine, where she is vice chair of the academy’s Section on Healthy Aging, and recently was elected to the board of the Empire State Bioethics Consortium. She also is a member of the working group of an IEEE Brain initiative, helping to develop an ethics framework for the use of neurotechnology.

Through it all, tap has been her constant. “Tap dancing is my refuge, my playground, and my reminder that joy is indeed the very best dance partner of all,” she says.

JAMES “JAMIE” EVANS '97 is a corporate lawyer with Orrick Technology Capital Markets in Seattle. He also is a single dad to his daughter, Katy, 17, and a person who admits to having “a high-risk appetite.”

At Trinity, it wasn’t apparent that Evans would develop a penchant for motorsports. A philosophy major, he had an affinity for public policy and had his mind set on a career in law. He says his four years at the College were some of his favorites. “I met some of my best friends there,” he recalls.

After graduation, he spent some time in New York City before moving to the West Coast to earn a J.D. from UC Berkeley School of Law.

As a young professional, he started hanging around a garage after becoming interested in classic cars. “I got to know the guys and learned how to work on engines,” he says. He also



Jamie Evans '97, an avid e-racer, and daughter Katy sightsee in Milan, Italy, in 2024 when in town for a Taylor Swift concert.

became friends with one of the mechanics, who happened to race motorcycles.

His friend took him to the racetrack one day, and Evans rode a motorcycle on the track. Motorcycle racing is not for the faint of heart. Racers can reach speeds of 200 mph, and there isn't much to protect them from being hit by another driver in the event of a fall. "That was it," he says. "I was immediately hooked."

Evans started competing in 2017, but his racing was interrupted in 2021, when his daughter's mother experienced a cardiac event that left her seriously disabled. "Overnight, I became a single parent."

Katy, 13 at the time, asked her father to give up racing. "She had lost one parent; she didn't want to lose the other. It was a fair thing to ask," says Evans, who immediately stopped racing. But he missed the fun and adrenaline rush that came from his motorsports activities. After searching for a safer alternative, he invested in a full-motion e-racing simulator that takes up a good portion of his garage. "The physics are like live racing, and the immersion is very real," he says. Evans focuses primarily on NASCAR-style racing and regularly competes against other drivers, "though my results are average at best."

What does Katy think of her dad's e-racing? "She was interested at first," he says, "but now we find other things to do together." Last year, in what could be construed as another hobby, Evans accompanied his daughter to three Taylor Swift concerts. "She's a big fan," he says. ●✕◆



'Pathways to creativity'

At Trinity's Raether Library and Information Technology Center, students and other members of the College community have many avenues to foster and support hobbies—from a fully stocked craft library to 3D printers.

Located in the library's Center for Digital Learning and Scholarship, Trinity's Arts and Crafts Supply Library is open 24 hours a day. Students may check out items including sewing machines, paints, yarn, paint-by-number kits, hot-glue guns, and more. "A lot of students wanted to experiment with different media but didn't have the available resources," says Christina Bleyer, College librarian, associate vice president of libraries and digital learning, and director of special collections and archives at the Watkinson Library. This treasure trove of donated items makes it easier for students to explore their creativity.

In addition to providing materials, the Arts and Crafts Supply Library gives students a place to gather, socialize, and learn from one another. It also provides resources for a popular student crochet club and a student book-discussion group, with librarians serving as sponsors.

Creatively displayed in a vintage card catalog, Trinity's Seed Library offers a wide variety of vegetable, herb, flower, and fruit seeds, most donated to the College from The Chas. C. Hart Seed Company in Wethersfield, Connecticut. Launched in 2024, the seed library is popular with students, faculty, and Hartford residents, says Bleyer.

Patrons may take seeds and borrow books about urban gardening. Some donate seeds they harvested from their own crops. The seed library also hosts an open-to-the-public yearly planting event for Earth Day in April.

For more technology-focused patrons, the library offers five 3D printers. Unless the project is overly large or complicated, printer usage is free, though patrons must contact student technology assistants for help in getting their model ready to print.

In addition, the library offers a bookable virtual reality room and audio recording studios and also loans out drones, which can be used to shoot aerial photos and video footage.

In the last 20 years, with the growth of digital resources, libraries have become dynamic community hubs where patrons have access to various services, materials, and experiences, explains Bleyer.


"We like to think of libraries as a third space, after work and home, a space where people can connect, learn, and engage."

Bleyer notes that libraries are focused on lifelong learning, offering workshops, exhibitions, and even opportunities to engage in hobbies.

"Hobbies are more than just pastimes," says Bleyer. "They are pathways to creativity, connection, and well-being. They can even develop skills that translate into career opportunities or side businesses."

Bleyer notes the library's hobby offerings are an important addition to campus. "Amid academic pressures," she says, "hobbies can provide a vital balance, offering a chance to recharge, explore creativity, and develop skills that enrich both personal and professional growth."





Ben Carbonetti,
director of the Human
Rights Studies Program
and senior lecturer in
human rights studies

Positive impact

STORY BY
EMILY HALNON

Groundbreaking Human Rights Studies Program marks 25 years

Anna Grant-Bolton '25 says she wants to make a difference in the world—and she says she feels ready to do it thanks to Trinity College's Human Rights Studies Program.

"The jump between the work that I'm doing at Trinity with human rights studies and what I hope to do immediately following graduation does not feel like a very big leap," she says.

Grant-Bolton's sentiment is just how program leaders want students to feel, as the Human Rights Studies Program aims to prepare students to become human rights leaders and advocates—at Trinity and beyond.

"Since its inception, the Human Rights Studies Program has empowered students to do the work that's needed to make a difference," says founding director Maryam Elahi.

Adds Ben Carbonetti, current director of the Human Rights Studies Program and senior lecturer in human rights studies, "We want our students to learn how to use their interdisciplinary human rights education as a through line to think about the world's big issues in a way that enables them to make a positive impact."

The program, which just marked its 25th anniversary, has been committed to excellence in the study and practice of human rights through a robust interdisciplinary curriculum, a plethora of opportunities for experiential learning, and a commitment to fostering critical thinking and essential skills through ongoing dialogue and debate about human rights issues.

With human rights challenges dominating current headlines, conversations, and lived realities around the world, it might seem obvious that academic institutions such as

Trinity would incorporate the study of human rights into their educational offerings.

Trinity, though, was at the forefront of prioritizing human rights as an academic path. When the College created the groundbreaking Human Rights Studies Program in 1998, it was the first liberal arts college to establish a program focused solely on the study of human rights. While there wasn't a strong move for similar efforts across the nation at the time, it immediately was a hit at Trinity, according to Elahi, who drew on her experience with Amnesty International to shape and launch it. She'd joined Trinity a few months prior to head its Office of International Programs but found herself missing human rights work and saw an opportunity to create an undergraduate human rights program at Trinity.

"Our students wanted to learn about what was happening around the globe and better understand how they could make the world a better place," says Elahi. "That was the promise of a human rights education; it could empower you to make a difference."

When Elahi originally proposed the idea for the program, she was met with enthusiastic support from the administration and faculty members, who were excited to collaborate across disciplines and to help build new courses for the major. Elahi leveraged her connections to recruit many notable heads of state and human rights advocates and leaders from around the world to speak on campus and to participate in events including an annual lecture series. Some of the guests during the early years included Queen Rania Al Abdullah of Jordan; Patricia Murphy Derien, assistant secretary of state for human rights and humanitarian affairs for President Jimmy Carter; Martin O'Brien, a human rights activist from Northern Ireland; and Eyad El-Sarraj, a prominent Palestinian psychiatrist and internationally recognized human rights advocate.

Elahi also launched a human rights scholar-in-residence and offered internships and summer fellowships so students could get real-world experience. "We wanted students to have the chance to roll up their sleeves and get a real sense of the kind of work you need to do to make meaningful progress in this field," she says.

While the program has evolved over the last quarter century, its mission has remained the same. Carbonetti says that promise of a human rights education continues to draw students to the program, which graduated its largest class yet in 2024.

"Today's students are really interested in learning how they can make a difference," says Carbonetti, who took over the program in 2020, at a time when faculty and students were showing immense energy and momentum to effect change in the wake of George Floyd's murder and the corresponding surge in the Black Lives Matter movement. "Students recognize that the world has a lot of challenges, and they want to understand what tools are available to them to try and address these challenges," Carbonetti says.

One of the main tenets of the program is helping students appreciate that the best toolbox is shaped by an interdisciplinary liberal arts education, according to Carbonetti. Students in the Human Rights Studies Program integrate classes from disciplines across political science, law, arts, English, public policy, sociology, anthropology, and neuroscience, and it's not unusual for them to double major. The program's curriculum also includes a strong arts component, so students learn about the power of storytelling and building empathy for human rights through that field.

"We want students to recognize that you can't just stay in your lane and hope to solve any of these problems," says Carbonetti. "Human rights sits at the nexus of so many disciplines, and we want students to learn many different things so they can think creatively and critically about some of the world's most complicated problems."

Carbonetti says the program has grown over the last 25 years, thanks to support from the administration and contributing faculty members and vital backing from donors including Everett Elting Jr. '58, P'85, '87 and wife Joanne P'85, '87 and Peter Blum '72. Donor support has allowed the hiring of the program's first full-time positions and tenure-track faculty members, including Diana Aldrete, assistant professor of language and culture studies and human rights studies, and Christina Heatherton, who, thanks to the Eltings' endowment of a professorship that supports the program's first fully tenured faculty member, is the inaugural Everett and Joanne Elting Associate Professor for Human Rights and Global Citizenship.

Carbonetti highlights other significant changes in recent years, including expanding programmatic offerings such as the Trinity Prison Education Program, which provides college classes to incarcerated people in Connecticut and academic opportunities that help students learn about mass incarceration and refugee issues through field study, and granting students

financial support for research, work, and internships outside the classroom.

“Having the resources to send students around the world to pursue internships and research projects has been a real game changer,” says Carbonetti.

Trinity also aims to connect students with experiential learning opportunities and internships at leading human rights organizations so they can get on-the-ground experience and a better understanding of how different communities experience human rights challenges, Carbonetti says. The program leverages its location in Hartford, which is brimming with human rights organizations and community groups, and collaborates with other institutions around the region to share resources and opportunities. Trinity also joined the Oxford Consortium for Human Rights Research, which allows the program to send students to a conference at Oxford University every summer. And the College offers a pair of experiential certificates in human rights, one focused on carceral systems and social change and the other a global migration and refugee resettlement lab.

Izabella Bautista '26 says her experience outside the classroom has been some of the most valuable work she's done at Trinity. Bautista, who wants to go into immigration law, interned with the Northwestern Prison Education Program, which provides a liberal arts education to incarcerated students in Illinois. She says she received vital support through the Human Rights Studies Program to be able to do this internship.

“Human rights studies helps us pop the bubbles that we're living in,” she says. “It prepares us to better understand and weigh in on issues that are happening around the globe, in the United States, and right in Harford.”

Grant-Bolton also has seized many of the program's opportunities to expand her education outside the classroom. She interned with a legal aid clinic and the Northwestern Prison Education Program, traveled to Louisiana to investigate environmental injustices in disadvantaged communities, and completed a research project analyzing the barriers to justice that women of color in Connecticut face when reentering society after incarceration.

“The Human Rights Studies Program connects us with experiences that collapse the space between the academic classroom and the many injustices and oppression happening in the world,” she says. “I've learned that the ideal engagement in the field of human rights requires



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IZABELLA BAUTISTA '26

both education and action, and that's exactly what I've found at Trinity.”

Grant-Bolton says that while she was interested in a career focused on mass incarceration and the criminal justice system when she arrived at Trinity, she didn't know what to pursue as her major. After she landed in a human rights advocacy class her first fall, she knew she'd found her academic home.

“That class introduced me to the really complex, challenging, and critical dialogues happening in the field of human rights, and I knew the program would equip me with the skills and knowledge to pursue social justice advocacy and reimagine the world's most oppressive systems,” she says.

While many graduates of the Human Rights Studies Program go on to work at places such as the United Nations or various NGOs and nonprofits, Carbonetti stresses that he wants to empower students to approach any job as a human rights job—and to use their education as a critical lens to think about the world and how to make a positive impact.

“Students yearn for the chance to understand these big issues and find avenues for positive change,” he says. “A human rights education is it. That's how we diagnose some of the hardest problems we face and figure out how to move forward.”



Inset:
Archival photo
of Maryam Elahi,
founding director
of the Human
Rights Studies
Program

Enduring effects

Legacy gifts vital to future generations of Bantams

BY CHRISTINE SANNI

Brendan Clark '21 stands as a testament to the lasting impact an institution can have on its students—and the lasting impact students can have on the institution. Clark's story begins, like many others, with an education that transformed his life.

"Trinity is not just any college," says Clark, a corporate attorney in Wilmington, Delaware. "It is the place where I learned how to reason, how to argue, and how to act as a leader in the world."

He goes on to say that "a Trinity education, in 1823, in 2023, or long after, will always remain central and relevant to the formation of the next leaders in the world." For this reason, Clark says, he has done something that not many of his peers have considered: elected to name Trinity in his will. "My bequest is a statement of my faith in Trinity."

Clark, who also serves as the Class of 2021 secretary and as a class agent, is following a long-standing tradition of many Trinity alumni. William G. Mather, Class of 1877, M.A. 1885, Hon. 1932, solidified his legacy at Trinity not only during his lifetime by gifting

the Chapel to the College but also after his death, through a monumental gift in his will. In 1959, Trustee Martin W. Clement, Class of 1901, Hon. 1951, proposed that \$500,000 of Mather's bequest be used to name the new student center after him—thus, the William Gwinn Mather Student Center, now known as Mather Hall, was born.

Other transformative bequests to Trinity include the clock tower that was built thanks to a bequest from Louis W. Downes, Class of 1888, Hon. 1913, who had long dreamed of the structure adorning the space between the Chapel and Williams Memorial.

Throughout its history, Trinity has benefited from the generosity of donors whose influence extends far beyond their lifetimes, and the tradition continues today with alumni such as Clark and others who, through Trinity's All In campaign, have helped to raise millions through planned gifts, including bequests and annuities.

Clark's decision to include Trinity in his will places him within a growing group of alumni known as the Elms Society. Members of the



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LEGACY GOAL: **\$100M**

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Ayres '77, P'12
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Elmendorf '82
Doug Tansill '61,
P'91, '96

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Patrice
Ball-Reed '80
Jerry Hansen '51,
P'78, '84, '88,
GP'12, '16, '20,
Tom Johnson '62,
P'97



Elms Society frequently speak of how their Trinity education changed their lives. Trinity Board of Trustees Vice Chair Walt Harrison '68, H'18, former president of the University of Hartford, says he credits his time at the College with shaping his intellectual and personal development, while retired investment banker and former Trustee Sophie Bell Ayres '77, P'12 says, "The Trinity community has played a central role in my life ever since the moment I stepped on campus as a student-athlete; the experience was a true gift to me that gave me wings." Former Trustee Steve Elmendorf '82, a political aide and lobbyist, says he attributes his success to two influential professors, Clyde McKee and Jack Chatfield '64, who "imparted an invaluable context of the past, taught me how governments function, and provided a palette for creating my future."

These transformative experiences are at the heart of why many Elms Society members give back:

"The Trinity community has played a central role in my life ever since the moment I stepped on campus as a student-athlete; the experience was a true gift to me that gave me wings."

SOPHIE BELL AYRES '77, P'12

They want future students to have the same opportunities. "Trinity gave me the foundation," says former Trustee Patrice Ball-Reed '80, an associate judge in the Circuit Court of Cook County in Illinois. "I want future students to have the same opportunities." Liz Hanusovsky Patterson '05, Trinity's director of annual giving who also is a regular Trinity College Fund donor, adds, "Joining the Elms Society was an easy way to make a lasting commitment to my alma mater and the generations of Bantams to come."

For many, the bonds with Trinity are as strong as those with family. Jerry Hansen '51, P'78, '84, '88, GP'12, '16, '20, whose Bantam connections span decades as a student, alumnus, administrator, volunteer, parent, and grandparent, sees the College as his second family. "Family means everything to me, and Trinity is family," he says.

Today, Ayres, Elmendorf, and former Trinity Trustee Doug Tansill '61, P'91, '96 co-chair the legacy portion of the College's All In campaign, alongside honorary co-chairs Ball-Reed, Hansen, and Tom Johnson '62, P'97, whose recent \$10 million bequest was documented in the winter 2025 issue of *The Trinity Reporter*. The goal of this portion of the campaign is to raise \$100 million by the close of June 2025. With nearly \$95 million already raised, the College is on track to reach this ambitious goal.

"Trinity is in my will," says Interim Vice President for Advancement Carrie Pelzel '74. "Someday my bequest will create an endowed scholarship fund in the name of my parents. It is my way of honoring the sacrifices they made for me to attend Trinity and to give the gift of a Trinity education to others. Thank you to all in our community who have contributed to the College through planned gifts." ♦✕♦



WHAT WILL YOUR TRINITY LEGACY BE?

The All In campaign will close
on June 30, 2025.

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planned gift counted!

If you are **65 or more years old**, your **bequest provision** can be included in the campaign. You also can name Trinity College as a **beneficiary of a life insurance policy, investment, or retirement account** and be recognized for your intentions. Your decision makes a difference. Thank you!

Class Notes



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

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

1953 President: John A. North Jr. • Secretary: Vacant

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

Bob Wolff, your secretary, was able to enjoy a Trinity alumni gathering in Los Angeles at the home of Tom Safran '67 on February 2. About 30 alumni and parents of current students enjoyed a reception for our retiring president, Joanne Berger-Sweeney. Sadly, this was right after the Palisades and Eaton fires. One parent whose family home was burned was present. Eleven years ago, I was among those who met the president on her first trip to Los Angeles, where she grew up.

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

Not much new news for our class (in some ways, thank goodness), except for the group of 10 who are planning to be on campus for our 70th in June. Details on that plan were included in our report that was sent out in the last issue of the *Reporter*. Hope to see some surprise participants and some major gifts to help make us set a new standard for a 70-year Reunion class gift as we did for our 50th. Looking forward to sending out a happy Reunion report in the next issue of the *Reporter*.

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

Ned Montgomery took his family (two granddaughters, two grandsons, and one son-in-law) on a milestone vacation—one that many

of us have only read or dreamed about—to Antarctica. Here is his verbatim report. "We departed from the tip of South America on December 27 and returned in late January. It was a fabulous out-of-world experience and sometimes a bit scary. We were two days by ship to reach land or civilization in the Southern Ocean. We saw so much: whales just 12 feet from our Zodiac—some 110 feet long and weighing 330,000 pounds, an estimated 30 million king penguins, icebergs three times the size of N.Y.C., and all types of seals. The trip was physically demanding, and except for me, the family had to deal with seasickness with huge waves from 12 to 30 feet tall, including winds from 12 to 85 knots. It was a trip of a lifetime for all of us." Ned reports that he remains active, lives on Rittenhouse Square in Philadelphia, and works seven days a week on the staff of United Way. With this trip, he says that he has been on all seven continents. Bravo to you, Ned.

Henry Zachs reports that he remains active on the tennis courts and, by my estimation, probably active in many other areas as well. In recent emails, he told me his tennis partner is 100. I hope he doesn't have to rush the net.

David Taylor and I talked recently. He was contemplating moving to a retirement-community offering a total-care apartment in a local (Honolulu) facility. He is resisting the urge, yet logic argues for it. David lives alone, and (he told me he) has long-term care insurance, yet such a move seems so final, so much a termination of active life. I feel it myself and have resisted the same move so far.

I called Charlie Stehle recently and learned about his grandchildren. One, 26, is manager of a Philadelphia fitness center and in love. Another grandchild is a scholar and has an M.A. and Ph.D. in psychology from Montclair State University. His son Causten (Trinity grad) lives in Wilmington and works for a publishing marketing company. Charlie had a bad fall at home recently but with good care and rehab is recovering. He is taking tennis lessons to sharpen his reflexes and still researching his history book about his 19th-century ancestor Colonel Maynadier.

Carl Meister called me one afternoon in the late fall to see if we could get together. It wasn't possible, but I did learn that he had

recently attended the 250th anniversary of the First Troop Philadelphia City Cavalry, the oldest continually active horse military organization in the country. He told me he doesn't ride anymore but keeps his hand in the "horse business" and still boards a few horses.

Dave Renkert and I talked in autumn. He still lives in Canton, Ohio, but in a smaller house, where he has great views to the west, especially at sunset. Dave also has a request for *The Trinity Reporter*. He wants to see the magazine do more in-depth sports news and publish the scores. Dave doesn't fly-fish anymore (same as me), afraid to fall in a fast-flowing stream.

Finally, some sad news. John Barton died in May of last year, but I have not been able to see an obituary. The other is Kim Shaw, who died in September 2023 (sorry to be so tardy here). He had a distinguished career with the Arthur D. Little Corporation in Boston. I have an enduring fondness and deep gratitude to Kim for getting me out of a difficult roommate situation early in my freshman year, one bad night about 70 years ago.

1957 President: Ward S. Curran • Vice President: Donald B. Stokes • Secretary: Frederick M. Tobin, frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Ward S. Curran, Neil Day, Donald B. Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin

1958 Vice President: Mike Zoob • Secretary: John L. Thompson, john.thompson.1958@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Joseph J. Repole Jr.

Despite the years and the fact that we probably see more of our doctors than golf or tennis, 1958 Bantams live on. In the meantime, have you noticed that in the *Reporter*, Class of '58 notes are on the first page—the oldest alums?

Duke University Associate Professor, Emeritus, David Smith writes that he continues his postretirement vocation as a musician. He is a singer/actor/sax player performing with the Village Revue (at assisted living facilities), Prime Time Players (stages plays at a senior center), Durham Savoyards Ltd. (Gilbert and Sullivan operas), and the Durham Community Concert Band. David resides in Durham, where he is the past

president of the NAMI North Carolina Board of Directors.

Marblehead, Massachusetts, is where **Tim Parker** and wife Janet reside. Tim reports that his recent knee replacement took longer than expected but has not prevented his “volunteering things,” though not as much as his wife does running the Marblehead Food Pantry. He has three sons. His four grandchildren reside in Malmo, Sweden. They exchange visits periodically. His South Boston son and wife recently battled COVID. Otherwise, he says, “Not much else good or bad to report.”

Bernie Moran said nothing about himself. He concentrated on a quarterbacking grandson who is a high school junior. He wrote that he expects Andrew to attend a Trinity football camp this summer and who knows? Someday he might even play the position for the Bantams.

Recalling that during our undergraduate years’ integration was not a big factor, **Pete Smith** remembers when his Cornell office was visited by civil rights and anti-war demonstrators. He does feel that much of that did lead, in part, to the election of a Black president and to the establishment of MLK Day. Pete does feel that our experiences with academic demand, high standards from professors, coaches Kurtz and Jessee, the required gym course, and even the wearing of beanies all contributed to establishing, for him, a strong foundation that governed his successful teaching career. He has always been proud of being recognized by his high school “Wall of Honor,” but he is very proud of having been selected by his students as their college commencement speaker. He notes that his relationship with Advil intrigues him as does his near disbelief that we had a 65th Reunion.

So, you all know that Notre Dame has miraculously reopened. And you probably know that Trump was there. Much more significantly, so was **Mike Zoob**. Over the holiday period, Mike took the whole family, especially the four aged-17-to-22 grandkids, to France. Thanking his French history class with Phil Bankwitz, they did it all: des Invalides, d’Orsay, the Louvre, the Reims Cathedral, etc. He acknowledges that even with all the great history, a highlight for the 10 of them was a half-day baking class

where they made macarons. Mike is enjoying his new digs in midtown Boston and is still significantly involved with Road Scholar. He and **Bordie Painter** still do their periodic lunches in Sturbridge.

Personally, following Shirley’s death in 2023, I have relocated to a rooftop condo in downtown West Palm Beach. There is a second bed and bathroom that invites you all to visit if winter gets to you. I have a growing connection with Palm Beach Dramaworks, where my New York actor son regularly performs. I am enjoying meeting interesting and impressive new neighbors and maintaining those garnered from my 20 years at PB Day School. Yes, one of my neighbors lives down the street at Mar-a-Lago, but other than a June 14 birthday, he and I have nothing of mind or deed in common. Last month, I had a delightful lunch with **Peter Lowenstein**. He winters in nearby Delray Beach. He is well of body and mind and is still practicing law.

1959

President: Robert D. Coykendall • Vice

President: William R. Abeles Sr. • Secretary: Robert L. Harnish; robert.harnish.1959@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Robert D. Coykendall

Paul Kardon writes, “We have begun our Trinity alumni luncheon meetings with excellent attendance, including the daughter of Professor Cherbonnier and her 103-year-old mother. Amazing!”

Shep Scheinberg hosted a brunch at the Colony Hotel in Palm Beach and says, “I had the pleasurable company of **Alan Miller** and Carene, **Ken Lessall**, and Ken Lyons ’60 and his wife, Judy. I am going strong, learning the bass guitar and writing songs.”

And, reflecting on his days at Trinity, **Art Judge** writes that “my favorite professor was Dr. George Cooper, who instilled in me the love of lifelong learning. I have continued to read history books.”

Ken Lessall writes that he saw many old friends while working for a while for Brooks Brothers. He has traveled several times to the U.K. and France and is just back from Turkey and Greece. He is playing less golf because of back issues but keeps in touch with Paul and Shep.

Herb Moorin says, “Since our last Reunion, I have decided to gather material for my

memoir. I have engaged the help of a woman who describes herself as a memorialist. So far it has been a delightful and grand learning experience. One of the highlights has been recounting the generous financial aid Trinity gave me and also the humbling experience of the first freshman semester and the whole Trinity experience. Of course, a special call-out to Professor Dando.”

Charlie Nichols says that the past year has involved much travel to family weddings and Christmas in San Antonio. He still enjoys his antique cars and “designing houses I will never build.”

Karl Scheibe writes that he retired from the faculty at Wesleyan in 2005 but stayed on for 13 years to help found and direct the Wasch Center for Retired Faculty at Wesleyan. Karl has published eight books and scores of research articles, the last of which, “Life Is Sometimes Sweet: The Vicissitudes of Human Moods,” was published in January 2025.

Charlie Beristain writes, “I am just keeping my head down and focusing on things I can possibly influence.”

As for me (**Bob Harnish**), recent hip surgery has allowed me to be much more active in maintaining my property, working out, and biking. New e-bikes have made the hills of Vermont much more accessible, but I recommend them no matter where you live (unless you have young legs like **Charlie Beristain**, who bikes many miles each day). Nancy and I have discussed moving to a continuing care retirement community, as many of you have, but for now we are content to age in place on our hilltop looking west for grand sunsets.

Robert Coykendall had no exciting news but mentioned the Class of 1959 Scholarship. He thanks recent donors. As of the end of the last fiscal year, June 30, 2025, its value was a modest \$145,775. More donations welcome.

From the Alumni Office: **Harvey Lerman** recently was inducted into the Florida Chess Hall of Fame. The fall 2024 issue of the state’s chess magazine included a short bio of him that tells of his efforts to promote the game of chess in Florida over the past 30 years. While still working, Harvey organized an annual youth chess tournament in Central Florida. After retiring, he began to organize and direct chess tournaments for the Central

Florida Chess Club and became certified as a club director and a national director. Soon he expanded his reach throughout the state and the Southeast. Harvey took over editing and producing the state chess magazine, which he did for the two decades, while running an after-school chess program for youth and directing national, state, and local chess tournaments. In 2021, he was honored when the annual state tournament was named for him.

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The Class of 1960 continues to stay active and is looking forward to our 65th Reunion.

Bob Johnson reports he lives in Brightview, a senior facility in Wayne, Pennsylvania.

My wife and I recently had dinner with **Bud Anderson** in Vero Beach. Bud looked great and continues to be an avid golfer.

Got a short note from **Bob Sweet**, who is stepping down as a trustee of the Canterbury Cathedral Trust.

Also heard from **Marv Peterson** bemoaning the ravages of old age, something most of us can identify with.

Lastly, we had a wonderful visit with **Aaron Fleischman** at his apartment at the River House in New York City. Aaron has a magnificent modern art collection, and he generously gave us a guided tour. Quite spectacular.

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In the small world department: **Warren Simmons's** daughter Rollin was the cantor at **Peter Kreisel's** grandnephew's Houston bar mitzvah.

Frank Brosgol says he still keeps in touch with **Andy Cantor** and **Mike Perlman**, "who are doing well. Michael is teaching a course on Zionism 1895-1945 at his synagogue."

Talking about religious achievements, can you top **Mac Wiener's** granddaughter Ellie? While completing a Ph.D. thesis at the University of Cambridge, she's memorized the book of Job in Hebrew.

Bob Brault offers a 63-year update. "After Trin, I lived in Hartford another 20 years,

then moved over the mountain to my present home in Avon. Married late but well and inherited a wonderful stepfamily. Worked as a computer geek for most of the Hartford insurance companies, retiring to self-publish six books of original thoughts that have had some small notice. I regret being so late to the conversation but wish you all good cheer and good health in these bonus years we have somehow earned." Bob's mantra: "Enjoy the little things, for one day you may look back and realize they were the big things."

Peter Hoffman and wife Linda winter in Palm Beach and summer in New York City. They're staying involved in myriad charitable endeavors, including Peter's service on the Board of Directors of the Palm Beach Opera, which presented acclaimed soprano Anna Netrebko at The Breakers. Their granddaughter, a junior at Cornell, is concentrating on the hospitality industry.

Reporter extraordinaire **Peter Kilborn** stays on the journalism track with this profile of classmate **John W. "Jack" Swanberg**: Workday mornings after breakfast, Jack's mother bundled him up to take his father to the Rowayton, Connecticut, train station for his commute to Manhattan. Jack was 3 years old. "I saw a train coming in," he said. "I was just transfixed." Swanberg went on to boarding school in Massachusetts and to Trinity. He has never appeared in classmates' accounts of their lives and careers, so here is his:

Jack has been around, all over the world, mostly on railroads, and on planes, boats, buses, trolleys, and camels. A lifelong bachelor, without children, he usually travels alone. He hiked in Tanzania, with sherpas lugging his gear. He climbed 19,340-foot-tall Mount Kilimanjaro. He flew to the North Pole, bringing skis. In his 25 years of retirement from the New Haven railroad, Swanberg has been riding classy trains like the Trans-Siberian, the Trans-Mongolian, and India's Palace on Wheels.

At Trinity, his mentor professor urged him to take his junior year abroad. He went to the University of Madrid to learn Spanish, which he found of little subsequent use, and took to riding the rails, among Europe's longest.

On graduation, he wanted work on a train. Within days, he approached the New York, New Haven, and Hartford Railroad based in New Haven. He applied for the gritty, greasy work of a locomotive fireman, a job usually given to sons of union members. Jack had no such connections, but, he said, "They called the next day." From a stack of applications,

the man told him, one, just one, stood out. "We're going to hire you," he said. "You've got the degree," his B.A. He mastered the job in a year.

It didn't go anywhere. The government, he said, "told me I'd be drafted." Instead, he volunteered for four years in the U.S. Navy. The navy taught him celestial navigation and aerial transport navigation, vital for warfare, airlines, and trains, and precursors of today's GPS. Commissioned an ensign and honorably discharged, he returned to New Haven. Impressed, the railroad made him an operations management trainee. His focus, like 3-year-old Jack's, was the metal—the tracks, the rails, the engines, the stations, the whistles, the then-famously reliable clocks—not the white-collar executive suites.

Sent to Detroit as assistant train master, Jack managed the auto industry's shipment of new cars. He was sent to New York to guide traffic through Grand Central Terminal. He had to get all the trains in and out in good order. With 38 years running trains, he retired as the lead trainmaster of the Metro-North Railroad, the Northeast's all-passenger, government-owned survivor of J.P. Morgan's failed monopoly.

Jack has written thousands of journal and magazine articles about railroads. Writing is in his DNA. His late father, William A. Swanberg, wrote best-selling biographies. In 1988, Jack wrote a book, his opus, the 608-page *New Haven Power—1838-1968*. Amazon's seven reviews of *New Haven Power*, all from railroad cognoscenti, are unequivocal raves. It covers financier J.P. Morgan's erstwhile monopoly of New England railroads, subsequent bankruptcies, and ill-fated mergers and the New England industry's dwindling traffic to automobiles, buses, and trucks. Jack has had some ride over 82 of his 85 years.

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Michael W. Creighton, Charles L. Hoffman
Classmates! Here's hoping that you are managing OK in these tumultuous political times.

From perhaps our class's most distant land, **Ilhi Syinn** writes that, in the year of the Blue Snake, he's still "toiling away my days with university affairs, and will have to do so for four more years" as the president of Keimyung University. He wishes to visit

the campus “and pay my respect to Bishop Brownell” and enjoy “a leisurely stroll along the Long Walk ‘neath the elms thinking about the Trinity days spent with (us) guys.” (Secretary’s note: Maybe during the next regular Reunion in 2027?)

Kaja LeWinn ’98, Sc.D., epidemiologist, the daughter of **Larry LeWinn**, recently received Trinity’s President’s Medal for Science and Innovation “in recognition of her research in the fields of neurodevelopment and mental health in children.”

In late November 2024, several classmates, including **Jim Whitters**, **Chuck Hoffman**, **Frank Cummings**, **Tom Johnson**, **George Rand**, **Bill Polk**, **Don Mackay**, **Jack Baker**, **Dan Tuerk**, **Guy Anderson**, and **John Densem**, participated in an unscripted online Reunion. We easily ran out of time. (Secretary’s note: Won’t you join us next time?)

Ian Bennett writes that he became a British citizen at the British Consulate in Boston this past December 5 with the help of two classmates, **Jim Whitters** and **Cummings Zuill**, who provided character references.

Daniel Tuerk provided some interesting bio information. He wrote that he “left Trinity after his sophomore year, having been accepted into a newly developed five-year program at Johns Hopkins. The first year was at the undergraduate campus for a B.A. degree, the last four at the medical school for (an) M.D. degree.” He served one year of undergraduate studies, which seemed important to him at the time, but now he says “not so much.” With the onset of COVID and advancing age, he gave up downhill skiing and, for now, traveling through crowded airports. He says he still travels to beautiful Lake Tahoe for hiking and the scenery, and in warm weather he works in his yard to protect his house there from fire by enlarging the defensible space. He notes that his two best friends on campus were **George Raymond** and **Roger Wilson**, who passed away a year or two ago after a spectacular medical career at Memorial Sloan Kettering.

Please “feed the Bantam” next time!

From the Alumni Office: **Donald Jones** reports “after 16 winters as a snowbird, I’m selling the place in Florida and will be residing in Rochester full time.”

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

From **Bob Bordogna**: “Elaine and I continue traveling throughout Europe, one or two trips a year. We still spend two weeks a year at our property in Southwest France and then add on a week in Paris, London, or Rome. Like anyone our age, we’ve struggled a bit with our health the last three years, but so far we’ve been able to recuperate from our physical setbacks.”

From **Lee Chirgwin**: “Jane and I just returned from a trip to Vermont and had lunch with Karen and **Carl Lundborg** on Sunday. Carl continues to do very well in his post-cardiac rehab after his massive heart attack in August. He seemed very alert and totally with it, as does Karen. So, very thankfully, there are still two West Hartford Hall High/Trinity College 1963 alums kicking around.”

From **Eli Karson**: “My Wyoming road trip with Dan Strammiello ’64 this past summer uncovered a hidden gem some 60 miles east of Yellowstone, the National Museum of Military Vehicles, with 500 vehicles and enough tanks to start a war. The New England trip was tarnished by my coming down with COVID thus putting me out of commission for half my allotted time away. The loss of energy following lasted five weeks but fortunately did not become long COVID. (It was long enough!) My return to Greece was subsequently postponed, but come June, I will travel there once again with my son Jason and his wife, Becky. I took a number of OLLI classes this fall and this winter once again hosted Dan S. as well as Judy and **Kim Waterhouse**, a TX brother whose hospitality I will soon enjoy at their new larger quarters in Sun Lakes, Arizona, where they recently established permanent residency. From there (actually, Phoenix) I will fly to Hawaii to visit Lisa and **Rich Wheelock**. John Pearson ’64, yet another TX brother, and his wife, Barbara, just returned to their winter home here in Tucson, and I had the honor of being their Uber driver upon their arrival. We are having breakfast together tomorrow and will resume our hiking soon after my return home.”

From **Mike Schulenberg**: “Two years ago, the Schulenbergs were so delighted to welcome into the nest the first great-grandchild, Kora Rae, the daughter of granddaughter Sara and her husband. Sara recently announced that they were expecting another child. Then within a week came the announcement, ‘Twins are expected!’ Sometime next August, our family expands

happily into a brand-new experience. Look forward to pictures of Karen and I holding up for all to see a possible new Trinity alum . . . who knows, maybe more than one!”

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Phineas Anderson writes that “in the recent past, it has been a great pleasure to see college roommates **Kiau Moi Loi**, **Bruce Bridegroom**, and **John Witherington** and to talk about our athletic prowess during our college days. Personally, I am in good health, but my legs are not what they used to be. I go to the gym every other day without fail. Youngest son Eliot, 43, his wife, Danielle, son Wilde, 14, and daughter Pioneer, 11, are backpacking the world for a year, as my wife, Mitchell, and I did with him and his older brother, Ryan, when they were 11 and 13 years old. Best wishes to the Class of 1964!”

Your secretary had a fun, deep, and engaging chat over lunch with classmate **Tom Jones** in Berkeley, California, just after Christmas. You will perhaps remember Tom’s creative literary offering during our senior year: “A History of Henry Fielding, a Foundling by Tom Jones.” Sixty years later, Tom is still pursuing his literary career and soon will publish a quartet that he has been working on over time. *On Love* is based on the biblical requirement that we love others (even enemies) as we love ourselves. He is in the final stages of preparing advanced drafts for his publisher for submission in March with the first of the four volumes appearing as early as next summer. The others will appear in succession in each of the following three years. The subject of the quartet dovetails with Tom’s longtime interest in paleoanthropology and the origin of the species. He has been an active member of the Institute of Human Origins since its founding in 1981 by Donald Johanson, the discoverer of the fossil of ‘Lucy’ in Olduvai Gorge in Eastern Africa. The gist of Tom’s four-volume work (as if such a thing could be captured in one sentence) is that the human species has a long way to go before achieving a full and true understanding of the meaning of love as dictated in the biblical imperative.

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I, **Robert DePietro**, report: I am happy to serve as your 1965 class secretary. The Class Notes are important to me, and I look forward to hearing from you! I am chair of our town's Democratic Town Committee (BDTC); a former elected member of the town's Board of Finance and Board of Selectmen; a board member/supervisor for the North Central Conservation District (NCCD); a former secretary and a founding member of the Bolton Land Trust (BLT); and a past officer of St. Maurice Knights of Columbus. After earning my M.Ed. at the University of Hartford, I was a team leader, teaching in Hartford for almost 10 years followed by 12-plus years in the corporate world, primarily in training and services departments and personnel management functions in Chicago, Syracuse, Pittsburgh, and Maine. Choosing to move back to Connecticut, I was able to get an opportunity to work with the USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) as state administrative officer for Connecticut and Rhode Island. This was a very rare opportunity and was uniquely due both to my agricultural and diverse management backgrounds. Squeezing even more out of my seemingly never-ending desire to accept new challenges, I simultaneously became an instructor for my federal agency's employee development center in Fort Worth, Texas. I traveled to most every state, facilitating workshops to develop increased skills in various topics designed to develop and improve teamwork. I did all this and more for about eight years until open heart surgery and a stroke resulted in retirement. At Trinity as a sophomore, I was a squad leader in the AFROTC and with **Robert Graham** was promoted to airman first class. I was on the AFROTC drill team and rifle team. I also was vice president and social chairman of the Brownell Club. Although we haven't been in touch, **Jon Simonian** (class vice president)

and I were roommates for a short time in the old Jones Hall. In addition to 2025 being the Class of 1965's 60th Reunion year, it is also my wife's and my 60th anniversary. We have two sons, five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

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1966 President: **Randolph M. "Randy" Lee** • Secretary: **Randolph M. "Randy" Lee**, randolph.lee@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: **Joseph A. Hourihan** I've only heard from a couple of you since my last request for notes several months ago, and just because most of us are 80 doesn't mean you have license to not let me know what's up so I can let the rest of the class know. So, write or call!

Pete Koehn writes that he and two colleagues just published a book that looks both timely and interesting. It's titled *Visioning Higher Education for Contemporary Global Challenges in Pursuit of Well-Being, Social Justice, and Sustainability*. I haven't read it yet, but it looks like a deep dive into this salient and timely topic. The description notes that it "introduces five urgent and interconnected global challenges (sustainable development, climate change, migration, global health, and social justice) demanding attention from higher-education institutions worldwide."

Tom Anderson also is keeping busy and reports, "Despite just turning 80, I have continued my effort to finally grow up. Thus, I have been trying to do my best to give back to my small town of Damariscotta, Maine, as a board member of several groups, the town government, and our local Rotary. I am thoroughly enjoying volunteering and staying active while still putting around in one of my antique cars or fishing for striped bass. I have recently reconnected with Ray Madorin '68 and **Russ Fairbanks** and would welcome any other grads to look me up and visit if you find yourself in Maine. However, if you do, I recommend waiting to spring, as it is damn cold up here now!"

Our colleague **Sam Kassow** recently was honored by being named a winner of a National Jewish Book Award for *Warsaw Testament*, a memoir based on the wartime writings of Rokhl Auerbach that Sam translated, introduced, and annotated.

Your secretary continues to acclimate to Southern California, where it's a bit milder—82 degrees on February 24.

Finally, a note from **Bill Roos** that he and husband Scott are dividing their time

between Riverdale and Kinderhook. They are heading next week to Fort Lauderdale for two weeks' vacation and to see Casey and Cristy and the granddaughters, and they had the grandsons visit upstate over Christmas. They were having lunch at a diner in Riverdale the other day, and Scott was wearing Bill's Trinity baseball hat when a Trinity board member came over and introduced herself and they had a great discussion about all the good things happening at our alma mater . . . small world!

I'm continuing to wait for your suggestions for any ideas for special events to consider for our 60th Reunion in June 2026. Stay in touch!

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Not to read too much into the symbolism of it for our venerable class, but did you know that most of the elms from 1968 in the quad have been decimated by Dutch elm disease? In the fall of 2024, **Mike Lestz** circulated to some of the class a photo of the last giant of the species that remains from our years at Trinity in front of the Brownell statue. That led some to wonder if the song "Neath the Elms" needed to be changed to "Neath the Elm." But our class expert on such matters, **Ernie Williams**, let us know that there are other strains of elm that are more resistant to the disease than the American elm and that there are ongoing breeding programs to make the American elm more disease resistant. (Hopefully those programs are not part of the federal funding cuts that risk setting back so much scientific progress on many fronts.) So, we think the lyrics are safe for the long run.

Last issue I brought you up-to-date on our alumni Class of '68 Scholars, with Zach

Yung '22 at Tufts Medical School, Cesira Barrett '23 pursuing a doctorate in occupational therapy at Quinnipiac University, and Julia Cheeseman '24 interning in Fairbanks, Alaska, and working on the Coastal Mapping Project. A few updates: Cesira is planning to specialize in acute neurorehabilitation (think Christopher Reeve) and is looking for ways to facilitate participation in motor-sports by those with spinal injuries, as well as volunteering for the Connecticut Special Olympics. Julia is working on creating an online educational platform and already has presented at the Alaska Marine Science Symposium. She hopes to stay in Fairbanks to pursue a master's in earth system science with a concentration in geospatial science. In short, our Class of '68 Scholars are doing us proud and pursuing professions that truly pay it forward. We are, as they say, getting a real bang for our buck.

Our matriculating '68 Scholars also are doing us proud. Emma Markowski '25 did a semester abroad at Oxford and is graduating this year. Anupam Khargharia '26 and Jamila Hussaini '27 earned Faculty Honors in their junior and sophomore years, respectively. And our newest Scholar, Aila Farrell '28, plans to pursue her joint interests in neuroscience and the theater and is singing in the a cappella group The Trinitones and performing in the musical *Mr. Burns*.

It is really heartening to see the results of our class scholarship, and we hope to grow the endowment from its current \$2 million to \$3 million in the coming years. One way to do that is to join the Elms Society by putting the scholarship fund into your estate planning. Lots of communications have gone to classmates on how to do that—it is easy!

Our classmates' ongoing efforts for the College have not been limited to funding the class scholarship. For example, **Walt Harrison** was an instrumental member of the Presidential Search Committee that selected a fabulous individual to take the reins from President Berger-Sweeney this summer. And **Rich Weingarten** created and has funded the Weingarten Cross-Cultural Internship Fund so that Trinity students can experience other cultures. Just like the Peace Corps experience did for Rich, these internships have been life changing for the participants, often guiding them in their choices for future careers. The program is in its fifth year, and more students will benefit over time from Rich's creativity and largesse.

It would be great to hear from classmates about what is giving them joy in times of

turmoil, so keep in touch. Theater, both live and on film, is among the things that resonate with many. Some of it harkens back to our era, such as *A Complete Unknown* (**Barry Bedrick** circulated a wonderful review to a number of classmates) and *The Cher Show* (**Stu Edelman** and your secretary thought it was a hoot). And travel looms for many of us as well. So, share some of your adventures. Inquiring minds want to know.

From the Alumni Office: **Paul C. Holinger**, M.D., M.P.H., writes that his most recent book, *Affects, Cognition, and Language as Foundations of Human Development*, was released in October 2024. The book, considered a sequel to *What Babies Say Before They Can Talk* (2003), considers human development from the three most basic systems: affects (our earliest feelings), cognition, and language. Paul explores how these systems enhance potential and help prevent problems, both in individuals and in societies. Paul retired as professor of psychiatry at Rush University Medical Center in Chicago and is a faculty member and former dean of the Chicago Psychoanalytic Institute.

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Henry Barkhausen has been visiting classmates. He and wife Lele were in Tryon, North Carolina, to visit **Andy** and **Linda Haynes** in May and on another trip saw **David** and **Nancy Knowlton** in Baltimore in November. In February 2025, Henry joined the Board of Trustees of the Monhegan Museum of Art & History on Monhegan Island, Maine. On a recent trip to Maine to attend his first board meeting, Henry made a valiant effort to trace his freshman-year roommate **Lionel Tardif** of Waterville.

In January 2025, your secretary, **Alden R. Gordon**, joined the Board of Trustees of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford, Connecticut.

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Our programming committee is working hard arranging the upcoming Reunion for our class to be held jointly with the Classes of 1971 and 1972. Everyone is extremely hopeful

that it will be a fabulous event. First, a Friday afternoon memorial discussion/event in memory of our beloved psychology professor and student guidance counseling office director George Higgins with strong and thankful initiative from Tom Weiner '71. Professor Randy Lee '66 has enthusiastically agreed to participate. George Higgins meant so much to us, and his memory will be always with us.

Second, a Friday evening coffeehouse Bohemian extravaganza. We are encouraging classmates to contribute to the music in whatever creative way they can muster, whether by personal performances or contributions from aficionados like **Dan Reilert** and **Charley Taylor** presenting the music of our era. Any stand-up comedians may take the floor.

Third, a campus tour on Saturday morning. We all fondly remember the wonderful tour **Tony DiBella** organized for our 50th Reunion. Unfortunately, he cannot attend. I told him that no one can replace him without having a special spell cast upon the tour successor's walking stick via a shamanistic connection good with Tony's magic walk-about pole. The mystical transmission is in the air.

Ernie Mattei wants more Zoom conferences/seminars, even at the Reunion itself. The Zoom call with **Carlo Forzani** from his vineyard in Northern Italy with history professor Regan-Lefebvre was memorable, i.e., they combined the professor's ability to discuss ancient Roman wine-making practices in Gaul and Britannia with Carlo's personal experiences with his beloved Nebbiolo grapes and how to save them from attacks from drought and insects such as hungry wasps and bees. We should do more.

Charlie Fenwick writes that with the sale of his Toyota store, retirement is staring him in the face. Nevertheless, he continues to be fully engaged with local land-use issues and steeplechase racing. We all remember when he won the international steeplechase event; he was a real hero for Trinity. Charlie's seven grandchildren in England, South Carolina, and Maryland keep him moving around the globe, and he is loving every moment of it.

Sam French reports that after retirement in 2019 he has traveled with partner Judith extensively, including sailing to the Caribbean twice and to Great Britain, Alaska, Canada, and Michigan, where Judith graduated. His granddaughter turned 16, and his photo club chairmanship went to a younger fellow. Plus, two visits to Florida; enjoyed lunch with **Joe Barkley** and his wife.

Dick Hoffman completed an M.A. in history at Salisbury University in May 2024. It was his project for his first five years of retirement. He then spent the summer working for a local historical society arranging archives and researching some local history, which he presented recently to the society. He spent time with his daughter and her family and traveled south to State College, Pennsylvania, to visit friends and to hike and then to France with his daughter, her husband, Dan, and daughter Freyja.

This spring, **Carter Pottash** will be endowing a chair for a Pottash Professorship at the NYU Grossman School of Medicine. It is his second endowed chair, having previously endowed a chair for a Pottash Professorship at the University of Florida (Gainesville) College of Medicine. The youngest of his children, twin girls, are just finishing high school; one is going to Emory in September and the other to NYU College of Arts & Science, where she will join her slightly older sister who is an undergraduate at NYU Stern.

In January, **Bill Peelle** completed three years as chairman of the Museum Trustee Association. The organization provides fora in governance and museum policy for trustees in cities around the United States. Bill has given much of his time to the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, which is the oldest continuously operating public museum in the country. Further, he has assisted our committee, especially with guiding us to high-level culinary delights.

Peter Orgain is enjoying life to such an extent in South Strafford, Vermont, that he cannot think of any news to tell us other than to make sure that we regularly see our dermatologist! Excellent advice. He's enthusiastic about our upcoming three-class Reunion and excited that Phil Khoury '71 and Nigel Back '71 will be there to trade intriguing international stories with **Alex Belida** and sea adventures with **Peter Brinckerhoff** and **Billy Peelle**. Unfortunately, **Dix Leeson** cannot come due to a family memorial service in Chicago. Hopefully, we all can regale the Friday evening café.

As class archivist, **Richard Turk** notes that any reliable stories told from our Trinity past, no matter how "exotic and bizarre," can be recorded in our dedicated class Watkinson Library archive site to be cherished and remembered for future generations. Please get them to Richard if you wish to so preserve them.

Charlie Tuttle has been working with the Reunion Committee and plans to attend. He

is hoping that we can organize a colloquium on famous author Cormac McCarthy, who died June 13, 2023. Charlie says his writing is monumental from a literary perspective (even containing Shakespearean and King James Version-era complex diction and metaphors) but frequently obscured due to its shockingly realistic and dark subject matter. *Blood Meridian* (1985) has received among the highest acclaim of his novels, having been compared with William Faulkner and Toni Morrison in greatness. *All the Pretty Horses* (1992) was his first *New York Times* bestseller. *The Road* (2006) won a Pulitzer. For more, see *The Guardian* obituary from June 24; it is extensive and most informative. Perhaps our class literary adviser and occasional poet **Steve Bauer** can lend a hand.

Fedrico Biven has written to us that he still enjoys acting at the Diamond Head Theatre in Hawaii. The troupe performed *White Christmas* this past December 2024. Seems amazing that even in tropical paradise, there is so much memory and goodwill for that cherished all-American family affirming drama. Wish I had been there, Bevo!

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When **David Casey**, **Bill Reynolds**, **Lou Slocum**, and **Peter Moore** got together in La Jolla for the first time since graduation 54 years ago, they discussed how to preserve David's audio time capsule for posterity—the original reel-to-reel recordings of WRTC's weekend-long broadcast of *The All-Time Top 1,000 Hits* from spring 1970.

From one coast to the other, **Bill Reynolds** reports that he is "enjoying being back in the Northeast, renting in West Hartford to see where in the area I'd like to wind up. Fun to have more time with old 'Trinpals,'" including a holiday celebration with **Sheldon Crosby**, **Bill Sartorelli**, **Keith Funston**, **Nick Booth**, and **Phil Khoury**.

Bev Nelson Elder wrote about her trip to Colombia to settle her inheritance after the death of husband Hugh Elder '70. She returned to the Peñas Blancas mountain near San Agustín, where she and Hugo lived between 1975 and 1982 without electricity in a small, very rustic three-room home, made of sticks and mud. To get there, they

rode horses or climbed the muddy mountain trails, cooked on an open fire, and birthed their two children alone by candlelight. "I embarked on a wonderful visit, filled with many memories and reunions with kind neighbors who had not forgotten me. And the sobering moment after the two-hour climb to see where our house had been—it was no longer there! Rain, time, and scavengers of windows, doors, posts, and roofing had made it disappear in the 42 years since we left there. Something to think about!"

At the end of 2024, **Alan Marchisotto** stepped down after 43 years as general counsel at Moran Holdings. He will continue with the company part time. In the meantime, he has traveled far and wide and plans more international excursions. "2024 saw trips to New Zealand, Australia, Manila, Switzerland, and London. I just got back from China and plan to visit the U.K., Argentina, and Japan later this year with my wife, Mary Jane. Other than that, I am looking at ways to occupy my time and also reduce the stack of books waiting to be read."

David W. Green writes to tell us that he is "closing out a busy year that has been focused on writing and lecturing in opposition" to Israel in the Israel-Gaza war. "Way back in 1969, I organized a showing of Alain Resnais's haunting *Night and Fog*, a powerful documentary exposure of the Holocaust, for a group of classmates. Most of them had no comprehension of the magnitude of Nazi crimes. It would have been hard to imagine at that time that, a half-century later, opposition to genocide would be labeled 'anti-Semitism.' I am heartened by the participation of so many students, at Trinity and throughout the world, in protests against U.S. support" of the Israeli regime.

Good news is always welcomed, and **Kevin Sullivan** reported that "my cancer recovery continues with no recurrence thanks to the federally funded development of immunotherapy. Bad news is that between my wife, Carolyn, and me, our social life is doctor's appointments, and all the travel we waited to do is on hold. I am grateful for **Bill Reynolds**'s friendship through it all." Kevin caught up with former Trinity president Evan Dobelle when President Carter died. They had served together as chiefs of protocol for the president. "I am mostly retired except for occasional consulting. Also helping with state legislation to set some guardrails for AI. Otherwise, strapped in for another bumpy and dangerous ride with Trump."

In January, **Mike James** and **Howie Weinberg** met up in Southern California, where Mike lives. They got in 18 holes of golf in San Clemente. “The course record was not threatened. Cheers, and see you in June.” Howie was visiting his West Coast family, where he attended the bar mitzvah of his two grandsons.

Paul Smyth has “retired from 49 years of practicing law in Washington, D.C., and will have been married to Denise Freeland for 50 years in May. I am enjoying our grandchildren in Alexandria, Virginia, and I’m still playing baseball in various 60-plus and 70-plus leagues and tournaments.”

Dan Seltzer writes, “Still in touch with **Phil Griffith**, **Tom Weiner**, Mike Michigami ’69, Mark von Mayrhauser ’73, and Larry Sichel ’72.”

Bruce Colman remarks on the passage of time and the names forgotten of past professors but not perhaps the stories of “Russians, many Russians, most with several names providing the groundwork for *Natasha, Pierre & The Great Comet of 1812*. Nominated for a Tony, so all was not lost.”

Florida Country & Coast recently named **Bill F. La Plante II** outdoors and environment editor. “My recent stories explore Florida’s ghost ships, perishing panthers, and scratching the sea for snapper.” He also spends time enjoying the Bantams in an easy chair at his Florida home watching men’s and women’s ice hockey and basketball teams. Go Bantams!

Dan Lavin writes, “Alive and reasonably well, now 40 years in the West Village.”

A recent trip to London for **Ed Karam**, after being away for 15 years, included revisiting the haunts and friends from his years covering New York theater for *The Times* and *The Guardian*. He met with his former editor for tea at the Royal Court. He visited Dublin, Gloucester, and Brussels. “I also scored a coup by buying a ticket early on for the monumental Van Gogh show celebrating the 200th anniversary of the National Gallery—a breathtaking exhibition. I saw three excellent productions: *Guys and Dolls*, *Coriolanus*, and *Waiting for Godot* and saw a friend play Othello at Stratford-upon-Avon.”

Debbie Gwazda writes that she and Ed celebrated their 75th birthdays and 50th anniversary in 2024. Their big treat was to return to Iceland, where they spent their honeymoon. “The isolated, almost treeless island of the past has become a welcoming destination: delicious food, northern lights, an erupting volcano, and trees!”

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Andy Mitchell writes, “A couple of things got me thinking about our class and the blues. First was **Dave Robinson**’s CD *One Night Stand*, on which **John Koehler** contributes (both Outerspace members). The cover shows Dave hanging with B.B. King backstage in the old field house in 1970. Outerspace was the opening act for B.B. Then I read a biography of Hound Dog Taylor, who rocked out in the Washington Room in December 1971. I was playing drums that night with the opening band. Hound Dog’s drummer liked the sound of my snare drum and asked if he could use it. How could I refuse? Many other events come to mind, but the point is that our class has some amazing connections and experiences with the blues.”

Dean Hamer writes, “I have been busy in my ‘retirement’ from NIH as director of the Lei Pau Ala Queer Histories of Hawai’i project, a foundation-funded effort to document and memorialize Hawai’i’s long history of gender and sexual diversity. Together with my partner and husband, Joe Wilson, we’ve uncovered a long-lost story of how four extraordinary transgender voyagers long ago brought the healing arts to Hawai’i, produced a live hula show about them in Waikiki, and marked the site of one the country’s first drag clubs. Give a shout if you visit Hawai’i!”

Dave Rosenthal writes, “In August and October, I spent 12 days knocking on doors for the Harris campaign in Racine, Wisconsin, with **Dave Nichols**, my closest friend at Trinity. Dave lives in Racine, and he and wife Bethany were gracious hosts. Harris lost Racine County despite our and many others’ best efforts. But 52 years later, it was still wonderful hanging with Dave.”

Whit Cook notes, “After 40 years in the financial industry, I sold my company 12 years ago. Retirement has been splitting time between Florida and Connecticut. My wife, Dale, is the daughter of Karl Kurth, whom you may remember as director of athletics. We have two children and four grandchildren. Notable accomplishments have been seven continents and 87 countries visited, two holes in one (after 54 years of trying), first display of my photographs in an art show, and first permanent art exhibit. On

a couple boards while doing philanthropic work. Determined to wear out before we rust out.”

Jane Ginsberg Roderick writes, “I am proud to report that in 2023 I decided to make my home in Lerici, Italy, returning to the small town on the Gulf of Poets where I previously lived for many years. Living here one can’t help but be inspired on a daily basis to be reminded of what really matters.”

From **Peter Wheelwright**: “In addition to working on the next novel, *Adams’ Navel*, I have been writing short stories for a literary baseball journal, *The Twin Bill*. A couple of pieces (one an award winner) celebrate my lifelong affection for the Baltimore Orioles.”

Michael Gilboy writes, “Hello from Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. Nicki and I are retired; I am using my CPA license in an IRS-sponsored program that prepares and files tax returns at no charge for local hourly workers, most of whom have limited English ability. When I get back to Massachusetts, I often connect with **Burt Adelman**.”

Chris Ray writes, “In our first international trip since COVID began, my wife and I did a month in the South Pacific. We toured a number of World War II sites. As for work, chapter 3, I’ve been publishing coffee-table books of photos taken on our trips and/or photos of racing sailboats, which has become something of a passion. The latest is *The Grande Dames of San Francisco Bay*. We’ve had a semi-regular Zoom with Henry Smith ’71, **Michael Nobbs**, **Doug Lake**, and **Arch Smith**.”

Gene Stamell writes, “Since retiring from full-time teaching in elementary school classrooms, I am teaching part time at a progressive private school in Amherst, Massachusetts. I am still writing and performing songs after doing so for 35 years. You can listen to three home-recorded albums on Spotify. I am in constant contact with my three kids and five grandkids. My wife, Jan, and I have loved our move, six years ago, to Leverett, a tiny, woodsy town in Western Massachusetts. My days are spent teaching, writing guest columns for a local paper, running two open mics, and volunteering.”

Greg Sammons shares, “Though retired from full-time ministry for 10 years, I have found many opportunities to fill in at Episcopal churches around Dayton, Ohio. A painful transition occurred in August 2022, when I lost my wife of nearly 45 years. I am daily inspired by everything Margaret left to me, to our family, and to the parishes we jointly served. I lead music for Wisdom Tree

Dialogues in local life-care facilities, cultivate friendships in my barbershop chorus and quartet, and have loved being able to travel. My most ecstatic experience of the past year was walking the Via Francigena, an ancient pilgrimage route from Siena to Rome (225 walking miles)."

Robert "Red" Ellis shares, "As a member of the Climate Reality Project: Philadelphia and Southeastern Pennsylvania Chapter, I continue to spread the word and encourage individuals to get involved. The message that 'no one can do everything, but everyone can do something' is on target, and the urgency is increasing. There are many ways to get involved, and I welcome correspondence from anyone looking for suggestions that may align with their interests (roberttj423@hotmail.com). If ever there was a time to resist complacency or the feeling of powerlessness, this is it."

Willie Schaeffer writes, "Our daughter Emma delivered Walkley James Wine, our second grandson, on January 15, 2025. In other news, on April 11, The Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York opened *The New Art: American Photography 1839-1910*, drawn exclusively from my private collection of early work assembled from 1974 on and acquired by The Met in 2020. I encourage anyone from our community to reach out (wmls@me.com) if they would like to know more about it. The exhibition concludes on July 20, 2025."

From **Cotter Smith**: "I live in Pittsburgh, after coming here for an acting job seven years ago in the Netflix series *Mindhunter*. My wife, Heidi, and I fell in love with this city and decided to escape New York. I continue to ply my two trades as an actor and teacher, and after almost 50 years, have no inclination to stop. Life is good, and we are finding ways to stay sane and positive in this terribly troubled world of ours. My most recent film has been released on Amazon, an interesting piece of history about the 1912 Senate investigation into the sinking of the Titanic called *Unsinkable: Titanic Untold*. Fond regards to all."

Dan Reifsnyder writes, "My wife, Kathryn Clay, and I returned to Shetland for two weeks in June followed by a stint in Glasgow, where she participated in a conference on flow batteries. Shetland is gearing up to supply enormous amounts of wind energy to the rest of Scotland and the U.K. I taught my course on global climate change at UVA again last fall and have been working on projects at our place in the Shenandoah

Valley. With the addition of a new high-efficiency heat-pump water heater, we are off propane, except for a couple fireplaces, a fire pit, and a cooktop. We heat and cool with geothermal and have an 11.7 kW solar array to produce our own electricity. If net metering in Virginia is ever threatened, we may be looking to install a Franklin battery system and get off the grid altogether. Very exciting times for energy technologies, and the future looks even brighter."

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Malcolm Poole writes, "I retired from business in January. Now spending more time with travel and nonprofit organizations. We live in Maine; my young families live in western states. Life and health are good. Best wishes to all."

Per **Patti Broad**, "My daughter, Katie Broad '06, and her husband, Chris Otness, welcomed baby girl Lillian Harper on May 26, 2024, my first grandchild. Gigi (me) and Lillian and parents are doing great. I will have been in Sedona, Arizona, for February, March, and part of April hiking, playing pickleball, and volunteering with sedonakind.org plus attending the 31st annual Sedona International Film Festival in late February. I am a screener with team members of the submitted and scouted documentaries. My son, Ben, and his wife, Ashley, live in Pasadena, California; fortunately, their home was spared in the Altadena fires. Next year, if one is visiting Sedona in the spring, let me know."

Aron Pasternack writes, "You may recall that on March 31, 2022, I retired from Berkley Offshore and immediately entered into a consulting contract with them. On December 31, 2024, by mutual agreement, we ended the contract, and I am now—very happily—in full retirement. The past month has been devoted to home projects, file and other cleanups, and most importantly, to more time with the grandchildren. Zenith, 2½, lives in Philadelphia, but Rafi, also 2½, and Rose, 15 months, live one mile away here in White Plains, along with bonus grandson Wolff, 10. A new sibling is expected at the end of June. We enjoy the wonderful chaos. Kate and I had a great trip to the U.K. in September—Edinburgh, York, and London—and are planning a visit to the Netherlands in May. Another highlight was a recent lunch in Manhattan with classmates **John Gatsos**, **Jon Gould**, **David Bargman**, and **Robin Reif**.

The years simply melt away as we eat and talk. Amazingly, though we're all retired, it's difficult to find a date because we're all so busy. The state of the country and the world seem, euphemistically, challenging. We are doing our best to spread kindness and charity to the next generation. One final comment: News from Trinity is all too often about the passing of professors and classmates. Dr. George Higgins was a tremendous influence on me and I suspect many others. He helped make Trinity a great place."

Art Baldwin writes, "This year has been quite a journey. My mom entered hospice in January and passed away just after Christmas, leading me to visit Connecticut more often last year than prior years. On a brighter note, my son married a wonderful woman in Mexico, where he's been living for several years. I also attended my niece's wedding in California, and Mary and I spent two weeks in Spain, right after her appendectomy. I'm continuing my volunteer work at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture and serving as the moderator for my church."

Per **Greg Zec**, "After moving to West Hartford from Sarasota in May, we are discovering it's a lovely place to live! An ice-skating rink across the street from a huge indoor swimming pool complex, shopping opportunities, minor league hockey (Hartford Wolf Pack) and baseball (Hartford Yard Goats) teams, bike paths, excellent public transportation and health care infrastructure. Bradley International offers lots of domestic flights plus daily flights to Dublin, which is a good stopover for other European cities. I audited a Trinity class, with a very engaging professor, in German about German film and literature postwar. When I drive over to Trinity, I am reminded that the place where I spent four years is a tiny enclave in a much larger community. We are happy with the move and the proximity we have to our daughter and son-in-law in Boston."

Rod "Jake" Jacobsen (Redding, Connecticut) reports that he and four fellow "Seabury Giants" (**Dave Barnes**, **Jim Solomon**, **Barry Madden**, and **George Maxted**) and their spouses continue to meet around New England for occasions great and small, often joined by **Scott Bedingfield**, who makes the trek from Hawaii. The biggest—and happiest—reunion took place last summer in Durham, New Hampshire, where Dave married longtime partner Michelle Grenier on a glorious afternoon among family and friends.

More recently, they enjoyed a lovely New Year's repast at Barry's home in Roslindale, Massachusetts. Barry (who has a weekly rock-and-roll show on WBCA in Boston) and Jim continue to include Dave and Jake in fairly regular jam sessions, featuring keyboards, guitar, harmonica, and mandolin. The group will gather for another wedding party next November; Jake and wife Susan's son Grady and Mackenzie Taskey (both Trinity 2017) will make it official in New York City, where they live.

Ric Ricci writes, "Celebrated New Year's Eve 2024 in Venice with my grandkids and their parents. The trip to Europe included a stop in Munich and a four-day stay in Rome. Trip was in celebration of my granddaughter's 13th birthday. Outstanding in all ways and truly memorable."

Per **Harriet Melrose**, "I sold my house and moved to a fabulous condominium complex. Although I'm still living in Chicago, my unit is bordered by a forest preserve on one side and the North Branch of the Chicago River on the other—the building is a half mile from the nearest city street. My cell phone is 773-203-5930."

Bert Keating writes, "Mary Jo '74 and I have simplified our life by moving into an apartment in Bloomfield, Connecticut, a town we have come to appreciate for its friendly, mixed socioeconomic, all-American citizenry and its easy access to the good things about central Connecticut. *Reader's Digest* identified Bloomfield as Connecticut's 'Nicest Place to Live' in 2020, and we concur. I continue to work in internal medicine and geriatrics and enjoy the honor and privilege of being physician to several of my former professors at Trinity, splendid and inspirational people. I have also been doing some work for the (relatively) new med school at Quinnipiac and have been appointed professor of medicine there. After years of attempting to teach myself how to play classical guitar, I finally realized the futility of this approach and have been studying at The Hartt School. It is amazing what having great teachers can do, and I envy our classmates, like the gifted **Ray Fahrner**, who were able to take advantage of the Trinity-Hartt School of Music combined programs in the '70s and carve out a brilliant career. I wonder if that program still exists. I am sure that you and I appreciate a Trinity education now more than ever; we wonder how anyone without a wide liberal arts education can make intellectual sense of the geopolitical world, filled as it is by bloated,

incompetent actors, bleating out monologues in plays they don't understand. Our support of the College seems like a way of fighting the madness somehow!"

"I am quite sure now that often, very often, in matters concerning religion and politics a man's reasoning powers are not above the monkeys."—Mark Twain

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Margie Bain Huoppi writes, "We've been busy! In August, we took our 11-year-old granddaughter to Wyoming for 10 days, visiting the national parks and spending five days at a ranch near Cody. In September, we flew to Iowa to pick up a 4-month-old papillon puppy, and in October, we spent 10 days in Italy on a Viking cruise. On the home front, our family summer house in Biddeford Pool, Maine, was torn down, and construction of a new house was completed in January. It was fun to be involved in the design and work with the contractor, and we're looking forward to more family time there with our six grandchildren, ages 15, 12, 7, 5, 2, and 4 months. I am currently showing my new papillon, and he's well on his way to attaining his championship. My other papillon has retired from agility competitions, but I've started training my Finnish lapphund. In June, we will have Rich's 50th Trinity Reunion, our 50th wedding anniversary, and a trip to Norway. I'm trying to stay positive and watch less news after the November election, but I'm appalled at the actions taken by the new administration and how they are getting away with it. The future of our democracy is a huge concern."

From **Jim Kjorlien**: "I met **Saul Kupferberg** and his wife, Gail Coleman, at our 50th Reunion. They told me they lived in Malta and said to tell them if I was ever in their part of the world. As it happened, I was considering visiting Malta on my way to Sicily. Their enthusiasm for their home country convinced me to go. I'm glad I did! We had a fun mini-reunion dinner in the middle of the Mediterranean."

Barry O'Brien writes, "Sandy and I closed out 2024 by celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary at the site of our first date in 1968—Pepe's Pizza in New Haven! Many things have changed over the years, but

Pepe's still makes great pizza, including our favorite clam and bacon pizza pie!"

Rob Robinson shares, "I enjoyed attending our 50th Reunion last June, although some of my close friends could not make it. I particularly enjoyed running into **Gail Buxton**. Still a beautiful lady, and glad our paths crossed again. I thought a lot about my good buddy **Mike Getz**, who would have come back for his 50th this June but passed away in November 2023. Hard to believe that his beautiful wife, Kathy, died suddenly a year later this past November. Those who knew them both said she died of a broken heart. Both are gone but never forgotten! I am still working with several colleagues who go back to my National Bank of Detroit days. We are in a family office practice with Wells Fargo Advisors. Love what I do and love my clients, so I keep going. Kiki and I took an unforgettable trip to South Africa and Zimbabwe in January. Started in Cape Town and ended in Victoria Falls with visits to several game parks in between along with four nights on a fancy train called the Rovos Rail. Trip of a lifetime. Headed to Marco Island, Florida, the last two weeks of March for the sunshine and the spectacular beach. Also spend lots of time at our cottage on Lake Huron. My family has been going there for about 60 years, and the next generations will continue. Wishing my classmates much health and happiness in the years ahead."

From **Allan Stark**: "Two classic books that I have reread in the last year: *Brave New World* by Aldous Huxley and *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway. Three movies that I watch at least once a year: *Godfather I and II* and *Princess Bride* (1987) directed by Rob Reiner. Bucket-list trip: I am a golfer, albeit a very average one. I have been lucky enough to play many great courses, but I do have one must-play-before-I-die course, Royal Dornoch, on the East Coast of the Scottish Highlands. As Tom Watson, a fellow Kansas Citian and five-time British Open champion, said about Dornoch, 'It's the most fun I've ever had on a golf course.' One of these days . . ."

From the Alumni Office: **Gregory Barison** reports, "I had marvelous time at our 50th Reunion, driving down from Greater Boston for the Saturday activities. After graduating from Boston College Law School, I practiced for over 40 years, trying criminal, family, and tort cases, eventually turning over the practice to my son, Matthew '04, with whom I had the pleasure of working with for 11 years. I have returned to my English

major incarnation in retirement, focusing on postmodern literature, which seems sadly apt these days. Still holding many of the values nurtured at Trinity, I recently bore Quaker witness, along with my wife, against the demonization of immigrants and migrant workers. I hope to see my classmates at Homecoming this fall!”

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Chris Mooney and Sheri Seguin continue their travel habits “with Breckenridge skiing in January, Boca Grande visit with Chris’s kids and grands in February, and several hops to California before we all convene at Trin in June. We’re making plans for a month in New Zealand in November. See you soon.”

Doug Kuhn says: “Down in Florida for the season. Anyone else down here?”

Robin Landy Amadon writes: “I continue to reside in the Pacific Northwest, for nearly 40 years! I am shocked every time I realize that I have lived in one place for so very long. Long gone is my goal that I would never own more stuff than I could fit in my 1972 Volvo sedan. While the mountains and water everywhere sustain their hold on me—this region is just so gorgeous—I still sorely miss the East Coast and have never changed my internal clock. Awake at 4:00 a.m. but really 7:00 a.m., the right hour to get going into the day if one lived in Trinity’s time zone! In late 2021, after many decades of working in affordable housing development in Western Washington, I pivoted from full-time work to become a consultant; some of us continue to work or we suffer! I am retooling my skills for a different niche in this industry I love, focused on asset management and compliance. That sounds tremendously boring, but it can be remote, paid by the piece, and allow time with four delightful very young grandkids, produced by two of my three adult children. An enormous joy to get to know them and try to become as great a grandparent to theirs as my own mother was to mine. She just missed becoming a great-grandparent, my champion mother, passing away at just shy of 100. 2025 promises many unknowns. I imagine that friendships will be our strength

regardless of how this coming year, or the next four, evolve.”

It’s good to hear again from **Scott Hayim**. “It’s been a long, long time since I have contributed notes, but with the Reunion coming up, I am happy to share. My pandemic experience turned out to be surprisingly positive. After helping my brother with his Porsche dealership on Long Island since 2014, I was able to go remote and start a business doing warranty submissions for high-end car dealerships remotely. This allowed Melanie and me to move close to our grandchildren in Durham, North Carolina, which has turned out to be a great place to retire. Except I am not retired; actually, I’m busier than I want to be with a growing team doing warranty submissions remotely for an expanding number of Porsche dealers on the East Coast.”

Rich Tucci writes: “I look forward to attending my first Trinity Reunion! In between, I hope to celebrate three other milestones: a son graduating from law school, a daughter surviving her first year in medical school, and me finally getting my book *Ideas to Action* published. Looking forward to the big event in June!”

And from **Kate Woodworth**: “My big news is the publication of my novel, *Little Great Island*, in May. *Little Great Island* is a love story between two damaged people on an island off the coast of Maine (that’s the little part) and a love story to our natural world (the great part), which I believe is in grave danger from climate change. I’ve been very gratified (and blown away) by the advance reviews I’ve gotten from authors like National Book Award winner Ha Jin and bestselling authors like Marjan Kamali, Caroline Leavitt, and Jenna Blum. I’m going to be on tour throughout New England this spring and summer. It would be a blast to see some of you there. I’ve been very out of touch with Trinity for the past half century, so briefly: After graduation, I moved to New York City, where I worked at *Ladies’ Home Journal*. New York and I weren’t besties, so I moved back to Boston and worked at Little, Brown publishing company for a while before moving to Salt Lake City. There, I segued into my decades-long career, which was as a medical writer specializing in cancer. I published my first novel, *Racing into the Dark*, got married, and had three of the most magnificent children ever to be born. Fast forward some 30 years, and I got divorced, my boys left home, and I moved back to the Boston area, where I got my M.F.A. from Boston University and worked in the cancer center at Mass General.

More importantly, I met and married the love of my life (well, OK, we met on a dating app, but that’s another story). Today, my boys are married men in the height of their careers, and I have four grandchildren—two boys, 14 and 12, and two girls, 2 and 6 weeks.”

And from your class scribe, **Steve Hirsch**: “Since last writing, we were blessed to have two grandsons added to the brood within four months: Taylor Hugh Kary and Rowan Randolph Hirsch. Can’t get enough of those grandkids. Over the holidays, we went to New Zealand and Fiji with my daughter, two grandkids, and my Kiwi son-in law. The best of times. If you haven’t been to New Zealand, put it on your bucket list.”

From **Bill Curren**: “My wife, Dariel, retired after over 40 years working in PR/economic development and has enjoyed adjusting to the new role, especially the time to enjoy our four grandkids. We celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary in August with an adventure in Sicily for 10 days—hot but beautiful. Each of my children had their second child since spring ’24. Son Jamie and wife Sarah had a baby boy, Lachlan Hunter, in May, and daughter Ella and her husband, Matt Paskalides ’12, had daughter Marlow Elizabeth in January 2025. I am still enjoying my ‘second act’ by working in development at the nearby Frederick Gunn School (formerly The Gunnery), being a board member on a town committee, chasing grands around, and playing golf (poorly) when I can.”

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Joseph “Trip” Sinnott reports that he had “the trip of a lifetime” to Italy in 2024, including a memorable, sentimental tour of the Trinity Rome Campus. The two-week sojourn was a surprise gift from Trip’s family on the occasion of his 70th birthday, and “every day seemed to bring us wonderful divine appointments!”

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From **Rebecca Dunn Reinmann**: “We returned from five weeks in Southeast Asia (Thailand, Vietnam, Cambodia, and Laos) with a cruise on the Mekong with my cousin (a retired geography professor) who lives in Chaing Mai. What an experience, and now I understand why Vietnam vets generally avoid returning. It’s still a gruesome reminder of how badly humans can treat each other. The food was wonderful, and we saw many temples. I returned in time for my scheduled back surgery from which I am still recovering. Our next trip is to Italy in May to visit Miataland in Umbria, where we will stay at a car exec’s villa and use his various Miatas to visit the local sites and vineyards. After that we’re off by train to Bologna and Milan. We then will go to Berlin and meet up with our two sons, my three siblings, and all my various cousins from my mother’s side to visit the area where my mother and her family lived before escaping Hitler. There will be 36 of us descendants of those few Holocaust survivors. Wish us luck. Paul and I plan to then go back to Tuscany before we take a cruise from Venice to Barcelona and travel on to Madrid. I’m studying Italian again, but I find myself slipping back and relying on my poor high school French and Spanish when I choke. It’s fun, as we travel well and still seem to be making up for lost COVID travel time. We are getting to as many places as we can while we are still mobile. It’s hard to believe we’re 70! How time flies.”

From **John Linehan**: “Like a lot of us have or will, Connie and I turned 70 this year. My mom used to say that growing old kind of sucks, but it sure beats the alternative, and I agree with her! Connie and I married in 1986 and had two boys, Corey in 1989 and Casey in 1992. They are both grown and wonderful men; we are proud of them. This past year, Connie moved toward retirement of her business building e-com web businesses for clients and advising them on marketing the sites and building out the back end. She’s had a wonderful run in her own business

since shortly after having the boys. While she worked hard, it gave her some liberty and freedom to also be there for the boys when they needed her. She is very, very close to the boys as a result, and it’s fun and gratifying to watch her interact with them today, still as a mom but also as a friend.

“I am still working and putting in about 80–85 hours per week not because I am a workaholic but because I just love what I do and the young team with whom to work. They are all people I dearly love, are considerably smarter than I, and, while we have much diversity in many ways, there is no diversity in values. That similarity in values makes for a high-trust, highly collaborative team. For me, working with them beats walking around the woods and swinging a tire iron at a little white pellet any day! I am traveling about 70 percent of the time, so I may just see you all in your hometowns.

“Speaking of hometowns, we are still based in San Francisco, although we sold the old Victorian we were in for many years for a co-op apartment on Nob Hill in 2018. Connie completely remodeled it and made it into a wonderful home, although I am only there a few days every month. We also have a place in L.A. because that is where both our primary offices are and is where we are today as I write this. About a week every five to six weeks we spend up north in a place called Sea Ranch right on the coast about an hour south of Mendocino and where I take a ton of Zoom meetings. We love being there for a week every once in a while, but I could never live there. It’s just too quiet and slow. Connie is in the process of remodeling that home, and I am psyched to see it finished. Trinity was formative for me, and many of you played a role in that. For that, I will always be grateful and appreciative of the times we spent together. Thank you!”

From **Phil Brewer**: “We just welcomed our first grandchild, Jackson, into the world on January 30. My daughter, Abby, and her husband and new son are all doing well and live in Brooklyn, New York. Son Caleb also lives there, so it’s easy to visit them all when we head that way from our home in Concord, Massachusetts. Caleb officiated at Abby’s wedding on the Cape in August 2023—quite a sight! I’m still working and will celebrate 40 years with Northwestern Mutual in April of this year. Too much energy to hang up the work habit just yet!”

Louise Pelletier Albin reports that she has joined the Connecticut Hospitality Educational Foundation’s board. Her

business, Café Louise Catering, just celebrated 32 years in business in West Hartford.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of our classmate **Rick Trachimowicz** in December after a brief illness. Rick had a long and successful career in banking and recently had retired to Drakes Island, Maine.

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Manya Bouteneff shares, “My husband and I spent two months last fall living in the beautiful medieval town of Cambridge, England, enjoying long walks in and around the city and incredible museums, some of them virtually unchanged since the Edwardian era during which they were established! I am back to work at Monroe University, teaching master’s-level classes in research and critical analysis to amazing students, many of whom are the first in their families to attain a college degree and now are going for a master’s! Life is good!”

From **Stephen Berkowitz**: “For an expatriot living in a small French town in the Drôme region of France, the opportunity of participating in my 50th high school reunion (New Rochelle High) last November was both thrilling and moving. I was able to reconnect with a number of my classmates whom I have known since grade school. I look forward to a 50th Reunion with Trinity pals in 2028.”

Toby Chamberlain chimes in: “No cat on my chest (that sounds lovely), but feeling that perhaps, at 70, it’s time to write my first *Reporter* bit. I’ve never felt that I had a ‘class’ at Trinity. I brought that upon myself, having watched a lot of friends head off to Hartford for their freshman years in ’72 while I took a year off, then departing again after my junior year to pursue rock-and-roll fantasies before finishing up school in ’77–’78. Never mind, also, that that last year was spent living in Northampton, Massachusetts, where I spent the fall as a 12-College Exchange student

Lisa E. Bloom, Ph.D., '80

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FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

**Studying quattrocento
painting with Professor
Tom Baird, which
prepared me for my
semester in Rome, is
a cherished memory.
Exploring Italian
art and culture with
friends who shared my
passion for the arts was
unforgettable and laid
the groundwork for my
interdisciplinary career.**

What have been your career highlights?

My career highlights encompass writing books, mentoring students, and teaching at Josai International University in Japan (1998–2001) as part of the country's first Gender and Women's Studies Ph.D. Program. A particularly meaningful experience was co-editing a special issue of *The Scholar and Feminist* journal and organizing an international conference at Barnard College in 2008 during the International Polar Year. Both events reengaged me with themes from my first book, *Gender on Ice: American Ideologies of Polar Expeditions* (University of Minnesota Press, 1993).

I am also the author of the anthology *With Other Eyes: Looking at Race and Gender in Visual Culture* (University of Minnesota Press, 1999) and of *Jewish Identities in American Feminist Art: Ghosts of Ethnicity* (Routledge, 2006). My interdisciplinary approach to these books reflects my career-long interest in feminist art history, photo history, and visual culture. My teaching and research experiences span numerous institutions, including serving as a scholar-in-residence at the Institute for Gender and Sexuality Research in the Department of Gender and Women's Studies at the University of California, Berkeley (2018–24).

The interdisciplinary nature of *Gender on Ice* made it challenging to secure a traditional academic position when it was published in 1993. This led me to pivot to feminist art history and photo history, fields where I found institutional support and developed innovative approaches that shaped my later work.

What inspired you to write your new book, *Climate Change and the New Polar Aesthetics: Artists Reimagine the Arctic and Antarctic*?

My fascination with the polar regions began with *Gender on Ice*, a feminist exploration of masculinity, colonialism, and exploration. My new book expands these themes, addressing the uncanniness and estrangement caused by the climate crisis. The artists featured in the book draw on feminist environmentalism, speculative fiction, and Indigenous perspectives to critique mainstream media's apocalyptic depictions of climate change. They link these issues to gender, race, and colonial legacies, disrupting conventional narratives about the natural world.

As I completed the book in 2021, during the pandemic, parallels between the world's



unpreparedness for COVID-19 and its response to climate change became starkly evident. Unlike the rapid development of vaccines, there have been no comparable breakthroughs to address the climate crisis, which underscores the urgency of reimagining our political and cultural responses to these challenges.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I value collaborating with artists, scholars, and students from diverse fields. These exchanges constantly expand my thinking. Currently, I'm working with students at UC Berkeley on a project titled *Contemporary Art for a Changing World: Conversations on Art and Climate Change through an Intersectional Lens*. This builds on my recent book, focusing on feminist environmentalism and global climate justice.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for what you do now? My time at Trinity laid the foundation for my work at the intersection of gender, race, colonialism, and contemporary art. Professors like Judy Rohrer and Kaja Silverman were instrumental in shaping my intellectual trajectory. Rohrer's feminist art history classes introduced me to critical theory through authors like Susan Sontag as well as sociological perspectives on art through the writings of Arnold Hauser and Erving Goffman. One memorable assignment involved writing about a feminist group exhibition at the Wadsworth



For more on Bloom, please visit trincollreporter.online/Bloom.

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at Smith and in the spring commuted to Trinity three days a week to finish up my religion degree. Things have settled down quite a bit since then. Since 2020, my wife, Jan Martin, and I have lived in Brunswick, Maine, but for 29 years before that we were in Portland, Oregon, where we raised two adopted kids: Clay (Korea) and Lily (China), now 38 and 30, respectively. I met Jan when I attended Trinity Rome in the fall of '74 (Kenyon College '76). We went our separate ways after that and reunited for good in 1988. We're both retired, and life involves a lot of pickleball and a great deal of time in Italy, where we bought a home in 2008. Best wishes to all the classmates I've known throughout those years."

Kathy Maye-Maggio writes, "I was fortunate to attend the Women's Leadership Council (WLC) and the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference Dinner at the President's House on August 29. Earlier in the day, first-year and transfer Trinity women learned networking skills from Alice Vautour '01, Networking Committee chair, and Ann Newman Selvitelli '91, WLC co-chair, in their networking 101 session. I spoke with President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and met her son, Tom. I spoke with first-year and transfer students and visited with Robin Sheppard M'76, professor of physical education, emerita, and former senior associate athletic director. It was truly a lovely evening. On December 4, the Trinity Club of Hartford ran a very successful annual meeting, with dinner and a holiday party. President Berger-Sweeney attended and addressed the attendees. The Person of the Year Award was presented to Jacquelyn Santiago Nazario '00. Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam and former Mayor Luke Bronin attended. We had a good group of alumni and would love to see more local '78 classmates attend this event this year. On February 1, the Trinity Club of Hartford ran a family skating event at the Koepfel Community Sports Center. Classmate **Tom Lenahan** and Carol attended. It was great to see them! Wow, they are great skaters, the best on the ice that day!"

Carl Roberts shares, "When it snowed a quarter inch here in Charlotte, North Carolina, last week, people stampeded to the grocery stores in a panic and bought all of the bread, milk, and other essentials. This past summer, Beckie and I celebrated our 40th wedding anniversary by traveling back to Orange County, California, to spend time with friends and to visit the church where we

were married, the office where we pulled off our secret romance, and our first home."

Andrew Terhune communed with **Tina Orsi-Lirot** in scenic Canaan, New Hampshire, where Tina abides year-round and where his family has vacationed since before he was born. Andrew divides his time between Naples, Florida, in the winter and enjoying the beautiful New England summers and falls in New Hampshire.

Ty Tregellas states, "Leaving today, February 1, for a mini-Trinity ski reunion with **Geoff Leonard**, staying with **Laurie Perry Jones** and Brit Jones '79. Should be lots of fun on and off the slopes."

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Let's go back to 2019, when our own **George Brickley** was named a member of the inaugural Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame class. One would think that George's admission recognizing his accomplishments as the 1978 ECAC Men's Hockey Player of the Year and being the College's most prolific hockey goal scorer with 113 goals and 82 assists for 195 points would be the end of his athletic firsts. Not for George. He scored yet again in 2024 with another Trinity athletic first. George is the first Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame father to welcome his daughter into the hall's ranks. Hannah Brickley '14 was recognized for her prowess in volleyball and women's basketball while at Trinity. Her athletic accomplishments in basketball were matched off the court when she was named a 2013 CoSIDA Academic All-American. By the way, Cindy Brickley '80, George's wife and Hannah's mom, also has Trinity athletic ties.

In a different athletic realm, **Jim Cropsey** returned from a trip to Bruce, Mississippi, with a Labrador retriever puppy traveling with him in a special case stowed under Jim's seat. Jim trains Labradors to be retrievers and competes with them. Jim's newest dog is the sixth Labrador he's owned. The pup, still not named but called Lil' Guy, comes from a kennel with Trinity ties. Lil' Guy was born at Coolwater Kennels, owned by Alex Washburn '81. Before Alex began

breeding Labradors, she was a student in an economics class taught by former Assistant Professor of Economics Leonard Ladislas Tumba in which Jim was the teaching assistant. Jim's 12-year-old Lab Mowgli is the new pup's great-uncle. Jim's thinking about drawing on a name from James Fenimore Cooper's *Leatherstocking Tales* for Lil' Guy's future name. The two dogs are actually out of a line of Labs that Jim's dad, James "Buck" Cropsey, originally bred in Litchfield, Connecticut.

Meanwhile, **Eric Fossum** racked up another honor. In January 2025, Eric received the National Medal of Technology and Innovation, which was presented to him in a ceremony at the White House. The medal has been awarded annually since 1985 to the nation's leading innovators. Eric was honored for his innovative work in digital imaging sensors. If you want to impress people, tell them one of our classmates is responsible for them being able to take pictures with their cell phones. They're always amazed when they hear that. Eric still works at Dartmouth, where he is vice provost in the Office for Entrepreneurship and Technology Transfer. He's also the John H. Krehbiel Sr. Professor for Emerging Technologies at the Thayer School of Engineering and director of Dartmouth's Ph.D. innovation program.

Those of you who donate to Trinity receive your own recognition. Our class agents **Barlow Peelle** and **Susan Tananbaum** are very faithful about contacting classmates who contribute to the College.

At the 2024 Homecoming, **Bruce Somerstein** and **Jane Terry Abraham** ran into **Ken Crowe**. It was Ken's last appearance in Hartford before retiring in January 2025 after 41 years of working as a reporter at the *Times Union* in Albany. His retirement and continued work as president of the Albany Newspaper Guild, Local 31034, TNG-CWA, interfered with compiling this edition of the Class Notes. Ken anticipates having more time to work on the notes for future issues.

We make a renewed plea to help us find 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**.

From the Alumni Office: After a 30-year career in the high-tech field, **Chris Myers** has written his first full-length book: *Robert Shaw: An Actor's Life on the Set of Jaws and Beyond*. It is a biography of his uncle, who played the shark fisherman, Quint, in *Jaws*. Shaw also played Doyle Lonnegan, who got "stung" in *The Sting*; Red Grant, who fought James Bond to the death in *From Russia with Love*; and Henry VIII, the heretical king in *A Man for All Seasons*. Chris's book will be released this summer and may be found on Amazon and other websites. Trinity College—along with a wealth of information about Shaw's childhood, his early struggles in acting, and many behind-the-scenes stories from movie sets and Broadway plays—has a role in the book. *Jaws* was released in the summer of 1975, shortly after Chris was admitted to Trinity but before he began his first year. His mother, who had not heard of Trinity, urged him to pick a different school, until *Jaws* was released, starring her brother. Early in the film, a sheriff is investigating a woman's death and asks a young man where he is from. To give himself credibility, the young man replies that he attends Trinity College, in Hartford, Connecticut. After that, Chris's mother never challenged his choice of school, and not only did Chris attend Trinity, his two children, Jeff '10 and Lizzie '14, also did.

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Are you ready to meet in Hartford for our 45th June 5–8? I heard from a number of classmates looking forward to seeing you there.

It was great to learn **Margaret Zox "Maggie" Brown** is represented by Iustitia Fine Arts, a gallery in Manhattan's Tribeca neighborhood. She was interviewed on *The Flying Fruit Bowl Podcast* as its 100th episode. It can be found on Apple Podcasts or Spotify. Maggie's artwork recently was featured in *365 Art+* magazine, out of Japan, and in *Create! Magazine*, with an interview on its blog from issue 47.

I was happy to hear from **Roberta Goganian**. She and **Macey Russell** are pleased

to share they have two grandchildren who came into their lives in 2024, Ava Sophia and Aiden Gabriel Russell. She said everything that is said about the unmitigated joy of grandchildren is true, and they are happy they live near them in the Boston area. The twins are the children of their son Derek and his wife, Arielle, who are happy to have reinforcements close by.

I got a welcome call from **Steve Slade**, happy in warm, beautiful Naples, Florida, where he and wife Bettina live full time. Slade-O retired last summer from the reinsurance business after 44 years. He's enjoying himself and looks forward to spending more time with his friends and family, which include three (soon to be four) grandchildren. He's excited about reconnecting with everyone at our Reunion. Sounds like Slade-O may be making frequent visits to Connecticut, where his daughter is moving, also close to his other two in New York City.

Mike McGovern shares that he swam a half mile in the Swim Across America fundraiser for cancer research at Roger W. Wheeler State Beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island, last fall and would like to thank Bants including Tricia Beaird '81, Tracy Benham '81, **William Bullard, Bob Flaherty, Jordan Fried, Bob Keyes, Peter Lyons, Kent Reilly '79, and Ed Wrobel** for their donations.

Kate Youngdahl sent me a nice note thanking me for supporting women's tennis and squash during Trinity Athletics Giving (TAG) week. What a great concept that generates healthy competition among Bants. If you have not gotten into the mix, please consider the next one.

Anita Spigulis-DeSnyder is planning on attending the 45th. She has not missed one yet! Anita said retirement continues to be an adventure. After five years of research and writing, she recently published her first book, *Simplified Choices: A Family Memoir of Latvia, World War II and Identity*. The story of a small country caught between the murderous Nazi and Soviet regimes, the book weaves together Latvia's tragic history, her family's experiences of war and immigration, and their effect on her identity. You can find her book on Amazon. Last spring, she mentioned joining **Kate Youngdahl-Stauss** in Vermont to witness the solar eclipse. Other than occasional trips to California to visit her youngest son, she stays close to home so she can spend time with her granddaughter, Coraline, who was born in 2023.

Dede Graves Faulkner reports it has been a busy year with a move and the wedding

of her youngest son, Luke, in Providence, Rhode Island. She enjoys life in downtown D.C. and works full time with her art advisory, www.edithgraves.com, where she hosts art events and open studios for the 12 artists she represents across the country (two of these artists are Trinity alumni, her brother, Andrew Faulkner '84, and our classmate, **Catherine Linder Spencer**). She looks forward to reconnecting with old and new friends at our Reunion this summer. This year, she has been in touch with classmates **Catherine Linder Spencer, Amy Rosenthal Bagan, and Lisa Bloom**.

I am happy to report that my dear friend **Carol Goldberg** finally got her varsity letter for swimming, a very odd oversight that took 45 years to correct. She swam under Coach Chet McPhee with Trinity Hall of Famers **Denise Jones** and **Lanier Drew**. It is so wonderful to hear from you. I appreciate you reaching out and sharing some news. My youngest, Anna, water polo extraordinaire, is graduating in May. I am so sad. We will miss all our trips watching her games. I am still consulting in the environmental field, playing doubles squash and tennis and spending as much time as possible at my beloved Cape May. Please join us this June. There's a list of our classmates coming on the website if they added their name. A sad note about our class. Since 1980, we have lost 28 of our classmates. So, let's remember those who have passed and celebrate together this June, 'neath the elms. Until then, **Beth Davison Hyde**.

From the Alumni Office: **Robert Herbst** writes that Guinness World Records notified him that his application for the "oldest person to 10-meter yoke carry (male)" has been successful," and he is the Guinness World Records title holder! He notes, "To set the record, I carried 273 kilograms (601 pounds) 10 meters in under one minute at an age of 65 years, 123 days."

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Peter Wang wrote for the first time in ages! "In late September 2024, **Tin Ho, Tuck Shum, Peter Wang**, and Koan Seng Chong '80 reunited in Boston and Cape Cod for a few days and nights of relaxation, reminiscing,

and rejoicing. Time certainly flies by in the blink of an eye. It had been over 43 years since the group last communed, and this recent gathering was highly treasured. Tin is based in Shanghai and nearing retirement after an illustrious and distinguished career in the aerospace industry. Tuck, Peter, and Koan Seng are all enjoying retirement in Texas, California, and New Jersey, respectively. Tin's and Peter's better halves joined in celebrating not just the long overdue reunion but also the birth of Tin's first granddaughter, Gia (future Class of 2042?). Hopefully, the next reunion will happen earlier and possibly with more friends."

From the Alumni Office: **Dutch Barhydt's** book *Walking through Life: 35 Short Stories* was published in late 2024. The book invites readers to experience walks and stories from around the world, including several stories that are specific to Trinity. Dutch has enjoyed connecting with classmates who have read the book and rekindling old friendships that began at Trinity. His book is available on Amazon and Kindle.

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As I begin writing these notes for the spring issue, the weather here in the Hartford area is a bleak 24 degrees. Snow and ice are on their way later in the week. The irony is that by the time you read this, we hopefully will be enjoying much warmer weather. I mention this as a way of explaining that there is a significant lag between when you share notes with me and when you are likely to see them in this publication. Rest assured, if you write to me, I will include your news (unless you ask me not to). The new portal that makes email outreach easier seems to be working well. Quite a number of you were kind in letting me know you received my note. Several of you even shared updates.

Kurt Freund sent news from Martha's Vineyard, where he's been living since 2006. He moved a fishing charter business, Fishsticks Charters, up from the Eastern Shore of Maryland. He runs light tackle and fly-fishing charters for up to four people aboard his 26' Jones Brothers. As he looks forward to his 24th year as a professional captain (20th of those on the Vineyard), he will begin another exciting season of inshore

fishing for striped bass, bluefish, false albacore, and bonito and hopes to do a lot more offshore fishing for tuna and mahi.

Rise Singer shares news of the arrival of a granddaughter who is "way too far away" in Seattle. "Thank goodness for video chats!" Other than that, she still works full time at Brandeis University outside Boston, where she manages an initiative related to anti-Semitism education.

Our heroic traveler, **Tom Mathews**, sent some amazing photographs. He just spent three weeks in India. "Amazing at so many levels. No great shots with my Trinity hat that I did wear!" Highlights include him impaled on a spiked door, his hand way too close to a cobra about to pounce from a way-too-small basket, him in front of a brilliantly painted elephant, and last but not least, him in front of the magnificent Taj Mahal. I think Tom has a future as a high-end tour guide.

Jim Dod touched base. While he began with the disclaimer "I've got nothing," it turns out that he's into some interesting new stuff. He described his life as "on a glide path to somewhere, but no significant news. Right now, I'm trying to schedule another golf trip with the usual crew, all youngsters who will hit 65 shortly (**Tom Tarca**, **Scott Cassie**, **Ken Papa**, **Tom Mathews**). I'm already there, though I've yet to ask for a senior discount anywhere. Until I do, I can maintain the illusion of youth. Denial can be a wonderful thing. Hitting this age came with a surprise bonus: a newfound respect for blues music. I've hit up just about every blues group or concert that rolls through Chicago or Milwaukee, probably averaging one a month. Even managed to drag my kids (30 and 26) to a couple. They quickly realized they were the youngest people in the audience by, oh, a solid two decades. (Gave 'em a sneak peek at their futures. Ha!). They just don't get it, do they?"

And last but not least, **Scott Cassie** sent along news that his son, Rob, 30, was married on November 2, 2024, in Sonoma County, California. "The weather for the outdoor ceremony was perfect, and all had a wonderful time, especially the couple! Meanwhile, our daughter, Claire, 27, has moved to Denver, where she is putting her nursing skills to work with an orthopedic oncology practice. My first full year of retirement has allowed Beth and me to visit with both of our kids to help them move into new homes, assist with wedding plans, and explore their new neighborhoods. We've also done some travel of our own and are planning more of it in 2025. I've

also ramped up my cycling mileage as well as trying to improve my golf, the latter of which to not much success as my dad (Wesleyan Class of '57) continues to take my money!"

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Dom Rapini writes that all is well with him and wife Susan atop their family of five grown children and one grandchild. From a business point of view, Dom has logged several months as CEO of start-up Queralt Inc. He notes the excitement and fun he is having building the organization from scratch. The company develops cutting-edge software and hardware products in the authentication and identity space, collaborating with engineers and partners from around the world. Their first product is expected to launch in the spring, so keep your eyes open.

Wendy Gorland Tayer reports that she and **Tina Tricarichi** toured Sicily for nine days in January. They had a great time eating pasta, seeing ancient sites, shopping, learning about the history, and spending time with Tina's lovely Sicilian relatives. Wendy remains employed as a faculty member at UCSD and enjoys seeing patients, training graduate students, and lecturing. Her favorite aspect is that it is all part time.

It's always great to hear from our president for life, **Todd Beati**. He is doing well and connects often with Trinity roommate **Anders Wensberg**, who took a little spill playing pond ice hockey a little while back. That over-60 league can be tough. Fortunately, his nurse and Trinity '85 wife, Lisa Brown Wensberg, was there to care for him.

I got a note from **Janet Huley** inviting more people to visit our Trinity Class of '83 page on Facebook. She's posted a bunch of trivia questions from our time there that have been brain teasing several of us. Take a look to see if you can provide any additional answers.

Finally, I've stepped back from corporate life to tackle a dream project that I have been thinking about for years. I've published a book about my high school team's underdog run to become the first-ever Long Island basketball champion. It's available on Amazon, Barnes & Noble, and most places you can buy books. The title is *This Is Panther Country*. It's included in the "Recent Publications" column of this issue. Check it out!

That's all for now from the Class of '83.

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Hi, everyone! I don't know about you, but whenever I receive *The Trinity Reporter*, I immediately turn to our Class Notes to read our class updates. When I saw we had no secretary, I decided to jump in and volunteer. It will be fun to hear from those of you I know, even from a million years ago, and many of you I never got to know when we were at Trinity.

I'll go first. I live in Ramsey, New Jersey, and have been happily married to Billy Saunders for the past 31 years. Yes, if the name sounds familiar, I married **Lorraine Saunders White's** brother. Thank you to Lorraine for the fabulous introduction! We have two kids—Brendan, 29, a lawyer, and Ali, 25, an artist manager in the music industry. I've been in the professional and personal development field for many years. For the past seven years in my coaching business, I have coached and empowered women to lead themselves during personal and professional transitions. I am in regular contact with **Nancy Katz Aresu, Amy Snyder Forman, Linda Kapnek Brown, Dale Sindell, and Lorraine Saunders White**, who are all doing great. I would love to reconnect with you, too. Tag, you're in!

From the Alumni Office: **Daniel Barach** reports, "I made aliyah and moved to Israel on November 20, 2024."

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There was a lot to reflect on and celebrate at our 40th this June. I will make it a point to include some vignettes in the fall *Reporter*. Here are a few items I gathered back in February.

Mark Shaughnessy was among the federal employees confronted with an unexpected choice about retirement as profound change was unleashed in Washington in January. This happened as his oldest daughter was in flight training for the U.S. Navy in Texas and another daughter was getting ready to graduate from the U.S. Naval Academy before heading to Quantico for Basic School.

Meanwhile, his youngest two are on a ski team in West Virginia. "Both have no fear," Mark said. Sounds like a useful trait in that family!

Andy Merrill said all is well with Erica and him. He was gearing up for ski trip to Park City, Utah, for an annual boys' ski weekend with **Dave Gryboski, Craig Dobbs**, and Cameron Muir '87 and friends, along with Dave's two boys and 10 of their closest buddies. "Twenty guys crammed into Dave's two-bedroom condo . . . what could go wrong?" he mused. On the upside, he pointed out, "At our advanced ages, we can't ski as long, hard, or fast as we used to, so we actually have time to talk and catch up!" Dr. Dave added that he sees a lot of "bad things" happening to folks our age, so staying healthy counts as his main piece of news.

Rabbi **Paul Kipnes** published his third book, *The Secret Life of the Mourner: A Poetic Journey through a Year of Grief* (available at lulu.com). His previous books are *Jewish Spiritual Parenting* (Amazon) and *Invisible No More: The Collected Writings of Linda Kipnes* (self-published).

Dave Rodney and wife Marguerite live in Simsbury, Connecticut, and are empty nesters, with one daughter living and working in Boston and the other a junior at the University of Delaware. Dave runs an engineering operation for a Cincinnati-based company called Quest Defense, with a group of 50 or so engineers doing aerothermal analysis and design work for Pratt & Whitney in East Hartford and West Palm Beach. The retirement runway is in sight, he said. When I reached out in February, he was skiing in Myoko, Japan, four hours west of Tokyo.

Pat Finn and his wife of 35 years, Carol, live in Torrington, Connecticut. They have three children. Maggie, a graduate of Dartmouth College, is a teacher and resides in Burlington, Vermont, with husband Matt, an orthopedic resident at UVM. Kevin, a graduate of Holy Cross, is employed as a senior planner with the Planning Department for the City of Chesapeake, Virginia. Their youngest, Connor, is a graduate of Union College and a second lieutenant in the U.S. Army undergoing infantry training in Georgia. Pat maintains a law practice in Waterbury but is looking forward to retirement.

Carol Szymanski was certified as a University of Connecticut master composter last year. "I am absolutely convinced that composting is one of the top 10 things we can do to save the Earth," she said. She encourages all of us to take up the practice

and to look at online certification programs. "Absolutely life-changing," she added.

On the other side of the country, **Chris Hogan** said he was feeling super lucky. From the Los Angeles home they essentially tore down and rebuilt over the last few years, they watched the voracious Eaton Fire grow by the hour. They were spared but have friends who lost everything. "The altruism here has been inspiring. We joined along with many Angelenos helping families find food and clothes, furniture, toys." In the midst of the tragedy, he said it was great to hear from **John Conway, Bill Detwiler, Boog Powell, Rex Dyer**, and so many others. Their son, Vail, a junior at Campbell Hall, is touring colleges. He summed it up: "Hey, time, let's slow down!" and "Hey, tuition prices, take a serious breather!" He added that he "believes in the power of art and community. Is worried about the planet—and everything else."

I was planning to connect with **Prudy Horne** while in San Diego for work. She is doing well and continuing to focus her energies on creating art.

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I am sorry to share the news that **Tom Ashley** passed away on January 21, 2025, in Arizona, where he had lived for the past 12 years. Tom started with our class in the fall semester of 1983 and graduated in 1989. **Dan Sutton** organized an online memorial service for Tom on February 23; remembrances from several of Tom's closer friends will be posted in the next *Reporter*.

Rob Luton submitted his first update since our graduation, and he successfully "compressed 37 years into a few words": He and his family returned to the Connecticut shoreline after 16 years in Tokyo, and he has "been doing some independent advisory work (when not kayaking, hiking, or traveling) since retiring from corporate life three years ago." Although he hasn't attended any alumni

events, he writes that he “had fun reconnecting with my freshman and junior year roommate **Ken Thomas** last September.”

Cary Lyford writes that she and **John Self** celebrated the wedding of their son Kellen in February in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. The wedding was in a beautiful outdoor setting, and they “ended the weekend following the bride and groom down the ski slope with a hundred skiers/snowboarders behind them.” Cary has planned a bucket-list African safari trip in June with **Bryant** and **Marcia Zanko**.

Mario Aguero '86 and I attended the Trinity holiday gathering in Washington, D.C., last December with **Robin Scullin**. Coincidentally, **Jamie Harper** and his son were in the nation's capital that day, touring college campuses, and they tagged along with us before returning home to Pennsylvania. Robin enjoyed seeing other '86ers Elizabeth Heslop Sheehy and Tom Sheehy at the party. Robin was “looking forward to a trip to Marbella, Spain, in February as I have never been to Spain. All is well at Johns Hopkins, where I have worked in communications since 2017, commuting in a few days a week from our home in Annapolis. Brent and I are looking forward to some time in Edgartown on the Vineyard this summer with old friends who went to Yale during our era.”

Just before the deadline for this installment of Class Notes, I had an enlightening conversation with **Gregory Mark Hill** about his new book, *Samsara and Its Impact on the Entrepreneur's Dreams*. The book is based on Samsara, a 2,500-year-old Sanskrit concept, and how it can be applied to the entrepreneur in today's world; it was scheduled for release in March 2025 and will be available on all major platforms, including Amazon and Barnes & Noble. Gregory already has been asked by 22 major institutions throughout the United States and London to talk about his book and has been invited back to Trinity for a book signing and to speak at the newly minted Entrepreneurship Center. Gregory's passion for this endeavor was evident in our conversation, and I would not be surprised if he has many more speaking engagements in the coming months!

As I sign off, please remember that I am always happy to hear the news of your latest happenings, adventures, and more!

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Hello! Happy summer! Hope it's off to a great start!

What a surprise and pleasure it was to hear from **Todd Pedersen**, who sent in his first entry to Class Notes. Todd writes, “After graduating, I got my master's at Wake Forest in biology and then embarked on a career in medical devices and imaging. Currently, I am a strategic account manager at Nanosonics. My wife and I will celebrate our 30th anniversary in June. We have two kids and live in the Charlotte area.” Congrats on your anniversary, Todd! And we hope to see you at the next Reunion!

Kori Johanson writes, “On a professional note, the company I worked for since 2021 was purchased by Travelers Insurance, and after some nice time off, I've joined MS Transverse as their general counsel. I'm working remotely from Connecticut but hope to visit the Japanese parent home office in the near future. On a personal note, my husband (Jim Puhala) and I are becoming grandparents. Our son Ethan and his fiancée, Natalie, are expecting a girl in March. We can't wait to bring her to visit the campus!” Best wishes to you in your new job, Kori, and we're always ready for another Bantam-to-be on campus!

Lisa Godek was “beyond thrilled to report that **Holly Davoren** pulled together a gal's weekend in New York City in January that 13 attended, including **Anne Mongillo McRavey, Cynthia Dokas Whipple, Corinne Coppola, Jessica Brownstein Prestegaard, Kim Cogswell, Lisa Alvarez-Calderón, Liz Cahn Goodman, Sue Till, Sue Winnick, Wendy Goldstein Pierce, and Yolanda Diaz** (yes, the **Yolanda Diaz** that we haven't seen in 35 years!). Not a moment without smiles and laughter and a deep respect for our 40 years of friendship. Keeping it rolling, the prior weekend, **Annie Grunbeck, Anne Mongillo McRavey, Jimmy Siebert, Dave Hutchinson, and I** were delighted to join the ever-rowdy **Dean Andrews** for his ‘birthday palooza’ in Hartford. And shame on us all to not have reported on a momentous weekend hosted last August by **Christine Quinn** in her gorgeous Jersey Shore home. She was an impeccable host with a spotless, uber-tidy house (for those of you who remember her dorm rooms). It was another weekend full of love and laughs attended by **Annie Grunbeck, Anne Mongillo McRavey, Bill Carroll, Cynthia Dokas**

Whipple, Jessica Brownstein Prestegaard, Holly Davoren, Kim Cogswell, and Liz Cahn Goodman. We are on a roll and welcome our Trin brethren to hop on the train! The next stop is The Capitol Groove in Bushnell Park this June.”

We have another Bantam in the family! **Sabrina Farrell Eschweiler's** daughter Emma has joined the Trinity College Class of 2028. Emma “spent the fall rowing and will spend the winter playing ice hockey and back to rowing in the spring. Emma plans to study math.” Welcome to Trin, Emma! Sabrina lives in Connecticut and has been at MBI for 37 years and serves as IT director.

Former class secretaries **Nancy Barry** and **Tom Chapman** had a busy 2024 filled with Trinity get-togethers in New York City and beyond. Tom sends their shared note: “With **Barbara Caldarone**, we splurged for a night out at N.Y.C.'s iconic Café Carlyle to see Isaac Mizrahi's cabaret. We had a lovely spring brunch at Motel Morris in Chelsea with **Julie Diez Berkowitz, Vikki Wenzel, and Barbara Caldarone**, where lots of tea was spilled. Speaking of splurging, Michelle, Vikki, and Nancy treated themselves to a bucket-list lunch at Le Bernardin. Throughout the year, Nancy hosted **Lisa Lake's** children (my godchildren) for New York City sleepovers. The kids enjoy the craziness of the ‘city that never sleeps.’ We visited so many sites. It is wonderful to experience the city through their eyes. Nancy dragged a few folks along on her Chelsea ‘gallery sprints’ to take in the many wonderful shows on exhibit. Regular ‘sprinters’ are **Scotland Davis, Kelly Keating '89, Judy Sandford '89, and me**. In June, we ventured up the Hudson for a weekend in Beacon, New York, with Michelle, Barbara, Terry Caldarone '86, and Vikki. Lots of shopping, dining, cocktail, and a visit to the Dia Beacon. A lovely weekend getaway spot! The summer wouldn't be complete without **Julie Diez Berkowitz's** annual pool party in New Jersey! Nancy, Vikki, myself, and others enjoyed a lovely day of swimming and relaxing poolside. The fall brought many fun weekends in the city with Michelle and Vikki as well as one with **Jennifer Elwell O'Donnell**. Nancy's annual holiday soirée, which doubles as a birthday party for Tom (29 times 2), was great fun. Bantam guests were **Julie Diez Berkowitz, Judy Sandford '89, Kelly Keating '89, Aileen Doherty '86, Terry Caldarone '86, Barbara, Scotland, and Debbie Moran '87**. Lots of holiday cheer was had by all and well into

the wee hours for some! Nancy had a lovely lunch at Le Bilboquet with Doug Macdonald '89, a member of the Board of Fellows, who was in from Los Angeles for some holiday fun and family visits. This past February, we attended a Trinity Friends of Art reception remembering Professor Michael Mahoney and celebrating Alden Gordon '69 and Jean Cadogan. It was a lovely affair in the Morgan Great Hall of the Wadsworth Atheneum. It was nice to get back to the Atheneum; it had been far too long. And now for a little bragging. Nancy is proud to be an inaugural winner of an NB Impacts Leadership Award, Neuberger Berman's initiative celebrating the outstanding philanthropic and community-focused efforts of its employees. NB will make grants to the organizations supported by the awardees. Nancy received the Larry Zicklin Award, which recognizes leaders at the firm who have demonstrated a deep commitment to the firm's employees, its CSR efforts, and the broader community. That's it for now." Can't wait to hear more! Great to see so much connection with other Bantams! And congratulations to Nancy!

That's all I have this time. Short but sweet! Hoping to see you all on campus at Fall Weekend. Stay tuned for more info! Don't forget to join and check out our class Facebook page, Trinity College Class of 1988. Stay in touch. Until next time!

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At the end of last year, Doug Macdonald and Toh Tsun Lim ran into each other at Trinity's networking event of industry leaders in real estate at The Union League Club in New York City. Doug happened to be in the city for work, and New York City-based Toh Tsun is a partner at PEI Architects and was one of the experts in the room.

Jay Flemma, our resident skiing-journalist-lawyer, writes, "In January, as the vice president of the North American Snowsports Journalists Association, I hosted and moderated our annual ethics panel with writers from the *New York Post*, the *New York Daily News*, and other papers. In March, I'll be coming back east and skiing Sugarbush, Bolton Valley, and Whiteface, then attending the 2025 Ski and Snowboard Hall of Fame induction ceremony in Lake Placid."

I (Andrew Walker) had a great time catching up with Maia Sharpley in January via Zoom. She is doing really interesting work in the education space, investing (venture) in a field where she's spent most of her professional life. She mentioned that she recently saw Ally Magrino at a Trinity holiday party in New York City and then enjoyed a wonderful catch-up dinner with Amy Kestnbaum Janzon and Toh Tsun Lim and his wife, Linda. She also is in touch with Mark Zweifel, who also lives in San Francisco, and Todd Gillespie when she is back on the East Coast. She said all are well.

Matt Cost has been making the best of the chill Maine winter by writing. After 16 books published with Encircle Publications, he has made the leap to a new publisher. Level Best Books is publishing *The Not So Merry Adventures of Max Creed* in April. Other than writing, Cost generally only leaves his house to walk his four dogs.

Hillary Davidson reports her youngest of three is a senior in high school and was admitted in December to her Early Decision school. She added, "The news—while thrilling for her—made much more concrete and real the fact that I'll soon be an empty nester. Definitely makes me feel old! I missed seeing everyone at June's Reunion, which conflicted with my middle child's high school graduation, but I'll make the next one for sure!" Hillary added that, as a Los Angeles native with parents still there, she is heartbroken by the devastation caused by the fires, a sentiment shared by us all, I think.

And from Michelle McEttrick, "I commute to Dublin a few days each week and had the absolute joy of meeting up with Kevin Scollan as he made an impromptu pre-Christmas visit to the Emerald Isle. I also had dinner with Marianne McLaren on one of her frequent London sojourns. We went to St John's in Clerkenwell and set the world to rights."

Sean Dougherty connected with Sue Kluijber around the year-end holidays, while also visiting other friends and family in the Northeast.

Sophie Wadsworth previously informed us of her plan to row in a Trinity event, and she sent this update: "Got to race with fantastic Trinity alumnae at Head of the Charles Regatta. We rowed our hearts out and had a blast! It brought back great memories of rowing varsity with Lou O'Brien Berl '88 and the camaraderie of rower and professor Mary Conley '90. Mary invited me to guest lecture to her history students, then got me signed up to join this regatta boat (thanks, Mary!)."

Our soon-to-be-Danish classmate, Steve Harrod, wrote, "Life is good here in Denmark. I applied for citizenship 18 months ago. I traveled a lot last year, but I am going to stay home more this year. It's amazing to see how Europe has changed since those college-tour days in the '80s. We used to criticize road traffic in Italy and Spain. It's not like that anymore. It has been freezing temps regularly here for the last month, so my long cycling trip to work is less frequent, but I still cycle on shorter trips to shopping or the train station. Come visit!"

Alyssa Purbeck Greer and husband Peter Greer traveled to the East Coast from Wisconsin for a wedding last October. "We stayed for two nights with our old Trinity friends Scott LaLonde and Alexa Richman LaLonde '90 in their lovely Montclair, New Jersey, home. We had such a wonderful time catching up and reminiscing."

Rob Cummings and Ciorsdan Conran got together recently at Liz Osterhus's place in downtown New Caanan for a "between Christmas and New Year's Day" cocktail party. Other Trinity grads in attendance included Katie Sherr Blanque, Emily Blumenfeld, Dave Lowey, and Chip Kruger '75.

Becky Holt writes, "I will be going to Novo Hamburgo, Brazil, in February to celebrate the 80th birthday of a dear friend who was like a mother to me when I lived in Salvador Bahia for a year and a half in my 20s. It'll be a surprise for her and a welcome trip to the southern hemisphere for summer weather!"

And from Judy Sandford, "I'm entering my third year as a property owner in Dobbs Ferry, New York. I continue commuting three times a week to Wall Street for my job at Sia Partners, which bought my boutique agency, Addison. I still focus on sustainability strategy and communication. It will be a challenging year ahead with the shift in national priorities. I'm keeping up with Kelly Keating, whose Antique Flâneur business has been instrumental in helping my mother and my friends' parents clean out and sell their treasures."

This past September, Sue Kinz Maggioni met up with a group of alumni cross country friends to cheer on the Bantams at the Trinity Cross Country Invitational, held at the hilly Wickham Park. "The race was rugged and tough, as evidenced by former coach Alex Magoun's broken shoe . . . the other was left in the woods somewhere around mile one. It was particularly fun for me because I was able to cheer for my youngest daughter and yet another runner, Zoe '25. Coach John

Michael Mason '12, M'14 invited us to the annual cookout following the race."

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Dear fellow Bants, this past November, I had the pleasure of returning to campus with my daughter and son for Fall Weekend, reconnecting with fellow alumni and making new friends along the way. Strolling through Trinity on what felt like the quintessential autumn day instantly transported me back to some of my most cherished college memories. I enjoyed tailgating by the football field with **Kathy Kimball Kadziolka** and **Katie Kwak Garvin**; catching up with **Eric Brown**, his wife, Brooke '91, and their daughters at a KKG gathering; and seeing **Liz Hedges Falvey '93** and her son and **Julian Evans** at AD. Though my visit was brief, it was a meaningful reminder of the enduring bonds and special traditions that make our Trinity community so remarkable.

Our class continues to impress with its incredible achievements, creative endeavors, and global impact. From celebrated authors and filmmakers to design innovators, historians, and even winery owners, we are a class full of storytellers, visionaries, and trailblazers. And I am happy to report how we all remain connected. Read on . . .

Anna David writes, "I saw **Steve Clark**, **Kiliaen Van Rensselaer**, and **Nick Sita** at the L.A. book party for **Steve Clark's** book, *City*

Swimmers, in November. Also, my boyfriend and I are the parents of Benjamin, born July 10, 2023. And *The Wall Street Journal* covered the rerelease of my first book, *Party Girl*, last week, and Bobby Daly '89 has optioned the rights to make *Party Girl* into a movie. Camp Trin Trin forever." So many congratulations to you, Anna!

Matt Duffy writes, "Had an amazing day on campus this fall watching Trinity football beat Bowdoin, then honoring our friend **Ryan Martin** at a dinner as he was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame along with some other amazing athletes. It was incredible seeing friends **Jeff Luzzi**, **Rob Hayes**, **Kevin Kavanagh '93**, **Ryan**, **Tom Presz**, **Jeff Hagopian**, **Jeffrey MacDonald**. It was also so great that **Ryan**, **Jeff MacDonald**, and **Jeff Luzzi** all have kids who are Bantam students (**Ryan Luzzi '26** playing on the football team). The Hall of Fame dinner was amazing; we also saw **Matt Woods**, **Mike Taylor**, **Joe Porto '93**, and **Terry McNamara '90**, among others, and the event featured a great video tribute to **Ryan**, with heartwarming commentary from **Tad Hazelton**." I can't believe we missed each other! Congrats, Ryan!

Jem Macy writes, "I spent most of the winter in the U.S. Northeast looking after my aging parents (my dad is 102), but I am finally headed home to Italy, where I run a boutique winery (and villa rental) in Tuscany, Fanciulle Vini (www.fanciullevini.com). My older daughter, Charlotte, 26, lives and works in New York City for an Italian designer furniture company, and my younger daughter, Giorgia, 18, is finishing high school in Siena and horseback riding (show jumping) in every minute of her free time. I would welcome the chance to raise a glass with other Trinity alumni who pass through Tuscany!" Next time I am in Tuscany, I am stopping by.

Kate Powers writes, "I will be a contributing author to *Shakespeare in the Age of Mass Incarceration*, which should be out this summer." Congratulations!

M. Emilio Pimentel-Reid writes from the beautiful Georgian city of Bath in England, where he lives with his South African husband. Having worked in New York City after graduating from Trinity (economics) and then Parsons School of Design (fashion design), he has lived in England for 20 years following an M.A. in history of fine and decorative art at Sotheby's Institute in London. The U.K.-based design author and creative strategist worked for many years in magazine publishing and focuses on

creative strategy for international companies in the design and interiors industry. He is a champion for British design talent and manufacturing, and you can check out his book *Bold British Design* (available on Amazon) and new interiors book *All Things Considered*, launched in April 2025. Missing New England summers, he is house hunting in Maine, in case any Bantams have favorite areas to recommend. You can DM him on his Instagram @whatemiliosaw. Emilio stays in touch with **Minako Koike**, who lives in Japan and is working on a project to bring contemporary art to Japanese hospitals, and Texas-based **Eric Shafer '93**, who recently bought a place in Bath as a base to explore Europe with his wife. This all sounds dreamy!

It's truly inspiring to see how our class continues to make its mark on the world while staying rooted in the friendships and memories that tie us together.

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James Kessler writes, "I'm thrilled to share that my youngest son, Theo, has committed to run cross country and track and field for Trinity in the Class of 2029! His Brookline High School XC team improbably 'three-peaked' as Massachusetts D1 state champions last fall. He's super excited to run for the TC Bantams next fall." Congratulations to Theo and the Kessler family! Wishing you all the best at our dear old Trinity.

Seeth Gerber writes, "I'm a partner at Morgan Lewis & Bockius LLP in Century City, California. My practice focuses on trade secret, restrictive covenant, and employee mobility matters. My wife, Mimi, and I stay busy raising our four teenagers (blended family), going to our younger son's basketball games (he's six feet six at 16 years old), taking care of our two dogs, and enjoying

Yvette Young '98

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One of my most cherished memories at Trinity is volunteering for Cinestudio. As a passionate movie lover, my time at Cinestudio solidified this aspect of my personality. While many of my peers attended weekend parties, I found joy in selling tickets and welcoming guests at Cinestudio's showings. I loved every moment of that experience, and the eclectic array of films broadened my perspective. Cinestudio was my moment of Zen—an artistic sanctuary that enriched my college experience. Though I may not recall the names of all of my professors or the courses I took, I will forever cherish the impact that Cinestudio had on this movie geek.

What was your path to Trinity and beyond? My journey to Trinity began with my migration to the United States from the beautiful Island of Jamaica. My parents came here in the '80s looking for a better opportunity for themselves and their three children. My mom was working here to get enough funds for our family to join her, and in 1984, she sent for me; I was the youngest child, and she was anxious about me being cared for by others. We lived in Hartford for several years before my parents bought a home in nearby Bloomfield. My story is one of an immigrant Black girl who came to America and became the manifestation of her parents' dream, which was to see us have opportunities beyond what they had or would be able to provide us in Jamaica. I was a good student and graduated in the top five of my high school class. As a result, I had endless opportunities of where I could go to college, and my choice was Trinity. After an exceptional undergraduate education and the ability to study abroad in England for a semester, I obtained my master's degree in counseling psychology. I have worked in the nonprofit behavioral health sector for more than 20 years.

What do you do in your current role? I provide leadership oversight for our training department, our Juvenile Review Board, and our contract for the Governor's Task Force on Justice for Abused Children, and I am a member or co-chair of several statewide committees and advisory councils whose work focuses on human trafficking, racial justice, mental health, health equity, and criminal justice. After many years working as a clinician and a program director, I gained a great deal of insight about our various service systems and the impact poverty, mental health, and racism has on the lives of those I serve.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I enjoy advocating for equity. I have an opportunity to bring awareness about disparities that exist in all of our state systems and communities. I have a seat at many committee tables where there are discussions and planning for how to create more equitable outcomes for all, and that excites me. I want to be a change agent, and in my current role, I have the opportunity to live out that dream.



What is the biggest challenge you face in your work? Funding is always a major barrier and a point of conversation at every meeting. In a Trinity sociology class, the professor used an analogy of a pie to explain how people fight for resources to meet their needs. He said that there is a whole pie; some entities will get big pieces, some will get one slice, and some will fight over the crumbs. This resonated with me. When it comes to securing funding, most days it feels like we are fighting for the crumbs rather than looking at what slices may be left in the pie or how the pie can be served more equitably.

How did Trinity prepare you for your career?

Trinity taught me how to be a critical thinker and problem solver, and those skills have been essential in my success to date. I am blessed to have the opportunity to advocate for what is right and just, for those who need to be seen, and for systems that will heal and not perpetuate harm. It is not an easy fight but a necessary one. I aspire to be a change agent, an individual who will leave this place a better one for the generations behind me. I want all people to have the opportunity to live to their full potential without limits. Trinity also taught me to be a feminist, an abolitionist, a warrior, a justice seeker, and a healer. I found myself at college because of the exposure my liberal arts education provided.

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time together. We recently came back from a family trip to Munich, Germany, and then experienced the Los Angeles wildfires. Many acquaintances and friends lost homes, but we are doing well, and our house was fine." Our hearts are with all the Bantams in Los Angeles; we hope you are on the road to recovery.

Lastly, here is my update: I'm in my final semester of a Ph.D. program and look forward to graduating in May.

Last year, iconic buildings at Trinity were added to the National Register of Historic Places. The Trinity College Long Walk Historic District includes the High Victorian Gothic buildings (Jarvis, Seabury, and Northam) designed by English architect William Burges, and the Chapel, a Collegiate Gothic building designed by Philip Frohman, the same architect who designed the Washington National Cathedral.

From the Alumni Office: **Michael Henry** writes, "I believe this is the first time I have written for Class Notes, but 30 years late is better than never! After completing my medical training on the East Coast, I joined Phoenix Children's Hospital as a pediatric hematologist/oncologist in 2004. During my time there, I developed a fellowship training program in pediatric hematology/oncology and served as a program director for several years. When it was time to pass the baton on that leadership role, I started a new role as section chief of the leukemia/lymphoma program and head of early phase oncology research. After working there for 20 years, I decided to pivot more to clinical research, and I left Phoenix Children's in June 2024 to join Amgen, a pharmaceutical company based in Thousand Oaks, California. I am a clinical research medical director, and I support the implementation of clinical trials in pediatric leukemia. It is a welcome change and a serious learning curve, and I am really enjoying it. I have a 15-year-old son, who has been a great travel companion; we just returned from Germany and the Netherlands over winter break. I am still a die-hard Philadelphia Eagles fan! I still keep in regular touch with **Alidad Arabshahi**, **Kerstin Siemel Berardino**, **Marc Drechsler**, and Jennifer Alspach '96. I haven't been able to make it to Reunions, but I am not ruling out a return to Trinity for 2029."

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Physician **Jean Hoffman-Censits**, associate professor of medical oncology and urology at the Sidney Kimmel Comprehensive Cancer Center at Johns Hopkins, is a lead investigator on an international clinical trial that tested the novel drug combination enfortumab and pembrolizumab compared with standard platinum chemotherapy. This led to a nearly doubling of overall survival for patients with locally advanced and metastatic urothelial cancers of the bladder and upper tract and has revolutionized the standard of care for these patients. She also was a lead investigator on a trial testing immunotherapy in the postoperative setting for those with high-risk bladder and upper tract cancers that led to a significant improvement in disease-free survival compared with standard observation. She is an author on both studies, which were published in *The New England Journal of Medicine* in 2024. She lives with her husband and son in Baltimore.

Nicola Easterling shares that she "ran the N.Y.C. Marathon in 2024 and Chicago Marathon in 2023. I got so much support from Trinity College alums. Yarel Silverio Marshall '96, Carl Marshall '96, and Jawanza Gross '94 were in N.Y.C. cheering for me along the route. I look forward to running with **Jose Lugo** when I am back in Hartford. He is a fellow runner who did a charitable donation on my behalf. I met up with **Kecia Sammons '96** in Chicago. She gave me a tour of the Chicago Marathon route." Nicola adds that she's looking forward to Reunion this summer!

Laura Parnum writes that her "second novel for young readers, *The Haunting of Bellington Cottage*, is releasing this summer from HarperCollins. This one's about a haunted vacation rental! I also have a short story in the anthology *5 more Spooky Stories*, which is a collection of family-friendly spooky stories that take place in U.S. national parks. My books and stories are for kids ages 8–12 but can be enjoyed by readers of all ages."

Thank you for these submissions!
It's always such a pleasure to hear from

classmates. I hope many of you are planning to come to Reunion this June! Our Reunion Committee is working hard to plan a top-notch weekend so we can all enjoy being back on campus and catching up.

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Hello, fabulous classmates, I appreciate how many of you responded to my email with updates. Perhaps the collective celebration of many of our 50th birthdays is inspiring more reflection, nostalgia, and Bantam spirit.

In the spirit of celebration, thank you to **Stacey Joslin** for sharing news of a wonderful birthday celebration in New York City with several Trinity classmates: "I decided to plan a little Trin reunion in N.Y.C. this past fall, since we were all pretty much celebrating our 50th birthdays and the last time we were all together was at our 40th birthdays. **Sarah Vanderweil Adamson**, **Kathrin (Phelan) Midgley**, **Stephanie Janczuk Brennan**, **Marcy (Milionis) Minogue**, and **Morgan (Montgomery) Jones** all made the trip to have a grand celebration of our 50th birthdays. We had a special dinner at Gramercy Tavern (owned by fellow alum Danny Meyer '80) and a fun party. It was so great to have us all together again and to also celebrate 30 years of friendship!" So great to see everyone's beautiful smiles!

Kevin Kane lives in Norwell, Massachusetts, with wife Christina, a 19-year-old son, and a 17-year-old daughter. He is shocked to find that he is, like many of us, 50 years old, and is trying to hold off Father Time by playing soccer, skiing, and enjoying other physical pursuits. ("It's not working," says Kevin.) "Puzzles and Netflix seem to be the right speed now. Enjoy connecting with Trinity classmates in the area and would love to hear from anyone!"

Clay Siegert lives in Belmont, Massachusetts, and works for a solar development company called Green Bridge. "We finance and develop rooftop and ground solar arrays at commercial real estate sites. My daughters are 16, 14, and 12. It's crazy how time flies!"

Thanks to Clay not only for sending an update but also for guilt-tripping a bunch of other classmates into sending news,

including **Jon Golas**: “My wife, **Danielle Maloney**, and I have been enjoying being hockey parents and often seeing classmate **Chris Calio** at ice rinks around Connecticut as opposing foe/friendly parents depending on who is winning! Danielle has been enjoying hockey life, and she works at Travelers in Hartford to support the habit. This summer, I was lucky to fish with **Kenny Pouch** and **John Dugan**, who still reign supreme in D.C./Maryland and often can be found at Clyde’s of Georgetown with **Marnie Davidson** ’96 before and after Caps games. **Ryan Hankard** lives in Newington, Connecticut, and is doing well in construction and can be found at most Trinity football home games. **Jono Lenzner** is general counsel for the FBI—watch out! [Secretary’s note: Not anymore! See update from Jono below!] I see him annually when he comes through Hartford on his next big case. Uncle **Anthony Ruocco** works for a big asbestos-crushing plaintiff law firm and has a sweet crib in East Haven, Connecticut, overlooking the sound, as he always wanted to live the *Baywatch* lifestyle. **Mike Ranieri** is in New Canaan, Connecticut, living the life of *The Wolf of Wall Street* (but with two young girls, so maybe early to bed and no boozing PG-13 version). **Tiger Reardon** enjoys coaching football for his boys and crushing oysters in Duxbury, Massachusetts. **Greg Cartin** lives in Boston and is a sports psychologist for PGA professionals and for the UConn hockey team and as a side project works with me! My niece, Juliana Golas ’27, is keeping the family tradition going as a Bantam.”

Jon Lenzner has his own (presumably more accurate) career update to report: “I’d like to first give a shout-out to my godson, Wes Tansill, who is crushing it on the soccer pitch. I recently stepped down from serving as the chief of staff of the FBI after an incredible three years with Director Chris Wray, who did a terrific job leading the 38,000-person intelligence and law enforcement agency. I was impressed with the selfless dedication that FBI agents, analysts, lawyers, and professional staff brought to their jobs every day to protect all Americans. I have to give a shout-out to Hudson, Ohio, because it seemed like every day I was meeting another FBI agent who had grown up with **Tiger Reardon**. I have gone back to the private sector and joined Fenwick & West, a law firm that represents companies and investors in the tech and life sciences sectors.”

John Dugan is assistant head of school at Mater Dei School in Bethesda, Maryland. He is raising two kids, Molly, 13, and Brendan,

11. He sees **Kenny Pouch** and **Jono Lenzner** as much as possible in the D.C. area.

After teaching high school computer science for 12 years in Wilmington, Delaware, **Jenks Whittenburg** recently took a job doing the same thing for a high school in New York City: “It feels good to be back in New York after so many years away. In the few months of being back, I’ve been able to catch up with **Jon Goldstein** and **Will McCormack**, who were traveling through about a week apart from each other.”

Micaela Heekin connected with **Molly Buck** and **Becky Shpak** ’98 when they visited San Francisco in November.

That’s all for this round of notes. Thank you to everyone who wrote, and thanks in advance to everyone who will read these when they come out and will be inspired to send in their own update. Operators are standing by to take your call!

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Hello, classmates! We’re at the end of February as I write this, and by now, a few of us have already hit our milestone birthdays. Happy birthday to those who turned the corner! Please let us know what you are up to and what you’re celebrating these days. Inspire us, make us laugh, and get your fellow classmates in on it, too. If you aren’t in our Facebook group, please join so you can receive callouts for Class Notes and any updates, celebrations, etc. Our page is titled Trinity College Class of 97 30th Reunion Page.

Courtney Hadly Zwirn writes, “Fiftieth celebrations are the best! My hubby, Ben Zwirn ’98, surprised me with a trip to Mexico in January to celebrate my 50th at the Dave Matthews and Tim Reynolds festival! Of course, we’ve been fans since I was the TCAC rep in charge of hospitality for the DMB dressing room when they played the field house in 1995! The festival was amazing, and I highly recommend it for any fans! I heard from **Gabbie Rappolt Schlichtmann** that her family also surprised her with music-themed travel for her 50th; they did a Beatles-themed tour of London and Liverpool!”

Laura Connelly Gearan reached out with this fun update. Her crew, **Liana Mah Burke**,

Lindsey McNerney Cusson, **Julie Somerville**, **Stacie Sylvester Cavallaro**, and **Alissa Pavone Rice**, take a girls’ trip every year, most recently to Savannah, Georgia.

Sue Church Zibell is leading the very enthusiastic and engaged Trinity Club of Hartford as president. I am hearing great feedback from other alumni, and Sue shared that the club is an “amazing group of dedicated alumni.” She’s finding time to support some organizations on campus, too. Sue also is marking her 25th year of teaching. Thank you, Sue, for your work in the classroom and your service to our community.

I just heard from **Ray Jones** via text that he’s heading to the Caribbean soon (instead of writing Class Notes—LOL) along with some of his football team and alumni brothers. It’s a Bantam takeover in Panama. The crew is celebrating the birthday of Scott Andrews. Rob Kane ’98 also will be in the mix, celebrating along with this mighty bunch. Can’t wait to hear all about it, guys!

As for me, I’m trying to practice gratitude daily and, as someone offered recently, to stay ruthlessly present and in the moment. Getting into my creative work also is satisfying and a form of my own self-care. And, of course, community, friends, family, and walks with my dog are soothing and good for the soul. It’s all helping! Love on yourself and the people in your life. Sending love to all of you!

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It seems to have been a quiet winter for the Class of 1998 as no one had any news they wanted to share for this issue, but luckily, I have a new adventure to report! As my husband, Zander Vincent ’00, and I began the college search with our youngest child, it occurred to me that in about 18 months, we will be empty nesters. Much of my adult life has been determined by others, first having been a navy wife and then a mom, so I had to sit down and think about what I wanted to do. The next thing I knew, I was applying to be a volunteer in the Education Department of the Elmwood Park Zoo, a small zoo in Norristown, Pennsylvania, that is known for being home to the live mascots of the Philadelphia Eagles. My position lets me use my education degree and interact

with children but gives me the flexibility that a traditional classroom doesn't. It has been a perfect fit, and I am really enjoying it. That's all I have for the time being. As always, you can reach out to me at jessicalvincent@yahoo.com with any information you'd like to share with our classmates.

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Greetings and salutations! As I write this column in February, there is yet another blanket of snow outside my window. It's been a long, cold winter this year, but Reunion 2025 planning is underway, and I'm looking forward to seeing many of you in person in a few short months. By the time you read this, I hope we will all have gathered 'neath the elms and raised a joyous toast to all the journeys we've taken in the 25 years since graduation! If you were not able to join us in person, know that you were remembered and missed and that a glass was lifted to you in spirit wherever in the world you are.

Caroline Nonna Holland is one of our classmates who will not attend Reunion, for the very good reason that she and her family have temporarily relocated to New Zealand! Caroline writes, "In November, Carrie Rorer Pratt, Emily Polito, Tabitha Bliven Heidorn, and I had a mini reunion at Carrie's house outside Philadelphia. This gathering was in advance of my family moving to Wellington, New Zealand, from January to July 2025. My husband is an Ian Axford Fellow here working with the New Zealand Defence Force on climate change resiliency. Our kids, Amelia, 12, and Elliot, 10, are in school. I am on a leave of absence from my job as an attorney at the Federal Trade Commission and spending my time volunteering at a local bird sanctuary and the school and exploring Wellington's hundreds of hiking trails." We will miss you, Caroline, but what an amazing opportunity and adventure!

Derek Alan Dailey will be at Reunion and shares the exciting news that he recently published his first book, *Renouncing the Mob*, which is based on discoveries Derek made while researching his own complex family history. After graduating from Trinity, Derek pursued a career in insurance and founded his own firm, Hudson Shore Group, which was acquired by Marsh McLennan Agency in 2024. Derek has stayed with Marsh McLennan as director of its public entities practice. Inspired by his mother, who was a founding partner of Englewood on the Palisades, the first charter school in New Jersey, he will be launching the first national insurance program for charter schools in January 2026. Derek lives in Holmdel, New Jersey, with his wife and three teenage children, and he keeps in close touch with Oliver Page '01, Brian Powell Jr., and Brian Kelly, the former director of Trinity Campus Safety. He's also looking forward to seeing everyone in June!

Next up, I have two very overdue updates that got lost in my inbox back in 2023. Apologies for the delay on these! Paul Nuñez shared that he met up with Darren King '01, Adrian Salonga, Alex Kwok, Dan Rivera, and Wes Campbell '01 in Brooklyn to "catch up on life and relive some old school memories." From the photo he sent, it looks like they had a fantastic time hanging out together!

Sara Merin also wrote me in September 2023 to announce the birth of her daughter, Isobel Merin Stein. She said, "Tom and I welcomed our beautiful daughter in February and have been loving watching her grow! She met Amelia Ames and her husband, Andy Gold, over the Fourth of July in Washington, D.C., and all were smitten. Also, after 10 years as a federal prosecutor at the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of New Jersey, this August, I made the move to the private sector, joining Bayer as assistant general counsel in its U.S. Office of Compliance." Congratulations to Sara on your new family member and your career move!

In closing, I heard from Terrence Black that he and wife Joelle also welcomed their third child in 2023. Terry still teaches chemistry at Nassau Community College and Hofstra University and lives with his family in Oceanside, New York, where their healthy baby boy joined their two older children, 13 and 5. Terry says, "Our house is full of joy and people. Life is good."

On that lovely note, I will sign off for this issue. Whatever you're up to this year, I hope that your life is good, too. Please

continue to send me your news and updates at virgquest@gmail.com or find me on social media. See you all on the quad!

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Greetings and salutations! I hope this issue finds the Class of 2002 well. If you have a new email address, please email me (ellenzarchin@hotmail.com) or email the Alumni Office (alumni-office@trincoll.edu). We'd love to make sure you receive our emails!

Jeanette Bonner has added a new endeavor to her career in the entertainment industry. She writes, "Last year, I completed my training with IDC, Intimacy Directors and Coordinators, to be certified as an intimacy coordinator for TV and film. The requirement of an IC on set for all scenes of nudity or simulated sex was one of the major achievements of the SAG-AFTRA strike and a huge achievement toward maintaining safe sets and consent-forward workspaces. ICs are also working toward unionizing with SAG-AFTRA. I've already worked on several projects as an IC, and I'm really excited about the future of this work in our industry. Currently putting together a syllabus with the hope to take it to college and school film departments to introduce intimacy work in an ethical way."

I hope you have wonderful, relaxing, and fun-filled summers. Until next time...

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Hello, fellow members of the Class of 2003! I hope this issue finds you well. A sincere thank-you to those of you who have sent updates, and please keep them coming.

Brendan Padgett '04

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**B.A. in theater and dance;
M.F.A. in dramaturgy
and script development,
Columbia University**

JOB TITLE:

**Director of public
relations, the John F.
Kennedy Center for the
Performing Arts**

FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

Every January, Professor [Gerald] Moshell would produce anywhere from two to four musical theater productions that would run in rep once campus officially reopened. Everyone involved would come back to campus two weeks early with all of our music and lines memorized in advance. The expectation was that things be not just memorized but “cold, frigid, brrr”—a phrase that will live in my head rent free for the rest of time and usually was well matched with the temperatures. Many of my favorite Trinity memories are from spending those weeks holed up in Garmany Hall with those wonderful musical theater nerds.

What was your path to your current position?

In my final year of graduate school ('08-'09), I was lucky enough to have an internship in the Creative Development Office at Disney Theatrical Group. I was able to do dramaturgical work on *Newsies* and *Peter and the Starcatcher*, which both later went to Broadway. Lesson: There's nothing wrong with being the 27-year-old intern! I also had been doing a lot of freelance dramaturgy and script reading but decided I needed a more stable career path. At the suggestion of a colleague, I met with the head of every department at Disney Theatrical. One of those meetings, with the vice president of public relations, changed my career path as I recognized the parallels between dramaturgy and PR that would allow me to have the job trajectory I was seeking while utilizing my skills in storytelling, editing, research, and consensus building. I remained with Disney through four positions working on the Broadway productions of *The Lion King*, *Mary Poppins*, *Newsies*, and *Aladdin*, plus a few movies during a brief stint in film PR. In 2016, a representative from the Kennedy Center reached out to a friend asking for recommendations for someone to lead their theater PR efforts, and they suggested me. In 2021, I transitioned into a different role as director of public relations.

What do you do in your position? I often joke that what I do is “bring jazz hands to the people.” In reality, I get to help tell the story of America's National Cultural Center [the original name of the center] and living memorial to President John F. Kennedy, the thousands of artists represented on our stages, and national arts education programs that affect more than 1.4 million students across the country. I oversee the external storytelling—through traditional news media and our own outlets—for all nonclassical areas of the center, including comedy, dance, education, hip hop, jazz, social impact, and theater. Additionally, I work on nationally televised events including The Kennedy Center Honors.

What do you enjoy most about your work? With nearly 2,500 performances and events a year, I am never bored. I have the great fortune of working with many of our greatest living artists, thanks to the brilliant artistic programmers at the center. This enables me to have creative fun (how many people get to say they have fun at work?) engaging with local and national media.



How did your time at Trinity help prepare you for your career?

I was able to take advantage of a range of courses across a number of disciplines, and a diverse knowledge base is very helpful in both the arts and PR. Equally important for my career is that in nearly every class I took at Trinity, we were encouraged to be rigorously creative, to look at subjects from new or different angles.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?

In my first semester, I took a fantastic course on queer representations in Hollywood during the Hays Code era taught by Professor Rob Corber. I learned so much about cinematic storytelling and reading past the primary visual narrative.

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential?

I met Professor Gerald Moshell on my tour of Trinity! I was looking to transfer to a new college for my sophomore year, and I mentioned my love of musical theater to my fabulous tour guide, Jen Carvalho '01. Mid-tour, she brought me straight to the Music Department to meet Professor Moshell. We chatted for a while about the musical theater program—then the only one of its kind among Trinity's peer institutions—and we spent the next 30 minutes singing. My choice was made. During my three years at Trinity, he was a wonderful professor and mentor, and I would take part in 11 of his musical theater productions. Outside of classes and productions, his genuine care and affection for his students shone through, and he traveled to see many of our performances outside of Trinity. During my senior year, he even drove with two of my friends through a snowstorm to Providence, Rhode Island, to see a musical I had written!

Adam Guzik was promoted on January 1 to partner at the law firm Wilson Elser Moskowitz Edelman & Dicker in New York.

Trude Goodman Tiesi, husband John, and daughter Jeanne, almost 8, are enjoying life in Brooklyn! Trude regularly sees **Rebecca Landy**, a fellow Brooklynite, and was fortunate to catch up with **Tiffin Pastor Eisenberg** and her family, who live in London, in New York and in Martha's Vineyard last year. In December, Trude had a quick but awesome catch-up with **Lauren Muenzberg McBrier**, husband Parker McBrier '00, and their kids in Park City, Utah!

Rob Higginbotham and wife Jen welcomed their first child on July 2, 2023, and are grateful to report he is happy and healthy. Ben Higginbotham is loving life bouncing between Boston and Newport with his mom and dad, where he is surrounded by family and friends who love him very much.

Sasha Brätt completed and defended his dissertation, "Survival of Regional Theater in a Post-COVID America" in December. He graduated from Marshall University with an Ed.D. in leadership studies. Sasha continues in his role as professor of theater at Connecticut State Naugatuck Valley in Waterbury, where he is the program coordinator for theater. This semester, Sasha is on sabbatical and working on writing a play (or two), which he has not done since his time at Trinity. While on sabbatical, Sasha will be directing several local professional theater productions: *The Wedding Binder* (a world premiere comedy) at Seven Angels Theatre in Waterbury in March, *King Lear* with Capital Classics Theatre Company in West Hartford in July, and a yet-to-be-announced musical for Playhouse on Park in West Hartford for its 2025–26 season.

In lieu of sharing anything about their families or (very impressive) professional lives, **Kevin Alexander** and **Stu Poole** wanted to let everyone know they recently played in a 40-plus men's soccer tournament in Las Vegas, where they finished an impressive fourth out of four teams in the group stage (noncompetitive division). Unlike most of their teammates, neither Kevin nor Stu was substantially injured. Former teammate **Nick Lombardi** also was there, playing for a different team, and it's unknown whether he sustained an injury. All three of them still got it.

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Matt Glasz writes, "A group of '04 football guys got together last May to celebrate the 20th anniversary of our undefeated season. We were joined by our head coach, Chuck Priore, and a couple of assistant coaches, including current Bantam football coach Jeff Devanney '93, Mike Darr, and former AD Rick Hazelton. As you might imagine, there were a lot of stories, a lot of laughs, and everyone had a blast reminiscing about one of Trinity's greatest teams."

Celia de la Llama, Ashley (Hilton) Kadakia, Ellie (MacColl) Mudge, and Tina (Porter) Teagle took a Trinity girls' trip in September 2024 on Royal Caribbean's *Utopia of the Seas*. While Celia is a cruising veteran, having worked in the industry for a long time, it was the first cruise for Ashley, Ellie, and Tina. They all had a great time!

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Two Trinity couples—**Matthew and Danielle (Markel) Kozlowski** along with **Louis and Carey (Robertson) Evans**—caught up in the D.C. area. Matthew and Danielle live in Bethesda, Maryland, and they have two daughters. The family soon will be moving to the Philadelphia area, as Matthew follows a ministry call to the Church of the Good Samaritan in Paoli, Pennsylvania. Louis and Carey live in Arlington, Virginia, and also have two daughters. Louis is a lawyer in the Marine Corps, and Carey conducts clinical research on a variety of federal grants.

Amy Laurenza was married to Arthur Edwards in October 2024 in a small ceremony in New Orleans, where Rob Corvo



Robert Corvo '04, right, joins Amy Laurenza '05, after giving the toast at her wedding to Arthur Edwards on October 19, 2024, in New Orleans.

'04 gave an amazing toast to the bride and groom. She looks forward to celebrating with Trinity friends at Reunion this summer!

After three years in Indianapolis, **Kari Bjornard**, husband Artour, and her two daughters, Margot, 5, and Sonja, 2, moved back to Memphis, where Kari is continuing her career as a pediatric oncologist in solid tumors and as the director of the oncofertility program at St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

From the Alumni Office: **Michael Hanna** recently was promoted to partner at Day Pitney LLP. Michael, based in Stamford, Connecticut, represents clients in the areas of commercial real estate finance, purchase, sales, and leasing. These clients include a wide range of property developers and owners, retail companies, nonprofits, and individuals. Michael earned a J.D., magna cum laude, from Quinnipiac University School of Law.

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2006 President: **Tory Hamilton McCarthy** • Vice President: **Kyle Cox** • Secretary: **Vacant** • Class Agents: **Nicole Tssemelis Cea, Kyle Cox, Jim McCarthy, Tory Hamilton McCarthy, Virginia Adair McCarthy, Kim Galloway McHale, Gabriel L.P. Rotman**

The class secretary position for the Class of 2006 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier

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2007 Secretary: **Brendan J. Keefe**; brendan.keefe.2007@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Joey Butler, Jenny Carson, Devon Lawrence, Jed Rednor** • [f/groups/TrinityClassof2007](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityClassof2007)

Brendan Keefe reports: "I'm excited to step into the role of Class of 2007 secretary and look forward to keeping our class connected through updates and news. After graduating from Trinity, I obtained my law degree from UConn Law. I currently serve as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Connecticut. I'm eager to hear from classmates and to share their milestones, so feel free to reach out with any updates!"

From the Alumni Office: **Hannah Wirfel Jones** recently was named horsemanship director at New Canaan Mounted Troop (NCMT), a nonprofit youth development and therapeutic equestrian center in Connecticut. In this role, she works with young people from around Fairfield and Westchester Counties, teaching horsemanship, leadership, and responsibility in a structured, supportive environment. A lifelong equestrian and accomplished coach, Hannah brings extensive experience in competitive riding and training. At Trinity, she majored in art history; she also studied away in Rome and served as a curatorial assistant at the New Britain Museum of American Art.

2008 President: **Cory Edmonds** • Vice President: **Alex Goldberg** • Secretary: **Vacant** • Class Agents: **Nadia Zahran Anderson, Sasha Kravetz**

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2009 President: **Danae Goldberg McKenzie** • Secretary: **Caitlin M. Brisson**, caitlin.brisson.2009@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Piper Klemm, Danae Goldberg McKenzie, Kumud Nepal, Alex Klestadt Patack, Alex Purdie Wueger**

2010 President: **Jordyn Sims Pierce** • Vice President: **Stephanie E. Apstein** • Secretary: **Rebecca M. Herrigel**, rebecca.herrigel.2010@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Vinit Agrawal, Emilia Gagnon Lamb, Mike Pierce** • [f/groups/777318939001542](https://www.facebook.com/groups/777318939001542)

Hi, everyone. I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at Reunion in June! It's been forever since I've been back to Trin. I'm so pleased to share the following updates from some of our classmates.

Sarah F. D'Addabbo started a new role in January as an assistant U.S. attorney for the District of Connecticut in the civil defensive unit.

Ben Gascoigne was appointed in January to the Cuyahoga County Advisory Committee on Persons with Disabilities. His focus is advocating for accessibility in permanent and temporary settings managed by the county. His company, PSS, is launching an audible information device (AID) called Parakeet. AIDs will be required at sidewalk closures across the country beginning in 2026. A story about his family's journey is documented in a case study hosted on HRSA's website: A Family's Journey. This was produced to help advocate for federal funding to support Family-to-Family (F2F) Health Information Centers. To learn more, visit mchb.hrsa.gov.

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2011 President: **Catherine E. Marinello** • Secretary: **Remi Evans Dolan**, remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Michael Magdelinskas-Vazquez, Rachel Meddar, Abbie Smitka**

It was great to hear from some of you. We have some fun updates to share across the class.

With a lot to celebrate since 2011—business openings, graduations, promotions, degrees, campaigns, cross-country moves, marriages, and children (human and animal)—**Jamie Callahan, Emily Gittleman, Sarah Keller, Chloe (Aronson) Massey, and Leaire Wilson** celebrated 17 years of friendship with a trip to Paris in 2024. Looks like it was a great trip!

Andy Weisenfeld followed his childhood dream to become a veterinarian and treats



Channon S. Miller '11 celebrates her marriage to **Corey L. Barnes** with **Bantams Yodalis Moran '11, Lauren Donais M'12, Rosalia Abreu '11, Samantha Alcalá '11, and niece Kayla Betts '21**. The wedding took place on June 19, 2024, at the Elizabeth Park Pond House in West Hartford, Connecticut.

dogs, cats, and exotics in Westchester (specifically Yorktown Heights, New York). He lives in Ossining with his wife, child, and their small clowder of cats, and he would love to catch up with anyone who's in the area! Just send him a message on Facebook Messenger or text him.

And lastly, ending on a big congratulations to **Channon Miller**, assistant professor of American studies and history at Trinity! Channon and Corey L. Barnes were married on June 19, 2024, at the Elizabeth Park Pond House.

Hope to hear from more of you soon. Have a great spring!

From the Alumni Office: Global law firm Greenberg Traurig elevated **Kristopher Reichlen** to of counsel in the firm's Boston office. Reichlen, a registered patent attorney, practices in the firm's Intellectual Property & Technology Practice. He is experienced in patent application drafting and prosecution, as well as freedom to operate opinions for a broad array of software technologies. He argues appeals before the Patent Trial and Appeal Board regarding patent eligibility and patentability. Prior to practicing law, Kris was a patent examiner with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office.

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**



Andrew Koris '12 and Shayla Campbell '12 were married on October 19, 2024, in Puglia, Italy. Front row: Camille Abdel-Nabi '12, Dana Pollock '12, Emily Harmon Grossman '11, Page Harbeck Kelly '13; middle row: Adam Eramo '12, Caroline Brewster Martignetti '13, Lucia Camarda '12, Christopher Kelly '13, Allie Barbey '12, Emily Pariseau '12, Andrew Kelly '13, Kyle Harnett '12, PJ Constantinides '12, Michael Martignetti '12; back row: Edward Donovan '12, Katie Donovan '14, Elizabeth Koris '18, Shayla Koris '12, Andrew Koris '12, Matthew McCullough '12, Sam Grossman '12, Jamie Maynard '12, Justin Harnett '12



Ginger Mills '12 and Julian Brown '13 were married on September 30, 2024, in Chestnut Hill, Pennsylvania. Bantams joining the couple included Brian Dones '15, Jordan Green '14, Matthew Noble '13, Rae Haynes '13, Bianca Haynes '13, Danielle Isaman '13, Ryan Burgess '13, and Clifton Berwise '11.

Kate Morr • [f/groups/trincoll2012](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trincoll2012)

Andrew Koris and Shayla Campbell were married on October 19, 2024, in Puglia, Italy, with 88 of their closest friends and family (including 30 Trinity alumni). Andrew and Shayla met on the second day of college in their freshman dorm, Frohman Robb ("Frobb"). After graduation, they moved to New York City and officially started dating at their first Trinity Homecoming in 2012. They got engaged in Maui, Hawaii, on March 18, 2022.

Elaine Rojas-Castillo recently started a new role as a political reporter at CBS

News Detroit. After years of working in cities across the country and covering the Democratic and Republican National Conventions, she's very excited to take on this new challenge.

Mary Kate Morr also started a new job. She is director of communications for Healthier Colorado, a public health advocacy organization that seeks to improve the physical, mental, and social health of Colorado's residents. In her role, Mary Kate leads the external communications portfolio for Healthier Colorado and its public policy campaigns.

2013 Secretary: Vacant • Class

Agents: Dani Isaman

Burgess, Ryan Burgess, Emily Howe Gianis

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2014 President: Mark Yanagisawa • Secretary:

Vacant • Class Agents: Carl Barreto, Will Gray, Ben Plumer, Victoria Trentacoste

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2015 President: John A. Kandarian • Vice President:

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N. Lo, shaina.lo.2015@trincoll.edu • Class

Agents: Stephan "Mac" Morse, Peter Ragosta, Sarah Wolcott, Robert Zindman

Annie Gardner and Mac Galvin (Villanova '13) were married on September 21, 2024, at St. Mary's Church. The reception was held at Plandome Country Club in Plandome, New York.

Justin Beslity and Jaclyn Torkelson were married at the Trinity College Chapel in May 2024 while both worked as visiting assistant professors at Trinity College. Jaclyn was in the Chemistry Department, and Justin was in the Environmental Science Program, working with Christoph Geiss and Jonathan Gourley. Currently, she's an assistant professor at Northern Arizona University, and he's a postdoctoral fellow at the University of Arizona. Daniel Hong and Connor Flynn also attended.



Joining Annie Gardner '15 at her wedding to Mac Galvin on September 21, 2024, in Plandome, New York, are classmates Victoria Kapovic Leondis, Victoria Travia Bucci, Sarah Stutman, Mallory Taylor, Sarah Meads Cunningham, and Emily Barstow.



Jaclyn Torkelson and Justin Beslity '15 were married at the Trinity College Chapel in May 2024, while both worked as visiting assistant professors at Trinity.



Morgan Feldman '16 and Connor Sullivan '15 were married on September 28, 2024, at the Quogue Field Club in Quogue, New York. Bantams celebrating with the bride and groom included Page Harbeck '13, Andrew Kelly '13, Patrick Murphy '13, Jack Bandera '15, Jake Yanulis '15, Len Chenfeld '14, Spencer Feldman '10, Adam Lanza '10, Meredith Hompe '16, Cam Smith '16, Codi Quirk '16, Spencer Esty '15, David Myers '15, David Dessau '11, Dill Ayres '12, Jenna Carroll '12, Sean McGrath '16, Victoria Wang '16, Taylor Flanagan '16, Emeline Sprague '16, Alexandra Macalusco '16, Elizabeth Adrian '16, Kathryn Emery '16, and Holly Heffernan '16.

Lili Turner and Allen George were married on December 14, 2024, in Washington, D.C.

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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](#)

2017 President: Ryan Miller • Vice President: Sebastian Broustra • Secretary: Alexandra Chalfin, alexandra.chalfin.2017@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Alec Buffamonte, Dan Garcia, Clare Knowlton, Kaitlin Lewis, Julianna Maisano, Ryan Miller, Kiley Nygren, Jennifer Tran • [f/groups/Trinity2017](#)

2018 President: Justin Fortier • Vice President: Jack Stallman • Secretary: Lauren Ollerhead Fries, lauren.ollerhead.2018@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Winston Brewer, Justin Fortier, Lauren Ollerhead Fries, Michael Fries, Kenzie Levy, Timothy McDermott, Molly Nichols
Love was in the air last fall as Trinity alumni Eliza Shaw and Jake Dieterle '19 tied the knot on November 8, 2024, in Burlington, Vermont. The celebration brought together a remarkable gathering of recent graduates, with more than 25 alumni from the Classes of 2018 and 2019 joining the festivities.

Caroline Howell and Tim Peng also were married in 2024, celebrating their nuptials on July 20 in Lyme, New Hampshire.

The Trinity weddings continue into 2025 as Greer Korengold and Steven Armanetti look forward to their Memorial Day weekend celebration at the Greenbrier.

2019 President: William J. Duggan III • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Rachel Brigham, Emma Godi, Ethan Hunter, Talia La Schiazza, Molly McGonigle, Simran Sheth, Stephanie Velarde, Mike Zarra

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

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2021 President: Jaymie D. Bianca • Vice President: Giovanni A. Jones • Secretary: Brendan Clark, brendan.clark.2021@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Brendan Clark, Lindsey Fortin, Jessica Jones, Pearl Rourke, Hadley Smith

The spring brings us closer to great change at Trinity College. In due course, Joanne Berger Sweeney—president of the College during our time as undergraduates—shall depart to be succeeded by Daniel Lugo. Let us all, as a class, wish the best to our incoming president for the continued success of the College.

Also, this spring brings us closer to one of our first major milestones as a class: our fifth year Reunion. Next June, we will celebrate five years since the Class of 2021 left our



Michelle Treglia '18 and Nick Ward '18 were married on September 14, 2024, at Whitby Castle in Rye, New York. Bantams joining the bride and groom, center, included Dan Padalino '18, Evan Bunker '14, Georgia Mergner '18, Victoria Harvey '18, Liam Kenneally '18, Katie Haghdan '18, Steven Craney '18, Leigh Bodkin '18, Meaghan Race '18, Meaghan Gray '18, Rachael Smith '18, Brandon Blaise '18, Molly Farrell '94, Kayla Milofsky '21, Matt Morin '18, Courtney Munro '18, Andrew Meoli '18, Erica Merullo '18, Caroline Howell '18, Cord Stafford '19, Ethan Suraci '18, Cliff David '18, Anthony Lapolla '76, and Mike Natale '18.



Eliza Shaw '18 and Jake Dieterle '19 were married on November 8, 2024, in Burlington, Vermont. Bantams joining the couple included Jeffrey Fox '67, Augustine Daly '19, Steven Armanetti '18, Greer Korengold '18, Jennifer Cook '18, Dana Martin '18, Michael Messina '18, Woody Hamilton '18, Grace O'Donnell '18, Caroline O'Connor '18, Jillian Booth '18, Kendall Hall '18, Benjamin Chait '16, Kelsey McCarthy '18, Maeve Larrabee '18, Lauren Fries '18, Michael Fries '18, Richard Pizzano '17, Christopher Cowie '16, Jack McInnis '19, James David Cescon '16, Charlotte Stabler '18, Caroline Cranley '18, Brandon Campbell '18, Nick Bellas '16, Kevin Erickson '21, and Will Wynn '21.

days 'neath the elms to venture out into successful careers and continued education. I trust that you will all do your best to return to celebrate.

The class was silent during this most recent call for *Reporter* updates. 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 via telephone (610-781-8446).

From your secretary: **Brendan W. Clark** continues to work as an associate attorney at Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., a corporate litigation firm in Wilmington, Delaware. He was formally admitted as a member of the bar in December 2024 and admitted to practice before the U.S. District Court for the

District of Delaware. On the personal front, Brendan has been traveling routinely to Italy, specifically Rome, to visit his girlfriend, Sarah, who has been abroad continuing her studies in art.

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.lynch.2022@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Mia Conte**, **Ishaan Madhok**, **Matthew Solomon**, **Alex Sowinski** **Suzanne Carpe Elías** and **Federico Cedolini** were married on November 29, 2024, in Bariloche, Argentina.

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

The class secretary position for the Class of 2023 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.

2024 Secretary: **Hannah R. Young**; hannah.young.2024@trincoll.edu • Class Agents:

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My name is **Hannah Young**, and I am excited to be your class secretary. Originally from Avon, Connecticut, I graduated from Trinity

with a major in psychology and a minor in urban studies. Trinity gave me incredible opportunities to grow academically and personally, and I want to stay connected with our class while helping to strengthen our alumni community. I am now living in Boca Raton, Florida, pursuing my master's in social work at Florida Atlantic University, where I am dedicated to making a difference in people's lives. As class secretary, I would love to help keep our class engaged and informed while fostering meaningful connections beyond our time at Trinity.

IDP Secretary: **Shahzad Keith Joseph IDP'19**, shahzad.joseph@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Robert F. Peltier IDP'91**, **Liliana Polley IDP'21**

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

Greetings from Co-Secretary **Crisanne Colgan M'74**: As you know, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney is retiring on June 30. I would like to take this opportunity—on behalf of all master's alumni—to thank her and celebrate her stellar 11-year career as our leader. To our president: We truly value your exceptional service and know that you leave Trinity—and all of us—in a better place. I attended several events on campus, including our Board of Fellows meeting and the President's Medal for Science and Innovation presentation to Kaja LeWinn '98. A highlight of the semester for me was the delightful dinner at the President's House, hosted by the president and her husband, Urs Berger. It was a very special evening of warm hospitality and thoughtful conversation, complemented by an exquisite dining experience.

Thank you to all who shared updates! Please read on.

Richard Beach M'70 writes that after graduating with a master's in educational studies, he taught English at Glastonbury High School. He also served as a professor of English education at the University of Minnesota. Richard just published a co-edited book, *Empowering Youth to Confront the Climate Crisis in English Language Arts* (Teachers College Press/National Writing Project), in addition to a previous book, *Teaching Adolescents about Climate Change: Reading, Writing, and Making a Difference* (Routledge Press).

Keith O'Hara M'94, P'20 writes, "I'm embracing semiretirement, and so, like many, I'm busier than ever. Pleased to report a successful summit of a 15,000-plus foot Andean peak and a magical visit to Machu Picchu. After 22 years on the board at Marianapolis Prep, I'm back teaching 'AP Spanish' and '21st-Century Novel' and coaching tennis and soccer at the little Thompson, Connecticut, school! Daughter Rhone Inish O'Hara '20 (B.A. in English) has earned an M.A. in American studies at Brown University and is doing wonderful things for Pearson Education in N.Y.C.! What joy to report that father and daughter both read Jane Austen at Trinity with the amazing English literature professor Barbara Benedict—our best to her, as always." Keith earned an M.A. in English.

Stephen Veigel M'95 completed Yale's Global Executive Leadership Program in December 2024. The multidisciplinary program in Yale's School of Management seeks to advance executives in their leadership journey. Stephen currently leads energy transition development for Eaton Corporation.

Matt Hennessy M'04 has been busy these past few months helping clients of his public affairs firm, Tremont Public Advisors, navigate the unprecedented public policy environment in D.C. "And, it doesn't appear things are going to slow down soon. These are interesting times! Even with all the activity, I have been able to get back to campus to catch some great squash matches and football games where the Bantams continue to rack up the wins."

Congratulations to **Glenn Falk M'07**, professor of the practice in public policy and law, upon receiving a Faculty Excellence award "for performing an exceptional number of mentoring-intensive activities." In addition, Glenn was the 2024 Baccalaureate speaker.

Geoffrey G. Fisher M'07 shared information about the launch of his new Shopify e-commerce store, Connecticut Pilgrim Stuff LLC (CPS). He noted that CPS is "dedicated to our proud Pilgrim heritage" and identified the copyrighted motto of the business: "Celebrate Our Similarities, Respect Our Differences." Geoffrey mentioned several online files, including CPS's mission statement and those to be launched for Black History Month. He highlighted a special file about his great-great-grandfather, the Reverend Charles Richmond Fisher. Fisher graduated from Washington College, Class of 1842, three years prior to the name change

to Trinity College. Fisher also counseled Hartford boys back from Gettysburg and the Wilderness, etc. Geoffrey added that the thesis for his M.A. in public policy is in the electronic archives of the Connecticut State Library.

Amanda Niedbala Greenwell M'08 is associate professor of English at Central Connecticut State University. Her book, *The Child Gaze: Narrating Resistance in American Literature*, came out in December 2024 with University Press of Mississippi. Amanda earned an M.A. in English.

Jeffrey J. Mainville M'11 writes, "In 2005, at 36 years of age and long overdue for a career change, I responded to a job posting for a part-time historical interpreter at The Mark Twain House & Museum in Hartford. To my surprise, I landed the job; it was entry-level, low pay, and limited hours, but very early on I realized that I absolutely loved it. Twenty years earlier, I had dreamed of someday becoming a teacher, and I have always had a passion for history and historic buildings. My new museum job was a welcome mix of all of these. A few weeks later, a friend mentioned that Trinity had a master's degree program in museum studies. It couldn't have been more welcome news, and it truly felt like another lucky break. Trinity College took a chance on me in 2006, and it's been transformational to my career . . . and my life. I was proud to be back in a classroom and keeping up with graduate-level work, the faculty were exceptional, and the program offerings were relevant, interesting, and diverse. The night classes were a great fit for me, but between the demands of the coursework and my day-time duties at Mark Twain, I could only manage one class per semester. It took me five full years, but I proudly walked across the stage 'neath the elms on a beautiful spring day and received my M.A. in museum studies in 2011. My graduate degree from Trinity College was an achievement that I am ever so proud of; it opened many doors. In May 2023, 18 years after my first museum job and 12 years after I graduated from Trinity, I became the executive director of the Noah Webster House & West Hartford Historical Society. It's been a long journey and a dream come true."

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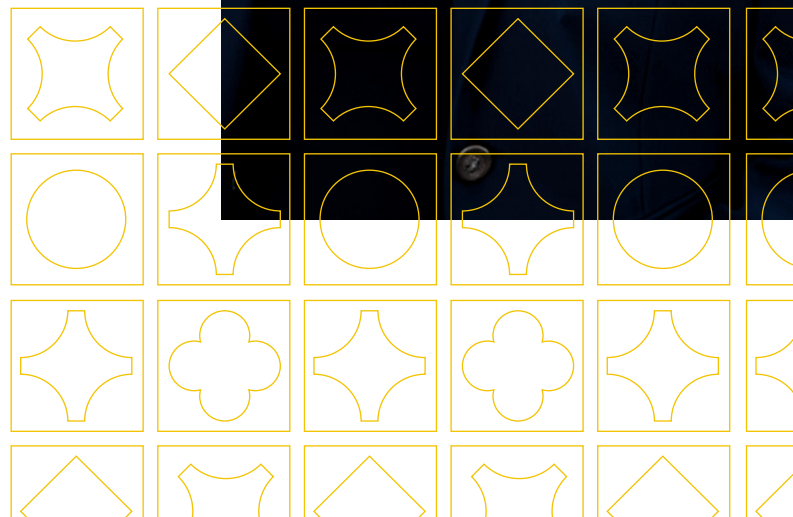
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“A liberal arts education is a valuable head start into an increasingly complicated world. I support Trinity so others can receive a liberal arts education as I did, including those who might not otherwise be able to attend.”

It was love at first sight for **Kathryn Eklund Wise '88** when she stepped on the Long Walk as a first-year student. Over the course of her four years on campus, she created a connection with the Trinity community that has endured the test of time. The shared challenges of life and learning while in college brought her together with classmates who remain close friends.

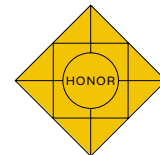
Her gratitude to Trinity didn't stop with friendship as Kathryn discovered that her liberal arts education helped her in many facets of life. She credits the interdisciplinary curriculum with the opportunity to take a variety of classes, ultimately helping her identify her interests and strengths and leading her toward her next steps in life.

Kathryn has been among Trinity's most consistent donors. Her first gifts to the Trinity College Fund were made as a thank-you for her great experience. Now, she gives back to support the students, faculty, and facilities. She joined the Long Walk Societies with an increased gift as she began to understand the extraordinary benefits Trinity offers its students: robust financial aid, new and diversified programs of study, and more opportunities to work and learn in Hartford. A proud Trinity alumna, Kathryn is excited to continue to see the impact of her philanthropy on generations of Bantams.



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

In Memory



1953, M.A. 1961 Umberto

DelMastro, 93, of Warner, New Hampshire, died on December 2, 2024.

DelMastro earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the football, basketball, and baseball teams. During his senior year, he served as captain of the football team. After a stint in the U.S. Army, DelMastro worked at Pratt & Whitney Aircraft until his retirement. He also returned to Trinity to earn an M.A. in economics.

DelMastro is survived by children Kevin DelMastro, Karen Raymond (Ed), Beth Lesinski (Henry), and Michael DelMastro; daughter-in-law Kerry; nine grandchildren; brother Peter (Phyl); and sister-in-law Mary. He was predeceased by wife Audrey, brother Emilio, and daughter-in-law Nancy.

1953 Raymond Moskow, 92, of Wilton, Connecticut, died on October 2, 2024.

Moskow earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, played football and baseball, and served on the staffs of *The Trinity Tripod* and the *Ivy*. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. Moskow's 34-year career at IBM—briefly interrupted by service in the U.S. Army—encompassed several functions and management positions before his 1989 retirement.

Moskow is survived by his wife of 62 years, Gail; daughters Meredith Bolon (Todd) and Lisa Moskow (Dan Wilga); and six grandchildren. His late brother, Bencion Moskow '46, also attended Trinity.

1953 David A. Teichmann, 93, of Ocala, Florida, died on January 15, 2025.

Teichmann attended Trinity, where he played basketball, before enlisting in the U.S. Marine Corps. He served as a pilot for 30 years, retiring as a lieutenant colonel. Teichmann later served as chief pilot for Royal Hawaiian Air Service.

Teichmann is survived by children David L. Teichmann (Sonia Moroder), Stephen Teichmann, and Suzanne Worthing and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by siblings Ruth Annunziato and Frederick Teichmann.

1954 George D. Waldman Jr., 92, of Peabody, Massachusetts, died on October 10, 2024.

Waldman earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Debating Club, and the Newman Club. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in mathematics from Brown University and to a career as an aeronautical engineer/mathematician, working for Avco Systems. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

1956 John M. "Jack" Barton Jr., 90, of Orange, Connecticut, died on May 26, 2024.

Barton earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and served as captain of the basketball team. He owned and operated Barton & Barton Insurance Agency for more than 50 years, retiring a decade ago. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Barton is survived by partner Lee Schlesinger, sons John M. Barton III '86 (Maura Harrigan) and James Barton '93, Maura's daughters and their spouses,

and Lee's children and their spouses and children. He was predeceased by wife Shirley and siblings Virginia Porter and Charles Barton.

1956 Kimball Shaw, 88, of Hingham, Massachusetts, died on September 23, 2023.

Shaw earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and played football and lacrosse. He spent most of his career with the consulting firm of Arthur D. Little. Shaw also served in the U.S. Army.

Shaw is survived by children Martha Nevill (John) and Peter Shaw (Erin), five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Sandra and son Douglas.

1958 Bruce C. Headle, 88, of Chugiak, Alaska, died on October 13, 2024.

Headle earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Glee Club. After serving for more than two decades in the U.S. Air Force, he earned a teaching certificate from the University of Alaska Anchorage and worked as a substitute teacher.

Headle is survived by his wife of 64 years, Mary-Michele "Mike"; daughters Alyson (John), Kimberly (Warren), and Barbara (Andrew); six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by infant son Charles Headle and sister Carol Gloer.

1959 James L. Price, 87, of Keene, New Hampshire, died on December 6, 2024.

Price earned a B.S. in chemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played football. He worked

in chemical engineering before earning an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School. Price went on to a five-decade career as an entrepreneur with numerous businesses, later owning two food manufacturing companies.

Price is survived by his wife of 65 years, Julie; children Dana Wasserbauer and Gage Price; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Douglas Price and brother B. Scott Price '55.

1959 Albert R. "Albie" Smith II, 88, of Brunswick, Maine, died on June 9, 2024.

Smith earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he served as president of Theta Xi and ran track and cross country. After serving in the U.S. National Guard for five years, he went on to a career in independent schools and in higher education, including time in Trinity's Advancement Office and as senior vice president of external affairs at Husson University, his most recent post. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Smith is survived by his wife of 65 years, Margaret; children Todd Smith (Cecilia) and Nancy Daley; five grandchildren; 12 great-grandchildren; and brother David Smith '61. He was predeceased by daughter Virginia Gray, a granddaughter, and sister Susan Smith.

1960 Neil W. Coogan, 86, of Ellington, Connecticut, died on November 4, 2024.

Coogan earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as secretary of the Brownell Club, held leadership roles in the Newman Club, and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Hartford. Coogan spent most of his career at

Travelers Insurance, where he retired as an assistant director.

Coogan is survived by his wife of 61 years, Diana; daughters Patricia Philippon (Joseph) and Karinne Wallace (Chris Buffalo); five grandchildren; and two great-granddaughters.

1960 William G. de Coligny, 87, of Durham, North Carolina, died on January 26, 2025.

De Coligny earned a B.A. in English and studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Senate, and the football and track teams. He played professional football before returning to academia to earn an M.A.T. from Duke University and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University. De Coligny worked in education, including as head of two independent schools, before starting a landscaping business.

De Coligny is survived by daughters Elaine (David), Cynthia (Tommy), and Janine; eight grandchildren; three step-grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Margie, a grandson, and siblings Calvert, Anne, and Amanda.

1960 Bruce H. Frank, 86, of Indianapolis, died on January 28, 2025.

Frank earned a B.S. in chemistry from Trinity, where he took part in Hillel. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in physical biochemistry from Northwestern University. Frank worked as a scientist, focusing on diabetes research, for Eli Lilly and Company for 33 years. He later consulted with several biotech firms. The dedicated alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Frank is survived by his wife of 63 years, Linda; children

Jeffrey (Abby) and Jacquelyn; a grandson; and brother Doug (Penny). He was predeceased by siblings Johanna Dow and Glenn.

1960 Robert Thibeault, 86, of Newton Upper Falls, Massachusetts, died on January 15, 2025.

Thibeault earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and the Newman Club. After serving in the Army National Guard, he worked for John Hancock.

Thibeault is survived by siblings Valerie (Dave Fetherbay), Judith (Ron Paulhus), John, Richard, and Steven. He was predeceased by wife June and sister Joan.

1960 James A. Tilzer, 84, of Caldwell, New Jersey, died on September 4, 2023.

Tilzer earned a B.A. in economics and history from Trinity, where he took part in Hillel and worked at WRTC. He went on to attend NYU School of Law and NYU School of Business and to serve in the New York National Guard Reserve and the U.S. Army Dental Corps Reserve. Tilzer's career included time as president and CEO of Maplewood Paper Mills and more than 30 years as vice president of sales and purchasing at Paper Enterprises.

Tilzer is survived by wife Ellen; children Brian Tilzer, Andrew Tilzer, and Katherine Simon; daughters-in-law Lisa Valensi and Elizabeth Baldwin; son-in-law David Simon; and seven grandchildren.

1960 Michael D. Varbalow, 85, of Moorestown, New Jersey, died on September 20, 2024.

Varbalow earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where

he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the soccer team, and the staff of the *Ivy*. He went on to earn a law degree from the University of Pennsylvania. Varbalow was a partner in the law firm of Jubanyik, Varbalow, Tedesco, Shaw & Shaffer.

Varbalow is survived by wife Barbara, children Jennifer Varbalow and Julia Varbalow (Eric Christy), a granddaughter, sibling Sivia Elgart, and sister-in-law Judy Safir.

1961 Edward B. Vallone III, 85, of Scottsdale, Arizona, died on January 24, 2025.

Vallone attended Trinity before graduating from the University of Arizona. He began his career as a convention manager and moved on to brokerages EF Hutton and Young, Smith and Peacock, where he worked for 20 years.

Vallone is survived by his wife of 56 years, Donna; children E.B. Vallone (Cori), Berkley Vallone, and Zach Vallone (Jessica); and four grandchildren.

1961 E. Walton Zelle Jr., 86, of Alpharetta, Georgia, died on February 12, 2025.

Zelle earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Glee Club, and The Chapel Singers. He earned an M.Div. from the Philadelphia Divinity School and an M.S.W. from Rutgers University. Zelle served several congregations, including St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Metuchen, New Jersey (1964–66 and 1970–98).

Zelle is survived by wife Milbrey, children Edmund Zelle (Gail) and Laura Van Riper (Steven), six grandchildren, five grandchildren-in-law, three great-grandchildren, and brother David Zelle. He was

predeceased by brother Robert Zelle and sisters-in-law Elsa Zelle and Diane Zelle.

1962 Paul M. Dolce, 84, of Haddam, Connecticut, died on January 6, 2025.

Dolce attended Trinity before moving on to Saint Michael's College. His work life included time in IT at Aetna, as a real estate broker, and as a supervisor at the Ledyard Post Office.

Dolce is survived by wife Lorri, daughters Angela Wagner and Leianna Dolce, and sister Valerie Keegan. He was predeceased by brother Richard Dolce.

1962 Richard O. Hill Jr., 84, of Haslett, Michigan, died on September 5, 2024.

Hill earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club and worked at WRTC. He taught high school math before earning an M.S. and Ph.D. in mathematics from Northwestern University. Hill was a member of the mathematics faculty at Michigan State University for 45 years, during which time he authored or co-authored numerous textbooks and papers. The dedicated alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Hill is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alice; children Kimberly (Dean Malvick), Koralie (Sam Sambrone), and Brendan (Miriam); and six grandchildren.

1962 George M. Woolsey, 84, of Homewood, Illinois, died on October 13, 2024.

Woolsey earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club, the Jesters, and the band. He went on to

earn an undergraduate degree from Rhode Island School of Design, an M.F.A. from Cornell University, and a master's degree in library science from the University of Illinois.

Woolsey worked at Harvey Public Library and then for three decades at A.C. Buehler Library of Elmhurst University.

Woolsey is survived by his wife of 41 years, Mary; sons John and Benjamin (Stephanie); one grandson; and siblings Abigail Rowley and Timothy Woolsey.

1963 Kenneth B. Dalzell, 83, of Ocean Isle Beach, North Carolina, died on November 1, 2024.

Dalzell attended Trinity before earning a B.S. from Temple University and completing a graduate program at Harvard Business School. He served as president of Fostoria Glass Company and then Viking Glass, which became Dalzell/Viking Glass.

Dalzell is survived by wife Georgia; children Ashley Dalzell, Allison Allen (John), and Andrew Dalzell (Clair Carwell); three grandchildren; siblings David Dalzell (Cindy), Alex Dalzell (Karen), Lyn Murphy (Bob), and Mardie Driftmeir (Clarke); brother-in-law Daniel Paul (Ginny); and sister-in-law Maxine Benyaker (David).

1963 Jacob S. Kriteaman, 83, of Peabody, Massachusetts, died on January 10, 2025.

Kriteaman earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and Q.E.D. He also served as manager of the track team and participated in Hillel. Kriteaman went on to earn an M.D. from SUNY Buffalo. He was a founding partner of Garden City Pediatrics, where he practiced for 47 years; he also served as chief of pediatrics at Beverly Hospital for decades.

Kriteaman is survived by his wife of 61 years, Melody; children

Lewis Kriteaman (Laura) and Heidi Janock '92 (Harry); five grandsons; and brother Stephen Kriteaman (Cheryl).

1963 Gerald A. Winer, 83, of Bexley, Ohio, died on November 17, 2024.

Winer earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod* and took part in Hillel. He went on to earn a Ph.D. from Clark University. Winer taught psychology at Ithaca College and then for nearly 35 years at The Ohio State University; he also served on the editorial boards of several journals.

Winer is survived by his wife of 61 years, Susan; daughters Kimberly Diamond (Bruce Sullivan) and Jennifer Goodstein (Ronnie); five grandchildren; siblings Betsy Kagen (Harvey) and Marc Winer (Sara); brother-in-law Kenneth Kronberg (Adrian); and sister-in-law Debra Diane.

1964 Fred E. Schaltegger, 82, of Johns Creek, Georgia, died on January 5, 2025.

Schaltegger earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Philosophy Club, and the track and lacrosse teams. He began his career with Sears Roebuck, working in corporate positions there until 1992. He then became executive director of Federated Systems Group and later retired as vice president of Store Systems.

Schaltegger is survived by children Wendy (Steve) and Rick (Maureen), eight grandchildren, and one great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by first wife Louise, second wife Mary Jane, sister Heidi Lowrance, and sisters-in-law Peggy Schaltegger, Judy Ubry, and Ellen Bennitt.

1965 James N. Williams Jr., 81, of Jeffersonville, Indiana, died on December 7, 2024.

Williams attended Trinity, where he was a member of Q.E.D. and the Glee Club, before graduating Phi Beta Kappa from Indiana University with a B.A. in history and economics. He went on to earn a law degree from the University of Chicago and to a 45-year legal career.

Williams is survived by his wife of 59 years, Barbara; sons Kyle Williams (Janée) and Matthew Williams; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by daughter Mary.

1965 Thomas B. Woodworth, 81, of Traverse City, Michigan, died on October 3, 2024.

Woodworth graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. in biology. He served as secretary of Alpha Chi Rho and was a member of the Jesters. Woodworth went on graduate from the University of Michigan Medical School and had a four-decade career in medicine, first in private practice and then in occupational medicine with Dow Chemical and General Motors. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Woodworth is survived by wife Inga Nyquist; children Steve Woodworth '93 (Kristin) and Laura Keohane (Jonathan); stepchildren Tim Nyquist (Laura), John Nyquist (Linda), and Lisa Flood; five grandsons; and brother Fred Woodworth (Anne).

1966 Roy F. Gilley III, 80, of Camden, Maine, died on October 22, 2024.

Gilley earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of the Political Science Club. He studied architecture at the Universities of Connecticut and Maryland before co-founding architecture firm Gilley Hinkel Associates in Connecticut.

Gilley is survived by wife Janis; daughters Elizabeth Sanderson and Amy Gilley;

stepchildren Heidi Brooks and Kristina Shea; and six grandchildren. His late father, Roy F. Gilley Jr., graduated from Trinity in 1941.

1966 William C. Kunkelman III, 80, of Mohnton, Pennsylvania, died on November 10, 2024.

Kunkelman earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he served as an officer of Delta Phi and worked at WRTC. He also was a member of the swimming team. Kunkelman went on to earn an M.B.A. from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. His career included time as president of Trail R Van and as an advertising executive at Adventure Communications and SK Advertising.

Kunkelman is survived by brother Brian Kunkelman. He was predeceased by brothers Jonathan and James Kunkelman.

1967 David A. Anderson, 79, of Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, died on February 6, 2025.

Anderson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Virginia School of Law. Anderson was a retired partner in the law firm of Potter, Anderson & Corroon in Wilmington, Delaware.

Anderson is survived by spouse Daniel Davison. He was predeceased by sister Nancy Anderson.

1967 Grant W. Simpson Jr., 79, of Gainesville, Texas, died on December 3, 2024.

Simpson earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu. He went on to earn a master's degree from the University of Texas and a Ph.D. from Texas A&M University. Simpson served in numerous roles in education, including as a teacher, principal, professor, and dean. He also played a role in opening

the Principals' Center at Texas A&M in partnership with Harvard University.

Simpson is survived by his wife of 48 years, Karen; children Owen Simpson, Kyle Brown, and Grant Simpson III; and nine grandchildren.

1968 John D. Fox Jr., 78, of Fairbanks, Alaska, died on January 27, 2025.

Fox earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu, the Newman Club, and the football and track teams. He went on to the University of Washington, earning an M.A. in forestry and a Ph.D. in forest hydrology. Fox worked for the University of Alaska, Fairbanks Department of Natural Resources Management and served as an associate professor. He retired in 2011.

Fox is survived by wife Sheila, daughters Colleen and Cara, stepchildren Jenny '97 and Tim, and six grandchildren.

1969 Donald B. Reder, 77, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on February 7, 2025.

Before graduating with a B.A. in sociology, Reder enlisted in the U.S. Army and served a tour of duty in Korea. He went on to found the talent and marketing firm Brentco, Mr. Coupon of New England, and Dispute Resolution, a private mediation company he led for more than 35 years.

Reder is survived by his wife of nearly 47 years, Connie; son Ben '03 (Sarah); two grandsons; brother Barry (Ann); brother-in-law Ric Curcio (Mary Littel); and sister-in-law Kathleen Riolo (Peter).

1973 David J. Dubicki, 73, of Peoria, Illinois, died on September 17, 2024.

Dubicki earned a B.A. in economics and went on to earn a J.D. from Northwestern University School of Law. He practiced with the law firm of

Kavanagh, Scully, Sudow, White & Frederick for 23 years before being appointed an associate circuit judge; he retired from the bench in 2016. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Dubicki is survived by his wife of 47 years, Elizabeth "Betsy"; children Martha Dubicki (Trent Jackson) and John Dubicki; and three grandchildren.

1975 John C.W. Adamec, 71, of Latham, New York, died on July 6, 2024.

Adamec earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he played in the band and worked at WRTC. He spent more than 31 years as a claims representative for the Social Security Administration.

Adamec is survived by his wife of 42 years, Cheryl; sons John Adamec (Bethany) and Matthew Adamec (Allyson Baker); two grandchildren; and siblings Gertrude Hudson (David) and Carl Adamec.

1976 Richard J. "Rick"

Trachimowicz, 70, of Drakes Island, Maine, died on December 13, 2024.

Trachimowicz earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and played football. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Clark University and to work in banking.

Trachimowicz is survived by wife Dianne, children Chris (Ashley) and Kate (Heather Wilks), three grandchildren, and brother Robert (Patricia).

1976, M.A. 1984 Tracey M. Wilson, 70, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on February 23, 2025.

Wilson earned a B.A. in intercultural studies from Trinity, where she played squash, tennis, and lacrosse. She went on to earn an M.A. in history from Trinity and a Ph.D. from Brown University. Wilson taught high

school history for 38 years, with 36 of those at Conard in West Hartford. As the town's historian, she wrote a monthly column on local history for 15 years for *West Hartford Life*; those columns were compiled into a book, *Life in West Hartford*. In retirement, Wilson focused with colleagues on research and teaching about the legacy of slavery in West Hartford.

Wilson is survived by wife Beth Bye; children Peter Wilson, Adam Brown (Alexa), Caroline Bye (Joshua Silver), and Brittany Bye (Kevin Apodaca); brothers Michael Wilson (Cindy), David Wilson, and Matthew Wilson; and a granddaughter. Her father, the late William Wilson, graduated from Trinity in 1949.

1978 Dan T. Doerge, 68, of Hardeeville, South Carolina, died on January 6, 2025.

Doerge earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He worked as a commercial banker. The dedicated alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Doerge is survived by siblings Doug Doerge (Sharon), David Doerge, and John "Jack" Doerge (Belinda Taylor); stepsister Peggi Mizer (Michael); and stepbrother Bill Seelbach (ND). He was predeceased by sister Diane and stepbrother Bob.

1979 Daniel G. Keefe, 67, of Branford, Connecticut, died on December 1, 2024.

Keefe earned a B.A. in English from Trinity and graduated from St. Thomas Seminary and St. John Seminary. He served as a priest in several parishes in Connecticut, including his final assignment as pastor of the newly created St. John Bosco parish.

Keefe is survived by his mother, Marie Ann Keefe, and siblings Maureen Kelly, Eileen Keefe (James Pogmore), Susan

Keefe, Robert Keefe (Laura), James Keefe (Clare), and Timothy Keefe. He was predeceased by brother-in-law Joseph "Jay" Kelly Jr.

1980 Lloyd S. Lowinger, 66, of Norwalk, Connecticut, died on December 3, 2024.

Lowinger earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he worked at WRTC. He went on to graduate from Boston University School of Law and to practice as an attorney for more than four decades.

Lowinger is survived by wife Bonnie, sons Seth (Rachel) and Michael (Kirsten), a granddaughter, and siblings Robert and Karyn.

1984 Peter B. Yearley, 62, of Manchester-by-the-Sea, Massachusetts, died on January 29, 2025.

Yearley graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in American studies. He also served as managing editor of the *Trinity Review* and editor of *The Trinity Papers*. His career included time at Deutsche Bank as head of credit and chief risk officer of the Investment and Corporate Bank. After his 2022 retirement, he continued to serve on the Deutsche Bank USA board. The loyal alumnus served on several Reunion committees.

Yearley is survived by his wife and partner of 40 years, Mia Schlappi; children Rowan, Petra, and MacKay; and siblings Sandy '80 (Mark), Doug (Susan), and Andrew (Suzanne).

1987 Thomas J. Ashley Jr., 59, of Rio Rico, Arizona, died on January 21, 2025.

Ashley earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he ran track. He worked as a consultant in the travel industry and in marketing.

Ashley is survived by parents Tom Ashley Sr. and Geraldine Ashley and siblings Camille

In Memory

Pinkerton (Robert) and Christopher (Jimena).

1996 Devika W. Mokhtarzadeh, 50, of London, died on October 21, 2024.

Mokhtarzadeh earned a B.A. in international studies: Asian studies from Trinity, where she participated in volleyball and swimming. She went on to earn an M.A. from the University of London. Mokhtarzadeh served as chair of trustees of The Savitri Waney Charitable Trust.

2012 Otis J. Holloway, 34, of Washington, D.C., died on October 23, 2024.

Holloway earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Phi Alpha, the Student Government Association, and the track team. He went on to earn an M.A. in conflict resolution and international affairs from American University. Holloway worked as a stabilization adviser for the U.S. Department of State's Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations, focusing on conflict resolution in several African countries.

IDP

1992 Marie DeFilippo, 83, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, died on August 30, 2024.

DeFilippo graduated from Hartford College for Women and Saint Francis School of Medical Technology before starting a career in medical technology at Saint Francis Hospital. She later earned a B.A. in sociology from Trinity and worked at Hartford Hospital.

DeFilippo is survived by brother Martin DeFilippo (Edythann).

MASTER'S

1960 Nellie U. Romaine, 92, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on October 3, 2024.

Romaine earned a B.A. from Saint Joseph College, an M.A. in English from Trinity, and an M.S. in library science from Simmons College. She began her career teaching English and Latin and later worked as a librarian at the Connecticut Justice Commission and at Griswold Junior High School in Rocky Hill. The dedicated alumna was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Romaine is survived by a niece and a nephew. She was predeceased by her husband of 43 years, Stephen, and sisters Vincenza Uccello, Antonina Uccello, Carmela Gustafson (Russell), and Virgilia Martini (Alfred Martini).

1964 Alan Clayson II, 86, of Stamford, Vermont, died on January 3, 2025.

Clayson earned a B.A. from Brown University before earning an M.A. in classics from Trinity. He taught Latin and Greek at Berkshire and Taft Schools and owned and operated Berkshire Sports Wear with his partner. Clayson also worked as an art director.

Clayson is survived by partner Michelle Shafto, son Frederick Clayson (Susan), a granddaughter, and sisters Mary Kneisel and Nancy Anne Forster (Alan). He was predeceased by son Alan Clayson and brothers George Clayson and Davis Clayson.

1967 Andre J. Marion, 91, of Longueuil, Québec, Canada, died on July 12, 2024.

Marion earned a B.A. from the College of Ste. Marie before earning an M.A. in French from Trinity. His career included time as a teacher in secondary schools and on the faculty at East Carolina University. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Marion is survived by children Luc (Anne Martin), Guylaine (Pablo Lerena), and Michèle (Gilbert Adam).

1968 Mary L. Sullivan, 93, of South Windsor, Connecticut, died on October 2, 2024.

Sullivan earned a B.A. from Saint Joseph College and an M.A. in English from Trinity. She taught English and Latin at Ellington High School for more than two decades.

Sullivan is survived by children Toby Sullivan, Lehan Sullivan (Elise), Justin Sullivan (Kavita Singh Brar), and Lauren Sullivan (Bret Yeilding); eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by former husband William, son Brendan Sullivan, and a grandson.

1969 Lorena D. Dutelle, 85, of South Windsor, Connecticut, died on September 6, 2024.

Dutelle earned a B.A. from Trinity College of Vermont before embarking on a 35-year career teaching French, social studies, and Latin at Manchester High School. She earned an M.A. in French from Trinity.

Dutelle is survived by brother Charles Dutelle.

1969 Lois A. Saman, 87, of Bristol, Connecticut, died on January 2, 2025.

Saman earned a B.S. from the University of Bridgeport College of Nursing before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She went on to earn a sixth-year certificate from Central Connecticut State University and certificates from Cornell University and Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Saman began her nursing career at Bristol Hospital and then worked at Hartford Hospital for more than 30 years.

Saman is survived by brother Michael Saman Jr.

1971 Ralph P. Adkins, 86, of Colchester, Connecticut, died on January 27, 2025.

Adkins earned a B.A. from Drew University before earning

an M.A. in political science from Trinity. He was a career state employee whose work included time as deputy commissioner for the Departments of Children and Youth Services and Mental Health.

Adkins is survived by children Jennifer Blais, Douglas Adkins, and Jocelyn Adkins; daughter-in-law Sheryl Adkins; stepchildren Geoffrey Bakewell (Cheryl) and Pamela Tierney (Kevin); seven grandsons; and four step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Marlene.

1971 Joan R. Barbuto, 92, formerly of Wallingford, Connecticut, died on January 20, 2025.

Barbuto graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in English from Mount Holyoke College. She went on to earn an M.Ed. from Columbia Teachers College, an M.A. in English from Trinity, and a sixth-year certificate in counseling from Saint Joseph College. Barbuto taught at the junior high and collegiate level and then worked as a newspaper reporter, including at the *New Haven Register*. She also founded and led the Connecticut Coalition for Child Development Education and wrote several books.

Barbuto is survived by children Laura DeAngelo (Vincent), Carolyn Martino (Robert), and Paul Barbuto Jr.; six grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren, as well as a great-granddaughter who was born the day after her passing.

1971 Humberto J. Delgado-Jenkins, 85, of Tampa, Florida, died on November 6, 2024.

Delgado-Jenkins earned an undergraduate degree from the University of Havana before coming to the United States with his family and earning an M.A. in Spanish from Trinity. He went on to teaching positions at colleges in Florida

and Georgia and at Jesuit High School in Tampa.

Delgado-Jenkins is survived by children Jesus (Monica Ochoa) and Maribel (Rolando Morffy), four grandchildren, and sister-in-law Lillian Zayas (Alfredo). He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Myriam.

1972 Elise Lasry, 91, of New York City, died on January 4, 2025.

Lasry earned a *certificat d'aptitude pédagogique* from the University of Rabat and was a certified teacher in Marrakesh, Morocco. After resettling in Hartford, Connecticut, she taught at Renbrook School and earned an M.A. in French from Trinity. Lasry, in addition to owning a Moroccan import business with her husband, later directed English as a Second Language programs at Wesleyan University and Hartford Community College before retiring.

Lasry is survived by children Marc, Sonia, and Ruth; daughter-in-law Cathy; son-in-law Jeffrey; 15 grandchildren; 13 great-grandchildren; and siblings Mimi, Guy, and Albert. She was predeceased by husband Moise and siblings Suzanne, Joseph, Jacques, Collette, and Marguerite.

1989 George W. McKee, 77, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, died on April 9, 2024.

McKee earned a B.S. in social science from Central Connecticut State University, an M.S. in behavior research from Southern Connecticut State University, and an M.A. in economics from Trinity. He spent most of his career as chief analyst for the Connecticut General Assembly's Program Review and Investigations Committee.

McKee is survived by wife Arlene, son Jeffrey (Caitlin), and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by sister Nancy Stack.

HONORARY DOCTORATES

1998 James Earl "Jimmy"

Carter Jr., 100, of Plains, Georgia, the 39th president of the United States, died on December 29, 2024.

Carter graduated from the U.S. Naval Academy and became involved in the design and development of nuclear power for ships and later with training those who served on them. After returning home to Plains to work in the family's peanut farming business, he began his political career as a state senator in 1962; he was elected governor of Georgia in 1970 and president of the United States in 1976. Carter's achievements as president included the ratification of the Panama Canal treaties, the Camp David Accords, and the creation of the Departments of Education and Energy. He also authored 30 books. In 1982, Carter and his wife founded The Carter Center, a nongovernmental nonprofit in Atlanta that, according to its website, "in partnership with Emory University, is guided by a fundamental commitment to human rights and the alleviation of human suffering. It seeks to prevent and resolve conflicts, enhance freedom and democracy, and improve health." Trinity bestowed an honorary doctor of humane letters on the former president in 1998.

Carter is survived by children Jack, Chip, Jeff, and Amy; 11 grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Rosalynn and a grandchild.

FORMER FACULTY

John A. Gettier, 90, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, professor of religion, emeritus, died on February 26, 2025.

Gettier earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University in 1956 and a B.D. from Yale University in 1961. He began his time at Trinity in 1966 as an instructor in religion, a position he held

until 1971, when he finished a Th.D. from Union Theological Seminary and soon was named assistant professor of religion with tenure. In 1973, he was promoted to associate professor. Upon retirement in 2001, he was named professor of religion, emeritus. Gettier taught courses on biblical literature, specializing in apocalypticism, ancient Near Eastern mythology, Hebrew narrative, and Hebrew language. He also taught in the Guided Studies Program (now the Humanities Gateway Program). Beyond the classroom, Gettier served for many years as department chair, as coordinator of the mythology interdisciplinary minor, and as a member of the IDP coordinating committee. He also served as faculty secretary for two academic years in the late 1980s. In Gettier's honor, the College has a prize bestowed on Honors Day; the John Andrew Gettier Prize in Hebrew Bible, established in 2001 by Robert Benjamin Jr. '71, is awarded to that undergraduate, preferably a senior, who demonstrates significant academic and personal growth as a student of the Hebrew Bible.

Gettier is survived by two nephews and their children. He was predeceased by his wife, Dorothy, in 2009.

George C. Higgins Jr., 87, of Columbia, Maryland, professor of psychology, emeritus, died on December 15, 2024.

Higgins earned a B.A. in mathematics from Amherst College in 1959. In 1964, after coming to Trinity a year earlier to establish a psychology counseling service, he earned a Ph.D. in clinical psychology from the University of Rochester. While directing Trinity's Counseling Center (now the Counseling and Wellness Center), he taught two psychology courses each year and was promoted to full professor in 1973. He also served on several faculty committees, including the

College Affairs Committee, the Academic Affairs Committee, the Committee on Teaching Techniques, and the Academic Freedom and Grievance Committee. While at Trinity, Higgins specialized in older adolescent personality development with special attention to late adolescent suicidal behavior, and his teaching for the Psychology Department focused on psychopathology and concepts of consciousness. He authored numerous articles on counseling college students, particularly those who identified as LGBTQ+. Higgins stepped down as director of the Counseling Center in 2000, after which he taught in the Tutorial College before fully retiring in 2003. He also worked with the Hartford Council of Churches in establishing counseling centers for LGBTQ+ individuals and in 1975 was a founding member of the Gender Identity Clinic of New England, from which he retired in 2000.

Higgins is survived by children David Higgins (Jane) and Amanda Higgins Martin (Chris) and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife June.

To read a tribute to Higgins written by Tom Weiner '71 and to see the video *The Draft at Trinity*, featuring Higgins, please visit trincollreporter.com/online/Higgins.

Michael Mahoney, 89, of Washington, D.C., Genevieve Harlow Goodwin Professor of the Arts, Emeritus, died on November 28, 2024.

Mahoney earned a B.A. cum laude from Yale University in 1959 and a Ph.D. in Italian 17th-century art from The Courtauld Institute of Art of the University of London in 1965. He started at Trinity in 1969 as professor and chair of fine arts and during his time at the College served several terms as chair of fine arts and director of art history. From 1974 to his 1999 retirement, he served as Genevieve Harlow Goodwin

Professor of the Arts. While trained in western art history, Mahoney spent his first sabbatical, in 1977, traveling throughout the Indian subcontinent, Southeast Asia, and Japan to visit and to learn the monuments and collections there firsthand. This journey led to his development of an art historical survey course on Asian art that was offered every other year. From 1964 to 1969, Mahoney worked at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. His accomplishments include being a David E. Finley Fellow of the National Gallery and a fellow of I Tatti—The Harvard University Center for Italian Renaissance Studies in Florence, Italy. Mahoney also wrote a catalogue raisonné of the drawings of Salvator Rosa and published articles in the field of 17th-century Italian art. In 1993, he participated in the National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Summer Institute on the Art of Imperial China.

Mahoney is survived by his longtime partner, Raymond Babor. He was predeceased by siblings Mary Gagen, Paul, and John.

Judith Flagg Moran, 83, of Newburyport, Massachusetts, director of the Aetna Quantitative Center and professor of quantitative studies, emerita, died on December 29, 2024.

Moran earned a B.A. summa cum laude in 1964 and then an M.S. the following year, both from the University of New Hampshire. Before earning a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Massachusetts Amherst in 1990, her career in education included teaching and co-chairing the Math Department at Northern Essex Community College and serving as a visiting lecturer at Smith College. Moran started at Trinity in 1990 as a tenure-track assistant professor of mathematics and later was named director of

the Aetna Mathematics Center (now the Aetna Quantitative Center). She was tasked with enhancing the center so that it would assume a more significant role in shaping the development of Trinity students' quantitative skills and with strengthening mathematical proficiency at the College. In 1998, she was promoted to associate professor of quantitative studies while continuing her leadership of the center, through which she chaired the Math Center Advisory Committee and served on the Science Alliance Advisory Board. She also served the College on the IDP Council, the Curriculum Committee, and the Academic Affairs Committee and taught at the Rome Campus in fall 2007. While at Trinity, Moran remained an active mathematician in the field of geometry and became nationally recognized as an expert in quantitative literacy. She also had a particular interest in the geometry of medieval Italian pavements.

Moran is survived by sons Matthew and Sean and a granddaughter.

DEATH NOTICES

1951 Robert W. Dickinson

1955 David M. Geetter

1959 Frank W. Fineshriber

1959 Samuel S. Polk

1960 Richard G. Bowden

1961 A. Bruce McFarland

1963 Thomas R. Berger

1965 William A. Brigham

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Ousman A. Sallah

1970 Douglas M. Lee

1970 John S. McKinney

1975 Clarkson Addis III

1985 Victoria Arvanitis Jenks

IN MEMORY GUIDELINES

We will not announce the death of a community member without first confirming with a previously published obituary or direct notification from a relative. Also, those who passed away more than two years prior to the date of publication will be listed in Death Notices, along with those for whom we do not have enough information for a longer obituary.

Q&A: Lisa E. Bloom, Ph.D., '80

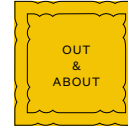
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Athenum, featuring work by Eleanor Antin. This paper influenced my later scholarship, including my third book, *Jewish Identities in American Feminist Art*, and more recently an article titled "Eleanor Antin's Subversive Feminist Art" for a museum retrospective of her work at the Mudam Museum of Modern Art in Luxembourg opening in September 2025. Silverman's film studies class sparked my lifelong interest in postwar European cinema and influenced my graduate studies in feminist film theory. Trinity's Rome program also deepened my appreciation for interdisciplinary inquiry. Studying Italian art history, architecture, and cinema while forming lasting friendships with classmates like Dede Faulkner and Amy Bagan enriched both my personal and professional life.

After Trinity, I pursued an M.F.A. at the Rochester Institute of Technology and the Visual Studies Workshop and a Ph.D. in the History of Consciousness Program at UC Santa Cruz, where I studied with Donna Haraway, James Clifford, and Fredric Jameson. My postdoctoral fellowships at Stanford and Brown further honed my interdisciplinary approach.

What challenges do you face? Balancing the emotional weight of climate change with research demands is a persistent challenge, particularly in light of events like the Los Angeles fires. However, the creative responses of artists and scholars offer hope and new ways of imagining sustainable futures.

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1. Holiday Gathering

New York, New York

December 3, 2024

Carolyn Najarian '20, Liz Elting '87, Jorge Rodriguez '91, Cathy Nemser '87, and Victoria Wenzel '88

2. Trinity Club of Hartford Holiday Party

and Person of the Year Celebration

On Campus

December 4, 2024

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Last Words



Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



Racism is what produces race, because we 'need' these hierarchical distinctions in order to maintain these imbalances that we have in our society.

DAVID STERLING BROWN, on the work of historian Barbara Fields and the parallels between Shakespeare's time and contemporary racial struggles; *Old Gold & Black*, March 7, 2025

There are already two other things I've written. I love this genre.

MARK NELSON O'BRIEN IDP'95, on his intention to make his recently released graphic novel, *The Waterloo Diaries: The Bedsores Conspiracy*, be the first in a series with recurring characters; *The Hartford Courant*, February 21, 2025

Athletics doesn't just create temporary champions; it shapes character and instills values that extend far beyond any court or field.

JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY, president and Trinity College professor of neuroscience, on her passion for basketball and other sports; *The Hartford Courant*, March 13, 2025

What is actually really valued in a lot of these instances is uniqueness. And that is one thing that chatbots actually do not do very well.

ALEXANDER J. HELBERG, visiting assistant professor in the Allan K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric, on the use of AI in writing personal essays for college applications; *The Hartford Courant*, January 6, 2025



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When students come to Trinity, they can expect to be mentored by leading teacher-scholars, with opportunities to do impactful research alongside faculty mentors.

SONIA CARDENAS, Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs, on Trinity's recent classification as one of the country's "Research Colleges and Universities" by the Carnegie Classification of Institutions of Higher Education; www.trincoll.edu, February 13, 2025

They have each established an inspiring track record that reflects their commitment to community and determination to improve individual lives in meaningful ways.

JEREMY RACE, CEO of Junior Achievement of Southwest New England, on those named to the Junior Achievement Business Hall of Fame, including Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney; patch.com, February 24, 2025

The way people bond with their pets—whether they feel emotionally secure or experience anxiety in the relationship—may be just as important as pet ownership itself in shaping well-being.

BRIAN CHIN, assistant professor of psychology, on the connection between mental health and owning a pet; *The Conversation*, February 28, 2025





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The past is present

Drew A. Hyland, Charles A. Dana Professor of Philosophy, Emeritus, a Trinity faculty member from 1967 to 2015, teaches a class in the 1990s. His scholarly interest in the philosophy of sport—which also happens to be the title of one of the books he authored—remains relevant today; Hyland recently was cited in a *New York Times* story, “What’s Your Major? Some Say ‘Sports’ Should Be an Acceptable Answer.” His other academic areas of expertise included ancient Greek philosophy, 19th- and 20th-century continental philosophy, and the philosophy of art.

Do you have memories you’d like to share of a course with Hyland or with another faculty member who taught lessons that still guide you today? Please email your recollections to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu.