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Trinity Cheer members Diana Dinu ’27 and Bella Chirkis ’27 engage the crowd during the Homecoming football game, part of a full Fall Weekend that also included Parents Weekend and the Inauguration of President Daniel G. Lugo. For more on Fall Weekend, please see page 78.

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DAN LUGO

Anchored in tradition, focused on the future

When I arrived at Trinity, I wrote about the palpable sense of history, pride, and possibility that you feel the moment you step onto campus. That spirit is the result of generations of Bantams who built this place, cared for it, and carried it with them into the world. The bonds that tie alumni together and with the faculty who shaped their undergraduate experiences are formed here through time-honored traditions and shared experiences. So, this fall, it was a pleasant and humbling surprise to witness firsthand how deeply this connection and sense of pride are manifested at Fall Weekend. After working at many other institutions, I know it is not an understatement to say that here at Trinity, our energy is like no other.

Fall Weekend is an opportunity for all to participate in the Trinity spirit. It was a pleasure to witness and to feel the depth of many lifelong relationships in real time. The weekend brought together alumni, students, families, faculty, and staff in a way that reflected both the strength and the continuity of the Trinity experience. What stood out to me was not only the enthusiasm of the gatherings but also the ease with which people reconnected and the genuine interest alumni showed in today's students. It was clear throughout the weekend that the relationships formed here are not bound by class year or geography.

My Inauguration, held amid that same weekend, offered its own moments of reflection. Gathered with students, faculty, staff, alumni,

colleagues from across higher education, and members of the Hartford community, I felt both the privilege of stepping into this role and the responsibility that comes with being entrusted to lead Trinity's next chapter. The remarks delivered that day highlighted the values I discussed in my first communication to you: critical inquiry, ethical reasoning, intellectual curiosity, and the conviction that we learn best when we engage with complex ideas in community with others. These values are the foundation of our mission and will guide our work as we think about Trinity's future and the value of the kind of education we offer.

This issue of *The Trinity Reporter* highlights several stories that speak to these commitments. One introduces our new director of athletics and recreation, Gavin Viano, whose arrival has brought renewed focus to how athletics contributes to the broader Trinity experience. Our student-athletes model leadership, resilience, and teamwork, and Gavin's approach—anchored in competitive excellence and student development—aligns well with the educational priorities I outlined earlier in the academic year.

Another feature tells the story of the connection between David Weinstein, M.D., '90 and Alyssa Temkin '27. Their bond reflects the mentoring relationships and intellectual collaborations that have long distinguished Trinity. The story serves as a reminder that our alumni community plays a vital role in shaping opportunities for current



students and that the liberal arts remain most powerful when curiosity and expertise are paired with human connection.

This issue also reflects a moment of transition in how we share Trinity's stories. As part of a broader effort to strengthen Trinity's digital footprint and a new campuswide news hub, the winter issue of *The Trinity Reporter* is being delivered electronically. The magazine represents a strong and unwavering part of our storytelling, as its content taps into the core of the alumni experience and the beauty of our community. While we will continue to have two print issues per year, this shift to a digital-first winter issue allows us to expand the range of coverage we provide, to offer greater accessibility for readers, and to encourage people to explore more seamlessly other news and features across the College's digital platforms.

As I continue to meet alumni, students, faculty, staff, and families, I am consistently struck by the thoughtfulness with which people speak about Trinity—what it has meant to them and what they hope it will become. I am grateful for the continued welcome and support my family and I have received, and I look forward to the work we will pursue together in the months and years ahead.



Along the Walk



Puppy love

A Labrador retriever puppy named Cooper has joined Trinity's Campus Safety Department as a community support dog in training. Cooper attends selected College events and serves as a friendly daily presence on campus, working alongside his handler, Campus Safety Officer Corey Googe, and bonding with the community.

Campus Safety Operations Administrator John Tollis, who spent 13 years as a K-9 handler with the Connecticut State Police, said, "Everyone recognizes the remarkable impact a dog can have, lifting spirits in an instant. Often, we don't realize just how much someone may need that moment of joy."

Cooper—early in his time at Trinity—stands at the ready in a Campus Safety vehicle. Inset: Trinity's new pup welcomes Maddie Carter '27 back to campus in the fall.



For more about Trinity's new canine, please visit trincollreporter.online/Cooper, and follow his adventures on campus via social media @trinpup.

PHOTOS: NICK CAITO

Trinfo 2.0

Trinfo—formerly known as Trinfo.Café—reopened at the start of the fall 2025 semester as it celebrated 25 years on campus and a renewed focus on serving the community.

Liliana Polley IDP’21, M’23, executive director of Trinity’s Center for Hartford Engagement and Research—which counts Trinfo among its core programs—said that while Trinfo’s priorities have been adjusted over the years, its mission remains the same.

“While Trinfo will continue to honor its historic role in bridging the digital divide, this new phase will emphasize resources provided by Trinity College, the city, and the state to increase accessibility to educational opportunities and social services,” Polley said. “The community garden and VITA Tax Clinic are excellent examples of mutually beneficial relationships. It’s about building trust and collaboration while addressing real needs.”

Polley said that Trinity made a significant investment in maintenance and repairs to the building, which was closed during the 2024–25 academic year. The building boasts new flooring, new bathrooms, a new accessible sidewalk, and updated HVAC and fire systems. Trinfo also debuted new signage and a new logo. “We wanted to make the space inviting and welcoming,” she said, “and it needed a fresh face.”

Trinfo.Café was founded in 1999—when internet cafés were popular worldwide—to broaden access to the internet and tech services for Trinity’s neighbors. “Today, many more residents have a cell phone in their hand, and the community’s priorities have changed,” Polley said.

After noting a decline in the building’s usage when it reopened to the public after the height of the COVID-19



New signage goes up at Trinfo, which reopened in fall 2025 after being closed for maintenance and repairs.

pandemic, Polley and her team embarked on a plan to reenvision Trinfo, on the northeast corner of campus, based on community feedback.

“The biggest change is an increased focus on college access and career-readiness resources for Hartford high school students,” she said. Trinfo will offer FAFSA workshops, essay-writing assistance from students in Trinity’s Writing Center, and regular on-site office hours with staff from Trinity’s Admissions Office and Career and Life Design Center.

“Trinity has these resources, and it’s important that we share them with the community,” Polley said. “And this is not just for students; we will offer writing resources and career services to Hartford residents as we expand our community and our partnerships. Trinity is invested in the success of its neighbors and is committed to creating a welcoming space for everyone in the city.”



For more information on Trinfo, please visit trincollreporter.online/Trinfo.

EYE ON ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Avery Sands ’26, a Trinity College environmental science major with a minor in legal studies, has been awarded a National Environmental Leadership Fellowship by the Rachel Carson Council (RCC), one of the nation’s oldest environmental advocacy organizations. This honor—given to only 35 students across the country—supports her research and community outreach efforts focused on environmental health and justice in urban communities.

Sands, from Marshfield, Massachusetts, is conducting her fellowship research under the mentorship of Amber L. Pitt, associate professor of environmental science. Her research investigates mercury concentrations in urban pond sediments in and around Hartford, Connecticut, with a focus on identifying spatial patterns and understanding how these pollutants may vary in densely populated urban areas in relation to industries that historically emitted mercury.

Using standard sediment sampling and analysis methods developed by the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Sands aims to contribute new scientific data to the growing body of research on small urban freshwater ecosystems and their environmental challenges.

Her research aims to connect scientific data with environmental justice,

combining fieldwork and lab work with community outreach on and off campus. Her efforts, conducted in collaboration with local organizations, are designed to engage residents across generations in discussions about urban environmentalism and public health. By bridging science and community, Sands hopes to elevate local voices and to advocate for policy attention in underserved urban areas.

“Urban areas are often left out of environmental monitoring and sustainability planning,” Sands said. “My goal is to highlight the environmental health of these ecosystems and ensure that urban communities are part of the conversation and the solutions.”

PHOTOS: (LEFT, RIGHT) NICK CAITO



Avery Sands ’26 conducting research in the field

Student researcher funding

A grant awarded to Jonathan T. Ashby ’09, assistant professor of chemistry, helped to support an undergraduate research stipend last summer for a Trinity College student working on Ashby’s research project, and it also will support a student researcher in the summer of 2026.

Ashby was awarded a Pittcon Undergraduate Analytical Research Program (UARP) grant from the Society for Analytical Chemists of Pittsburgh, a nonprofit dedicated to promoting science awareness and education. The grant’s objective is to promote innovative research in the field of analytical chemistry while providing an opportunity for advanced training and development of students at institutions without graduate programs in the physical sciences.

Ashby’s research project—“Development of covalently binding fluorogenic dyes as labels for mass spectrometric analysis of protein-nucleic acid complexes”—investigates how biomolecules interact with one another by labeling their surfaces with a dye molecule called fluorescamine. Ashby explained that normal biological functions are dependent on interactions between biomolecules such as proteins, nucleic acids, and sugars, but diseases can occur when proteins misfold and clump together to form large plaques. One prominent example of this phenomenon is Alzheimer’s disease, he said.

“One of our big goals is to use the labeling to identify where the proteins interact with each other. This way, we could use that information to identify molecules that might inhibit the aggregation process,” said Ashby. These insights could potentially be used by pharmaceutical companies to screen for therapeutics for treating certain types of diseases, he added.

For eight weeks in summer 2025, neuroscience major Ethan Andujar ’27 worked with Ashby to identify optimal conditions for labeling proteins with fluorescamine, using fluorescence and mass spectrometry to see which amino acids in proteins can be labeled with fluorescamine, and using fluorescamine to identify binding between protein-DNA pairs that are known to interact in the body.

Next summer, Ashby plans to visit UMass Amherst with a student researcher to utilize



Assistant Professor of Chemistry Jonathan T. Ashby ’09 and Ethan Andujar ’27 in Ashby’s lab

specialized mass spectrometers to study larger proteins. “One of the benefits of having the Pittcon UARP funding for summer research,” he said, “is that it provides students with the opportunity to use nearby instrumentation without having to interfere with their busy schedules during the semester.”

Working with students in the lab and supporting their development is important to Ashby because of his own experience as a Trinity student. He began doing analytical research as an undergrad working with Janet F. Morrison, principal lecturer in chemistry, emerita.

Reflecting the evolution of his own research interests toward biological analytical work as a graduate student and postdoc researcher, Ashby said that he wants to get his Trinity students thinking about the intersection of chemistry with other disciplines. He identified the interdisciplinary outlook and collegial spirit within Trinity’s Chemistry Department as a formative influence on his interests as a scientist.

“One thing that I learned early on at Trinity was, ‘Pay it forward.’ Upper-year chemistry majors would mentor students taking introductory courses, while faculty took on student research assistants in a wide variety of fields and were genuinely interested in their success,” Ashby said. “Returning to Trinity as a faculty member, I see that students and faculty within the department are just as committed to supporting one another as they were when I was a student, and I’m delighted to be part of this cycle.”



FACULTY FOCUS

Clayton P. Byers

Donald L. McLagan Associate Professor of Engineering

As Clay Byers, Donald L. McLagan Associate Professor of Engineering, tells it, he had a typical middle-class childhood in the suburbs of Seattle. The son of a blue-collar union worker and a stay-at-home mother who moonlighted as a hair stylist, he was raised on stories about his grandfather's exploits as an Alaskan bush pilot in the '40s and '50s.

"I grew up hearing my grandpa's stories about near-death experiences, raising kids out in the middle of nowhere, and grandma on the porch with a gun to scare off bears," Byers says. "It was like a classic Old West drama."

When Byers was old enough to start thinking about college, joining the U.S. Air Force seemed like a natural decision. He already knew he wanted to do something technical, loved math and science, and harbored aspirations to follow his grandfather's path and become a pilot. With academic scholarships and support from the Air Force, Byers became the first in his family to graduate from college, earning a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Washington State University in 2009.

Yet even before he finished his degree, Byers had realized that his dreams of flying had been supplanted by a different passion—academics. He recalls, "I ended up talking to an academic

adviser, and I asked him, 'How do I do what you do?' " But having already made a commitment to the military, Byers was commissioned as an officer in the Air Force and spent four years as a program manager at the Space and Missile Systems Center in Santa Barbara, California.

Then, despite not having undergraduate research or internship experience, Byers was admitted to Princeton University, an achievement he credits to his leadership development and management responsibilities in the military. While at Princeton, Byers became interested in fluid dynamics and turbulence and co-founded Tendo Technologies, a start-up focused on sensor manufacturing and precision flow measurement technology. He earned a Ph.D. in mechanical and aerospace engineering in 2018.

Following the suggestion of a mentor, Byers began looking into liberal arts colleges with strong engineering programs and applied for a position at Trinity. After a marathon of interviews and meetings in Hartford, Byers was immediately sold on Trinity. "I realized this is where I needed to be," he recalls.

Byers's intuition would be affirmed—since joining the faculty in 2018, his positive impact has been felt by many. In 2023, Byers received the Dean Arthur H. Hughes Award for Achievement in Teaching. "As evidenced by this award, Clay is deeply committed to undergraduate education and student research in a liberal arts environment," says Lin Cheng, Karl W. Hallden Professor of Engineering and chair of the Engineering Department. "He has done an excellent job providing his students with high-quality classroom experiences and offers a strong research program outside the classroom that integrates and cultivates talented student researchers."

Byers's presence on the faculty also has been appreciated by his students. "Professor Byers has been one of my biggest inspirations to stay curious and keep learning," says Sofia Iturbide '26, an engineering major with a concentration in mechanical engineering. "I came to Trinity planning on majoring in biomedical engineering, but when I started working with him on a fluid-based project inspired by the human heart, I realized I was most drawn to fluid mechanics. His mentorship has been one of the best parts of my time at Trinity."

Reflecting the evolution of his aspirations and academic interests, Byers hopes to encourage his students to follow their intuition in carving out their own paths. "You can make all the plans you want, and you should, but you never know what's going to happen," he says. "I had initially planned to become a pilot, but I realized I was more drawn toward academics. I thought I would study green energy and combustion in graduate school, but instead I discovered my interest in fluid dynamics and turbulence."

Byers emphasizes that he never wants to take his teaching and mentorship responsibilities for granted. "It's a privilege to have this position and to be able to work with our students," he says. "They have a great deal of trust in us, and I don't want to ever let them down."

—Ian Rothenberg

Around Hartford

Connecticut State Capitol

210 CAPITOL AVENUE
HARTFORD, CT

When Trinity College relocated in 1878 to its current campus on Summit Street, it left behind a prime parcel in Downtown Hartford, a site that became home to the Connecticut State Capitol. That gold-domed building—a National Historic Landmark—houses the Governor's Office, the state's legislative chambers, and the Hall of Flags, along with historic displays including multiple statues and a replica of the Liberty Bell. The Legislative Office Building (LOB), at 300 Capitol Avenue and connected to the State Capitol by an underground concourse and a terrace walkway, provides the backdrop for public hearings and legislative committee meetings. The LOB also houses the Connecticut Hall of Fame, which recognizes the outstanding

achievements of Connecticut individuals. The Capitol Information and Tours Program, operated by the League of Women Voters of Connecticut Education Fund, offers free one-hour guided tours of both buildings that run five times a day Monday through Friday, except for state and federal holidays, the day after Thanksgiving, and between Christmas and New Year's Day. Self-guided tours also may be done, with printed guides available in room 101 of the Capitol and in brochure racks at the LOB's Information and Tours Desk. For more information about touring the Connecticut State Capitol and the neighboring LOB, please call 860-240-0222, email capitol.tours@cga.ct.gov, or visit trincollreporter.online/Capitol.



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Volunteer Spotlight

Susan Church Zibell

Susan Church Zibell '97 grew up in Hartford County, but she didn't discover Trinity College until her junior year of high school. She had already built her life around sports, competing in soccer, gymnastics, and softball. A standout shortstop, she caught the attention of Trinity softball coach Richard Ellis, who urged her to visit campus. "I fell in love immediately with the beauty of the Long Walk and all that Trinity has to offer," Zibell recalls.

She arrived planning to play only softball but soon walked on to the soccer team. Upper-year teammates showed her it was possible to balance multiple sports with academics and other activities. "They were so encouraging," Zibell says.

"Every experience gave me opportunities to reflect and grow."

Softball, though, remained her anchor. She spent all four years on the team, serving as captain for two. Ellis became a defining mentor. "He taught me how to take lessons from the classroom, the field, and life, and to make sure I followed a lifelong learning process," Zibell says. Ellis left Trinity before she graduated, but during her senior year, Zibell received an award created in his honor. "It's a wonderful way to stay connected to his legacy," she says.

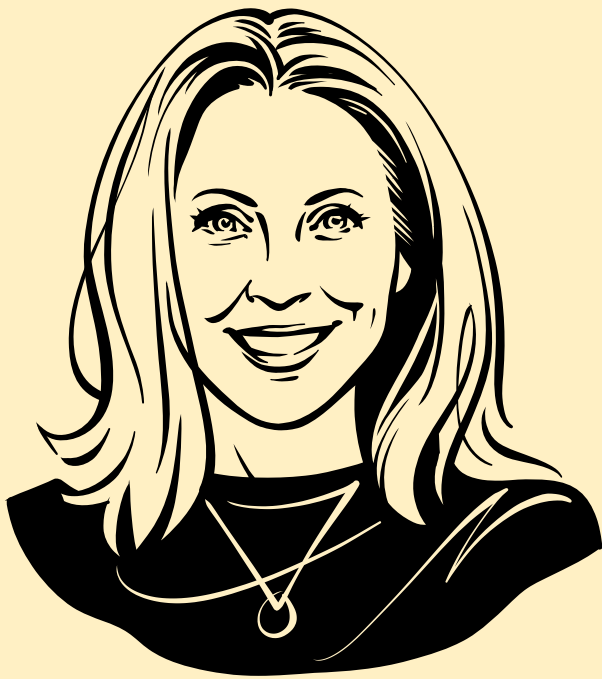
After arriving with no clear major, Zibell immersed herself in Trinity's liberal arts curriculum. She gravitated toward humanities courses that were cross listed with religion and ultimately chose religion as her field of study.

"The professors were amazing," she says. "They had that balance of being scholars, researchers, and published authors, as well as encouraging the journey of continuing to learn."

Professors including Ellison Findly, John Gettier, and Frank Kirkpatrick sharpened her critical-thinking skills and broadened her world view, and she cultivated an appreciation for interdisciplinary studies.

Zibell spent the fall of her junior year in Austria. Energized by the challenge of learning a new language and culture, she found it an ideal setting to apply Trinity's lessons in empathy and perspective. "I was able to look at global systems and social issues that were complex and changing," she says. "That ability to gain confidence and independence while becoming adaptable and self-reliant was incredibly transformative."

Zibell knew she wanted a career shaping people's lives. She coached at a local YMCA before earning a master's in education. For more than 25 years, she has worked in



Connecticut public schools, teaching elementary and middle school and serving in various leadership roles.

"As a teacher, I love connecting people and ideas and opportunities," Zibell says. "Giving students a chance to dream, ask questions, and think bigger than they ever thought possible."

That drive to connect kept her close to Trinity. After graduating, she volunteered as a class agent and then joined the Trinity Club of Hartford (TCOH) in the mid-2000s, relishing chances to link alumni with the College, the city, and one another.

For the past two years, Zibell has served as president of the TCOH, having held previous roles as vice president and secretary. Whether hosting events about current programs at the College or sponsoring outings such as a night at the Hartford Yard Goats, she values every chance to bring Bantams together.

"Sue leads not just with dedication but genuine care for every member," says past TCOH president Francesca Borges Gordon '82. "Her commitment to fostering meaningful relationships, promoting alumni engagement, and advancing the mission of TCOH has left a lasting impact."

Recently appointed to the Executive Committee of the Trinity College Alumni Association, Zibell is excited for yet another way to stay involved.

"It goes back to being grateful that Trinity provided me with opportunities and paths I didn't know existed," Zibell says. "Knowing I'm contributing something small and collectively we're working to create something enriching for future generations—that's why I continue to do what I do."

—Elliott Grover

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ERIK VOGT, Gwendolyn Miles
Smith Professor of Philosophy
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Jonathan Moldover, M.D., '70, P'05
Floodwater Books, 2025; 186 pages

Temporary Beast
Joanna Marsden Solfrian '95
Beltway Editions, 2024; 88 pages

Nasalita Heynoux
Rob Toomey '96
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Anthony L. Riley '08
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Hiking along Hadrian's Wall

In July 2025, Danny Briere, Ruane Family Executive Director of the Trinity Entrepreneurship Center (TEC), launched a new TEC program experiment: a rugged hike across England where long miles left room for big conversations and alumni/student engagement. TEC Entrepreneur-in-Residence Rick Cleary '85 also took part and wrote about the journey. Read on for the start of Cleary's recap, and visit trincollreporter.online/TEC for the full story.

Seven days. Eighty-four miles. 809,632 steps. Four people. One wall.
One long, historic wall. Hadrian's Wall.

The Trinity Entrepreneurship Center (TEC) trek across England was more than a walk. It became a living case study in resilience, discovery, and ideas tested in real time. It wasn't about miles, blisters, or even the Roman occupation of England and its clashes with northern tribes. It was about the spark that ignites when seasoned alumni and students power down their phones, trade screens for open skies, and spend a week heading west—on foot, together.

This long walk was about ideas exchanged, stories revealed, and lessons earned, one step at a time. The seven-day journey set the stage for what comes next: a new route, new voices, and more ideas, measured not in spreadsheets but in life's lessons.

NOMINATIONS
The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence
Did you have a professor who impacted your life? If so, here's your chance to pay tribute to that faculty member. Nominations for the Brownell Prize—made possible by a gift from the late Paul H. Briger '61, P'87—should be submitted online using a link found at trincollreporter.online/Brownell2026. The nomination deadline is Friday, March 6, 2026. Questions? Please contact Sylvia DeMore, special assistant to the dean of the faculty, at sylvia.demore@trincoll.edu.

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The next chapter

The Inauguration of
DANIEL G. LUGO,
Trinity's 23rd president



“I offer an important message to the Trinity community,” President Daniel G. Lugo said during his Inaugural Address. “We must no longer whisper our pride. In an age when higher education must prove its value, Trinity will proclaim it. We do not simply educate; we cultivate leaders of conscience and consequence.”



Celebratory events

Inauguration Weekend happenings also included a pair of cross-disciplinary academic symposia and a performance on Friday, October 17, with Trinity College's leading scholars and artists engaged with audiences to examine the possibilities of human creativity and to discuss ways to bridge knowledge and practice to advance society.

Welcome remarks were delivered at each symposium by Garth A. Myers, faculty secretary and Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies. Myers introduced the day's programming as a way inspire a robust exchange of ideas about the future of both the liberal arts and higher education.

Students, alumni, faculty and staff members, trustees, family members, community partners, honored guests, and delegates from higher education institutions from across the nation gathered on October 18, 2025, in the George M. Ferris Athletic Center's Ray Oosting Gymnasium to celebrate Lugo's installation as the 23rd president of Trinity College.

Chair of the Board of Trustees Lisa Bisaccia '78, who led the ceremony, said, “This occasion marks a milestone in Trinity's 202-year history—the passing of the torch that will light Trinity's future.”

Greetings were offered by the Board of Trustees; Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam on behalf of the City of Hartford; Trinity faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and students; and the Academy, represented by C. Andrew McGadney, president of Knox College in Galesburg, Illinois.

Arulampalam said that the stories of Trinity and the City of Hartford are deeply intertwined. “It's an incredible history of coexistence and mutual benefit,” he said. He described Lugo as an “innovative, compassionate, and visionary leader” who is already working on developing new partnerships with the city.

Faculty Secretary Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies, spoke on behalf of the faculty. “We commend you for dedicating your career to leading liberal arts colleges,” Myers said. “With a spirit of shared purpose, we stand united with you and look forward to collaborating on Trinity's next generation of excellence.”

Manuela Rodés '26, president of Trinity's Student Government Association, delivered a greeting from the students. “What excites



- Scenes from the ceremony:**
- 1. President Daniel G. Lugo
 - 2. Faculty Secretary Garth A. Myers
 - 3. Chaplain to the College Marcus George Halley
 - 4. Board of Trustees Chair Lisa Bisaccia '78
 - 5. Knox College President C. Andrew McGadney
 - 6. Julie and Ben Fawcett P'28, '29
 - 7. Staff members Jim McLaren III, Elizabeth Landell-Simon, and Benny Bauer
 - 8. The Chapel Singers
 - 9. Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam
 - 10. Board of Trustees Vice Chair Walter Harrison '68, H'18

Far left sidebar: Faculty members Michael A. Grubb and Christopher Houlihan '09

Symposium I: Human Creativity

This symposium explored the role of creativity as an essential human practice. Faculty from across disciplines reflected on how creativity shapes their scholarship and teaching, the complex and evolving role of technology, and the value of preparing all students to think creatively in a digital world.

Panelists: Sarah Bilston, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of English; Pablo Delano, Charles A. Dana Professor of Fine Arts; Kent D. Dunlap, Thomas S. Johnson Distinguished Professor of Biology; Ewa Syta, Charles A. Dana Research Associate Professor of Computer Science; **Moderator:** Laura J. Holt '00, professor of psychology

Inauguration Performance: The Art and Science of Awe

Trinity's iconic Chapel was the setting for a performance by Christopher Houlihan '09, John Rose Distinguished College Organist, director of Chapel music, and artist-in-residence. Commentary was delivered by Michael A. Grubb, associate professor of psychology, based on his seminar, “Exploring Awe,” which was offered in collaboration with Houlihan at Trinity's Rome campus during J-Term 2025 and was scheduled to be offered again in 2026. Grubb said that this unique collaboration is an example of how the arts and sciences can meet.



Symposium II: Bridging Knowledge and Practice

The second symposium explored the bridging of knowledge and practice as a hallmark of a distinctive liberal arts education. Award-winning teacher-scholars from Trinity's faculty discussed their boundary-spanning work and its public impact, whether in Hartford, nationally, or globally.

Panelists: Davarian L. Baldwin, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of American Studies; Shafqat Hussain, George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian Studies; Michelle Kovarik, Dr. Henry A. DePhillips Jr. Professor of Chemistry; Kevin J. McMahon, John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science;
Moderator: Jennifer M. Regan-Lefebvre, professor of history



For more on Inauguration Weekend, please visit trincollreporter.online/Inauguration.

us most about President Lugo is his vision for a Trinity that is not only academically excellent but also inclusive, innovative, and deeply connected to the world around us,” Rodés said.

McGadney—Lugo’s friend and former colleague—said that he referred to Lugo as “the smartest person in the room” when they worked together at Colby College. McGadney said of Lugo, “As a first-generation college graduate, he knows firsthand the transformative power of a liberal arts education and will work tirelessly to ensure current and future Trinity students experience that power.”

Lugo was officially presented by Walter Harrison ’68, H’18, vice chair of Trinity’s board and president emeritus of the University of Hartford: “Devoted to liberal learning; admired by his faculty and staff colleagues at his previous institutions; experienced in understanding and excelling in two critically important functional areas for any college—that is, admissions and advancement; and a proven presidential leader with a record of accomplishment and success, Dan Lugo is the right leader at the right time,” Harrison said.

Bisaccia presided over the investiture of the president before Lugo delivered his Inaugural Address, which touched on the strengths of Trinity’s faculty, students, and alumni, as well as its connections with Hartford and its commitment to academic freedom. “Education is not just a ladder but a bridge between where we begin and the full measure of who we might become,” Lugo said. “It is with a spirit of gratitude that I look to our future and that I invite you to do the same. Be the believers who forge the path for Trinity to achieve its fullest potential. . . . To all who believe in Trinity’s promise, hear me clearly: The time is now, the work is ours, and the future is bright.” ●✕◆



More scenes from the ceremony:
11. President Dan Lugo and wife TinaMarie Lugo
12. President Dan Lugo, Vice President for Student Life Joe DiChristina, and Board Chair Lisa Bisaccia
13. The Presidential Collar
14. Student Government Association President Manuela Rodés



The Inaugural Address

The following is an excerpt from President Daniel G. Lugo’s Inaugural Address. To read the complete speech, please visit trincollreporter.online/Inauguration.

We are certainly of this time and of this place, literally. Trinity and Hartford have always shared one story—one destiny.

In 1872, when Hartford sought land for the new State Capitol, it turned to Trinity. The proposal divided opinion in our community. Some wanted the College to leave Hartford and maybe relocate to New Haven or New York. But Hartford’s citizens—in an extraordinary act of civic faith—voted three to one to invest \$600,000, an enormous sum in 1872, to keep Trinity here. That vote bound the College and the city together in shared purpose.

Out of that moment rose this campus—the best example of Victorian Gothic collegiate architecture, built on open farmland, a true symbol of rebirth. From that partnership came nearly two centuries of mutual growth and service. Faculty helped found the Connecticut Museum of Culture and History; students served the city in every way; and Hartford gave the College its energy and edge.

Today, we must rise together again. Mayor Arulampalam, I am honored to share this moment with you. Your leadership in building a vibrant, equitable Hartford is an inspiration. I look forward to working with you, the City Council, all of our civic and business leaders, and nonprofit partners to realize Hartford’s next renaissance.

There is no fence high enough to separate Trinity from Hartford—and no reason we should ever need one that could. Hartford is not our backdrop; it is our partner. When Hartford rises, Trinity soars.

We gather in a time of challenge: a hypercompetitive environment for a declining population of prospective students, rising costs and constricted funding, and growing skepticism about higher education’s worth. But challenge is actually nothing new for Trinity.

In 1837, a financial panic swept the nation. Banks failed. College endowments evaporated. Trinity’s faculty went unpaid. The College—then Washington College—stood on the brink of collapse. But our founders refused to close the doors. They traveled the state, parish by parish, seeking help. They endured. They believed.

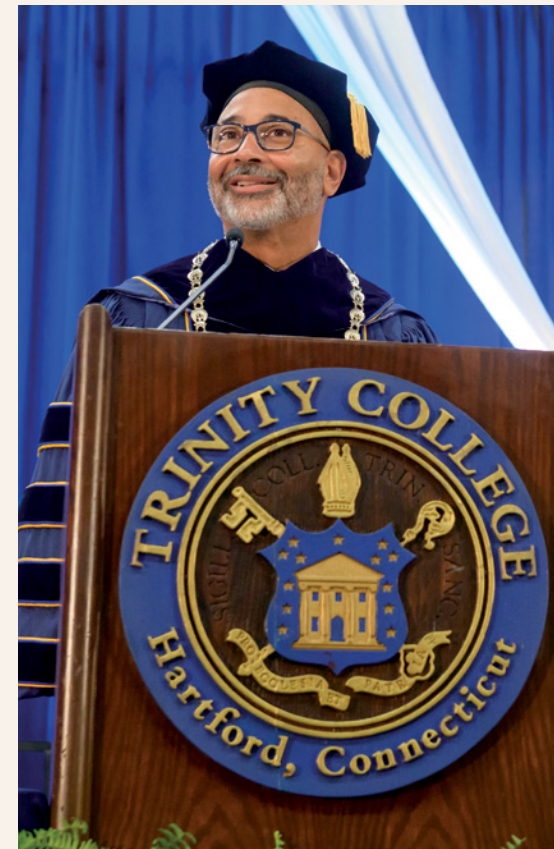
From that near-ruinous experience, Trinity was reborn stronger and more determined. That grit and resilience is part of who we are.

So take this as a clarion call. We are all critics sometimes, but we also must be believers. When others question higher education’s relevance, we will respond not with defensiveness but with demonstrations of excellence. We will strengthen belonging and access, ensuring every student finds both challenge and a home here. We will renew our civic engagement. We will innovate with courage.

We have faced true calamity in our history—and we did not yield. We will not yield now in the face of headwinds.

All of this leads to one conviction: To ensure we move forward, we must be focused and in alignment about our common purpose. We must move as one Trinity, united.

Now is the time for everyone who loves this College—students, faculty, staff, alumni, parents, and neighbors—



to unite behind its mission. Regardless of our politics, our profession, or our background, we share one truth: faith in Trinity’s power to transform lives.

In a time when outrage often replaces dialogue, Trinity will stand for academic freedom and civil discourse. We will model the conversation our democracy needs—not by avoiding disagreement, but by engaging it with mutual respect and reason.

The next decade will be one of great disruption in higher education. Unfortunately, many, many colleges and universities will falter, while a few will lead. Our unity—our shared purpose—will determine which we become.

If we unite, if we lead, if we love Trinity more than we fear change, we will not simply endure. Together, we will define the next century of liberal arts excellence.

‘He saved my life’

Physician David Weinstein '90,
Alyssa Temkin '27 share special bond

STORY BY KATHY ANDREWS



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David Weinstein, M.D., '90 has so many Trinity College connections—both on and off campus and through the mentoring and professional opportunities he has provided—that he might be considered the perfect example of the Trinity network in action.

Alyssa Temkin '27 grew up knowing Weinstein as a brilliant, dedicated pediatric endocrinologist and world-renowned authority on glycogen storage disease (GSD), a rare genetic condition affecting one in 100,000 children, Temkin among them. “When I was a baby, he saved my life,” says the psychology major, whose goal is to attend medical school after Trinity.

Gayle Temkin P'27, Alyssa's mother, says, “He's an unbelievable practitioner; he'd give you every second of his day if he could.” After learning so much from Weinstein about GSD and about families with limited access to lifesaving care, she and her husband, Steve Temkin P'27, created the Global Center for Glycogen Storage Disease, whose goal is to find a cure for GSD, and Alyssa's Angel Fund, to provide financial support to families who can't afford aspects of GSD care.

Following his graduation from Trinity, Weinstein attended Harvard Medical School before practicing at Boston Children's Hospital. While at Harvard, he observed how few undergraduates there had opportunities to do the kind of research he had done at Trinity. Subsequently, over the course of 20 consecutive years, he hired numerous Trinity students and graduates to assist with his GSD research.

Tayoot “Todd” Chengsupanimit '13, a biology major, says the opportunity to work in Weinstein's GSD lab after graduation, including publishing papers with him, was life-changing. Today a Cleveland-based physician specializing in infectious diseases, Chengsupanimit says, “There is no other person like David Weinstein, and there never will be. He role modeled the type of doctor I aspired to be, and it was not the norm for a recent college graduate to be able to co-author five papers in the span of a few years, as I did in David's lab. That spoke to his generosity as a mentor.”

Vivien Doan '21, a double major in biochemistry and neuroscience and now a Ph.D. candidate at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, considers herself fortunate for having landed both a summer internship and an academic-year fellowship with Weinstein while she was a Trinity student. Says Doan, “He inspired me by seeing each patient as a whole person, fighting for their future, and giving them hope. One day I hope to create the kind of ripple effect David Weinstein has.”

How does it happen that one Trinity alumnus creates such an extensive “ripple effect”? Part of the answer may be found in what Weinstein and Alyssa Temkin identify as some differentiators between Trinity and other colleges they might have attended.

A PERSONAL TOUCH

When setting out to visit colleges, Weinstein had not considered Trinity or even heard of it. Nor had his twin brother, Steven R. Weinstein '90, now managing partner of the Miami office of global law firm K&L Gates.

Ranked first and second in their high school class, they had racked up a host of achievements, such as David assisting in Alzheimer's pharmacology research at the University of Miami's Miller School of Medicine. They headed north from their home state of Florida with appointments to tour and interview at several Ivy League schools; they anticipated each would end up at a different college as they didn't want to attend the same one. But their trajectory was interrupted by a random suggestion someone made along the way: Why not stop in Hartford on the way to Harvard and check out Trinity, just for comparison's sake?

What they found at Trinity, says David, was a personal touch that stood out from other schools. They felt it upon arriving in Admissions, where they had no appointment and no one knew in advance about their high school accomplishments, yet a tour was customized on the spot. When David's interest in medical school led them to a biology lab in the Albert C. Jacobs Life Sciences Center, he learned that undergraduate students were engaged in research with their professor. He knew it was highly unusual for undergraduates to have such an opportunity, and he was keen to join them.



Alyssa Temkin '27
and David Weinstein,
M.D., '90

“I’m really looking forward to being able to take care of patients the same way I’ve been taken care of.”

ALYSSA TEMKIN '27

“The problem,” says David, “was both my brother and I fell in love with Trinity, and neither wanted to give up the school.” They resolved that both would apply Early Decision and figured whoever got in, well, that would solve the dilemma. As fate would have it, both were accepted to Trinity, and they decided attending different colleges wasn’t so important after all.

MENTORS MATTER

Alyssa Temkin also didn’t intend to consider Trinity. But she lived in West Hartford and, with Trinity’s proximity, agreed to a visit. After a campus tour, she concluded Trinity might be a good fit. But what truly impressed her was when she asked Weinstein about it and found his enthusiasm for his alma mater was boundless. “He definitely helped influence my decision. I feel like Trinity’s a hidden gem of Hartford.”

He told her about his mentor of 40 years, John E. Simmons H’08, professor of biology, emeritus, the educator whose lab with undergraduate researchers made such an impression during Weinstein’s first visit to Trinity. Weinstein worked in Simmons’s research lab throughout college and, during his senior year, conducted independent research on Alzheimer’s pharmacology—resuming work that fascinated him as a teenager—mentored by Simmons, who passed away in 2023. “At a large university, often the faculty want the credit, but Dr. Simmons wanted none. He was just happy supporting me,” says Weinstein.

Temkin says, “My professors are passionate about what they do and also care so much about their students,” citing Alisha Holland, lecturer and coordinator of introductory psychology, and Alison Draper, director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Science, as two key mentors.

Another is Joanna Gell, M.D., a pediatric hematologist/oncologist at nearby Connecticut Children’s Medical Center, about whose research Temkin had read. After she contacted Gell to say how interesting she found her work, Temkin says, they immediately clicked. By the end of her first year at Trinity, Temkin had a weekly job-shadowing appointment with Gell, which has continued ever since. Recently, Gell invited her to assist on an upcoming research project, which Temkin says she can’t wait to start.

MORE THAN A MAJOR

Weinstein’s favorite class at Trinity was on High Renaissance art history. He also raves about political science courses taught by Adrienne “Renny” Fulco, associate professor of legal and policy studies, emerita, and former director of the Public Policy and Law Program. “I’m fortunate to have had great professors like Alden Gordon [’69, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts, Emeritus] and Renny Fulco. I’m glad I didn’t go to a school where it was always science,” he says. “I don’t think that makes for a worldly, educated person.”

For Temkin, serving as manager of the women’s basketball team is a big highlight outside of studies. “I love being part of the team,” she says, including its involvement with Team Impact, an organization through which teams are matched with children facing serious illness. The children attend games and become honorary teammates, providing memorable experiences for them and for the team.

Because of her own experience with GSD, Temkin says, she understands what involving Team Impact kids means for them and their families. “My parents never wanted me to hide in a corner or be ashamed when I was getting tube fed or feel like I didn’t belong.”

EFFECTING CHANGE

When Temkin was 6, she provided testimony to the Connecticut General Assembly’s Public Health Committee, advocating for improved support during the school day for children with life-threatening health conditions. Along with her parents, she helped amplify the case to make it possible for trained caregivers to assist with care needed at specific intervals, such as blood testing and feeding. Previously, only a

registered nurse was authorized to do this. “The passing of this law really helped me feel like I wasn’t different,” Temkin says, explaining that it enabled her nanny, who felt like a member of the family, to come into her classroom every 90 minutes to assist her.

While Temkin’s poise and her determination not to be defined by GSD’s limitations are evident, Weinstein says, “What she has had to live through was incredibly difficult, and for most of her life she has had to live 90 minutes at a time. If she was even five minutes late for a treatment, Alyssa could develop severe hypoglycemia and become unresponsive.”

Asked about the attainability of a cure for GSD, Weinstein says raising awareness and philanthropic support, as the Temkin family has done, has been critical in progressing toward that goal. He notes that it was with the support of the Temkins that he and his GSD team were able to move to Connecticut in 2017 and create a gene therapy unit at UConn Health. “I had the honor of treating the first GSD patient in the world with gene therapy there in 2018,” says Weinstein, adding, “Currently, there are three trials in humans, using new technologies that our team worked on. I’m also optimistic that a new gene editing trial taking place now may finally offer hope of a cure.”

Since 2020, Weinstein has collaborated with biotechnology companies focused on gene therapy, gene editing, and other technologies to improve the lives of patients with a variety of rare or neurodegenerative diseases. He has led seven different gene therapy programs for various diseases and is working on several more.

In his prior roles leading GSD centers at hospitals in Massachusetts, Florida, and Connecticut, Weinstein has served patients from 49 states and 54 countries. “It has been remarkable to see the disease go from one where people were almost universally dying to one where 10 of my patients have become physicians,” he says.

Temkin plans to join that growing number of patients becoming doctors. “I’m really looking forward to being able to take care of patients the same way I’ve been taken care of,” she says. ●✕◆

Vitals

DAVID WEINSTEIN '90

Degrees:

B.S. in biology

M.D., Harvard University

M.M.Sc., Harvard University and Massachusetts Institute of Technology

Current Title:

Consultant, Weinstein Rare Disease and Clinical Development Consulting

Previous Roles:

Interim Chief Medical Officer, Grace Science LLC, 2023

Senior Vice President, Clinical Development, Passage Bio, 2022

Vice President, Clinical Development, Passage Bio, 2020–21

Professor and Director, Glycogen Storage Disease (GSD) Program, UConn Health, 2017–20

Professor and Director, GSD Program, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2011–17

Associate Professor, University of Florida College of Medicine, 2005–11

Director, GSD Program, Boston Children’s Hospital, 1994–05 (also completed residency, chief residency, and fellowship in pediatric endocrinology at Boston Children’s Hospital)

Assistant Professor, Harvard Medical School, 1994–05

Recognition Highlights:

University of Florida College of Medicine Clinical Research Award, 2014

Order of the Smile international humanitarian award, 2012

Jan Albrecht Award, American Association for the Study of Liver Diseases, 2001

George Sacher Award, Gerontological Society of America, 1991

Barry Goldwater Scholarship, 1989

Personal:

Wife, Geraldine Munsayac Weinstein '90

One adult son, Justin



For more information about GSD, including the funds created by the Temkin family, please visit trincollreporter.online/GSD.



MEET GAVIN VIANO

**New director of athletics
and recreation aims to
build on Trinity tradition**

**STORY BY
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**PHOTOS BY
NICK CAITO**



“A

>> Director of Athletics and Recreation Gavin Viano cheers on the Bantam football team during the Homecoming victory over Middlebury College.

ATHLETICS is about creating community,” says Gavin Viano, Trinity’s new director of athletics and recreation. “We’re all busy in life, but when we come together around a sport for a few hours or for a whole season, we all want the same things: for Trinity to be its best and to win.”

The connection that Viano sees being forged among Bantams extends far beyond campus. “When we see each other in the airport wearing Trinity gear, we have something to talk about,” he says. “Athletics offers a commonality that we’re all proud of.”

Viano oversees Trinity’s 30 Division III varsity sports programs, three of which—women’s squash, men’s basketball, and men’s rowing—won national championships last year. Recreation offerings at Trinity include club and intramural sports, in addition to fitness and outdoor education programs.

Before coming to Trinity in August 2025, Viano served as director of athletics and recreation and associate vice president of strategic programs at Wheaton College in Norton, Massachusetts. Joseph DiChristina, Trinity’s vice president for student life, says that Viano’s background in athletic administration and fundraising will benefit the College in many ways. “Gavin has a student-focused approach and a real talent for connecting with members of our community,” DiChristina says.

Uniting students, alumni, faculty, and staff is just one motivator for Viano in his leadership role. “I believe that the most important lesson to be learned through athletics—being part of a team—really sets you up for the rest of your life,” says Viano. “Sport teaches us the structure, discipline, and confidence we’ll need for the next 40 or 50 years of our lives in our families, careers, or anything in between. It’s about developing leadership skills at an early adult age, and those skills don’t ever leave us.”

Viano earned a B.A. in history from Clark University, where he was captain of its Division III men’s swimming and diving team. “Athletics was central and integral to my college experience,” he says. His time competing as a student-athlete and growing up with a father who was a college rowing coach helped inspire Viano to pursue a career in higher education



athletics, which he began as an assistant coach at Clark.

“At first I thought that I really wanted to be a coach, but then I dug deeper into the business side of sport,” says Viano, who earned a master’s in sports management from Drexel University while working there as director of athletic development. He learned about the job of an athletic director and felt he would be well suited for the work. “Coaching is very finite and focused. Becoming an athletic director allowed me to be around sports the way I wanted to, but it gave me a broader look. I love all sports, so I was no longer tied to just one sport or one season,” Viano says.

Before joining Wheaton, Viano served as senior managing director of athletics fundraising at Dartmouth College from 2010 to 2015 and as associate athletic director for development at Davidson College from 2015 to 2020.

Throughout his career, Viano has worked to provide support for students to succeed in the classroom and in competition. “Athletics can really supplement lessons taught in the classroom,” Viano says. “It provides things that

can only be learned experientially.” As a team works together to respond to an adversary in real time, individual players learn resiliency while they determine how best to contribute to the greater good, he says.

Recreational sports and fitness programs provide physical activities and life lessons to all students, Viano adds. “I’m a big believer that movement and activity are crucial for overall well-being. I’m excited about offering ways to help everyone at Trinity carve out time to be physically active; whether it’s yoga, cardio, or a hike in the woods, people should find what makes them feel good and helps to clear their minds,” he says.

State-of-the-art wellness and fitness opportunities are available on campus at the Scully Center, a major addition to the George M. Ferris Athletic Center that opened last summer. The Scully Center—named in honor of Marlynn V. GP’28, ’29 and William P. Scully ’61, H’18, GP’28, ’29—includes spaces for varsity, club, and recreational sports, along with a cardio room and the Kovas Squash Center, with seven world-class courts.

“The Scully Center is the newest showpiece of the elite facilities at Trinity,” Viano says. “The bones of our athletic footprint on campus are really first class, and we’re working on plans to keep it that way.” Viano adds that the Hazelton Strength and Conditioning Center (formerly the Hazelton Fitness Center) is among the best DIII strength and conditioning facilities in the country.

Trinity President Dan Lugo notes that Viano will help to support a culture in which student-athletes can compete at the highest levels and all students can prioritize their wellness. “As a Division III program, we have the distinct advantage of living and learning in a community where students are known, valued, and cared for as people—a student experience where academic and athletic success work in concert,” Lugo said in an announcement about Viano’s appointment.

Viano is spending his first year at Trinity working with coaches and other campus leaders to chart a course for the College’s continued athletic success. He says that while Trinity is a perennial contender within its conference—the New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC)—in several sports, he plans to look at the bigger picture and to aim even higher.

“I really want Trinity to be an annual top 10, top 20 DIII program nationally,” Viano says. “How can we compete for the Learfield Directors’ Cup among the best overall intercollegiate athletics programs in NCAA Division III? What do we need in terms of budget or facilities? We shouldn’t be afraid to go after that. A multiyear strategic plan will put us on that path.”

Viano says that he believes that the student-athletes and coaches who have won championships represent Trinity well, whether in athletic competition or elsewhere. “They’re not cutting any corners as students, as scholars, or as people—they’re doing it as the best version of Trinity,” he says. “That should make the community just as proud as winning.

“What Trinity has proven with its recent championships is that we have the ability to be on the national stage in multiple sports,” Viano adds. “No matter the sport, Trinity has the ingredients to be among the best teams in the country every year. We should be excited to say that out loud and celebrate it.” ●✕◆

ON TREND & BEYOND

**Alumni
visionaries
lead the way**

**STORY BY
MARY HOWARD**

Several Trinity College alumni have made their way to the cutting edge of fashion, beauty, and global retail. Read on to learn about four such individuals and how their liberal arts education at Trinity contributed to their success.

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MEGAN WILLIAMS GRANT '97, P'29

President and CEO, Louis Vuitton Americas

“Brand building is in my soul,” says Megan Grant ’97, P’29. As president and CEO for Louis Vuitton Americas, she works with the fashion giant’s team in North and South America to grow brand desirability and further elevate the company’s exceptional client experience. Grant accepted the position in June 2024 after a successful 22 years with L’Oréal Paris.

“You can’t say no to a brand like Louis Vuitton,” she says. Grant says the company, known for its high-end, LV-monogrammed handbags, ready-to-wear fashion, watches, and

jewelry, is considered the largest luxury brand in the world.

Based in New York City, Grant enjoys the diverse aspects of her job. On any given day, she can be poring over budgets, planning client events, or meeting with teams about the most recent product launches—the company unveiled its first makeup brand, La Beauté Louis Vuitton, in August 2025. “Every day is different, and I love it,” she says.

Though this is her first position in fashion, at L’Oréal, Grant held numerous leadership roles in marketing, working with the cosmetics company’s subsidiaries, including Lancôme, Kiehl’s, and Giorgio Armani. But after 22 years, she was ready for a new challenge. “My experience at L’Oréal was amazing,” she says. “But my brain was running on autopilot. I wanted to be curious again.”

In 2017, she was given L’Oréal’s Working Mother of the Year Award for her ability to balance the demands of being a mother and running a business. She has been married to Tim Grant for 23 years, and the couple have two children, Lily and Timmy. In August 2025, the Grants became Trinity parents when Lily joined the Class of 2029. “This was an amazing, full-circle moment for me—seeing the beautiful campus through the eyes of my daughter.”

After graduation, Grant traveled to Jackson Hole, Wyoming, where she worked as a front-desk clerk for a year. “I learned a lot about life and how to deal with people,” she says. Afterward, she moved to New York City, where her first job was working as an hourly temp with Estée Lauder.

An economics major at Trinity, Grant says the program was modern in its approach, giving her the benefits of a liberal arts education along with business fundamentals through an accounting class and internships. She also enrolled in art history classes and took advantage of the proximity to the Wadsworth Atheneum. “My experience at Trinity developed both sides of my brain.”

And the combination was perfect for her future career. “I can run the numbers and leverage the insights of the profit and loss, but I can also pick the right lipstick shade and handbag for the model at the store.”

JOHN HOWARD '74

Founder and Co-CEO, Irving Place Capital

Founder and Co-CEO, Celebrands

John Howard ’74 has a reputation for growing fashion companies. With more than 40 years’ experience in private equity investing, he says, he has a “fingertip feel” for the industry. Many investors are hesitant to back fashion, he says. “It’s faddish. It changes from season to season,” but he says that finding the right business partners is the key to his success.

“It’s being comfortable that you’re with the kind of people that can responsibly, thoughtfully lead a business,” Howard said during a 2024 talk at Georgetown University’s McDonough School of Business.

In 1997, Howard founded Bear Stearns Merchant Banking, now Irving Place Capital. One of the firm’s largest success stories was investing in Aeropostale in 1998. At the time, the mall-based apparel company was languishing. “Nobody wanted it,” he says, but the firm saw its initial investment become a \$1 billion return. Over the years, Howard has been behind the success of other clothing retailers, including New York & Company, 7 for All Mankind, and Frame Denim.

Now his focus is on Celebrands, an investment and growth firm he launched in 2020 with media executive Allen Shapiro. The business creates, acquires, and grows consumer brands in partnership with celebrities. Howard joined forces with Kim Kardashian to launch her apparel company, Skims, and with her sister, Khloé Kardashian, to launch Good American, which offers women’s casual wear in a wide range of sizes. “[The businesses] were highly successful, right out of the box,” he says.

Ironically, when Howard came to Trinity, he was not interested in fashion or finance; he wanted to be a writer. An English major, he spent the year after graduation in New York City writing and “being active socially.” While he did have some success—he came in second in an *Atlantic Monthly* poetry contest—he ultimately gave up the idea of writing as a career. Instead, he applied to the Executive Development



Program at Macy’s. He notes, “I heard it was harder to get into than business school.”

Howard thrived there and was promoted quickly. After three years, he enrolled at the Yale School of Management, earning an M.B.A. in 1980. After graduation, he acquired a cosmetics and hair-care company, but running the business didn’t hold his interest. “I wanted to invest in other companies and make deals,” he says.

He became a vice president in the mergers and acquisitions department of The Bear Stearns Companies before securing a position at Wesray Capital, a private equity firm. While there, he led the firm’s investments in Avis Car Rental, Simmons Bedding Company, Wilson Sporting Goods, and other consumer-focused companies. “It was then that I realized what I was made to do,” he says.

Though he never took an economics course at Trinity—“it wasn’t cool in the ’70s”—he says the liberal arts education he received is at the root of his success. He says he enjoyed classes in history, psychology, literature, and art history, most notably a “crazy course” on Alexander the Great with Eugene Davis. “It was beautifully done and taught me about perseverance and focus.”

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DAVID HAYNE '00

*President, Nuuly
Chief Technology Officer, URBN*

"We want to make life easier for people with busy calendars," says David Hayne '00, president of Nuuly, an online clothing rental company.

For a monthly fee, subscribers can rent any six items on the nuuly.com website and return them at the end of the month. If they want to keep an item, they have the option to purchase it online. The company, explains Hayne, offers a way for consumers to add "newness" to their

wardrobes in a more sustainable and cost-effective way.

Nuuly is part of URBN, the parent company of Urban Outfitters, Anthropologie, Free People, and other retailers. The clothes on the Nuuly site are from the URBN sister companies and from other brands, including Levi's, Madewell, and Ralph Lauren. "We want to offer as much variety as possible," says Hayne. "Whatever the occasion is, we want to have something that will work for it."

Though it was launched in 2019, right before the COVID-19 pandemic struck, Nuuly has 380,000 subscribers and a half billion dollars in sales as of September 2025. The business, like so many, suffered during the pandemic, "but we stuck with it. We didn't shutter the company," says Hayne.

Fashion and retail run in the family. Hayne's father, Richard, co-founded Free People in 1970 as an assignment for an entrepreneurship class. The business was incorporated in 1976 as Urban Outfitters and has been growing ever since. The elder Hayne serves as CEO of URBN, and several other family members hold positions within the company.

Hayne joined URBN in 2001. "We were beginning a new initiative with e-commerce, which I was interested in," he says. To gain a better understanding of the business, he spent his first six months folding T-shirts and assisting customers at an Urban Outfitters store in Philadelphia.

Since then, he has held numerous positions within URBN. In 2004, as web development manager, he launched the Free People website, and in 2016, after serving for three years as COO of Free People, he became URBN's chief digital officer. In 2020, he was promoted to chief technology officer. In this position, he focuses on using technology to streamline the company's digital platform and to drive innovation in the retail sector, hence Nuuly.

As a student at Trinity, Hayne met the woman who would become his wife, Jessica Martin Hayne '00. The two have five children, from a high school senior to a fifth grader. An English major, he credits his college experience with developing his writing skills, which he uses daily. Says Hayne, "I learned to write well and form opinions, which comes in handy, whether I am sending an email or forming a pitch."

LINDA WELLS '80

*Founding Editor-in-Chief, Allure
Editor, Air Mail Look
Columnist, Air Mail*

Early in her journalism career, Linda Wells '80 thought it was curious that beauty and fashion were not treated with the rigor, analysis, energy, and humor of other topics. In 1990, when she was tasked by media company Condé Naste to create a new beauty and fashion magazine, she decided to do things differently. *Allure* was first published in 1991, and under Wells's editorship, the magazine brought real reporting to an industry "that was seen as frivolous and superficial," she says.

"I wanted to give the subject respect and liveliness," says Wells, who was editor of *Allure* for 25 years. "I asked questions like, 'How does a product work? Is this legitimate? Is this a scam?'"

She says the magazine gave honest reviews of beauty products—even after numerous companies pulled their advertising. *Allure* also published articles on women's health issues and was the first women's magazine to write about the risks associated with silicone breast implants. "Of course, now we talk about all kinds of things that were once taboo—like Botox and facelifts—but at that time, no one was talking about it," she says. "There was enormous stigma about appearance and any efforts to manipulate it."

Wells began her career at *Vogue*, where she was hired as an assistant. "Which means I fetched coffee and made copies," she says. But in the evenings and on weekends, she would write, and gradually her articles were published in the magazine.

"The writing was everything," she says. "I was learning from the best and taking it all in."

From *Vogue*, she went to *The New York Times*, where she worked as a style reporter. There she learned to approach beauty from a journalistic perspective, she says. Along the way, she also became food editor for *The New York Times Magazine*. "They even sent me to culinary school."

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After leaving *Allure* in 2015, she served as the chief creative officer at Revlon, where she created a makeup line called Flesh.

Since 2019, Wells has been a columnist for the weekly digital magazine *Air Mail* and is the editor of *Air Mail Look*, the magazine's beauty and wellness newsletter. She brings the same journalistic perspective to this position, with recent stories focusing on the torture of swimsuits and the effects of our noisy world on our health.

An English major and studio arts student at Trinity, Wells says she was more interested in creative expression than fashion or beauty as an undergraduate. She particularly enjoyed a poetry writing class with Professor Hugh Ogden and Artist-in-Residence Philip Levine. She notes, "It taught me the love and economy of language." ♦◆◆



Honoring the legacy of Richard O. Hill Jr. '62

The Hill family: Richard O. Hill '62, second from left, and wife Alice, back row, second from right, with their children, Brendan, Koralie, and Kimberly

The Hill family has made a commitment to Trinity College in memory of Richard O. Hill '62 that reflects his lifelong dedication to mathematics and his passion for inspiring students to pursue learning and discovery. This meaningful gift will support Trinity mathematics majors who want to do summer research alongside faculty members, an opportunity that will prepare them for future study and careers in the field.

Richard's love for mathematics and teaching was rooted in his own experience as a Trinity student. He went on to a distinguished career as a mathematics professor, where his work emphasized collaboration, creativity, and the importance of passing on knowledge to the next generation. By establishing this fund, Alice Hill and her family hope that Trinity students will discover the same joy in mathematics that animated Richard's life. They also hope students will be inspired to share that passion with others, carrying forward his legacy of learning, teaching, and mentorship.

The Hill family gift ensures that Richard's memory will live on at Trinity, supporting students and strengthening the College's commitment to academic excellence.



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From the Alumni Office: Mike Peterson writes, "I am writing on behalf of my father, **Thomas L. Peterson**. We lost him on September 8. He always spoke fondly of his time at Trinity, which seems such a magical place. We just received the periodical from Trinity, and I was surprised to see a class [secretary] for 1952! So, I thought about reaching out. When my dad graduated from Trinity in 1952 with a degree in geology, he took a job exploring the oil fields of eastern Venezuela. From there, he spent the rest of his career working in Texas and Louisiana as a petroleum geologist. He is survived by wife Maria, daughter Jennifer, and son Michael, who all live in Houston, Texas. Thank you for keeping my father as part of the Trinity community for all of these years. I know it was a special place for him. Yours, Mike Peterson"

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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
David Taylor reports that he recently talked to **Bunny Meister** and learned that he and his wife had just returned from an 18-day driving trip through Maine, Vermont, and adjoining states. He said that they loved the

trip and the scenery and that the "natives were friendly." The added delight was that he (David) had called him on his birthday (but we didn't learn which one). **Ken Weisberger** sent another batch of funny jokes, most of which were visual this time, often road signs. Bravo, Kenny, keep 'em coming.

I talked to **Charlie Stehle** in early July and then October and learned that he was soon to have a companion in his condominium outside of Philadelphia. The helpful new resident will be his daughter Christie (and occasionally her son Joseph, known as JT). Charlie looks forward to it but worries a little more about her dog, which will join the family as well. His condo is (fortunately) large, but even so, it should be interesting but enjoyable.

I called **Dave Renkert** for an update on his life as well. Physically he is healthy but bothered by stiffness in his hip, which flares up from time to time. His wife lives in a caregiving facility nearby, so David lives alone. He is coping and, like me, has given up fly-fishing. Standing in a fast-moving stream with the uneven ground below is too dangerous for a man of 92. Wise move. He was thrilled that Trinity beat Williams in a tight overtime game last month.

Henry Zachs and I also talked recently. He raised money for another Hillel house and has been actively helping Goodwin University in East Hartford. In gratitude and respect, Goodwin recently awarded him an honorary doctorate for his work at the university. Bravo, Henry!

In early October, I attended (via Zoom) a meeting to discuss and help plan for our 70th Reunion. On the call were **David Taylor**, **Ned Montgomery**, and **Henry Zachs**. It was an informative and useful discussion, and we agreed to work from a class list of the 51 living classmates. This Reunion is scheduled for the weekend of June 4-7, 2026. Please consider coming. I went to the last one (65th), and it was a delightful, meaningful experience.

Finally, I am sad to report that **Daniel Davis** passed away on December 29, 2023, and I forgot to report it in Class Notes at the time. Dan was an active sailor and a U.S. sailing judge around Narragansett Bay and New England and commodore of the Saunderstown Yacht Club. And more

recently, I talked to **Skip Beardsell**. His lovely wife, Libby, passed away in August after a short, intense battle with cancer. He and family were not prepared for this. Skip admits that it is a tough time; they were married for 67 years. Our deepest sympathies to you, old friend.

1957 President: Ward S. Curran • Vice President: Donald B. Stokes • Secretary: James G. Kenefick Jr., james.kenefick.1957@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Ward S. Curran, Neil Day, Donald B. Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin

I'm back again with news from some of our classmates. I need to hear from more of you. As for me, I'm still in court hearing family cases, but down to two days a week.

Ward Curran reports that he is trying to finish the novel *The Summer of '44 and Beyond*, with a final draft by the end of 2025. It is a semi-autobiographical story of a boy and his grandfather. Hope to hear more about it soon.

I also had a nice note from **Steve Letcher**. He reports, "My granddaughters took steps forward this year. Anna finished her M.S. in mechanical engineering specializing in wind-power blades, and Sophie (daughter of Ben '85) finished her Ph.D. in biomedical engineering. I stepped in the other direction, moving to a senior residence, Brightview Commons in Wakefield, Rhode Island. Need a walker but otherwise doing OK." Wow! You must be so proud of those girls.

I received the following from **Mel Tews**: "In July, I spent a week visiting my daughter's family in Minneapolis. We enjoyed a couple days sailing on a nice lake. Ate at some different types of restaurants, one of which allowed dogs and treated their dog, Scruffy, well. Attended two Cubs vs. Twins games, which unfortunately the Cubs lost. We visited the George Floyd memorial area of the city. Officials of the city are still debating what memorial is appropriate. The local residents thought the 87-degree days were hot, while this Floridian thought they were quite pleasant."

Jerry Channell reports that as of September 2025, he and Mary were still out of their home due to damage from one of the hurricanes that hit their area. He and Mary are doing well under these circumstances

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but can't wait to get back into their home. Jerry sends a big hello to all.

Fred Tobin and Carol live in Equinox Village, an assistant living facility in Manchester, Vermont, according to Carol. They have their own apartment and are enjoying meeting new people and participating in various activities, including listening to the opera, which is livestreamed from the archives of the Metropolitan Opera House.

Jim Bradley reports, "I celebrated my 90th birthday with family at the end of March. They had rented a farmhouse in Bolton, Connecticut. In addition to Patty and me, at the gathering were four children, two of six grandchildren, and two daughters-in-law, which included Peter '87, Emily (Miller) '89, and Michael Bradley '98. Friday night we ate in and enjoyed the requisite ice cream and a magnificent cake baked by Emily. Saturday noon we were at Max Fish in Glastonbury, and later all attended a concert by the Manchester Symphony Orchestra and Chorale, in which Pete plays viola. The weekend was chilly, gray, and misty, but the rolling pastureland divided by wooden fences was very atmospheric. Also, the farm's creamery was just a bit up the hill for those who craved more ice cream."

As reported last time, I hope to hear from everyone with news that is fit to print. Otherwise, I will start sharing news of my six kids, 16 grandkids, and nine great-grandkids.

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

1959 Vice President: William R. Abeles Sr. • Secretary: Robert L. Harnish, robert.harnish.1959@trincoll.edu

Charlie Nichols writes that he and Linda are actively looking at age 55-plus places but have not made any decisions. The thought of moving after a lifetime of collecting is

mind-boggling. He says, "The kids are coming to visit to select stuff they want. That will get us started . . . then we can give to museums and auction stuff off." They have decided against buying into a continuing care residential community, which includes independent living, assisted living, memory care, etc. on one campus. He says, "When one of us dies, we want the other to have the flexibility to move closer to family."

Michael Palmer says he enjoyed the 65th Reunion so much, he hopes for another one. Ken also is eager to read **Herb Moorin's** memoir, which he believes should be finished soon.

Ken Lessall says, "Quiet summer on Palm Beach, still in touch with **Paul Kardon** and **Shep Scheinberg** and follow college emails. Healthy as far as I know."

As for me, **Bob Harnish**, Nancy and I are on the wait list of two retirement communities with cottages and apartments plus a meal plan and many activities and facilities. It's important to us that we do not have to move until we are ready, but we have the option if some health issue makes living independently difficult. Always good to have options and contingency plans. Otherwise, eager to learn more about Trinity's new president, Daniel Lugo, and to follow Bantam sports.

I am pleased to report that a cousin's grandson is Trinity Class of 2026, majoring in history and economics, member of the men's lacrosse team, inducted into Chi Alpha Sigma (scholar-athlete society), fall semester 2024 in Barcelona . . . really loving the whole Trinity experience.

This just in: We learned that **Robert Pizzella** passed away in August 2025. His widow, Gerri, shares that Robert volunteered regularly for the annual Trinity phonathon and enjoyed attending the annual Trinity-Wesleyan football game followed by dinner with classmates. He loved walking the grounds and enjoyed the beauty of the campus.

1960 President: George P. Kroh • Vice President: Murray H. Morse Jr. • Secretary: Edward M. Cimilluca, edward.cimilluca.1960@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Edward M. Cimilluca, George P. Kroh, Charles J. Middleton, Murray H. Morse Jr. After our wonderful 65th Reunion in June, it's tough to follow up with more great news, but the gifts keep coming. At Reunion, the Class of '60 was selected as the recipient of the Board of Fellows Award. This is a trophy

awarded to the class with the most outstanding class spirit based on attendance at Reunion plus support of the Alumni Fund.

Tim Baum realized a lifetime dream with a trip to Kenya and great sightings of animals in their natural habitat.

Clark Phippen and Louise live in Mystic, Connecticut, and love it, plus they spend much time in Maine. Seems like a great combination.

Tony Phillips acts as chief caregiver for his wife and lives in Chicago. Tony is a professor emeritus at the Art Institute of Chicago and a highly regarded artist in his own right.

Kenny Lyons sent me a note about **Jim Gavin**, who traveled to Baltimore with wife Robin and had the pleasure of walking his 5-year-old granddaughter to her first day of school. Kenny is recuperating from surgery to remove a growth in his throat and doing well.

Matt Levine still travels at warp speed from his home in California. He plans to go to Florida, then Bermuda, and then Manhattan, all the time visiting classmates, including **Lee Kalcheim**, **Jack LeMothe**, and **Marv Peterson**.

George Kroh is still the Energizer bunny, traveling far and wide with trips to Chatham, Massachusetts, on the Cape; then a trip to Glen Arbor, Michigan; and then a trip to Boston. Finally, on a very troubling note, George and Caroline went up to Minneapolis to visit their son Pierce and family. One of George's grandkids, Ruth, was at the Annunciation Church when shots were fired; two of her classmates were killed, and others were seriously wounded. What a horrible experience for a 13-year-old to go through.

Charlie Middleton has put on his missing persons hat and tracked down the whereabouts of **Sam Aliano**, who unfortunately is not doing well.

Had a nice talk with **Barry Royden**, who had cardiac surgery in September and at last report was home recuperating.

Lastly, spoke recently with **Aaron Fleischman**, who in addition to his great interest in fine art also is fast becoming a savvy investor in the world of Rhode Island municipal bonds. How's that for an interesting combination?

One last thought from **Tim Baum**, our poet laureate: "Eighty-Seven" Eighty-seven: hopefully / Still several years from Heaven. / Heaven might be beautiful, / Quite comfortable, and lush, / But let's be realistic guys — / There really is no rush.

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1961 Co-President: Peter H. Kreisel • Co-President: Vincent R. Stempien • Secretary: William Kirtz, william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: George P. Lynch Jr., Douglas T. Tansill **Mike Kauff** is "looking forward to seeing all in June. Our daughter, Amanda '94, is on the Board of Trustees and lives in London. Two grandkids are in the U.S.: granddaughter is at Williams, and grandson is at Dartmouth. One son was a lawyer but now is a full-time ski instructor in Aspen, and our other son is a busy bond trader. We live in a (Plymouth, Massachusetts) apartment, having chosen to give up the responsibility of ownership. We take it a day at a time easily."

Bill Scully's 12 grandchildren include two at Trinity: sophomore Kelsey Scully and first-year Carly Strobeck. Both hope to play lacrosse. Another granddaughter, high school senior Reese Scully, is named after **Tom Reese**, her dad's godfather.

Frank Brosgol notes that **Mike Perlman's** grandson is a student at Semmelweis Medical College in Budapest. His son, Adam '90, lives in Israel and was a classmate of Frank's son, David.

Carl Zimmerman is "still hale and hearty enough to drive solo cross-country to visit family and attend conventions."

1962 President: Charles L. Hoffman • Vice President: Michael W. Creighton • Co-Secretary: John Densem, john.densem.1962@trincoll.edu • Co-Secretary: Frederick M. Pryor, frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Michael W. Creighton, Charles L. Hoffman Classmates, we happily heard from **George Will** recently. He says, "Petrarch called writing a disease. I caught the disease with [*The Trinity*] *Tripod* 57 years ago [Secretary's note: I think it was 62-plus years ago], and it (and I) persist. At 84, I am still writing 100 columns a year. I am approaching 7,000 for my career. I am, as usual, writing a book and speaking around the country. I have always thought that the free market price system is rational, but I am no longer so sure because I am paid handsomely for doing what I would happily do unpaid."

Rod Day sends a note to pass along his comment to our classmates who continue to like to travel. He recommends a seven-day cruise to the fjords in Norway. He says that they sailed with Ponant, a French company. It has smaller ships (100 or so passengers) that can go into coastal waters that the big

ships can't navigate. He says the food aboard was French and added a "*très bien*."

Our 65th Reunion is less than 18 months away from when you are reading this. We encourage you, classmates, to start thinking about what you would like to see and/or hear at that Reunion. There may be a short organ recital, again, on the magnificent Chapel organ by our esteemed Chapel organist, Christopher Houlihan '09, with any donations going to the Chapel's music programs. This will be my "gift," again. Your suggestions for Reunion events are welcome at any time as we prepare for that Reunion. (I, **John Densem**, will definitely make the next one, God willing. No excuses this time.)

Tom Bundy, a.k.a. **Peter Bundy**, submitted the following: (parentheticals by your secretary) "On March 19, 2020, the governor of Florida essentially shut down the state, giving recognition to the fact that the country was truly involved in a pandemic. It occurred to me that we were at a very critical point in our history, and I decided to start writing about it, not just about COVID-19 but about other news issues as well, business, politics, sports, international events, any of myriad topics, with the focus being how the pandemic was changing all of our lives. With everything being shuttered from March 19, it was easy to feel closed in—isolated—living the life of a hermit, and hence the title of my publication(s). Then, on May 25, 2020, the death of George Floyd at the hands of Minneapolis police was reported, and the country entered a whole new era of social introspection, along with much violence, and, of course, much more to write about. Early on, the *Hermit Herald* came to the attention of Arizona State University, which was heading up an effort by 40 colleges and universities to archive a wide variety of information during this period, everything from private journals, to movies, artwork, etc., and my first 150 issues are all part of that collection today. Those 150 issues are contained in a two-volume set under the name, *Plague and Ire 2020–2023* (available on Amazon.com). (These are priced almost ridiculously inexpensively and are very interesting reads.) I wrote my 150th issue on the third anniversary (of the outbreak of the pandemic), March 19, 2023, and put away my pen. At the urging of some misguided friends, the hermit came out of his cave and started a new *Hermit Herald* publication in January 2024, and issue 42 is in circulation. Anyone wishing to be on the mailing list, please contact me at bundytf@aol.com."



Charles Classen '62, center, joins a conductor and engineer in front of a small-gauge train in Portland, Maine, in September 2025.

Lastly, please forward any news at any time that you wish your co-secretaries (**Fred Pryor**, fpryor@tfcfinancial.com, and **John Densem**, johnawdensem@gmail.com) to consider for inclusion in future Class Notes columns. We can't do this without your contributions!

1963 President: Timothy F. Lenicheck • Vice President: Mike Schulenberg • Secretary: Thomas E. Calabrese, thomas.calabrese.1963@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Scott Reynolds Dear fellow Trinity alums, here are a few news items from the Class of 1963:

From **Henry May**: "Joanie and I moved 15 months ago from Essex, Connecticut, to a retirement community, StoneRidge, in Mystic, Connecticut. We went from 3,500 square feet to 1,300, but it all worked. We are healthy, but the timing was right, and our children were/are supportive. We are very happy here, involved in various activities and meeting interesting new friends. Our old friends are watching us closely to see if it works. Our best to you all, Henry"

From **Ihor "Zach" Zachary**: "I am saddened to read as more and more of our classmates are departing from us. It does point out the fact that we are all approaching this 'middle age' and that these notices will become more frequent—unfortunately! I for one am thankful for the wonderful life that I have had and that I am still alive, active and enjoying my family. I have survived two cancers and am still on treatment but am doing well.

I retired early (at age 81, two years ago) but am keeping busy with my three kids and seven grandkids, all within 15 minutes of my house. Since my kids all married very late, my grandkids range from 13 to 3 (just getting out of diapers!). One of the reasons for my ‘early’ retirement was the fact that my daughter developed metastatic lung cancer and is undergoing various treatments. In addition, as I explained at some of our Zoom meetings, I am very involved with providing medical help and supplies to the countless victims of the Putin/Russian invasion of the country of my birth. I don’t know how this will end, but the daily tragedies of kids without limbs, bodies with 80 percent burns, death, and destruction are causing so much pain and make me cry every day. As you know, medical supplies and equipment are all very expensive, but we keep plugging along with various fundraisers and many efforts to procure discounts and logistical help from wherever we can. Stay well, my friends.”

From **Dave Holroyd**: “It is a joyful thing indeed to feel fully reconnected with Trinity after a few lapses over the years! Reconnecting began with participating in the dedication of the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship two years ago followed by last year’s Bicentennial and 60th Reunion and then Homecoming in the fall. My deepest thanks to all classmates who have reached out to me after the death of my spouse, Snookie, last year and for welcoming me back into your midst. I am enjoying a new phase of retirement after 56 years of ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church and 53 years of marriage to the same woman! Bless you all!”

From **Rick Ashworth**: “Last fall, I finally made it to the Arctic Ocean in my Roadtrek camper van, now with over 166,000 miles. My trip took me through Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and finally the Northwest Territories. Other than the road (a truck route) to Prudhoe Bay in Alaska, there is only one road that reaches the Arctic Ocean, and that is through the Northwest Territories. My trip took me 6,153 miles, 24 days, 464 gallons of gas, 1 windshield, and 2 tires . . . the van performed exceptionally well. Of all those miles, a little over 1,800 were on unpaved roads with copious potholes and very slimy mud as I had rain and snow most days. I am still cleaning the mud from the van and readying it for the next long road trip, which I haven’t picked out yet. Saskatchewan has piqued my interest, so we’ll see. Cheers, Rick”

From **Eli Karson**: “Since last report, I have had a couple of visitors track me down in the desert. Judy and **Kim Waterhouse** were in town, and we got together for dinner. Additionally, **Hunter Marvel** was in Tucson and came out to the hacienda for a visit and lunch at the local watering hole. On a more dramatic note, I managed to survive a crash by an unlicensed 20-year-old, but my car didn’t. Anyway, I have new wheels. I am flying to Denver to do a Wyoming road trip with **Dan Strammello** and planning a summer return to New England and a fall trip to Greece. Otherwise, still hanging around. All the best, Eli”

Note: **Richard Birney-Smith** recently published the first volume of his memoirs, *Recollections & Reflections*. Its 356 pages cover 1941–81 and include four reflections (i.e., personal essays) and eight pages of black-and-white and color photographs, with 10 percent of the book devoted to his Trinity years, from application in 1959 through his marriage to Thalia in the College Chapel in 1963. The book is available in either hard-cover or paperback on Amazon.

1964 Secretary: Robert A. Spencer, robert.spencer.1964@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Robert Spencer
Jeff Chandor writes that he and Mary hosted a gathering of 1964 ADs, an event that used to happen every two years but now happens annually due to thinning ranks. “Our seaside town of Little Compton, Rhode Island, was the scene of much sporting, wining, dining, and reminiscing. Brothers **Dick Brainerd**, **Mike Feirstein**, **Mike Malm**, **Frank McCann**, **Tom Monahan**, **Buzz Tompkins**, invited guest **Ted Pettus**, and wonderful wives all survived the event. We are casting lots to see who will host next year’s gathering.”

Charlie Francis has sent word from his home in Beaufort, South Carolina, that his wife of 52 years, Becky, died 2½ years ago. “This past summer, I spent two months with my daughter, Katherine, in Michigan, a real treat in avoiding the heat and humidity of the South. Son Tyler lives in Providence, Rhode Island. All is well, and I have fond memories of Trinity.”

Bill Burnham reports that once again he led his yacht club, The Corinthians, as cruise chair to Maine for an eight-day cruise. Twenty-six boats and 80 sailors participated, starting in Belfast and ending with a joyous wrap-up dinner at the Camden Yacht Club. He then went on to Nova Scotia to

help a fellow Corinthian bring his sailboat back to Cape Breton Island. Upon arriving, Hurricane Erin threatened the North Atlantic. “Instead of cruising and basking in the warm waters of Cape Breton Island’s Bras d’Or, we scooted southwest to a harbor of refuge, Halifax, in 35-knot winds—not pleasant—but it was a heck of a sail!”

Jeff Thomases writes, “In early September, Mary Kay and I are headed to New England to visit some old, dear friends of hers. From there we head on to Provence, France, for three weeks in an Airbnb on the edge of Gordes. Two years ago, we did a similar trip to Brittany and loved it! I am thinking of retiring at the end of 2026. It’s been a great run.”

Speaking of Provence, your class secretary, **Bob Spencer**, was enjoying spring warmth at our secondary home in Vaison-la-Romaine (an hour north of Gordes) when news reached us that a devastating tornado had ripped through the Central West End of Saint Louis on May 16, not far from our primary residence. Neighbors just to the west of us had major damage to their homes with roofs torn off and mature trees sheared off at their roots! We were just east of the paths of the mile-wide funnel but still had windows blown out of cars and damage to the apartment building where we reside. Otherwise, it has been a great year!

From the Alumni Office: **David Curry** reports: “The Beineke Library at Yale University has purchased and will preserve an archive of correspondence, manuscripts, corrected proofs, and other items associated with *Apple*, the poetry journal I independently edited and published from 1967 through 1976. Poets represented in the archive include A.R. Ammons, Wendell Berry, and Denise Levertov. My extensive collection of first editions of modern American and British literature, including limited and signed or inscribed editions, is being dispersed by Freeman’s/Hindman Auctions. Books from the collection should be showing up in antiquarian bookshops and rare book dealers’ catalogs.”

1965 President: David O. Williams • Vice President: Jon D. Simonian • Secretary: Robert D. DePietro Jr., robert.depietro.1965@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Robert H. Mason
Hello, Class of ’65. By the time this issue of *The Trinity Reporter* comes out, the smoke from local November 2025 elections held in certain jurisdictions are well behind us

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in chronological time but have embers that smolder and refuse to die out. Uncertain how or whether we even want to dampen those embers, we tend to trudge along, one day at a time. Some of us have been involved in government and politics in one form or another either directly by personal choice or indirectly because of existential realities at the time. Perhaps we were inspired by enlightened Trinity liberal arts curricula and exceptionally gifted professors.

Most of us octogenarians still alive and of sound mind have acquired wisdom we carry along in our back pockets—available to our children, grandkids, and great-grandkids—if only they asked or wanted. But AI, the internet, and cell phones seem to have greater interest and hold. I can’t help but wonder how our own early-1960 years at Trinity might have been different if any of those tech creations existed in a viable way back then! So, rather than the typical Class Notes columns about travel, visits, books written, and other announcements, more likely to interest grads of the ’70s, ’80s, and later (though always welcome and interesting), I thought it might be fun to go on a different path and share some thoughts you may have on how you think Trinity might have been different back then as if those technologies were already here. If this interests you, let me know, and I’ll summarize responses for a future issue. Be creative. Let’s impress our new president! Thanks, Bob

From **John Losse**: “Bob, thanks for taking this on. Here are a few things that sort of fit your guidelines, a few things that stand out as memorably pre-tech: ‘The pill’ was out but not widely available. There was a copy machine (called Docustat?) in the library, 25 cents a copy. The library had a large smoking room near the main entrance. Grade point

averages were calculated by hand. There were errors. Pay phones were necessary. Not much privacy.”

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1966 President: Randolph M. “Randy” Lee • Secretary: Randolph M. “Randy” Lee, randolph.lee@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Joseph A. Hourihan
The first and most important thing to share with our class is that our 60th Reunion is coming up in a few months. This is a big one, and we really want a lot of our class to join us on campus in June. There’s much to look at: new athletic facilities, including new squash courts, and most importantly, a new president! Also, as I mentioned in my letter to you several months ago, several of us talked last year about wanting to do something special with our class as an event at our Reunion, so please call me, email me, or send me information via carrier pigeon your ideas about what we might do. The Reunion Committee is being formed, and if you have an interest in helping, let me know that immediately as well.

Meanwhile, **Toby Hall** tells us that for 53 years, he and wife Jan lived in Dartmouth, Massachusetts, where he pursued a career in American material culture in service to several museums and historical societies. He and Jan raised two sons there. He reports, “I was president of the Dartmouth Natural Resources Trust, owned and sailed a 25-foot Friendship sloop, mostly on Buzzards Bay for 23 years, and operated a hobby letterpress printing shop for 20 years. My principal retirement activity was to write and publish a series of small books on my family history. My approach was to take it a subject at a time, so that my family would have something to read while I worked on the next one. My idea was that if I embarked on one hefty volume and did not live to see it through the press, at least they would have something. We moved to Kennett Square, Pennsylvania, the first week in September and became residents of Kendal at Longwood, an outstanding continuing care retirement community. While regretting the distance we have moved and the separation from many friends of half a century, we came to the difficult decision that this was the right course for us to live out whatever time we have left. This makes a visit to our younger son possible as a day trip and brings us a lot closer to our older son and his family. We are just over five miles from the Winterthur Museum, where I earned my

M.A., so we are familiar with the territory and still have a few friends here.”

Tom Anderson reports from Damariscotta, Maine, a town known as the Napa Valley of Oysters, that he continues to find new ways to stay active as a means to “rejuvenate” and remain cogent. He is president of his town’s Rotary Club, which keeps him quite busy, and he encourages us to consider joining our local Rotary, as it’s a fun service organization that he finds gives much back to the communities it serves. Sometimes, however, as a leader, you must fall on the sword, which he has done by volunteering to be the object of a dunk-tank contest at an upcoming Rotary event. Unfortunately, if you know anything about Maine, you know it’s cold in November!

Jim Shepard writes that he has moved from Philadelphia to Chatham, Massachusetts, and is getting used to retirement. He reports frequently seeing **Brian Grimes** and **Nick Harris**.

Ray Egan tells us that shortly after graduation, he married his sweetheart, retired at 51, started a tech business, sold it, and retired again. He has collected art and antiques since college, loves to garden and to hunt upland birds, and fly-fishing. “I live in midcoastal Maine with two English setters and spend as much time as possible at my remote camp in Northern Maine. I had dinner recently with **Ted Rorer** and speak now and then with **David Lloyd**.”

Rod Van Sciver shares, “Life is good for the Van Scivers. We continue to live in Rye, New Hampshire, in the summer and Vail in the winter. We are still skiing. Our kids are in Denver and Jackson Hole, so we get to see them and our one grandson who is turning 15 this fall. This summer, our son Jed, his wife, son, and I sailed two days to Nova Scotia on our 40-foot sailboat. After a couple days’ setback with some last-minute repairs, we set off into a stiff Nor’east 20-knot wind that didn’t let up until Nova Scotia was in view. The kids thought it was great fun. Nancy wisely chose to take the ferry over to meet us in Yarmouth. Why does my wife always make better decisions than I do? Our daughter-in-law, Priscila, is from Brazil, so we are all going there over Thanksgiving to spend time with her family. We have traveled a lot in South America over the years but never to Brazil, so I am looking forward to seeing a bit of the country. Nancy and I are still very involved in our African education nonprofit. We provide scholarships for kids in high school and university and then work with them to find a



Charley Kurz '67 visits with Kurz Family Scholar Frieda Seo '26 and Class of 1967 Scholars Madyson Hemlin '29 and Erica Jansch '29 on campus in late October 2025.

job. We have 1,000 kids in school and another 350 out in the job market. It has been great fun. We have made many wonderful friends here and in Kenya. We go over every year.”

With characteristic modesty, **Jeff Witherwax** writes, “I always assume that no one is interested, but here goes. Jane and I celebrated our 56th wedding anniversary. Wow! We continue to travel as much as possible. Spent three weeks in Scotland this summer and a trip to North Carolina. We plan to go to the Dominican Republic, England, Scotland, Wales, Portugal, and Spain in 2026. Golf is part of each trip, but touring is becoming more a part as time goes on and golf skills erode. We feel blessed to be in reasonably good health. Grandson Ted is continuing the Trinity tradition. His parents Rob and Cate are Trin 1998, but he is at Trinity College Dublin instead of being a Bantam. He is studying environmental engineering. Granddaughter Cate graduated from Rhode Island School of Design in May.”

I continue to enjoy life in La Mesa, California, in a duplex with my middle daughter, son-in-law, and one of my granddaughters, who is a senior in high school and applying for colleges, mostly on the East Coast. Go figure: After spending my whole professional career in Connecticut, I move West, and she’s planning on being back in the East!

Stay in touch, and plan on Hartford in June!

1967 President: Charles Kurz II • Vice President: Alan S. Weinstein • Secretary: James L. O’Connor, james.oconnor.1967@trincoll.edu • Class

Agents: Alex Levi, Jim Oliver • [f/groups/trinman1967](#)

Class of 1967, once again, thanks to everyone who took time from their busy retirement lives to check in.

We start with **Bob Tuttle**, who sends a special greeting. “Congratulations to all my classmates on turning 50 this year! (As a computer science guy. I find it best to keep my age in hexadecimal.)” That gave me a flashback to freshman math—and not in a good way.

Our class president emeritus, **Jeff Fox**, has finished yet another book. He says, “*The Reporter* should do a story on my books. *NYT* bestsellers, over 50 languages, over 100 countries, 225 international titles. Trinity is always in my book bios. I get calls all the time from alums, students, and some faculty asking about writing and publishing.” Jeff also is a children’s book author.

John Ray, after many years playing senior softball, has found a new pastime. “Several years ago, I joined as a charter member of the Great Bridge Chapter (Virginia) of the Sons of the American Revolution. This year I took over the job of registrar, assisting prospects in filling out their application with the proper genealogical documentation. It’s a great way to find interesting historical facts. Also, my family has been going to the Outer Banks since 1976 for a family reunion and fishing trip. This year our reunion is in South Nags Head in October. It will coincide with my 80th birthday celebration.”

Rob Boas writes, “We have made plans to take our whole family on a Disney cruise to the eastern Caribbean in December 2026 to

celebrate my wife’s and my 80th birthdays, which will occur in 2026.”

My family is still trying to decide how to honor my 80th. Robby and Teddy are pushing for a combined Palm Springs/Las Vegas fiesta. And Jane (who once took Robby and Teddy to Las Vegas in August!) is on board. Stay tuned for updates.

Great news. There are three new Class of 1967 Scholars: Erica Jansch ’29, Sean Boyle ’27, and Madyson Hemlin ’29.

Best always, Jim (oconnor:jim11@gmail.com)

1968 President: Paul H. Jones • Vice President: Michael Lestz • Secretary: Daniel L. Goldberg, daniel.goldberg.1968.trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Barry Bedrick • Class Ambassadors: Emil Angelica, George Barrows, Ken Button, Daniel L. Goldberg, Malcolm L. Hayward, Bennett Jaffee, Paul H. Jones, Michael Lestz, Christopher McCrudden, Joseph McKeigue, Douglas Morrill, Stephen Peters, Richard Pullman, Lawrence Roberts, Geoffrey Steinemann, Richard Weingarten

About 20 of our classmates spent a beautiful day on campus in October celebrating the life of our president emeritus/president for life, **Larry Roberts**, who had passed away earlier in the year. The day started with a service in the Chapel led by **Parker Prout** that included readings by Larry’s adult children and a eulogy by **Barry Bedrick** that masterfully captured Larry’s grace and sense of humor. Classmates were joined by two of our Class of ’68 Scholars, Anupam Khargharia ’26 and Aila Farrell ’28, who are thriving at Trinity. Following the service, we moved to the new Scully Center for a preview of the upcoming football game against Tufts by Coach Devanney, who added kind words about Larry as part of his comments. Then the blowout of Tufts, with a truly fitting final score of 41–14—fitting because Larry’s football jersey was No. 41! Makes you believe in some higher power!

The postgame reception featured remarks by a number of our classmates. We were treated to film and tales not only of Larry’s gridiron prowess (watching film of **Kim Miles** pitching the ball off to Larry for a big gain brought back memories of an almost undefeated season in our senior year, marred only by a two-point loss to Amherst in a game where Trinity missed four extra points!) but also of his love of language and joy in his thespian adventures. (Your secretary had seen Larry perform as Mortimer in *The*



Alumni, family, and friends gather on October 4, 2025, to celebrate the life of former class president and football captain Larry Roberts '68.

Fantasticks in a small summer stock theater in rural Maine about 40 years ago!) **Barry Bedrick** read a number of Larry’s postgame tales from their “Old Farts Baseball Tour,” where they saw games in every major league stadium. Larry was a fabulous raconteur and was a very skilled writer, as evidenced by these reports. **Kim Miles** had some wonderful stories about how Larry’s performances on the field somehow got recast by the media as Kim’s successes rather than Larry’s. For example, a short pass to Larry that he took 70 yards for a touchdown got reported as Kim having thrown for a 70-yard touchdown! **Doug Morrill** recounted how he met Larry freshman year and over time found they had three things in common: football, majors in history, and “ineptitude with women.” The latter was clearly overcome later by each, and Larry’s wife, Deb, who joined us for the day, is exhibit A on that point. **Tom Nary** had a great story of traveling with Larry to the Pacific Northwest. When taking the northern route home, they were detained by the authorities, given how suspicious it was that they drove back and forth over the Canadian border. Could there be some explanation other than transporting illegal drugs? **Paul Jones**, Larry’s successor as our alumni class president, told about how much their friendship had grown with weekly calls that started with the planning for our 50th Reunion. Barry Sheckley ’69, a teammate, made the point that these stories, and Larry’s influence on so many, will live on indefinitely. Larry’s importance as a teammate, classmate, and someone who had great love for Trinity and our class were evident throughout the day. As best we can

tell, this may have been the first time a class has ever honored one of its classmates in this fashion.

Among those who made it to campus for this day of celebration, in addition to those mentioned above (and my apologies if I’ve missed you), were **Daniel Goldberg, Joe McKeigue, Ralph White, John Nareff, Rich Morris, Rich Weingarten, John Miller, Bill Dickey, Dave Lauretti, Walt Harrison, Joe Saginor, Ben Jaffee, Mike Lestz, and Lew Goverman**.

It is said that a key to keeping our minds agile is to learn and do new things. Here are a few: **Steve Peters** not only audits courses in Greek and Roman history but also takes the exams, finding that studying for them helps the long-term retention of the materials. **John Miller** chartered (and drove) a boat on the Canal du Midi in France for a week, which included a stop at the medieval fortress in Carcassonne. That experience with his wife and another couple was followed by a weeklong bike trip with his wife (their 12th such excursion and John’s first with an e-bike) in the Dordogne Valley (and then a week in Paris with family). John is effusive about the e-bike experience, believing that it may add a decade to his biking career. And **John Nareff** and his wife traveled Mount Rushmore and Devils Tower before going all over Yellowstone Park. John strongly recommends we add these places to our bucket lists—arduous but well worth it.

Last summer, your secretary hosted a number of our classmates at his vacation home in Maine, including **George Fosque, Stu Edelman, Joe McKeigue, Joe Saginor, John Vail, and Ben Jaffee**, as well as some of

our respective better halves. The highlight was a three-day Olympic-style competition between the United States, Ukraine, and Norway (since those were the only flags I had) in which the events included the opening parade “silly walk,” a human ring toss (don’t ask!), shadow boxing, bocce, Frisbee tossing, giant Jenga, and an unmentionable use of balloons. Extra points were given for performing with an alcoholic drink in hand. The team representing Norway came away with a hotly contested win.

And finally, our latest Class of ’68 Scholar in under way as a first-year. Tajudeen (TJ) Abisogun ’29, from London, was selected from among a remarkable group of candidates. His personal story is compelling. He grew up in a tough section of London, and tragedy and fortuity turned his life away from the local gang culture to excelling academically and pursuing various socially conscience activities. We anticipate that his trajectory not only will continue at Trinity but also will enhance and be enhanced by his Trinity experience. We have four ’68 Scholars matriculating on campus, one in each class, and the scholarship continues to provide needed resources to our alma mater.

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Carl Fridy and wife Jean traveled to Gothenburg, Sweden, in July, which caused Carl to wonder if anyone has been in touch with Kjell Hole ’68. Carl and Jean are relocating their summer home from Assateague Island, Maryland, to Longport, New Jersey. Carl has endured the trauma of giving up his work email address. He writes, “I hope you never have to go through this process of losing the only email address and computer you’ve ever used, but it’s not one to look forward to for us 78-year-olds! Hopefully, it will result in less junk mail (for a while at least), and I’ll no longer have to be taking mandatory computer security courses from the firm.”

Leif Washer had retired as a board-certified periodontist when the periodontology chairman at UConn School of Dental Medicine asked him to return to teaching. “I enjoyed teaching and am looking forward to remaining sharp mentally and flattered they would want back a retired, 78-year-old retired dentist. I have been happily



Randy Gordon '69, Jean Cadogan, Lele Miller Barkhausen, Henry Barkhausen '69, Andy Haynes '69, and Linda Haynes relax on board *Champion* on Lake Michigan in August 2025.

retired and am still with my wife of 56 years, Mary, and three married daughters and six grandchildren.”

Herb Wigder reports, “**Larry** and Susan **Whipple** and **Herb** and Cathy **Wigder** enjoyed the Cubs game together in Chicago on August 15. Following the game, we treated ourselves to the Grant Park Music Festival for a performance of *Carmina Burana*. Always much to enjoy with friends in Chicago. And we are all enjoying retirement.”

In August 2025, **Henry** and **Lele Barkhausen** hosted a reunion of roommate **Andy** and **Linda Haynes** and **Randy Gordon** and **Jean Cadogan** on the shores of Lake Michigan for a week of sailing old wooden boats. **Andy** and **Henry** are resisting retirement, but **Jean** and I think it is great!

1970 **President: John L. Bonee III**
• **Vice President: Ernest J. Mattei** • **Secretary: John L. Bonee III, john.bonee.1970@trincoll.edu** • **Class Agents: Joseph A. Barkley III, Ernest J. Mattei Pete Brinckerhoff, Charlie Taylor, Dan Reilert, and Paul Herron** are continuing to work on the production of the CD that they created at our Reunion titled *Those Were the Days*. Peter has consulted an artist whom he knows from his high school class in Fairhaven, New Jersey, who, as a lifelong artist, is willing to assist with the creation of a cover that will

be meaningfully eclectic and artistically cartoonish. Dan and Peter organized the musical choreography, and Charlie is going to organize, in cooperation with the Alumni Office, the registration of everyone who is interested. Hopefully, by the time you read these Class Notes, the CD will be ready for you. With everyone contributing, it will happen, and I’m certain that it will be a huge success.

I enjoyed talking with **Peter Orgain** at our past Reunion about our mutual interest in psychology and various aspects of the direction our society seems to be heading. When I asked Peter if he had read *Healing* by Thomas Insel, M.D., former director of the National Institute of Mental Health, a truly excellent review of current initiatives in psychology from a national perspective undeniably listing successes and failures, he had not. But the question caused him to respond that healing is always on his mind. In fact, he is from a family of healers. Peter was a therapist for years, and his older son, Nathan, received a special award from the University of Utah medical school for his exceptional contributions as a doctor. Nate’s wife, Nicole, is a P.A. who specializes in cancer treatments, and their daughter, Quinn, wants to become a doctor as well. She is in her second year at the University of Utah. This past summer, they planned a fabulous

family reunion in the Adirondacks. Somehow being around Peter is healing in and of itself.

Another memorable conversation for me at our Reunion was with **Steve Hamilton**. Steve has always been an inspiration to so many of us, given his phenomenal athleticism with crew and relentless lifelong self-conditioning. Steve made a point of walking over to my table at the huge College convocation midday Saturday to catch up. His spontaneity was extremely flattering and much appreciated. We talked about how fast time goes by and how we must force ourselves to remember to seize each moment in our lives. We agreed that one moment in the day that should not be neglected, or abbreviated, is breakfast. In our ever-busy lives, breakfast must be treasured, and its conversation embellished with leisurely reminiscing as much as possible. It not only should be the most healthy and balanced meal of the day but also should enable us to truly savor what we are about to enjoy with those we love who will be part of that day with us. I try to actualize that priceless wisdom every time my eyes widen to the first rays of light in the morning.

I’m looking forward to experiencing as many of you as possible at Homecoming and the investiture of our new president. It is projected to be a spectacular picture-perfect blue October sky over Trinity’s green fields in the afternoon for all the sports events. Sure hope I pick up some good stories from you along the Long Walk.

We have heard from the son of classmate **Abdillahi Haji**, who is back in the United States these days. He would love to hear from all of us, and he wants us to have his email address, Am13haji@icloud.com. Please send him an email.

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1971 **President: David M. Sample**
• **Vice President: Robert H. Muller** • **Co-Secretary: Deborah Gwazda, deborah.gwazda.1971@trincoll.edu** • **Co-Secretary: Howard Weinberg, howard.weinberg.1971@trincoll.edu** • **Class Agents: Robert Muller, Clinton Vince Jim Valerie Chesney** writes: “I’m well and living in Huntsville, Alabama, with my wife of 44 years, Valerie. Retired from a career in health care administration five years ago. Primarily consumed with my three G’s: grandchildren, golf, and gardening. Best wishes to all my Trin mates”
Nick Booth writes, “We are back in the U.S. war zone after a wonderful three months in

Ireland and a brief visit to our daughter’s family in North Holland. Unfortunately, news in Ireland is dominated by the U.S. president and the administration’s tariffs. Ireland has a high dependence on pharmaceuticals and technology exports. A sharp hike in tariffs would be painful. Other than that, we had one of the best summers for farming, with moderate rain, mild temperatures, and record harvests.”

David Sample writes that in mid-August, he and Heidi had a wonderful vacation in Greece. “Five days in Athens followed by a seven-day cruise to several islands and Turkey. Highlights included day trips and tours of Delphi, Corinth, Ephesus, and, of course, the Acropolis. The weather was wonderful, as was the food; the only thing missing was Dr. Davis sharing his knowledge.”

Bob LaRose writes from Montrose, Colorado, where he lives with wife Betty and two cats. He enjoys sitting on his front deck, taking in views of the San Juan Mountains and watching for hummingbirds, elk, and mountain lions. A family of California quail also is in residence. After retiring from 28 years of wrangling Ph.D. students at Michigan State University, he took up watercolor painting as an avocation. He haunts local art shows and serves on the board of the Montrose Center for Arts. You can view his works at saatchiart.com/rlarose.

I received several responses to my email blast about “The Merry Minuet.”

Tom Weiner writes: “‘Merry Minuet’ indeed! With barely a tweak, it fits today’s debacle. My latest book, co-authored with Amilcar Shabazz, UMass Amherst African American history professor, is titled *In Defiance: 20 Abolitionists You Were Never Taught in School* and was published by Interlink Publishing in the spring. We’ve had many gigs already, but we’re very excited about the upcoming Underground Railroad Book Tour that will kick off in D.C. at the Woman’s National Democratic Club and include Mother Bethel Church in Philadelphia, the oldest AME church in the country. On November 6, we will be speaking at Trinity as guests of the History Department during Common Hour.”

Andrew French writes: “Lyrics by Tom Lehrer, who just recently died.”

Ed Karam notes, “Correction to above: written by Sheldon Harnick.

Cliff Hauser writes, “Remember it well (re: ‘The Merry Minuet’).”

Chris Curwen writes, “I also grew up with the Kingston Trio and ‘The Merry Minuet’!

I am alive and well, living with my spouse of 52 (!) years, Kathleen, in a four-season intergenerational recreation community in Grantham, New Hampshire. The Upper River Valley is a beautiful place to be. I keep in touch with **Bill Foster** and Tom Schaible ’72 via weekly online hearts games, a continuation of the game of choice in our dorm room many, many years ago! Best wishes to classmates of ’71.”

Michael E. Trigg writes: “The lyrics were beautiful. However, one of the reasons that students study history is to appreciate how things seem to come around again and again. How we all remember the strife and the killings in the 1960s and the 1970s and classmates of ours who fled to Canada or went to Washington to protest the war. As you may know, I have two children from Vietnam, and in the process of visiting multiple times many of the museums on the mall in D.C., I have taken them twice to the Vietnam Memorial with the 55,000-plus names of American servicemen and servicewomen who gave their lives for a war that they fought for no good reason. They watched as friends and relatives of the deceased searched for the name or names of their loved ones and made rubbings of their names on tracing paper. It is so difficult to think back to that period and wonder what we accomplished other than scarring many countries with destructive force and many deaths.

“In my career, I have published about 400 items, peer-reviewed papers, online papers, book chapters, abstracts, posters, and four books. Almost all of my work has been, of course, in very specialized medical fields of stem cell transplants, oncology, immunotherapy, gene therapies, and pediatric hematology issues. However, in the past couple years, as I have wound down my work schedule to attend to the ever-increasing personal medical problems that crop up with advancing age, I have published a number of things outside of my usual themes. Methods for patients to communicate better with health care professionals and ways for health care professionals to provide better care for patients has been an ongoing goal of mine. In addition, another publication relates to the issue of how best to communicate scientific information to the general public without a scientific background. How could anyone in their right mind think that millions of people were offered vaccines without sound safety and efficacy studies? When Kennedy sat in his confirmation hearings and said, ‘Not all vaccines are safe for everyone,’ no

senator responded that peanut butter is not safe for everyone and bee stings are not safe for everyone and smoking is not safe for everyone, etc.

“A few years ago, I began an endowed program at Trinity, the **Michael E. Trigg, M.D., Endowed Fund for Medical Research**. This past year, the first student received support for his laboratory research on campus, and in the years ahead, I would anticipate that five to 10 students per year will receive support through a competitive process as assessed by a faculty committee. I learned some excellent methods of scientific research at Trinity and in my first year of medical school took a job in a laboratory at NIH that set me on a journey for more than five decades. With my advancing age, travel has become a bit more difficult. In addition, I have no more relatives in Connecticut to visit, even though I grew up in West Hartford.”

1972 **President: Peter R. Blum**
• **Vice President: William Miller** • **Secretary: James Gamerman, james.gamerman.1972@trincoll.edu** • **Class Agents: Thomas Schaible, Archibald Smith, Will Whetzel** • **f/groups/Trinity1972**
Maud Hecker Purcell writes, “My Trinity education has been a great blessing in many ways. After much career confusion in my 20s, I realized that my purpose here is to spend more time helping others and less time thinking about myself. For the past 40-plus years, I have loved my career as a psychotherapist, executive coach, consultant to corporations and organizations, regular columnist for a number of Times Mirror and Hearst papers, and, most recently, founder and executive director of The Life Solution Center, a consortium of over 20 independent businesses and practices designed to treat the whole person. I continue to work very full time and am a happier person for it. I am contemplating another career act, i.e., more graduate work, but this time in theology. I see how my patients with faith in a higher power stay healthier and happier. . . . I’m increasingly treating folks who are seeking a new life purpose, no matter their age. My husband, Steve, who previously had a career rehabbing the interiors of huge yachts, building estate gates, and more, also has pivoted to a new life chapter. He is co-writing music (in Nashville and remotely with colleagues across the country) and loving it. Our daughter ’04 is a writer of novels and screenplays (having won numerous awards for an independent film she wrote a few years ago). She

Ann McNichol '78

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JOB TITLE:
Senior research
specialist/staff chemist
(recently retired),
National Ocean
Sciences Accelerator
Mass Spectrometry
Facility

FAVORITE
TRINITY MEMORY:
I find it impossible to
come up with just one
memory that is my
favorite, though hanging
out on the quad in the
fall and spring is pretty
far up there. I lived
on the Long Walk for
three of my four years
at Trinity; those drafty
dorms couldn't dampen
the fun of living there.

What was your path to your most recent position?
After college, I worked as a lab assistant for two years, mostly at The Rockefeller University in New York City. After that, I attended graduate school and then worked at an ocean consulting firm for a few years before I started the job that would become my career.

What did you do in your role? I was responsible for establishing and operating a laboratory for the preparation of ocean samples for radiocarbon analysis. It was an exciting time as the analysis technique, accelerator mass spectrometry, was in its infancy, and I was able to develop techniques to extract the carbon from many different types of samples for analysis. The results increased our understanding of global climate change, paleoceanography, atmospheric chemistry, and limnology, to name a few fields. Many people think of radiocarbon solely as a dating tool, but it is so much more than that. Tracing its uptake in the environment provides important information about the transfer of carbon between different reservoirs, e.g. transport of terrestrial carbon to the ocean, understanding the local and global ocean circulation, studying the impact of climate change on the carbon cycle in the ocean, and determining where the carbon from fossil-fuel burning is going.

What did you enjoy most about your work?
My favorite part of the job was working with graduate students as well as training and developing staff members. The insights that new perspectives brought to my laboratory were fascinating and provided many opportunities for advancing the field. Radiocarbon can add important information to ongoing studies, and being able to show students how their research will benefit from the analyses and help them develop the analysis techniques was very rewarding.

What challenges did you face? One obvious challenge that continues is obtaining funding to keep the laboratory and research going. Most of our funding is from the National Science Foundation. Access to funding got worse every year and is now in a crisis state. Sadly, another major challenge has been advancing in geological sciences as a woman. It wasn't until I got to graduate school that I started feeling like a fish out of water. Some of the challenges were tangible and easy to deal with, but others were far less so. Things are better now, but there is still a lot of work to be done. My struggles made me an advocate for the underrepresented in science, and my position as



a leader of a lab afforded me opportunities to advise, coach, and support junior women in science.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your career? Trinity was a great place to get a solid background in chemistry, which started me on the path to my career.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Oddly enough, it was not a chemistry course. The science and math courses I took were well taught and intellectually stimulating but didn't necessarily provide the opportunity to think broadly. I took a lot of political science classes, and my favorite was a political philosophy class taught by Dr. Clyde McKee. It made me use my mind in a very different way than my science classes did. I do think that the writing I needed to do for all the political science classes I took made me a better writer than the majority of the graduate students I went to school with.

Did you have a professor who was particularly influential? Early on, Dr. Henry DePhillips encouraged me to take classes outside the sciences. He said that it was one of the last times I would have the luxury to do this and that when (not if) I went to graduate school, my studies would be much more focused. It is possible that I took his advice too much to heart and might have benefited from some more advanced chem classes and fewer political science ones, but, in the end, things have worked out pretty well for me.

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and her husband have two precious daughters. We are living and working between Connecticut and Georgia. I send my best to all of you, and I can be reached at mpurcell@thelifesolutioncenter.net.”

Will Whetzel shares, “By the end of summer, my wife, Kim, and I finished some serious travel and grandchild visiting. After spending time at a family cottage in Ontario in August with my two daughters, Farley and Eliza, both graduates of Trinity and with seven children between them (four boys and three girls, respectively), the grandparents shifted gears and retreated to the small cottage purchased several years ago on Clew Bay, County Mayo, on the west coast of Ireland. Life in Ireland—biking, golfing, pubbing—is a healthy respite from the day-to-day challenges of life over here. *Sláinte!* And, at a golf event in Philadelphia this past September, St. A’s brother Jono Frank ’74 enlisted classmate Ted Stehle ’74 from Colorado as his partner—talk about not looking a day older than the last time I saw him (50 years ago?). It was mildly disheartening.”

John Koehler writes from the Connecticut River Valley: “I enjoyed a busy summer on the Klonderosa West, my half-acre compound in Turners Falls, Massachusetts. Played lots of music, always gigging somewhere, having switched from guitar to bass at the start of our freshman year. Did a bit of audio work, too, from festival production, documenting some industrial noise pollution, and soundproofing a club beneath some condos. Best of all, I got to see my little brother Dave Robinson often. He’s four days younger and keeps track of all of our favorite sports teams.”

Harvey Zendt shares, “When asked what the highlights of my Trinity experience are, I always begin with the friendships I made with so many wonderful human beings. This summer, one of my closest friends, **Tom Robinson**, sadly passed away. I can’t begin to do justice to the many great moments of our time together, but I feel blessed to have had this exceptionally adventurous, intelligent, and giving man with me during a number of memorable times in my life. Last February, **Jack Nelson**, **Mike Sooley**, and I had one last visit with Tom at his home in Newport Beach, California, and, though he was challenged by his illness, the reminisces and laughs were worth the cross-country excursion. I am working on a book, which, not insignificantly, chronicles some of my surfing and travel adventures with Tom. As for me, I have retired from an enjoyable

career in education and live in Rhode Island.” Harvey is being modest: He retired as head of school of St. Anne’s Episcopal School in Middletown, Delaware, which he led for more than eight years. Harvey also has been active in nonprofit management, including acting as chair of two social services agencies in Maryland and as East Coast outreach manager for Mayors for Peace.

Steve Metz writes, “After retiring from 46 years at The Governor’s Academy—as science teacher, head basketball coach, and two decades as science department chair—I spent most of 2024 traveling the East Coast in a Winnebago RV and sailing my 40-foot Hunter to Newport, Martha’s Vineyard, Block Island, and Nantucket. My current project is the renovation of my summer home in Downeast Maine. Next stop: a new domicile in St. Augustine, Florida, as a winter snowbird. This spring, I was honored to be inducted into The Governor’s Academy Athletic Hall of Fame. In 25 years as head coach of our men’s basketball program, my teams won 327 games, including four Independent School League Championships and four New England Championships. Along the way, I was fortunate to coach nearly 200 players—some who went on to play professionally in the NBA and internationally—and dozens who played college basketball in Divisions I, II, and III. It was very emotional to see so many of my former players come from long distances to share the Hall of Fame induction ceremony with me and my family.”

From **Bayard Fiechter**: “To add a good word or two to stay connected, I want to say that my memories of my four years at Trinity remain solidly positive. I know that not all of us feel that way, but I have a recommendation for my peers: Think of Fred (a.k.a. Eliot) Osborn and Outerspace. They still bring a smile to my face. I am not yet retired from the wealth management business but am well along the back nine. My wife, Stacy, keeps me young in spirit. We are blessed to have a daughter who continues her path of success as a professional squash player (ranked No. 1 in the United States, No. 4 in the world). Roy Dath’s four years of coaching finally produced some serious results, albeit a generation later. It has been quite a journey. All of us remember the upheaval in our country immediately preceding and continuing through our tenure at Trinity. I hope that we are able to overcome the extent of the divisiveness that confronts us all and return to the civility and camaraderie that


we enjoyed, at least on the quad. Thanks to all for remaining in touch; the years are passing by all too quickly.”

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John Krysko writes, “I am opening a retreat center and sanctuary in the Berkshires called CenterPoint. Its motto is ‘Bringing together arts, spirituality, and lifestyles to create community.’”

“Patriotism is supporting your country all the time, and your government when it deserves it.”—Mark Twain

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After 23 years in retirement, **Charles Levine** writes that he has unretired. “After a bout with prostate cancer and chemotherapy for lymphoma, I feel great. Two other retirees and I have started a new company, FireSign AI. We will be helping people prepare for and survive wildfires, using ‘digital twins’ that generate a virtual representation of both our customer and their homes. That enables us to offer customized recommendations on home hardening, preparation of ‘go bags’ and ‘digital go bags,’ and specific evacuation recommendations, including contingency plans if roads are impassable or gridlocked.”

Dave Kuncio writes, “Playing a little golf (if you can call it that). Planning a trip north for my granddaughter’s birthday in mid-October and might get to see Trin play.”

Nick Bensley says, “Still pluggin’ away . . . golfing, fishin’, working, and a little chemo for good measure!”

After 36 years in her home, **Holly Laurent** has moved to a condo. It has the advantages of being on one floor in an elevator building and, as it is only five blocks away, being in



Tom Shultz '76 and Charlie Stewart '76 take a selfie in front of the recently restored Neill Log House in Pittsburgh.

the same neighborhood. “So, I still feel like I am ‘home.’ I’m delighted with the move and looking forward to creating many happy memories here.”

Class President **Henry Bruce** announced his retirement that started earlier this year. He says, “Reunion work kept me busy for the first half of the year. Now I am spending lots of time in my garden and improving my golf game (8.5 handicap). Had a bucket-list trip to Scotland in August with a golf historian group, playing St Andrews (old and new), Carnoustie, Prestwick, and Royal Troon. Melissa and I spent a week in Vancouver for the first time around Labor Day. We look forward to another Christmas holiday in Germany on a Viking River cruise, from Berlin to Prague. Once again, we will celebrate Melissa’s birthday and our fourth anniversary, both on December 23.”

One of your class agents, **Chris Mooney**, “was very glad to attend our 50th Reunion. It was a great event, and congrats to all the classmates who worked so hard to make it a success, especially **Henry Bruce**, who went the extra Bantam mile in his leadership role. The other news is that Sheri Seguin, who accompanied me in June at Trin, and I were married at the Goodstone Inn in Middleburg, Virginia, on July 23. Just two of us and an officiant. Pretty low key. We’ll spend most of November on Costa Rica’s Pacific coast and then gather a bunch of family in our Naples, Florida, home for Thanksgiving.”

Joe Calabro thanks our dedicated class officers and volunteers who gathered so

many classmates together at our 50th Reunion! “That was truly a phenomenal effort and experience. I’d like to share some thoughts and memories: freshman football films—what a gem! Nothing quite like staying in a dorm: Stayed in Jarvis where it was more coed than when we were in school, sharing a mixed eight-person suite with two bathrooms with others we hadn’t seen in 50 years. Good thing our suitemates were so chill because it all worked out and was fun sharing. Thanks **Linda Wyland Dronsfield**, **Ellen Weiss**, **Dave Levin**, etc. Dave, nice *Jaws* 50th shark outfit! We watched Trin shut out Coast Guard, even though they looked strong for the first quarter or so. Of particular note was that the movies looked like they were recorded in the 1930s. Great to have so many attendees from our pseudo frat, Delta Upsilon Delta, including our inspirational leader, **Chet Derr**! Thanks to **Gary Morgans** for organizing a mini pre-reunion for members of the track team.”

Rich Tucci writes, “Many thanks to fellow classmates who have bought and read (at least the Trinity reference in my author’s note) my new book, *Ideas to Action*, which debuted at Reunion time. I recently got a mention in *Forbes*, likely thanks to the generous reviews on Amazon by ’75ers. Keep them coming if you liked the message!”

Linda Landon: “I’m thrilled to announce I published my new book: *Pleasure Past Fifty: Rekindle Your Sexual Intimacy with the Ignite Method and Human Design*. It’s written for couples 50-plus who are drifting apart, fighting more than connecting, and not having any sex. The book shows them how to reawaken the love they know is still here, release concerns about aging, feel confident and desirable again, and cultivate a sexual relationship that ripens and improves with age! In other words, this book is written for us. It can be found on Amazon.”

Kate Woodworth: “2025 has been all about my novel, *Little Great Island*, which has taken me on tour to stops in Utah, Maine, Massachusetts, D.C., Connecticut, Rhode Island, and Florida. I’ve also discovered (the hard way) that I am not made for television after appearing on *Good Day, Utah*; C-SPAN 2; *Good Day, Maine*; and local stations in Dedham and Arlington, Massachusetts (big grin and silly wave ensued). [Our] 50th Reunion was the first Reunion for me. Who knew it would be such a rush to walk onto the quad again? Beyond book news, the grandsons are teenagers and there are conversations about college (yikes!). The

granddaughters are more in the realm of teething and potty training (I’m not so old after all).”

As many of you know, our dear friend **Annie Tulcin Kates** was unable to make it to the 50th because she was in the hospital, valiantly fighting the long-term effects of a lifetime with cystic fibrosis (CF). Sadly, she passed on July 10. After a memorial service near her home in Florida, fittingly themed an ice cream social, the family arranged to also have a memorial service at the Eagle Hill School in Greenwich, Connecticut. She and her beloved husband, Dave Kates, had worked and lived there at the start of their young lives together. Interestingly, the school was founded 50 years ago, and several of the founding faculty were Trinity grads: **Janice Dickens Curtin**, **Lea Ingersoll Sylvestro**, and Dave Sylvestro ’74. Annie never let CF define her or her active lifestyle. Fortunately, one of her besties, Lea, convinced her to write a profile for the Reunion Yearbook. In her bio, Annie chose not to mention her battle with CF and, as was so characteristic of her, closed with, “To sum it all up, I’ve had an extremely blessed life with my family, my friends, my career, and my pups . . . my Trinity experience opened extraordinary doors!” Lea, Dave, Janice, and **Robin Bodell** were all blessed to be able to attend the beautiful service.

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If you would like to be part of the 50th Reunion Planning Committee or to serve on a subcommittee, please let us know. Our Reunion will be less than four months away by the time you read this!

Elaine Patterson reports that she and husband Gregg are celebrating their 45th wedding anniversary year by doing (even more of) what they love the most: traveling. “We spent three weeks bicycling in the Loire Valley in the spring, a few weeks driving around Scotland in late summer, and will be heading to Egypt in November.

And we’re already making plans for 2026. Unfortunately, some of those plans may conflict with our 50th Reunion, but I’ll keep working on that. Sending everyone best wishes for a lovely autumn!”

Rebecca Dunn Reinmann reports, “All is well in Wilmington, North Carolina. We were grateful for an easy hurricane season, always a consideration living on the intra-coastal waterway. We continue to travel as much we can manage. Our 32-person family convening in Berlin in May 2025 was so successful that we still try to fit in family visits wherever we go. This fall, Paul and I will take a riverboat from Amsterdam (visiting our niece there) to Budapest and then on to Prague (hoping to catch my brother Jonathan there). In spring 2026, we have planned a trip in the Canary Islands with a rendezvous in Madeira with British cousins, followed by another river cruise in Portugal. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone in Hartford at our 50th Reunion.”

Charlie Stewart writes, “My most recent project was helping to raise money and restore the Neill Log House near where I live in Pittsburgh. It was built by my great-great-great grandfather in 1795. When my roommate, **Tom Shultz**, came to visit me, I gave him a tour. I am looking forward to our 50th Reunion in June. I will meet up with all my AD (Alpha Delta Phi) friends and for sure, even with Parkinson’s, I will be reminiscing about playing beer pong and toga dancing.”

Class Co-Secretary **Hal Smullen** reports, “It was another good summer of boating and golf. My handicap is going up, but my excuse is that boating and golf don’t mix! I still get together for a few rounds with **Steve Thoren** and **Ron Preis**. Working on the Reunion Committee has been great fun, especially reconnecting with classmates. We’re expecting a strong turnout and a fun weekend at our 50th. Hoping for a good turnout of my Crow (Alpha Chi Rho) brothers!”

Class Vice President **Chip Goode** writes, “During the past several winters, we have had a number of Trinity friends to our Jupiter, Florida, home, including **Eads** and Polly **Johnson**, **Dave** and Carter **Rountree**, **Rick** and Laurie **Schweikert**, **Jim Solomon**, Anne and **Andy Merz**, **Tommy Korengold**, and **Dave** and Yvette **Rahm**. Lots of laughs, memories, and stories. They never get old!

Sue Weisselberg and I are co-chairing our epic Reunion this June 4–7. The great news is we have had many of our classmates say they are coming and wouldn’t miss it for anything!

We are putting together committees and are having a blast reconnecting with many of our classmates. We would love to have you join the team. I guarantee you’ll find it as fun as we are; please contact any of us! And we have a class Facebook page (see above). Please join as there are already a lot of great classic pics and information on the site. We look forward to hearing from and seeing many of you. Can’t wait!”

From the Alumni Office: **Sheryl (Greenberg) Baker-Hewey** would love to share that she received a Ph.D. in early childhood education in 2022, fulfilling a lifelong educational goal that began at Trinity and that serves as an inspiration for all of those coming up behind her to keep pursuing one’s dreams.

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Mark Moore writes, “I have finally retired after 35 years of practicing radiology in Colorado, spending six months fishing off of Sanibel Island, Florida, and the rest at our home in Colorado Springs. No more stat CTs! My wife and I have a small vineyard at our farm in Missouri and have finished fermenting the 2025 vintage, over 500 bottles this year! My two daughters have moved back to Colorado, the youngest a practicing small animal veterinarian in Denver and the oldest a headache neurologist in the Springs. My son keeps an eye on our Fort Myers place and is involved in finance. We are excited to host the wedding this fall of our youngest daughter and are hoping for great weather for an outdoor event. Best wishes for Bantam soccer and football!”

And from **Brian J. Donnell**, co-starring **Mark Stern**: “I am still enjoying practicing law in the Northeast and East Coast, with trials and contract matters involving construction and business law. My two ‘boys’ are all grown and on their own, so I am spending more time with my wife, Huiping, and traveling when we can. I did catch up with **Mark Stern** at a football reunion dinner in New Haven (we were side by side on the offensive line during high school and at Trinity). Hope you and everyone else in the Class of ’77 are active, happy, and in good health.”

David Greenspan wrote, too! “It’s been a long time since writing, so what can I say? For the past 15 years, I have been a department

chair in psychiatry at Einstein hospital in Philadelphia, and I plan to announce my retirement in a couple weeks. My wife, Lisa, and I have been married 40 years, with three children and a very slowly growing number of grandchildren. Life has been good! Saw **Mike Mackey** this summer, and **Charlie Poole** has been helping to organize a 50-year anniversary of our 1976 Henley Royal Regatta Ladies Challenge Plate winning crew for next year. I plan to attend! I was also pleased to be invited to the campus and the updated Ferris Athletic Center to honor Ric Ricci ’73, the women’s crew of 1979–80, and Sue Proctor ’80 from that group last year (or was it two years now?). Best to you and all Trinity alumni from the Class of ’77.” Thanks, David, and best to you, as well.

From **Sophie Bell Ayres**: “I have so much wonderful news to report. In the past two months, we welcomed a second grandchild on August 1—Hallie Louise Ayres—born to our son Dill Ayres and his wife, Jenna, both Class of 2012. Hallie’s big brother is Teddy, 2, and his favorite place to be is the squash court, which his grandmother loves! Our daughter McVey married a childhood friend on September 6 on the beach in La Jolla, California. McVey and Peter had not seen each other since they were 13, spending summers in Prouts Neck, Maine. They reunited in California after 22 years, a real-life fairy tale. My Trinity teammates Cackie Bostwick and Julie ‘Muffy’ Rogers were there to celebrate along with my nephew George Bell ’14 and son Dill ’12.”

It’s hard to believe that when this issue of the *Reporter* comes out, our class will be starting to plan our 50th Reunion! There are no excuses for not showing up for this one. As **Rob Buffum** said at our 45th, “If not now, then when?” Let’s all celebrate this milestone together, gang; dates are June 10–13, 2027. Circle it now! It will be epic.

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Jim Abrams writes, “I recently became a widower after 38 years of marriage, and I’m making a lot of changes: 1) retiring as a judge; 2) selling the Connecticut house; and 3) moving to N.Y.C. full time. I plan to do a little acting, a lot of travel, and see what else the world has in store for me.”



Several Alpha Chi Rho brothers get together the night before the September 2025 golf tournament benefiting The Denise D’Ascenzo Foundation. Front row: Jim Smith ’78, Will Roshirt ’79, Jim Leone ’78, Paul McBride ’78, Bill Gabor ’79; middle row: Chris Mosca ’79 and his brother Steve Mosca; back row: Tom Lines ’77, Brian O’Donoghue ’78, Mike Daly ’79, Wayne Cooke (Denise’s husband), Mark Montini ’78, Woody Baird ’79, Jack Thompson ’78

Stephen Berkowitz shares, “I gave an important lecture at the Casa Adret in Barcelona last September 30 on the topic of ‘What has become of the humanistic and universal values of the Jewish tradition as the terrible destructive war in Gaza continues?’ Hopefully by the time this is printed, the war will have ended.”

Peter Crosby writes: “I’m doing a fireside at the Modern Elder Academy Film Festival in Santa Fe, New Mexico, during December with Michelle Palermo, creator of the TV series *Middlebood*. Here’s my program blurb: You Too Can Be a Producer-Director-Cinematographer-TV Star! In 2019, Peter leapt from being a New York City technology executive into filmmaking, kicked off by the MEA Baja ‘Soul Journey’ workshop. Since then, he’s completed a four-hour TV series with National Geographic and China Global Network, *Cycling China with Peter Crosby*; published a USA documentary series, *What the #\$\$%& Happened to My Beautiful Country?*; and is pitching a new series, *Oh My Beautiful Country*. Peter will share his firsthand lessons learned, such as leaping into the future, harvesting your past, mentoring myself, risk as reward, and the commune in community. And of course, photos and stories from his portfolio, www. PetersPix.com.”

Trip Hansen shares: “Still loving being a full-time family medicine physician and teacher of medical students and family medicine residents at Jefferson Abington Hospital outside Philadelphia. Blessed with third and fourth grandchildren this year—all boys.

My dad, Jerry Hansen, Class of 1951 and former secretary of the College and director of alumni relations, and I get together every Sunday for dinner—also blessed that he is still with us at 96. Had dinner and mini Trinity reunion with ’78 classmates **Tony Scheaffer**, **Alec Monaghan**, **Fred Gardner**, and **Gene Ko** this September.”

Stuart Kerr reports on “a gathering of Trinity rowers from six states and eight classes in Kittery Point, Maine, in September to celebrate (lament?) multiple 70th birthdays. Attendees included Andy Anderson ’75, Jeff Bolster ’76, Henry Fox ’80, Jim Gardner ’77, Ed Kloman ’80, Drew Isaac ’75, Mike Mackey ’77 Charlie Poole ’77, Liz (Engelke) Poole ’82, Charlie Putnam ’74, **Peter Van Loon**, and Paul Wendler ’77. Other alums attending were Eleanor Wenner Kerr ’81 and briefly-a-rower Marian Kerr ’13. Huge thanks to Jim’s wife, Lesley Mottla—convener and patron—and to the attending spouses who tolerated nonstop reminiscences with nary an eye roll.”

Kathy Maye-Maggio writes, “As some of you may recall, I’ve been a swimmer for most of my life, having competed in summer rec clubs during junior high and high school and with the Masters for two years after finishing graduate school. The staff at Veterans Memorial Park in South Windsor, Connecticut, invited me to compete in their first Masters Swim Meet on August 2. I swam in five events: 200-yard individual medley, 100 individual medley, 100 freestyle, 100 backstroke, and 50 butterfly. Since it was a recreational meet, the heats were mixed.

I swam in heats with 19–23-year-olds! I was the oldest and slowest and the only one in my age group to compete, but I finished all five events! I’ve still got it, baby! On September 11, I attended the Trinity Women’s Leadership Council Garden Party, graciously hosted by Julie Mancuso Gionfriddo ’96, M’05 and her family at their beautiful home and got to visit with friends and meet new ones! For almost five years I’ve been enjoying a new hobby of ballroom dancing, including studio lessons, classes, and socials. On October 4, I attended a Roaring ’20s dance party at Terrazza Restaurant in Portland, Connecticut, in full costume, with a live local band called Downtown 6, a great six-piece band. Much of the music was from of our era, from the Commodores; Aretha Franklin; Earth, Wind & Fire; and Abba, all the way up to Bruno Mars, Ed Sheeran, and Dua Lipa! It was a lot of fun, dancing and meeting new people!”

Rand Pearsall shares, “I’m wondering how many classmates are officially retired. I’ve hesitated to use that word as I am in my seventh year as president of the Holgate Taxpayers Association on New Jersey’s Long Beach Island. With various association activities and attending county and municipal government meetings, it seems like I can be busier than ever, albeit with no pay. But like a day on the golf course, a day at the beach still beats a day in the office.”

Gail Phinney has jumped into Class Notes for perhaps the first time ever! She reports, “I recently bought a vintage 1959 mid-century modern. I am a treasure trove of information on systems repairs and other homeowner matters I hope to never revisit again.” I (**Jory Lockwood**) would like to add that I bought my 1956 home last year and can completely relate to Gail’s pain.

Meg McKean Taylor writes, “My husband and I split our year between Castine, Maine, and Boca Grande, Florida, where we enjoy visits from our kids and a myriad of little grandkids. We love the freedom to take hiking and biking trips at the drop of a hat and had a great time this summer with my sister Mason McKean Hoeller ’82 when we got together with **Bob Carey**, who was visiting in Deer Isle.”

Doug Thom shares, “After writing a missive of an email to my daughter, Emma, who teaches sixth-grade English and history in rural New Mexico, I remembered that Class Notes were due before midnight! My fondest memories of Trinity are all Frisbee-on-the-quad related. Fifty years ago today, I was

living with Frank in a tiny room (in Jarvis?) that faced the quad and the Chapel. Fifty evenings ago this evening, I may well have played Ultimate Frisbee, probably barefoot, with the gang after dinner with the just-released *Born to Run* blasting out of two of the quad’s mega-stereo speakers before pretending to do homework and then going to Pipes rehearsal. I was born to disc. That’s all there is to it.”

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Our own **Lynn Kennedy** received some starry praise from NASA recently. “I was recently recognized with an Exceptional Public Achievement Medal ‘for exceptional achievements in high-impact event and project management for NASA’s HQ Directorate,’ which I proudly accepted during the annual NASA Honor Awards ceremony at Ames Research Center. This caps my fourth year on the job, and I’ve been thinking about winding down, but it’s harder to leave when you feel appreciated.” Lynn plans a break from the world of science with an annual skiing trip to Whistler, British Columbia.

Meanwhile, Class President **David Rosenblatt** and wife Ellen met the College’s new president, Dan Lugo, at a late July welcoming reception on Nantucket. They also rendezvoused with **Jane Terry Abraham** and **Bruce Somerstein**. Jane writes, “It was great catching up with Dave and Ellen this week on Nantucket. Bruce wore his Trinity garb and (as usual) attracted attention from and conversation with other grads, students, parents.”

Chris Mosca was busy in September with fellow Alpha Chi Rho brothers for dinner and a golf tournament to support The Denise D’Ascenzo Foundation, which was established in Denise’s memory to “carry on her passionate efforts to support advances in medicine and health” and lives by her call for all of us to “be open, be brave, be kind.” Chris says, “Dinner at Cafe Aura in Manchester was as close to time travel as one could possibly experience. We all marveled at the idea that a half a century later we were still

the same guys with the outsized personalities who will always be connected by our college, our friendship, and an exceptional time and place in our lives.”

Jim Cropsey and **Nick Hanna** were in contact. Nick and wife Aynslie celebrated their 40th wedding anniversary at the Montreal International Jazz Festival. They had a fireworks display to cap the celebration.

Class Vice President **Anne Fickling Brainard** wants us to start looking ahead to 2029 and our 50th Reunion. She writes, “As vice president of our class, I figure I might as well start hyping the 50th so we can get a great turnout in 2029! Our 45th was lots of fun, and we made a good showing, taking over the dance floor on the quad with President Joanne Berger Sweeney for much of the night. I think I have **Phil Renzullo** on board—found out he has been my neighbor for at least 10 years, and I had spoken with him many times over the years as Phil, dog dad to Max. Only in December at a neighbor’s holiday party did we connect as Trin classmates!”

Anne’s reconnected with today’s Trinity through her son Christopher ’27, a biochemistry major. “Through his experience, I have been able to see Trinity as it is today, and it is very exciting. Many things have changed since we first started in ’75 (North campus is no longer Outer Mongolia), and they seem quite positive. Christopher rows, so I have been able to reconnect with Trinity crew as a parent and with the women’s boats from ’79 and ’80. Many of us, including **Liz Kelly Droney**, gathered for the installation of Sue Proctor ’80 into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame. I recently started rowing again here in D.C. after a 45-year hiatus. I run into Stuart Kerr ’78 occasionally at the Potomac Boat Club. I also get to see sophomore-year roommate **Tricia Gallucci Welte** every spring when I visit my sister in Maine between crew races in Worcester. Husband Jeff writes for *Science* magazine, and we plan full retirement once Christopher is through school, with plans to do some traveling.”

In the last issue of *The Trinity Reporter*, we provided an update on a genealogy business that **Louise Dewar** started in Chicago. Before that update appeared, Louise wrote about its evolution. Louise and her late husband, Al, had moved to Chicago four years ago to be closer to their daughter Margaret. Unfortunately, Al passed away in June 2023 following a 19-year battle with prostate cancer. Louise writes, “It has been a tremendous help and blessing to be so near her. We

eat out a lot, go to movies, all those things we couldn’t do when I lived half a country away from her. I went on a Mediterranean cruise with my sister and her husband last year and will be in Paris in November. And I am hoping to go to Spain and Portugal in the spring.” She adds, “I still run a small genealogy biz and got a couple of clients out of my last Class Notes post, so thanks for that! Last year, I took a course (virtually) in investigative genetic genealogy at Ramapo College in New Jersey. I have worked with a couple law enforcement agencies and am a volunteer with a nonprofit called Wolf Pack DNA (we have a Facebook page; look us up!). I work primarily in the field of putting names to unidentified human remains (UHR), people who have died with no identification on them or who died so many years ago that there is little biologically identifiable material left except DNA. So that’s my retirement gig, trying to put names to UHRs and getting them reunited with their families. It feels valuable, and it takes a lot of time, which I have in abundance these days.”

George Brickley says he’s had a busy 2025. George and wife Cindy ’80 “welcomed their fourth granddaughter into the world (no grandsons yet)! Cute little Rowan joins older sister Quinn, 3, in San Anselmo, California, (near San Francisco) with parents George ’10 and Maddie. Our daughter, Hannah ’14, lives right across the Bay Bridge in Oakland. In February, Cindy and I, along with my sister Lila ’86, traveled to Finland to watch my nephew Daniel play ice hockey for Tappara in Liiga, the Finnish elite professional hockey league. Daniel played a handful of NHL games but jumped at the opportunity to play in the top European league.”

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While cleaning out a drawer, I found a file containing clippings, report cards, and directories. Two that I have not seen in recent history jumped out at me. A shot of a group of us in Mather Hall, November 1976—we were such babies! The photo appeared in *The Trinity Tripod*. Caption read: “Saga lunch provides students with nourishment for the long afternoon classes ahead. I am not sure its quality will pass the scrutiny of our editors, but if you want to see

it, contact me and send some news.” **Susie Pratt, Cathy Anderson, Lorraine De Labry, Betsy Gildersleeve**, and I are among those in the photograph. The other random gem I found was a roster of the 1976 freshman football team, 35 of you: **Michael Countryman, Gates Gatenby, Len Lortie, Dave Houle, Barry Bucklin ’81, Jim Foltz, Samuel Heed, Renee Sprinthall ’79, Doug Bennett, Barry Brockway, Jim Rickert, Steve Yarnell, Chuck Tiernan, Tom McGowan, Jon Olear, Bob Almquist, Stephen Sullivan, Peter Jongbloed, Jonathan Blake, Bob Myers, Macey Russell, John Alexandrov, Mark Leavitt, Charles Moore, Patrick McNamara, Bob Plumb, John Mayo, Luther St. James, Peter Halpert, John O’Brien, Bob Fers, Carl Hurtig, Jeff Long, Jeff Mather**. How many of you played for four years? Our yearbook suggested we were a little short in experience senior year. The caption read, “Our football season was highlighted by the outstanding play of All-American wide receiver **Pat McNamara**, who tied the team lead in scoring, broke the career record for touchdowns received, and received his second All-American New England recognition.” Barry Bucklin ’81 was one of the few seniors to start on offense. **Jeff Mather** was one of the bright lights on defense. Captain **Chuck Tiernan** was named MVP. We lost **Pat McNamara** far too soon, and among that freshman team, and you may know we recently lost **Steve Yarnell**. So very sad to lose such a wonderful friend, father, and husband. I am sending a big hug to all of his close friends. Switching to music trivia. Do any of you enjoy dancing to Earth, Wind & Fire’s “September”? “Do you remember?” It takes me back to Trinity College every time. The three remaining members of the band performed recently in an orchestra-style concert at the Hollywood Bowl, which was televised on CBS. The Jonas Brothers, Jon Batiste, and other famous musicians and performers contributed to the concert playing Earth, Wind & Fire songs. One of our classmates was a huge fan. **Lee Clayton Roper** grew up in Denver where the

band began. She says her brother used to listen to them practice. Maurice White and Philip Bailey were from Denver. Lee says she went to a party back in the 1990s and met Maurice White, which was a big deal. He was not touring with the band at that time. He took Lee and friends to his car to hear his original version of “Reasons.” I guess the recording was on a cassette. Maurice told Lee that a promoter from Chicago put the Denver contingent together with a band from Tennessee, and then they really took off. “September,” arguably the most memorable of their songs, came out in 1978.

In June 2025, **Robert Herbst** earned a silver medal in the deadlift at the Single Lift World Powerlifting Championships in Rome at the Palatortino Sports Palace. Robert competed as a middleweight (75 kgs/165 lbs.) in the M6 category. His final lift in the deadlift was (160 kgs/352 lbs.). In August, at Western Illinois University, Robert won his 31st consecutive Full Power National Championship. He competed in the middleweight division (75 kgs/165 lbs.), in the M6 age group, with the following lifts: squat: 107.5 kgs/237 lbs.; bench press: 80 kgs/176 lbs.; deadlift: 150 kgs/330 lbs. His total lift of 337 kgs/741 lbs. qualified him for the Full Power World Championships. Robert has won 62 career national championships. Congratulations, Robert, on your continued success in powerlifting!

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Ginger O’Brien Brennan writes, “My brother Peter O’Brien ’83 came to visit me in Morristown, New Jersey, and my neighbor John Brady ’82 popped over for a visit. I am retiring after 44 years in insurance and financial services effective July 1 and look forward to reconnecting with more Trinity friends in the near future!”

This immediately prompted your class secretary to reach out to Ginger to tell her we’re neighbors! We’ve made plans to meet to catch up and to play pickleball!

Lisa Bourget Frisbie posted for the first time in our Class Notes to share that her son Harrison Frisbie ’15 recently married Nathalie Rochester from Hillsborough,



Lisa Bourget Frisbie ’81, right, joins son Harrison Frisbie ’15 in Chianti, Italy, at his September 2025 wedding to Nathalie Rochester.

California, on September 17 at Il Borgo di Vignamaggio, a 15th-century villa in the hills of Chianti, Italy. Lisa and Harrison were the only two Trinity grads in attendance.

Peter Wang shares that he lives in Cupertino, California, and since his retirement has been working on a personal pipe-dream project, an online word rhyme game that he hopes will rival or surpass Wordle one day. The game is called Rhy-Me/Ti-Me and can be played on the website: <https://rmtmgames.com>. He welcomes classmates to try it and to provide him with feedback! He’s been marketing it to toy/game companies; he is trying to make it go viral and hopes his classmates will share the website with families, friends, and fellow word gamers and will post your results on social media.

Wendy Melville Mains writes, “This year has been marked by lots of family time and epic vacations, including St. Lucia, Austria, and Germany.” Wendy regularly Zooms with **Paula Sarro, Karen Merkl, Patricia Beaird, Robert Flaherty ’80, and Michael McGovern ’80**.

Shaun Finnegan reports that he is retired and has lived in Fernandina Beach, Florida, for the past three years. He’s in regular contact with Dave Deacon, Mike Scinto, and Brian Rodrigues, all Class of 1980.

I hope to see you all at our 45th Reunion June 4–7! Please join our Trinity College Class of 1981 Facebook group!



Scott Cassie ’82, Tom Mathews ’82, Tom Tarca ’82, Jim Dod ’82, and Ken Papa ’82 take a break from their golf game during a September 2025 trip to Jim’s lake house in Wisconsin.

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Just want to say a big thank you to everyone who answered my SOS for notes. So grateful to you generous classmates who took the time to check in. Bless you all!

Jen Zaccara checks in from Manhattan, where she is settling into her new position as head of school at The Hewitt School. She is enjoying being at a girls’ school once again after earlier stints at Sacred Heart in Greenwich, The Winsor School, and The Nightingale-Bamford School. “**Jennifer Olshan Estabrook** is a consultant for our school, and she is helping us position the school as a leader in educating girls and young women for the future of work and finding ways to balance the cultivation of a meaningful inner life with external achievement. In other news, I saw Trinity friends **Catherine Scheinman** and **Kim Maier** in Manhattan as well as Jeff Baker ’81 in my hometown of Cohasset. I also will see **Steve Madeira** during the fall long weekend in Northeast Harbor.”

Bill Lindquist reports that he is staying out of the limelight in South Carolina, but **Anthony Fischetti** keeps him up to speed on all things Bruce Springsteen and **Carl Rapp** keeps him up-to-date on his travels, especially to Maine. He is enjoying being a grandfather with number two due

shortly (November 4, before this will be published).

Gina Bonsignore enjoys the retirement life in Minnesota, pursuing different interests that were on the back burner while working and raising kids: playing lots of ice hockey, singing in a show choir, and dancing in a couple of troupes. “While it’s all fun stuff, more importantly, it’s introduced me to a great number of different, interesting people and communities. Kinda like college.”

Mark Johnson checks in from Burlington, Vermont, where he resides with his family and has been a radio and print journalist since 1982. Mark hosted a daily news and public affairs program for 25 years and is the host of the *802 News* podcast. And he recently was inducted into the Vermont Association of Broadcasters Hall of Fame.

Claudia Hart retired in 2023 after 38 years teaching high school math. She works for the Education Center at the House of Bread in Hartford, a few blocks from Trinity campus. “We teach English and citizenship to immigrants and refugees. Trinity students from a class called ‘Global Migration/Refugee Resettlement Lab’ interned with us by tutoring, designing activities for families, and helping with our food program. The class is part of the Human Rights Studies Program. Back in our college days, I started running with the crew team and have kept that up, completing marathons and half marathons over the years.”

Ted Austin shares news of a once-in-a-life-time opportunity from which he’d recently

returned. “Just back from six weeks of sailing through the South Pacific. Enjoyed some different horizons on the far side of the world as I joined two of my brothers and assorted crew in Tahiti. They had left San Francisco the week before Memorial Day with the objective of reaching Sydney by Labor Day. We enjoyed wending our way through the spectacular Tonga, Fiji, Vanuatu, and New Caledonian Island groups. It was an ambitious itinerary, as we ran out of time and begrudgingly had to return to our lives and families once we made landfall in New Caledonia. Alas, it was quite the mind-altering, stunning, and culturally invigorating experience as the scale of the Pacific and the variety of the islands and their native cultures are wonderful. Stay healthy, play heartily!”

Susan Haff Armstrong and husband Barry moved in 2020 to St. Croix, where they work remotely. They’ve kept a condo in Boston and a home on the Connecticut shore. “In July, we hosted a big family reunion and enjoyed time with all eight grandchildren. We look forward to one more wedding and more grandchildren.”

Our intrepid traveler and wine educator **Tom Mathews** hit wine country in Argentina and Chile in April. “Clos Apalta, VIK, and Montes in Chile were highlights, as were Catena Zapata, Carmen/Santa Rita, and Zuccardi in Argentina. Plus, we visited Santiago and Buenos Aires for good measure! Also visited Spain and Portugal in June. A few wineries/port houses in Portugal, along with cruising the Douro River. Fantastic! Off to Italy in two weeks and, yes, have half a dozen wineries lined up there to visit. Will report that for the next edition.”

Sandy Frazier Connelly is very happy to have retired at the beginning of July from humanities curriculum supervisor for the Haverford Township School District. “I am adjusting to this new life by doing a lot of travel and exercise, which were put on hold in the past. We were able to extend our summer plans to see family in Massachusetts, sail around Maine on my brother’s (Graeme Frazier ’84) boat, and relax in the Poconos at our favorite spot, Lake Paupac. In September, we traveled to Italy for a wedding in Tuscany, with **Chrissy** and Roger **Jones** and then extended our trip to visit Milan, Monterosso al Mare, Naples, and Sorrento with visits to Pompei, Mount Vesuvius, Positano, Amalfi, and Capri. It has been wonderful to slow down, play lots of tennis, and say yes to all the opportunities that are available!”

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Todd Beati '83 and daughter **Samantha Beati Szaro '17** visit **Todd's** former football teammate **Greg Hasson '84** and daughter **Wallace (University of Alabama '25)** at the Hasson family home on Peaks Island, Maine. **Greg's** father, **Dave '58**, spent his retirement years there.

Scott Cassie shares news of a recent get-together. “Jones Hall freshman dorm buddies—**Tom Mathews**, **Tom Tarca**, **Jim Dod**, **Ken Papa**—now 47 years and counting! We met up in September 2025 at Jim’s house on Lake Geneva in Wisconsin for three days of golf, good food, libations, and a lotta laughs. From ‘it’s a small world’ category, I had the pleasure of meeting the son of **Barbara Mittnacht Daley**, Will, at a wedding we attended in a small town in Bosnia and Herzegovina (of all places!) in August. A crazy, only three degrees of separation kinda thing. Our extended Trinity family is everywhere!”

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It’s always nice to start off with someone we have not heard from in a while. **Tim Martin** may have endured a few ribbings on how useful majoring in dance might be, but it’s been a continuing influence on his life even after all these years. Recently, Tim had a chance to dance with Emily Jazombek, an alumna of New York City’s illustrious Paul Taylor Dance Company.

Hillary McAtee is staying active, as evidenced by her climbing Mount Hood in Oregon with her kids and close Trinity friend, Whitney Palache ’82. This followed her youngest graduating from college last May. As foretold in our last update, **Wendy Farnham Schon**, **Margot Blattman**, **Wendy Gorlin Tayer**, and **Tina Tricarichi** made their trip to the Galapagos, and it lived up to expectations. It was a fun week of snorkeling, kayaking, and lots of sitings of sea turtles, tortoises, sea lions, and blue-footed boobies! **Mike Isko** continues his second career on the stage. He hooked up with a theater group in Avon, Connecticut, Playhouse 44, to perform a tribute to Stiller and Meara. Mike also is hoping to do some more performing at the Fern Street Play Festival in West Hartford. His son got married in Connecticut in October, and his daughter is at Cold Spring Harbor Laboratory in Long Island, getting a Ph.D. in neuroscience.

I think it was reported earlier that **Jane Klapper Sykes** was remarried and has moved back to the East Coast in Washington, D.C. Fellow alumni **Cara Bachenheimer** and **Jane Moody Rachal** attended the nuptials. The newlyweds had a nice honeymoon through Europe and are building their dream home in McLean, with hopes of moving into it in February. **Peter O’Brien**, **Tim Clarke**, **Tom Lee**, **John Swain**, **Al Strickler**, and **Ben Howe** reunited in June on the Vineyard for retelling of tall tales and some fierce pickleball. Meanwhile, **Dave Nagle** continues to spend a good portion of his retirement at the Trinity campus auditing classes and counting the additional steps in Seabury Hall.

President **Todd Beati** writes that buddies **Mike McCarthy** and **Ander Wensberg** each welcomed new grandchildren this year. He does note that their man **Kevin O’Callaghan** is still the man to beat in that department when it comes to numbers. Todd also sent a nice photo of himself with alumnus friend Greg Hasson ’84, Todd’s daughter Samantha ’17, and Greg’s daughter Wallace, who recently graduated from the University of Alabama. The picture is of them all visiting Peaks Island in Maine.

Dom Rapini is doing his best to keep employment numbers up among Trinity folks by hiring them at his cybersecurity software firm, Queralt Solutions. Dom has a crew that includes executive officer Lisa Pojano ’87 and some talented interns, Drake Bellisari ’26 (engineering), Arinze Okigbo ’28 (engineer-ing), and Kidest Fesseha ’26 (marketing).

Finally, I teased a little about my June trip to Asia in the last issue. I have to say it totally beat expectations. We did it as a cruise that started in Seoul and brought us to a number of stops, including Jeju Island, Hiroshima, and Kyoto, and ended up in Tokyo. The cities were beautiful, the people delightful, the history overwhelming, and the food extraordinary. I highly recommend the visit. That’s all until next time, Bantams!

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Laura Ledbetter Baird shares, “I was fortunate to become a grandmother this year! My son and daughter-in-law, Walker and Katherine Baird, welcomed a son, Joseph David, this spring. It’s amazing to watch them parent baby Joey. And this grandmother hopes they move from Florida back to the Northeast soon!”

Anne F. Mahoney writes, “I retired as Windham State’s Attorney July 1 after more than 30 years as a prosecutor. Was lucky enough to see old roommate **Sue Thomas Schlett** a few years ago. Hope to meet up with another roommate, **Sandy Rushbrook**. May go to Head of the Charles in a few weeks. Enjoyed watching that during Trinity reading days.”

From **Robert F. Flynn**: “I’ve relocated from Ireland and am in the U.K. I’ve decided to continue the ‘return to school’ theme with another master’s program, this time at the University of Cambridge. I’ve just arrived and am settling in and will begin studies at the Institute of Criminology next week. I may have mentioned that I studied social and political violence at Trinity College Dublin, and I’m hoping to study it from a criminology perspective. Here’s hoping it goes well!”

From **Amy Waugh Curry**: “All is well! Still working in real estate in Fairfield County, Connecticut, and living in Southport. A daughter, Sarah Griffith, lives in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and works in commercial real estate in Boston (JLL), and a son, Conn Curry, lives in D.C. and also is in commercial real estate with JLL. I see **Laura Austin** on a very regular basis, occasionally run into **Sheila Marmion** and **Debbie Vinnick**. Oh, and most importantly, I’m a grandmother of a 15-month-old, Owen Philip Griffith (a monster in motion!). Best gift ever! If anyone has any kids moving my way, please let me know. I’d love to help them!”



Nancy Katz Aresu '84, **Linda Kapnek Brown '84**, **Lorraine Saunders White '84**, **Michele Rosner Saunders '84**, **Amy Snyder Forman '84**, and **Dale Sindell '84** explore Salem, Massachusetts, in fall 2025.

Jane Melvin writes, “Greetings from Fort Wayne, Indiana, a place not often a destination but is surprisingly almost on the way to a lot of places. We had a great surprise visitor a few months ago in the form of the one and only **Matt Golding**. What a gift to see him. He was on his way to the Cape, which is one of the first things I think about when I think about him. We had a lot to catch up on, and we didn’t finish. We’re still on the way to the Cape (if you’re going from California), so I hope to do it again soon. We moved to Fort Wayne during the pandemic. Rick (husband of 36 years) had been married to the Chicago Fed almost as long as he has been married to me, but he retired this summer. He said when he retired that he was looking forward to going out to breakfast, cleaning his closet, and going to the pool. He did all three the first week, so it’s time for some new hobbies. He went to a fantasy football draft on Monday. I’m hoping it sticks. My son graduated from the College and Science & Engineering at the University of Minnesota in 2024 and started working at Seagate in Minneapolis, where he’d interned in the summer. I’m still ballroom dancing (20 years with the same partner this November) and running my strategy consulting practice (24 years). Luckily, work and dancing are always an adventure, and I spend a lot of time in airports. Check a map if you’re driving cross-country, and please stop by for a visit. We have lots of room and generally good conversation. If it’s a weekend, you’re welcome to join me at a protest.”

From **Nancy Katz Aresu**: “On a recent beautiful fall weekend, I was able to

reconnect with my senior roommates, **Lorraine Saunders White**, **Amy Snyder Forman**, **Dale Sindell**, **Michele Rosner Saunders**, and **Linda Kapnek Brown**, at Amy’s house in Swampscott, Massachusetts. Without missing a beat, we laughed and exchanged stories for 48 hours straight, pausing only to eat, sleep, and explain to our husbands how to reheate the dinner from the night before (just kidding). It was an amazing mini reunion of friends full of love and joy but deeply feeling the absence of one of our own, **Kate vanWagenen Sperry**, who is dearly missed and not forgotten. Highlights of the weekend included updates. It appears you can take the girl out of Trinity but not Trinity out of the girl. Everyone is still learning and pursuing new adventures. Dale is deep in data, writing her Ph.D. dissertation in museum studies (after completing her master’s in museum studies in 2023), and is learning salsa in her spare time. Amy is getting ahead of retirement and has taken up canasta so that her time will be filled with brain-sharpening activities where you can sit. Linda is learning how to juggle three grandchildren all living within five miles of her house. Michele is learning to swim distances (at least one mile four-plus times per week). And Lorraine and I are learning that staying in shape is a lot more fun when you do it together—we train together weekly and have quickly become the favorites at the gym. Everyone is off in different directions, but we’ve all learned the important art of keeping in touch. I wish all of you similar get-togethers. Life is short. Don’t wait for tomorrow. Carpe diem.”

From **Peter Stinson**: “Nothing much is happening in my life. The summer was uneventful. The autumn looks to be the same. The years roll on, one seeming like the last. I have gotten back to putting pen to paper and recently had a poem accepted in a regional journal. That’s news, perhaps.”

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Writing last fall, **Brooke Southall** says that he would be rowing in a quadruple scull for the Union Boat Club at the Head of the Charles with three former teammates. They had rowed the quad for the UBC at the Henley Royal Regatta in 1989. “The plan is not to collide with a bridge arch or otherwise fail to finish the race,” he says.

Hopefully, he met up with **Andy Merrill**, who was manning the USRowing tent at the Head of the Charles. Andy was not competing this time as he did not get in in his single, double, or quad. However, he is keeping his oars in the water, having been appointed vice chair of the board of USRowing and to serve on the USRowing Foundation Board. With the Olympics a “home game” in 2028, he says this will be an exciting time to support U.S. athletes and to give back to a sport that gave him much. He recently spent the day with our national team and coaches at the high-performance training facility in Chula Vista, California. “It was great to get out on the water and watch our men’s and women’s teams as they prepared for worlds,” he says.

Gretchen Kimmick was completing research projects at Duke but has otherwise retired from her clinical practice in breast oncology and lives in Raleigh, North Carolina, with her husband. She reflected that the field has seen amazing advances in her over-30-year career, and she is commissioning a piece of music to acknowledge the improvements in care and to honor her patients. She promises more about that in 2026!

Louise Williams Senopouolos proudly shared news of the arrival of another grandchild! Fisher Harris Matthews arrived on May 6. Named after Louise’s grandfather, he joins cousin Natalie, who is almost 2. She confirms that being a grandparent is amazing, and Fisher is “a real cutie.” She was

Robert Afzal '84

DEGREES:
**B.S. in physics; M.S.,
Ph.D. in physics,
Brown University**

JOB TITLE:
**Senior fellow at
Lockheed Martin in
Seattle**

FAVORITE
TRINITY MEMORY:
**First, I still have enduring
friendships from my time
at Trinity, and that by
far is most important.
I just got together with
two of my friends from
Trinity; we had gone
on to be housemates
in grad school, so we
lived with each other for
another five years. We
hadn't seen each other
in ages, but we had a
fabulous time—we didn't
miss a beat. Second is
something unique at
Trinity: Cinestudio, the
movie theater. Almost
every weekend, we
would go to the movies
before starting a night
out. I saw so many great
films, and it was such a
great place. I don't think
other schools have that
jewel of a theater. To
this day, I'm very good
at film analysis; my wife
is always commenting
on how I can take a film
apart!**

What was your path to your current position?
My interest in lasers was sparked at Trinity through a freshman [first-year] seminar where Professor Harvey Picker had crafted a course in lasers. While at Trinity, I conducted an independent research project in learning more about lasers and was able to construct a laser in a Trinity lab. After graduating, I went to Brown to earn a Ph.D. in the specialty of laser physics and then to a postdoctoral position at the Naval Research Laboratory in Washington, D.C. I later took a position at a small laser company in Boston that did some defense work and also was developing lasers for medical applications; my first project there was to help develop a laser for tattoo removal. I was there for almost two years when a position finally opened at NASA-Goddard Space Flight Center. We used to say that Goddard is responsible for everything in Earth's orbit that doesn't have an astronaut in it. In my roughly 10 years there, I worked on three space flight programs: I was the lead for development of lasers for one of the first return-to-Mars missions, the Mars Global Surveyor; I was the lead laser developer on an Earth-observing satellite called IOESat; and I helped design the laser for the mission to Mercury called MESSENGER. I then went back into the private sector, and I ended up going back to Providence at a small start-up with my grad school cohort of a Brown professor and some of the grad students. We started a company that had its typical small company ups and downs. After five years, I took a position in Seattle at a laser R&D (research and development) company. Two years later, that company was acquired by Lockheed Martin, and I've been here ever since.

What do you do in your role? As the senior technical person for the development of high-power lasers, I work with corporate leadership and with our customers to help them understand what capabilities we can develop and deliver. I communicate the vision of what our advanced technology will provide them. I'm also called on to lead teams to solve technical problems in our programs.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I feel like we are working to solve very important problems that our nation faces, and that's motivating from a personal satisfaction standpoint. I tend to work on the early stages of technology demonstrations, so I'm typically not involved in production. I'm involved in the art of the possible.



What are the biggest challenges you face?
Unlike pure science, we have to do science on a schedule and within a budget. The challenge of balancing thorough work with cost and time is always the major challenge.

How did Trinity prepare you for your career?
Along with academics and learning the basics, Trinity gave me the freedom to pursue my interests. I wanted to try to build a laser, and they helped me do it. I had easy access to all the professors. I had an office in McCook; I did my homework there, and I could walk down the hallway and talk to the professors. It was a really friendly environment. I also took courses in history and English literature. My liberal arts education didn't help me with my early technical career, other than, say, being able to write proposals, but it helped me as I grew in seniority. I am able to communicate complex ideas in understandable ways so that non-technical people know what we're trying to accomplish. I brief senior people at the Pentagon, on Capitol Hill, and in our own corporation, and not all of them are physicists. I need to be able to communicate what and why we do what we do and what benefit arises from that.

getting ready for an annual reunion with **Bonnie Adams Connors** and **Nancy McKeown Aboyan** in early October. “Still my (second) happiest place to be is with these Trinity women,” she says.

We missed seeing that gang at our Reunions last June, but **Prudy Horne** was there and dubbed it the highlight of last summer. She happily acknowledged she was being “completely irresponsible” as she planned to take a week off and meet **Boog Powell** in Vienna for an IES reunion. Boog’s youngest daughter, Caroline, joined them in conjunction with celebrating her 30th birthday there! In January, she will be in Rome, where she will spend three weeks at the American Academy in Rome.

Another Reunion stalwart, **Ted Coxe**, marked 30 years singing with his men’s a cappella group, The Tonics. The melodious gents were getting set to release their first four-song EP, *Port*, on all major streaming platforms, including Spotify and Apple Music. “Please check it out. The royalties help keep us in beer money,” Ted pleads.

Norm Price and **John Bonelli** got together in Hartford over the summer and took time to tour The Mark Twain House, which I can confirm is well worth the visit, with or without an old college pal. Your class secretary remains a proud citizen of our nation’s capital and enjoys watching National Guard members idly chitchat when I do errands or take the subway to work. It seems the crisis of marauding, blood-thirsty hoodlums has abated.

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Exciting family news from **Stephen Swett**: “Shawn ’88 and I welcomed our third grandchild, Peter Lester Swett, joining big sister Poppy Elizabeth Swett, 4, and John Cissel Swett, 2½. Thankfully, they live just one town away. Fun times!”

Karen Hubbard passed along a note that she still lives in London with her English family and teaches at Hill House international school.

Thomas Zoubek sends this update, “Last June, I retired from King School in Stamford,



Kim Remick Rotner '86, Claudia Baio '86, Beth McDonald '87, Mei Wa Cheng '86, and Malcolm Stevenson '86 gather in Rocky Hill, Connecticut, in summer 2024.

Connecticut, after 26 years and serving as World Language Department chair (1999–2017) and Social Sciences Department chair (2017–25). I continue to serve as the president and executive director of the Stamford History Center for one more year. I was named assistant principal trumpet of the Connecticut Symphonic Winds for this season, which also will be my last (2014–26). I am retiring to my farm in the Finger Lakes of New York, where I will be breeding Icelandic sheep in my retirement and visiting the many local wineries. Cheers!”

Christine Pastore shares, “During the winter, Ben and I sold our home on the East Side of Providence, which we loved and had many happy years in, and purchased a home in Chatham, Massachusetts. It is a ‘project’ that I am not sure we intended to sign up for at age 60-plus, yet here we are! We had a great summer in the new house. Our daughter Samantha ’14 and her husband, Danny, and our son Holden ’17 also spent a ton of time with us in the summer months—a great gift. We are embarking on a winter of renovations and hope to see some Trin classmates out on the Cape next summer. **Ben Rhodes** traveled out to California to attend a wedding hosted by Paul Kipnes ’85 and wife Michelle for their son, which also was attended by **Jerome Kapelus** and his wife, Jolie. We see them all as frequently as we can but not often enough. Ben continues to work for The Hartford, traveling some to the main office and primarily working remotely, which helps with his very long house projects to-do list! My private psychotherapy practice remains anchored in Providence, so we have an apartment there to accommodate my ‘commute’ back and forth to work and that also allows us to continue to enjoy all the parts of the city that we love. We look

forward to seeing our classmates at our 40th Reunion in 2026.”

Claudia Baio sent an update that I neglected to fit into a previous issue: “I got together with **Kim Remick Rotner** at Quincy Market in Boston. We see each other consistently, mostly in Connecticut, but sometimes in Massachusetts. Last year, we took a day trip to Salem together. She is retired from her veterinary practice, which included acupuncture, and she’s doing great!”

As always, feel free to pass along any news you want to share. **Paul Ferrucci**, paul.ferrucci@icloud.com

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By the time you read this, just about every member of our class will have turned 60! Did you have a party? Attain a particular goal? Whatever you did, remember that age is just a number!

Michele Amendola achieved her goal of visiting all 50 United States by age 60 with her visit to Alaska in August 2025.

Pete Leavitt sent along a great photo of him and **Dave Stedt** during Dave’s annual visit to Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in July 2025.

Joe Pryor, **John Trevor** (transferred to Boulder), **Geoff Greene**, **Bill Pratt**, and **Tim Burbank** had a mini reunion at the Cooke House in Newport, Rhode Island, just before the deadline for Class Notes in September 2025. Joe writes, “Everybody was in good form and had fun catching up.”

Sheila McNamara Riley had dinner with **Lauren Meyers** and **Rich Merhige** last summer when Lauren was in town for a wedding. Sheila says, “Even when Rich isn’t hosting, he’s hosting! Love that. I get to see Lauren pretty regularly when she’s visiting family in N.Y.C. and Guilford and have gotten to know her extended family over the years. A couple of weeks later, I saw Lauren, **Tracy Morgan**, and **Deborah Price** in Edgartown for one of our girls’ weekends. Always a great time, and no one almost lost an eye or fell into a bush this time! We looked marvelous!”

Gregory Mark Hill recently published a book, *Samsara and Its Impact on the Entrepreneur’s Dreams*, available worldwide through Amazon, Indigo, and BookBaby. The book’s message has been shared with audiences at Trinity College, Wharton, and NYU; Gregory was a guest on UBS’s *Through*



Dave Stedt '87 and Pete Leavitt '87 visit Boothbay Harbor, Maine, in July 2025.

the Wealth Lens and recently was invited to speak on water conservation and investment at Climate Week in New York City. He continues to sponsor the **Gregory M. Hill** Class of 1987 Track and Field Sportsmanship Award, which celebrated its 28th year last year under Coach John Michael Mason '12, M'14.

Andrew Conway lives in Arlington, Massachusetts, with his wife of 24 years, Kimberly; they have two daughters, one at the University of Vermont and one at Drexel University. Andrew works at Microsoft and spends “most of my leisure time in the performing arts: I’m a trustee of two community theater groups, the chair of the Arlington Cultural Council Grants Committee, and I play trombone with the Bedford Big Band, bass trombone with the Charles River Wind Ensemble, and bass guitar with dead-style rock band Natural Born Easy.”

Jennifer Nahas writes that she is “still happy roaming in my van spending time outside in western Colorado (farming, mountain biking, and teaching skiing in Telluride).”


Lisa McNamara shares, “Life is good and very busy. My husband, Alberto, and I travel frequently, though we are still working hard. My daughters are doing well and making me proud (including Darcy Hughes '18). As for ‘news,’ I am restoring a house in Windsor, Connecticut, that was built in 1786 by a fellow who served in the Revolutionary War alongside his son and neighbors. I have

discovered that the building was his copper shop in the cellar (built into a hillside) and home above. He was very close to a key ferry crossing over the Farmington River, so I believe I am rescuing a piece of Connecticut’s mercantile history. He was not a wealthy merchant, and homes like this have mostly been destroyed or changed beyond recognition. This house is remarkably untouched—for better or worse! I have tracked down his estate papers, so I know every single thing—down to the last candlestick—that was in the house. It is fascinating. I am interested in the life of his widow, who inhabited the customary third of the home after he died. If any other alumni are interested in connecting to talk about antique homes of this period, I would love to hear from you.” Email Lisa at Lisamcnamara6@icloud.com.

Katie Topper sends this exciting update from Rome: “Quite a few decades after studying at the Trinity Barbieri Center, I have finally accomplished my lifelong dream of coming back to Rome to live and work. I am teaching design technology, photography, and robotics in a makerspace at the American Overseas School of Rome, a fantastic international school with an amazing blend of students and families from all over the world. I live about 400 meters away from the lovely Suore Camaldolesi, eat ‘nun buns’ every day, and am enjoying revisiting old haunts like Cafe Barberini on Via Marmorata

and the Orange Garden. I am also fortunate to be sharing these experiences with my oldest daughter, Nicky, who is getting her master’s in food studies here at the American University of Rome and conducting research on social farming.”

It was wonderful to receive so many updates for this installment of Class Notes! As David Letterman used to say, “Keep those cards and letters coming!” And emails, texts, and phone calls, too!

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Hoping everyone had a great summer and fall season. I wrote this in early October, with the temps here in the D.C. area still warm and the leaves still green. And I was waiting for colorful trees to usher in the autumn season. At that time, the leaves were starting to change in Hartford as the College was preparing for the Inauguration of President Dan Lugo over Fall Weekend a few weeks later. That weekend, the campus also would be welcoming students’ families and alumni to return. What a fun weekend to celebrate our students and their families, our athletic teams, our alumni community, and Trinity’s 23rd president! I’m sure you will have seen news and photos of the celebration. And by the time you receive this, it’s already 2026! Happy New Year! Time flies!

Wonderful to hear from **Andy Zimmerman**, who is clearly a great host! He reports that he and wife Maura, **Chris Cloney**, and **Erin Clarke Gorden** “all got together with 100 of their closest friends in the Zimmermans’ backyard in Falmouth on the Cape for a Grateful Dead cover band in July, keeping the ‘88 torch alive! Then they all enjoyed a three-day recovery.” A three-day recovery is proof that it was a great party with particularly great guests, Andy! Some skills are still strong!

Matt Bergeron also gathered with classmates over the summer. “I’ve got a few updates to share. Since settling back into McLean, Virginia, I’ve had the chance to reconnect with **Dave Hutchinson** and **Curt Anderson** over several lunches and dinners. Both are still in Northern Virginia and doing well. I’m also spending my summers in Saratoga Springs, New York, and had some fun Trinity-related action this summer.

I hosted **Bob Ugolik**, **Tony DeNicola**, **Tom Broderick**, **Kevin Walsh**, and **Wally Wrobel** for a day at the races in July. Alas, we did not pick too many winners that day; in fact, every horse that Tom picked finished dead last! But we had a lot of fun and laughs, and it was great to reconnect with the guys. Bobby and Tony live in the Hamden area, and Tom, Kevin, and Wally are all in Greater Boston. I also ran into **Dean Andrews** at the races one day. In Dean’s case, I did help him pick at least one winner! I also connect with Marty Trial, former owner of the College View Café and a friend to many from the Class of ’88. Marty comes to Saratoga each summer with his friends from Hartford, and we played some golf and enjoyed time together at the races a couple times this summer.” Keep an eye out for Matt and more at the tracks next summer!


Nancy Barry kindly sent a note to let us know that **Jennifer Elwell O’Donnell** recently published a book of poetry. Nancy says, “*Catching Fireflies* is a wonderful collection of her thoughtful and creative poetry. It is available on Amazon and Barnes & Noble.”

Jennifer Elwell O’Donnell says, “I’m proud that I self-published my first poetry book of short freeform poems that I’ve been writing over the years. It’s a pastime that I do to challenge my creative spirit. Also, my grandmother is my inspiration and was a published poet of note and award.” I noticed on the book jacket Jen says the poetry is a “tribute to places and people that inspire me, both real and imagined.” Congratulations on *Catching Fireflies*, Jen!

Last fall, **Jennifer Blum** and I, along with our husbands, traveled to Sicily and enjoyed a wonderful trip sightseeing, dining, and wine tasting along the way! From Mount Etna to farms, tiny towns to cities and ancient ruins across the island, it was a wonderful adventure! A lot of good laughter along the way. We enjoyed a “small world” moment in the city of Cefalù when a gentleman walked past us wearing the Nantucket red Trinity cap on his head. There was a light rain that day, and I happened to be wearing the exact same cap! This particular cap is no longer sold, so I knew he must have had it for a few years. So, of course, Jen and I had to speak with him. He was French. From our limited memory of high school French, we learned that his granddaughter attended Trinity and is a teacher at a university in Philadelphia. And he was so proud of her. He was lovely and tipped his hat goodbye as we went our separate ways. You never know where you’ll

run into Trinity family, but you always do! Near and far!

To all of you, near and far, be well and stay connected to one another in 2026. Until next time!

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Stephen Francis deserves top billing this time, as he wrote back in August: “**Yani (Kwee)** and **Yuchi Lee** and **Jason Manske** and his wife, Stephanie, came to see **Elizabeth (Rosano)** and me in New Hampshire over the weekend. It was great to reminisce, and, of course, I had to recall our plastic wine basket in Florence!” Stephen is talking about an infamously bad bottle of Chianti we bought during a junior-year trip to Florence. It was encased in synthetic wicker that probably cost more to manufacture than the wine itself.

Gretchen (Bullard) Fraser shares that her daughter was married on September 26. Congratulations, Gretchen!

Kristin Bennett just returned from northern Japan, where she explored Hokkaido’s Daisetsuzan National Park and climbed Mount Rishiri, a majestic stratovolcano. My own recent conquest—Mount Monadnock in southern New Hampshire—suddenly feels a bit less impressive. Kristin stays in close touch with **Bart Coughlin** and **Helen de Baubigny** and happily reports they are doing well.

Maria Walsh writes about life transitions: “My husband, Brian, and I sold our home of 18 years in Fairfield, Connecticut, in August and will move to Wilton in November. Until then, we are enjoying apartment life. We recently dropped our daughter Emily off for her semester abroad in Florence. Finally, our son Chris is a senior this year and is working on his thesis. Lots of changes!” Here’s hoping Emily avoids repeating the cheap Chianti mistake, Maria!

Tracy Miano Chartier reflected on life in Maine, family milestones, and both joy and loss. She and her husband are still in the thick of professional lives—Tracy teaching at an elementary school, her husband working at a paper mill—while cherishing time with children, grandchildren, and extended family. This summer, she and her siblings prepared their childhood home in Avon, Connecticut, for the market after the

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loss of both parents. Highlights included the arrival of granddaughter Willow (with another grandchild expected soon), daughter Gabrielle’s recognition as Deputy Sheriff of the Year, and travels from Prince Edward Island to California.

Alyssa Purbeck Greer shared a fun tradition: “**Susan Kennedy Burgos**, **Elizabeth Johnston Smith**, and I are continuing our Zoom book club and at least yearly in-person girls’ get-together in the beginning of October. Susan and I are going to stay with Elizabeth in her new home in Columbia, South Carolina, for a long weekend. Will update our antics for next newsletter.” We can’t wait for the sequel report.

Doug Macdonald was invited back to campus to speak at the Nu Rho Psi (neuroscience) and Psi Chi (psychology) honors societies induction ceremony. As a member of Nu Rho Psi, he’s sure to inspire the new class of honorees.

Roger Wellington notes that recent scientific progress toward a treatment for Huntington’s disease (HD) owes something to Doug’s professional efforts. His employer is dedicated to developing therapies for HD, and Doug has been instrumental in directing support to the labs leading this work. Well done, Doug!

On the travel-by-sea front, **Becky Holt** writes: “Growing up minutes from Bar Harbor and watching the Yarmouth-Nova Scotia Ferry, I always assumed that the voyage was just for tourists heading to Acadia. This summer, our family boarded the CAT for a three-hour tour to Canada. With our 8-year-old in tow, the cuteness factor scored us a seat with a 180-degree view on the captain’s bridge and even spotted a few whales. Sometimes being a later-in-life mom has its perks. The UNESCO historic site Lunenburg, Nova Scotia, was definitely worth a visit!”

Sean Dougherty and wife Julie spent the winter and spring in Las Vegas, navigating a string of surgeries and the rehab that

followed. His life became a cycle of physical therapy, stretching, and doctors’ visits—and workouts with a trainer (thanks to stern doctorly advice). In between, Sean laced up for a full season of street hockey. He was re-elected to his fifth term on the board of SPERDVAC, an organization dedicated to preserving the legacy of classic radio. Summer brought family time, including a visit with **Sue Kluiber**, and September featured his nephew’s wedding in Lake Garda, Italy, followed by travel through Spain and Portugal.

I had a fun lunch with **Matt Maginniss** recently and visited his beautiful home on the Thames River in Groton, Connecticut. He’s been busy coaching and playing a lot of guitar with friends.

Jay Flemma submitted a significant update: “I have a mixed report. After winning a case at the U.S. Supreme Court, I got hired by a great firm in Boise, Idaho, to do civil rights and con law. Sadly, one hour after I was sworn in, my new eye surgeon missed with a needle I argued with him not to use and instead of fixing my retina, he shredded it. I will wear the eye patch for the rest of my days. Still, I refuse to quit anything. **Andrew Walker** once called me indomitable in our Class Notes, and I intend to live up to it.” Indeed, he’s continued to cover golf as a journalist and recently played Open Championship golf courses in England. He added, “The next step in the fight back is to ski on all seven continents and to climb Aconcagua, Kilimanjaro, and the Annapurna Circuit. I can’t say that ‘what did not kill me made me stronger,’ but what did not kill me poured gasoline on my already unquenchable fire.”

From **Pilar Proffitt**, “I have a son at Trinity in his sophomore year and a daughter who just graduated from Trinity with a B.S. in math and a minor in philosophy. My other daughter is at UPenn, pursuing an M.F.A. in sculpture. I am working as an interior designer and wrapping up a hotel in N.Y.C., which will open soon! Also, my architect husband and I recently won the AIA Connecticut award for our work on The Hotchkiss School.” Wow, Pilar, that’s fantastic!

And finally, a warm hello from **Sophie Wadsworth**, who reports that life continues to be well.

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Marc Schader writes from Madrid, Spain: “The biggest news is my eldest daughter, Mia, has started university at University of the Arts London (UAL) and enjoying every minute of her new life in London. Despite visiting Trinity, she preferred the allure of the big city! Thankfully, we still have our son Leo with us, as he is in school here in Madrid, where I have been based for the last 25 years. After 20 years at Havas as global chief client officer, I left to spend two years as COO of a new physical retail venture called Wow Concept, offering a unique curation of contemporary fashion, tech, home, and beauty brands. A great experience! I am senior adviser to several companies, including 5x Media, a fit, TV, and digital production company and influencer management company in L.A., as well as Topline Marketing, a global marketing, brand, and business growth consultancy company. My wife, Carmen, continues with her successful interior design company.”

Gretzky Johnson reports, “I continue to work at Chenery Compliance, working with asset management firms to navigate the evolving SEC environment. My commute is about seven minutes, and I have a flexible schedule, which will allow Laurie and I to travel to see our son, Mikey, play lacrosse for Hobart this spring. He started his freshman year and has adjusted well to the morning practice commitment. Our middle daughter, Lauren, is teaching elementary school in our school district and looking to move into the city in the coming year. The eldest of the Gretzky clan, Lindsay, continues to work for Booz Allen and lives in Virginia Beach. In August, we were able to get all the kids to Avalon, New Jersey, for a family beach vacation. Looking forward to cheering on my Phillies and Eagles (Go Birds!); my New York and Boston friends can send hate mail to my email address (spam filter is activated).”

Aj Kohlhepp reports, “After stints in Austin, Jacksonville, the Berkshires, and Baltimore, we completed a long-deferred move to Richmond in summer 2024. Instead of joining a new school community here, I moved into the nonprofit side, where I draw from 25 years of classroom experience as communications director for the Virginia Association of Independent Schools. Outside of the workday, I have been enjoying the music scene and playing open mics every chance I get. My wife, Virginia, has been

developing a TV series set at a fictional New England boarding school and hopes to see it on a streaming platform one of these days.”

Sarah Crissman Hollington shares, “Spent a few days with Tinabeth Burton ’91 and Sydney Clarke ’91 this winter. I ran into **Toby** and **Dave Bates** at a Guardians game this spring. Reconnected with Tinabeth at Villanova Parents’ Weekend, where we both have seniors. Also spent time with **Mimi Drake** and Tom Drake ’89 while in Philly. Over the summer, I met up with **Kelly Nash Quinn** and **Laura Cooper Page** while heading east to visit my family. Of course, there are regular visits with my brother, Charlie Crissman ’91.”

Mike Cavanaugh writes, “I passed my six-year anniversary at ICR Healthcare, where I provide investor relations consulting to medtech and diagnostics companies. The Cavanaugh family, including Robin Halpern Cavanaugh ’91, Charlie ’23 and Aidan Cavanaugh ’23, and Michael IV, enjoyed a long overdue vacation to England and Ireland in March. I saw **Mike Vandall** in Florida recently, and we took in the Florida–Texas football game at the University of Florida in Gainesville. Mike and family moved to Florida way before it was cool, and they are all doing well. Mike will be attending the Ireland–New Zealand rugby match in Chicago in November with a group of former Bantam ruggers, including **Toby Bates**, **Dave Bates**, Ian Thompson ’91, and my sons Charlie and Aidan. It has been a long time since seeing the Bates brothers and Ian, and we’re looking forward to it!”

Jim Dormer stopped in for a visit with the Cavaughns as he was driving through central Massachusetts recently. Jim is an analyst at Jane Street, and he and his family are doing great.

Dave Hupper writes that he and **Marney Faesy Hupper** have moved to Chattahoochee Hills, Georgia, after four years living year-round in Maine. “We’re looking forward to warmer weather, access to a big airport so it’s easier to visit our boys in Austin and L.A., and exploring the Southwest. This summer we bumped into fellow Trinity alum Fred Parsons ’85 and his wife up in Brooklin, Maine. It was a fun reunion after 25 years. Earlier this year, we also grabbed breakfast at a diner in N.Y.C. with Bill Brick ’91. It was great to see my fellow Psi U brother, though the visit was too short. Looking ahead, in January I plan to retire from Fidelity Investments after 30 years. No major plans yet for what lies ahead.”

Aaron Sobel writes at the buzzer: “My family and I live in Houston. We’ve been there for 15 years, where I’ve worked in oil and gas as a vice president of HR. With our son heading to college next year and us being empty nesters, our exciting update is we’re moving to North Carolina to our (hopefully) forever home. After the move, I’m going to continue commuting back to Houston for my job until retirement in a couple years.”

As I write this, I am between N.Y.C. visits to see my youngest, Liv, for Family Weekend at “Barnumbia,” where she is a busy and very happy junior. Was in the city a few weeks ago and took in a very cool Van Gogh exhibit at the Botanical Garden with **Jennifer Schulz Gilbert** and her husband, Tom. I also enjoyed cocktails and dinner with **Gabin Rubin** and her wife, Samantha. This time around, I am hoping to connect with **Lisa Tomlinson**, as well as **Susan Monaco**, who is visiting New York from London with daughter Silvie.

Thank you to each of you who took the time to write. I love hearing your news!

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Hello, dear classmates! A big thank you to all who sent updates and a reminder that our 35th Reunion is coming up this spring, so save those dates! As for Jack and I, we are happy to report that our son, Charlie, is a cadet at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy in New London, along with Dave Wells ’90, who is a coach and on the faculty there. Our daughter, Molly, is a freshman at Boston College and is rowing for their crew team. Looking forward to the Head of Charles this fall! (Brings back memories of road-tripping to Cambridge with **Dan Waterman** and a few other hearty souls to enjoy the festivities back in the day.)

My freshman seminar buddy (under Professor Clyde McKee), **Lawrence Kolin**, writes that he was honored to give the 2025 opening plenary on the evolution of AI in mediation at Florida’s Dispute Resolution Conference. For the past decade, he’s been with nationally leading ADR specialty firm Upchurch Watson White & Max Mediation



Rich Getzoff ’92, Tom Scull ’92, Steve Burgess ’92, and Darin Steinburg ’92 attend Steve’s son’s recent wedding in Pennsylvania.

Group, which recently partnered with Veritext to utilize any of its offices. He’s also listed on the national panels of AAA, AHLA, and NADN as mediator and arbitrator. Lawrence authors a topical alternative dispute resolution blog since 2010 at www.OrlandoMediator.blogspot.com. Lawrence’s wife, Karen, is with Novo Nordisk clinical trial site engagement. Their eldest daughter is a sophomore at NYU, and their youngest is a high school senior whose team won the 1A girls lacrosse state championship. He’s hoping to see everyone next Reunion. Definitely!

Elizabeth Bakulski Peterson writes, “The class committee is looking forward to seeing everyone at our 35th Reunion June 4–7, 2026. It will be a great weekend! I’m having another four years of Trinity now that my son is a Bantam. I had flashbacks moving him into Funston freshman year two doors from the room I had senior year. I really appreciate the twofer of Parents Weekend and Homecoming being held at the same time—so efficient. See you in June!”

Michelle York Hope writes, “Huge thank you to Trinity Alumni Relations for prompting me to finally accomplish a lifelong dream: writing a book. In May 2022, they asked permission to display and sell my book at the bookstore during our rescheduled June Reunion. The problem: I hadn’t written it (yet) and apparently received their request in error. That error prompted me to finally write *And Journal, That’s That*—a romantic, suspenseful work of fiction—in time for our upcoming 2026 Reunion. Additional thanks to **Tara Lawson Gill**, **Chuck Gill**, and

their post-Reunion ’22 guests for preliminary plot feedback. I look forward to seeing everyone in June 2026.” Right back at ya’, Michelle! Maybe we can get a sample of your book at a lecture or something at Reunion?

It was so great to hear from Senior Officer **Katty Lopez** ’91, M’93 that she is retiring after a 25-year career in federal law enforcement out of the Hartford field office and lastly out of the Miami field office. She was many things during her time at Trinity: a soccer, basketball, softball, and track and field star and president of La Voz Latina. A Hartford native and graduate of Bulkeley High School, she is the perfect example of a homegrown success story, one not many of you may know about (but we’ll change that!). From her childhood days attending summer camp at Trinity’s NYSP program, to earning a master’s and law degree, to protecting and serving the residents of Connecticut and Florida, we congratulate her on her upcoming and well-deserved law enforcement retirement. Another reason to be proud of our wonderful classmates. Hope to see you in June, Katty, and hopefully hear some of your very cool career stories.

Jeanne Sanders reports, “After 18 years in Maine working in the finance department at L.L. Bean, I’ve discovered an unexpected perk—Maine turns into a reunion spot once your college friends start vacationing here! This summer was a whirlwind of catch-ups; over the course of a month, I reconnected with my freshman-year roommate **Tracy Miller** plus **Andrew Turner**, **Eve Applebaum Knapp**, **Jon Knapp**, **Chris** and **Tracy**

Elizabeth Devaney '98

DEGREES: **B.A. in American studies; master's in management with a concentration in youth and family programs, The Heller School for Social Policy and Management, Brandeis University; Ph.D. candidate in human development, Warner School of Education, University of Rochester (expected graduation 2027)**

JOB TITLE: **Director, Whole Child Connection at Children's Institute in Rochester, New York**

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: **There are so many, but what stands out are the weekly all-nighters we pulled to finalize *The Trinity Tripod*. I was editor-in-chief my senior year, and that was also when I started dating Tom Devaney '98. He worked the overnight shift as dispatcher at Campus Safety, so when I was fading around 3:00 a.m., I'd call him, and we'd talk for hours while we each did our late-night jobs. That ability to talk about anything and everything started then—and it's still the most important part of our relationship.**

What was your path to your current position? When I graduated from Trinity, I thought I was headed for a career in publishing. I had spent four years working on the *Tripod* and imagined myself continuing down that path. But publishing jobs were hard to come by, and thankfully, I didn't get one! Instead, I landed a role as a publications assistant at a nonprofit focused on research and development in education and health. It didn't take long for me to realize that publishing wasn't my passion, but the organization's mission sparked something deeper. I transitioned into a research assistant role and found myself drawn to the idea of using research to inform policy and practice. That led me to pursue a master's degree focusing on social policy. From there, my career has consistently placed me at the intersection of research and practice. My husband, Tom '98, is a history professor, and his early career required us to move around quite a bit. That gave me the opportunity to explore different roles, each one adding a layer to my understanding of systems change and youth development. Eventually, we settled in Rochester, New York, where Tom is senior associate dean of arts and sciences at the University of Rochester, and I serve as director of the Whole Child Connection at Children's Institute, a nonprofit focused on advancing children's social and emotional development through research, evidence-based programs, and practical support for educators and caregivers.

What do you do in your role? I lead a team that provides professional learning, coaching, consultation, and research-based tools to school districts, early childhood programs, out-of-school-time providers, families, and youth across the state of New York. One of our most impactful initiatives has been helping seven school districts revise their codes of conduct to be more student centered, restorative, and strengths based. These changes aim to flip discipline from a focus on punishment and blame to a focus on accountability and support. We're also developing and testing a new coaching tool that helps educators integrate social and emotional skill building into everyday instruction so students build essential life skills without losing academic time.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I get to work with people who care deeply about equitable education and creating learning spaces that truly



meet the needs of young people. We work directly with youth and families to co-create solutions to pressing problems in education. Also, as a mom of three teenagers, the work feels personal. I see firsthand how important it is to support young people's social development—not just for academic success but for life.

What are the biggest challenges you face? Right now, schools are highly politicized. There's a lot of pressure from both sides of the political spectrum to turn education into a battleground. That creates a tough environment for educators and does a real disservice to kids. Our work is not political; it's about centering children's needs, and that can be hard to do when the system is pulled in so many directions.

How did your time at Trinity help prepare you for your career? Trinity gave me the foundation I use every day—critical thinking and strong writing skills. Working on the *Tripod* and at the Writing Center helped me grow as a communicator and as a leader. My senior thesis, which focused on the Frog Hollow Revitalization Project, was my first deep dive into community-based research. It opened my eyes to the lived experiences of people in communities very different from my own and sparked a lifelong interest in understanding and addressing inequity, particularly for children.

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? Several actually. Cheryl Greenberg and Jerry Watts introduced me to social justice concepts that lit a fire in me. But my senior thesis adviser, Stephen Valocchi, had the most lasting impact. He taught me the value of community-informed work—something that's now the foundation of my career.

Goodridge, and Jenn and Paul Leary. We indulged in Portland's finest—lobster rolls and local brews—and shared lots of laughs. Nothing beats good friends, good food, and a Maine summer!"

As for the rest of you '91ers, keep sending updates. We want to hear from you. Hope to see you 'neath the elms in June 2026! Mary

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Dear fellow Bantams, I had the chance to make it back to campus for Fall Weekend, together with **Christina "Bee" Bennett, Paula Cinti, and Kathy (Kimball) Kadziolka**. What a beautiful day, and it was great fun to see the campus buzzing. While there, we were able to join **Matt Duffy** at the Luzzi tailgate, which, by the way, was out of this world, and to see a number of our classmates. Matt notes, "We had such a great time at Homecoming watching the Trinity Bantams football team hold off Middlebury in a close game to stay tied for No. 1 in the NESCAC." Those in attendance included **Matt Duffy**, Rob Conklin '91, **Tad Hazelton, Dave Devlin, Jeff Luzzi, Andre Bouvier, Rob Hayes, John Dauphinee, Brian Courtmanch, and Mike McHugh**, as well as **Tom Presz**, whose son is a first-year at Trinity, and **Jeff MacDonald**, whose daughter is a senior. "Jeff Luzzi and wife Kristen hosted another epic tailgate, and we saw so many great people there, including Tad's brother Jim Hazelton '93 and their father, Rick Hazleton, former athletic director and legend, plus other Trinity grads such as our friends **Jenn Cattier** and husband Jacques '93, **Christina Bennett, Paula Cinti, Kathy Kadziolka, Prescott Stewart '93, Eric Mudry '94, Rocco DeMaio '91, Rob DeLena '91, and many others**. The campus looked as beautiful as ever, and the weather was perfect for this day of laughs and food and hugs."

I was very happy to hear from many of our classmates and share their news below.

Nicholas Sims writes, "After 20 years of federal service with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI), I have retired from government service. Over the course of my career, I had the privilege of contributing to national security missions and working alongside dedicated professionals committed to protecting our country. I

am grateful for the experiences, challenges, and friendships that have defined this journey, and I look forward to the opportunities that retirement will bring."

Tom Scull gathered with **Rich Getzoff, Steve Burgess, and Darin Steinburg** at Steve's son's wedding in Pennsylvania.

Celeste (Snow) Shepherd writes that she recently hosted a roommates' get-together with **Andrea Moody, Laura (MacDonald) Skinner, and Megan (Spanna) Dennen**, who traveled from Washington, New York, and Rhode Island. "We spent the weekend catching up on life, reminiscing about our Trinity days, flipping through old photos, and playing tourist around Nashville." She notes that she finally made it to Ireland and couldn't resist a visit to Trinity College Dublin. "Finally, my company, Celebelle, is celebrating its 15th year. That liberal arts foundation turned out to be great prep for entrepreneurship—though in hindsight I might have paid a bit more attention in microeconomics than macro if I had known that would eventually be my path!"

Betsy Ludwig shares, "My daughter Katie is part of the Class of '28, and watching her begin her Trinity journey has been incredibly rewarding. Through her fresh perspective, I'm rediscovering what makes this institution so special—from the close-knit community atmosphere to the genuine care faculty show for student development. Reconnecting with the Trinity community as a parent has reinforced my appreciation for the enduring values and traditions that define this place. The caliber of faculty and fellow alumni continues to impress me, and I'm struck by how Trinity has evolved while maintaining its core commitment to excellence and community. It's heartening to see the next generation experiencing the same transformative education that shaped so many of us, albeit with new opportunities and resources we could only have imagined. Trinity remains an extraordinary place—one that not only educates but truly forms students into thoughtful, engaged citizens ready to make their mark on the world."

Ned Rollhaus lives with wife Catherine in Denver and the mountains of Colorado; they are one year away from empty nesting, so if anyone comes through Colorado, please let them know! Their oldest (Merrill) moved to Chicago and loves the Windy City. Their middle (Ford) is a sophomore at Columbia, and their youngest (Thomas) is figuring out what the next chapter has in store for him. Ned is a partner at Matter Family Office, and

Catherine is executive director of The James E. Hughes Jr. Foundation. Hope everyone is well!

Keep the notes coming!

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Jon Trevisan has a fun update, "**Clive Bard Jacques, Jamie Gaillard**, and I had the opportunity to get together for an amazing weekend in September on Fishers Island. It had been quite a while since the three of us were together, as Jamie lives in Chapel Hill, North Carolina; Clive in Salem, Massachusetts; and I am in Duxbury, Massachusetts. But the stars aligned, and we spent an amazing weekend laughing, reminiscing of our days at Trinity, and enjoying each other's company. While it had been some time since we were together, and 32 years (gulp) since graduating, it felt like yesterday we were sitting in our High Rise quad. One of the greatest gifts that Trinity provided was a lifetime of the most special relationships!"

Thankfully we have **Nick Neonakis** to provide great content. "It was a great summer. My oldest son, Max, finished his freshman year at NYU, and our youngest is a high school senior, so we'll be empty nesters next year—hard to believe. I had an adventure ride on a motorcycle going about 6,000 km through 11 countries. Started in Germany, then through the Balkans to Greece, then Italy and Spain. I'll be doing a few more trips in Spain and Morocco, so if you like to ride, hit me up and come along!"

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Professors and lawyers and alumni! Oh my! Greetings, Trinity Class of '94! Our accomplished classmates include several Ph.D.s and attorneys. In fact, the updates for this issue of *The Trinity Reporter* come from two of each.

Melissa Kerin writes, “I’m a full professor of art history, focusing on South Asia and Tibet. I’m also serving as director of the Mudd Center for Ethics at Washington and Lee University. I publish a mix of things—some academic, some more public-facing (my latest was in Hyperallergic). And, like many of us, I’m about to be an empty nester, which I’m having trouble imagining! As for Trinity connections, I’m sometimes in touch with Suzanne Molinaro and David Kelley, but that’s about it.”

Mary Logan shares, “Still enjoying the beauty, community, and lifestyle of the Pacific Northwest. I moved to Portland 15 years ago for my current position (scientist) and truly cannot believe how quickly this time has passed!”

Seth Gerber is a partner with law firm Morgan Lewis LLP. Seth and wife Mimi Chen live in Los Angeles with their two 16-year-old kids and two dogs. They also have two daughters who are attending college.

Cristina Pozefsky writes, “I’ve been in Denver for six years! My older son, Sam, is a junior in high school, and my younger son, Jack, is in sixth grade. I’m working as the head of talent acquisition for a national law firm, and my husband is a health care attorney working for Children’s Hospital Colorado. I really enjoyed our 30th Reunion last June. It was wonderful to reconnect with everyone and see our beautiful campus. I’m regularly in touch with Amanda Pitman, Duffy Mudry, Ali (Friedman) Baird, and Renee Thibeault Barkley. I got to see Katie Peterson Sitter last summer when she was in Denver for her son’s lacrosse tournament. The Trinity bond is strong! I hope fellow alumni will reach out if they’re ever in Colorado to ski!”

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Amy Kerrigan Cole '95, Ashley Gilmor Myles '95, Sanny Burnham Warner '95, Matt Warner '95, Heidi Rieger LaFreniere '95, Jordy Davis '95, Pat Ashe '95, Ken LaFreniere '97, Ashley Farrar Ashe '93, Sheila O'Brien MacKeigan '94, Rob Weber '94, Nicole Weber '96, Schuyler Marshall Morris '94, Bob Stockton '94, and Michael Robinson '94 are among those enjoying Long Island Sound in summer 2025.

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A big thank you to those who wrote with updates!

Dan Anixt reports, “Last year, I left Dedrone, a manufacturer of counter-drone systems, as its general counsel upon its sale to Axon. I am the head of U.S. Legal for D-Fend Solutions, another counter-drone systems manufacturer. My wife, Steph Bovee '96, and I continue to enjoy living in our home in Loudoun County, Virginia.”

Paul Sullivan writes, “Our 30th Reunion made me feel like I was way behind my classmates as a father. I showed up with my 16-year-old daughter when so many already have kids in college or at Trinity! That wasn’t the worst of it: I have a 13-year-old and an 8-year-old! The highlight was reconnecting with Larry Jacob. A few years ago, I gave up my column in *The New York Times* to start The Company of Dads, which aims to get fathers more involved in their family’s lives at home and in the office. Larry was one of our Lead Dads of the Week, and we had a great virtual reconnection. My daughter and I sat with Larry and Jared Von Arx. I also got to spend time with Trish Haneman Cox. I also got to say thank you and goodbye to Joanne

Berger-Sweeney. I had the great good fortune of doing a three-year term on the Board of Fellows that coincided with the start of her term. On a professional note, I continue to build The Company of Dads. I was thrilled to appear twice on the *Today* show this year to talk about what we’re building. And I’m focused on writing what will be my third book based on the work I’ve been doing around involved fathers.”

Amy Kerrigan Cole shares, “On Sunday, September 14, a group of alums who live near Long Island Sound met up for an annual ‘Bants on Boats’ tradition to say goodbye to summer. It was a beautiful day on the water with lots of old friends.” Trinity alums in attendance were Jordy Davis, Pat Ashe and Ashley Farrar Ashe '93, Rob '94 and Nicole Weber '96, Schuyler Marshall Morris '94, Bob Stockton '94, Michael Robinson '94, Sanny and Matt Warner, Amy Kerrigan Cole, Heidi Rieger LaFreniere and Ken LaFreniere '97, Ashley Gilmor Myles, and Sheila O'Brien MacKeigan '94.

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serious thought to making your plans for our 30th Reunion in June. I want to mention that I believe it is customary at Reunion for new class officers to be elected, including the role of class secretary. That means that one of you lucky saps could have the honor of collecting news from classmates and spinning that news into delightful yarns three times a year for the *Reporter*. It is just as glamorous a role as you might expect.

Congratulations to Caroline Moore Broadfoot and Elliot Broadfoot on recently becoming empty nesters in New York City, with all three of their daughters having graduated from college.

Michael Schnitman and wife Laurel also are experiencing an empty nest with two kids at boarding school: “Our son is a freeride ski enthusiast and is at Holderness School in New Hampshire, which has a fantastic team. Our daughter is a freshman at Tabor Academy in Marion, Massachusetts, and loves the seaside setting. Both schools are within easy driving distance from our home in Wellesley, Massachusetts, so we are able to see the kids on weekends. Professionally, I am building a new wealth business at SLC Management, a Boston-based private credit, real estate, and infrastructure investment manager. Saw many Trinity friends on Nantucket this past summer, which was so nice. Looking forward to Reunion 2026!”

Sophie Yang happily lives in Philly with husband David Daniels '93. Sophie is a semiretired attorney and part- and full-time Airbnb host of three historic properties. David is still a happy architect. Sophie and David are enjoying the last two years of home life with their high school junior, Audrey. Big sister Meredith is a Penn sophomore, but here’s hoping Audrey will be a Bantam.

Gaia DiLoreto is pleased to share that for the 20th anniversary of the Brooklyn Power List, she is an honoree alongside 50 other leaders, including New York Attorney General Tish James and Brooklyn Borough President Antonio Reynoso. Congratulations, Gaia!

Last but not least, Rob Toomey adds his plug for going to Reunion next year: “We heard from everyone in the Class of '95 that their Reunion was a blast. With our 30th coming up next June, Carly and I will be going and hope to see lots of familiar faces.”

I echo Rob’s sentiments in encouraging you all to make your plans for Reunion!

From the Alumni Office: M.F. DiBella, who attended Trinity for one year, came to campus for the Trinity vs. Tufts football game



Class of 1997 members Ben Zwirn, Courtney Hadly Zwirn, Jeff Pyle, Josh Ayers, Jennifer Booth (attended Trinity for a semester via the 12-College Exchange), Tyler Booth, Stephanie (Brewster) Higgins, Samantha Desmarais, and Beth (Fifield) Gaby gather at the Zwirns’ Massachusetts home in July 2025.

in October 2025 with his uncle, Anthony DiBella '70, who lives in Rhode Island. He writes: “I was a freshman at Trinity in 1992–93. I was 17 and turned 18 two weeks after being on campus. In March 1993, my friends back home in Michigan convinced me to transfer to the University of Michigan. I was only 18 and didn’t know what I was doing. The Fab Five were making noise culturally and on the basketball court. I guess I wanted the big college experience. On Saturday [when I visited], it was a ‘Long Walk’ down memory lane. I felt a deep connection and some bittersweetness on what life could have been had I stayed at Trin Trin. I’m at a crossroads, relocating to the East Coast after 15 years in the Detroit area. I’ve been writing professionally for more than 25 years, and it’s never been harder to stay in it; I made more money when I started than I do now. *The Trinity Tripod* was my first byline. Perhaps the story of my return to Trinity after more than 30 years could serve as a cautionary tale for any current Trinity College student thinking about transferring.”

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Massachusetts, near the border of Vermont and New Hampshire, with my husband and two sons. I am an elementary school ELA teacher at the K–12 Chinese immersion charter school where my boys are in 10th and 12th grades. They are fluent in Mandarin, but my Chinese proficiency is that of a 2-year-old! We love living in Western Massachusetts because there are lots of great places to go hiking, camping, skiing, biking, and swimming within a short drive, so if you are ever in this neck of the woods, we would love to show you around! Trin classmate Josh Vicovic lives in the general vicinity, and I have the pleasure of crossing paths with him on a somewhat regular basis!

In other news, here are a few classmates I heard from this time around: Rhitu Siddharth writes, “I moved to Syria with the United Nations, heading up partnerships on economic, social, and development programmes since the fall of President Assad. Hope the class is doing well.”

From Jim Gilbert: “In August, we took a family vacation to Latvia, Estonia, and Finland. For those who haven’t explored the Baltics, we highly recommend them! Highlights included the KGB tour in Riga, Tallinn’s Old Town, and the Moomin Shop and Suomenlinna Fortress in Helsinki. Pictures and wild stories available upon request. This is a big fall for our family: Our daughter Shannon, 14, started high school in August and is pursuing the Cambridge Programme, where she’s pursuing an Advanced International Certificate of Education (AICE) diploma. She is also an artist and has had art pieces accepted in two

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DEGREES:
Engineering, with a concentration in biomedical engineering; M.S., Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, Stony Brook University

JOB TITLE:
Assistant professor, Department of Orthopedics, Icahn School of Medicine at Mount Sinai

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY:
I joined the Ultimate Frisbee team that was organized by an industrious first-year student. I had never played or even knew what it was when he was talking about it in the hall of Little Dormitory, which at the time was designated for first-year students interested in science and belonging to the Interdisciplinary Science Program (ISP) run by Professor Alison Draper. I had a blast with these guys; we traveled to other schools to compete and generally have fun.

What was your path to your current position?
After the excitement of earning my Ph.D. in biomedical engineering, I decided to pursue a postdoctoral fellowship in the Department of Orthopaedic Surgery at Washington University in St. Louis, where I learned how to use genetic animal models to clarify the role of molecular pathways in the adaptation of bone and cartilage to mechanical forces. Then, I joined the Departments of Mechanical Engineering and Anatomy, Cell Biology and Physiology at Indiana University Indianapolis for my first faculty position.

What do you do in your role? At Mount Sinai, my team and I use pharmacological and genetic approaches to better understand and regenerate the spine from adaptations due to aging, injury, sex, and genetics. As principal investigator (PI), my overall goal is to develop treatment strategies for the intervertebral disc of the spine to limit chronic back pain. A PI writes grants to support the research, publishes innovative research, mentors the next generation of rising research and medical students, and educates the public on how the work impacts their lives.

What do you enjoy most about what you do?
There are many aspects about my profession that I enjoy related to the scientific discovery and action process, such as interpreting data that my trainees or trainees from other research groups acquire and determining the next potential experiment to dive deeper into the problem, which subsequently leads to further exciting questions. Mentorship is a growing passion that I find very rewarding, where I play a supporting role in the career of budding scientists. But the most exciting part of being a scientist is when everyone on the team—all of us, myself included—experience the “aha!” moment. We all get excited and rejuvenated to pursue the work.

What challenges do you face? Funding is a persistent challenge that researchers from all fields face, and while the current times have added new challenges, there has never been a more exciting time to do research with all the new technologies available to better understand and cure diseases. A nonscientific intersectoral challenge I faced as I pursued my scientific career is related to my socioeconomic background. I was educated and worked at some of the most prestigious institutions, and I have “rubbed elbows” with some amazing



scientists, but as an early-stage investigator, I did not realize all the cultural capital I was missing and how that difference was impacting my scientific growth. I recognize it much better now and decided to act on it by serving as chair for the Belonging, Opportunity, and Access (BOA) Committee of the American Society for Bone and Mineral Research (ASBMR), which is the premier worldwide society for clinicians and scientists studying bone and mineral metabolism. As chair, I was able to implement programs and initiatives that promoted equitable opportunities for all of its members. It was one of the most challenging but rewarding experiences of my career to date, and I highly encourage that early-stage investigators interested in studying musculoskeletal tissues become involved in ASBMR because science is strengthened by its community.

Did you have a professor who was particularly influential? I had amazing professors at Trinity. Erik Vogt in philosophy, Joseph Palladino and Joe Bronzino in engineering, and Mark Silverman in physics all in their own way showed me that delivery of a message can be as important as the message itself. They were excellent teachers who valued and recognized the listener. More specifically, Dr. Vogt's lectures were some of the most impactful because they were not related to science per se, but how he explained the material made it so much more approachable and piercing.

juried competitions. My wife, Katie, works as a hospice nurse and started an R.N.-to-B.S.N. program. We also celebrated our 20th anniversary in late September. I'm still working in IT consulting with higher education clients, with somewhat regular travel around the U.S. and Canada. And about two years ago, I started volunteering as a tour guide at our local Civil War battlefield. Hope everyone is having a great fall, and looking forward to our Reunion in 2027!"

And **Courtney (Hadly) Zwirn** writes, “My husband, **Ben Zwirn**, and I have two boys at Minuteman High School (junior and freshman), and our oldest is a sophomore at Drexel University in Philly studying photography. A highlight of our summer was hosting a small gathering of classmates at our home in Arlington, Massachusetts, for a barbecue in July. **Stephanie (Brewster) Higgins**, her husband, and youngest daughter came from West Newbury, Massachusetts; their oldest daughter is a sophomore at William & Mary. **Beth (Fifield) Gaby** made the drive from Concord, New Hampshire, and was excited to tell us that she not only has one grandchild but also has another on the way! **Tyler Booth** and Jennifer came up from Glastonbury, Connecticut, where they are empty nesters! Their son graduated from Hamilton College in June 2025, and their twin girls are juniors at Skidmore. We also have two classmates who only had to travel across town to join us—**Jeff Pyle**, his wife, and two teen daughters, as well as **Samantha Desmarais** and her tween son. Special guest **Josh Ayers** flew out from Denver to stay with us and surprise the group! His son is starting at Washington University this fall as his daughter starts high school. It's always awesome to catch up and spend time with fellow '97ers, and we hope to do so more often.”

Great to hear from you all! **Kimberly Roberts Gnagy** and I will be sharing the class secretary position and taking turns writing Class Notes, so please be sure to send us your updates!

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Natalie Leblanc was promoted to associate professor with tenure and is the Harriet J. Kitzman Dean's Endowed Fellow at the University of Rochester School of Nursing.

She is affiliated faculty at the University of Rochester's Qualitative and Mixed Methods Research Center and Health Equity Research Core. Recently she was chair of the Interdisciplinary Sexual Health and HIV Research (INSHHR) Group at the University of Rochester School of Nursing. Lastly, she is affiliated faculty with the Center for Interdisciplinary Research on AIDS (CIRA)—Research Education Institute for Diverse Scholars (REIDS) at Yale School of Public Health.

Natalie is an interdisciplinary nurse research scientist with formal training and experience in public health (M.P.H., Emory '06; infectious disease, program implementation/evaluation, health service surveillance), nursing (Ph.D., University of Miami '16), and health research (health disparity/equity, community engagement, and implementation science). However, her first degree is from Trinity, where she earned a B.A. in anthropology. The skills and exposure from this foundation have tremendously influenced all of her professional experiences since.

Natalie's program of research investigates the lived experiences of health consumers and health provider perspectives and practices within an HIV status neutral framework, inclusive of sexual health, wellness, and well-being, as well as whole-person health. The work attends to the enduring differences in adverse health outcomes broadly and HIV/STI specifically and the development and implementation of health interventions. Her work also investigates the needs, determinants, and assets in clinical and community environments that address or exacerbate health experiences and conditions. She has a specific interest in examining threats and assets within interpersonal and system processes (clinical and provider-level health promotion), ecological factors that influence HIV susceptibility and sexual health, and implementation science to address threats and leverage assets. Her current funded research utilizes qualitative research and implementation science and focuses on HIV as a chronic condition among women; use of long-acting modalities for HIV prevention, treatment, and care; substance use among men who have sex with men; and development of a digital health intervention for partners.

In addition to conducting research, Natalie teaches and advises students primarily in doctoral programs and engages with students and other learners across different programs.

She has developed courses and teaches qualitative research methodology, epidemiology, mixed and multi-methods research, culture and health; she has guest lectured in courses pertaining to research design, health outcomes, infectious disease/HIV/STIs, health care provider practices and community engagement, and more. She advises doctoral students and postdoctoral trainees from within the School of Nursing and external to the University of Rochester. She serves as chair and/or committee member of a few dissertations, and she has professional affiliations with the Association of Nurses in AIDS Care and the National Black Nurses Association. She is open to collaboration and advisement and is looking forward to continuing efforts in health promotion.

Many thanks to Natalie for sending an update to share with us. If you have any news to share, please send it to me at jessicalvincent@yahoo.com.

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Greetings and salutations, Class of 2002! I hope this edition of *The Trinity Reporter* finds everyone well. The school year is a

month in, and the schedules are starting to fall into place, just in time for sign-ups for winter activities to hit the inboxes!

Brian Dekker has returned to school to pursue a second master’s degree, this time in clinical mental health counseling (M.Ed.). This program will prepare him to obtain his LMHC (licensed mental health counselor) credential. With more than two decades of experience as a school counselor, Brian is focused on expanding his expertise with the goal of opening a private counseling practice. Congrats, Brian!

Andy Robinson checks in to share that he and his family had a wonderful trip to the YMCA of the Rockies, outside Estes Park, Colorado. Andy describes the location as ideal for swimming, hiking, relaxing, and easy access to Rocky Mountain National Park. On their way, the Robinsons stopped in beautiful downtown Fort Collins to visit Haley Lavinder ’01. Andy also gives a shout-out to **Jeanette Bonner**, who took a Morocco trip like theirs a month later this summer.

Also reporting from Colorado is **Amanda Holden Giguere**. Amanda shares her book *Shakespeare & Violence Prevention: A Practical Handbook for Educators* has been published. Per Amanda, the book is a resource, based on her work at the Colorado Shakespeare Festival, in which Shakespeare’s plays are used to teach violence prevention in K–12 schools. I know we have many classmates who are teachers, so check it out! Congratulations, Amanda!

Please send me your news (ellenzarchin@hotmail.com) for the next issue. Until next time!

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Greetings, classmates! As I type this, the leaves are beginning to turn here in Massachusetts, but we’ll be solidly in the depths of winter when this issue arrives. My wife and I dropped our oldest daughter off at boarding school last month, which certainly feels like a marker of old age, but at least it’s only three years until she’s touring Trinity!

In June 2025, **Dave Pope** and his family of six packed up their house in Connecticut and moved to Greenville, South Carolina, to acquire Kaytech Inc. The company is a tier 1 supplier to major OEMs that manufacture

and service gas turbine engines. Demand for energy in the United States is higher than ever, and Dave’s company is well positioned to take advantage of that growth. If anyone would like to learn about how to acquire a small business, Dave is happy to share what he learned. Dave also was thrilled to be invited by classmate **Anne Dijamco McGinty** to speak on her podcast!

Brian Fabrizio checked in to let us know that he recently beat **Dave Midura** by 81 points in their fantasy football matchup. Ouch.

Tim Freeman started as a partner at law firm Gallo Vitucci Klar in September. Tim and his wife moved to Summit, New Jersey, two years ago, where they occasionally run into fellow Bantams and Summit residents **Ravi Pillay** and **Christy Harle**. The Freemans are hard at work raising 8-year-old twins, and Tim works as a product liability defense attorney in his spare time. Tim also recently caught up with classmate **Frank Saviano**, whom he reports is absolutely killing it. Frank accepted a new job as the head of the sports and media practice group at Kirkland & Ellis. Great work all around.

Richard Downe recently left his corporate job at Amazon to co-found a blockchain-based insurance company, with the first product launching this fall. He also recently became an instrument-rated pilot. Richard lives in the mountains north of Vancouver, British Columbia, but is regularly in New York City and Boston for work and happy to reconnect with old classmates.

After a decade at Biogen in the research organization, where she worked on treatments for neurodegenerative diseases, **Heather Cooke** recently started a new role as senior director of bispecific antibody engineering at Alloy Therapeutics. Heather is optimistic that this career change will enable her to make a more significant contribution to the discovery of treatments for challenging diseases. Heather lives in Arlington, Massachusetts, with her husband, 11-year-old son, and two adorable dogs.

And finally, an epic update from **Duncan Ley**: This summer, **Thayer Fox** graciously hosted a July Fourth get-together at his Westport estate, proving once again that patriotism is best celebrated with rosé and plunge pools. Guests included **Duncan Ley**, **Jeb Balise**, **John Carter**, **Aaron Gould**, **Sarah Campbell**, **Chip and Laura (Schneider) Bierbaum**, and **Jeffrey Tucker**. Conspicuously absent were **Amy Brown** of Westport and **Alissa Crevier**. To her credit, Amy sent a

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literal barge to launch fireworks, a suitably nautical gesture of friendship. Alissa, busy having twins, sent nothing, a choice that some might call “refreshingly honest.” The rosé (and, for the faint of heart, nonalcoholic beer) flowed as everyone caught up. Thayer, a “big communicator” at Morgan Stanley, spends his free time buzzing around on a scooter, staring longingly at pictures of the Hall in his garage, writing “something,” and dabbling in amateur boxing. Rumor has it he may soon incorporate messenger pigeons into his lifestyle brand. Mike Tyson has been warned.

Duncan Ley tore himself away from his bar and dispensary ventures—not to mention his chicken coop—in San Francisco to reconnect with old friends. He and his daughters divide their time between Marin and their ranch, a bicoastal-within-California arrangement that continues to mystify.

Aaron Gould persists in his battle against the judicial system. Were he British, he’d be a barrister; instead, he lives in Hoboken with his wife and their beautiful dog, who staged a coup in Thayer’s plunge pool.

John Carter remains as enigmatic as ever. Having failed to RSVP, no one can confirm how he even found the house.

Sarah Graham, back in Greenwich after Charleston life, is enrolled in acupuncture school and looks forward to aligning everyone’s chi. She also has mastered the art of overusing the word “y’all,” which she deploys liberally at cocktail hour.

Jeffrey Tucker continues to exit text threads with Garfield-level ennui. Rumors persist that he works in finance, though his actual occupation remains as mysterious as his read receipts.

Chip and **Laura Bierbaum** are happily suburban in New Canaan, with Laura

still head of PR at eos and Chip uncensored and unbothered.

Jeb Balise reportedly spends most of his time refueling at Dunkin’ while tinkering with a super-secret start-up that no one understands but everyone agrees will be revolutionary.

Not in attendance—though hardly missed—was **Aaron Bril**, who wasn’t invited on account of living in Philadelphia. Having abandoned San Francisco academia, he has settled comfortably into East Coast country club life.

That’s all for now from the Class of ’03.

2004 President: Matthew W. Glasz • Vice President: Meredith A. MacKinnon • Secretary: Jake Schneider, jacob.schneider.2004@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Lori Evans Alderin, Bret Boudreaux, Matt Glasz, Mimi MacKinnon, Jake Schneider • f/groups/485669531523501

2005 President: Erin E. Kinney • Vice President: Rebecca M. Bell • Secretary: Amy Laurenza, amy.laurenza.2005@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Eileen Flynn, John Halas, Andrea Leverant Minor, Liz Hanusovsky Patterson • f/groups/trinitycollegelclassof2005

The Class of 2005 had a wonderful time celebrating our 20th Reunion at Trinity. Despite the rain, it was great to catch up with classmates. Here’s hoping for more classmates to join for our 25th!

Patricia (Glennon) Zini still lives in Wrentham, Massachusetts, and is mom to five kids; the youngest, Annika Joy, was born on June 5, 2023. She’s in her 10th year of homeschooling the older four, who are 14, 12, 9, and 6. This past October, she was selected to play on the USA Masters Field Hockey team (O–40) and competed at the Masters World Cup in Cape Town, South Africa. It was a huge honor to be selected and an amazing trip. For any field hockey alums in the area, she runs Turf Burn Field Hockey at Trinity during the summer and has a women’s pickup division. She really enjoyed spending time with **Amy Laurenza**, **Becky Bell**, and **Hilary Cramer** at our Reunion and hopes to be seeing them more regularly!

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2006 President: Tory Hamilton McCarthy • Vice President: Kyle Cox • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Nicole Tsesmelis Cea, Kristen Geiger Cochran, Kyle Cox, Colin Levy, Jim McCarthy, Tory

Hamilton McCarthy, Virginia Adair McCarthy
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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
Hello, Class of 2007! I hope everyone’s 2025 has been full of health, happiness, and success!

We have some great news from classmate **Erin Close**, who shared that she was promoted to deputy general counsel at Abridge, a series E AI health tech company, in August! But more importantly, Erin and husband Josh welcomed their first baby, Simon Levi Clark, on August 8. Welcome to the Trinity family, Simon!

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy winter! If you have a new email address, please email me (brendanjohnkeefe@gmail.com) or the Alumni Office (alumni-office@trincoll.edu). We’d love to make sure you receive our emails!

2008 President: Cory Edmonds • Vice President: Alex Goldberg • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Nadia Zahran Anderson, Sasha Kravetz
From the Alumni Office: The Reverend **Anthony L. Riley**, pastor at Central Baptist Church in St. Louis, writes: “I have self-published two books, both available on Amazon: *In the Shadow of Grief: 21 Days of Discovering God’s Presence in Life’s Valleys* (2017) and *Processing: 21 Days with God to Make It Make Sense* (2025).” He adds that he will receive the Anchor of the Community Award from the National Council of Negro Women on October 4 and will be named to 40 Under 40 by the *St. Louis Business Journal* on November 6.

The class secretary position for the Class of 2008 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.

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



Tripp Gavin ’12 and wife Niki Albino ’10, right, and their kids enjoy Charlestown Beach, Rhode Island, in August 2025.

2010 President: Jordyn Sims Pierce • Vice President: Stephanie E. Apstein • Secretary: Rebecca M. Herrigel, rebecca.herrigel.2010@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Vinit Agrawal, Sheva Ramirez Darcy, Emilia Gagnon Lamb, Mike Pierce • f/groups/777318939001542

Hi, Class of 2010, I did a last-chance follow-up email yesterday, and the updates started rolling in.

Valerie Trawinski and Alexander Hess (Hobart College ’12) were married on April 26, 2025, at Christ Church in New York City.

Niki Albino lives in the Hartford area with her husband, Tripp Gavin ’12, and their three kids. She works at UConn Health as a high-risk pregnancy physician and is in her fourth year working there!

Michael, Jordyn, and George Sims **Pierce** are excited to announce a new addition to their family, Charles John Pierce, born in 2025.

Dorian Rojas shared some incredible updates: In September 2024, she received an award from the president of the Dominican Republic and named an INDEX Distinguished Dominican in the Exterior. In January 2025, she became president of the Dominican Bar Association and took a job as a principal court attorney in Queens Supreme Court. In August 2025, she was featured in El Rumbo as an emerging leader



Carolyn Kimmick '15 and family enjoy the beach during summer 2025.



Valerie Trawinski '10 and Alexander Hess were married on April 26, 2025, in New York City. Bantams in attendance included Ted Pettus '64 (stepfather of the groom), Natasha Das '11, and Christina Henn '10.

in New York City, and under her leadership, the Dominican Bar Association was recognized for Excellence in Community Advocacy by Manhattan Borough President Mark Levine and the National Dominican Day Parade for its work providing legal workshops in community spaces. She also serves as co-chair of the New York City Bar Association Immigration and Nationality Law Committee.

Jess Ross is back in school! After working in the AI regulatory space for the past few

years, Jess decided to pursue a J.D. She is a 1L at UC Law San Francisco (formerly UC Hastings) and would love to catch up with any Trinity classmates in the legal field!

Jake Robertson is senior editor at Arrowsmith Press, which launched three new books in October 2025!

Sam Newman is loving life, and he thinks everyone should know that!

From the Alumni Office: **Brian Cheney** was ordained as an Episcopal priest on

September 17. The ordination was held at Kent School in Connecticut.

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2011 President: Catherine E. Marinello • Secretary: Remi Evans Dolan, remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Elizabeth Pompea Corbat, Nickie Guerra, Andy Janiga, Michael Magdelinskas-Vazquez, Reid Mayer, Rachel Meddar, Abbie Smitka

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

Rebecca Williams recently joined the faculty at the University of Washington, providing clinical neuropsychology services in the Department of Rehabilitation Medicine. Working in Susan Masino’s lab at Trinity was her first step in getting there, and she is so grateful for the skills in scientific research she learned from Professor Masino.

Olivia Martin Youngblood and William Youngblood ’13 welcomed their third child, son William Perry “Wilson” Youngblood IV, in June 2025. The couple recently relocated from London to Charlottesville, Virginia.

2013 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Dani Isaman Burgess, Ryan Burgess, Emily Howe Gianis

From the Alumni Office: **Thomas Hyde** was named to *Hartford Business Journal’s* 2025 40 Under 40 list. The paper notes that Tommy “serves as chief of staff at AdvanceCT, where he helps drive the state’s economic development strategy through public-private collaboration. Previously, he served as chief executive officer of the Naugatuck Valley Regional Development Corporation and as executive director of the Waterbury Development Corporation, where he led efforts to secure transformative funding and deliver major infrastructure, clean energy, and brownfield redevelopment projects. He has also held senior leadership roles at the Department of Economic and Community Development under Governors Dannel Malloy and Ned Lamont.”

The class secretary position for the Class of 2013 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.



Kristina Kuhn Ruth '15 and Colin M. Hilt were married on May 3, 2025, at the Bay Head Yacht Club in Bay Head, New Jersey. Bantams joining in the celebration included Malcom Moon '15, Audrey Butler '15, Evan Long '17, Pooja Savansukha-Long '15, Kristina Ruth-Hilt '15, Stephanie Goetz '15, and Jenna Wilborne '15.



Sofia Safran '18 and Graham Turner '18 were married on May 26, 2025, in Topsfield, Massachusetts, surrounded by family and friends.

2014 President: Mark Yanagisawa • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Carl Barreto, Will Gray, Ben Plumer, Victoria Trentacoste

The class secretary position for the Class of 2014 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.

2015 President: John A. Kandarian • Vice President: Aysen S. Muderrisoglu • Secretary: Shaina N. Lo, shaina.lo.2015@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Fiona Brennan, Moustafa Hamada, Stephan “Mac” Morse, Peter Ragosta, Sarah Wolcott, Robert Zindman

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

Evan Turiano and Kelly Vaughan ’17 moved to West Hartford in August as Turiano returned to the coop to start a job as visiting assistant professor of public policy and law. The two look forward to connecting with alums in the area!

2017 President: Ryan Miller • Vice President: Sebastien 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

It’s been a busy year for Bantams, filled with weddings and exciting career updates!

Jacob Ammon ’17 and **Hannah Ells** were married on April 26, 2025, in Trinidad, Jacob’s home country, with many Trinity alums in attendance, including nearly the entire 39 Crescent house from junior year.

Sofia Safran and **Graham Turner** tied the knot on May 26, 2025, at Willowdale Estate in Topsfield, Massachusetts. Together since their Trinity days, they celebrated surrounded by Bantams. Members of the wedding party included **Emily Kaufman**, **Jordan Gershman ’19**, **Caleb Wint**, **Sam Shield**, **Rob Richards**, **Charlie McMahon**, and **Ben McMahon**. Sofia’s father, Steven Safran ’90, P’18, also welcomed many of his Trinity classmates to the event. Sofia and Graham live in East Boston with their dog, Nick.

Jack Stallman and **Olivia Vayer** were married on June 1, 2025, at Glen Manor House in Rhode Island.

Meaghan Race and **Brandon Blaise** were married on July 5, 2025, in Barbados.

To close out the summer, **Amanda Muccio** and **Connor McDade** were married on August 23, 2025, at Ridgewood Country Club in Ridgewood, New Jersey.

On the career side, Bantams are moving forward with exciting new chapters in medicine. After five years in geriatrics research at UCSF, **Soe Han Tha** began medical school this fall at Loyola University Chicago. Congratulations as well to **Khaoula Ben Haj Frej**, who graduated from UConn School of Medicine in May 2025 and has started a general surgery residency at Johns Hopkins.

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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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

Our Reunion Committee is underway. An initial meeting occurred in early November. For those who wish to serve our class in this



Hannah Ellis '18 and Jacob Ammon '17 were married on April 26, 2025, in Trinidad.

most noble undertaking, I hope you will reach out to me. I am certain that many of you have talents that could be of great assistance in making our first Reunion a remarkable one. If the idea is of even the slightest interest to you, please write me.

As before, 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 telephone (610-781-8446).

From your secretary: **Brendan W. Clark** continues as an attorney at Richards,

Layton & Finger. The fall brought many diversions from work, including the Wilmington Club's annual car show and the Delaware Antiques Show, both favorites well attended by many in the community. Brendan continues to keep up with fellow Bantams in the Wilmington area, including friend Ash Altschuler '94. In College life, in addition to service on the Reunion Committee, Brendan enjoyed attending the Inauguration of Trinity's new president in October and recently took over as chairman of the Alumni Awards Committee of the Trinity College Alumni Association.

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**

Hey, Bants! It's wild to think it's already been four years since we graduated. To put it in perspective, the current first-years were just starting high school back then. Pretty sure the Bishop Brownell statue may be the only familiar face left on campus. I used to think "adult life" would feel figured out by now, but every year has brought new lessons and curveballs. It's been a good reminder that there's always space for side quests, new skills, and unexpected adventures.

Some classmates have been up to exciting things recently: **Jeffery Huang** started a master of public policy program at the University of Michigan as a Rackham Merit Fellow.

Michael Guanci and Theresa Fallon tied the knot on July 26, 2025, in the Boston area.

Here's to making the most of these years, wherever they take us. And if you haven't shared an update in a while, now's a great time. We'd love to hear what you're up to! Cheers, Alex

2023 Secretary: **Aidan Cavanaugh**, aidan.cavanaugh.2023@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Peter Doyle**, **Casey Habegger**, **Zoë Sylvester-Chin**

Dear fellow Bants, I am happy to share the first edition of Class Notes for the Class of 2023. For those I haven't met, my name is **Aidan Cavanaugh**, and I am excited to be your class secretary. Originally from Sudbury, Massachusetts, I am a second-generation Trinity graduate. Since we graduated over two years ago, I'm sure most, if not all, of us have had big changes and updates since we departed Trinity. That is what the Class Notes are for: to update friends, faculty, and the entire Trinity family you may or may not have lost contact with over the years. Since we have a lot of catching up to do, here are some of the most recent updates from your fellow classmates.

Starting off in the Boston area, I had the pleasure of attending opening day for the Red Sox at Fenway Park in April with Ollie Wolcott '22. I work in Boston for both Salsify Inc. and part time for the Red Sox. Fellow Alpha Delta Phi alumni **Charlie Cavanaugh** and **Chris Longo** have worked at

MFS Investment Management for over a year. Just outside of the city, **Molly Menounos** is entering her third year of teaching in the Winchester (MA) Public Schools. She works with a second-grade class.

In Connecticut, **Sophia Malenfant** is starting her second year as a law student at Quinnipiac University School of Law. She also serves as a law clerk for Gfeller Laurie for the 2025–26 academic year and is set to continue with the firm as a summer associate in 2026. **Connor Recck** is working for the Insurance Association of Connecticut, a Hartford-based lobbying firm representing property and casualty insurance companies in the Connecticut legislature. He is in his second year at the firm.

In New York City, **James Bristol** made the move from Boston to the Big Apple to pursue a new job opportunity. He recently started as a markets analyst for J.P. Morgan. **Taive Muenzberg** also made the move to N.Y.C., as she recently completed a master's degree in Italian literature at Indiana University. She will be starting a Ph.D. in Italian film at NYU, where she will be teaching and completing her doctorate. She also will work stints in Florence and Pisa.

While I have a substantial list of updates and excerpts this time, we are always looking for more! Don't hesitate to email me directly at aidan.cavanaugh@yahoo.com with updates! I will send an email blast for the next issue as we get closer, but make sure to update your email and contact info in the alumni database to get our notifications.

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2025 Secretary: **Vacant** • Class Agents: **Hope Bettencourt**, **Elise Casey**, **Catherine Wallace**

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

From the Alumni Office: **Eliza Massaro IDP'04** has joined the Board of Directors of

The Campaign School at Yale University (TCSYale). A press release about her appointment states, "A seasoned political strategist, Massaro brings a wealth of experience in campaign management, fundraising, and coalition-building to the board. Massaro is the CEO and founder of 818 Political, a full-service consultancy based in Avon, Connecticut, that provides strategic planning, digital strategy, image consulting, debate preparation, and other campaign services." The release also notes, "TCSYale is the leading nonpartisan, issue-neutral campaign training program dedicated to improving parity in elected office by teaching women and those helping them to succeed in political campaigns and public service."

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**! I recently attended the Entrepreneurship at Trinity lecture presented by Danny Briere, Ruane Family Executive Director of the Entrepreneurship Center. Danny brings a wealth of experience to his role as inaugural director of the center, now in its fourth year. The lecture was moderated by Matt Smith '82, P'19 of the Trinity Club of Hartford, host of the virtual speaker series open to all alumni. I encourage you to peruse the Entrepreneurship Center information on trincoll.edu for information and opportunities to share your expertise with our students. The Women's Leadership Council (WLC) held its annual Garden Party at the home of Julie Gionfriddo '96, M'05. Julie is a former co-chair of the WLC and the initiator of this time-honored tradition.

Many thanks to those who shared updates. Please read on.

Christopher LaRoche M'93, who earned a master's in history, shares, "This fall, I started teaching for the eighth year in the user experience graduate program at the Information School at the University of Wisconsin. Additionally, I am in the final stages of obtaining my Irish citizenship." The process for obtaining citizenship has been going on for 3¾ years. Chris continues, "Next update I hope to be sitting in my cottage in County Cork writing an update about relocation!"

Dawn Byron Hutchins M'06, who earned a master's in history, shares the following press release about her book; the softcover

Amazon edition of *The Alligator Under My Bed: Recollections of a Childhood of Madness* became available on August 31, 2025, on Amazon. This book recounts the true story of a mother's obsession with an exotic pet. "Living under my bed for almost two decades was a real live alligator. . . . Thus begins the memoir of a child who survived years of abuse both physical and mental. It is the story of a journey to discover the impact of a mother's madness. The journey starts in Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and moves on to New York City and then the suburbs of New Jersey and spans over 20 years. The unblemished tale is told through the eyes of its single survivor. The author, DB Hutchins, has been praised for her bravery in baring her soul, her search to uncover her truth, and allowing her audience to share this wild roller-coaster adventure from the 1950s to 1970s. Available also as an e-book through Amazon Kindle books and soon to be an audio book."

Jim Sargent M'20 recently joined The Bishop's School in La Jolla, California, as director of college counseling. Jim holds a master's in public policy with a concentration in education policy.

From the Alumni Office: **Donald Yacovone M'77** shares: "The fourth Bob Moses Conference took place October 11–12 at Boston University to honor and advance the ideals and principles of the legendary civil rights advocate and education reformer Robert Moses. Conference organizer Janet Moses—Robert's widow—this year focused attention on how public education and mass incarceration work to promote white supremacy. She invited me to speak on 'What We Face: The Historic Battle Over American Identity,' which is based on my *Teaching White Supremacy: America's Democratic Ordeal and the Forging of Our National Identity* (2022, Penguin/Randon House), my ninth book, which Henry Louis Gates Jr. described as 'the most profoundly original cultural history in recent memory.'"

“Consider asking how you can share your talent, treasure, or time to help the school. It can be so rewarding to be involved!”

Caroline Olmstead Wallach '99 and Scott Wallach '01

For **Caroline Olmstead Wallach '99**, it was “love at first sight” when she visited Trinity. She applied Early Decision and quickly found a great group of friends, relationships she still cherishes today. **Scott Wallach '01** also chose Early Decision as his route to Trinity, looking for strong academics and an opportunity to play basketball. His teammates provided a solid support system, making him feel at home.

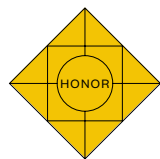
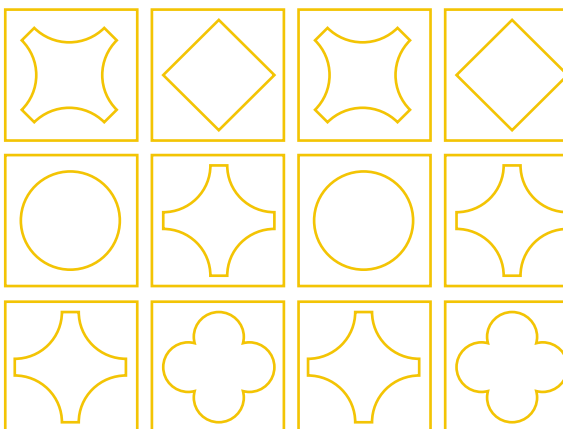
Giving back to the place that meant so much to them came naturally for Caroline and Scott after graduation.

Even when Caroline's finances were tight, she always tried to give—one year, she mailed in two quarters taped to a reply form! She had been struck by the importance of participating in the annual fund during her first year at Trinity, when she worked in the Alumni and Development Offices as part of her financial aid package. Scott's strong bonds with his basketball team prompted him to support athletics during his early years as an alumnus.

Trinity has always been an “invisible string” in their lives, connecting them to each other and woven into their professional paths and ambitions. Together, they launched a charitable foundation that promotes access to opportunity and reduces obstacles to healthy, fulfilling lives. They are happy to have stayed connected to Trinity through volunteering and cheering on Bantam teams, and they are proud to support a scholarship that will empower and position more young people for success.



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



1945 William S. Hart, 101, of Granby, Connecticut, died on February 2, 2024.

Hart was attending Trinity when the country entered World War II; he enlisted in the U.S. Army Air Corps. He later worked in the insurance industry.

Hart is survived by children William S. Hart Jr. (Zina) and Sarah Koeniger (Philip), four grandchildren, and two great-grandsons. He was predeceased by sister Jane Ellsworth and companion Phyllis Rech.

1952 Joseph A. Welna, 94, of Palm Beach, Florida, died on August 15, 2025.

Welna earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Newman Club and the band. He went on to earn an M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine. Welna served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps before launching an obstetrics and gynecology practice in New Britain, Connecticut, that lasted more than 42 years.

Welna is survived by wife Marianne and son Joseph B. Welna (Marcia).

1953 Lawrence T. Brennan, 93, of Woodcliff Lake, New Jersey, died on December 28, 2024.

Brennan graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He went on to earn an M.S. in mathematics from Brown University. Brennan worked as an actuary and became managing partner at Kwasha Lipton.

Brennan is survived by children Kate '91, Christine, Alicia, Maureen, Tom, Matt, and Michael; 10 grandchildren, including William '10; and two great-grandchildren. He was

predeceased by his wife of nearly 70 years, Gertrude.

1953 Brooks R. Joslin, 94, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on August 8, 2025.

Joslin earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. His time at Trinity was interrupted while he served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War. He went on to a 37-year career at Travelers, retiring as an executive in 1993.

Joslin is survived by children Blake Joslin (Donna), Timothy Joslin (Michelle), and Spencer Joslin-Montlick (Neil Montlick) and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Carol Lee, brother Ramsey Joslin, and sister-in-law Sally Joslin.

1955 Joseph J. Ettl, 92, of Uncasville, Connecticut, died on October 8, 2025.

Ettl earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He served in the U.S. Army before earning a master's degree from the University of Connecticut. Ettl worked as a faculty member at Thames Valley State Technical College for more than 30 years.

Ettl is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth; son Joseph Ettl; and a grandson.

1955 Charles S. Gardner III, 92, of Washington, D.C., died on August 3, 2025.

Gardner earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and an editor of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to earn an M.A. in economics from the George Washington University. Gardner worked as a journalist at outlets including *BusinessWeek* and as deputy director of external

relations for the International Monetary Fund.

Gardner is survived by children Elizabeth, Sarah (Christopher Doyle), and Daniel (Nancy Talbot); three grandchildren; and sister Margaret Gardner. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Amy, and daughter Nancy Boyd.

1956 Roger E. Martin, 90, of Swanzey, New Hampshire, died on June 15, 2025.

Martin earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club, the Brownell Club, and Alpha Theta and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn two master's degrees from the University of Hartford and an Ed.D. from Vanderbilt University. Martin worked in three fields: manufacturing, with General Electric and Stanley Works; insurance, with Aetna; and education, as a faculty member at Keene State College teaching management for 28 years.

Martin is survived by children Laurel Brandley (Liam), Heather Drennan, and William Martin; six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Judith; brothers-in-law David Borthwick, Edward Frisbee, and John Wilcox; and sisters-in-law Ann Borthwick and Mary Frisbie.

1958 Thomas R. Barrett, 89, of Hooksett, New Hampshire, died on September 16, 2025.

Barrett earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Newman Club and took part in Air Force ROTC. He went on to a lifelong career in the insurance industry, including founding Barrett Insurance.

Barrett is survived by children Wendy Gettel (Roger), Christopher Barrett (Tracy), Matthew Barrett (Judy), Judith Currier (Frank Wilich), and Ken Barrett; eight grandchildren; two great-grandsons; and siblings Tim Barrett and Ann Goodwin. He was predeceased by his wife of 66 years, Nancy.

1958 Melvin F. Buchanan, 89, of Bristol, Connecticut, died on September 15, 2025.

Buchanan earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Newman Club, and went on to earn an M.A. from the University of Hartford. He had a lifelong career in education, teaching, coaching, and serving as a counselor at Bristol Eastern High School.

Buchanan is survived by his wife of 63 years, Marilyn; children Darryl Buchanan, Dan Buchanan (Erica), and Melanie Mills (Steve); eight grandchildren; and brother John. He was predeceased by son Gary Buchanan and siblings Phil, Richard, and Nancy Buchanan.

1958 L. Maxwell Lockie Jr., 87, of Costa Mesa, California, died on October 28, 2024.

Lockie earned an interdisciplinary B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and the fencing team and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn a B.E.E. from Syracuse University and an M.B.A. from Pepperdine University. Lockie had a career in engineering.

Lockie is survived by wife Vi Maxwell, children Allison (Guthrie Handley) and Derek (Sri Paryatun), and three grandchildren.

1958 Andrew D. McKee, 89, of New Gloucester, Maine, died on June 15, 2025.

McKee earned a B.A. in Spanish from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He went on to earn an M.D. from the University of Brussels in Belgium. McKee served with the U.S. Public Health Service and later practiced internal medicine and hematology in Maine. He then worked for the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs. McKee also earned a graduate degree in tropical medicine from Mahidol University in Thailand.

McKee is survived by his wife of more than 58 years, Joanne; daughters Emily McKee (John Kosiorek), Alison McKee (Gabriel Alexander), and Linda McKee; three grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and sister Harriet Voss.

1959 Paul S. Campion, 88, of Cos Cob, Connecticut, died on March 16, 2025.

Campion earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the golf team and worked at WRTC. He went on to work on Wall Street, first for Shearson Lehman and then at Smith Barney as vice president for institutional sales until his retirement.

Campion is survived by his wife of 60 years, Susan; children Jennifer O’Brien ’88 (Kevin), Allison Campion, and Tucker Campion; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Donald Campion.

1959 William D. Crowell Jr., 87, of Barrington, Illinois, died on July 3, 2025.

Crowell earned a B.A. in physics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Washington University in St. Louis and to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve. Crowell spent more than 30 years working at McDonnell Douglas.

Crowell is survived by daughter Kristin Hatch (Mark), two

grandsons, and sister Janet Herr. He was predeceased by wife Karma Jo.

1959 Michael L. Gowing, 88, of Pinckney, Michigan, died on July 21, 2025.

Gowing earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters, the Glee Club, and the Canterbury Club and served as a student organist. He went on to earn a bachelor of sacred theology degree from Yale Divinity School and to be ordained a minister in the Episcopal Church. Gowing then earned an M.A.T. from Wayne State University and taught elementary school before turning to the arts, starting the University Musical Society at the University of Michigan, where he worked for more than 30 years.

Gowing is survived by sister Mary Ann.

1959 Robert J. Pizzella, 88, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on August 31, 2025.

Pizzella earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Connecticut and to practice law for more than four decades as a partner with the law firm he founded with his brother, Edward Pizzella ’54. Pizzella also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Pizzella is survived by wife Geraldine; children Joseph Pizzella, Mark Pizzella (Jennifer), Craig Pizzella (Katrine), and Krista Vitanza (Michael); six grandchildren; and sister Louise Chiaputti. He was predeceased by brother Edward.

1960 Donald J. Galati, 87, of Prescott, Arizona, died on September 18, 2025.

Galati earned a B.S. in educational studies before working in education, including teaching

and coaching at a boarding school in Connecticut and at Yavapai College.

Galati is survived by several cousins and nieces. He was predeceased by brother Mike and half sister Marcia.

1961 Warren N. Haynie, 85, of Reisterstown, Maryland, died on July 21, 2024.

Haynie earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he served as president of the Jesters. He went on to earn an M.A.T. from Brown University and to a career teaching high school English and drama in the Baltimore County Public Schools.

Haynie is survived by wife Joan, children Betty Dipple (Christopher) and Charles Haynie (Deborah), a granddaughter, and sister Lura Vogelmann (Michael).

1962 Samuel Bailey Jr., 85, of Vero Beach, Florida, died on August 23, 2025.

Bailey earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the track team. He served in the U.S. Air Force before earning a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law. Bailey practiced law for more than two decades at Robinson & Cole and served as president and CEO of investment advisory and mutual fund management company T.O. Richardson. The loyal alumnus was honored with the Alumni Medal for Excellence in 2007.

Bailey is survived by his wife of 50 years, Janet; sons David and John; five grandchildren; and siblings John, Dan, and Leslie.

1962 Lawrence R. Harris, 84, of Mitchellville, Maryland, died on June 12, 2025.

Harris earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he served as treasurer of Delta Phi. He went on to earn an M.Phil.

from Virginia Theological Seminary and to be ordained by the Episcopal Church. Harris served as a rector at two churches in Maryland.

Harris is survived by son Reed (Therese), a granddaughter, brother J.D. Harris (Su), and brother-in-law Bo Jacob (Willa). He was predeceased by wife Sue.

1962 Robert Macleod, 86, of Medfield, Massachusetts, died on July 10, 2025.

Macleod earned a B.A. in fine arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and Campus Chest. He went on to study at Harvard Business School and Leeds University in England. Macleod worked for the Kendall Company for many years.

Macleod is survived by his wife of 58 years, Barbara “Bobsie”; children Ian, Morris, and Avery; seven grandchildren; and brother William. He was predeceased by brother Eldon.

1962 Josiah C. “Jay” McCracken III, 85, of Lacey, Washington, died on October 12, 2025.

McCracken earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he served as vice president of Sigma Nu and was a member of the Senate and the swimming and track teams. After serving in the U.S. Marine Corps, he spent 20 years in food service sales management and then helped form the trading card company Upper Deck. He and his wife also owned a baseball card shop.

McCracken is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Jane; daughters Kelly Kerr (Kevin), Sarah Kift (Billy), and Cadi Stephenson (Brian); six grandchildren; a great-grandson; and siblings Larry, Sally, and Bruce.

1963 James P. Borden, 84, of Scituate, Massachusetts, died on August 22, 2025.

Borden earned a B.A. in history and studio arts from

Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. Borden’s career in finance and international banking included more than 30 years with Chase and time as an executive vice president at Bank of Boston.

Borden is survived by his wife of 62 years, Marguerite; children Lisa and Tom; son-in-law Joseph Berkeley; and three grandchildren.

1963 William C. Howland, 84, of Riverside, Connecticut, died on June 22, 2025.

Howland earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Senate, and the football and lacrosse teams. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and to a career that included 35 years at Allied Chemical (Honeywell), where he served as director of marketing in the fiber apparel division. The loyal alumnus served as a class agent, class president, and member of several committees.

Howland is survived by his wife of 61 years, Martha; children William C. Howland Jr. ’88 (Kristin), Elizabeth Boyle (James), Polly Stoyer (Jeffrey), and John Howland (Jessie); three grandchildren; bonus son Rudy Galicia; and sister Elizabeth Zavac (Dennis).

1963 Martinus H. Nickerson, 85, of Bellingham, Washington, died on August 28, 2025.

Nickerson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Q.E.D. and worked on the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to earn two master’s degrees—one in civil engineering and another in public administration—from the University of Colorado and to work for the State of Alaska, retiring as an internal auditor for the state’s Department of Transportation and Public Facilities.

Nickerson is survived by wife Sheila; children Thomas, Samuel (Anthia), and Helen; seven grandchildren; two great-granddaughters; and brother William Nickerson III ’58 (Jane). He was predeceased by brothers Eugene, Adams, and Schuyler.

1965 Chedomir J. Markovich, 83, of Burlington, Connecticut, died on June 5, 2025.

Markovich earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the soccer team. He began his career in the banking and financial industry and moved into the insurance business.

Markovich is survived by wife Gretchen, daughters Paris Wiggins (Frank) and Kimberlyn, four grandchildren, and brother-in-law Van Schreiber.

1965 Bradley H. Sevin, 81, of Haverford, Pennsylvania, died on September 23, 2025.

Sevin earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and the Jesters. He went on to earn an M.D. from Temple University and to practice for several decades as a psychiatrist.

Sevin is survived by wife Elizabeth “Liza,” children Jennifer Sevin-Sullivan (Patrick) and Joshua Sevin (Naomi), and two granddaughters.

1966 Daniel F. Doll, 80, of Hebron, Connecticut, died on July 25, 2025.

Doll earned a B.A. in engineering from Trinity before earning an M.A. from Eastern Connecticut State University. He worked as a social studies teacher in Glastonbury (CT) Public Schools.

Doll is survived by daughter Amy Hartman (Philip), three granddaughters, and siblings Jeff, identical twin David ’66,

and Linda. He was predeceased by his wife of more than 60 years, Dorothy.

1966 James W. Shepard, 80, of Chatham, Massachusetts, died on September 17, 2025.

Shepard earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.S. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.D. from the Lewis Katz School of Medicine at Temple University. The loyal Trinity alumnus practiced in internal medicine and HIV care at Penn Presbyterian Medical Center and two health centers in the Philadelphia Health Department.

Shepard is survived by his wife of 51 years, Lesley; sons Mike Shepard and Chris Shepard; a granddaughter; sister Winifred Lear (Robert); and sister-in-law Pam Nester.

1967 Thomas M. Zarr, 80, of Salt Lake City, died on September 10, 2025.

Zarr earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and the Senate. He went on to earn a J.D. from Boston College. Zarr became a senior partner in two law firms before launching a private practice. He also served in the U.S. Army Reserve.

Zarr is survived by his wife of 57 years, Louise; children Thomas Jr. (Emily) and Melissa (David); and three grandchildren.

1969 Michael D. Loberg, 78, of Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts, died on August 7, 2025.

Loberg earned a B.S. in chemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the fencing team and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.S. and Ph.D. in nuclear chemistry from Washington University in St. Louis. Loberg was a scientist who worked for firms including Bristol Myers

Squibb and pharmaceutical start-ups. He later ran Vineyard Medical Center. The loyal alumnus was honored by Trinity with The Eigenbrodt Cup in 2019 and the Alumni Achievement Award in 2009, and he and his wife were named to the College’s Wall of Honor in 2010.

Loberg is survived by wife Melinda, children Brad ’00 (Sejal) and Andrea (Gurdeep), two grandchildren, sister Lou Ann, and brother-in-law Tom.

1971 Steven H. Keeney, 75, of Louisville, Kentucky, died on July 2, 2025.

Keeney earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he served as president of the Senate and Students for a Democratic Society. He went on to earn an M.A. from Hartford Seminary and a J.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Law and to practice law in Louisville. He and his wife later owned two companies related to home inspections.

Keeney is survived by wife Lorri, son Christian (Patty), stepdaughter Jennifer Foster (O.J.), three step-grandchildren, siblings Doug and Martha Heyburn, and sister-in-law Jill. He was predeceased by brother-in-law John Heyburn II.

1972 Robert T. “Tom” Robinson, 75, of Sun Valley, Idaho, and Newport Beach, California, died on July 2, 2025.

Robinson earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and played soccer, ice hockey, and lacrosse. He went on to earn an M.A. in religion from Yale Divinity School. Robinson spent much of his career teaching English and coaching soccer at independent schools; he also worked in television production and co-founded an online recruiting and career networking platform.

Robinson is survived by his wife of three decades, Carla, and

children Haley Robinson and Tyler Robinson.

1973 Victor T. Cardello, 73, of San Diego, California, died on April 15, 2025.

Cardello earned a B.A. in music from Trinity, where he was a member of the Concert Choir. He went on to earn an M.A. in musicology from New York University and an M.L.S. from the Columbia University School of Library Service. His career included time as the music librarian at the University of Kansas.

Cardello is survived by husband Robert Melton.

1975 Ann Tulcin Kates, 72, of Estero, Florida, died on July 10, 2025.

Kates earned a B.A. in history before launching a career as a special education teacher at Eagle Hill School in Connecticut. She went on to work as a private tutor until her 2018 retirement.

Kates is survived by her husband of 49 years, David; children Erica Powell (Jonathan) and Douglas Kates (Erin); four grandchildren; mother Doris Tulcin; and brother Roger Tulcin. She was predeceased by sister-in-law Gail.

1976 Charles A. Andrews Jr., 71, of Sanbornville, New Hampshire, died on July 5, 2024.

Andrews earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity before earning an M.B.A. from New York University. His career included time in banking in Sweden.

Andrews is survived by wife Gocki, daughters Freja and Siri, and stepdaughter Tove.

1976 Eric H. Corwin, 71, of Colorado Springs, Colorado, died on September 19, 2025.

Corwin earned a B.S. in computer coordinated with engineering. He went on to earn an M.S. from Duke University and to a career that included time

at Syn Microsystems, where he opened a technology center. Corwin’s son Nathan Corwin ’15 also graduated from Trinity.

1976 Edward B. Staudinger, 71, of Metairie, Louisiana, died on July 8, 2025.

Staudinger earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of the golf team. He went on to earn an M.D. from Tufts University and to practice as a general surgeon in New Orleans for more than 30 years.

Staudinger is survived by wife Mary; children Cara Ogg (Thomas), Robin Williamson (Matthew), Katherine Staudinger, and Christopher Staudinger (David O’Byrne); five grandchildren; and siblings Kathleen Staudinger (Joseph Campbell), Jane Wallbridge (Edward), Evelyn Staudinger, Kevin Staudinger (Maura Kennedy), and David Staudinger (Holly).

1976 Melissa “Missy” Wender, 70, of Las Vegas, died on March 29, 2025.

Wender earned a B.S. in biology before moving on to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, where she earned a master’s degree in engineering. Her career included time at Marsh McLennan and as a consultant on cybersecurity and HIPAA issues.

Wender is survived by husband William McReynolds and stepsons Brendan and Conor.

1978 Charles A. Perkins Jr., 68, of North Andover and Bourne, Massachusetts, died on July 21, 2024.

Perkins earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity. After graduating from Western New England University School of Law, he worked in the field of Massachusetts condominium law.

Perkins is survived by wife Ronda Ziner, children Justin and

Heather, and siblings Pam Au (Stanley) and Scott.

1980 Stephen G. Yarnall, 67, of Villanova, Pennsylvania, and Stuart, Florida, died on August 20, 2025.

Yarnall earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity on his way to earning an M.B.A. from Duke University’s Fuqua School of Business. His career included time at Ramoil Management and later in senior housing, serving as manager of operations for Princeton Windrows. Yarnall also was a licensed Realtor in New Jersey and Pennsylvania.

Yarnall is survived by his wife of 29 years, Elizabeth “Libby,” and daughters Sidney, Elizabeth, and Rebecca. He was predeceased by brother James Yarnall Jr.

1994 John Graham, 52, of San Francisco, died on April 1, 2025.

Graham earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he worked at WRTC. He went on to work as a music journalist at *Willamette Week* in Portland, Oregon.

2003 Ryan A. Ziemba, 44, of Clinton, Connecticut, died on October 3, 2025.

Ziemba earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and played rugby. He went on to study music business at the Berklee College of Music and to earn an M.B.A. from Columbia University. He started an artist management company, Take Care Entertainment, and was founder and CEO of Cuttime Inc.

Ziemba is survived by wife Lindsay and parents Walter and Kathy Ziemba.

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1995 Marsha N. Byrne, 75, of North Kingston, Rhode Island, and Bluffton, South Carolina, died on July 4, 2025.

Byrne earned a B.A. in psychology; she later volunteered in several roles.

Byrne is survived by children Robin Murphy (Joseph) and Ryan Byrne (Irina Ginzburg), three grandchildren, and long-time companion Alan Citron, as well as his children David Citron (Julie) and Lisa Zapatka (Andrew) and two grandchildren. She was predeceased by brother William Newsom III.

MASTER’S

1951 Joseph K. “Jay” Milnor, 101, of Peabody, Massachusetts, died on December 28, 2024.

Milnor interrupted his studies at Princeton University to serve in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. After earning a B.S. from Princeton, he earned an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. Milnor served as a teacher and then headmaster at several independent schools, including Pomfret School.

Milnor is survived by children Nancy (Stefan), Scott (Marcela), Arthur (Elaine), and Susette (Rick); five granddaughters; and five great-granddaughters.

1961, 1983 Leta W. Marks, 93, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on July 25, 2025.

Marks earned a B.A. from Connecticut College before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. During her 20-year teaching career at Bloomfield (CT) High School, she earned an M.A. in American studies from Trinity. She went on to earn a Ph.D. in literature from the University of Connecticut and to teach at the University of Hartford.

Marks is survived by children Jonathan (Daniela), Richard (Jennifer), Catherine (William), and Alan (Kathleen); former daughter-in-law Patricia; 10 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband Alby,

siblings Elizabeth Parnes (Leo) and Leon “Bubby” Weiss Jr. (Pat), and friend Daniel Lahn.

1967 James E. Brady, 89, of Wallingford, Connecticut, died on September 9, 2025.

Brady earned a B.S. from Southern Connecticut State University before teaching middle school. He went on to earn an M.A. in history from Trinity and a Ph.D. from Syracuse University and to a career as a higher education professor and administrator. Brady also served in the U.S. Army in Korea.

Brady is survived by children Kathleen Ricci, Mary Naumec, and James Brady and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Robert (Ann Marie) and son-in-law Craig Naumec.

1968 Barry N. Curran, 90, formerly of New Haven, Connecticut, died on July 17, 2025.

Curran earned a B.A. in English and philosophy from the College of the Holy Cross and an M.A. in education from Fairfield University before earning an M.A. in English from Trinity. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in English literature from Fordham University. Curran taught in the Connecticut community college system and served as director of Housatonic Community College’s Learning Center.

Curran is survived by daughter Courtney (William) and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Peggy and brother Edwin Curran.

1972 John J. Tischio, 86, of Middlefield, Connecticut, died on July 21, 2025.

Tischio earned a B.A. from Seton Hall University before enlisting in the U.S. Army. After working for General Motors, he earned an M.A. in English from Trinity. Tischio went on

to a career as a commercial real estate broker.

Tischio is survived by his wife of 49 years, Elizabeth; sister Linda Croker (James); and brother-in-law William Machnicki Jr. (Carole).

1972 Carol Westerman, 97, of Scottsdale, Pennsylvania, died on September 30, 2025.

Westerman earned a B.A. in early child development from Oberlin College and an M.A. in elementary education from the University of New Mexico. She taught in locations around the world for more than four decades, and during that time, she earned an M.A. in Spanish from Trinity.

Westerman is survived by daughter Paloma (Douglas Cramer), son-in-law Jeffrey Solomon, four grandchildren, and sister-in-law Phyllis Westerman. She was predeceased by daughter Marlena Solomon and brother Richard Westerman.

1973 David J. Sullivan, 77, of Suffield, Connecticut, died on August 9, 2025.

Sullivan earned an undergraduate degree from American International College before earning an M.S. in physics from Trinity. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Isenberg School of Management at the University of Massachusetts Amherst. Sullivan worked as an electrical engineer at RTX Corporation.

Sullivan is survived by wife Ann Marie and sister Nancy Moskalski (William). He was predeceased by son Dean Sullivan.

1976 William A. O’Flanagan, 78, of Philadelphia, died on June 20, 2025.

O’Flanagan earned a B.A. from Boston College before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. He went on to earn a C.A.S. in education

from the Harvard Graduate School of Education and a Ph.D. in education from the University of Pennsylvania. O’Flanagan served for more than four decades as a headmaster at several schools for students with challenges.

O’Flanagan is survived by wife Anne; children Mary “Maisie” O’Flanagan (Tom Newby), William O’Flanagan (Michelle Toll), and Elizabeth O’Flanagan; six grandchildren; and siblings Jane Lennon (Andrew) and John O’Flanagan. He was predeceased by siblings Mary “Polly” Brady, Kathleen O’Flanagan, and Ann Kfoury.

1981 Lynda H. Mitchell, 79, of Thomaston, Connecticut, died on August 7, 2025.

Mitchell earned a B.S. from Central Connecticut State College and then an M.A. in English from Trinity. She worked in education, serving as a teacher and later as a superintendent.

Mitchell is survived by daughter Jamie Weisman (Jonathan), three grandchildren, and sister Tina Galfo.

1982 Shirley S. Lewis, 89, of Washington, D.C., died on July 29, 2025.

Lewis earned a B.S. in business from the University of Tennessee and later an M.A. in American studies from Trinity. Her work life included time as a teacher and in real estate.

Lewis is survived by husband G. Douglass Lewis, children G. Douglass Lewis Jr. and Laura Mead, and five grandchildren.

1991 William S. Barnes, 89, of Avon, Connecticut, died on July 26, 2025.

Barnes earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University and an M.Div. from Yale Divinity School before being ordained in the United Methodist Church. He spent four decades as a pastor at several churches in

Connecticut; during that time, he also worked in the family-owned and operated Bristol Press Publishing Company and earned an M.A. in American studies from Trinity.

Barnes is survived by children Richard Barnes (Linh Ta, as well as her daughter) and Rebecca Reppucci (Steven), daughter-in-law Maureen Barnes, four grandchildren, and siblings James Barnes and Kathryn Dube (John). He was predeceased by his wife of 64 years, Patricia; son Ronald Barnes; and sister-in-law Ruth.

CURRENT STAFF

Lynsey N. Majka, 31, of Ludlow, Massachusetts, died on August 21, 2025.

Majka earned a master’s in athletic administration from Springfield College. In 2018, she began working at Trinity College, first in Athletics, where she served as travel coordinator and then as assistant director of athletic operations, and later in the Advancement Office, where she served as assistant director of athletic giving, a position she held until her passing.

Majka is survived by parents Michael and Doreen Majka, aunt Nancy Majka (Rick Marrs), and uncle Lee Kozikowski (Lori).

FORMER STAFF

Dominique S. Matteson, 44, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on September 13, 2025.

Matteson earned a B.A. in English from the University of Connecticut. Before serving as associate vice president for annual giving and constituent engagement at the UConn Foundation, she worked at Trinity College as associate director of parent giving and then director of annual giving, a position she held until 2021.

Matteson is survived by husband Peter, parents Tammy Rickards and Jeffery Soucy, brother Geoffrey Soucy (Ryan), stepmother Helen Rovella,

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and in-laws Donn and Janet Matteson and Howard and Rebecca Slater.

Charles Morris, 78, of Windsor, Connecticut, died on December 24, 2025.

After serving in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War, Morris worked for the Hartford Police Department for nearly 20 years. He then served as the director of Trinity College’s Campus Safety Department for more than two decades, from 1991 to 2012.

Morris is survived by wife Betty, daughter Antoinnetta Spates (Kevin), two grand-daughters, and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by children Yvette Dudley, Donald Jones, and Derrick Dudley and brother Andrew Morris.

DEATH NOTICES

1945 William V. Golkowski

1945 V. Arthur Katz

1963 John C. Crowley

1971 Louis K. Birinyi Jr.

1971 Peter M. Ferdon

1976 Mary Ann Calvert-Heavilin

1977 Luz E. Ruiz-Figueroa

IDP 2012 Holly Butchyk

M.A. 1950 Aurilie H. Thivierge

M.A. 1952 Seymour M. Ebner

M.A. 1955 Walter W. Jab

M.A. 1957 Mary H. Golden

M.A. 1957 Philip S. Saif

M.A. 1959 Edith G. Jaquiere

M.A. 1964 William P. Murray

M.A. 1967 Joyce C. “Mimi” Garofalo

M.S. 1971 Thomas J. Lepore

M.A. 1974 Edward J. Clarke

M.A. 1975 Helena J. Lawson

M.A. 1975 Jeanne Lindsay

M.A. 1986 Donald J. Cameron

M.A. 1995 William Marr

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.

CLASS NOTES GUIDELINES

We want to be sure that all information included in *The Trinity Reporter* is accurate, so we’re asking for everyone’s help. When sharing Class Notes information with your class secretary or directly with the College, please follow the guidelines below.

- Share news about what you’re doing in life, including your career, your family, your achievements, and your hobbies.
- Avoid sharing hearsay, that is, news that one alum might tell you about another alum or news that you’ve learned from social media.
- Avoid political opinions; Trinity’s alumni magazine is not the place for those.
- Avoid sharing health information about others, and only share health information about yourself if you’re OK with it being published.
- Avoid including information about engagements or pregnancies; it’s better to report marriages and births.
- For weddings, please include who, when, and where information.

Remember that we reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, length, grammar, and appropriateness of content.

For **PHOTOS**, we accept only HIGH-RESOLUTION wedding and Class Notes photos (generally with a file size of at least 1 MB); low-resolution photos, while fine for websites, will not reproduce well in the magazine. For Class Notes photos, we ask that no more than one photo is submitted per person per issue and that the photo includes at least one Bantam. **We can’t promise that we’ll be able to publish all that we receive, but we’ll do our best; these photos run as space allows.** We reserve the right to decide what is published based on available space, photo quality, and photo content. We invite you to email photos and complete caption information (who, what, when, and where) to your class secretary or to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu.

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The Main Quad’s statue of Bishop Thomas Church Brownell, founder and first president of the Trinity College, seems to touch a vivid rainbow in October 2025.

Alumni Events



Fall Weekend—On Campus, October 17–19, 2025

- 1. Members of the Class of 2001
- 2. Trinity Cheer
- 3. Carmen Leslie-Rouke '83, P'21 and Pearl Rourke '21
- 4. Stands full of supportive fans
- 5. A group of attendees
- 6. Vice President for Advancement Ben Anderson, Trustee Emeritus Doug Tansill '61, P'91, '96, Bill Scully '61, H'18, GP'28, '29, and Director of Athletics and Recreation Gavin Viano
- 7. The crowd on game day



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Michael Horowitz P'28 and Greta Kessel P'28
L.A. Summer Reception on August 10, 2025

Julie Gionfriddo '96, M'05
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Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



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For today's college students, my strongest advice is to prioritize gaining career-aligned work experience as early as possible—ideally beginning in their first year of college.

JANE SWIFT '87, CEO of the nonprofit Education at Work and former governor of Massachusetts, with suggestions for students who want to prepare for the work world; *Higher Education Digest*, September 29, 2025

I really want my students to be excited and to feel that what I'm teaching is relevant to them and to their lives.

SARAH BILSTON, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of English, on creativity in the classroom, including a project in her "Victorian Short Fiction" course that asks students to write a ghost story on TikTok; Trinity College Inauguration Symposium I: Human Creativity, October 17, 2025



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She's extremely smart. She understands the game. . . . I talk to her a lot.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL ALL-STAR GEORGE SPRINGER of the Toronto Blue Jays on his sister Lena Springer, Trinity assistant professor of physical education and head softball coach; *Softball on SI*, October 23, 2025

My vision is to further strengthen Trinity and its academic core so we are ensuring that our curriculum is the right content for a 21st century graduate to be able to compete out there in the world.

DAN LUGO, Trinity College president, on the College's role in the future; *WTNH's This Week in Connecticut*, September 14, 2025

For 200 years, we have been invested in the success of Trinity because it has so much to do with the future of the city of Hartford.

ARUNAN ARULAMPALAM, mayor of Hartford, on the interconnectedness of Trinity College and Hartford; Trinity College Inauguration, October 18, 2025

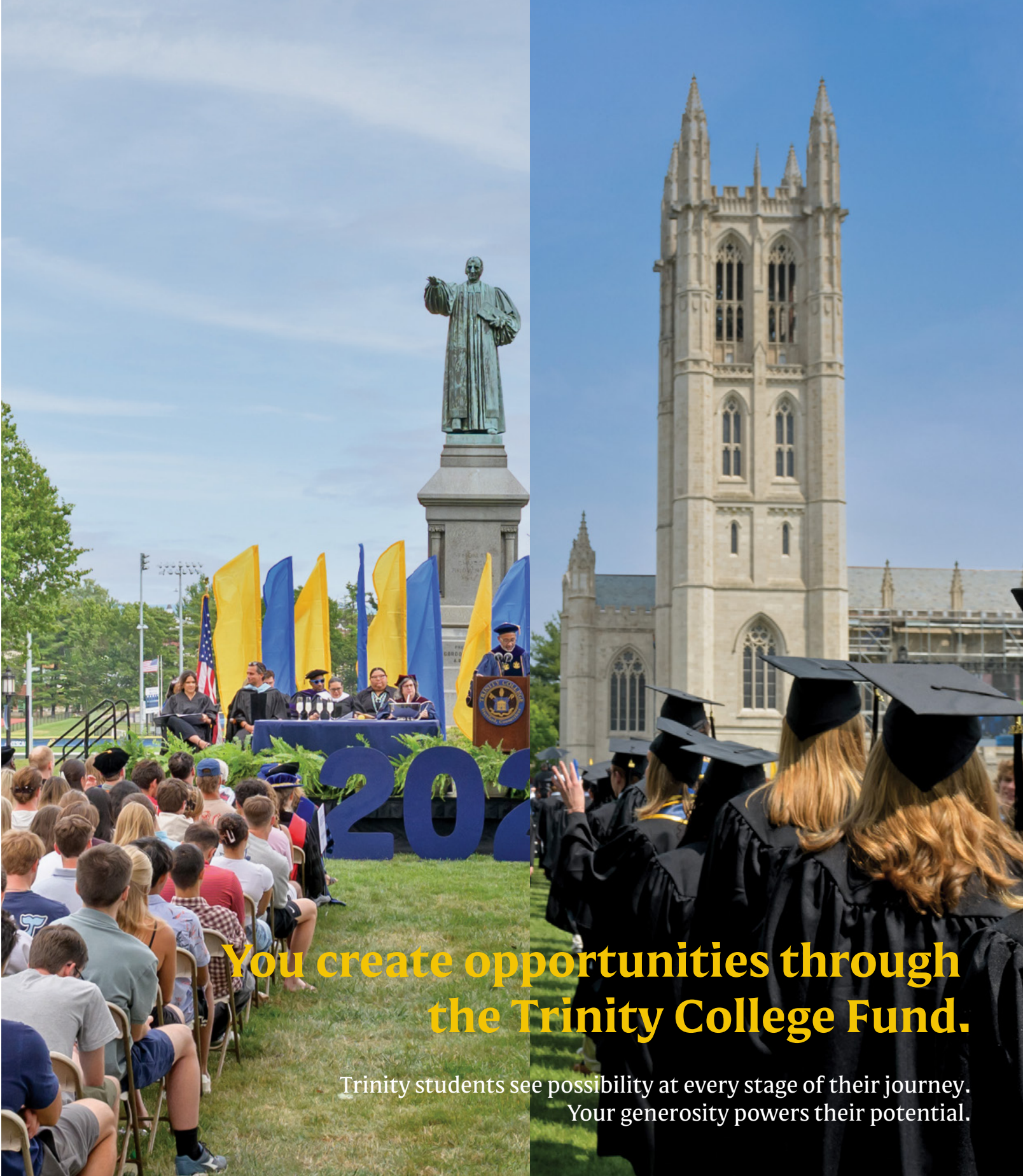
Alumni of small colleges have a clear edge when it comes to career networking.

SONIA CARDENAS, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs, on LinkedIn's new college rankings, which placed Trinity as the No. 4 top liberal arts college in the nation and the highest ranked of its NESCAC peers; *University Business*, September 23, 2025

We realized we weren't just training voter captains for one election, but we were also seeding the community with people who are motivated about their civic duty. We're hoping that continues to spread over time.

DANG DO, assistant professor of political science, on the Voter Captain Project, for which he received the 2025 Outstanding Civic Engagement Project award from the American Political Science Association; *trincoll.edu*, September 29, 2025

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Celebrating faculty

Craig W. Schneider, Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology, Emeritus, peers into a microscope in his Trinity College lab circa 2008. A faculty member from 1975 to 2020, Schneider was honored with the Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence 30 years ago, in 1996. The Brownell Prize recognizes consistently outstanding teaching by a senior faculty member.

For more on how you can nominate your favorite professor for the honor in 2026, please see page 9 or trincollreporter.online/Brownell2026. If you'd like to share a memory about Schneider or another beloved faculty member, please email your recollections to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu for possible publication in a future issue of the magazine.