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Editor's Note:

Some photos in this issue were taken pre-pandemic, prior to mask-wearing and physical-distancing protocols.





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A portion of the Hartford skyline shines in the glow of the partial solar eclipse of June 10, 2021. Photographer Nick Caito climbed the steps of the Chapel tower to gain his vantage point.

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WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU!

The Trinity Reporter welcomes letters related to items published in recent issues. Please send remarks to the editor at sonya.adams@trincoll.edu or Sonya Storch Adams, Office of Communications, Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

AN EARLIER MR. TRINITY

Since you're writing about Mr. Trinity [Jerry Hansen, in "Mr. Trinity Himself," spring 2020], my father, John A. Mason '34, also was known as Mr. Trinity. He was alumni secretary, and he coached two sports—golf and squash—and restarted Trinity crew with the help of Norton Downs.

He was beloved by numerous alumni over his many illustrious years at Trinity.

John A. "Sandy" Mason Jr. '66
Chatham, Massachusetts

Editor's Note: Thanks to Mr. Mason for writing about his father. Trinity College in the Twentieth Century by Peter Knapp '65 notes: "In September 1960, John A. Mason '34, formerly Associate Director of Development, became the College's Alumni Secretary, and proceeded to develop the potential of that position through an emphasis on personal contact with hundreds of alumni, an effort that soon led to his informal designation as 'Mr. Trinity.'"

HANSEN 'A ROLE MODEL FOR ALL'

I have just now seen the tribute to Jerry Hansen in the spring 2020 issue of *The Trinity Reporter* (Yes! A year later.) The *Reporter* has done a great service in recognizing Jerry's incomparable achievements and dedication to the college and its alumni. There are few who have done so much for so many. Most moving is his complete selflessness. Others, not Jerry, were always first in his hierarchy of values. He is a role model for all. The very best in knowing what makes life most worthwhile.

Stan Marcuss '63
Washington, D.C.

BRING BACK FULL 'IN MEMORY'

It was with great surprise that I found my hard copy of the spring *Reporter* without the obituary section but just a list of the deceased. For those of us who are older, that is one of the most important sections. Looking that up on the internet, which is very difficult for me and many older alums, is penny-wise and pound-foolish. Please return to printing the obituaries in hard print. Given you have 34 pages devoted to items not generally of interest to many older alums, certainly the few pages of death notices could be returned to the print edition.

For older alumni (I am Class of 1967), reading about classmates who are now deceased and whom we know, along with the Class Notes, is what we most need and connects us to Trinity. If there is a future constraint, it is the feeling of people that I know that priority should be given to respectfully include those sections.

Al Elstein '67



Editor's Note: Your point is well-taken, and we'll aim to keep obituaries in print. Please see the full section of obituaries—"In Memory"—starting on page 71.



ALONG THE WALK



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CELEBRATING THE CLASS OF

“The pandemic has taught us that we can’t go back to the way things were, nor should we want to. You are too good, too smart, and too wise to go back to normal. You will make a future that is better than normal,” Hartford HealthCare President and CEO Jeffrey A. Flaks said to the graduates of the Trinity College Class of 2021 during his Commencement address.

To maintain low density and physical distancing during the COVID-19 pandemic, Trinity held two consecutive ceremonies on May 21. Following a year unlike any other at the college, graduates receiving their bachelor’s or master’s degrees were seated with up to two invited guests in separate groups spread out on the Main Quad.

Flaks, who spoke at both ceremonies, has helped the state navigate the challenges of the global pandemic by overseeing extensive testing and vaccination outreach. In recognition of his distinguished career and contributions to the health care field, Trinity presented Flaks with an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Giovanni Armani Jones ’21, president of Trinity’s Student Government Association and the graduate selected to be the student speaker, said the Class of 2021 represented strength and resilience. “We’ve not only made it through college, but we have also made it through a pandemic,” Jones said. “COVID-19 has taken a lot away from us but has also given us new perspectives and lessons.”

In her charge to the graduates, Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney celebrated the triumphs and perseverance of the Class of 2021. “You all are bound together by the unusual circumstances of the year,” Berger-Sweeney said as she left the graduates with questions to consider. “What effect did these shared experiences have on the bonds you have with one another? During this time of COVID-19, how did your relationships with others in the Trinity community change? What shared bonds will draw you back, 10, 20, or even 50 years from now, to reminisce with your classmates about these extraordinary times?”

Samantha McCarthy of Washington was named valedictorian. She earned a B.A. summa cum laude with honors in sociology and a minor in community action. The salutatorian was Thomas C. McKinney of California, who earned a B.A. summa cum laude in economics with a minor in history.

In addition to Flaks, 2021 honorary degrees also were presented to: Philip O. Geier, co-founder of the Davis United World College Scholars Program and creator of Projects for Peace; Katharine Hayhoe, chief scientist for The Nature Conservancy and Paul W. Horn Distinguished Professor and the Political Science Endowed Professor in Public Policy and Public Law at Texas Tech University; and Philip S. Khoury ’71, associate provost and Ford International Professor of History at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and former trustee and vice chair of the Trinity College Board of Trustees.

Trinity also celebrated the 2020 honorands. Last year, the pandemic prevented the college from hosting a full in-person Commencement when, in honor of the 50th anniversary of coeducation at Trinity, the institution was to have bestowed honorary degrees on the first four women to receive undergraduate degrees from Trinity, in 1970. They are: Trinity College Professor of Theater and Dance, Emerita, Judy Dworin ’70; Elizabeth Martin Gallo ’70; Judith Odlum Pomeroy ’70; and Roberta Russell ’70, who passed away earlier this year and was awarded the honorary degree posthumously. Other 2020 honorands are Francisco L. Borges ’74, chair and managing partner of Landmark Partners; the Most Rev. Michael Bruce Curry, the 27th presiding bishop and primate of the Episcopal Church (Curry received his honorary degree in May 2020, when he served as Baccalaureate speaker); and James Hanley and Peter McMorris, co-founders of Cinestudio, the art house cinema on the Trinity campus. Plans are underway for the Class of 2020 to be celebrated during Reunion Weekend 2022, June 10–12.

ACCOLADES

Trustee Award for Faculty Excellence: Professor of Mathematics [David Mauro](#), Professor of Engineering [Taikang Ning](#); **Staff Excellence:** Learning Space Manager and Media Technology Specialist [John J. Dlugosz](#); Assistant Vice President for Construction, Facilities, and Operations [Tom Fucciello](#); Associate Director of Athletics for Compliance and Student-Athlete Welfare [Kristen J. Noone M’07](#); History Department Administrative Assistant [Georgene “Gigi” St. Peter](#); **Student Excellence:** [Jaymie Dawn Bianca](#), [Vanessa Ross](#), [Jeffrey P. Sagun](#), [Ana Stambolic](#)

The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence for 2021: Professor of Political Science [Stefanie Chambers](#), Gwendolyn Miles Smith Professor of Philosophy [Erik Vogt](#); **2020:** Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of History [Cheryl L. Greenberg](#)

The Dean Arthur H. Hughes Award for Achievement in Teaching for 2021: Visiting Lecturer in Political Science and Human Rights [Benjamin C. Carbonetti](#), Assistant Professor of Environmental Science and Biology [Amber L. Pitt](#); **2020:** Assistant Professor of Psychology [Michael Grubb](#)

Charles A. Dana Research Professorship Award: Professor of History and International Studies [Dario A. Euraque](#)

Charles A. Dana Research Associate Professorship Award: Associate Professor of Language and Culture Studies [Kifah Hanna](#), Associate Professor of Psychology [Laura J. Holt](#)



For more on Commencement, please visit commons. trincoll.edu/Reporter.

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ATHLETICS HALL OF FAME

Trinity College Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith recently announced the 2021 Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame class. The Hall of Fame, created to celebrate the rich history of athletic excellence at Trinity, honors those who, through athletics participation, coaching, or service, have distinguished themselves in the field of intercollegiate athletics, brought honor and acclaim to Trinity, and contributed to the success and advancement of intercollegiate athletics at the college. The group is slated to be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at an in-person ceremony in September. The in-person induction ceremony for the 2020 Hall of Fame class, postponed due to the pandemic, is set for October.

The 2021 Trinity College Athletics Hall of Fame Class: **MARCUS COWIE '00** (men's squash) was a four-time All-American who won the College Squash Association (CSA) National Singles title in 1997 and 1998 and led the Bantams to their first CSA National Team crowns in 1999 and 2000. He is a member of the College Squash Hall of Fame.

RON DUCKETT '74 (football) holds numerous Trinity and New England pass-catching records and led the nation in receiving in 1973. He was an All-New England and All-American wide receiver for the Bantams.

YOLANDA FLAMINO '99 (women's cross country/women's track and field) was a two-time cross country and track and field All-American. She holds multiple Trinity records, including the highest-ever placing performance by a Trinity runner in the 1998 NCAA Division III Cross Country Championships when she came in 13th. Flamino won the San Francisco Marathon in 2007.



PETER GRAVES '07 (men's rowing) was a top rower for Trinity crews that rose to No. 10 nationally among all collegiate divisions; the Bantams won numerous New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) and Eastern College Athletic Conference (ECAC) titles during his career. Graves was selected as a member of Team USA and competed in the 2012 London Olympics as a member of the U.S. men's quadruple sculls boat.

ALEX GUILD '61, P'97, GP'11 (men's soccer) is the Trinity men's soccer all-time leader in every statistical category and was an All-American selection. He was selected to compete in the 1960 Olympics.

ISABEL IWACHIW '10 (women's ice hockey) holds several goaltending records and earned All-NESCAC, All-East, and All-American honors twice each. She was the NESCAC Player of the Year and NCAA Division III National Player of the Year while leading the Bantams to their first NCAA Tournament in 2010.

KARL KURTH (football/track and field—coach/administrator) was an assistant football coach, the head track and field coach, and the athletic director from 1966 until his retirement in 1982. He played a prominent role in bringing women's varsity athletics to the college.

ROBIN SHEPPARD M'76 (field hockey/women's basketball/women's lacrosse—coach/administrator) served as Trinity's field hockey and women's lacrosse coach for 25 seasons and later as an associate athletic director. Her teams won numerous NIAC and ECAC titles in both sports, and she led Trinity field hockey to two NCAA Final Fours.

CLAIRE SLAUGHTER JOYCE '86 (women's squash/women's tennis) was a two-time New England and Connecticut state tennis champion who was Trinity's No. 1 singles player from 1982 until her graduation. She won every match she played in 1982, 1983, and 1985, and in 1982, she won every set. Slaughter also was a varsity starter in squash.

JAY WILLIAMSON '89 (baseball/men's golf/men's ice hockey) was a captain and star player for the baseball and ice hockey teams. He also played golf and became a professional linksman in 1990, playing on the PGA and nationwide tours.



For more on the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

New trustees

President Joanne Berger-Sweeney has announced the appointment of four new trustees to the Trinity College Board of Trustees. They began their terms on July 1, 2021.

All the new trustees are alumni, and one also is the parent of an alumna. They are: LaTanya Langley '97, H'17, Jamie Tracey Szal '06, William G. Thomas III '86, P'20, and James Yu '87. Read more about them below.

In addition, Lisa Bisaccia '78 took over as chair of the board. Bisaccia, recently retired executive vice president and chief human resources officer and member of the Executive Committee of CVS Health, succeeds Cornelia Parsons Thornburgh '80 (for more on Thornburgh, see page 36), who retired in June after seven years as chair and 17 years on the board. Rhea Turteltaub '82 and Craig Vought '82, P'17 have joined Kevin J. Maloney '79 as vice chairs. The new trustees are:

LaTanya Langley '97, H'17, vice president, general counsel, and corporate secretary of BIC Corporation

Jamie Tracey Szal '06, an attorney at Brann & Isaacson

William G. Thomas III '86, P'20, associate dean of research and graduate education in the College of Arts and Sciences at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where he holds the Angle Chair in the Humanities and is a professor of history

James Yu '87, partner in EQT Partners, a Sweden-based private equity group

For bios of all trustees, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.



Fulbright grant

Esther Appiah '21 was selected to travel to Côte d'Ivoire in January 2022 through the Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) program. The ETA program places Fulbright grant recipients in classrooms in foreign countries to provide assistance to local English teachers while serving as cultural ambassadors for the United States.

Appiah earned a B.A. in international studies with a concentration in African studies and minor in religious studies with a specialization in African religions. She was involved in The African Students Association (TASA) and Do Shakara, the African dance team, during her time at Trinity. "I'm all about Africa; my goal is to visit all 54 countries in the continent. I already visited six, thanks to Trinity," said Appiah, a native of Ghana. "My love for and desire to make change in Africa is so real because I had to leave to find the opportunities that I have here, so I want to provide those opportunities without the need for students to depart from home in order to receive quality education."

Equitable education is one of Appiah's passions. She has taught middle school students from underrepresented communities at Breakthrough Cincinnati, a summer program in Ohio, and sixth-grade English in South Africa with a program called One Heart Source. She also spent one semester studying away in Ghana and another in Senegal.

Appiah said that her ultimate career goal is to start a school system that focuses on restorative education, mindfulness, healing trauma, and teaching students how to identify and reconcile their triggers. "There aren't a lot of opportunities for students in sub-Saharan Africa geared toward healing trauma, community building, and college readiness. I want to make more of these programs available on the continent," she said.

Anne Lundberg, Trinity's director of fellowships and adviser for the Fulbright U.S. Student Program, noted, "Esther was a strong candidate due to her teaching experience, her study-abroad experiences in Ghana and Senegal, and her interests in ethnicity and cross-cultural education. ... She speaks Akan and French, along with English, and will thrive in a multilingual country like Côte d'Ivoire. In short, Esther fits the Fulbright profile of a cultural ambassador for the U.S. perfectly."

YENCHING SCHOLAR

Ana Stambolic '21 was named last spring as a 2021 Yenching Scholar and was awarded a full fellowship to pursue an interdisciplinary master's degree in China studies at Yenching Academy of Peking University in China.

Yenching Academy offers scholars a wide array of humanities and social sciences courses about China and aims to build bridges between China and the rest of the world. "Receiving this fellowship means a great deal to me because it will allow me to continue broadening my horizons culturally and intellectually," said Stambolic, who graduated *summa cum laude* with majors in political science and human rights studies. "Because Yenching Academy is focused on interdisciplinary research and collaborative work among an international cohort, it will allow me to deeply engage with my research interests in international relations and global governance."

Hailing from the city of Užice (Sevojno) in the Republic of Serbia, Stambolic was attracted to Trinity by the college's urban location and its academic and co-curricular offerings. "I wanted to attend a school that is located in a city and complete internships and fellowships while studying at Trinity," she said. "Moreover, I was certain that I wanted to pursue a human rights major, and Trinity is the first [liberal arts] school in the U.S. that started offering this major." Before coming to Hartford, Stambolic graduated from UWC Robert Bosch College, a United World Colleges international boarding school in Germany.

While at Trinity, Stambolic conducted research with the Political Science Department, served as an international student mentor and as a Big Sister in the college's Big Sister-Little Sister program, and worked in several campus offices. She studied for a year at Oxford University's Mansfield College and completed internships at the Embassy of the Republic of Serbia in Washington, D.C., and the Hartford office of U.S. Rep. John Larson.

In addition, Stambolic is a recipient of the Trinity College Class of 1922 Award for outstanding work in her academic field and of a Davis Project for Peace grant.

When considering the possibilities for graduate studies after completing her bachelor's degree this spring, Stambolic, who is interested in a career in international relations and diplomacy, was drawn to Yenching Academy's emphasis on multiculturalism, interdisciplinary research, and international cooperation. "I consider these things essential in responding to some of the most pressing challenges of the 21st century—the U.S.-China relationship in particular," she said.



Thomas D. Casey '80



A successful lawyer, entrepreneur, and mediator, Thomas D. Casey '80 says his four years at Trinity College helped set the foundation for his life.

"Institutions like Trinity will continue only if those who benefit from them give back," he says. "The college affected me in a very positive way, so it's important to me to give of my time and resources so future generations can have the same experiences."

An American studies major and lifelong history buff, Casey particularly enjoyed classes with Professor of History and American Studies Eugene Leach, Professor of Humanities Harold Martin, and Professor of English Paul Smith. "None of those men told me what or how to think," he says. "They showed me how to learn."

After graduation, Casey worked for the Reagan-Bush presidential campaign and was part of the transition team for the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD). From 1981–82, he was a special assistant to the secretary of HUD before enrolling at Georgetown University Law Center. After receiving a J.D. in 1985, he returned to HUD in a series of positions, including deputy assistant secretary for legislation, chief of staff to the

secretary, and acting assistant secretary for fair housing and equal opportunity.

During the 1990s, in what he calls his "hippie carpenter" phase, he took a break from government to work for himself doing finish carpentry, renovation, and repair. But in 1999, he returned to Capitol Hill to conduct oversight and investigations for the House of Representatives' Committee on Resources. In 2001, he became chief counsel to the chairman of the Federal Housing Finance Board (now the Federal Housing Finance Agency).

In 2007, Casey co-founded the firm now known as MAXEX, described on its website as "the first multi-seller, multi-buyer residential loan exchange." Since 2014, he has been an attorney in private practice, specializing in mediation.

Despite his busy professional life, Casey consistently has made his alma mater a priority. "He's always there for Trinity," says friend Charles Ingersoll '83. Though the two met in college, their friendship grew after graduation when they were both working in D.C.

Casey has been active in the Trinity Club of Washington, D.C., since graduation and served as its president three times. "He's very good at planning programs that are interesting and fun," says Ingersoll, "like a picnic at the Potomac Boat Club or tours of local museums."

Casey is on his third term on the Trinity Alumni Association Executive Committee and serves as president of his class. Although he says he's not wild about asking classmates for money, he's also "pinch-hitting" as a class agent.

For many years, he was secretary for his class, which he particularly enjoyed. "He was just superb in this position," says classmate and friend Steven Stuart '80. "He reached out to everyone, not just his close friends, and created interesting [columns for *The Trinity Reporter*] that included stories from many different alumni."

Of all of his service to Trinity, Casey is particularly proud to have helped orchestrate a letter-writing campaign to members of the Class of 2020. "It was the least we could do when they missed out on their graduation [due to the pandemic]." Casey, along with David Clark '80, gathered volunteers to write personal notes of congratulations and support to all 504 members of the Class of 2020. Of the 88 alumni who participated in the letter-writing campaign, 36 were from the Class of 1980, more than from any other class. Many of the volunteers received letters back from their students, including Casey.

"It is nice to know the letters meant something to the Class of 2020. My class certainly enjoyed writing to them," he says.

—Mary Howard



RIVERFRONT
SCULPTURES
HARTFORD, CT

<< *Emancipation*, by Preston Jackson

AROUND HARTFORD

A crisp fall day might be the perfect setting for a walk along Hartford's riverfront and an exploration of Riverfront Recapture's four connected parks, where sights include more than the city's skyline and the calming movement of the Connecticut River. Sculptures—including a series of 16 works dedicated to Abraham Lincoln—dot the welcoming banks. Riverfront Recapture, the nonprofit that manages, maintains, and operates the parks and their riverwalks and trails, joined the Greater Hartford Arts Council in collaborating in 2005 with Lincoln Financial—which awarded a \$500,000 grant—to create the Lincoln Financial Sculpture Walk. The final sculpture was installed in 2011, and in 2016, Pulitzer Prize-winning presidential historian Doris Kearns Goodwin helped launch a mobile tour of the sculpture series that honors the country's 16th president.



For more information, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

PHOTO: COURTESY OF RIVERFRONT RECAPTURE



New faculty

The following new tenure-track faculty began appointments at the college effective July 1, 2021.

HEATHER L. BENNETT

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF BIOLOGY

Previous Position: Assistant Professor of Biology, Bard College

Ph.D., Molecular Biology, Cellular Biology, and Biochemistry, Brown University; Dissertation: "Loss of Notch or JNK Signaling Results in FOXO Dependent Compensatory Sleep in *C. elegans*"

B.S., Biology, Stockton University

JORDAN T. CAMP

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES

Previous Positions: Visiting Scholar, Charles Warren Center for Studies in American History, Harvard University, and Lecturer, School of Public and International Affairs, Princeton University

Ph.D., Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara; Dissertation: "The Sound Before the Fury: A Genealogy of Neoliberal Racial and Security Regimes"

M.A., Sociology, University of California, Santa Barbara

M.A., Sociology, Humboldt State University

B.A., Sociology, University of Mississippi

ELISE CASTILLO

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF EDUCATIONAL STUDIES

Previous Position: Visiting Assistant Professor of Educational Studies and Public Policy and Law, Trinity College

Ph.D., Policy, Organizations, Measurement, and Evaluation, University of California, Berkeley; Dissertation: "Progressive Education Meets the Market: Organizational Survival among Independent Charter Schools"

M.A., Policy, Organizations, Measurement, and Evaluation, University of California, Berkeley
M.S., Teaching (Adolescent English), Pace University
B.A., English and Creative Writing, Barnard College

CHANDRANIL "NIL"

CHAKRABORTTII

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF COMPUTER SCIENCE

Ph.D., Computer Science, University of California, Santa Cruz; Dissertation: "Performance Improvement of Storage Systems Using Machine Learning"

M.S., Computer Science, University of California, Santa Cruz
Bachelor of Technology in Information Technology, West Bengal University of Technology, India

AMANDA GUZMÁN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY

Previous Position: Ann Plato Fellow in Anthropology and American Studies, Trinity College

Ph.D., Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley; Dissertation: "From Island to Museum: Narrating Puerto Rican Museum Object Itineraries"

M.A., Anthropology, University of California, Berkeley
A.B., Anthropology, Harvard University

CHRISTINA HEATHERTON

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF AMERICAN STUDIES AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Previous Position: Assistant Professor of American Studies, Barnard College, Columbia University

Ph.D., American Studies and Ethnicity, University of Southern California; Dissertation: *The Color Line and the Class Struggle: The Mexican Revolution and Convergence Spaces of Radical Internationalism, 1916–1946*

M.A., American Studies and Ethnicity, University of Southern California
B.A., Interdisciplinary Studies, University of California, Berkeley

KELLY M. PATTON

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF PHYSICS

Previous Position: Faculty Fellow, Department of Physics and Astronomy, Colby College

Ph.D., Physics, North Carolina State University; Dissertation: "Investigating Nuclear and Astrophysical Systems Using Neutrinos"

B.A., Physics, The College of Wooster

SALLY B. SERAPHIN

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF NEUROSCIENCE

Previous Position: Visiting Assistant Professor of Neuroscience, Trinity College

Ph.D., Anthropology, Emory University; Dissertation: "The Neuroendocrinology, Neuroanatomy, and Behavior-Pharmacology of Dopamine in Juvenile Nursery-Reared and Mother-Reared Rhesus Monkeys (*Macaca mulatta*)"

M.Sc., Human Biology, Exeter College, Oxford University

B.S., Psychology, University of Massachusetts-Boston

LENIQUECA WELCOME

ASSISTANT PROFESSOR OF INTERNATIONAL STUDIES AND URBAN STUDIES

Ph.D., Cultural Anthropology, University of Pennsylvania; Dissertation: "Where Life is Precious: The Terrains of Criminalization, Violence, and Freedom in Trinidad"

B.Arch., Architecture, University of Arkansas

New VP

Kristen Eshleman came to Trinity College in July as vice president for Library and Information Technology Services (LITS). As a key member of the college's senior administration, she provides leadership of the merged LITS organization and collaborates with fellow cabinet members, faculty, staff, and students to advance Trinity's strategic goals.

Eshleman joins the Trinity community from Davidson College in North Carolina, where she worked for two decades. She most recently served as director of innovation initiatives, with responsibility for operational leadership of innovation strategy, process, and projects for the college. Previously, Eshleman served as director of digital learning and innovation, director of instructional technology, and instructional technologist in the humanities. Prior to her tenure at Davidson, she worked in two start-ups.

Eshleman holds a bachelor's degree from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and a master's degree in social anthropology from the London School of Economics. She has written numerous articles on topics such as complexity, innovation, and change management in higher education for *Inside Higher Ed*, *EDUCAUSE Review*, and other outlets, and she co-authored, with Joe Eshleman, Richard Moniz, and Karen Mann, the 2016 book *Librarians and Instructional Designers: Collaboration and Innovation*.

She also has been active in service to Davidson and higher education. In 2017, she led a project at Davidson to develop an inclusive, transparent, and collaborative innovation management framework and more recently chaired Davidson's Innovation Council. She previously served as a member of the EDUCAUSE Annual Meeting Program Committee, the Partnership for Liberal Arts Collaboration and Exploration Steering Committee, and the Liberal Arts Consortium for Digital Innovation (LACOL) Advisory Council, where she helped launch the Undergraduate Network for Research in the Humanities. She was part of a team that won an \$800,000 grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation to establish a curricular model for digital studies, and she is co-founder of HAIL (Harvesting Academic Innovation for Learners), a community of leaders from all areas of higher education advancing institution-led innovation.

Trinity President Joanne Berger Sweeney, in a May announcement to the community, noted, "The search committee and I were impressed by Kristen's agility and breadth, her ability to lead diverse teams collaboratively, and her passion for the liberal arts. She has a proven track record of designing inclusive processes to empower others to innovate. We know she will bring her vast talents to bear in leading digital transformation at Trinity and ensuring our library is an intellectual hub for the campus."



Changes at Vernon Social

CORNELIA PARSONS '80 CENTER IN THE WORKS

Recent visitors to campus may have noticed a buzz of construction at Vernon Social, which soon will transform into the Cornelia Parsons '80 Center—or the Cornelia Center for short. The building will be the new home of the Career and Life Design Center, formerly the Center for Student Success and Career Development, and is anticipated to become a hub of student-centered activity.

The Cornelia Center will be among the first buildings on campus named for a woman, in honor of Cornelia Parsons Thornburgh '80, who served for 17 years on the Trinity College Board of Trustees—including since 2014 as its first female board chair—until retiring from the board in June.

Executive Director of Career and Life Design Joe Catrino said his team—the Career and Life Design Center, the Office of International Students and Scholars, and Retention Strategy and Transition Programs—is excited about relocating from the Admissions building. Previously, the team often used Vernon Social for events, with the stage a perfect backdrop for panel discussions with employers and alumni. The renovated building will continue to host these and other events. In addition, an area

behind the stage is being remodeled as a hybrid space for meetings, workshops, and classes, where students and presenters can participate in person or remotely.

Catrino had numerous conversations with students during summer and fall 2020 about how the space could best serve them. Input was sought from groups including the Student Government Association (SGA) and Multicultural Affairs Council (MAC), as well as through an online survey, to which nearly 250 students responded. “We really want to ensure students will feel comfortable in the space to hold their own programming and to collaborate with us on our programs,” Catrino said.

Along with 14 offices for staff, SGA will have an office space. A variety of student interests and organizations will be accommodated by an open floor plan, said Catrino, who noted that some details are still being determined. “Our welcome desk, which will be staffed by students, will have sight lines to all entrances so that everyone will always be welcomed into the space,” said Catrino.

Project Manager Patty Healey said that two existing entrances on Vernon Street will continue to be the main building entrances. “The Sol LeWitt work is obviously awesome, and it’s not going anywhere,” she said of the vibrant, multicolored, two-sided wall drawing by the world-renowned artist. Completion of renovations is anticipated before the start of the spring 2022 semester and possibly as soon as December 2021, said Healey, “depending on availability of construction materials, which has been a challenge nationally, post-pandemic.”

Added Catrino, “We expect the new center to be a great hangout space for students and a place where they can collaborate. We’re looking forward to hosting all kinds of career and life design events there, and we’ll be sure to have alumni coming in often, too.”

For more on Thornburgh, please see page 36.

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Virtual Reunion

A gathering in cyberspace! Classes originally slated to celebrate their Reunions last year got together online June 10–13 for Trinity’s Virtual Reunion Weekend. Alumni representing seven decades of Trinity’s history came together for 20 events during the course of the weekend, including class-specific functions organized by Reunion Planning Committees and All-Reunion speaking programs and on-demand contests. Classes originally slated to gather in 2021 also were invited to join in on the fun in advance of planning for joint in-person festivities with the classes celebrating in June 2022.

Bantams logged on from 27 states and six countries to take part in the weekend, which featured the expertise of alumni across numerous industries and current and retired faculty members. Alumni competed in a Virtual Reunion 5K and Virtual Reunion Trivia Contest, connected with one another in virtual class lounges, and more!



1. Making a Mark: Bantam Experts on Building a Brand. Clockwise from top left: Jess Sims '10, Peloton instructor, in-arena co-host of the New York Liberty, and Reebok athlete; Chris Hatch '80, CEO of Food Banks Canada; Paul Sullivan '95, *New York Times* columnist and host of the Trinity podcast *Beyond the Summit*; and Bryant McBride '88, P'20, CEO of Burst and producer of the acclaimed film *Willie*

2. The Art and Science of Memory: How Do We Remember? with Joanne Berger-Sweeney, president and Trinity College professor of neuroscience. Joanne Berger-Sweeney P'22 and Arko Ghosh '04, assistant professor in cognitive psychology at Leiden University and co-founder of QuantActions

3. Fighting for the Underdog: A Conversation with Civil Rights and Employment Attorney Lisa Banks '90. Adrienne “Renny” Fulco, director of Trinity’s Public Policy and Law Program and associate professor of legal and policy studies, and Lisa Banks '90

4. Make Ahead Summer Salads and Side Dishes for Picnics, Potlucks, and BBQs: A Cooking Class for the Class of 1980 with Lee Clayton Roper '80. Lee Clayton Roper '80, cooking instructor and author of the award-winning cookbook series *A Well-Seasoned Kitchen*, and one Roper’s dishes

5. A Shifting Admissions Landscape: Current Trends and Future Issues in American Higher Education. Clockwise from top left: Lee Coffin '85, vice provost and dean of admissions and financial aid at Dartmouth College; Ann Newman Selvitelli '91, director of college counseling and leadership at Suffield Academy; Adrienne Amador Oddi, Trinity’s dean of admissions and financial aid; and Zee Santiago '09, college and career planning manager in the Office of Postsecondary Readiness in the NYC Department of Education

6. A View from 'Neath the Elms: Reflecting on the Year and Envisioning the Future. Clockwise from top left: Mitchell Polin '96, associate dean for curriculum and associate professor of theater and dance; Drew Galbraith, director of athletics and chair of physical education; Joe DiChristina, vice president for student success and enrollment management; and Joanne Berger-Sweeney P'22, president and Trinity College professor of neuroscience

View recordings of the All-Reunion presentations at commons. trincoll.edu/Reporter.



Safeguards for snow leopards

For more than 20 years, Shafqat Hussain, George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian Studies, has dedicated his work to protecting the snow leopard species in Northern Pakistan. In 1999, Hussain created an insurance plan that provides economic incentives to regional farmers; the insurance safeguards snow leopards, one of the world's most endangered species, from being killed in response to an attack on a farmer's herd.

Project Snow Leopard, launched in Hussain's home country, promotes the coexistence of humans and snow leopards. The project has three goals: to create compensation for farmers, reducing economic loss; to construct predator-proof corrals for farmers; and to monitor the snow leopard's population through genetic analysis and camera trapping.

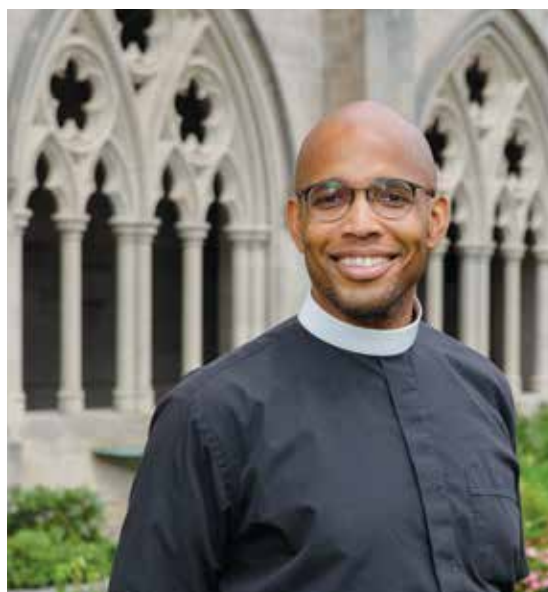
In 2006, with the help of a grant provided by the Rolex Awards for Enterprise, Hussain—a trained economist and environmental anthropologist—expanded the project to 10 additional valleys across Baltistan, impacting approximately 15,000 people. Today, the insurance plan has been adopted in India, Nepal, Bhutan, Afghanistan, and China. Through Hussain and his team's work, the snow leopard population is now stable.

Hussain's efforts have won numerous other awards, including the United Nations Equator Prize. In 2009, he was named a National Geographic Emerging Explorer.



Left: Shafqat Hussain, George and Martha Kellner Chair in South Asian Studies
Inset: A pugmark of a snow leopard

For a video on Project Snow Leopard and on Hussain, a Rolex Awards Laureate, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.



COLLEGE CHAPLAIN NAMED

The Reverend Marcus G. Halley joined the Trinity College community in August as college chaplain and dean of spiritual and religious life. He provides the campus community with spiritual and pastoral care and counsel and leads a diverse team in Spiritual and Religious Life representing Buddhism, Judaism, Protestant Christianity, Roman Catholicism, Islam, and interfaith communities.

Halley comes to the college from the Episcopal Church in Connecticut, where he had served since 2019 as the dean of formation. In that role, he supported the formation of all baptized Episcopalians in Connecticut, as well as the formation of new clergy. He worked collaboratively with the Commission on Ministry to streamline and provide oversight for new and existing programs. He also served as the priest-in-charge for the Episcopal Church of the Holy Spirit, where he provided missional pastoral leadership for members of the congregation while working collaboratively with leaders within the parish to develop new models of leadership.

Halley previously served as missionary for evangelism for the Episcopal Church in Minneapolis, rector at Saint Paul's Episcopal Church on Lake of the Isles in Minneapolis, and associate priest for young adults and families at Saint Andrew's Episcopal Church in Kansas City, Missouri. He holds a master of divinity degree from the Interdenominational Theological Center and a master of sacred theology degree from the School of Theology at the University of the South, where he also is completing a doctor of ministry degree.

Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney wrote in a June announcement to the community, "We, along with the search committee, were impressed by Marcus's passion for lifelong learning and his ability to build and maintain strong collaborative relationships with diverse populations." She added, "He will be a positive, compassionate, and energizing member of the Trinity community."

Carlos Espinosa '96, M'98

TRINITY TREASURE

Growing up in Hartford, Carlos Espinosa '96, M'98 loved accompanying his dad to the Friendly's on Broad Street for ice cream. For the past 21 years—ever since the former Friendly's became the home of Trinfo.Café—Espinosa has been retracing the steps of his childhood outings as he heads to work each day as director of community relations and Trinfo.Café.

After earning a B.A. in educational studies and sociology and an M.A. in public policy, Espinosa worked in community organizing with Connecticut non-profits and in Washington, D.C., before joining his alma mater. He is known for his devotion to strengthening connections between Trinity and Hartford; developing community partnerships; collaborating with professors, staff, and students; and creating a welcoming experience for all at Trinfo.Café. His longtime colleague, Instructional Technologist Dave Tatem, says, "Carlos looks for ways to improve things. Even when something's really challenging, he's always cheerful." Trinfo.Café opened in 2000 as the hub of Trinity's Smart Neighborhood

Initiative, with a goal to bridge the community's "digital divide" through computer technology and internet access. Today, Espinosa says, "Technology is still at the core of Trinfo, but we've become a much broader community space." His role has expanded, too. Within a few years after his initial job reaching out to organizations to offer internet access, he became Trinfo.Café's director. In 2018, he was promoted to his current position, coinciding with the creation of Trinity's Center for Hartford Engagement and Research (CHER), which brought together several community engagement programs at the college.

Espinosa is a parent of two, along with wife Luiselle Rivera M'08. These days

at Trinfo.Café, he is especially energized by a student leadership initiative. "All our student workers organize and put on events open to the community." Examples include yoga sessions, a portrait-painting event, and a Halloween celebration, when neighborhood children visited the Trinfo.Café Community Garden to pick out and decorate pumpkins before enjoying snacks and cartoon movies.

Espinosa learned long ago that a good community organizer works behind the scenes most of the time. "I've never wanted to be in the limelight." Instead, he says, "I'm happy being a good contributor to a variety of institutional efforts to make this a better place."

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

For more about Trinfo.Café, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/ Reporter.

Tenure for five

The Trinity College Board of Trustees voted in April 2021 to approve the promotions to the position of associate professor with tenure of Molly Helt in psychology and neuroscience, Peter Kyle in theater and dance, Timothy Landry in anthropology and religious studies, and Robert Outten in psychology. The board also voted in June to appoint Priscilla Meléndez, who previously was professor of the practice in language and culture studies, as full professor with tenure.

“Our newly tenured faculty represent a range of liberal arts disciplines, but they are all passionate about connecting their work to the real world and to their students,” said Sonia Cardenas, acting dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs. “This is a highly accomplished, energetic group of faculty. Each of them boldly crosses boundaries in their scholarship, and all inspire engaged forms of learning in their students. We congratulate them on their numerous achievements and wish them long, distinguished careers as Trinity professors.”

MOLLY HELT

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY AND NEUROSCIENCE

Trinity faculty member since 2014
Ph.D., clinical psychology, University of Connecticut
M.S., psychology, University of Connecticut
B.A., psychology, Smith College

PETER KYLE

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF THEATER AND DANCE

Trinity faculty member since 2018
M.F.A., dance, University of Washington
B.A., dance and German area studies, Kenyon College

TIMOTHY LANDRY

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF ANTHROPOLOGY AND RELIGIOUS STUDIES

Trinity faculty member since 2015
Ph.D., anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
M.A., anthropology, University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign
M.A., anthropology, University of Houston
B.S., anthropology, University of Houston

PRISCILLA MELÉNDEZ

PROFESSOR OF LANGUAGE AND CULTURE STUDIES

Trinity faculty member since 2012
Ph.D., romance studies and Hispanic literature, Cornell University
B.A., University of Puerto Rico, Río Piedras

ROBERT OUTTEN

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF PSYCHOLOGY

Trinity faculty member since 2015
Ph.D., social psychology, Simon Fraser University
M.A., social psychology, Simon Fraser University
B.A., psychology and history, York University



For more on these faculty members, please visit [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://trincoll.edu/Reporter).



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Goldwater Scholar

Trinity College neuroscience major Alicia Camuy '22 recently was selected from an estimated pool of more than 5,000 students from across the country to receive the Barry Goldwater Scholarship. The scholarship is among the most prestigious awards for students interested in pursuing careers in the natural sciences, mathematics, and engineering.

“[Receiving] this scholarship, especially as a first-generation college student, is a huge foot in the door for me,” said Camuy. “It will afford me the opportunity to do the research I love and help me attend a Ph.D. program after I graduate from Trinity.”

In Camuy's first year at Trinity, she took part in the Interdisciplinary Science Program (ISP), an academic program for first-year students that links scientific disciplines to their connections in the world. Through ISP, Camuy participated in research with Charles A. Dana Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience Sarah Raskin.

In Raskin's ReMIND Lab (Rehabilitation of Memory for Individuals with Neurological Diagnoses), Camuy has been researching the Memory for Intentions Screening Test (MIST), which evaluates prospective memory, or the ability to remember to carry out a future task. “Through my research, I have discovered that the MIST assessment isn't necessarily appropriate for all populations, specifically Spanish speakers. As a result, I applied for a Student Initiated Research Grant, initiated the Institutional Review Board process, and created new assessments on my own,” said Camuy.

Camuy also is a leader outside of her coursework; she's active in La Voz Latina and Trinity's Multicultural Affairs Council and serves as a first-generation peer mentor, a big sister in the Big Sister-Little Sister program, and a student worker at Trinfo.Café.

Camuy is enthusiastic about continuing to develop her research and follow her passions. “When we are little, science is so often presented as facts that we already know,” said Camuy. “However, I've begun to learn that science is a lot about what we don't know. I am learning how to be skeptical and how to explore the fascinating unknowns of the world and want to continue to do so in my future.”





‘At the helm’

“Walking through the White House gates never gets old,” says Julie Mason ’93, whose third White House tour of duty began in January 2021. As deputy assistant to the president and chief of staff to the second gentleman, Mason brings invaluable experience from more than 25 years in federal and state government, political campaigns, and the business and nonprofit sectors.

Her chief responsibility is overseeing the contributions of the first second gentleman in U.S. history, Douglas Emhoff. She appreciates the “fresh eyes” Emhoff brings to his role and is excited about helping him to determine which initiatives he’ll focus on as he supports the administration and, in particular, the work of his wife, Vice President Kamala Harris.

Julie Mason ’93 serves as chief of staff to country’s first second gentleman

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arris is breaking barriers as the first woman, the first Black American, and the first South Asian American to be elected vice president. At the

same time, her husband has become a national role model for male spouses of powerful women. Videos of Emhoff, such as one where he is blowing kisses to Harris before President Joe Biden's first address to Congress, have gone viral. "He has been surprised, I think we all have," says Mason, "at what seems perfectly normal, supporting one's spouse, getting so much attention."

Emhoff, Mason, and team hit the ground running in the initial months of the Biden-Harris administration, supporting pandemic response and economic recovery efforts. "The focus has been on making sure we can get Americans healthy, building confidence in vaccines, and sharing news about the president's initiatives to help families get back on their feet and build back the economy," Mason says. Emhoff's Twitter feed (@secondgentleman) offers a glimpse of his cross-country travels, including visits to small businesses and to vaccination sites at community centers and mobile clinics and on tribal lands.

Emhoff, who has led an accomplished career as an entertainment lawyer, cares deeply about access to justice, notes Mason. "As a lawyer, he is passionate about advocating for justice and fairness, which aligns well with the president's commitment to equity."

Amid the whirlwind of second-gentleman duties, Emhoff says, "As a 'newbie' to D.C. and politics, I'm lucky to have Julie at the helm of my White House team. She not only knows the nuances of this administration but also how to get things done—and she does it with a steady leadership style, positive outlook, and great sense of humor."

Mason's close friend Karen Regan '93, her roommate for three years at Trinity as well as after college in Washington, D.C., concurs with Emhoff. "Julie is someone



you call when you want something to get done," says Regan, the assistant vice chancellor for research and innovation at the University of Colorado Boulder. "Julie has always been driven toward public service. She likes to think about and solve bigger problems."

Recalling the first time she visited Trinity's campus as a high school student, Mason says, "I remember feeling the energy on campus and loving that it felt like a community within a city." Growing up, there were pictures of Trinity in her house since both her father, John Whittier

Mason, M.D., '60, and uncle, Robert Mason, M.D., '62, are alumni.

"I think there's a lot to be said for a school like Trinity," says Mason. "A small school that builds a true community is more valuable now than ever. During the pandemic, we all felt a bit disconnected. Having a place like Trinity, where people really gather and get to know each other, makes a real difference. By the time I graduated, it felt like home, and my classmates felt like my extended family. They still do."

Upon graduating from Trinity with a degree in Latin American studies, Mason

Also ...

The Trinity Reporter checked in with three other alumni serving in the Biden administration:



Second Gentleman Douglas Emhoff and Julie Mason '93

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DOUGLAS EMHOFF,
SECOND GENTLEMAN
OF THE UNITED STATES


was uncertain where her career path would lead. “I’m so impressed when people know exactly what they want to do,” she says. “I did not, but that’s the beauty of a liberal arts education. For people like me, who are on a less-defined journey, being exposed to Shakespeare, economics, philosophy, gender studies—it all sets the stage for whatever you do.” She remembers volunteering for Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) and serving as president of the campus BBBS club. “All of us in the program got to know people in the community and kind of break down barriers, which was terrific.”

Mason’s first job after college was as an assistant teacher at a private school in McLean, Virginia. But after a year observing so many people flocking to D.C. to get involved in politics, she decided she wanted to give it a try, too. “I put on my red Ann Taylor suit, printed off hard copies of my résumé, and began knocking on doors.”

An Illinois native, she secured an unpaid internship with her hometown congressman, which led to a job answering phones in the office of the then-chairman of the Senate Judiciary

Committee, Joe Biden. Within six months, she landed a position assisting Mike McCurry, press secretary to President Bill Clinton, and learned the ropes of White House media relations. Next, she served as deputy press secretary to first lady Hillary Clinton. A highlight came in 1998, when Mason accompanied the first lady on a trip to Trinity, where Clinton conducted a forum on child care and toured the Trinity College Community Child Center (TC4).

Between 1999 and 2009, Mason employed her strong communications and marketing skills at AOL Time Warner, the Smithsonian’s National Zoo, the Arizona Department of Homeland Security, and the Office of Arizona Governor Janet Napolitano. Mason took time off to raise her children before returning to D.C. to lead communications for Jill Biden during the 2012 presidential election campaign. From 2013 through 2015, Mason was director of special projects in the Office of Vice President Joe Biden before spending 5½ years in leadership positions with international consulting firm Albright Stonebridge Group.

In her latest White House role, Mason has been struck by how much her daughter, Adele, 14, and son, Sam, 12, are interested to hear about her day at work. “The first time I was in the White House, I didn’t have kids. The second time, they were young and would participate in kid-focused activities like the annual Easter Egg Roll. But now, at their schools, they’re talking about world issues and national issues, topics like equity and gender, and we have conversations about civics—which is great! It’s fun for me to see what I’m doing through their eyes.” 

Sarah Despres '88, B.A., history; J.D., 1996, Northeastern University School of Law; Counselor for Public Health and Science at U.S. Department of Health and Human Services: “After Trinity, my first full-time job was working in the Soviet Union for the United States Information Agency (USIA). Having that solid education from Trinity meant that I could pivot from working for USIA to entering law school. After law school, I came back to D.C. with no preconceived notion of what I would do and just started seizing opportunities as they arose. Having a well-rounded humanities education was critical for that.”

Kendall Mitchell '17, B.A. English (concentration in creative writing), minor in Hispanic studies; Public Affairs Specialist/Press Assistant, U.S. Department of Justice: “The English Department is one of the best departments at Trinity. It opened my mind to hearing other people’s stories without bias. As a political communications professional, I have to know how to communicate an issue in a meeting with Majority Leader Chuck Schumer but also how I should communicate this issue to your grandma, who might not be fluent in English. The skills I learned from the major helped me to be a good communicator and a strong writer.”

Maggie Thomas '10, B.S., environmental science and biology, minor in legal studies; master’s in environmental management, 2015, Yale University; Chief of Staff in the Office of Domestic Climate Policy: “The Trinity Environmental Science Program is inherently interdisciplinary and nothing prepared me more for the role that I have today. If we’re going to tackle the climate crisis, it needs to be a completely interdisciplinary approach. I was exposed to so much at Trinity, including the Interdisciplinary Science Program and research studying red-tailed hawks. Over time, I realized that what I really wanted to do was to make change in the world, and to do that you need to be engaged at the intersection of science and policy.”

These members of the Biden administration follow in the footsteps of many other Trinity alumni who, according to the college’s records, have served in previous presidential administrations, including Victoria Coates '90, National Security Council (Donald Trump); Jonathan Asen '09, Office of Legislative Affairs (Barack Obama); Neil Patel '91, Office of the Vice President (George W. Bush); and Charles S. Ingersoll, Jr. '83, Office of Presidential Personnel (Ronald Reagan).



AIMING TO INCREASE

DIVERSITY

OF VOICES

**STUDENTS HELP SPARK
FACULTY HIRING INITIATIVE**

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“A truly diverse faculty is one in which a variety of perspectives are heard, disagreement is welcome, and no one’s voice is silenced,” says Acting Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Sonia Cardenas. “That’s when we realize the full value of being a vibrantly diverse and innovative intellectual community.”

FACULTY DIVERSITY BY THE NUMBERS

Trinity College’s searches have yielded the following year-to-year increases in tenure-line faculty, from fall 2020 to fall 2021:

21% ↗ **24%**

FACULTY OF COLOR (U.S.)

6% ↗ **8%**

BLACK FACULTY

7% ↗ **8%**

ASIAN FACULTY

9% ↗ **10%**

INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

18% ↗ **24%**

FEMALE FACULTY OF COLOR

45% ↗ **47%**

FEMALE FACULTY

27% ↗ **29%**

STEM FACULTY OF COLOR

46% ↗ **49%**

STEM FEMALE FACULTY

5% ↗ **10%**

STEM BLACK FACULTY

8% ↗ **10%**

STEM INTERNATIONAL FACULTY

As a way to increase the diversity of Trinity’s permanent faculty, the college’s Special Opportunity Hiring (SOH) initiative will welcome 18 tenure-track faculty members over three years. Six of those faculty members began their new positions in July.

“The SOH initiative we launched, alongside our ongoing practices and training around diversity, equity, and inclusion, have made a real difference,” Cardenas adds. “We’ve moved the needle in just one year, as is evident in our data and in the exceptional set of faculty members we’re adding to our ranks.”

How did this successful SOH initiative get its start? Thanks in large part to the demands and work of Trinity students.

In the summer of 2020, with Black Lives Matter protests around the country calling urgent attention to police violence and racial inequity following the murder of George Floyd in Minneapolis, the Trinity administration pledged to take steps to address systemic racism at the college. In a letter to students, faculty, and staff, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and Vice President for Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Anita Davis wrote, “We have made progress in creating a more inclusive community at Trinity ... but our work has only just begun.” They asked all members of the Trinity community for their help.

The newly formed group of Trinity students called the Umoja Coalition—composed of members of seven student organizations—issued a set of demands to the college administration and Board of Trustees to consider as tangible actions to improve the campus climate. Each of the articles in the document supported the Umoja Coalition’s stated mission of “transforming this institution into an inclusive, accessible, and safe environment for all Black students.”

Among other points, the coalition called on the faculty to increase its size and to reserve positions for Special Opportunity Hires to boost the number of tenure-track Black faculty, especially in STEM fields.

Giovanni Jones ’21, a sociology major from Hartford, was president of Trinity’s Student Government Association (SGA) and Men of Color Alliance (MOCA) when the Umoja Coalition was formed. He helped to draft the demands and worked with college administrators on developing them into actions. “Representation matters,” Jones says of the importance of hiring more faculty of color. “At a predominately white institution, students of color on campus may not have people to connect to, who understand our experiences, or who will call out microaggressions in the classroom. Everyone wants a voice and is deserving of one.”

Jones says the demands on the faculty were supported by research on the composition of the faculty, how professors are hired, and why they leave. “It was alarming to learn that there were only nine Black tenured faculty at the college,” Jones says. “We saw some holes in the faculty structure and wanted to address it head on. We didn’t want to just ask to add 10 faculty of color; we wanted to make sure they were permanent and on a tenure track.

The college adopted its SOH initiative in the 2020–21 academic year following further discussions about the plan’s details with Umoja Coalition members, faculty, staff, and administrators. It came at a time when higher education institutions across the country were using SOH initiatives and similar processes that offer speed and flexibility to achieve the goals of greater faculty diversity and an enhanced curriculum.

“This [initiative] was in direct response to the work of students who were part of the Umoja Coalition,” says Cardenas. “We wanted to respond to this national moment in a way that was not just incremental but that accelerated and prioritized diversity as a central value.”

Davis notes that the SOH initiative is aligned with the overall mission of the Office of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, which is to ensure that all members of the Trinity community feel included and have the resources and support they need to thrive. “A diverse faculty gives students evidence that they too can pursue—and excel in—a variety of roles on a college campus, regardless of their backgrounds,” Davis says.

Associate Professor of History and American Studies Scott Gac served as chair of the faculty’s Educational Policy Committee (EPC), with which all long-term faculty hiring originates, until his term ended on June 30. He says that the EPC has been working for years on ways to diversify Trinity’s faculty and curriculum and has embraced the recent drive to increase the speed of these efforts. “This bigger push

doesn't become available without the larger social context of the last year and a half," Gac says. "A lot of things came together, like Trinity's more diversified student body and concerns of race and equity in society writ large."

What makes an SOH initiative different from the usual faculty hiring process, Gac says, is that it takes immediate advantage of opportunities to diversify the faculty by creating a new position to address a curricular area of need. "The EPC asks academic departments and programs for proposals, and there's generally a specific person attached to each proposal," Gac says. This process identifies long-standing excellence that exists in scholarly communities historically underrepresented at schools like Trinity.

The faculty also voted this year to change the *Faculty Manual* to eliminate the cap on the number of tenured or tenure-track faculty members. "Relative to its peers and size, Trinity has a small permanent faculty," Gac says. "There was a hard cap of 165 tenured faculty that we couldn't go above, which creates a problem in terms of increases in faculty diversity. An SOH measure doesn't really work with a hard cap because there is an extremely limited number of faculty positions available." While eliminating the faculty cap will allow for greater flexibility, including a larger number of diverse faculty members in the future, Gac says that the current SOH initiative does not represent an increase in the number of permanent faculty. "It uses available lines in the current 165 positions and fills them through the SOH process," he says.

Gac, whose areas of research include American social reforms, racial activism, and slavery, says that the transformation underway is helping to balance a faculty that did not represent the racial makeup of the students or of the country. "With such a diverse student body in a diverse world, we're moving Trinity into line with its environment," he says. "This is part of a broader effort to be listening to as many voices as possible."

Jones says that he has been pleased with the results of this initiative so far. "Higher education can be really slow, so I wasn't expecting this to happen so fast," he says. "I've always told myself I want to leave the place better than when I came into it. The fact that new students may not need to have some difficult experiences that I had my first year, that's what matters to me. All of this work by the Umoja Coalition is done out of care and love



for the school and wanting it to be better for the students."

Davis adds, "It is essential that we not only recruit more diverse faculty and staff, but that we make efforts to create a campus climate to retain them." To this end, the college has introduced hiring practices that integrate DEI training, a New Voices Cohort mentoring program for all new faculty, professional development opportunities focusing on issues of equity, and faculty and staff affinity groups.

In addition to the faculty's recruitment efforts, their other ongoing work with the DEI office includes workshops on inclusive pedagogy and implementing the recommendations of a faculty-led Racial Justice Committee. Academic departments also are reexamining which texts to include in curricula and how to better engage with the Hartford community.

"Faculty should be as diverse as the students we teach and the world in which we live," says Cardenas. "It is important that all students be taught by a diverse group of faculty. This includes students from historically underrepresented backgrounds, who should see themselves reflected in the faculty who teach and mentor them." ■

Umoja Coalition Organizations

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Caribbean Students' Association (CSA)
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PLANS WITH A PURPOSE

‘Architectural
Design’ students
‘rebuild’
storm-ravaged
Bahamian town

BY ANDREW J. CONCATELLI

How do you rebuild a whole town whose buildings and infrastructure were blown apart and washed into the ocean by a hurricane?

That daunting challenge was the starting point for a theoretical exercise that constituted the bulk of the spring 2021 “Architectural Design” course at Trinity College. Cross-listed in the Art History Program and the Engineering Department, the course was taught by Associate Professor of Fine Arts Kristin A. Triff and Visiting Assistant Professor of Fine Arts David N. Duncan ’79, a practicing architect who recently moved his office from Connecticut to Maine.

PHOTO: LILY EVERETT '21



A house in Marsh Harbour teeters off its foundation after Hurricane Dorian swept through the Bahamas. Lily Everett '21, an island resident and student in "Architectural Design" in spring 2020, captured the image.

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he “Bahama Town Design” unit was inspired by a real-life tragedy: the town of Marsh Harbour suffered devastating damage in 2019 during the powerful Category 5 Hurricane Dorian, one of the worst natural disasters in the history of the Bahamas.

“This exercise is not just about designing a building,” Duncan says. “It’s about this community, and it’s about how people live. We are trying to get students to think about the needs of the residents. These people’s lives were completely turned upside down by the hurricane. How do you start to rebuild, and what challenges may arise?”

Students in the class each selected specific neighborhoods along with individual buildings to design using drawing and model-building techniques. Along the way, they researched the specific requirements and conditions of the sites and learned about urban design. A major goal for the class was to work together to develop a cohesive, functional, and attractive town plan.

“Marsh Harbour is a working town that was leveled,” Triff says. “Getting our students to think about what happens after something catastrophic impacts a community—and engaging directly with that—brings out their humanity and creativity in a really positive way.”

Duncan says the project engaged the students because of its timely and topical nature. Beginning with this year’s hurricane season—which lasts from June to November—the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration is increasing the number of storms in what it considers an “average” season to reflect data from the last 30 years showing greater activity. “We are talking about issues of sustainability,” Duncan says. “How do we deal with hurricanes and flooding? How does one build in that environment? As one example, if you build structures the way you have to, to be above predicted storm-surge levels, they’re high off the ground. There are many implications and complications when the historic relationship of a

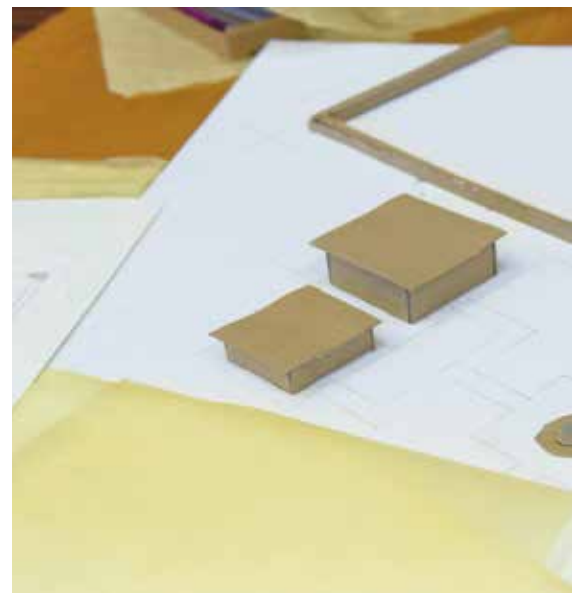
building to the surrounding community is so dramatically altered.”

While there are no current plans for the students’ designs to be used in the town’s actual recovery efforts, the faculty and students still found value in the project. “There are all kinds of ways the students could use these thought processes,” says Duncan, who took the same course when he was a Trinity student. “Some students have never been in a design studio before, so they are essentially learning a new language and a new way to look at the world. Maybe this touches something in students that they might not know they’re interested in or have a gift for. Hopefully there will be many skills brought to bear and practiced throughout the semester that the students will find useful in their endeavors post-Trinity.”

Art history major and architectural studies minor Lillian Belletete ’21 says, “‘Architectural Design’ class makes you realize just how many factors go into town planning. It is easy to passively walk through cities and towns, but that is only made possible by careful planning of engineers, architects, and designers. Though I don’t want to be an architect, I think that architectural design can teach just about anyone about the process of trial and error and how to problem solve through hands-on learning.”

Belletete’s design project was a school, which she sees as an integral piece of the community that should use its natural surroundings to educate and unite the town residents. “Tourist towns such as Marsh Harbour often dedicate a great deal of their resources and assets to the tourism industry, but I think that the residents of the town deserve to enjoy the assets of the Bahamas as well,” she says. “For this reason, I placed the school by the ocean and connected it to a park, which would be open to the public in order to create a welcoming space for everyone.”

Grace Consoli ’22 says, “I chose to work on the ferry terminal area because in high school I spent a semester at sea sailing through the Bahamas. I wanted to do this section of the island to rebuild what I imagine a memorable, functional, and beautiful terminal to be.”



For Consoli—an urban studies major and architectural studies minor who plans to attend graduate school to pursue architecture—the class offered a way to combine holistic urban planning and site-specific designs. “In other classes at Trinity, we have learned what makes towns grow or fail,” she says. “This class, however, allowed me to try and imagine actually redoing and creating a new town and how to set it up for success for the residents and visitors. This included thinking about



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[1] Visiting Assistant Professor of Fine Arts David N. Duncan '79, on campus for student presentations, and Jordan Lewis '22 view maps.

[2] Taylor O'Connor '21 works on a sketch.

[3]/[4] Student-created models.

[5] Associate Professor of Fine Arts Kristen A. Triff examines student work.



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all the inner workings of a town that are usually overlooked, like street width, location of parking lots, and zoning. I've learned the importance of incorporating the needs of the people who live there as well as encouraging economic activity and tourism."

With Triff teaching in the classroom and Duncan participating remotely during the COVID-19 pandemic, the class relied on innovative support from Trinity's Library and Information Technology Services.

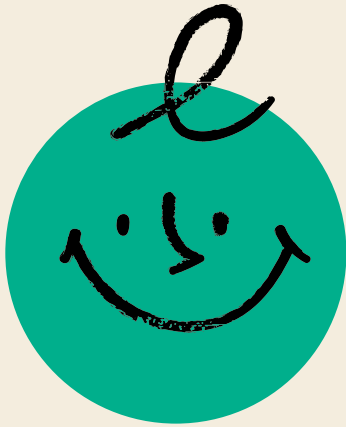
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Interactive whiteboards, microphones, cameras, and speakers allowed everyone to communicate with Duncan, who appeared on a large screen and operated a camera positioned over a design desk in his own studio.

Duncan, who is a member the American Institute of Architects and the National Council of Architectural Registration Boards, says, "I've tried to be a bridge between the academic world and what I do professionally. I talk about economics of architecture, construction means and materials, the process of designing a project, laws and contracts, and working with

consultants. A lot of these skills have to do with communicating with other people and are very transferable. A liberal arts education gives you so many more ways to think about and interact with the world."

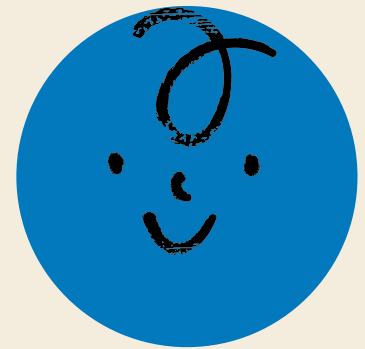
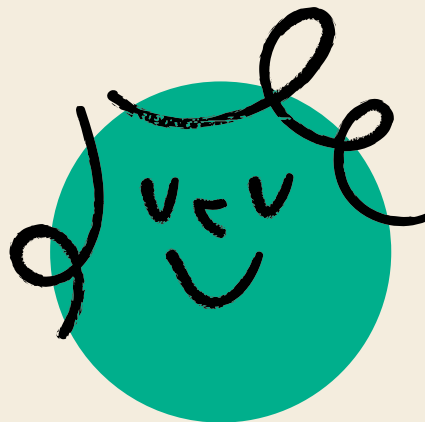
Triff adds, "Urban and town planning is a broad subject for a 10-week semester. Part of what we're trying to do is to instill critical thinking and getting students to look at alternative solutions. This bridges that gap between academic theory and lived reality, which they'll all be doing in their future careers." **T**



WHAT
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JOY?



Reporter

READERS RESPOND

“What brings you joy?” That’s the question *The Trinity Reporter* asked the college community this past spring through newsletters, social media, and emails. While it’s a seemingly simple question, these days—amid a once-in-a-century global pandemic—it’s anything but.

As Randolph “Randy” Lee ’66, director of Trinity’s Counseling and Wellness Center and associate professor of psychology, notes, “It’s clear that the pandemic has had an impact on most of us when it comes to our emotional state.” For some, he says, “these impacts will last longer than for others, but I think if we focus on resilience and trying to let ourselves bounce back as things get better, realistically and not naïvely, but also with optimism, we can minimize the long-term effects.”

Lee offers a metaphor that he says speaks to finding joy: running a hurdles race. “There are long stretches of flat, smooth ground, but you know at some point soon there will be a hurdle that you need to jump over,” he says. “Sometimes you may knock down the hurdle, and sometimes you may clear it. After the hurdle is another smooth area, but you always know there will be another hurdle. In some ways life is like that. We need to try not to focus on the hurdles and instead focus on the flat ground between them when we can be more at peace.”

So what “flat, smooth ground” helped those in the Trinity community get through the trying times of the COVID-19 pandemic and its fallout? What is it that brought joy? Read on to find out.

As an aging retiree, I now reside in an apartment, which has a picture window facing east. I watch the dawn now with joy and marvel at the changing cloud patterns that make each dawn individual.

RICHARD FERRARO ’55
Dover, New Hampshire

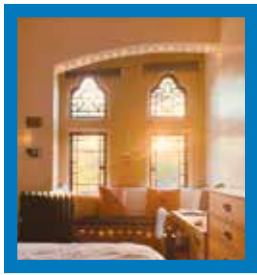
My husband, when he belly laughs, can lift the mood of an entire room. His simple, silly glee brings me an insane, heart-bursting, tears-in-my-eyes amount of joy. All the better if I’ve said or done something to crack him up like that. Pure magic.

CARLA BOECKLIN ’01
Park City, Utah



I am a critical care medicine doc in Florida. This past year has been brutal at work. Too many patients, not enough beds or nurses, not enough treatments that work. Too many deaths. My little bursts of joy have been found through night sky watching and my pets. I love to be outside at night in Florida. It’s cooler for one, fewer people are out, better time to walk my dog. We live in a suburb, so the night sky is pretty visible, and Florida is flat so you get the whole sky to see. It really is uplifting. I have seen many shooting stars, moonrises, and the close alignment of Mars and Jupiter last year. We have a big dog and two cats. They are a constant source of love and laughs. I cannot imagine living without them!

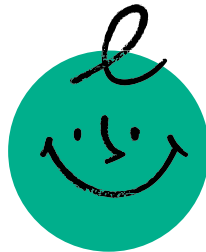
SARAH A. NEILLY ’81 • Melbourne, Florida



I wanted to share something that brought me a lot of joy

this past school year, which was my Jarvis dorm room. It truly was one of the prettiest rooms I've ever lived in. It was supposed to be a double, but because of COVID, it was a single, so it was super spacious, and I had so much fun decorating it.

KATIE RUSSELL '22
Grafton, Massachusetts



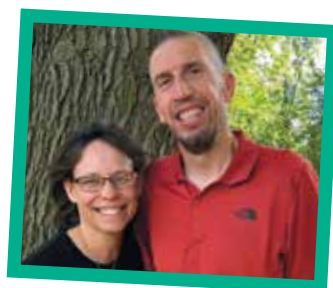
Dropping our daughter [Allison Rau '23] at Trinity for freshman year exactly 30 years after my husband and I arrived as freshmen ourselves.

DANA MEACHEN RAU '93, with Chris Rau '93
Burlington, Connecticut



For me, walks outside with my toddlers and connecting with my research students on Zoom brought me joy during these unusual times.

EMILY DERBYSHIRE '02
Durham, North Carolina



A big part of the joy in my life this spring 2021 has been meeting up with Tanya Jones, my good friend and fellow Class of 1997 graduate. We have been going on long walks in the uptown parks in New York City: Morningside, Riverside, and Central Park. Walking and talking about the ups and downs this year. Joy for us both.

ALI MCCARTNEY AUTH '97, with Tanya Jones '97 • New York, New York



Student and alumni accomplishments that come from the teaching or advising that I do, sometimes over the course of many years, bring me joy. Whether that's a student or alum getting into medical school or a current student finding a course I recommended was a great fit, or whether it's one of my nutrition students taking control of their own health, knowing that I played a positive role in their development and seeing their pride in their accomplishment—that brings me great joy!



ALISON DRAPER
Director, Center for Interdisciplinary Science

I realized that my whole experience building a movement in my city to create the 4C Tree Project, which stands for Capture Carbon Commemorate COVID, has been the greatest source of joy for me during this challenging pandemic. This project is to honor those who lost their lives due to COVID-19 during the pandemic by planting trees in public places so people can stop, reflect, and remember the pandemic and those who lost their lives. I am working with the nonprofit Green Newton and partnering with the Newton director of forestry to make this happen. In the process, I've gotten to build amazing connections with kind and driven leaders across my city. I also joined the Green Newton Youth Group and created a subgroup within it, the 4C Tree team. Now my team of high school and college students and I have raised over \$44,000 to plant at least 220 trees across my city of Newton, Massachusetts.

ELIZABETH SOCKWELL '21
Newton Center, Massachusetts



I feel joyful when I move with intention, purpose, and mind-body-spirit alignment—while loving myself, my given and chosen family, and minoritized communities.

SAMANTHA ALCALA '11 • New York, New York

My garden brings me joy. I grow flowers and veggies at Knox's urban farm on Laurel Street in Hartford. Co-creating such bounty with the earth makes me feel like I can do anything.



GABBY NELSON
Assistant Director, Urban Engaged Learning

Photography of birds and other wildlife, and the opportunity that gives me to be out in nature and in tune with it, brings me joy. It's my job—I'm a professional wildlife photographer—and it's also my great passion.



MELISSA GROO '84 • Brooktondale, New York

Reading, talking with friends, FaceTiming my kids and grandchildren, spending time with my husband, being in the woods, my work, my research, and, most of all, an immense sense of overall gratitude.

MANYA BOUTENEFF '78
Hartsdale, New York



When I try explaining something to one of my guitar students several different ways and one of them actually works. I see their facial expressions change from puzzlement to comprehension, then joy and relief, as they integrate it. That never gets old.

ANDY BASSFORD '76 • Bronx, New York



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Connecting with Puerto Rican culture

Students engage with local
community, history, and more

BY KATHY ANDREWS

A trained anthropological archaeologist focused on Puerto Rican history and culture, Amanda Guzmán specializes in museum anthropology, describing her field as “a bit of detective work on museum collections—reconstructing the histories of how objects came to be at museums.”

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Ray Alvarez-Adorno '23, a student in the “Beyond Traditional: Contemporary Understandings of Puerto Rican Culture” course



PHOTO: NICK CAITTO



When the newly named assistant professor of anthropology set out to develop a course to examine traditional and contemporary views of Puerto Rican culture, her goals were to introduce students to a wide breadth of Puerto Rican scholarship, to weave in the story of Hartford’s Puerto Rican diaspora, and to include ways for students to engage with the community. Also, because she planned to teach the class remotely, she envisioned a live, virtual speaker series featuring historians, archeologists, and museum curators and educators. Each lecture would be recorded and then posted online to create what she describes as “an archive of Puerto Rican thought.”

Guzmán’s spring 2021 Community Learning course, “Beyond Traditional: Contemporary Understandings of Puerto Rican Culture,” met all of her goals. The online archive showcases guest lecturers of wide-ranging expertise, including from Smithsonian Institution museums and from The Metropolitan Museum of Art. The recorded talks have an intimate feel; since the speakers represented many institutions that were closed due to the pandemic, they Zoomed in from home offices. Each talk was followed by Q&A, though only the lecture portion was recorded.



Amanda Guzmán,
assistant professor
of anthropology

“What I always attempt to do in my classes is empower students to not only learn but also to teach and to be active participants in their learning and in the learning of others,” says Guzmán.

Among students enrolled in the class were several who grew up as Connecticut residents and were surprised to learn that their home state has the largest percentage of Puerto Rican residents of any U.S. state. They wondered why that aspect of Connecticut history had never been mentioned in their high school classes. Enter historian and Hartford native

Elena Rosario, one of nine guest speakers who brought Puerto Rican history and culture to life and described different waves of migration, from the 1950s to those of more recent years, including after Hurricane Maria.

Rosario discussed her research, which focuses on post-World War II Puerto Rican migration and settlement in Hartford, capturing students’ attention with archival photographs, newspaper reports, and other documentation. A Ph.D. candidate at the University of Michigan, Rosario detailed how Operation Bootstrap, an economic strategy in 1950s–1960s Puerto Rico, led to the mass migration of Puerto Ricans, with thousands eventually settling in Connecticut. As the island’s traditional farming economy shifted to manufacturing, many male heads of households were recruited for agricultural work in Connecticut, particularly at tobacco farms. While permanent settlement was not intended originally, Rosario says, community networks and cultural events such as the annual Puerto Rican Day Parade grew over time and remain strong in Hartford today.

Neuroscience major Alicia Camuy ’22 says the course, and Rosario’s talk in particular, made an impact on her. Camuy, who is from Chicago, was inspired by the class discussion to ask her great-aunts about her family’s roots in Puerto Rico. She says she was amazed to learn that her grandfather, when he migrated to the U.S. mainland, came first to Hartford, living and doing agricultural work in the area before eventually settling in Chicago. “Before taking this class, I had no idea of my family connection here,” says Camuy. “It’s given me a sort of window, walking through my grandfather’s footsteps, trying to figure out what his life was like in Hartford during the 1970s.”

Family stories like Camuy’s are an important part of Rosario’s research. “Stories of Puerto Ricans rarely make it into the archives,” says Rosario. “Who better to tell those stories than the people who lived those experiences?” Rosario, as well as the other guest speakers, talked with students about a key course theme, the idea of a scholar’s positionality, essentially the stance of the researcher or the student in relation to the subject of study. She notes that her own positionality as a Puerto Rican woman in Connecticut “shapes the relationships that I build in the field, the questions that I pose, the way that I read my sources, and so on.”

Guzmán, who joined the Trinity faculty in 2020 as Ann Plato Fellow in Anthropology and American Studies, says she was excited to hear of the extensive work that alumna Jasmin Agosto ’10, education and community outreach manager at the Hartford

History Center at the Hartford Public Library (HPL), has done to gather and share stories of Hartford’s Puerto Rican community, including oral history interviews of historical changemakers of the Puerto Rican diaspora. In fall 2020, Guzmán began meeting with Agosto to learn more about the Hartford community and Agosto’s work. A new HPL community archiving initiative that Agosto described seemed a perfect opportunity for collaboration—student involvement would enhance the “Beyond Traditional” course as well as advance the HPL initiative.

The community archiving initiative was planned to launch in conjunction with the opening of the Park Street Library @ the Lyric, a new state-of-the-art building that was set to open in early fall 2021 at Park and Broad Streets. Agosto says plans for the new HPL location, which replaces a longtime Park Street storefront branch, include “a memory booth, where people can tell their stories within this neighborhood and share their visions for the future.” In addition to audio-recording stories, people can bring photographs to be captured digitally. Says Guzmán, “Collaborating on this project allowed us both to leverage parallels in our work—Jasmin with oral history interviews and me with my interest in digital humanities for research and teaching contexts for this first iteration of the course.”

Members of Guzmán’s class, for their final projects, were tasked with creating a portfolio of community engagement documents for the HPL staff’s review and potential use. Students chose from different final assignment options, including drafting survey questions to be posed to community members and designing promotional ads to promote the memory booth via social media.

During the summer, three Trinity students made further contributions to the project. Ray Alvarez-Adorno ’23, who was part of the “Beyond Traditional” class, extended his work on the community archiving initiative as a participant in Trinity’s Public Humanities Collaborative. Kendall Alexander ’22 and Isabelle Sayas ’23 served as anthropology research assistants. With Guzmán as faculty partner and Agosto and Rosario as community partners, the three students were involved in various ways, including researching local sites of interest for potential inclusion in the project and exploring different digital storytelling platforms for use in the initiative.

Guzmán notes that a key lesson for students in the course was understanding that in studying Puerto Rico, “you’re really studying an unfolding

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HISTORIAN AND HARTFORD NATIVE ELENA ROSARIO

history of multiple places because the diaspora is such a big part of cultural production and because Puerto Ricans are U.S. citizens, which people don’t often learn stateside. It was really important to recognize that history of connection into our present, because after Hurricane Maria, there was significant migration from Puerto Rico to the U.S. mainland, and so we were studying both a historical migration as well as a contemporary migration defined by renewed diasporic mobilization in more recent years.”

Guzmán says that when she next teaches the course again in spring 2022, when Trinity’s classes should be fully in person, she still would like to invite at least some new speakers to participate via Zoom. “It actually made me realize how connected we can be, even while apart. And the biggest feedback I got from the speakers was that they were just so impressed with the students.”

To watch the speaker series, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

Ray Alvarez-Adorno ’23, right, works with historian and Hartford native Elena Rosario and Jasmin Agosto ’10, education and community outreach manager at the Hartford History Center at the Hartford Public Library (HPL), in the center.



PHOTO: (RIGHT) NICK CAIYO

Trinity's 'unfailing champion'

Cornie
Thornburgh '80,
retiring as board
chair, plans to
stay connected
to college

STORY BY
TESS DUDEK-ROLON
PORTRAIT BY
PAUL ROSENFELD





“Active.”

That’s how Cornelia Parsons “Cornie” Thornburgh ’80, who retired at the end of June from her seven-year tenure as chair of the Trinity College Board of Trustees, recently summed up her time in the role.

“We’ve had to be active, proactive, and reactive,” she says. From responding to social and political unrest, to celebrating the 50th anniversary of coeducation, weathering a pandemic, and beginning a comprehensive campaign, the work of college governance has been varied and challenging. Through it all, Thornburgh—who served on Trinity’s board for 17 years—focused on keeping the college moving forward while working to ensure that all perspectives were heard and that the community had an opportunity to contribute in meaningful ways to conversations about the college’s future.

Engaging others in the work of supporting the college has been a consistent theme of Thornburgh’s efforts. A founding member of the Women’s Leadership Council, she more recently helped to launch the Marjorie Butcher Circle for women’s philanthropy. But to her mind, her most significant accomplishment for Trinity was in convincing Joanne Berger-Sweeney to sign on as Trinity’s president in 2014.

“I am very proud of the fact that I was one of several people who worked to bring Joanne to Trinity,” Thornburgh says. “Under Joanne’s leadership, we’ve put the college in a position to confront the hurdles we will encounter as we enter our third century. We have dramatically increased our financial aid program, expanding access for a new generation of talented, inquisitive, and curious students. We’ve also recruited a strong and diverse board, and I’m so excited that Lisa Bisaccia [’78] has agreed to succeed me as chair.”

Berger-Sweeney, in turn, points to her partnership with Thornburgh as a key element of the college’s success. “Cornie is so dedicated, so savvy about people, and just an unfailing champion of Trinity College,” Berger-Sweeney says. “We could not have moved forward with our financial aid initiative without her support. Really, she’s just remarkably selfless.”

Thornburgh received similar praise from her predecessor as chair, Paul E. Raether ’68, P’93, ’96, ’01, H’14, who also credits her leadership in increasing the academic profile of

the student body. “We were losing too many good students to other colleges and universities because they provided better financial aid,” Raether says, adding that the agenda set by the board under Thornburgh’s guidance helped to bring about change. “She’s done a fabulous job. ... It’s a tough job, and the issues keep getting more and more complicated.”

Raether says he also feels that Thornburgh has set the college up for success upon her departure. “Part of doing a great job is making sure that your successor is the right person and will continue to provide strong leadership,” he says. “Cornie cares a lot about Trinity, just like I do. And, she’s invested a lot of time, energy, and dedication into finding her successor, just like I did.”

Thornburgh’s impact on Trinity has earned her the admiration of many in the college community, including her colleagues on the board. Trustees Kevin Maloney ’79,

Sophie Bell Ayres ’77, P’12, Michael Kluger ’78, P’13, and Nina McNeely Diefenbach ’80, P’18

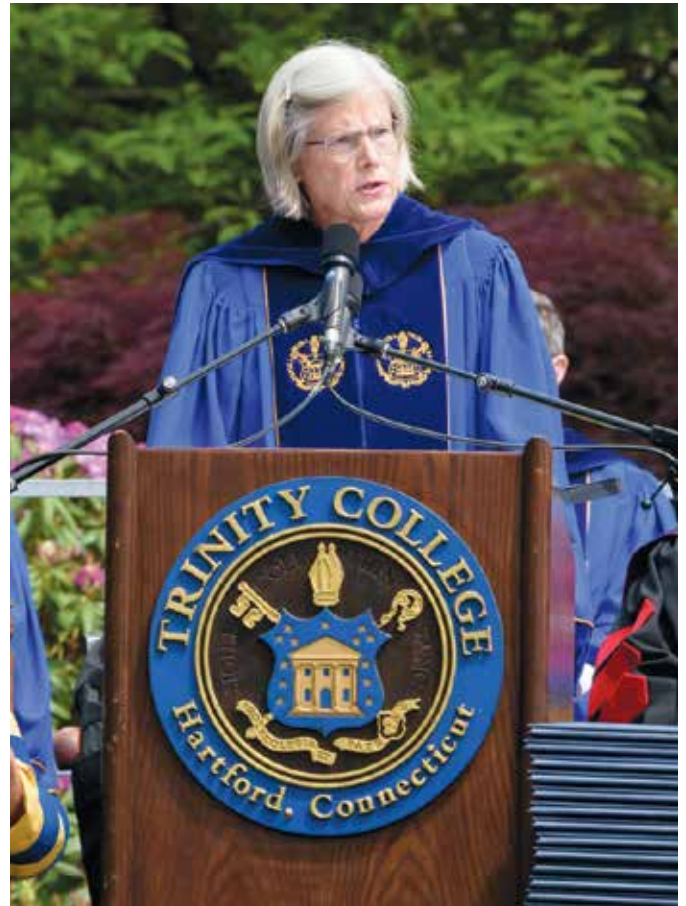
led an effort to build an endowed fund to support women’s leadership at the college in Thornburgh’s honor. “The idea of this fund fits Cornie’s interests and honors her legacy,” explains Maloney. “When this concept was explained to donors, they concurred, and the response was overwhelmingly positive.” That response, he added, was not unexpected. “Cornie brought out the best in her fellow trustees,” he notes.

Generosity to Trinity in Thornburgh’s honor was bolstered by her husband, Dick Thornburgh, who helped to rally family to raise funds to renovate and rename Vernon Social. Once complete, the refurbished building will be known as the Cornelia Parsons ’80 Center—or the Cornelia Center for short—and will be among the first buildings on campus named for a woman.

The Cornelia Center will be devoted to career and life design for students to plan their paths after Trinity. It’s a cause about which Thornburgh says she feels particularly passionate. She notes, “Part of this center is helping students learn about themselves—what is their gift, what is their passion—so when they leave Trinity, they will have the confidence to share those gifts with the world.”

While Thornburgh’s retirement from Trinity’s board will leave her with a little more free time, she plans to continue





Top left: Cornie Thornburgh '80 mingles at the 50 for the Next 50 Celebration in February 2020. Above: Thornburgh addresses graduates at Commencement 2021.

her commitment to another passion: working to end homelessness. She serves as chair of the board of The Lord's Place, a non-profit, non-secular organization in Palm Beach County, Florida, that aims to break the cycle of homelessness. With the looming eviction crisis exacerbated by the pandemic, she says, she anticipates this work will only be more urgent in years to come.

That does not mean, however, that she will lose touch with Trinity. She intends to remain active as a member of the Comprehensive Campaign Committee. She also says she's confident that Bisaccia will continue the college's legacy of strong board leadership. "She's so talented," says Thornburgh. "She has my phone number, but she's more than capable of finding her way."

The admiration seems mutual. "The partnership that developed between Cornie and Joanne will be remembered as pivotal in the evolution of the college as we approach our third century," says Bisaccia, adding a sentiment that she learned from Cornie while working together on the board: "Everyone in our community has special and unique talents. We need all of them, and we are fortunate that these talented people are choosing to share their gifts with Trinity." ■

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For more about the Cornelia Center (inset left), please see page 11.



The Trinity College Chapel was a second home for John Covington '68, providing refuge from the everyday stresses of college life. He sang in the Chapel Choir, attended services, and studied organ under Trinity's legendary Clarence Watters, eventually becoming the student organist. When Covington decided to make a gift to support the Chapel, he found that by choosing a charitable gift annuity, he was able to give substantially more. "I received an income tax charitable contribution and avoided capital gains tax when I funded the CGA with appreciated stock. Now I receive quarterly annuity payments not unlike the dividends I was receiving from the donated stock."

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CLASS NOTES

1950 From the Alumni Office: “A brief background: After Trinity, and further studies at Columbia College, I made a career in financial services and ended my work career as a senior officer at United States Trust Co. before it was gobbled up by Schwab. Left New York about 20 years ago to settle in the mountains of North Carolina, specifically the Asheville community, where I have served as a trustee of the Asheville Art Museum for a number of years and sponsored piano artistry through the creation of the *Pianoforte Series*, which is still going strong. The piano is ‘comfort food’ for me, and I have two teachers I see each week, absorbing piano theory with one and actual fingers on the 88 with t’other. I stay in close touch with classmate **Bob Blum**, whom I have known since prep school and Trinity days, meaning 75-plus years. I have a son living in the Florida Keys chasing fish (for pay) and a daughter who is a senior medical professional within the Greater Boston area, helping to keep the bad stuff at bay. I had a great-grandfather who made it through our Civil War as part of the Connecticut contingent and lived 103 years. And that’s my goal. Regards, **Harry Rowney**”

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From **Bob Mansbach**: “In July, God willing and if the creek don’t rise, I will hit the 91-year-old mark. This fall, the state of COVID permitting, Mary and I will celebrate our 65th wedding anniversary. We hope to have the family (from San Diego, California; Winter Park, Florida; and Columbia, South Carolina) join us in Cooperstown at the Otesaga Resort for the event. God blessed us with two wonderful children, Robert E. Mansbach Jr. (Trinity, B.A. 1979, Vanderbilt Law School, J.D. ’82, deceased 2010) and Deborah Mansbach Lawrence (Hartwick College, B.A. 1982).”

From **Art Raybold**: “Just visited my great-grandchild in Salem, Massachusetts. Still writing short stories every other week, which are critiqued by four other writers via Zoom.”

From **Ben Wilmot**: “I graduated from Penn Medical School in 1956, and after a two-year hitch in the Air Force in Texas and a residency at Children’s Hospital in Philadelphia,

I practiced pediatrics in Alexandria, Virginia, for 36 years. I live in a retirement home in Virginia, and at age 91 am still relatively mobile. I do some jazz piano and watercolor painting. My years at Trinity are the source of pleasant memories.”

From **Phil Trowbridge**: “It’s still hard to believe all the changes and challenges that our world has experienced since early 2020 due to the pandemic. My wife, Fay, and I spent about six months living with our daughter and son-in-law in Massachusetts. Our assisted living residence in Hartford was on lockdown due to the pandemic. We were very fortunate to have a safe and comfortable place to be during that time. We had to cancel our travel plans to visit family in South Carolina for graduations, birthdays, and holidays. We all learned how to use Zoom. We enjoyed weekly family get-togethers via Zoom. And we celebrated many special milestones on Zoom, such as our grandchildren’s birthdays, graduations, and my 90th birthday in October! We returned to Avery Heights in late 2020 and are able to join our friends again for meals in the dining room and special weekly activities and attend our exercise class, and I’m participating in an oil-painting class. It’s a hobby I enjoyed in my younger years and am glad to be resuming it. We’re grateful to be in generally good health and are looking forward to more activities with family and friends during late spring and summer. Thanks, and we hope you’re doing well also.”

From **Jacques “Jack” Hopkins**: “**Herb Park** and I entered with the Class of 1952. After 2½ years, for various reasons, we both left and joined the Army. The ‘various reasons’? I was suffering from late adolescent disorganization. I had cut too many classes and, worse still, I was woefully deficient in my Chapel credits. (Remember those?) Joining the Army seemed like an easy way to walk away from my problems. Our original plan was to go home for the Christmas recess and, upon our return to the college, join the Air Force. But when we got back, to our surprise, the Air Force wouldn’t accept us; its quota had been filled. Having said farewell to our college friends and struck various heroic stances, we couldn’t slink back to campus still civilians. We therefore went next door to the Army recruiting office and signed up. When the sergeant asked me how long I wanted to enlist for, I breezily said, ‘Well, I was going

to go into the Air Force for four years, I might as well sign up with the Army for four years.’ He looked at me and said, ‘Son, try two years first.’ Had I been able to find him a few years later, I would have bought him a case of scotch. Herb and I thought we would spend our Army years together—a mini ‘band of brothers’—but we got separated within a couple days and didn’t see each other for two years. We both served in Korea. The war was winding down while we were there, but Herb was wounded and received a Bronze Star and Purple Heart. I spent less time in Korea, nowhere near the front line. The two years over, we returned to Trinity. Within days of my return, I got a note from the dean’s office reminding me of my Chapel credit deficiency. I thought my Army service might have counted for something, but no. I spent the next 1½ years on my knees in the college’s lovely Chapel. The second note I got was a letter from the Army saying that I had been issued Army blankets but never turned them in when I was discharged. The Army wanted \$300 for the missing blankets. I didn’t have two dimes to rub together much less \$300 and of course didn’t have any blankets. So, Herb and I concocted a long letter filled with gobbledygook, demanding a copy of the Army regulations that supported its claim, a reference to the place and date (and hour?) the alleged blankets were issued to me, etc. In due course, I received another Army letter enclosing a check payable to me for \$300 and saying that the Army hoped this would ‘satisfactorily resolve this matter.’ I happily cashed the check and spent the \$300. Our college years ended. Herb went off to the University of Chicago Law School and went to work for a prominent New York law firm. He later became general counsel for a Portland, Oregon, manufacturer and worked there until his retirement. He died many years ago. I got hired by *The Hartford Courant* as a reporter. My wife was already working there, also as a reporter. We met on July 1, 1954, and got married three months later. Both sets of parents were shocked (my parents, living in Illinois, had never met her and didn’t even know that we were dating). Still, the marriage was a good one and lasted for 62 years until her death. I didn’t really care for newspaper work and in 1957 entered Yale Law School. Upon graduation, I was hired by the Providence law firm of Hinckley Allen, where I practiced for 37 years. I live in Adamsville, Rhode Island, next to my daughter. My son lives in Louisville. I am in reasonably good health, although at 91, I have trouble walking. I was an avid cyclist for many years and took 18 bike trips in Europe. I had to give it up at 85 after a fall in which I fractured my pelvis. I recently became a great-grandfather to the cutest baby in the western world. I lead a quiet life,

reading books and occasionally baking bread with a nifty bread-making machine.”

From the Alumni Office: **Ted Thomas** writes, “I recently received my *Reporter* and learned, among other things, that there were very few notes from ’52 classmates. I think that is a sad commentary, given that our class was so exceptional in every way. We excelled in sports, in knowledge, and in general friendships. Under the leadership of **Dave Smith, Billy Goralski**, and others, we took our class to new levels. I wonder if there has been a class at Trinity that has offered so much. If nothing else, this should bring a gang of comments from members of some other classes. Fortunately, I live far enough away that I can’t hear the deafening roar. Speaking of roar, I wonder if Rory O’Connor ’50 is still lumbering the hills of New England. My wife, Joan, and I have been living in the northeast corner of Florida (Ponte Vedra Beach, by name). We were fortunate to move to a CCRC (Vicars Landing) almost six years ago, and we couldn’t have made a wiser decision. So, to all my good buddies in the Class of ’52, I wish you good tidings along with good health.”

1953 Class Secretary: **Stanley R. McCandless Jr., 3712 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005-2824; stanley.mccandless.1953@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Joseph B. Wollenberger, Esq.**

Once again, the Trinity Class of 1953 has a chance to share with each other what has been going on in their lives. As always, send your information to me at any time, by mail at 3712 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005; by email at stanmac1@sbcglobal.net; or phone at 713-669-1830. My class email address list is old and fuzzy, so please update it at your convenience.

Jack North says he was unable to put in his garden this year ... just too much work. He sounds great and is fortunate to have his daughter staying with him and a granddaughter at Trinity.

Bill Bernhard writes that he and his wife, MP, are starting to cruise again. They’ll be on four cruises on rivers in the United States and one in and around French Polynesia. He notes that he may be in remission from idiopathic pulmonary fibrosis thanks to OFEV, a treatment that in some patients slows the disease’s progression.

Dave Longobucco writes, “Hi, Stan. My wife and I continue to live a quiet but good life in lovely Madison, Connecticut. We have been here for 61 years. We celebrate our 68th wedding anniversary this June 13. We both managed to avoid COVID while it was prevalent. At 90, I have found it wise to withdraw from a few of my volunteer activities. But I am still active in several, and that consumes much of my time. We have witnessed the passing

of several longtime friends and relatives recently, and while this is to be expected, it is also sad. We discontinued our annual winter trip to Florida because the travel was too grueling. My best wishes to all the members of the Class of 1953 who are still with us.”

Tex Coulter called the Alumni Office and reported the following: “I am a grad of Holderness School, Class of 1949, which only has eight living members left out of a class of 27—about 80 percent. We are thinking about presenting a trophy to give to its last remaining member. The big 9-0 is fast approaching this June 18; my eldest son and his wife plan a clambake at their home in Plymouth, Massachusetts. We are looking forward to seeing family, friends, and loved ones to get caught up on the news. The kids wanted to know what gift I wanted. After much thought, I suggested that they all chip in and buy me a stationary bike. My son-in-law couldn’t believe it. The stock market has been kind to us as of late. Our self-directed stock market account earned enough to give each one of our kids some retirement money, which we plan to present to them on the 18th. That’s all for now, folks. Our best to you all.”

From your secretary, **Stan McCandless**: “These must be ‘hardscrabble times.’ Where are my classmates? Sal and I have just returned from a long weekend in Round Rock, Texas, just north of Austin, at the Dell Diamond baseball stadium for the Texas state high school championships. My grandson plays catcher for his team. There is a lot of very good ‘schoolboy’ baseball played at this level in Texas. Well, the team took a hit and came in third in the state. Sal and I plan to be in Crested Butte, Colorado, for the first three weeks of July. This is a departure from our usual trips to Chatham on Cape Cod. We will miss seeing Joan Moses.”

1954 Class Secretary: **Robert A. Wolff, 527 26th St., Santa Monica, CA 90402-3145; robert.wolff.1954@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Alexander J. Campbell II**

I am pleased to say that a number of our classmates responded to the challenge of sending some notes to let all of us know what is transpiring in their world.

John Bloodgood and wife Linda are returning to Connecticut from South Carolina to a life-care facility in Bloomfield. They are both in good health. John is getting his left arm ready for the Sox. New address is 400 Seabury Drive, Apt. 2139, Bloomfield, CT 06002.

Sandy Campbell and Ellie are still living the good life in Virginia off the Chesapeake Bay. The blue crab there is the best. As our class agent, he is advising us that Trinity’s giving request is coming soon, so start saving.

Stan Newman mentioned that he and his wife celebrated their 63rd anniversary this past Fourth of July. Yeah! He teaches history at Osher Lifelong Learning Institute. Made me Google it, which piqued my interest even more with my love of history.

Charlie Bowen has to be cheering the recent news of the Canadian border opening, as he and his wife may be able to get to their cottage in Ontario during the summer. First a trip to Newport for a granddaughter’s wedding and family get-together. If any classmates are in the Chicago/Lake Forest area, give him a call at 847-234-2850.

Skip and Pauline **Pike** are ensconced in their casita in Tucson. This past year, Skip has spent too much time with doctors and eating hospital food. Glad to say he is well on the way to recovery.

Glad to hear from **Bill Conner**, whose small aircraft company in Erie continues to do well. His new office is at 410 Cranberry Street, Suite 110, Erie, PA 16507.

I received an extensive note from **Tim “Grant” Thomas**, handwritten and by mail. Wow! He remarked how important taking religion was as an elective in his freshman year. He remarked about the controversy in education today. He said, “The history of America is a constant effort to become a more perfect union.”

My big regret is that the Declaration of Independence gets short shrift today; it says, “All men are created equal.” Today, so much attention is paid by the judiciary to parsing the Constitution. It reminds me of the medieval Christian world where clerics debated how many angels could dance on a head of a pin.

Enough; thank all of you for writing. Keep in good health. **Bob Wolff**

1955 Class Secretary: **E. Wade Close Jr., 65 Shoreline Drive, Hilton Head Island, SC 29928-7139; wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu; fax: 412-820-7572**

Wow! Nineteen of our classmates reveled in another virtual (Zoom) gathering—Reunion—on June 10, 2021. With a major assist from Trinity’s Alumni Relations Office, the 2½-hour event seemingly went fast and produced enjoyable visitations, personal exchanges, laughter, and song (lyrics provided).

Many of our class (30 participants) had attended our initial Reunion Zoom event on October 1, 2020, and we expected a similar turnout this time. But for those of 87–89 years of age, so much can happen unpredictably to prevent participation in a short time frame. However, one special newcomer, **Charles “Chuck” Leonard**, joined us after 30 years from his last Reunion visit. He was able to bring us up-to-date, including his

challenging time as a U.S. Air Force jet pilot, flying as a captain for a major commercial airline, and performing as an airline industry consultant inspecting crash sites and other mishaps, literally around the world.

Both **Bob Welsh** and **Tom Bolger** needed to leave early, so they kicked off our session. Bob continues to be an active participant in local not-for-profit organizations and also focuses on being a caregiver for his wife, Barbara. Tom, the youngest looking 88-year-old known to man, also is quite busy with local support groups but continues to be a real-life disc jockey on WLHA radio in Madison, Wisconsin, from noon to 2:00 p.m. local time on Saturdays. Go to the station's website to listen live.

The only misfire involved **Dick Zampello**, who was looking forward to participating. He is always ready to wax eloquently on an array of subjects, so disappointedly we missed out on his wise words of wisdom. Oddly, "Zamp" logged in and could see and hear us, but we could not do likewise. **Ken Wildrick** has always contributed much to our gatherings, but this time his comments were inaudible due to his pet pooch, who barked when Ken talked. Oh well, you can't put on a Zoom without a few challenges. **John Palshaw's** computer crashed just before the event; Jean and **Bob Freeman** planned to get their new North Carolina driver's license in the a.m. and then join us for the Zoom, but they didn't get home until after 5:00 p.m.; two classmates thought kickoff was at a different time; and another dashed to a nearby hospital to be with a son-in-law's emergency operation. Who says late 80s is not an exciting time of life?

Happily, **Dan Miller** joined us and had a pleasant story to tell; equally interesting presentations came from **Charlie Gardner**, **Craig Mehldau**, and **Dick Ferraro**. From the western time zones, we heard from **Al Fisher**, **Charlie Eberle**, and **Warren Gelman**, and from Florida came personal reports from **Walter Blake**, **Harold Burdon**, and **Frank Cervený** (with Emmy at his side).

Joe Michelson was with us, but when called on, he decided to take a pass. We kept **Don Mountford** for last because he is truly the best. He is a tireless worker for our class, not only for the Zoom gatherings but also for the diligent effort he puts forth on annual gift generation. We all owe him a standing ovation for his efforts year in and year out on behalf of our class.

In other notes, Barbara and **Irwin Meiselman** continue to search for the perfect retirement community along the Philadelphia/Washington corridor. Finding a quality facility close to one of their daughters is not an easy decision. **Gregory Petrakis** has his target identified in Charlottesville,

Virginia, near a daughter, but the construction process there is six months from completion. He is at an ideal time to sell his present Hartford home, so he will do that and find temporary quarters until his new place is ready. Anybody interested in a short-term boarder? Connie and **David Dimling** continue to enjoy their Atlanta retirement community and recently joined me for a tasty lunch during my June trip to see my family after an almost two-year gap due to COVID-19. Glad this pandemic seems to be over, and hope all of you have been safely vaccinated and are beginning to return to a healthy, busy life. Let's do another Zoom in the fall!

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This is the first class news since last February, when I wrote you all in the heart of the pandemic. How nice, how different it is today. June and most of us are (probably) vaccinated and beginning to enjoy the world again. **David Taylor**, as usual, has provided me with many news items, gathered as he calls classmates in his role as fundraiser. We all benefit, so I thank you sincerely.

Among his notes was talking to **David Hoare**, both men reminiscing about how life habits change as we grow old. David has had some issues with his back; they seem to be gone, and he says he is enjoying life. He told David that the traditional family reunion was back on, now that the pandemic was in the rear window, a time when all 11 family members will gather in Ocean City, New Jersey, for a long-delayed reunion. **Bob Davis**, who lives in Florida, has house problems, like making significant repairs, if not replacing, his sump pump. As often happens, that job expanded to include replacing his water heater, furnace blower, and heater, along with many feet of flooring. He is doing much of it himself, with some family help, working with (he says) his great-great-grandson. **David Taylor** and I wonder about how helpful a great-great-grandson would have to be (can he even crawl yet?). Hope all is in order now, Bob. **Hugh Crilly** and David visited recently and wanted to say hi to our class but had no news for this column. **Ron Boss** had a birthday in April but didn't reveal his age. He reported that he was delighted that his granddaughter, who flies with American Airlines out of Chicago, got called back to work. Signs of life returning to normal. **Phil Kotch**, who is a retired surgeon, recently had to have his aortic valve replaced, and underwent an operation in early April.

It was a total success, and he was home the next day and is feeling fine. Great news. I talked with **Charlie Stehle**, who lives just outside Philadelphia. He told me that he is recovering from knee replacement surgery in September of last year. Charlie and I want to return to campus for what we hope will be an in-person Reunion next year in Hartford. I hope many of you feel that way, too. **Dick Abbott** was able to get together with **Beau Coursen** and **Don Scott** in Florida last year, before COVID shut everything down. **Dale Nelson**, a minister with the Congregational Church in Grand Rapids, Michigan, reported to David that he and his wife gave a scholarship to Eureka College (in Illinois) and also that his son had just published a book of poetry. **Roger Martin**, retired insurance agent and associate professor at Keene State University, continues to serve as a volunteer at the local hospital in Swanzey, New Hampshire. I heard from **Ken Weisburger** in June, and he told me that he and wife Jackie have health issues, she from a stroke and he with neuropathy and now must get around with a walker. They continue to look at life, even with its setbacks, with bounce and optimism. My wife and I live in southwestern Virginia, where life is gradually returning to normal. I elected not to teach at VMI this past winter, out of concern for the exposure I would have to deal with from a group of young cadets coming back from spring break. I will return to the classroom in the fall, I expect. Finally, I learned that **Jimmy Streeto** passed away recently. Jim went on to Harvard Medical School and became a highly regarded expert in endocrinology, in his own private practice from 1971 until 1997, and taught at UConn and other schools. In 1974, he won the John C. Leonard teaching award. Our sympathies to his family.

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Vin Bruno and wife Ann are staying close to home in Sarasota to avoid COVID. Carroll and I hope to see them soon.

We enjoyed a lovely brunch with **Mel** and **Noreen Tews** in Longboat Key. Mel had trouble calculating the tip, which is surprising because he was a renowned math professor.

Karen Stokes has been cutting **Don Stokes's** hair, but he recently went into Gotham for a snip snip. Rumor has it that he wanted to avoid paying Karen's big tips.

Good news on our favorite judge, the Honorable **Jim Kenefick**. Jim will continue to bang his gavel for many years to come by order of the State of Connecticut.

Richard Behr sold his house in Cape May, New Jersey. He is having surgery on July 23 to replace his left hip. The villains are tennis and golf.

Ward Curran states that all he wants to contribute to the *Reporter* is your secretary's description of the "gator" in the wildlife sanctuary (could that possibly be the old Sigma Nu house?) behind the Curran house in Florida. Well, what do I see there? I do in fact see an alligator. It is swimming by itself, so it has no assistant and thus isn't accompanied by a "gator aide."

Finally, I arrive at **Bryan Bunch**. Our class has quite a few distinguished writers. Bryan is one of them. His latest has been posted on Amazon, *The History of Science and Technology: A Browser's Guide to the Great Discoveries, Inventions, and the People Who Made Them from the Dawn of Time to Today*. It's a chronological account from 3,400 BC (stone tools) to 2017. It's a big one with 787 pages. When he retired in 2003, Bryan could not stop writing. His wife, Mary, allowed him to keep writing as long as he promised to not have to meet a deadline. Bryan has kept that promise. A week ago, I called him. Mary answered. She asked me who I was and what I was calling about. I said that I am Ted Williams and that I needed to speak to Bryan about his deadline. Mary said nothing. I said April Fools' Day. It was actually in May.

I regret to inform you that **Murray Varat**, M.D., passed away on June 12, 2019, and that **Stephan von Molnar** died on November 17, 2020. May they rest in peace.

1958 Class Secretary: **John L. Thompson**, 1121D Sand Drift Way, West Palm Beach, FL 33411-1852; john.thompson.1958@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Gary L. Bogli**, **Joseph J. Repole Jr.**, **Edward B. Speno**

Ah, mea culpa. So much going on recently that I missed the deadline for this issue. Start thinking about this for the winter issue: "What is it about that liberal arts education we got in the '50s that has and/or continues to make a difference in your life—professional, personal, institutional, whatever."

Think hard; write succinctly.

1959 Class Secretary: **Paul S. Champion**, 500 River Rd., Apt. 18, Cos Cob, CT 06807-1913; paul.champion.1959@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Robert D. Coykendall**, **William H. Pfeffer**

I received a note from **Bob Harnish** informing me that he left Amelia Island to head back to the Pittsford, Vermont, area for the summer, planting gardens, prepping and opening the pool, mowing the fields, and coordinating maintenance of some 16 miles of walking trails. If they have any time left

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after all this, they are looking at a potential riverboat cruise to Portugal or Nova Scotia if the border situation ever gets cleaned up. Bob's most exciting endeavor deals with his leadership and effort to have every town in Vermont adopt a "declaration of inclusion." Basically, this is a statement where towns commit to being more supportive and welcoming to all people. This is quite an effort, so give Bob a call if you have any ideas or suggestions.

I talked with **Bill "Tiny" Crowell**, who commented that it has taken a while, but he's finally settled in to his new digs in Barrington, Illinois, so he can be near family. He certainly misses those days of touring the Far West in his RV (now long gone), especially those trips to Alaska.

Had the nice occasion to chat with **Bob Coykendall**, who reminds us not to forget financial support to Trinity however possible and asked me to get in touch with **Paul Paslaski** about the recent news of a local alum giving back to the community by establishing a scholarship to Trinity in memory of his sister, Lee Paslaski, to be awarded to a student from the Greater Hartford area.

By the time you read these notes, **Charlie Nichols** will have celebrated his antique classic car rally in his home area of Kennett Square, Pennsylvania. Charlie was able to successfully assemble the 25 classic car collectors for a tour of the local streets and ending at Charlie's homestead for a celebration with a picnic and refreshments.

It's been a while since I had contact with **Don Cables** from our high school days, but he gave me an interesting history of his time as an engineering major at college. I had forgotten that he had three years at Trinity then finished that program with two more years at R.P.I. in Troy, New York, in aero engineering, very innovative and progressive for that time period. He then finished with an M.B.A. from the University of Hartford. He later became a consultant to the power industry, utilizing his knowledge and background to assist clients on career paths and financial planning. Don and wife Margaret

Nabors moved to Central Florida in 2018 and really love the no-income-tax world of Florida. However, he did refer to one aspect of Florida living—the high unemployment rate—that was a problem in his state, particularly in 2020.

Yours truly also has become more engaged with the outside world with my membership in the Retired Men's Association (RMA) in Greenwich, an active group of 200 men who are involved in volunteering and "keeping busy." I am chair of RMA golf and set up tee times and write noteworthy score results from each week for the *Cigar Box Bulletin*, RMA's weekly newsletter. One of RMA's divisions has a speaker program, whose function is to invite speakers from all over the state and beyond to speak to our membership. One example was "Madoff Talks." We have trips to places such as Cooperstown's Baseball Hall of Fame, Belmont Park race-track, Goodspeed Opera House, etc. These are real treats when you don't have to drive! It keeps me busy communicating and meeting new, retired men like me! Stay well, Paul

From the Alumni Office: **Charles Murray**, who attended Trinity through the first semester of his junior year, published his memoirs on Amazon/Kindle in July 2020 under the title *WARBI (We Are Ruled by Idiots): Lamentations and Tribulations of a Planned Giving Road Warrior*, using the pen name Chuck M., ACFRE. He writes that it is "intended as a supplementary reader for an advanced course in fundraising management." After Murray withdrew from Trinity to enter the U.S. Air Force, he earned a B.A. from Syracuse University and an M.S. at The New School for Social Research. He spent 38 years as director of development and public relations and as planned giving director for the Methodist Home for Children in Buffalo, New York, The Seeing Eye, and other organizations. He welcomes emails at charlesmurray@verizon.net.

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Spring has sprung, and it finally appears we are making some progress in containing COVID. We've continued our Zoom calls with featured speakers, including Drew Galbraith, Trinity's athletic director; Adrienne Oddi, dean of admissions and financial aid; and David Andres '04, director of analytics and strategic initiatives. Each of the discussions was lively and enlightening.

On the news front, I'm pleased to announce we have a newly designated class poet laureate, **Tim Baum**, who has penned

the following ode to the Class of '60. Who knew that Tim had this hidden talent?

"Moving Along"

Eighty was a little weighty; / Eighty-one a bit more fun. / Eighty-two: what you do is up to you. / Eighty-three: let's wait and see. / Eighty-four: there's still an open door. / Eighty-five: still great to be alive! / Eighty-six: still time before 'last licks.' / Eighty-seven: no rush to get to heaven. / Eighty-eight: hopefully, still feeling great. / Eighty-nine: or at least 'feeling fine.' The big 9-0: Wow I got here: ho, ho, ho!

George Kroh continues to work his veggie garden in between trips to see family and friends, all the while carrying on the weighty duty of class president.

Got a nice note from **Stewart Bentley**, who left Trinity in 1958 and spent 20 years in the U.S. Air Force.

Bud Anderson just celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary. Attaboy, Bud.

And another member of that elite club is **Kenny Lyons**, who celebrated his 60th wedding anniversary in June. Kenny has had recent contact with **Barry Royden**, **Charlie Bergmann**, and **Jim Gavin**, who are all healthy and active. Good news, Kenny.

Jere Bacharach reported he didn't get to go on his usual trip to Egypt due to COVID and some health issues. Get better, Jere.

David Leof sent a note via **Matt Levine** talking about a great London theater trip he just experienced. I've done that myself, and I know of what he speaks.

Lastly, **Jack La Mothe** reports some exciting news about his grandchildren. Grandson Jordan won a Fulbright to study precious metal inlay work on knives and swords in Rajasthan, India. And granddaughter Jessica graduated from Tufts veterinary school. You must be mighty proud, Jack.

That's all the news for now. Stay well, and stay connected.

From the Alumni Office: **Woodley Osborne** writes, "Like all of us, I imagine, I am looking forward to some freedom from COVID and reconnecting with family and friends old and new. We have not seen our two older grandchildren for more than a year, and my younger daughter had her second daughter in April. They will all be joining us here on the island in Maine, where we've lived for the last 11 years. I cannot wait.

"On a different front, for the past two years I have been involved in discussions focused on racism in America. It is a subject that has preoccupied me for much of my adult life, having lived in a city with a majority Black population and worked on race discrimination cases in my law practice. I have been surprised at how much these discussions have absorbed and sometimes divided folks. The start of our discussions coincided

roughly with the launch of the *Times*' 1619 Project, which itself generated considerable controversy across the political spectrum. The discussions have kept me in touch with people in my community at a meaningful level, albeit via Zoom. But the process has also left us wondering what we can do to make things better. Maybe that's just the way it is at this time of life. Best to all you fellow geezers."

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As this is written and we emerge from COVID cloistering, we're looking forward to our class gathering October 2 during Homecoming Weekend. Our 60th Reunion will be a joint celebration with the Class of 1962, June 9-12, 2022.

Bill Cressey has moved back to Connecticut after many decades in other states. He and wife Gina live in a Madison condo built on the grounds of a mansion built by Russell C. Northam.

Peter Kilborn's son David '90 has recovered from COVID-19, and Peter and Susan are looking forward to seeing their children and grandchildren at four upcoming graduations.

Bob McCammon has moved to the coastal community of St. Simons Island, Georgia. "My primary motive was to be with my significant other, Jeanne, whom I met walking the St. Simons beach three years ago. Before COVID, we traveled to France, Germany, Austria, and Switzerland. "We hope to get to southern England this fall if the U.K. opens up. Although small-town life is more relaxed, it offers many of the same cultural and sporting events as a larger city. Life is good."

"Play squash till 100?" Legendary Cincinnati coach and Trinity captain Don Mills '62 has for years been working on the answer, helping organize an annual Sea Island, Georgia, weekend most recently derailed by COVID. The group heard Dr. Greg Rouan, chair of internal medicine at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, recommend the "rule of sevens"—drink seven glasses of water a day, eat fruits and vegetables seven times a day, sleep seven hours a night, and exercise seven times a week to the extent of breaking a sweat. The goal: keeping arteries unclogged to help avoid heart attacks, strokes, and aneurisms.

Meanwhile, no need to ask campanologist (bet you had to look it up) **Carl Zimmerman** for whom the bell tolls. He reports from St. Louis that he's been reelected to another term on the Executive Committee of the World Carillon Federation. "Margie and I have been

vaccinated and are doing well, as are our two children and six grandchildren."

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Greetings, Class of 1962,

You'll be saddened to know that **Bill Richardson**, one of our most distinguished classmates, has passed away. **Tom Johnson**, one of Bill's roommates at Trinity, has written a moving memoir of our friend. Tom writes: "I met Bill on my very first day at Trinity. He lived just above my group. I was in Jarvis 20, probably the best suite on campus, and he was upstairs. We became and remained good friends. Soon we both joined Theta Xi, and a couple of years later, he served as president. I can remember his great sense of humor like it was yesterday. In fact, some 35 or so years later when he was inaugurated as president of Johns Hopkins University, he put the Trinity contingent, including Scott Reynolds '63 (who is married to my sister Peggy), **Fred Pryor**, **Dave Strawbridge**, **Don Carroll**, and others, in a separate room at the luncheon. We all smiled at the thought that he might have done this to prevent any of us from telling stories about Bill's Trinity days that might have embarrassed such an august gathering.

"When we were juniors, we roomed together as junior advisers in Jones Hall. My most clear memory of those days is of a Sunday night when we were working on the books and each opening up our third pack of Marlboros of the day. One of us said to the other, 'This is disgusting, and we should quit.' We opened up the third-floor window and ceremoniously tossed our cigarettes out into the snow. My quitting lasted 18 months, but on Monday morning, one could observe Bill picking up the cigarettes out of the snow. He went back to smoking—I don't know for how long. He didn't smoke as a mature adult.

"When we were seniors and considering what to do next, I was fortunate enough to get into Harvard Business School. Bill had learned that the University of Chicago Business School had a special program to prepare people to be hospital administrators. Thinking that might be a good career, he went there. I can remember visiting him a couple of times when I was seeing my family in Racine, Wisconsin. I shudder to think of how lucky I was to survive the trips back 65 miles up the road after 'a few' drinks with Bill and others!

"When Bill was in his second year, his economics professor, one George Shultz

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(later secretary of the treasury and secretary of state) told Bill, ‘You are not going into hospital administration, you have done so well that you must stay here and get a Ph.D.,’ which Bill did. That started him on the road to his spectacular career in academic administration, but he always continued his involvement in public health, served on a lot of important commissions, and ultimately took on the presidency of Johns Hopkins, one of the two or three universities in America most prominent in the health field.

“Bill and I never lived near each other after Trinity, but we always remained best friends. We visited him and Nancy at their place in the San Juan Islands, spent a week-end with them when he was at Penn State, including riding in a motorcade with fire engines and police leading the way to attend a Penn State football game. He and I would catch up sometimes when he would be in N.Y.C. for a Bank of New York board meeting.

“One of the best memories Ann and I have of Bill is that he was an usher in our wedding in Kenosha, Wisconsin. Bill and Nancy stayed over that weekend with Nancy’s parents in nearby Lake Forest, and Bill offered to drive Ann and me to our motel at O’Hare airport, from where we would depart to our honeymoon in Bermuda the next morning. I will always revere the memories I have of Bill’s successes, but even more the great friendship we had.”

Bill left wonderful memories; our class was fortunate to count him as a member.

My request for memories of your days here brought two comments. **Charlie Classen** recalls, “My roommate **John Syer** and fellow teammate on Trinity track were best friends with **Skip McNulty**. Skip lived over the archway on the far-left corner of the quad, can’t remember the name of the building (but maybe that’s a good thing these days). When he was elected to Medusa, we thought he needed something to bring him back to earth. We rigged an M-1 firecracker with a cigarette and placed it under his archway, timed

to go off in the middle of the night. It worked perfectly, causing vibrations, reverberations, and a lot of shouting.” Thanks for reminding us of the hijinks of college life, Charlie!

Alan Coyne, on Hilton Head Island, South Carolina, noted, “You brought back the memory of all of us as freshmen singing ‘This Old Man’ and marching downtown in Hartford to a radio station that had been playing the song constantly for 24 hours. Now we are the ‘old men’ reminiscing about our youth!”

Other news: **Peter Bundy** reports that he was thrilled when he learned recently that his grandson, Graham Bundy Jr., has been named to the All-America First Team in Division I lacrosse. Graham is a sophomore at Georgetown. Peter started writing some thoughts, not only about what COVID-19 was doing to our lives but also anything and everything that has been affecting our lives ever since. His effort is encapsulated in the publication of the *Hermit Herald*, of which the 115th issue has just been published. He has 65 listed recipients, but the actual number of readers is in the hundreds. Early on, he learned that Arizona State University and 40 other colleges and universities are assembling notes and film clips—any type of media—with thoughts about the year of the plague (COVID-19). They asked that Pete become a contributor. His issues can be accessed at ASU. Google COVID-19 A Journal of the Plague Year. Peter lives in Gulf Stream, Florida, with summer between Greenwich, Connecticut, and the northern Catskill Mountains.

Serious comments arrived, too: **Art Domingue** shares that after 50-plus years of local church ministry, he has retired to San Jose, California, just in time to excuse himself from all society but for his wife of 56 years, Joanne, a Mount Holyoke graduate. Art reminds us, “Life is good.”

And may life be good for you, too, as big-number birthdays come our way!

Yours, Paul and Fred

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Dear Fellow Trin ’63ers,

As most of us turn 80 during these months of 2021, and as we emerge from the isolation of the COVID-19 pandemic, it is refreshing to reconnect and remember classmates from our days ’neath the elms. We do this via these periodic updates in *The Trinity Reporter*, our visits back on campus for Homecomings and Reunions, and, more recently, our monthly Zoom sessions, which are quite fun and informative. We encourage you to participate

as much as you can in these activities—it is really good for the soul.

So, here are some updates from your fellow Trin alums: From **Andy Lewis**: “Sally and I have moved from Breckenridge down the mountain to a 55-and-older community (hard to believe we qualified 25 years ago!) about 15 miles north of Denver. It was a tough decision to sell our skis and leave our beautiful mountain community. That said, not having snow on the ground for six or seven months and having more oxygen to breathe by being 5,000 feet lower made the decision rather easy for us. We are closer to our kids and a few of the grandchildren, and that has been a joy for us.”

From **Vic Keen**: “Contacted by a ‘field reporter,’ my friend **Ted Raff**, to add something to our Class Notes, I am responding with the items below. A few weeks ago, I had the pleasure of hosting a dinner at the historic Merion Inn, Cape May, New Jersey, with **Scott** and **Peggy Reynolds** and their daughter Jane and son-in-law Brian on the occasion of Jane and Brian’s wedding anniversary. (Which one? It’ll make you realize how old you really are.) Champagne and the works. Great fun!

“An innocuous comment in a ’63 Trin email post some months ago led to a robust email/telephone encounter with classmate **Julian Peabody**. I don’t think either of us knows when we last saw each other, very likely in 1963. Leaving out boring details, suffice it to say that our ‘new’ long-distance friendship has involved an orange Bakelite radio from my collection now residing in Julian’s California home; Julian stopping by my hometown of Pueblo, Colorado, as part of his occasional motor trip in the Southwest, spending the night and visiting the local art center, which had presented a portion of my art collection some months earlier; and email exchanges, including references to Cardigan corgis, Mar-a-Lago, Lauren Boebert, and Bill ’62 and Sam ’59 Polk. We are planning to meet in person before it’s too late.

“As many classmates know, I have for some years been collecting a category of art known as ‘outsider art,’ a.k.a. untrained, self-taught artists, etc. A portion of the collection, which has been exhibited in museums in Colorado and Illinois, is returning to Philadelphia to be rehung. We are planning to host an in-person reopening gallery reception prior to year-end. The 800 or so pieces in the collection are shown on the gallery website (bethanymissiongallery.org). The traveling portion of the collection has been collected in a 270-page book *Outsider & Vernacular Art: The Victor F. Keen Collection*.” This volume can be purchased online. Vic has agreed to send a copy (no charge) to any classmate who requests one and provides him with a mailing address.

From **Lloyd Reynolds**: “Welcome summer to all. Lee and I are back in Falmouth, Maine, for the summer. The winter at Cape Canaveral was once again a nice warm escape from the harsh winters in Maine. The rocket launches from the nearby space center were numerous and fun to watch. We enjoy the change of scenery on the beach, and yet spending summers with family and nearby South Port Marine is very satisfying. Boating has become a most popular family activity; we are enjoying the results of new boat sales, and our 175 slips are full for the summer. We are truly blessed with loyal customers and a great staff after 26 years of ownership. Best wishes to all '63ers.”

From **Eli Karson**: “I resumed volunteer duty at the Pima Air & Space Museum in February. In 2020, we managed a trip to Florida and to connect with a number of friends and relatives before the lockdown! Fortunately for us, years ago we chose relative isolation, building on family land outside Tucson in 2005 where the average density is one residence per seven acres. We were minimally impacted. Lots of space, lots of sun outside (I did not remain indoors), and few mask police around, but by the end of the summer, we decided, enough! If we die, we die. We flew to Chattanooga in October where my son had relocated after selling his house in Connecticut. (Good luck to those who remain!) Hadn't seen him in two years. They shut down his personal training business in March of 2020. At any rate, he has settled, and they are buying a house across the river in Georgia in June. I was there in early May to check things out, and Nancy and I plan to fly there again in October. Good news: We didn't catch anything, and we're vaxxed and in reasonably good health. Wishing you the same!”

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The year of COVID found many of our classmates writing, composing, and ruminating.

Ward Ewing spent last summer writing his latest book, *Twelve Steps to Religionless Spirituality: The Power of Spirituality with or without God*. Ward is in a unique position to discuss 12-step recovery programs and religion. He retired as dean and president of General Theological Seminary, New York, in 2010 after 12 years of service there and 31 years as a pastor in congregations. He has been involved with Alcoholics Anonymous as a nonalcoholic for more than 45 years.

In 2004, he was elected to serve as a trustee of the General Service Board of Alcoholics Anonymous for the U.S. and Canada and in 2009 elected to serve as chair of the board. The spirituality of the steps is not well known outside of the recovery community. Ward seeks to show how this transformative program can be relevant today, when so many see themselves as spiritual but not religious.

Peter Kinzler reports that he and his wife fared reasonably well during the pandemic, and he used the time to write a book, *Highway Robbery: The Two-Decade Battle to Reform America's Automobile Insurance System*, which will be published by the University Press of Kansas in mid-June. It's his firsthand account of these two political efforts, one from the left and one from the right, replete with stories about the people and the process. As we go to press, it's number 3,660,417 on Amazon. Who knows how high it might get once it's published!

And **David Curry** wrote a new poem, “Elizabeth Bishop and Marianne Moore at the Circus,” which will appear in *Atlanta Review*, the literary journal based at the Georgia Institute of Technology.

Charley Todd reports, “On March 3, 2020, I flew to Italy to visit the English friends with whom I used to own a small farm outside Volterra in central Tuscany. There was something going on up north, and a week later we found out what when the country was shut down. I just managed to make it out on a flight to JFK and spent my pandemic in Putney, Vermont, on video each day with my Cambodian family, whom I'd not been away from before for more than five months since my son and I adopted each other in 2003.” Charley has been spending a great deal of time working with his Cambodian daughter-in-law, who is a highly accomplished chef, Chef Nak, on building her brand and helping to publish what have become very successful cookbooks. He offers, “If any member of the Class of '64 wants a Khmer royal feast cooked in New York or New England this December, let me know and we'll negotiate. Or join us on our next culinary tour of Cambodia in 2022 or '23! If you're interested, you can find me at charleytodd42@gmail.com.”

Phineas Anderson writes, “We took the necessary precautions, and no one in our extended family got COVID-19. From Arizona, we drove to Wisconsin last summer and spent a month there with family friends. We had planned to go to Croatia and Slovenia in April 2020, but COVID stopped us; we have rescheduled for 2022. This May, we spent a week in Montana, and the airplane and airport were packed, but everyone was required to wear a mask. Wishing all safe travels!”

Your co-secretary **Jim Twerdahl** and wife Daryl just returned from visiting

grandchildren in Washington, D.C., Seattle, and Los Altos; they had not seen them in 15 months. In March, he thought his consulting business would collapse for the year, but it turned out to be the second-best year since he opened it.

On May 22, 2021, **Dick Brainerd** ran in the Connecticut Masters Games Track and Field Meet and won two gold medals, in the 400- and 800-meter runs. Now that's news!

From **Bert Feingold**: “Thanks for your email requesting information about how my family and I are doing during this COVID pandemic. Last June, my 18-year-old granddaughter, Emma, had the viral infection, but after 10 days of isolation, she bounced back and returned to her full activities. She entered Arizona State University in August 2020 in the Honors Program and did exceptionally well. This summer, she is taking additional classes at ASU and also working part time. Her younger brother, Trevor, just completed his first year in high school and will take a summer math course. He is very active in sports, especially hockey, and keeps physically fit by bicycle riding with friends and exercising at a gym. The mother of these two grandchildren is my daughter, Debbie, a sixth-grade teacher at a Scottsdale, Arizona, middle school. In Calabasas, California, my son, David, has a busy orthopedic practice. His daughter, Cailan, is graduating from the University of Oregon in its honors college in June and will be attending medical school at New York Medical College, Valhalla, New York. Her current plan is to become an orthopedic surgeon and eventually join her dad in his practice. David's stepson, Blake, is 19 and also attends ASU, majoring in business. He will be a second-year student when classes resume in August 2021. Betty and I will be married 55 years this June and were dating while I was attending Trinity College. We raised a wonderful family and traveled with them over the years to six continents. Travel stopped with the pandemic, but we are hopeful in the year ahead we can resume our exploration of the USA and the world with family and friends. Best wishes to you both and to my '64 classmates.”

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Nic Cantor responded to an inquiry from a reporter for the *Reporter* regarding any secrets that he could possibly reveal that may have arisen from the G7 meetings in London: “Alas, I had to sign the Official Secrets Act, and it would be unlawful, a criminal offense actually, for me to divulge anything the queen or the G7 leaders may tell me. Of



Top to bottom: Bill Notman '64, Henry Hopkins '65, Mike Moonves '66, and George Andrews '66 gather this past winter at Harry and the Natives in Hobe Sound, Florida. • Merrill Yavinsky '65, John Ellwood '65, Tom Garson '65, and Phil Parsons '65 get together in April in Winter Park, Florida.

course, my elephant-like memory will record indelibly every last minute detail. Pity I can't tell anyone." As for other notes, Nic added that he and wife Ellen survived two COVID lockdowns, spent mostly taking long walks in the English countryside. And they have spent an inordinate amount of time with real estate issues in and around London, a period which thankfully has ended, at least for a while. Also, he and Ellen were successful with Nic's paintings at their local West London outdoor crafts market.

Sam Coale retired from Wheaton College after 53 years. "COVID done me in. Ten of us retired to save money for the college." The good news is that Sam will return to Wheaton in the fall as a visiting professor.

There were at least two gatherings of Trinity '65 (plus '64 and '66) alumni in Florida during the winter/spring months after successful vaccinations:

John Ellwood, Tom Garson, Phil Parsons, and **Merrill Yavinsky** spent a delightful April weekend in Winter Park. They reported that the community has two excellent museums, in addition to being the home of Rollins College. One is the Cornell Fine Arts Museum, on the campus of Rollins. Particularly fascinating was the Charles Hosmer Morse Museum of American Art, with a large

collection of works and history of Louis Comfort Tiffany. All recommend a visit!

Henry Hopkins contributes: "The Fahey Phi Kappa Society met regularly every other Tuesday at Club Harry's in Hobe Sound this past winter. In attendance were Bill Notman '64, **Henry Hopkins**, Mike Moonves '66, and George Andrews '66. All were vaccinated. If you are in the neighborhood, give us a call."

Phil Parsons writes, "I've been entertaining myself, as usual for this time of year, by tending my garden and enjoying the bounty of tomatoes, squash, blueberries and satsumas (similar to tangerines). I have been reading *Half-Earth: Our Planet's Fight for Life* by Edward O. Wilson, which I recommend to all. Also, for the history buffs in our class who, like me, do not always remember what we learned at Trinity, I recommend National Geographic's *Almanac of World History*. If any of you get lost on your way to somewhere else in Florida and end up in Tallahassee, stop by to see Jane and me."

We were saddened to learn of the passing in May of **Ralph V. Katz**, D.M.D., M.P.H., Ph.D. He was professor of epidemiology and health promotion at the NYU College of Dentistry. Also, Ralph was a founding member of the International Academy of Oral Oncology and in 2011 was a visiting scholar at the National

Center for Bioethics in Research and Health Care at Tuskegee University. Well respected and a noted author of many books and articles in his field, he was recognized with numerous awards and honors, including an honorary doctorate from Trinity in 2018. The college created a video about Ralph when he was honored; you can find it by Googling Ralph Katz Trinity YouTube.

Lou Rogow writes: "Ralph was a 'class act.' We met the year before Trinity and played on opposing high school tennis teams. Both of us decided to go to Trinity and room together. His tennis was always better than mine, and his judgment sound. He 'probably' kept me out of trouble for those four years. He will be missed by many, even those of us who have lost touch over the years. He has been in my thoughts recently. Condolences to his family."

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Greetings, classmates. Thank you for the privilege of allowing me to write 15 more Class Notes over the next five years. At the time of this writing, I am pleased to announce **Randy Lee** has accepted the office of class president. Congratulations, Randy. However, we owe a heap of thanks to our outgoing president, **Brian Grimes**. He has been our president for as long as we have been alumni (or close to it). Thanks, Brian. Don't stop coming to our Reunions. By the way, he writes that he is in touch with **Jim Shepard** and **Chuck Reydel's** widow and occasionally runs into **Sandy Mason** on the Cape. Brian and **Joe Hourihan** will be playing in a Trin golf tournament this summer. I plan to catch up with them later this summer.

Got a great letter from **Dan Waterman**. He writes. "The mRNA vaccines are amazing. Can you imagine what Trinity would have been like for us during a pandemic? Zoom fraternity parties. No road trips for dates. No chemistry or biology labs. But lots of study time. Can you imagine 'odd job' Bobko (inorganic), and that tyrant Heeren (organic) online exclusively? Kegs of beer for every dorm. Life again is approaching some normalcy. We have seen our family in Oakland recently and have plans to get to Atlanta to see Charlie's even though crossing the Mason-Dixon line will take some political courage. Keeping busy doing nothing, I have tackled some home-repair projects recently that have taught me a lot. I think every premed at Trinity should learn woodworking, basic plumbing, how to wire a house, gardening, roofing, and deck repair. How about an auto mechanics course or two?" He sums

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it up best, “I sometimes try to reconstruct my life as it should have been. It’s more a mental exercise than reality because it really is too late in the game. Like the back nine on a golf course! No regrets though. Life has been great, and much to be thankful for.”

Joe Hourihan characterized 2020 this way, “Looking back, 2020 was the first year since I was on active duty in Army Reserves in 1970 that I did not attend at least three Trinity football games—50 years! Not only were the games enjoyable but also the occasion of meeting up with various classmates who returned at times. Hopefully, we will see some classmates this fall. So much has changed since our years at Trinity. The biggest change to me is the total lack of tolerance for people with differing views. You could differ and remain friends. Everything was not a yes or no issue. It is amazing that something as simple as wearing a mask has become a political issue.” Joe adds, “After 50 years, I finally have my name on letterhead and at 76 formed a partnership known as Capalbo Hourihan. Am I nuts to be still working? Probably, but I did take my retirement in ’98 and ’03 when we took two three-month auto trips across United States and Canada!” Better late than never, Joe.

Always enjoy hearing from **Scott Sutherland**. “If you would have suggested 55 years ago I would eventually retire to Florida with my soon-to-be-wife Terry, I would have said you are nuts. In fact, 18 months ago I would have said you are nuts. But here we are in Delray Beach, Florida, in a small, gated golf community along with Psi U Brothers Dix—**Dennis Dix** and John ‘Jock’ Dix ’68—and loving it. Playing a lot more golf. Though my skill level is still a bit limited, I’m having fun.” I still think you’re nuts.

Dennis Dix confirms that Scott is at Delray Dunes.

Got a nice note from **Bill Kunkelman**. “In 2018, I retired as vice president after 30 years with an advertising and marketing agency with offices in Philadelphia and Phoenix. We created and conducted marketing programs

and collateral for many large corporate clients, both domestic and international. Their locations and my two offices meant lots of travel. I counted nine countries (good!) and more than 50 airports (not so good). In 2018, I moved from Arizona back to Pennsylvania, now comfortable in wooded acres northwest of Philadelphia. Swimming, golf, and gardening make it nice. Had two good marriages (with stepchildren to stay in touch with), but now I’m single and enjoy dating. I also plan to do some consulting and possibly more voice-over narration as I have done for business videos and commercials. Community service remains important to me. I have served as chairman of the board for regional Goodwill Industries.” Thanks for checking in, Bill.

Marty Gall dropped a line this time, “Like many of you, Ally and I and our children and grandchildren have outlived COVID-19, at least so far. We’re back to enjoying hugs and kisses from friends and family and hosting dinners at our place in Scituate, Massachusetts. We expect to meet **David Trachtenberg** in Springfield this July and plan for our rescheduled Reunion next year. **Jeff Dierman** has organized Zoom sessions with a group from Phi Psi, and **Randy Lee** has been keeping us up-to-date on the comings and goings at the college. Look forward to catching up with the rest of the Class of ’66 next September or sooner.”

I received a great snail mail, on lined paper no less, from **Roy Gilley**. He retired in 2019, closing his architectural practice of 36 years with more than a thousand projects all over the country. He and wife Janis retired to a hilltop spot in Camden, Maine, with great views and skiing next door. Between the two, they have nine daughters. They enjoy travel and recommend it to everyone. They plan to turn their home into an Airbnb. Should be a nice destination.

Well, that’s it. Until next time, be well.

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Remember the one about the sound of one hand clapping? Since our last Class Notes, I have experienced the phenomenon of “no hands writing, emailing, texting, or phone dialing.” Where is everyone?

Our class leadership team, under the relentless encouragement of our class president, **Charley Kurz**, is planning for our 55th Reunion next year. Important questions are being discussed: Is a bouncy house a good idea? Will there be an early bird special?

Our Class of 1967 Scholar, **Dhiraj Ganji ’23**, was guest of honor at a Zoom meeting in May. He is a double major in physics and computer science with a minor in Japanese. We discussed remote learning during a pandemic, how Dhiraj learned about Trinity, and what his plans are post-Trinity. Short answer: a graduate degree in one of his majors.

I hope you are all safe and well. Remember to email and fill me in on what you’ve been up to now that we can leave our homes and travel. Stay safe. And remember to check out our class webpage at www.trincoll.edu/AlumniAndFamilies/Connect/ClassOf1967.

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On May 18, we had our second class-wide Zoom. Among those participating were **Bob King**, **Dick Pullman**, **Michael Conforti**, **David Adams**, **Parker Prout**, **Bennett Greenspon**, **George Barrows**, **Phil Pennington**, **Malcolm Hayward**, and **Barry Bedrick**. We were privileged to have as our guest **David Andres ’04**, Trinity’s director of analytics and strategic initiatives. David provided an in-depth look at what’s behind the college rankings that are compiled by several publications, including *U.S. News & World Report*. It was quite illuminating and is available via a link and password you can get from the communication you received from **Larry Roberts** and **Paul Jones** in June or by contacting **Theresa Kidd** at theresa.kidd@trincoll.edu. It is worth understanding what lies behind the rankings (or some might say, what lies are perpetuated by the rankings). During the Zoom, **Michael Lestz** mentioned a **Malcolm Gladwell** article, “The Trouble with College Rankings” from *The New Yorker*, which also sheds light on some of the essential flaws in such rankings.

While on the subject of such rankings, as we know from our own experiences at Trinity, at the heart of the college experience are the relationships that develop with not only our fellow classmates but also with faculty. You can get terrific insights into the current Trinity experience on that critical issue by taking a look at the profiles of our Class of ’68 Scholars who have been added to our class website. Our Class of ’68 Scholars are thriving, are grateful, and are a wonderful reflection of our class’s generosity and our ardor for the Trinity experience.

A number of our classmates are continuing the Zooms among us that became routine during the pandemic. Some, like the class-wide Zooms we have had, involve invited guests. Thanks to the connections of **Joe McKeigue**’s daughter **Joanna ’97**, a number of us spent more than an hour with Speaker

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Pelosi's floor manager in the House, Kevin Stern. He provided great insights into the "sausage making" legislative process.

Planning for the 55th Reunion is starting, so if you have ideas for events, programs, activities, etc., be sure to let me know, and I will make sure they get to those involved, including our president for life (DJT is jealous), **Larry Roberts**, and his Reunion co-chair, **Paul Jones**.

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Contributions were sparse in the spring of 2021 as class members got vaccinated and began to emerge from C-19 travel and socializing restrictions.

Fred Uehlein sent this upbeat report on his post-vaccination return to travel: "All is well with the Uehlein family. After getting our two vaccinations, we took off to see daughter Emma, who lives with her family in Puerto Rico, and then to visit son Christian and family in Montana. Wintered in Bonita Springs, Florida, and now back to Cape Cod for summer. Would love to see any classmates who find themselves on the Cape or in Bonita. Still doing a bit of work, starting a new behavioral health company, Ascellus, to help workers across the country. Be well, and let every day bring a smile."

Leighton Smith, who reported this past winter on his baseball book, writes: "All is healthy and safe here in Virginia with my family and me. I started a new full-time job in February as a senior principal systems engineer with Gibbs & Cox. Yes, I know, I'm well past retirement age. But I like working and being busy, and so many of my friends and colleagues have retired and died. So, retirement doesn't sound that healthy to me. Not yet anyway. My number four kid, daughter Stephanie, got married to James Boggs on April 17, and even though there were pandemic restrictions still in place, all went very well. I am enjoying my 36th year living in Virginia and am watching the value of my house in Arlington that I bought

almost 33 years ago continue to appreciate. It won't be very long before it is worth 10 times what I paid for it. I will take lucky over good any day!"

Michael Carius, who hasn't written in a while, sends these updates on his encounters with classmates: "Recently I had the opportunity to reconnect with **Leo** and **Annie Mallek**, my roommate for two years at Trinity, at a Virginia winery. Leo is retired but still quite busy with multiple activities. I also met with **Scott Duncan** and his wife at a Virginia brewpub. Scott is retired and shared his long history with the Hash House Harriers running organization." A year ago, Michael accepted a six-year commitment to return as chair-elect of the American Board of Medical Specialties Board of Directors. As a result, he will remain active clinically as an emergency physician for the next five years, which means putting off any dreams of retirement. Michael reports, "The past year has been challenging to work in the emergency department, to say the least."

It is with great sadness that I report that **Tan Platt**, M.D., died on August 19, 2020. As an undergraduate, Tan was a bio major and played football and ran track. He was a member of Cerberus and Alpha Chi Rho. Tan and wife Nancy were enthusiastic participants at our 50th Reunion. He was on the faculty of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia since 1986 and was medical director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services beginning in 2008. Tan is survived by Nancy, children Elizabeth and James, and four grandchildren.

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As I submit our Class Notes on June 14 for the fall issue, everyone on our huge 50th Reunion Committee is not only thrilled to think we will be able to have our own special in-person Reunion at Homecoming October 1 and 2 but also feeling a huge sense of psychic relief from the benefits of becoming fully vaccinated and being able to travel and interact once more as we always have done with family, friends, and classmates. As always, working on our Reunion projects with **Theresa Kidd** of the Advancement Office and **Ernie Mattei** and everyone else on our 21-plus-member committee is a delight. Ernie has been organizing special Zoom meetings with groups from our class having a particular interest. We've had a number of Zoom meetings focused on a sports team or fraternity and most recently a music extravaganza with **Dan Reilert**, **Charlie Taylor**, and

Ryan Kuhn, all of which have been extremely successful. Coming up is a focus on the heady environment of conflictual politics and philosophies fostered by the climate of the late '60s. Should be a memorable encounter session and possibly worth preserving for the Watkinson Library oral history project to which our classmate **Richard Turk** has contributed so much, especially with the fine work he has done on our Reunion yearbook. Our class will be presenting to the college two antique doorknobs embossed with the Trinity seal that hopefully will be accepted by the Watkinson Library for posterity. We also greatly appreciate the creative work that **Charlie Fenwick** has done along with **Dix Leeson** on innovative modalities for contributions from us, especially via our IRAs/401(k)s.

Billy Peelle is working with the Wadsworth Atheneum caterer to provide for us a spectacular culinary presentation when we gather at the museum for our Friday night Reunion dinner on October 1. Billy has agreed to permit me to offer my thoughts to make it as delicious and healthful as we can muster. Billy may even have a special contributory surprise for all of us, which we hopefully will discover upon attendance for the evening. With wonderful camaraderie among all of us and the best collection of fine arts in Connecticut wherever we look, we should not feel too deprived that we are not among Trinity's elms on the quadrangle under the stars as has been the tradition for Friday evening of Reunion.

In addition to a great Homecoming football game and a traditional class dinner on Saturday, October 2, on campus, perhaps in Hamlin Hall, we may be able to organize a joint predinner cocktail party with the 25th Reunion. After-dinner disco dancing? Discussions are continuing in this regard as I write. Plus, **Tony DiBella** will be our memory shaman as he guides us on a traditional Australian walkabout, calling up scenes and events around campus that marked and transformed our college experience as we lived through extremely transformative times.

The most important thing is that we actually are going to be able to have our 50th Reunion in person and non-remote, with as many of us as possible. The college has scheduled Homecoming for the very first weekend of October, which should mean that it will be a perfect temperature for outdoor enjoyment and viewing of New England autumn foliage. Bocce may even occur on the quad, but at a minimum, we shall be able to renew the conversations and personal encounters that have always made our friendship and bonds so meaningful to all of us as the years have gone by and that have stayed with us forever.

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I am so pleased to be your class secretary, especially since the pandemic has caused many of us to be virtual shut-ins. It gives me great pleasure to keep in touch or reestablish contact with many of my Trinity classmates. Some of those I have spoken with or communicated with via social media include **Cliff Cutler**, **Jon Miller**, **DiBens** (no other name needed), **Dave Sample**, **Jim Graves**, **Mark Mittenthal**, **Marshall Garrison**, **Bill Reynolds**, **Joe Pratt II**, **Ken Schweikert**, **Phil Khoury**, **Ralph Morini**, and so many on the 50th Reunion Committee. It warms my heart to hear and see how rich everybody's life seems to be. Hoping to see as many as possible at our Reunion in June 2022.

David Pumphrey credits Thomas Carlyle with getting him through the seemingly endless months of shutdown: "Carlyle's *The French Revolution: A History* whetted my appetite for more of his wizardry, and so immediately took up the whopping eight-volume bio of Frederick the Great. The months flew by!" He said he'd love to hear from school chums if they visit Nantucket. His contact info is: 4 Westminster St., Nantucket, MA 02554; 646-647-4860.

Steve Jianakoplos says, "Greetings from the land of the Saint Louis University Billikens (my law class of '74). Last year, after 45 years of private law practice (including being national legal adviser to the Porsche Club of America), I finally hung it up. I'm spending time with our four grandchildren, Natalie, Clay, Constantine, and Aristotle. Most days, I also discharge the 'Lisa list' of chores given to me by my lovely bride of 40 years. I'm in regular contact with **Rick Mazzuto** and **Lou Slocum**. Rick lives in Modesto, California, but we manage to see each other two or three times a year. Slocum has a lady friend in the village of Hana on Maui, Hawaii. He's been commuting between there and Vista, California. Other than the general aches and pains of getting old, things are good, and I send best wishes to all my classmates."

Philip S. Khoury received an honorary degree from Trinity at the May 21, 2021, Commencement on campus. He reports, "It was a gorgeous sunny day, unlike our class's Commencement exercises 50 years ago when it rained."

Michael E. Trigg, M.D., writes, "I am one of those who has the pleasure of living in Florida and thus can enjoy warm or warmer weather year-round, but I still require some educational stimulation. Currently on a contract with Janssen Pharmaceuticals to

direct the development of a phase 4 study for its new CAR-T immunotherapy program for the treatment of refractory/resistant multiple myeloma. My extensive clinical and research experience in cellular therapies makes this an enjoyable enterprise for me and provides a good outlet to keep up with all the latest immunotherapy advances. Just a message to my Trinity colleagues, who like me, are past their seventh decade. Keep in mind that our immune system, despite how well we may maintain our physical and mental condition, deteriorates over time, making us more susceptible to infection and malignancy and also blunts the durable immune response that we may have. Will the immune response in a 70-year-old be as vigorous and durable as the immune response in a 20-year-old? Will the presence of a sizable number of anti-vaxxers (for whatever reason) make it more likely viral variants will develop, providing an opportunity for many of us to get infected with a viral variant not covered in the currently available vaccines? Very clearly this past 12 months of social distancing, wearing of masks, excessive hand washing, and quarantine efforts have significantly reduced the incidence and transmission of normal influenza that plagues us each winter season. Thus, we should all keep in mind the public health measures that were recommended for the COVID pandemic that as a side effect helped most of us to escape the ordinary influenza infections that circulate each year."

Mel Kendrick writes, "I had a show at the Addison Gallery of American Art that ran from April through October 3 on the campus of Phillips Academy, Andover, where I went before Trinity. It is a serious museum of American art founded at the same time as the Whitney in New York. I am lucky to have been working this through the pandemic, and it is amazing to see my own work over the last 50 years or so. There is also a Rizzoli coffee table book with the same title, *Mel Kendrick: Seeing Things in Things*. My family is doing well. I have lived in downtown Manhattan since graduation! My wife, Mary Salter '73, and I have three great kids out in the world doing very different things, a diplomat in the State Department until Trump, a filmmaker, and a social worker."

Jon Miller sends a picture of an old Bantam with his grandson Bantam-to-be at the Georgia state track meet!

Bill LaPlante II, five-time Emmy winner for ABC/CBS-TV, is "doing my final edit on two tomes, one verisimilitude of fifth-generation seafaring family turned oyster farmers on an island of 80 hearty souls in the frigid North Atlantic Ocean, the other my family memoir from working the Simsbury, Connecticut, tobacco fields beside Dr. Martin Luther King

Jr., on to Trinity, *The Washington Post*, and Connecticut radio/TV/magazine/*Hartford Times* police reporting. Next to ABC, CBS (breaking story of murder of John Lennon in December 1980), and back to ABC-TV to help hire 600 people worldwide and premiere the world's first 24-hour cable news channel (not CNN) based in Stamford, Connecticut. Next project: sailing from the Arctic to Antarctic for two to three months aboard a research vessel, documenting for several publications with video/stills and daily blog. Also eagerly awaiting a brew with many of you over the rocks, at the former site of Phil's College View Tavern. I liked the place so much I moved two blocks down Zion Street during my junior and senior years at Trin."

Tom Sasali notes, "In case you were not aware, **Howie Greenblatt** has published yet another basketball book, *The Johnny Egan Story*, about the life of his childhood idol and fellow Weaver High School graduate who was an NBA player and coach. Also met with **Peter Moore**, **Lou Slocum**, and **Bill Reynolds**."

David Sample reports: "I continue to battle the isolation of the pandemic by taking more road trips! In January, I traveled to Nevada, Arizona, New Mexico, and North Texas. The highlight of the trip was a 'winter' hike down the Grand Canyon, this time with crampons and a headlamp! It now appears that we are breaking out of the restrictions of COVID, which means that we can all look forward to seeing everyone at our June 2022 Reunion."

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Slim pickings from the Class of '72 for the fall *Reporter*. Maybe we're just happy to have survived COVID—some of us didn't—and after our long somnolence we're still whisking the cobwebs out of our brains and blinking in the bright sunshine of ... freedom, community, shopping, dining, and hugs! What joy! Hello, parties! Goodbye, UPS!

Ahem. Thankfully, two happenin' '72ers have important doings to report: **Law Payne** has moved out of the northern Maine hinterlands of Holden to coastal Brookville "to be closer to Hepps" (in Sargentville), but I think it's just coincidence and he's joshing me. And **John Moses** reports he "finally took the granddaddy plunge and moved to Charleston, South Carolina, three blocks from my three grandgirls. Wife Meredith is ecstatic. Me, I'm playing more Southern rock and enjoying this foodie town—the biscuits and barbecue are out of this world. Busy booking the Outerspace Band for a month this summer in Maine, our 52nd year and all

original members relatively intact. This, of course, is just a rehearsal for Trinity's 50th!"

Lew and John have dutifully updated their contact info in MyTrinNet, and this is fantastic news that Outerspace Band will once again perform for us at Reunion. Speaking of ... (drumroll) our 50th Reunion, our class president and longtime Trinity leader **Peter Blum** would like to share this message with you all:

"Dear classmates, the way I see it, each classmate who returns will be a gift to another classmate. For some of us, it'll have been 50 years since we last lit eyes on one another. Equally, for some of us, our 50th may offer the last opportunity to be together again, to renew distant friendships, to revive our mystic chords of memory, so to speak. For each of us, our returning to Trinity will be warmly welcomed by any number of others—that is such a vivid and compelling image and a great reason to come back. You needn't know or remember (or recognize!) everybody, but it'll be more than worthwhile to reconnect with even just one or two old friends. I guarantee you'll be met with a broad smile, and it will be meaningful for you on a deeper level as well. Yours, Peter"

So, folks, stay tuned, keep your June 2022 options open, and please, please, please update your contact information—especially your email address—in the Alumni Directory. (<https://mytrinnet.trincoll.edu>). The Alumni Office is missing a lot of you, and your fellow classmates miss you even more. If by chance you're hiding from Trinity because you're afraid you'll be hit up for (shudder) money, then trust me: Trinity's Advancement Office (that's fundraising nowadays) is gentle and won't hound you at all. Stay healthy, stay grateful, and please stay in touch. **Jack Nelson**

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Mike Mitchell writes, "I hope that this note finds you both well and that all members of your families are well and prospering. All good here after a very challenging year and a half. Sue is in remission after her yearlong battle with leukemia last year, all three kids thriving, and as I prepare to celebrate my 70th birthday on Sunday, I am still wheeling it around town, though maybe at a somewhat diminished pace. Last weekend, five of my buddies from the Lockheed Martin days and I cycled from Hunt Valley, Maryland, to York, Pennsylvania, and back over the two days—88.4 miles on a rail to trail and

great fun with very close friends." Mike is continuing to pursue his photography with three online exhibits to date this year. Mike's website for his work is www.mikemitchell-photography.com.

Art Baldwin writes, "My wife, Mary, and I are vaccinated. We recently took a one-week trip to Durham, North Carolina, to visit one of our daughters. We are expecting our son to visit us (and get vaccinated) from Mexico in two weeks. We hadn't seen either of them since January 2019. Our other daughter will be arriving at the end of the month. She has been teaching chemistry in Indonesia for the past two years. We've been taking care of her dog for that time. I'm planning to video the reunion of the dog with her and her husband. The dog has two years' worth of face licking to catch up on. I've been doing remote tutoring of algebra I and II and geometry this past school year. It's been a challenge, trying to reach kids I don't know and have never seen. I tip my hat to teachers everywhere. I've also been volunteering at the Burke Museum of Natural History and Culture in Seattle. Happy to give a tour to anybody who's in town. I was called out of retirement to assist on a project for the NIH, providing metrics for a study of socioeconomic determinants of health under the pandemic. We should be done soon. Work doesn't really agree with me. I hope you're healthy and happy!"

Len Kupferberg writes: "Karen and I have been fully vaxxed for about 10 weeks. We have been having family gatherings and interacting with other vaccinated friends. We are currently in our home on Maui and will be celebrating our 45th wedding anniversary tomorrow."

Per **David Bargman**: "Like W.H. Auden, [I am] 'Now, unready to die but already at the stage when one starts to dislike the young.' (And he was younger than we are when he wrote this.) Otherwise, all is well but yet unmasked."

Nick Read writes: "I live in a Cambridge, Massachusetts, condo with Anne, my wife of 45 years. We downsized last year amid COVID from a house that was purchased by our younger daughter, Joanna, and her husband, Samir, who live there with daughters Bodhi and Mira. Our older daughter, Sarah, and her husband, Daniel, are eye surgeons in Honolulu, where they live with daughter Parker and son Nicholas. I work for the City of Newton, Massachusetts, and divide my time between Cambridge and my painting studio in Rockport, Massachusetts. Thinking about retirement, but not quite ready yet."

"If you don't read the newspaper, you are uninformed. If you do read the newspaper, you are misinformed."—Mark Twain

1974 Class Secretary: **Ty E. Geltmaker**, 8742 Rangely Ave., West Hollywood, CA 90048-1715; ty.geltmaker.1974@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: **Vacant**

Greetings, all! A mild suggestion: If you don't want it in print, don't send it. And send it exactly as you want to see it.

Many noted the recent deaths of beloved **Eddie Faneuil** and Patrick O'Connell '75, the latter a pioneering AIDS activist who had lots of friends in our cohort. See the "In Memory" section for their obituaries.

Margie Huoppi notes she and hers are well but sad at the passing of both Eddie and Patrick.

Geoffrey Harrison is up-front challenging himself and our imperfections (asking all be said for the record): "It seems our class is among the least communicative ones. (Very brief Class Notes section in *The Trinity Reporter* every issue.) Wonder why that is. In general, we seemed a relatively happy bunch, back then at least. Forty-seven years ago ... are we all that ancient? Well, 69 is the new 49, right? I had a tough time often in college and later due to undiagnosed clinical depression; now successfully treated, for the last 20 years, thank God. Thought I'd begin with this because I firmly believe one should be open about mental illness, which is just an illness after all. No shame in being ill, whatever the cause. This is very important to me. Got a Ph.D. at Stanford University in classics (also my undergraduate major) and taught college for many years. Liked to mention my depression in class from time to time, as appropriate, for the reason given above. Always very gratifying when a student would come up to me afterward and thank me for what I had said. This happened often. Not all education is directly tied to the subject matter! Although from Philadelphia, I live in Iowa, where the college I last taught at is located. Never married for some reason and thus no kids, at least none that I know of. Well, that's enough, maybe too much, for now. Should you choose to print this in the *Reporter*, please do not excise the depression business. Maybe it will help my classmates to understand why I was so grumpy and rebarbative much of the time! Love all you guys (or most of you). For better or worse, you helped make me what I am today."

Amy Yatzkan Trachtenberg reflects, "Living in Philly now for five years, after post-grad stops in Chicago, Boston, Princeton. Semiretired from 42 years of clinical social work practice, which has morphed into consulting and supervising while taking advantage of the urban adventure that is Philadelphia. Filled with memories of Trinity these days, triggered by the passing of Patrick O'Connell '75. I regret losing touch

with him. Grateful for Portable Circus, Outer Space, Cinestudio, Austin Arts Theater, Rome Campus, and Professor Higgins, along with some more people I have lost touch with. Trinity was not the right place for this public school girl. Regret that, but don't regret the people and the experiences that helped me get through those four years."

Rob Robinson shares some wisdom for all of us getting older: "Doing well, despite an injury to my leg last November playing tennis, causing nerve damage. Getting around now, hoping for regeneration. My wife and I downsized to a condo a mile away from our former home. Looking forward to upcoming trips to see friends out East and our older son and his family in Oregon. We own a cottage on Lake Huron and plan to spend time there this summer and fall. Working remotely since March last year, starting to see the retirement light at the end of the tunnel. Want to travel more as things open up again and see our two grandchildren grow up. They live close to us in the next town over, and we are blessed by their proximity. Looking forward to our 50th Reunion in three years!"

Barry O'Brien reports good news with a jolly photo, including **Mike Hoskinson**, Lyn Hoskinson, **John Allen**, **Lise Gescheidt**, Gabrielle Allen, **John Westermann**, **Paul Gossling**, Sandy O'Brien, and **Barry O'Brien**. Kris Westermann and Nancy Gossling were off camera. He reported that life is starting to return to normal thanks to the vaccine. "On May 25, some members of the Class of 1974 got together in Dennis, Massachusetts, to celebrate the arrival of **John** and **Kris Westermann**, who journeyed up the East Coast from Florida to Cape Cod visiting family. A great time was had as we reminisced about our campus escapades. The stories keep getting better and better. We all look forward to our next Reunion."

Alan Sibert speaks a simple truth: "While I have no particular desire to share my post-Trinity life with the literally hundreds of classmates I barely knew then, I suppose it's a paradox that I am curious to hear what others have to tell about life. I detest the Facebook phenomenon, wherein we tend to want to create ourselves in the image of some gloriously successful careerist, what my daughters call 'humble brag,' without sharing the inevitable pitfalls and challenges of life, which we have all no doubt faced. And that, of course, being, by far, the more fascinating story of our lives. I live in North Carolina, I'm healthy, a widower, retired, footloose, at peace, always exploring."

The talented **Robert Starkey** is painting: "I have survived this latest global storm well, being hunkered in beautiful Down East Maine. My wife, Rada, and I living in monastic isolation worked well. Less distraction and

more concentration. Insulated painting studio complete with a wood stove, which allowed me to continue to explore my art uninterrupted. Hats off to the Austin Arts faculty for the inspiration. www.robertwstarkey.com"

Best wishes to all as we hopefully emerge, however tattered, in mystical/physical health from the pandemic, informed by our classical-humanistic Trinity education.

Ty Geltmaker

From the Alumni Office: **Barbara Fernandez** was named chair of the Latino Endowment Fund at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

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It is with deep sadness I share the news of the passing of **Patrick O'Connell**. Patrick was my freshman-year Jarvis suitemate, and to those who knew him, there was always a warm, friendly hello when paths crossed. His legacy will be spearheading AIDS awareness as founding director of Visual Aids and creator of the red AIDS ribbon. RIP, Patrick.

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The class secretary position for the Class of 1976 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.

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First, apologies are owed to **Jeffrey Feinberg**. His submission was missed last time. Here it is: "This is my first time submitting anything after all these years. You can see from the signature below (general counsel, chief legal officer, 3D/L Financial Group LLC) what I am up to. I took on this role three years ago after 20 years of litigation practice. Of much more interest, however, is that my oldest daughter, Hannah, is a first-year at Trinity. She is really enjoying her courses, has a great group of friends, and is playing women's ice hockey

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for the Bantams. Although the fall semester was limited to strength and conditioning workouts and on-ice practices, there is talk of games being scheduled for the second half of the season." Thanks, Jeff, and please keep writing!

How great to hear from my first Trinity College Jones Hall third-floor roommate, **Claudia Springer**. "My news is that after practicing law for almost 41 years, mostly at two large firms, Duane Morris for over 17 years and Reed Smith for almost 20 years, in the field of restructuring and bankruptcy, I recently joined Novo Advisors, a financial consulting and advisory firm based in Chicago with locations in several major U.S. cities. I am starting a mediation practice at the firm, concentrating on all types of commercial disputes." Congrats, Claudia.

James Davenport writes that he's "still working as an R.N. in the emergency room in Taunton, Massachusetts. Glad to see the decline in COVID cases, finally. Met up with Murray Klein '78. Took a stroll along the Windsor Locks Canal Trail with his dog, Molly. Even saw a beaver! He is retired from the insurance business, living in Atlanta, Georgia. I'm always surprised some of our classmates are waiting for grandchildren. I got a head start with my stepkids and had my first great-granddaughter Ariya last year."

From **Ted Judson**, who says he's been living in San Francisco for the last 35 years, mostly working for Electronic Arts (EA Sports): "As past president Jimmy Jones said, 'I hold you personally responsible for an entire grade point average of our male student body.' Oh well. Oldest daughter married in October, next daughter getting married in July, becoming a grandfather late July. Just spent five days fishing the Ruby and Madison Rivers in Montana with **Tim Ghriskey**, Nick Brady '76, Bill Prowell '76, and Jeff Kelter '76. Totally awesome ... lots of Steely Dan, ABB, and Lynyrd Skynyrd. Sorry, Deadheads." Never enough Steely Dan, Ted.

Good to hear from **Greg Murphy**, who reports that "After 20½ years as director of facilities and director of operations, I am

retiring from Jewish Family and Children's Services of San Francisco. I am embarking on my fifth career change and becoming a project manager/owner's rep for major remodel and construction projects. I hope this gives me enough time to start to play golf a bit more regularly, but I hope to be busy enough to use that as an excuse when I play! I also should have time to enjoy the occasional drinks/dinner with Ben Taber '71 more often."

My husband, Peter, and I also have news. On May 1, our daughter Caroline married Neil Regan on Cape Cod, with a party in my mother's yard in Centerville. It would have been wonderful under any circumstances, but for most of us, it also was our first post-COVID event. Elating. We are so fortunate.

Thanks to all for writing. Please stay in touch. I know we'll have more big news next time! Stay well. Stay busy.

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Rachel (Robin) Pohl is conducting good and important work and writes, "Thank you science and Dr. Fauci" and wishes "everyone health and equity for all. On this note, I'm grateful to be working on a team to scale telehealth and technology through a network of 35 health centers in Massachusetts, serving under-resourced people and building community partnerships. Happy to share more if anyone is focused in this area of work and intersectional investment." Take care, Rachel!

Doug Thom submitted this short, interesting, and slightly mysterious note. "I will send something unless you think I've shared enough! I hope you are well! Sincerely, Doug" And he adds, "I'm very in love with a woman I met while on my junior year abroad—the IES program in Freiburg."

Brian Thomas dropped into *The Trinity Reporter* world with this fabulous note. "Good morning, and thanks for your continued efforts to collect news about our class. It does seem like so long ago that we were walking beneath the elms. Hope you have managed well during the COVID period. I am in year 21 at Johnson & Johnson and spent the last 15 months working from home. We will start venturing back into the workplace next month. Not quite sure when I will hit the exit ramp but perhaps after my number two daughter gets married next June (2022). Number one daughter got married in 2018 and made us grandparents on December 30, 2020. It is so fun to be able to see our granddaughter from time to time (they live outside D.C.). Number three child (son) just moved

back to N.Y.C. after it seemed safer (2019 NYU grad). My wife continues her middle-school teaching and is about to finish a year that will not be forgotten, but happy to see in the rearview mirror. We both look forward to being able to travel again as we move into 2022. All the best to you and the rest of the Class of 1978."

Jory Lockwood (that's me) shares this: What a long year 2020 was. My hair remains uncut since March 2020 and has started to resemble the hairdo of Grandmama from *The Addams Family*. Now that I am fully vaccinated (and have learned how to spell "vaccine" and "vaccinated" without having to look it up or spell-check it), I will be getting it cut to a more suitable length sometime soon. I had the opportunity to see Professor Riggio last month, which brings us to more than 45 years of friendship. I attended the Zoom retirement party of a dear friend I have known since second grade. And a second cousin whom I had not seen in likely over a decade recently spent the weekend visiting. The theme is, I think, that the relationships we have are critical to our happiness and well-being.

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Barlow Peelle was in touch with **Jim Cropsey**. Barlow is justly proud of his daughter, Emma. Barlow described Emma as a "poster child for perseverance" for overcoming medical issues while competing in Division I athletics at George Washington University. "She not only stuck with DI crew, rowing in number one boat for four years, but didn't even know she graduated cum laude. Then, as a double major in psych and public health, she gets herself into a top school's master's program for IO-psych (industrial organization psychology) at USC. To top it off, she gets a paying internship at a company called Maximus this summer." Barlow, of



George Brickley '79 holds his 8-month-old granddaughter, Lola, who's getting ready to be the third generation of the family to attend Trinity.

course, has the challenge of serving as our class agent along with **Susan Tananbaum**.

Jim also spoke with **Barbara Karlen Blitstein**, who works for Berkshire Hathaway in Rye, New York.

Amy Katz participated as a member of a panel of four alumnae to discuss "Trust and the Media: Bringing the Conversation Back to Center." The Women's Leadership Council sponsored the event in May. Amy is a senior executive producer at Voice of America in Washington, D.C. Amy has held other prominent media posts.

George Brickley writes that in May, he played in a Trinity hockey team fundraiser golf outing at Fox Hopyard in East Haddam, Connecticut. He caught up with fellow classmates/teammates **Clint Brown** and **Ted Almy**. "They both look good and are still on the top of their games!" George and Cindy (Higgins '80) are busy spending time with their first grandchild, 8-month-old Lola. Lola and her parents recently moved from Brooklyn to Melrose, Massachusetts (George's hometown and current residence). "It's fantastic having our daughter and granddaughter so close (about a half mile away). Put us in the category of 'doting grandparents.' We are spoiling her bad!"

Ken Crowe is serving again as president of his union, Albany Newspaper Guild, Local 31034, TNG-CWA. Ken stepped in as acting president when his predecessor resigned from the *Times Union* to work in Wilmington, Delaware. It was a quick election to become president until December 31, 2022, representing 120 people at the *Times Union*. In a weekend break from union duties, he went to Northwestern University to see his nephew Troy Hattler graduate. Troy was a volunteer assistant coach for the Northwestern women's lacrosse team that won the Big 10 title. Unfortunately, they lost in the semifinals of the national playoffs over Memorial Day weekend at Towson University in Maryland.

Sadly, **Steven J. Popkin** died on Oct. 20, 2020. The "In Memory" section of the spring *Reporter* had a list of those who've passed

away and a link to the obituaries online. For those who missed the list, here's some information about Steve from his obituary and from some checking. Steve came to Trinity with the rest of us in September 1975. He was from Great Neck on Long Island. Steve immediately was involved in student government elections. He also played lacrosse at Trinity. You can tell he was a true Long Islander. Long Island is a traditional source of college lacrosse players. Steve majored in history. After graduation, he moved on to Georgetown University Law Center, also known as Georgetown Law, where he graduated with a J.D. He practiced law in Brooklyn. He was married and had two daughters.

During the pandemic, **Nathalie Reverdin** said she and her associates have turned their museum-based Backdrop Switzerland Expo, focusing on a century of foreign films shot in Switzerland, into two themed vintage car tours. The different film locations are matched with luxury hotels, events, and guest speakers from the trade.

Andy Storch was in touch to say he and Maureen moved to Alexandria, Virginia, across the Potomac from D.C., last year. Their fourth and last child is going into senior year at UVA and with it the last batch of tuition bills. They bought a home on Martha's Vineyard during the height of the pandemic. While they have no immediate plans to move, they're looking forward to enjoying time in a remote area on the island to see if it could be longer-term fit.

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Thank you to our 2021 Virtual Reunion Committee: **Cynthia Ballantyne**, **Lisa Block**, **William Bullard**, **Tom Casey**, **David Clark**, **Carol Anne Goldberg**, **Peter Jongbloed**, **Trish Mairs Klestadt**, **David Koepfel**, **Scott Lessne**, **Patrice Ball-Reed**, **Currie Smith**, **Suwathin Phiansunthon**, **Chuck Tiernan**, and **Kate Youngdahl**. The weekend began with a cooking class by our own **Lee Clayton Roper**, cookbook author, public speaker, TV personality, producer, food blogger, and cooking instructor. **Tricia Mairs Klestadt** acted as our host and did a great job. Lee showed us how to make summer salads and side dishes and cocktail/mocktails. She shared tips on the perfect equipment to use and how to make entertaining fun and enjoyable. Thank you, Lee, great job! The next event was a "provide your own cocktail" party using Kumospace. The program allowed you to move about the room like you would at an in-person event

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to talk to different people, so it allowed for more intimate conversations. I learned **Tricia Klestadt** has three grandchildren and another one on the way. Her two girls have made her life very busy, and she loves it. **Scott Lessne**, chair of commercial finance and lending with Crowell & Moring, built a violin from a kit in the last year and says it sounds great. Who knew Scott was a violinist since second grade? He also started fencing again with his son. On the professional side, he has been involved with cryptocurrency and thinks he would like to teach. Talking to former classmates reminds me how interesting life can be. I have been busy between nearly changing jobs, my daughter graduating, playing lots of tennis, tending to my COVID golden retriever puppy, and beginning golf lessons. **Susan Vuylsteke** started a new position in the medical sales industry after a long time with her previous position. She lives in Los Angeles and is happy that things are beginning to open up there. Cynthia is looking forward to celebrating with her family in Aspen in October on the first anniversary of her son's wedding since they were not able to be together in 2020. **William Bullard** is a grandfather and recently was in Pittsburgh visiting his 22-month-old grandson. I learned **Barr (Dave) Snyderwine** grew up in Plymouth Meeting and went to Penn Charter. Barr has lived in D.C. for much of his professional career, as has **Jordan Fried**. **Tom Casey** told me he did not know Jordan was in town. **Nancy Ceccon** joined us with her delightful daughter Bryanna, who is going to vo-tech school. **Karen Wachtell** popped in Saturday night; she was one of my roommates sophomore year, along with Carol Novick, Laurie Sivaslian (transferred to/graduated from Penn and Wharton, respectively), and **Susie Pratt**. I talked to **Steve Slade**, who sold his beautiful Victorian home in Princeton ... sad for those of us he hosted during Princeton-Trinity squash matches. He and his wife live in Naples, and his daughter (one of his triplets) just got engaged and bought a house in Naples. He said after all that time in Florida, he is looking forward to some business travel. So, my friends, 2025 is our next milestone get-together, so barring a future pandemic,

hope to see you there! But in the meantime, please drop me a line, and let me know what you are up to. Please remember to support Trinity financially (our class president, **Tom Casey**, will be happy) and in other ways, including career services, the Women's Leadership Council, area clubs, volunteering, etc. Until next time, **Beth Davison Hyde**

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Lisa Hunt writes: "Life in Fairfax, California, has been great. My husband and I survived the pandemic over the past year and a half. Since I work for a bike company, business has been absolutely crazy, given the supply chain issues and delays with manufacturing. My job normally requires traveling a lot, but it's been Zoom meetings for everything; after many delays and setbacks of new bikes not arriving, we're finally seeing new bikes go out the door to shops. Things are starting to get back to normal, and being vaccinated is a sigh of relief! Hopefully, I'll get to come back East soon!"

Robert Aiello is a practicing criminal defense attorney in New York City and Long Island. He writes, "I have two children who are in college. I see **Faraj Saghri**, **Tom Roche**, **Tony Docal**, **Peter Whalen**, and **Kenny Savino** on a fairly regular basis. We have vacationed together with our families over the years in Saint Martin, Florida, and the Dominican Republic. I am blessed to be in touch with some of my Trinity friends. I wish I could see more of you! Hope everyone is well. Stay safe."

Ginger Brennan runs ABA Retirement Funds, a retirement member benefit of the American Bar Association. She has three kids, two grown and one in college. "I love Facebook to keep up with so many of my Trinity friends. Getting married again in two days and look forward to seeing all of you in person next year back on campus!"

Peter Hubbell writes that after 40 years in advertising, which included starting his own agency dedicated to baby boomers (www.boomagers.com), he's launching a new venture to help recent college graduates market their way to their first real job (www.applyyou.com). He, wife Caroline, and son Teddy, 15, live in Greenwich, Connecticut, but try to spend as much time in Nantucket as possible!

Tom Carroux wanted to commemorate a year of COVID-19 lockdown by doing

something he had never done before, so he decided to jump out of an airplane from 18,000 feet. “The roar of sound hurtling through space at over 120 miles an hour, the below-freezing-cold temperature, and my eyes telling me that there was only air between me and the ground was an extreme experience.” Here’s a link to the video of Tom jumping from the airplane: <https://bit.ly/3fiTFNS>.

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Over the course of this past year, we’ve shared stories of all the different ways we’ve been commemorating 60 years young. In recent months, I’ve started to hear of classmates who are entertaining a new opportunity ... early retirement. My first thought was that we are way too young to retire. But then I started to see how it was going for those who are leading the way into this new phase of our lives.

I checked and apparently for years now, the proportion of people who plan to retire younger has been increasing. According to consumer research firm Hearts & Wallets, in 2020, 18 percent of people cited 59 as their target retirement age, up from 11 percent in 2018. So here we go.

I’ll start with my best friend, **Vicky Lenkeit Scanlon**, a woman who began her professional career when we were just juniors in college. While we were chilling on the quad and figuring out what we wanted to be when we grew up, she was working and studying to become an actuary at the Travelers Insurance Company. She continued on that path until motherhood took precedence. Later she put her talents to work at Loomis Chaffee School, where her husband headed up the English Department. She and Jeff have made the momentous decision to seize the opportunity to retire early to their charming home on the Cape. I will miss living 12 houses away here in Windsor, but I admire her sense of adventure. Looking forward to seeing what’s next for her. Quite sure it will be wonderful.

Next, we have **Tom Mathews**. His update indicated that he already enjoys retirement and working in a wine shop for his retirement gig. “Hope I can get back to teaching classes again soon in a post-COVID world. For other excitement, I am planning to take my mother to Italy to celebrate her 80th birthday.” After the pandemic prompted three successive postponements, he hopes the fourth time is the charm. Following the graduation of his twins from Wake Forest

(cum laude) and Elon (summa cum laude), he declared that “academically they obviously take after their mother! Now the house is full again until virtual work ends. Come on, end of all things COVID!”

In previous notes, I shared the news that **Barb Sherman Levison** is thoroughly enjoying a life of tennis and golf alternately in Kennebunkport, Maine, and Bonita Springs, Florida.

For other classmates, the world of work continues to excite. **Jim Dod** wrote to say he and wife Cathy are empty nesters. “Kinda like it. Spending way too much time on weekends fixing up a 100-year-old family summer home in Lake Geneva, Wisconsin, but I’m fully stocked with power tools. So, I’ve that going for me, which is nice. Unlike many other professions, business as a psychologist was gangbusters over the pandemic. Teletherapy was a godsend, and I’m worn out. Not a complaint. **Scott Cassie, Tom Tarca, Kenny Papa, and Tom Mathews**, and I are celebrating our 60th birthdays (pandemically belated) together on a golf trip to Palm Springs later this year. The razzing has already begun.”

Judy Bolton-Fasman has completed a personal masterwork. She wrote to share the news that her debut book, *Asylum: A Memoir of Family Secrets*, will be published in early September. “And yes, the *Asylum* of the title is Asylum Avenue, referring to my childhood address in West Hartford. Let the double entendres begin!” You can find more essays on her website, www.judyboltonfasman.com. I Googled her new publication and came across a review that says it all. “*Asylum* is a deeply moving memoir that investigates the ever-complicated knot of familial love, loss, and longing. **Judy Bolton-Fasman** beautifully captures that urge so many of us have to better understand those loved ones who were close to us yet nonetheless eluded our grasp.”

To wrap up these notes, our class president, **Scott Cassie**, offers an invitation to us all. “As always, I hope these Class Notes find you, families, and friends well. I’ve got nothing pithy to share for this edition, though I could always go on about my kids. I’ll save that for Reunion. Which leads me to the point of my note. I sincerely hope to see you at our upcoming 40th Reunion come June 9–12, 2022. To be honest, the save-the-date email back in April from the Alumni Office was quite a shock. ‘40? How is that possible?’ I asked my dog, who has been my constant work-from-home assistant for the last 15 months. But it’s time. Time to see one another again. Time to remember and also time to celebrate in those small conversations and with the larger planned events. We all have done so much, large and small, since each touched ‘the Book’ at graduation on that soggy day in May 1982. I am sure we

all will continue to be busy up until June. However, I hope that you will have time, and can take the time, to be a part of this Reunion. I look forward to seeing you all then, ‘neath the elms.

The last word goes to **Jim Dod**, who shared these deep thoughts about Reunion. “I haven’t been back to Trin since the last Reunion I attended. I can’t remember what that was. Of course, I can’t remember what I had for breakfast either. Oh, the brain cells I must have destroyed in college!” We are looking forward to welcoming you back in June.

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Jean Walshe took to my travel theme to inform that she is looking forward to returning this summer to Stockholm and its beautiful city by the sea. This proved less difficult since she possesses an EU passport. Jean will be spending time at friend’s cottage in the archipelago and enjoying Swedish summer traditions. Jean still resides on Martha’s Vineyard and invites anyone with plans to visit to look her up.

Work travel has been somewhat back to normal for **Jeff Bamonte** since the spring started. On the personal side, he had a nice get-together with friends and family on Amelia Island in April at the Ritz-Carlton. His clan all converged from Rhode Island; Miami; Charleston, South Carolina, and Nashville, Tennessee. Jeff plans to continue traveling among Rhode Island, Nashville, and Charleston for the summer, mixing work with time off. On a proud parent note, his daughter Lauren graduated from Vanderbilt University, summa cum laude, in May 2021 and will be attending the University of Virginia School of Law in August 2021.

I heard from **Ron Carroll** and **Steve Gomes** recently with a nice update. Steve works with Trinity as a program lead for the school’s Tech-Edge program. Ron works with the IT team at State Street Bank and has a consulting company on the side. So, Steve invited Ron to present on the topic of agile software development. I understand it was a big hit with the students. Ron also took advantage of the trip to see **Tom Merrill** at his Madison, Connecticut, home to discuss great point guards in NBA history (i.e., Walt Frazier).

Tim Yasui continues to provide updates on the Hollywood projects he is involved in. Opening nationwide this summer is a movie he associate produced called *Death Rider in the House of Vampires* that stars Glenn Danzig and Julian Sands. His next film will be a horror project called *Frost* that he

co-produced in Southern California. Finally, if that's not enough, he's released an album worldwide called *The Billtown All-Stars Live in Concert* that was recorded last summer in his hometown of Williamsport, Pennsylvania. I'll say that our classmate on the coast sure stays busy.

Mark Dibble writes that two weeks after he and his got their second vaccine, they flew to Santa Fe, New Mexico, which is an annual destination. The trip always affords them the opportunity to step outside of their New England habitat and sample the history, topography, ethnicity, fauna, flora, and food of the old southwest. They love the adobe architecture, as it's very elemental and calming. Mark says it was great to get on a plane and do something different. He bought some cowboy boots but worried the locals would spot his New England gait immediately. Mark says the highlight of the trip was touring the Georgia O'Keeffe Museum and visiting her ranch about an hour north to explore the grounds on horseback. He asks for anyone to please let him know if you plan on visiting Santa Fe as he has lots of suggestions of what to do.

My first post-COVID plane trip will be in July with my wife and children as we travel to see my family on Long Island for the first time in nearly two years. We took care to give my mother space during the pandemic as she's approaching 85. She will get some big hugs upon arrival. I say I'm bringing my children, but my daughter Kelly Ann will be a senior at Tulane in the fall, while my son Brian will be a freshman at Texas A&M. In addition, I do plan on getting to a football game at Trinity this fall and hope to see some of you there.

That's all for this edition. Stay safe, but go embrace life again and make up for lost time!

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Susan Greene recently sent me an "offer you can refuse" that, of course, I really couldn't. Apparently, it's now my turn to collect the news you feel like sharing with your classmates.

Steve Tall and I are celebrating our 34th anniversary this year and have four grown children. Our youngest, Charlie, recently graduated from Clark University and is going on tour this fall with his band, Frances Forever. Our daughter, Emily, had a very productive COVID year, buying a house, getting engaged, and then eloping! They live in Austin, Texas, and Steve and I finally got a chance to visit in May. We are looking for an opportunity to visit our son Sam in L.A., hopefully before he's already married! Our

oldest, Chris, lives in our in-law apartment, so we get to see him a little more often. Steve has been running a trust company here in New Hampshire and regularly keeps in touch with **Marc Ackerman** and **Bob Sansonetti**. We also meet up with **Steve Klots** whenever he is preaching in Rye, New Hampshire.

Weezie Kerr Mackey has survived a "wild and wooly year" and is still in Houston. She has been working for 13 years at Rice University as a writer in the business school. Two years ago, she went part time and started a co-working space with husband Rob. She reports, "I'm still doing both jobs until my sons are out of college (three more years). I love running Origin because I've had to learn all the things they teach in business school, and it keeps me feeling relevant." She manages to keep in touch with **Laney Lynch**, **Liz Lynch**, **Annie Mathiasen**, **Suzy Schwartz**, **Sue Rice**, and **Lisa Sperry**.

Paul Kramer reports from Michigan, "My partner (an R.N.) and I (public health laboratory LIMS administrator) continued to work in person throughout, as working remotely was/is not an option for our lines of work. Things were a little hectic here as we were initially the only source of COVID testing in Michigan." He hopes to join his partner as she travels home to Nairobi.

Glenn Bradford writes, "This is my first-ever note to a class secretary, so I would think that you are already doing quite well in your new role. Let's see. What to say ... I have two adult children, both boys. I'm retired, thanks to my wife, who continues to work. I had a long career as a computer programmer with AT&T and its spinoffs and a few-year stint at a computer security start-up. We've lived in central New Jersey for the past 35 years. Looking back, I do have fond memories of Trinity, of good friends (I chatted with **Kathy Aiken Sullivan** a few weeks ago), of being opened up to the world of ideas, and in particular of the wonderful Cinestudio. With more free time on my hands, I'm learning to design websites around projects that interest me—one was about a year in music and another about a presidential administration. Retirement harkens me back to how I felt as a teenager, when I had fewer responsibilities and the excitement of the possibilities ahead. If you can swing it, go for it!"

Peter Stinson and partner Lisa met Steve and I for dinner while traveling through Portsmouth. Peter is a principal of Unicorn Hollow LLC. He says, "As to the notes, I'm alive."

Jane Melvin, a former class secretary herself, thoughtfully sent an update as well. "For the first decade after we graduated, I joked about running a hot dog stand, and this may seem like it's in the same category, but for real, like many others, we decided at the

beginning of COVID to make a big move. Our son went off to the University of Minnesota College of Science and Engineering, and we packed up the dog and moved out of the home we'd raised our son in and relocated to Fort Wayne, Indiana. In classic fashion, it wouldn't make sense to the rest of the world, but it's closer to my ballroom dance studio, where I spend as much time as I can, it's closer to Detroit (where my husband's job will be based), and because everyone else is downsizing, we spread out in a house we love on a quiet, tree-lined golf course. Professionally, I hung out a shingle about 19 years ago and started a strategy and creativity consulting practice, and it's still going. COVID caused so much pain and heartbreak, and we, like so many, hope the path out also will include some healing of the divisiveness as well as brighter days in general. If anyone is coming through Fort Wayne, come on by."

Tom DaSilva shared, "I still practice foot and ankle surgery with Kaiser Permanente in Walnut Creek, California. Our daughter will be moving to Seattle in the fall to attend the University of Washington. So, we will have an empty nest for any classmates coming to the San Francisco Bay Area. I perform regularly with the World Doctors Orchestra, a charitable organization of some 700 physicians who travel the world to perform classical music for local charities. Our last performance before the pandemic was in Portugal and was attended by none other than our own Gerry Moshell. It was great to see him since he retired from Trinity. I am happy to report that he has not aged. If you are in any of the following areas, please let me know, and I will update you as to our upcoming concerts: London; Dallas; Tucson, Arizona; Boston; and Dortmund, Germany."

Elizabeth Davis offers: "May you all have made it through from 'before times' to 'now times' with enough wherewithal to carry on. Most days, I am quite grateful to have done so myself. The other days, I try very hard not to wallow."

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Back in June, we had another virtual Reunion. The Kumospace cocktail reception, with our avatars working the room, was a new one for most of us. At one point, two **Kat Castle Grants** were moving about, and sometimes we were unable to hear the classmates we were smooched together

with, but hey, the virtual drinks were free! Before the reception, some of our classmates discussed how addressing a variety of needs we all see every day has given their lives purpose and meaning. The reflections and audiovisual presentation were truly inspiring and humbling, more so than can be conveyed here. I hope they will serve as a launch to reinvigorating our own efforts to make the world a better place, as individuals and as a class.

John Bonelli has shown us that great things can come from individual efforts. He played a critical role in making Trinity's outreach to the community a vital part of students' individual experiences and a component of the college's mission. He reminded us of the tutoring, Big Brothers Big Sisters, and other acts of volunteerism many in our class took on and how it helped build a foundation for service that Trinity students engage in up to this day. From his activism on campus to service as a VISTA volunteer to advocacy for LGBTQ rights to meeting the needs of the homeless and food insecure, he has devoted his life to a more equitable and just society. There was a lot of interest in his suggestion for having a service component at our next in-person Reunion.

Sonia Plumb, as many of you know, started a dance company in Hartford right after Trinity. For Sonia, dance is not only a performing art but also a means of outreach and education. Years ago, her experience as a parent in Hartford helped her see the impediments to advancement and opportunity faced by many students of color in Hartford's public schools, so she established an apprenticeship program with local grant money. She said dancers regularly create shapes and angles with their bodies, so she is using dance to teach geometry and algebra. Her *Dance of da Vinci 2.0* is inspired by the original Renaissance man's drawings of the human form.

Mike Duffy recalled his grade school years in Florida and the essential role that tutoring played in his overcoming lapses in instruction. Today, as president at Great Oaks Charter Schools, he is excited about "high-dosage tutoring." Each student in the organization's schools has some personal time with a tutor every day. That kind of one-on-one attention could be integral to shoring up education coming out of the pandemic. More broadly, it could be a model for young people to create personal bonds that inspire, empower, and strengthen our communities.

Our gathering was enabled by technology that has roots in Intel's work linking office phones and computers and is migrating rapidly to cloud computing. **Cathy Wallert Spence** would know. She was present at the creation and, in many ways, has been

intimately involved with this technological evolution. Her current position of senior principal engineer requires a vote of peers, something akin to a grant of tenure.

Technology, of course, is elemental to nearly everything. **Sue Pasioka** is vice president for strategic alliances for Americas Ocean Watch, which is dedicated to restoring the health of our oceans and enabling a sustainable ocean economy. She explained the concept of environmental DNA, one of the tools used to study how the oceans are responding to climate change, pollution, and other threats. "I believe technology will solve problems caused by climate change. I have to be an optimist," she said, acknowledging that the data can be quite sobering.

Sydney Fee recounted the unique experience as a native of Nantucket and being part of family businesses on the island, going back generations. The iconic Henry Jr. sandwich shop is a favorite of locals and tourists alike, and Sydney enjoys the personal relationships with customers she has developed over the years. While a lifelong islander, she is intimately connected to wider communities. One of her sons is on the autism scale, and she has been active in Autism Speaks. She says the experience has been an "honor and incredible learning process."

Despite COVID's year of despair, disappointment, and disruption, our classmates are seeing opportunities to connect with other people and organizations to enhance their work, to educate, and to serve. Through all the tumult of change since 1985 and life's challenges, whether typical or unexpected, Sydney reflected that a universal message for all of us is "to be more accepting and caring of each other." Words to live by.

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Hello, all. I hope everyone had a great summer! Not much to report this time.

I exchanged a quick birthday greeting with **Karin Bennett Micheletti**, where she passed along the news that her youngest daughter graduated from high school this spring and is headed to college in New England this fall. Karin looks forward to spending more time in the area and hopes to reconnect with Trinity friends.

My wife, Jen, and I live about 45 minutes south of Hartford and have made a good effort over the years to get back on campus to watch football, squash, and lacrosse. We have two sons who became Bantams: Ben '20 and Charlie '23. Hopefully, visitors will be allowed back on campus this fall, when

teams start competing again. It's fun to bump into Trinity friends on campus.

Speaking of returning to campus, a quick reminder that our 35th Reunion has been rescheduled to June 2022; stay tuned for details.

Don't be shy—pass along any news you want to share.

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Hoping everyone had a wonderful summer!

Mary Ambrogio Cashman checked in to say, "I recently got together with my Trin roommate and still-best friend **Susan Tiffany** in N.Y.C. in early June. Susan was visiting up north from her home in Miami Beach, and we were able to relax and unwind in the city and catch up. We were marveling at how many years we have been friends (I won't do the math here) and how lucky we all were to have such a wonderful experience at Trinity. On a personal note, I have finally taken the leap and combined my love of writing and my love of travel and started a luxury travel blog, www.theluxuriousjourney.com and would love to share that with my Trinity friends."

Nice to hear from **Mark Jamilkowski**, who writes, "This past May, my son, Blake, graduated Trinity, Class of '21. My wife, Sandra, and I were very happy to be able to share in the experience in person, on the quad, and are very thankful to all medical personnel, college administration, and bio-pharm innovators who had a hand in making that possible. We continue to live in N.Y.C., and I have been in frequent contact with fellow Trin N.Y.C.ers **Mark 'Scotland' Davis** and **Casia Daly**. I still work with the health care industry as a strategic consultant and actuary, most recently working toward launching a start-up!" Good luck, Mark, on your new venture, and congratulations on having another Bantam in the house!

Another proud dad, **David Lloyd**, reports that his son, "David '23, a rising junior at Trinity, has started RYT, a nutrition brand offering vitamin-infused gummies. Turning 21 in July, he plans to ship his first 1,000 units in time for the inevitable keg parties that will result."



Top to bottom: Sean Preiss '88 and Doug Curtis '88 (aka The Flyover Brothers) chair a mini-Class of '88 reunion at The Ooltewah Club in Chattanooga, Tennessee, in June 2021. • Kristin Bennett '89 reaches the summit of Mount Everest in May 2021. • Donna Haghighat '89 and Chris Dickinson '89 hike in Utah in May 2021.

So great to see the Bantam community growing! That's it for this time. Don't forget to join the Trinity College Class of 1988 Facebook page. Hope to hear from you this fall for the winter edition! Stay tuned!

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Among the prompts for news for this edition was asking about how the pandemic influenced a major life change. While I'd previously reported that **Josh Bewlay's** experience locked down in Vermont instigated a permanent relocation there from Tuxedo

Park, New York, he provides an update that they're very much enjoying all the hiking and biking, as well as the 80-plus-percent vaccination rate there.

Donna Haghighat writes to say that she and husband **Chris Dickinson** traveled to Utah in early May to watch their son Will graduate college and to hike some of the area's beautiful parks. They then spent Memorial Day at **Todd Gillespie's** on Lake Mohawk in Sparta, New Jersey. She added, "Chris helped spearhead the active search for a new ED for Cinestudio." Well done, Chris!

Kate Roy Sullivan sent greetings from Boston, where she continues her independent clinical psychology practice. She added, "Two weeks ago saw my son James graduate 'neath the elms!" Congratulations, Kate and James, you Bants, and to all the Class of '21 grads who were able to have an in-person ceremony in May.

Heeding the call for news from academia prompted an update from **Susan Hangen**. She has served as the dean of humanities and global studies at Ramapo College of New Jersey since 2017. She lives in N.Y.C., and her daughter will attend Macalester College in the fall.

Writes **Judy Sandford**, "I am one of those people who has not submitted anything in quite some time. I think the last time I wrote in 2014, I had moved to Boston to help my parents move into a retirement community. And I worked for three years at Cone Communications leading sustainability reporting. Once my folks were settled, I moved back to the New York area, this time in Irvington, New York." Judy and partner Scott have been in Irvington for three years, and she's once again with Addison, a boutique consulting agency, where she is managing director of the ESG communications group. Judy added, "One thing I accomplished during the pandemic was becoming a climate reality leader with Al Gore's Climate Reality Project thanks to a virtual global training. I often see classmates **Kelly Keating**, Nancy Barry '88, Michelle Boudreau '88, and Barbara Caldarone '88, sometimes for art crawls in Chelsea."

Rob Cummings checks in for the first time in a while, too. "I recently started working as director of technology for a start-up virtual and hybrid events company called BeyondLive. It is based in Silicon Valley, but in keeping with the virtual nature of the business, I work out of my home office in South Salem, New York. My lovely wife, **Ciorsdan Conran**, is our town's planning administrator. Our three boys are weathering the COVID storm pretty well. Our youngest (Sawyer) is in 10th grade and is interested in architecture. Our middle guy (Orion) is majoring in computer science at Binghamton University. Our

oldest (Griffin) is a recent biomedical engineering graduate and joined Abbott Labs last year. We recently have seen fellow Class of '89ers **Samantha Koster**, **Jen Kehl**, **Liz Osterhus**, **Katie Sherr Blanque**, **Emily Blumenfeld**, **Victoria Arthaud**, and **Matt Maginniss**."

Jenn Sussman lives in Prospect, Connecticut, with her partner, Wes; her 22-year-old son, Eli; her 23-year-old daughter, Ruth, who came home to regroup after earning a B.A. in psychology from the University of Maine at Farmington; and Wes's 8-year-old daughter. "As full as our house is, it's great to have our kids close, especially in this time of necessary distance from family and friends." She's been at UConn Health, where she's a research associate in the Department of Public Health Sciences, having been with the UConn system going on 30 years. "I've had the honor of coordinating the DMHAS Center for Prevention Evaluation and Statistics (CPES) at UConn Health, a statewide data and evaluation resource center that supports Connecticut's behavioral health efforts." She has spent quality time in person with **Gina Letellier** and virtually with **Dana Skinger Farr**. "These visits have served as an important reminder of just how precious friendship is."

Lydia Babbitt writes, "I just celebrated my 26th year at O&G Industries, a family-owned construction services firm based in Connecticut. I still celebrate being wife to Conrad Sienkiewicz and mom to our incredibly beautiful and talented daughter, Caroline, every single day." Lydia continues to entertain local audiences with theatrical performances, adding intriguingly, "and have managed to keep my clothes on while doing so since my role in *Calendar Girls* in the spring of 2017." Her other pursuits include shooting muzzle-loading artillery, lay preaching at her home parish of Trinity Episcopal Church, and hiking with her husband and their dog, Sirius Black, in the woods near their home.

Continuing to enjoy life in retirement, **Sean Dougherty** was elected this year to the Board of Directors of the Society to Preserve and Encourage Radio Drama, Variety and Comedy (sperdvac.com), a California-based group dedicated to his beloved hobby of collecting old-time radio programs.

Andrew Warren reported his pandemic-related news. "It was definitely an intense pandemic year the last 12–15 months. Aidance Scientific, which I co-founded with a friend about 17 years ago, had some real highs and lows." Sadly, Andrew also reported that he lost an incredible matriarchal aunt and later her son during this time, but he had some good news as well. "We were very blessed to make it to Israel this past winter for my oldest son's wedding despite the many travel restrictions and challenges. The couple found each other during the dark days of COVID

Mark Eller '89



DEGREES: B.A. in English; M.A. in English literature, University of Maryland

JOB TITLE: Director of foundations and new business, Leave No Trace Center for Outdoor Ethics

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: So many Trinity memories ... which is why I continue to socialize with a great group of friends from the Classes of '88 and '89. We've been getting together for an annual ski trip for close to two decades now. The usual suspects include Seth Goodwin '89, Jonas Katkavich '89, Eric Beatty '88, Richard Diforio '88, Chris Harges '88, Amani Martin '88, Mike Rorick '88, and Pete Weiss '88. The trip actually started in honor of Jay Herman Blum '88, our Trinity friend who passed away way too soon.

“It’s gratifying to work on projects that encourage people to think of themselves as stewards of the natural world.”

What is the mission of Leave No Trace?

The center’s mission is to protect the outdoors by teaching and inspiring people to enjoy it responsibly.

What do you do in your role with the organization?

My focus is on development work—finding revenue streams that support our mission and encouraging new partners to invest in core programs. I work with family foundations, government grants, and like-minded businesses within the outdoor sports market and also in sectors like the tourism and automotive industries. It’s a medium-sized nonprofit, so I get to dabble in other areas too, like creating a citizen science program that allows people to contribute to the health of natural areas by collecting data that land managers can use to make informed decisions.

What do you enjoy most about what you do?

The outdoor world has always been a source of inspiration for me, so it’s gratifying to work on projects that encourage people to think of themselves as stewards of the natural world.

What are the biggest challenges you face?

You might have noticed that trails, rivers, and beaches all saw record visitation in recent years. Most people want to play a positive role when they’re outdoors, but they aren’t always aware of the simple protective measures they can enact. The center emphasizes the concept of cumulative impacts—it’s about taking individual actions that add up to benefit the environment.

How has COVID-19 impacted parks and natural areas?

The pandemic forced many people to cancel their plans for air travel and destination-focused vacations. Pretty much everyone decided to scoop up some camping gear and head into the great outdoors. That’s good news in terms of peoples’ awareness of natural areas, but it also means that there are lots of folks trying new activities and a profound need for practical, easily understood advice.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for the work you do?

Throughout my professional life, the writing and critical-analysis skills that I was encouraged to develop at Trinity have been essential. I’ve worked as a magazine editor, a communications director, and now a nonprofit professional for more than 15 years. Each of those roles required studying complex issues and exploring solutions with cogent writing.

You participated in crew at Trinity. What lessons did you take from that experience into your life?

Rowing at Trinity was a revelation to me. I played soccer and basketball through high school, but I’d never really gotten excited about racing sports. I discovered that it’s possible to put everything you have into an activity and receive even more, especially when you’re doing it alongside equally devoted teammates.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Why?

My freshman seminar with Dirk A. Kuyk Jr.—who passed away just this year—was undoubtedly one of the best learning experiences of my life. I was intrigued by the “What Is Literature?” theme of that freshman seminar, and Professor Kuyk became my academic adviser. He favored short assignments, sometimes just one paragraph of analysis, but he always provided copious feedback and demanded precision.

What advice would you give to current Trinity students about making the most of their time at the college?

Allow yourself to be truly inspired in the classroom, on the playing fields, and socially. There aren’t many other times in life when you will be offered such an array of stimulating pursuits and people, so find the ones that appeal to you and dig into them.

and along with friends pulled off a ‘marriage impossible’ event, amid lockdowns and regulations, worthy of a Tom Cruise *Mission Impossible* soundtrack.”

Our own **Kristin Bennett**, president and CEO of KB Science, nonchalantly mentioned that she’s recently returned from summiting Mount Everest! Talk about an amazing post-pandemic activity!

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Hi, fellow Trin alumni! This will be a short but sweet first dive into my new post as class secretary. Going forward, I hope to be hearing “official” updates from many more of you and getting everyone up to speed on all the happenings of our fellow classmates. Please keep in mind, these official updates don’t count many more “unofficial” ones I hear from you on various social media outlets. So, send stuff into me that you want posted here, if you are so inclined.

I have officially gotten shout-outs from **Joanne Fredell Bagan**, **Molly Whelahan Ducker**, **Liz Bakulski Peterson**, **Kaitlin McDermott** ’90, **Kimberly Marth Boehner**, **Jen Tesoro Reese**, **Brook McWhirter**, **Heather Watkins Walsh**, and **Rachel Kroh Shook**. They all send the best to all classmates.

Speaking of which, in-person Reunion is being planned ’neath the elms for June 2022. I’ll be posting what I know in the months to come, but your best bet for info is to check the Trinity website. Really looking forward to it happening and seeing those who can make it and for sure hoping that will be a good majority of you.

Take care all, and keep those cards and letters flowing.

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Dear Class of 1992, I hope that you are enjoying the summer, especially with the

reopening of the country. I have some sad news to share. **Kevin Hall** passed away in May 2021. For sophomore year and the first half of junior year, Kevin lived in a quad room in Wheaton, along with **Mikio Miyawaki**, **Marc Davis**, and **Bill Dennen**. **Bill Dennen** shared, “Since Kevin’s passing, his roommates have been sharing our memories and stories of when we all lived together at Trinity.” We wish Kevin’s loved ones our sympathies and much comfort during this difficult time.

I did receive one update from **Daniel Martinez**, who writes: “I know it’s been decades since most of you have heard anything about me or from me. After I finally graduated in ’93, I went up to Vermont and skied for a few seasons. While there, life led me to create some bumper stickers, and my desire to learn more about business led me to get my M.B.A. from UMass. ... I began my corporate career back in Hartford and lived there for three years before moving to Boston for one year. My job in Boston led me to London, where I lived for nine years and had an absolutely amazing time. I started dancing Argentinean tango in 1994 and would travel and dance throughout most of Western Europe whenever I could. Then I had an opportunity arise that took me to Singapore for another five years, which again was an amazing experience.

“In parallel to my corporate career, I also studied psychotherapy, became a certified hypnotherapist, trainer of New Code NLP, and a transformational coach based on the Three Principles. In 2016, I moved back to the States to take care of my mother and in 2020 became certified in past life regression (spiritual regression), with the plan of completing my Life Between Lives training later this year. I recently started my *Spiritual Intelligence Podcast* and am helping people live better lives by deepening their understanding of what it means to be a spiritual being and how that can translate into a better quality of life in our day-to-day experience. I call my work Life Beyond Form because there is more to life than the just the form that we experience. It would be amazing to hear from anyone who would like to reach out and reconnect

or connect for the first time. I can be reached through my website, www.LifeBeyondForm.com. Hope everyone is doing well. I think of our years together at Trinity with tremendous fondness. May we all soar with inspiration, explore with passion, and live with love. From the bottom of my heart, Daniel”

Have a wonderful summer, and hope to hear from you in the fall. Jenn

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Hey, y’all. I’ve got nothing this time. Zilch. Zero point zero. But I hope you are all doing well. It seems most of us have turned or are turning 50 this year. I had a small gathering in May for my 50th, and fellow classmate **Peter Knight** showed up. Great to see him and laugh about old, stupid stories. A few other Trinity grads were there, including **Ali Friedman Baird** ’94, **Tim Ward** ’07, and **Erika Anthony Ward** ’08. Hope you all have a wonderful summer!

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Hope everyone is having a great spring and summer as we emerge from the pandemic. **Anne Fisher** writes, “We wanted to share that our daughter **Dillon** just graduated from The Elliott School at GW with a major in international relations/security policy (anyone in D.C. hiring?), and our son **Connor** is starting his senior year at the University of South Carolina, majoring in mass communications/sports media. **Jake** started as general counsel



Mike Robinson ’94, Steve Lari ’94, Dan Herbert ’94, and Graham Schelter ’94 spend time earlier this year at the home of Ash Altschuler ’94 in Wilmington, Delaware.

Mike Giardi '93

You have a football fan's dream job. What path did you take to get to your position?

I always knew I wanted to be involved in sports. Or be a lawyer (my mom said I argued everything for a while there). I thought I'd follow my father's and brother's path and be a football coach but do it on the college level (my dad did that at the tail end of his career). I had something lined up at SUNY Albany, but it fell through, so after I graduated from Trinity, I went home and bartended for a while and eventually struck up a conversation with the local sports editor of *The Falmouth Enterprise*. He asked what I wanted to do, and I told him I wanted to try what he was doing. He got me 10 hours a week, and I was hooked. Eventually, he moved to Costa Rica (true story), and I had done enough to get his job. Did that for three years but knew I wanted to try TV. With the encouragement of my wife (Sandra Sillman '93), I took a shot, applying to only BU and Emerson. If I got in, it was meant to be. I got in. Interned under some really great professionals, got my master's, and got my first job in TV as a sports director in Binghamton, New York. Fifteen months later, I was fortunate to be back in Boston and have been here ever since, first working for NECN, then Comcast SportsNet New England (which eventually became NBC Sports Boston), and finally, here at the NFL Network for the last three years. Being able to focus on one sport after two decades of covering them all is awesome. Dream come true ... 12-year-old me would have never believed this would have happened.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

The game. The strategy behind it. The people behind it. It's the best reality show there is.

What challenges do you face? This business is so much about building relationships. Sometimes there is a level of distrust or an effort to control the flow of that information to best protect the team or a player's interest. Those can be difficult hurdles to overcome.



How has your work changed with the COVID-19 pandemic? Building those relationships, or renewing ones you already had, was severely hampered by COVID-19. There were no face-to-face conversations with players. It wasn't allowed. I also didn't step on a plane for over a year, and those road games I did attend, I drove to. Buffalo. New Jersey. Baltimore. But to keep my family safe, and myself safe, during this uncertainty, that was the only way I would do it. I also managed a half dozen teams and their Zoom calls daily. I'll admit that there were plenty of times I had a hard time keeping the times straight!

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for what you do now? I wrote for the student paper at Trinity. I played football. And I learned how to handle hard deadlines and, on occasion, how to finesse people (professors) who had all the clout.

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? Professor Dirk Kuyk, who recently passed away. I probably took a half dozen classes with him, and he was my adviser for my senior

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JOB TITLE: Reporter at NFL Network

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: I certainly loved my time on the football team and the relationships formed through that. We sacrificed a lot for one goal. I would love to do that all over again. There were those many hours spent in the dining hall, eating cereal for every meal and laughing with my friends about everything and anything. I met my wife there, and we have two wonderful kids. I wouldn't change that for anything.

thesis. My roommate Justin Grigg '93 and I used to joke that Professor Kuyk was William Faulkner. He knew that man's material better than maybe even Faulkner himself did. He was a fascinating man and was the only person who ever threw me out of a class. I hadn't done the reading. I got what I deserved. That didn't happen again. Much respect.

at Rock-It Cargo last year, and Anne Fisher Needlepoint continues to grow like crazy since everyone picked up needlepoint while they were stuck at home during COVID.”

Michelle Falbo Fernando reports, “I am still married to Sanji, who can be quite annoying.”

As we emerged from the pandemic, a few of us took the opportunity to visit **Ash Altschuler** in Wilmington, Delaware. **Graham Schelter, Mike Robinson, Rob Weber, Dan Herbert, Steve Lari,** and **Jonesy Lerch** attended, along with Christian Johnson '92 and a surprise appearance by Jack Kirkpatrick '92. We enjoyed a weekend of paddle tennis and pong at Ash's. And on Sunday, we played 18 holes at Wilmington Country Club as guests of Ash. While our current president also is a member at Wilmington, Ash still proclaims himself the King of Delaware.

In other news, **John Donohue** ran into his former freshman-year roommate, **Tom Corderman**. Tom continues to be the most interesting man. With the country emerging from the pandemic, Tom is hoping to capitalize on the reopening by branching out to brewing. He and his partners have developed a yet-to-be-named, smooth-sipping IPA. He was inspired by his dominance in the classic fun dorm activity, a case race. He told John how he enjoyed dominating others, including **Graham Schelter** and **Greg Haffner**. He hopes his new brew is “the taste of a case race in a can.” We wish him luck in the new endeavor. Hope all have a great summer!

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Hello to all! Wonderful to hear from **Kate Roberts**, who reports, “Well, I wound up living in West Hartford after 20 years in Brooklyn. I live here with my wife and two sons and love the area. We work with schools across the country on literacy curriculum and pedagogy and write books for teachers. I'm still in touch with **Vivian Holtzman Connolly** and **Nathan Marinoff** regularly. Some people who work at Trinity live around me, and it's interesting to hear about what it's like to work there.”

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1996 Class Secretary: **Vacant** • Class Agents: **Anne Chick Goodrich, John Dugan, Hank Foryth, P.J. Louis, Page Fairman Rich**

The class secretary position for the Class of 1996 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.

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From **Sam Chang**: “This time around the main question is, ‘What are you excited for this summer?’ For me, our family is going on a monthlong vacation in July. We've rented a house on the Oregon coast to spend some time with my wife's family. After that, we're heading to Hawaii. First stop is Oahu, where I used to work. We're visiting friends and my mom. Then it's off to Maui for some R & R without family. On our way back to the East Coast, we're stopping in San Diego for a few days to break up the long trip back.”

Courtney Zwirn: “I'm looking forward to family vacations and all three boys going back to sleepaway camp for two weeks! Be sure to mark your calendars for June 9-12, 2022, for an epic double Reunion with the Class of 1996 (and all of the other 6/1 classes). I would love to see us crush the 25th Reunion attendance record!”

Joe Tranquillo: “Thanks for reaching out! This summer I'm excited to camp in the newest national park (New River Gorge in West Virginia) with my family. I'll also finish out my term as Bucknell University's Teaching & Learning Center director and am excited to start a new position as the inaugural associate provost for transformative teaching and learning.”

Mary Kent Hearon is visiting **Yasmine Nainzadeh** in Miami.

From **Agnieszka “Aki” Stepinska**: “These are my first Class Notes ever! I figured, why not? Better late than never. Especially after such a year. I have not visited the campus since I left in 1997. I am excited for a more typical summer in 2021. Our kids, Max, 16, and Emma, 15, started their very first jobs as lifeguards. It was exciting for the first couple of shifts until they realized that it was no dream, and some shifts are boring. It is still better than last summer, so they are super excited about hanging out with their friends. We just came back from our very first post-COVID family trip to the Florida Keys. It was super fun going somewhere besides our little town in the suburbs of Chicago. I have been working on a couple of projects that took longer than I anticipated, but I am super excited to create new work

and go the entrepreneurial route. I am bad at keeping in touch, so my goal is to take more initiative and reach out to all my good friends this summer.”

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As COVID restrictions are lifted, many of us are starting to resume life as normal (or close to it). I'm happy to have updates on several of our classmates. My first outing post-restrictions was to have dinner with **Jen Moore Cramer**. It was great to catch up with my former roommate. Her stepdaughter, Alikah, graduated from Souderton Area High School and will be attending Arcadia University in the fall, where she will study art therapy. Jen also welcomed a grandson into her life when stepdaughter Brittany had a baby boy, Camden Nicolas Caroll, on May 10, 2021. Brittany, Camden, and dad Matt are doing well, and Jen is looking forward to traveling to see them in Charleston, South Carolina.

Jeff Cross writes, “I was a double winner at the 2021 Hollywood Boulevard Film Festival's screenplay contest, receiving both Best Comedy Screenplay for my Christmas satire *Black Friday* and Best Action Adventure Screenplay for my Tom Clancy/*Top Gun* satire *Fugitive Cougar*. These bring my total number of screenwriting contest honors to 19.”

Kirsten Tulchin-Francis had some exciting news as well. She shared, “In October 2019, I was selected as an AAAS IF/THEN Ambassador through a program aimed to empower current STEM innovators and to inspire the next generation of pioneers. IF/THEN is designed to activate a culture shift among young girls to open their eyes to STEM careers by funding and elevating women in STEM as role models; convening cross-sector partners in entertainment, fashion, sports, business, and academia to illuminate the importance of STEM everywhere; and inspiring girls with better portrayals of women in STEM through media and learning experiences to pique their interest in STEM careers.

“On May 15, 2021, the *#IfThenSheCan—The Exhibit* opened at NorthPark Center in Dallas. This monumental exhibit representing the most women statues ever assembled in one location anywhere in the world consists of over 120 life-sized, 3D-printed, statues of AAAS IF/THEN Ambassadors, including me, hailing from more than 40 states. Along with each statue are interactive audio and video features for each woman through QR codes, with access to their personal stories and highlights about their

Rhithu Siddharth '97

What path did you take to working with the U.N.? Internships, fellowships, and summer jobs are the best way to get your foot in the door. After Trinity, I was an intern on immigration and international adoption issues for the late Senator Edward Kennedy, based in his office in Boston. I received a scholarship from the Indian American Forum for Political Education of Massachusetts. I created the first resettlement program for children while a summer intern at the International Institute of Boston. During my master's, I spent a summer with the Reebok Human Rights Department in Massachusetts and received a fellowship from the U.N. working on refugee issues based in Washington, D.C. While at Trinity, I interned at the Public Defender's Office in Hartford, where I helped interview and observe courtroom procedures of juveniles charged with crimes.

What do you do in your current position? I am based in Libya working for the U.N. on humanitarian and development issues for people in need during a complex, active conflict since the fall of Gadhafi. I help prepare and implement the mission's humanitarian and development agenda and on the delivery of aid, such as shelter, food, clean water, medical supplies (including those for COVID-19), education, and much more. It is an internal and external balancing act with all players, the good and the bad. It is supposed to be similar on paper to what I once did in Syria, but there is no one size fits all for the impact violence has on people's lives.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I enjoy the people I meet. Just when I think I have seen it all, no two days are the same. In my work, you meet some of the most generous, resilient people to living devils across cultures and political, tribal, social, economic, and religious affiliations. It is what I studied, and I see it in reality.

What are your biggest challenges? My biggest challenge is merging my personal and professional goals. How much do I sacrifice and compromise myself and at what cost?

Has the COVID-19 pandemic affected your work? Our work was compounded by conflict and COVID-19. But I have to say I was not affected by the loneliness or isolation because we never stopped working. It was crisis mode in Libya; we live in compounds with extreme security and safety measures that were adjusted for COVID, but we were still out and serving people.

How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your career? I loved it at Trinity. I am Indian in ethnicity, and I was lucky for my exposure to classmates from various races, cultures, and ethnicities, which also included international students. I did not stick to my graduating class. I was quiet in most of my classes, but the curricula, debates, and dialogues stayed with me and helped formulate my thinking, observations, and decision-making processes.

Did you have a professor who was particularly influential? My most influential professors were Ellison Findly and Vijay Prashad. Professor Findly opened my mind to the way I interpret various religions and arts, even when I travel today. Professor Prashad, with whom I was able to reunite a couple of years ago when he was a visiting professor at American University of Beirut (I was posted on the border between Israel and Lebanon), has me challenging sources of information and narratives. I also was able to spend some time with Professor Ranbir Vohra, who was chair of the Political Science Department, during his retirement in New Delhi; he taught me to respect history.



DEGREES: B.A. in political science and international studies; Asian studies; M.A. in political science, American University

JOB TITLE: Special assistant to the deputy head of mission in Libya, United Nations

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: My favorite memory was a piper who played his bagpipes early Sunday mornings by the Trinity Chapel. The sounds of the bagpipes echoed the beauty of the Trinity campus at that time. Also, my Trinity memories live on, as the friends I made are my family for life. I travel so much for work, but I can always pick up the phone or email my Trinity friends. I wish to add that I could not write this without remembering the lives that we lost from the Class of 1997: Scott Johnson, who lost his life in the second building of the Twin Towers during the horrific 9/11, and recently we lost Nicholas Morehead to cancer.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Those classes that revolved around themes of the political development of citizenship from the earliest of times influenced me the most. *Common Sense* by Thomas Paine stuck out for me. And the readings and dialogues on citizenships, belongings, theories of inside/outside, and creating nationalism and enemies still construct my thinking skills.

STEM careers. Originally slated to open last year but postponed due to the pandemic, the exhibit is free to the public and runs through October 2021.”

And last but certainly not least, **Ellie Newman Petrov** and husband Denny '01 moved to Trinity, Florida, in 2018. This past fall, they opened Salty Dog Kayak Rentals to give people a safe and fun activity during COVID and an affordable way to get out on the water. Ellie and Denny's two teenage boys help to run the family business. They had a recent visit from **Christina Tsoules Soriano** and her family, who came out to paddle for the day! They are just north of Clearwater and would love to see more Trin alums who are in the area.

That's all for this issue of the *Reporter*. As always, please send any news you'd like to share to jessicalvincent@yahoo.com.

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Wow. Where do I even begin? First off, sorry for my delinquency with the notes. There's been kind of a lot going on. LOL. But also, shame on all of you for not sharing your news! So, now that we are even on that note, I truly hope you are all hanging in there and doing well after what can only be described as the most bizarre year to date in our 44ish years of life. My gosh. For me personally, being the owner of a tour business in Boston—a food-tour business to be precise—was interesting, and from a COVID-restrictions standpoint, we did not fare well. Restaurants? Closed. Gathering with strangers to share a meal? Canceled. Walking around the city in groups? Also canceled. So, 2020 was a challenge professionally to say the least, but alas, we survived, and for that, I am grateful. I hope that you all survived whatever respective challenges 2020 brought you and that you are all back to kicking ass in 2021. Cheers!

My apologies to **Ann Restak**, who wrote me in February 2020, just before everything changed. Ann competed in the New Balance Indoor Grand Prix in Boston in January of last year and placed third in the women's masters mile with a time of ... wait for it ... 5:27.59! (And that was third place? Crazy!) Amazing accomplishment, Ann, and still newsworthy a year and a half later. Congratulations!

Robert Goldsmith was lucky enough to squeeze in some awesome travel before things shut down! In February 2020, he shared the following news: “Just got back from El Salvador with the Global Smile

Foundation, completing another successful cleft lip and palate mission. Also became an uncle again in December. And in October got to travel for a month in Australia and New Zealand.” Great timing on those trips, Robert. Hope all is well in N.Y.C.!

In more recent updates, it was great to hear from Spain from **Kerry Ann McKeivitt**, who wrote about what her last year has looked like as an educator abroad: “I have been assistant principal in a public language school, EOI de Ferrol, for the last three years, and it has been quite the adventure. Last year, when COVID hit, we were celebrating our cultural week, for which we had planned numerous activities, some of which had to be canceled (including a trip to Dublin another colleague and I had organized for 40 students). In addition to that, I was working as acting principal since our principal was on sick leave, and I stayed on as such until after the summer. Like many educational professionals, my fellow teachers and I were sent home in mid-March, and we adapted as quickly as possible to online teaching from the comforts of our homes. In fact, we were in lockdown in Spain until May, more or less, so it was the only place we could really be. We returned to school in September and have had face-to-face classes and exams for the most part, albeit with face masks and social distancing. As for next year, we are still not sure what is to be expected, so we shall have to wait and see.” Glad things look to be moving in the right direction for you, Kerry! Spain is on my travel bucket list, so I'm really thinking good thoughts for you!

I think we can agree that amid the many negatives that we all now know a worldwide pandemic brings, there were also many positives—and important ones at that. For most of us, there was time to push pause and to take some time to reflect, and many made life changes, both big and small. I had seen on Facebook that **Meg Cleveland Stokenberry** had plans involving France in the works, so I had to get the scoop! She confirmed: “Yes, we have moved to France for a year while my son, Walker, takes a gap year before attending BU. Cený, 4, will hopefully start preschool in the fall over here, and we are excited to spend the year exploring and learning French.” I mean how awesome is it that Walker is coming to Boston to attend Boston University? OK, the year in France is pretty spectacular, too! No, really, that's one of the coolest things I have heard come out of last year, and I have serious baguette and pain au chocolat envy (it's always food-related for me). Have an amazing year, Meg and crew. What an amazing opportunity for your whole family!

Back in the United States, I made my first-ever trip to the Jersey Shore in early June

and enjoyed some time with some of my Trin fam in Beach Haven, New Jersey. It was a great way to kick off the summer, and it was so great to see **Karyn Meyer Johnson**, **Heidi Notman Muccifori**, **Beth Bronzino Deegan**, Amy Cardello '98, and Tristin Crotty '98 and to share a few adult beverages and some live music! Remember live music? I still can't believe how many people, places, and things we all missed at some point or another this past year, but I do know that I am definitely appreciating and savoring all of the special moments even more as a result. I hope you all are, too! Oh, and hey, feel free to tell me all about them so I can include them in the next *Reporter*. With that shameless plug, I'm signing off for now, but I'll see you in the next issue! Be well, Alyssa

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Classmates, I know that I am in good company in being disappointed to have not gathered to celebrate our Reunion this June. Hopefully, our gathering next June will more than make up for the postponement! I am pleased to continue serving as class secretary and greatly enjoy the sporadic emails that it brings from classmates near and far.

Speaking of which, **Martin Mihov** wrote from Hong Kong! He says, “The global journey our family embarked on after graduation continues full steam. Starting off in New York after graduation, we subsequently moved to London, Moscow, Manila, and, most recently, Hong Kong. I have been with Citi all along, covering major multinational corporates. It has been exciting to work and live in so many countries and expose our kids (10 and 12) to diverse cultures and experiences. As we move around, we certainly miss friends and family, the comforts of our own home, and a stable community around us. Yet, this globe-trotting has made us all more adaptable and helped forge stronger connections within our immediate family, bonds we can only wish would grow even stronger over time. Hope everyone is staying healthy and strong during these testing times and looking forward to seeing you all in person at the next Reunion!”



Calling ALL Baby Bantams!

Eve Madeline Glasz, daughter of Christine and Matt Glasz '04 and step-granddaughter of

Tom Lenahan '78, P'04 exudes Trinity spirit with her adorable onesie and huggable stuffed Bantam. And just look at that smile! Would you like to show off your baby (or grandbaby) decked out in Bantam attire? Please email your HIGH-RESOLUTION photo (300 dpi; generally at least 1MB) to sonya.adams@trincoll.edu. Please include your name and class year and the baby's name; the baby's date of birth and information about another parent or sibling(s) are optional. We'll aim to include your Baby Bantam in an upcoming issue of *The Trinity Reporter* and/or in the magazine's online edition.

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Hi, all. I, **Adrian Fadrhonc**, write you from White Stone, Virginia, where I am attempting to keep my kids occupied this summer. **Nick** and **Brooke Barquin** have made a few voyages here to get the kids together, which has been a lot of fun. Their dog relieved himself on my mother-in-law's new carpet. What are you going to do? It's worth noting that **Ashton Crosby** is now a father, on purpose. **Andy Robinson** writes, "My two kids are also loafing around the house between day camps and scout outings. They have really embraced the remote and hybrid learning this last year and have been overheard to say, 'I miss the cool videos and online projects from our teachers.' Summer trips have included mountain biking in Colorado, seeing the Chicago Red Stars soccer team, and a day sail on our wedding ship, the *Wendameen*, in Portland, Maine. Cheers to all of those out there getting back to normal safely."

Adam Chetkowski has extended his stay in Aspen, with his 8-year-old Harper having hiked Highland Bowl, making him a proud Papa.

Cecily Rouse Timmons is finishing up coursework required for her doctorate at Clemson University while simultaneously

opening an independent K–8 private school with an integrated curriculum and focus on outdoor education, experiential projects, and differentiated learning in Hendersonville, North Carolina, a small town south of Asheville. She misses so many folks in the Class of 2002 and wishes they would send some notes in!

Rebecca Brosnan was nominated by the IFC (member of the World Bank Group) to serve on the Board of Directors of City Bank, a leading bank in Bangladesh. Congrats!

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The class secretary position for the Class of 2003 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.

2004 Class Secretary: Jake Schneider, 59 Wallis Rd., Chestnut Hill, MA 02467-3174; jacob.schneider.2004@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Matt Glasz, Mimi MacKinnon, Jake Schneider • [f/groups/485669531523501](https://www.facebook.com/groups/485669531523501)

From **Matt Glasz**: "As many of you undoubtedly know, working from home when you have toddlers for co-workers brings a certain level of chaos. Among the many things that slipped through the cracks over the past year or so was sharing our news that Eve Madeline Glasz joined the #gigglesquad on May 7, 2020. She's all smiles and eager to enroll in the Trinity Class of '42!"

2005 Class Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Eileen Flynn, Devin Malay, Andrea Leverant Minor, Liz Hanusovsky Patterson • [f/groups/trinitycollegeclassof2005](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trinitycollegeclassof2005)

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Jamie Szal published her first book in November 2020, as co-author of *#Networked: How 20 Women Lawyers Overcame the Confines of COVID-19 Social Distancing to Create Connections, Cultivate Community, & Build Businesses in the Midst of a Global*

Pandemic. The book is an anthology of 20 women lawyers who came together on LinkedIn to network and support one another in personal and professional endeavors. Since publication, *#Networked* has remained a Top 10 best seller on Amazon. All proceeds are being donated to the National Women's Law Center.

Colin Levy's legal technology writing and speaking continues to do well despite the havoc wreaked by the pandemic. He took a detour from law and is doing marketing and business development for WordRake, an automated editing tool for Microsoft Word and Outlook. He encourages any Trinity students with an interest in law or alumni who are lawyers with an interest in technology to reach out via his website, www.colinslevy.com. On the personal side, he celebrated his 10th wedding anniversary with his superb husband, Jared (Northeastern).

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From your class secretary: "It was May 19, 2007, the eve of graduation. The place: the basement of AD. The cheap beer was flowing, the music was pumping, and the packed room reveled in the final moments of their life at Trinity. In the middle of the dance floor, Devon and Tyler, relishing their budding love, looked into each other's eyes. In that moment, there was a knowing look that on May 19 in the distant future, they would welcome a little person into this world. Exactly 14 years from that very day, the premonition was spot on, and on May 19, 2021, D&T were proud to bring Miles Clark Lawrence-Simmons into the world. Miles weighed in at 7 pounds, 6 ounces and measured 20.5 inches long. Both Devon and Miles are doing great. Miles is eating, sleeping, and pooping like a champ! He enjoys long walks around the city and sitting quietly while his parents enjoy a happy hour or lunch bite out and about."

Erin Ogilvie Howard and her family moved from Brooklyn to Los Angeles in July.

Henry Winnik has worked as a film/TV location manager/scout in N.Y.C. for the past 13 years.

Abbie Runyan and **Devin Romanul** have had quite a year. In May 2020, they welcomed their third baby, Charlie, to the family. And in September 2020, they launched their business, Raising the Bar, an alcohol-free cocktail subscription box company that curates kits



Chris Basler '07 (with dog Chi Chi), Kristen Chin '07, Erika Safir '07, and Anita Gooding '07 (holding son Marley Gooding Carson) get together in Portland, Oregon, during Memorial Day Weekend.



Allie Echeverria '08 takes part in her first Strongman competition in March 2021.



Chris Stoeckle '08 and wife Lizzy with son Vutomi

for corporate and virtual events. Adding both a baby and a business to the mix during this wild year has been a challenge but a true joy. Abbie and Devin recently met **Patrick Greene** and wife Micah and kids at their home in Guilford, Connecticut. And Abbie recently had a mini-reunion with **Niki Hall Holland** and **Katie Brewer Goodman**. We look forward to many more reunions with fellow alums this summer!

Erika Safir and **Kristen Chin** recently traveled from Los Angeles and New York, respectively, to Portland, Oregon, to visit **Chris Basler** and **Anita Gooding**. They had a blast at the Memorial Day picnic that Chris hosted with his boyfriend, Des, and even got to spend some time with the next generation of Bantams: Chi Chi Moran-Basler and Marley Gooding Carson (both Class of 2042).

2008 Class Secretary: **Elizabeth Fritzer Dreier**, 32 Elaine Dr., Simsbury, CT 06070-1625; elizabeth.fritzer.2008@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Nadia Zahran Anderson**, **Sasha C. Kravetz**
The Class of 2008 is celebrating growing families and careers!

Chris Stoeckle and wife Lizzy recently completed the adoption of their 2½-year-old son, Vutomi, from South Africa. They spent about 4½ months in Johannesburg at the beginning of the year and absolutely loved it. Vutomi has handled the transition into their family very well and is the most amazing little guy. Chris and Lizzy are very proud and feel lucky that he is officially their son.

Heather Moore Roberson gave birth to baby boy Isaac Rudy Roberson in November 2020. Also, a few months ago, Heather became the first Black woman to receive tenure at Allegheny College. This fall, she will begin a new appointment as the inaugural director of faculty diversity and inclusion. She will retain her title as associate professor of community and justice studies and Black studies at Allegheny College.

Allie Echeverria is finishing the first year of her coordinated dietetics internship and master's degree in nutrition at Georgia State University. Aside from all of her coursework and rotations, Allie finds time to serve as the sustainability initiatives graduate assistant. GSU has some amazing projects, including a student garden growing on top of the football stadium. In addition, Allie has fallen in love with the sport of Strongman and competed in her first sanctioned competition in March. Way to go, Allie!

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As I compile these notes, it's the weekend of our second virtual Reunion! By the time this is printed in October, it'll be closer to Homecoming, and I'll be wishing for these 90-degree days again. I am so pleased to have heard from several of our classmates and to share their happy news below!

Isis Irizarry is engaged! She and fiancé Nat Regis live in upstate New York with their

two rescue cats. Isis runs an immigration firm, IMI Law.

Chris DiBona earned a Ph.D. from Brown University in March 2021. He'll be a visiting assistant professor of religion at Brown in 2021–22.

Nate Kelly and wife Gracie Phillips '13 welcomed their first baby, Reese Caroline Kelly, born on February 24. Nate also recently launched Kelly's Family Foods, the parent company that Four Plus Granola will exist under, as well as a number of other new products they are launching this fall. Stay tuned!

William Brennan and Sylvania Sun were married in June 2020. They met while he was completing his master's at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C. They have since moved to Jersey City, where they live with their dog, Strider.

Melissa Litwack and husband Eylon Winterstein welcomed baby boy Zev Litwack Winterstein on April 10, 2021!

Bryce Blum and wife Adriane welcomed baby girl Shea Kathryn Blum on May 4, 2021. May the fourth be with them.

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2011 Class Secretary: **Remi Dolan**, 3 Tamarac Ln., Englewood, CO 80113-4920; remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Rachel L. Meddar**, **Abigail A. Smitka**

It was great to hear from **Elizabeth Agresta** for the first time and to hear her good news. On March 1, 2020, she was promoted to assistant editor in the book manuscript editorial department at the MIT Press, where she has worked since September 2015. Big congratulations, Liz!

In other exciting news, **Andy Janiga** and **Jo-Ann Jee '10** have moved to Nashua, New Hampshire. Andy has been practicing with the Center for Dental Excellence there for around a year. He and Jo-Ann love being back in the Northeast after multiple moves with the Army and are excited to be able to visit Trinity again soon.

We look forward to hearing more from the Class of 2011 next season. Have a great fall, Bantams!

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Perrin Duke and Virginia Walsh (Hamilton College '14) were married in June 2021 in Locust Valley, New York. More than 20 Bantams joined in the celebration.

Marissa Zanno '08

What does your work entail? I work with pediatric patients from birth to the age of 22 who are diagnosed with hematologic conditions. These can include bleeding disorders such as hemophilia, blood-clotting disorders, anemias, bone marrow failures, and certain types of histocyte cancers. I work with both inpatient and outpatient children. Some of my patients have chronic medical conditions, and some have more acute conditions. Many of my patients require a bone marrow transplant to survive. I provide emotional support and guidance throughout the medical process in addition to resources and clinical care while my patients are at the hospital.

How did you get into the field? As a psychology major, I was very interested in working with people. After graduation, I worked in the business environment in Washington, D.C., for two years. During that time, I researched social work programs and decided to pursue the field with a desire to create change on a micro level through clinical work with clients/patients. My current job was my first job out of graduate school. I was curious about working in the hospital environment and took a temp position for three months at Children's Hospital, which became a permanent role. I have never left!

What do you enjoy most about your work? I love being part of the medical team, rounding with the doctors and nurses every day, and being part of the larger psychosocial staff that provides support to our patients. Working individually with children and their families on a case-by-case basis and following them throughout their pediatric time at the hospital is my favorite part. Watching the children grow and develop, despite their medical diagnoses, is incredibly rewarding.

What are the biggest challenges you face? The systemic issues of social work can be incredibly frustrating. For example, we have a large population of children

who are not eligible for health insurance due to their documentation status, and trying to get them the medical care that they need when facing systemic issues greater than my capabilities can lead to burnout.

How did COVID-19 affect your work?

I am considered an essential employee, so I have been working in person the entire time. We wear PPE at the hospital every day.

How did Trinity prepare you for what you do now? Trinity taught me to think outside the box and to be creative. I learned the necessary skills of psychology through my major, gained a strong base for clinical work, and then trusted my creative instincts to develop ways to support patients' needs. I learned all of these skills at Trinity.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Despite being a psychology major and women, gender, and sexuality minor, I also took a fair amount of classes in anthropology, music, and political science. I tried to broaden my knowledge base as best I could.

Does one course stand out to you? One of my courses, "Women and Work," focused on the gender differences in academia and employment. I remember learning that for females who are offered an equal position as a male but provided slightly less salary, if that income difference is invested and then becomes proportionally larger with each promotion, a woman can end up earning \$1 million dollars less than a man over a lifetime of work. I will never forget the important messages I learned from this class and the need to advocate for oneself and others in these matters.

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? My senior thesis adviser, Dina Anselmi, advised me while I prepared my senior year. She instilled a sense of confidence in me that I take with me now in my current work.



DEGREES: B.S. in psychology, minor in women, gender, and sexuality; M.S.W., Smith College

JOB TITLE: Hematology social worker at Children's National Hospital in Washington, D.C.

FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY: Meals in Mather and being with my friends every chance I had.

What advice would you give to current Trinity students about how to make the most of their time at the college? I would recommend they focus on classes that interest them and trying to "learn" as opposed to getting a certain grade. Some of my lowest grades were in classes that I gained extensive knowledge from, and that is just fine; the important part is gathering your knowledge base and skill set!



Perrin Duke '12 and Virginia Walsh were married in June 2021 in Locust Valley, New York. Bantams joining the couple included Boo Stroud '78, Britt Jones '79, Laurie Jones '78, Moose Stroud '77, Carol Grant '84, Matthew Nestor '12, Heidi Greene '78, Vivi Duke '78, Shawna Barrett '78, Sophie Ayres '77, Michael Kluger '78, Paige Duke '14, Jenna Carroll '12, Dill Ayres '12, Katherine Weatherley-White '14, Michael Levy '12, David Dessau '11, Samuel Sullivan '12, Derek Proctor '12, Spencer Feldman '10, and Benjamin Dawson '11.

Lea Damiani and Taylor Williams eloped in Carmel-by-the-Sea last summer. They road tripped back East following a six-year California adventure and recently purchased a home in Deerfield, Massachusetts. A 2022 reception is planned.

From the Alumni Office: **Vincent Bish**

Jr. was a featured speaker at Harvard University's 2021 Commencement in May. He graduated with a master's in technology, innovation, and education.

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As we emerge from the worst of the pandemic and relish the warming weather and relative freedoms of a vaccine, the Class of 2014 is making up for lost time with travel, get-togethers, and weddings ... oh, so many weddings. Your class secretary was busy traveling early this summer and dropped the ball on soliciting personal updates, but I extend my congratulations to all the Trinity

couples who are finally able to tie the knot in front of so many Trinity friends and family. Wishing everyone health and not too much FOMO this summer and looking forward to including everyone's personal updates in the next *Reporter*.

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Mac Daly proposed to his fiancée last August, the day they moved back to West Hartford.

Clay Russell started a side business, an apparel and accessories company called Violetear (pronounced vi-luh-TEAR), which is a type of hummingbird. The website is www.VioletearApparel.com and on Instagram as @VioletearApparel, featuring bleach- and tie-dyed clothes and bottle-cap artwork. Come check it out!

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This past February, **Salvatore Torino Siciliano** popped the question to fiancée Tess Woods. The West Hartford couple plans to get hitched next summer. The couple has confirmed the venue but is still awaiting a catering quote from Chartwells.

Josh Frank recently started as a summer associate at Simpson Thacher in New York City. He is entering his third year of law school. He also helps Fulbright recruit students. Feel free to reach out if you have questions about law school or teaching abroad!

Nathaniel "Nano" Heilbron is enjoying an illustrious career as a commercial real estate adviser for Cresa in Boston. He lives in nearby Everett with girlfriend Trish, and, thanks to an intense regimen of stretching and rolling out, has worked his golf handicap down to a 6. He still reminisces daily about his time at Trinity between the Pipes, out on the quad, and just about everywhere in between and wishes the best of luck to his fellow alums and the Class of 2021.

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Greetings, '17 Bants! I hope everyone is safe and doing well with their life endeavors! I personally switched careers and am at Infosys as a business analyst in its SAP practice. I have heard of folks getting engaged, switching careers, and having kids; it is amazing to hear of these life milestones. If you'd like to share such milestones and want them included in these notes, please send me any updates, and I'll make sure they are put in the next edition. I'll leave you with a riddle: I have cities, but no houses. I have mountains, but no trees. I have water, but no fish. What am I?

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Clay Russell '15 models some of his Violetear tie-dye apparel.

2020 **Class Secretary: Vacant** • **Class Agents: Samantha Feenstra, Anna Kate Luddy, Elizabeth McCauley, Morgan McKeown**

The class secretary position for the Class of 2020 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.

2021 **Class Secretary: Brendan W. Clark, 878 Oak St., West Barnstable, MA 02668-1520; brendan.clark@trincoll.edu**

For those I know well and for those I do not: my warmest greetings. How truly fortunate we were to be able to gather as a class this past May and celebrate our Commencement—the culmination of four years of hard work 'neath the elms—among those timeless traditions of the college that mark our continued progress. After a year of unprecedented challenge marked by the pandemic, we should count ourselves blessed to have been in person at our beloved Trinity at the time of the college's 195th Commencement and should be proud of our academic and professional accomplishments as we embark upon the journey of life.

As we take those first steps into the uncertainty of the “real world,” we can take comfort in the fact that though many of us will physically be “far away from our old Trinity,” we remain close to the institution through the bonds of common friendship formed in our undergraduate years, and we will remain close as we begin planning our Reunion (yes,

the work has just begun) and engaging in active life as alumni. We also will remain in close contact through the efforts of our class officers—myself, as class secretary, **Jaymie Bianca** as president, and **Giovanni Jones** as vice president—and through the many cocktail receptions and jovial celebrations to come. And, perhaps most importantly, we shall remain connected right here, in the pages of *The Trinity Reporter*.

I have the distinct honor of serving as class secretary between now and our first Reunion in 2026, a time that—while distant now—will no doubt come to pass quickly. Between now and then, in each issue of the *Reporter* (three times a year), it is my solemn duty to report here the moments that mark our class: a new business venture, a wedding (yes—that could come soon, I imagine, for some of us), a new degree, or a move across the country. In later life, amid the *Reporter's* pages, we will mark our Reunion gatherings, the birth of children (and, later, grandchildren), the lives of our future spouses and families, and those attendant joys that mark the course of life.

So, please, I entreat you: I want and hope to hear from you. Please drop me a line via email (brendanwclark@outlook.com) or via telephone (610-781-8446) with updates for the *Reporter*, for a conversation on life in general, or simply to catch up and reminisce about our time at Trinity.

This fall, our class can look forward to an opportunity that welcomes all alumni: Homecoming will occur this year, with belated celebrations for many classes, October 1–3. Though our departure from the “coop” is comparatively recent, I hope you will return to campus for festive celebrations of all things Trinity.

For my part, for the future, I shall get us started: Following graduation with honors in public policy and law and history at Trinity this past May, **Brendan W. Clark** will continue his education at William and Mary Law School, pursuing a J.D., and will work to begin a legal career in New York in a few years.

Here are some more plans from a few of our classmates: **Samuel Spencer** graduated with honors in public policy and law, with a minor in formal organizations. He will continue his studies at the McIntire School of Commerce at the University of Virginia. **Macie Bridge** graduated with honors in English and will perform a year of service with the Episcopal Young Adult Service Corps in Chapel Hill, North Carolina, beginning this August. **Sara Barrett** graduated with honors in English and will work on a master's in special education at Vanderbilt University.

IDP **Class Secretary: Shahzad Keith Joseph IDP'19, 87 Fans Rock Road, Hamden, CT 06518; shahzad.joseph@trincoll.edu**

From me, **Keith Joseph IDP'19**: During the pandemic, I went through a period of discernment: How could I add something for the good of the society? After exploring different options, I decided to go back to school to pursue a graduate degree that would prepare me for a meaningful career. A very good opportunity came along in the form of pursuing a graduate degree at one of the finest institutions in the world. I latch onto it with both hands, and now my Bantam has some company: a bulldog. I am Yale bound for fall 2021. As I reflect upon my journey from 300 Summit Street, Hartford, to 409 Prospect Street, New Haven, I recall all the ups and downs that I faced and how my professors, classmates, and school officials left no stone unturned to help me. Their sincere help compels me to echo a phrase by Dumbledore, a famous character from the Harry Potter series. “Help will always be given to those at Hogwarts (Trinity in my case) who ask for it.” Equipped with a skill set to meet the demands of academic life at Yale, I look forward to the next chapter of my life.

Master's **Class Secretary: William T. Dziura M'16, 9 Conway St., South Deerfield, MA 01373-1001; william.dziura@trincoll.edu**

Gregory Mesniaeff M'89 continues to work on Wall Street in his role as a technology investment banker. Earlier this year, he completed an executive education program at The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania. He spends his spare time caring for his historic 1782 Georgian brick house and property in Sharon, Connecticut, where he lives full time.

From **Matthew J. Hennessy M'04**: “Earlier this year, my firm, Tremont Public Advisors, joined 72 other firms, including Ben & Jerry's, Booz Allen Hamilton, Cummins, Levi Strauss & Co., and PayPal, in signing on to an amicus brief before the U.S. Supreme Court to protect voting rights for the citizens of Arizona in the case of Mark Brnovich, Attorney General of Arizona, et al., Petitioners v. Democratic National Committee, et al. As the businesses stated in the brief, ‘Business leaders have a strong interest in this case given that the strength of America's economy and markets rests on one of the founding principles of our democracy: the right to vote.’”

From the Alumni Office: **Christopher McBride M'93** completed an M.A. in liberal arts at Stanford University in June. McBride is a member of the faculty at the College of Marin in Kentfield, California.

IN MEMORY

1941 Ernest N. Dickinson, 101, of Provincetown, Massachusetts, died on January 16, 2021.

Dickinson earned a B.A. in English from Trinity before serving in the U.S. Army and the U.S. Navy during World War II. He went on to work for several newspapers, including *The Hartford Courant*, and in public relations.

Dickinson is survived by his wife, Georgia; daughters Irene Goff and Ann Scalley; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Tom.

1942 John M. Carey, M.D., 101, of Oklahoma City, died on May 20, 2021.

Carey graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.S. in biology. He was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Glee Club, and the Chapel Singers and played basketball and golf. Carey earned an M.D. from Harvard Medical School before serving in the U.S. Navy. He went on to practice as a cardiovascular surgeon. After retiring in 1987, he earned master's degrees in comparative literature and religious studies from Oklahoma City University. The dedicated alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Carey is survived by his children, Chris Carey (Ruth), Stuart Carey (Kathy), and Linda Carey (Bill); seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Elizabeth "Betty," and his second wife, Bettie.

1943 Edward L. Vignone, 99, of Nashua, New Hampshire, died on August 16, 2020.

Vignone served in the U.S. Army during World War II before earning a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and the Trinity Pipes. He started his career in sales in management

with Marchant Calculators and SCM Corporation, later founding the first American branch of Sharp Electronics Corporation in Boston.

Vignone is survived by his daughters, Jeanne Wentzell (Steven) and Nancy Ackermann (John); two grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of more than 68 years, Grace, and his sister, Dorothy Vignone.

1949 Paul Cohen, 94, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on July 19, 2020.

Cohen served in the U.S. Navy before earning a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity. He went on to a career in the family auto body business.

Cohen is survived by his children, Sharon Krumholz (David) and Richard Cohen (Susan Merriman); two grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; a great-grandson; many step-great-grandchildren; and brothers Norman Cohen (Dorothy) and Arnold Cohen (Ann Molod). He was predeceased by his wife of 61 years, Irma.

1950 Scott M. Stearns Jr., 92, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on April 11, 2021.

Stearns earned a B.S. in physical science from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War before joining his father's real estate company, later forming the realty partnership of Stearns and Yerrall. He also held several appointment positions under former Massachusetts Governor Michael Dukakis, including seats on the boards of two transportation authorities.

Stearns is survived by his wife, Jane; children William "Kim" (Roy Ortiz), Julia "Jill" Stearns (Umberto De Ros), and Mary "Malee" Muesse (Michael);

sister Lederle Tenney; and three granddaughters.

1952 F. Reed Hoisington III, 91, of Fayetteville, North Carolina, died on February 12, 2021.

Hoisington earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi.

1952 The Reverend Peter D. MacLean, 90, of Colchester, Vermont, died on June 14, 2021.

MacLean earned a B.A. in classics from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Glee Club, and the Chapel Singers. He went on to earn an M.Div. from General Theological Seminary and to serve in churches in New York, Maine, Virginia, North Carolina, and Vermont. MacLean also served as a chaplain in the U.S. Navy, assigned to the U.S. Marines in Vietnam.

MacLean is survived by his wife of 50 years, Margaret; their son, Matthew; children from his first marriage, Elizabeth, Max, and Margaret; five grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and sister Judith Webber. He was predeceased by daughter Andria and great-grandchild Miles.

1953 Jacob B. Brown Jr., 89, of South Natick, Massachusetts, died on July 20, 2020.

Brown earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and played soccer and tennis. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Brown served as president of Howe and Bainbridge. The dedicated Trinity alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Brown is survived by his children, Elise Sillers (John) and Jacob Brown III (Lori Catalozzi), and seven grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of more than 50 years, Dianne, and his daughter, Amy Boit '81.

1953 Richard K. Hooper, 89, of Raritan, New Jersey, died on March 18, 2021.

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

Rho, the band, and the Jesters. Hooper went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Chicago Law School, where he was a member of its law review. He practiced real estate law with the firm now known as Whitman Breed Abbott and Morgan.

Hooper is survived by his brother, Christopher Hooper (Kristina).

1953 Gerard A. Paquette, 89, of Nashua, New Hampshire, died on June 12, 2021.

Paquette earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to earn an M.S. and a bachelor of electrical engineering degree from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Paquette worked in the computer science field, with a focus on image processing and medical electronics.

Paquette is survived by his wife, Rachel; children Gerard A. Paquette Jr. (Nancy), Michael Paquette (Meg), and Dorothy Paquette; stepchildren Celeste Pappas (Walter), Daniel Lapierre, and Roland Lapierre (Holly); two grandchildren; seven step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Dorothy.

1954 Paul W. Arcari, 88, of Clinton, Maryland, died on December 1, 2020.

Arcari earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and the Newman Club and played football. He went on to study business at the George Washington University. Arcari served for 30 years in the U.S. Air Force, teaching ROTC at Dartmouth, flying in the Philippines and Vietnam, and working at the Pentagon. He retired in 1985 as a colonel and then worked for another 15 years for The Retired Officers Association.

Arcari is survived by his wife, Teresa; children Craig Arcari (Debra), David Arcari (Janice), Annie Gonzalez, Courtney Lenarduzzi, Christian Arcari,

and Jocelyn Stone (Louis); and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

1954 William G. Crenson, 89, of Omaha, Nebraska, died on April 28, 2021.

Crenson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and played football, serving as captain his senior year. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force before earning master's degrees from Columbia and Fairfield Universities.

Crenson had a 30-year career as a New York state educator and administrator before he and his wife became innkeepers during his retirement.

Crenson is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carolyn; children William Crenson (Mary Jane) and Julie Fritz (Lance); seven grandchildren; one great-grandchild; and siblings Richard Crenson and Jeannette Kaufman.

1954 Donald S. Knutson, 88, of Princeton, New Jersey, died on December 11, 2020.

Knutson earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, and then started work at Westinghouse. After earning an M.S. in mechanical engineering from Drexel University, he worked on fusion energy research at Princeton Plasma Physics Laboratory. Knutson retired after three decades there.

Knutson is survived by his wife of 44 years, Ebba Gunilla; daughters Ellen Kramm (Mark), Lisa Hammes (Donald), Carol Knutson, Linda Fiscus (Andrew), and Maria Adkins (Nathan); and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Barbro.

1954 Neil S. Mutschler, 87, of Palmyra, New York, died on November 16, 2019.

Mutschler earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He went on to be an educator, retiring in 1987 as director of pupil services for the Fairport School District.

Mutschler is survived by his children, Jody Lynn Mutschler (Warren Halladay) and Jock Mutschler (Linda), and four grandchildren.

1955 Owen S. Garner, 87, of Copley, Ohio, died on October 12, 2020.

Garner earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he worked at WRTC and took part in ROTC. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force and remained in the active reserve for nearly three decades as the Southern New England liaison officer for the Air Force Academy. A graduate of the USAF War College, Garner retired as a lieutenant colonel. He also spent 25 years in management at Southern New England Telephone Company.

Garner is survived by his wife of 64 years, Elizabeth "Libby"; children Richard (Robin), John, and Sharon (Steve Buie); eight grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and sister Betsey Hendrick. He was predeceased by sister Cynthia.

1955 John J. Hodge, 87, of East Syracuse, New York, died on January 15, 2021.

Hodge earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Trinity Pipes, the Chapel Singers, and the Glee Club. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army as a cryptographer before working in the insurance industry. He later retired as a senior insurance premium auditor.

Hodge is survived by his wife, Anina; children John J. Hodge Jr. (Pamela), Anina "Jan" Lapp, and Carolyn Taylor (Glen); and six grandchildren.

1955 Charles P. "Pete" Smith, 86, of Garden City, New Jersey, died on April 27, 2021.

Smith earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club and played soccer. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army Corps for two years and later worked as a systems analyst for IBM and then Nassau County BOCES.

Smith is survived by his wife of 62 years, Barbara, and daughters Karen and Lauren.

1955 Alden G. Valentine, 87, of Clemson, South Carolina, died on February 2, 2021.

Valentine earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the Glee Club. He went on to work for AT&T. Valentine also served in the U.S. Navy and U.S. Navy Reserves. His father, Henry W. Valentine, was a member of the Trinity Class of 1919, and brother Elliott Valentine was a member of the Class of 1953.

Valentine is survived by his daughters, Susan Valentine, and Karen Morgan (Dan). He was predeceased by his wife, Judith, and siblings Robert Valentine, Elliott Valentine '53, and Natalie Ricci.

1956 Richard L. Fleming, 87, of Richardson, Texas, died on May 1, 2021.

Fleming earned a B.A. in classics from Trinity, where he was a member the Concert Choir and the Glee Club. He went on to earn a master's of theology at Garrett Theological Seminary and then a master's of sacred music and a doctorate of ministry from Southern Methodist University. The choral conductor and organist served churches in Illinois, Iowa, and Texas until his retirement in 1999.

Fleming is survived by his wife, Kay; children David, Anne, and John; daughters-in-law Amy and Rona; son-in-law Clifford; five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister Lois Comer. He was predeceased by brothers Carl and Jerry.

1956 A. Thomas Guertin, 86, of Palm Coast, Florida, died on February 3, 2021.

Guertin earned a B.S. in chemistry from Trinity, which he attended as an Illinois Scholar. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and the basketball and golf teams. The dedicated alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society. Guertin's father, Alfred N. Guertin, was a member of the

Trinity Class of 1922, and brother Robert P. Guertin graduated from the college in 1961.

1956 James M. Streeto, M.D., 86, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on May 28, 2021.

Streeto earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Newman Club. He went on to earn an M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine. Streeto had a private endocrinology practice in Hartford for many years.

Streeto is survived by his children, Donna, James Streeto (Maria Sanchez), Michael Streeto (Toby Benis), Catherine Gless (Benjamin), and Timothy Streeto (Jessica Rose), and eight grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Dottie, and brother Ralph Streeto (Dolores).

1957 Stephan von Molnar, 85, of Tallahassee, Florida, died on November 17, 2020.

Von Molnar earned a B.S. in physics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu, the Trinity Pipes, and the soccer and track teams. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in physics from the University of California, Riverside. Von Molnar worked for the IBM Watson Research Center and held visiting professorships abroad before joining the faculty of Florida State University as a professor of physics. He also served as director of the university's MARTECH, the center for Materials Research and Technology. He retired from FSU in 2013.

Von Molnar is survived by sons Christopher (Aja) and Marc (Jennifer) and a granddaughter. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 60 years, Jean.

1958 Charles G. Blumstein, M.D., 83, of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, died on March 1, 2020.

Blumstein earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Psychology Club and the staff of the Ivy. He also took part in Hillel. Blumstein, who earned an M.D. from Temple University, practiced as an allergist-immunologist. The

loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity's Elms Society.

Blumstein is survived by his wife, Judy; children Howard Blumstein, M.D., '86 (Wendy Slingerland), Debby Bragg (RJ Reno), and Alyssa Fiederer (Lee); and seven grandchildren.

1958 Diggory D. Robertson, 84, of Stamford, Connecticut, died on March 12, 2021.

Robertson earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia. Robertson served in the Connecticut Army National Guard for 35 years, retiring with the rank of major; at the time, he was a labor relations specialist at the Hartford Armory.

Robertson is survived by his wife, Margaret; children Mary Robertson and Laura Robertson (Wes); and two grandchildren.

1959 George E. Backman, 83, of Canton, Connecticut, died on August 16, 2020.

Backman earned a B.A. in English and educational studies from Trinity, where he was a swimmer. He went on to earn an M.A.T. from Wesleyan University. Backman began his swim-coaching career at West Hartford's Fernridge Park, later serving as the town's aquatic director for two decades and as a founder of Charter Oak Aquatic Club. He also worked as a dealer of antique silver and art glass.

Backman is survived by his daughter, Autumn, and his former wife, Barbara. He was predeceased by son Odin, brother David, and sister Elsie.

1959 Gilbert W. Fairbanks, 82, of Greenville, South Carolina, died on October 30, 2019.

Fairbanks earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Political Science Club. He went on to earn a master's from Wesleyan University and a Ph.D. from the University of South Carolina. Fairbanks served on the faculty

of Furman University for 36 years, and after three years of retirement, resumed teaching at Greenville Technical College.

Fairbanks is survived by his wife of 50 years, Brenda; children Melanie Chamberlin (Eric) and Mark Fairbanks (Emily); and four grandchildren.

1959 Laurence M. Morgan, 82, of Gladwyne, Pennsylvania, died on October 21, 2020.

Morgan earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to serve in the U.S. Coast Guard before embarking on a three-decade career at IBM, working in sales and marketing. The loyal Trinity alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Morgan is survived by his children, Elizabeth Pendleton (Nathaniel), Samuel Morgan (Dawn), and David Morgan (Vanessa); six grandchildren; and brother David Morgan (Gail). He was predeceased by his wife of 58 years, Harriet.

1959 Joseph F. Wassong Jr., 83, of Thomaston, Connecticut, died on May 18, 2021.

Wassong graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in history and educational studies. He was a member of the Newman Club. Wassong went on to earn an M.A. from Columbia University and a sixth-year certificate from Trinity, and he completed fellowships at the Universities of Virginia, Washington, and Florida. The lifelong educator taught at Glastonbury High School before serving as a history professor at Mattatuck (later Naugatuck Valley) Community College for more than three decades. Wassong was a dedicated alumnus; his support included membership in Trinity's Elms Society.

Wassong is survived by his wife, Rebecca Skinner; children Joseph F. Wassong IV, John Wassong (Tina), and Jean Lynch (Paul); stepdaughters Kathryn Borgatti (Dan Evans) and Rachel Borgatti (Tristan McNamara); and four step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his

first wife, Shirley Wassong, in whose memory Trinity's Shirley G. Wassong Memorial Lecture in European and American Art, Culture, and History was established by Wassong, friends, and family.

1959 Harold L. Weil, 86, of Collegeville, Pennsylvania, died on November 19, 2020.

Weil earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity before moving on to the University of Pennsylvania for additional studies. He worked as a senior electrical engineer at Ford Motor Company.

Weil is survived by children David Weil, Michael Weil (Jeanette), and Robert Weil and a granddaughter. He was predeceased by wife Geraldine, son William Weil, and brother Thomas Weil.

1960 Robert E. Landry, 83, of Somers, Connecticut, died on February 25, 2021.

Landry earned a B.S. in biochemistry from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force before embarking on a 30-year career as a contract manager at Combustion Engineers/ABB/Alstom Power.

Landry is survived by his wife, Beverly; children Deanna Rivera (Esteban Jr.) and Michael Gauvine; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister-in-law Phyllis Landry. He was predeceased by daughter Pamela Roberson, sister Evelyn Kucia, and brother Joseph Landry.

1961 Christopher A. Hodges, 81, of West Suffield, Connecticut, died on March 5, 2021.

Hodges earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity before moving on to the University of Washington, where he earned an M.S. in mechanical engineering. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps in Vietnam. Hodges worked as a mechanical engineer for Boeing and UTC/Pratt & Whitney for more than 35 years.

Hodges is survived by his wife of more than 45 years, June; children Scott Hodges (Diane), Cheryl Barbarotto (Anthony), Christine Avery (Darren Sauter), and Jonathan Hodges (Sheila); 18 grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

1961, M.A. 1969 S. Robert Italia, 80, of Wilton Manors, Florida, died on May 5, 2020.

Italia earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He went on to earn an M.A. in Spanish from Trinity, as well as degrees from the University of Connecticut and the University of Hartford. Italia was a teacher of languages and later served as chair of the Language Department in Windsor, Connecticut, schools.

Italia is survived by his husband, Joseph Gilbert, and his sister, Rose Italia. He was predeceased by siblings Sebastian Italia and Sally Italia.

1962, HON. 2003 William C. Richardson, 81, of Hickory Corners, Michigan, died on May 18, 2021.

Richardson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. and Ph.D. from the University of Chicago. Richardson held several posts at the University of Washington before being named executive vice president and provost at the Pennsylvania State University. He later served as the 11th president of Johns Hopkins University. In 1995, Richardson left academia to become president and CEO of the W.K. Kellogg Foundation, a post he held for a decade. The loyal Trinity alumnus, a member of the Elms Society, served on Trinity's Board of Trustees for many years. In 1997, he received the college's Eigenbrodt Cup, and in 2009, he and wife Nancy were inscribed on Trinity's Wall of Honor. Richardson also served on many other boards, including those of Pew

Charitable Trusts, Kalamazoo College, and the Kaiser Family Foundation. He received honorary degrees from several institutions, including the University of Michigan, Johns Hopkins, and Tuskegee University; Trinity awarded him an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in 2003.

Richardson is survived by his wife of 55 years, Nancy; daughters Jennifer Richardson and Elizabeth Vigdor (Jacob); and three grandchildren.

1962 Frank L. Sears II, 80, of Dalton, Massachusetts, and Venice, Florida, died on August 31, 2020.

Sears earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played football and lacrosse. He went on to serve in the U.S. Marines during the Vietnam War. Sears worked in construction for nearly three decades and later served in several positions for the City of Pittsfield.

Sears is survived by his wife of 55 years, Louise; sons Matthew (Megan), Timothy (Jamie), Gregory, Alfred (Joy), and Franklin (Hilary); sisters Carol Ann Blake (Alden) and Lucinda Croce (Dan); and 12 grandchildren.

1963 E. Bruce Hill III, 79, of Pittsburgh, died on September 14, 2020.

Hill earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He went on to serve in the U.S. Navy during the Vietnam War. Hill began a career in politics, eventually serving as a speechwriter during the Nixon Administration. He later shifted to the performing arts, founding and working in theaters and teaching as an artist-in-residence at the University of Pittsburgh.

Hill is survived by children Ryder Hill and Nicola Solomon and sister Margot.

1963 J. Rodney Mattison, 80, of South Lyme, Connecticut, died on June 10, 2021.

Mattison earned a B.S. in biology before attending the

U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School. He later joined Travelers, eventually retiring as director of information systems.

Mattison is survived by his wife, Marguerite Bowen; children James, Hilary, and Ashley; seven grandchildren; and sister Diane Anderson.

1964 Harrison H. Huntoon, 78, of Barrington, Rhode Island, died on April 28, 2021.

Huntoon earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Cornell University. Huntoon began his career with NASA and then served as the administrator for the Galveston County Health District. He later formed a start-up computer software firm and then became president of Providence Braid Company, a family business since 1904.

Huntoon is survived by his wife, Carolyn; daughter Sally Vitali (Michael); two granddaughters; siblings Howard "Pete" Huntoon Jr. (Ann) and Nancy Forsyth; brother-in-law Claude "Buddy" Leach (Laura); and sister-in-law Frances Watson (Robert). He was predeceased by sisters-in-law Mixon (Paul Brabham), Gloria (Creighton Owen), and Martha (Ralph Sanderson) and brother-in-law William Forsyth.

1964 Sidney R. Katz, M.D., 77, of Nashua, New Hampshire, died on February 2, 2020.

Katz earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and Hillel. He went on to earn an M.D. from New York Medical College before serving in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War. Katz practiced urology in Nashua for nearly three decades and held several positions at Southern New Hampshire Medical Center and the nearby VA hospital.

Katz is survived by his wife of 53 years, Susan; children Jeremy Katz and Jill Katz; brother Ralph Katz '65, H'18 (Barbara Frey); sister-in-law Elsa Cantor (Donald

Lamberty); and brother-in-law Daniel Kaplan (Pamela).

1966 John W. Lawson, 76, of Torrington, Connecticut, died on January 15, 2021.

Lawson earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He spent much of his career as a senior underwriter, working for Aetna, Cigna, and ING. Lawson later owned his own store, Silver Lining, in Simsbury, Connecticut.

Lawson is survived by his wife of 53 years, Harriet; sons Christian Lawson and Joshua Lawson (Lisa); two grandchildren; and sister Jessica Lawson.

1966 Lee R. Nolan, 76, of Madisonville, Tennessee, died on August 5, 2020.

Nolan earned a B.A. in modern languages from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and QED and worked at WRTC. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War. Nolan worked for more than four decades as a senior network engineer for the Travelers Insurance Company.

Nolan is survived by his wife of 20 years, Barbara; son Christopher Nolan (Laura Pekala); stepchildren Kevin Schofield, Raymond, Brian McKee (Agnes), and Michele Bordonaro (Betsy Stedman); six grandchildren; and former wife Jean. He was predeceased by son Todd Nolan.

1966 Bruce W. Stavens, M.D., 76, of Menlo Park, California, died on March 6, 2021.

Stavens earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and played soccer. He went on to earn a Ph.D. in physiology and biophysics from the University of Iowa and an M.D. from Vanderbilt University. Stavens was a cardiovascular and thoracic surgeon in Sioux City, Iowa, for more than three decades.

Stavens is survived by his wife of nearly 53 years, Carole; son David; and brother-in-law Robert LaPolt (Suzanne).

1966 Gunnar E. Walmet, 77, of Rexford, New York, died on June 19, 2021.

Walmet earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and played soccer and basketball. He went on to earn an M.S. in mechanical engineering from Union College. Walmet worked for GE's research and development center and later for the New York State Energy Research and Development Authority, from which he retired in 2009.

Walmet is survived by his wife of 54 years, Linda; children Eric Walmet (Paula) and Stephanie Walmet; two grandchildren; and in-laws Barbara and Jack Rutt.

1968 Kevin S. McCoy, 75, of Chevy Chase, Maryland, died on April 10, 2021.

McCoy earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he played football and ice hockey. He spent most of his career at Inland Steel, Carey Winston, and ASB Capital Management.

McCoy is survived by his wife, Jane; son Sean McCoy (Lee); two grandchildren; mother Priscilla McCoy; and sisters Stephanie Keith (Albert), Laura Anderson (David), and Anne Edwards (Glenn). He was predeceased by siblings David McCoy (Robyn) and Sarah McCarthy '80 (James).

1969 Charles P. Hill, 73, of London, died on February 20, 2021.

Hill attended Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, rowed crew, and served as editor-in-chief of *The Trinity Tripod*. He left the college to join the U.S. Army and served as a paratrooper in the Vietnam War. Hill returned to academia to earn a bachelor's degree in history from the George Washington University; he also attended Trinity College Dublin on a Fulbright Scholarship and studied theology at Kings College in London. Hill worked for the Metropolitan Police (Scotland Yard) recovering stolen art; perhaps his most famous case was

recovering Edvard Munch's *The Scream*. He retired in 1996.

Hill is survived by his wife, Caroline; children Susannah, Elizabeth "Lizzie," and Christopher; two granddaughters; and sisters Martha Harmon and Nikki Baugh.

1969 Tan J. Platt, M.D., 73, of Columbia, South Carolina, died on August 19, 2020.

Platt earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the football and track teams. He went on to earn an M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Platt began his medical career as a rural family physician in South Dakota with the National Health Service Corps and then spent a decade in private practice in New York. He later joined the faculty of the University of South Carolina School of Medicine Columbia. Platt also served as medical director of the South Carolina Department of Health and Human Services and the Epworth Children's Home, among other entities.

Platt is survived by his wife, Nancy; children Elizabeth Platt and James Platt; four grandchildren; and siblings Charles Platt (Judith Hunter) and Alice Selzler (Michael).

1970 Alan S. Farnell, 72, of La Quinta, California, died on December 8, 2020.

Farnell earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and played football.

1971 Philip M. McGoohan, 71, of Cedarburg, Wisconsin, died on January 1, 2021.

McGoohan earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played baseball. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College and to serve in the Army Reserves. McGoohan worked in the financial services industry as a commercial and investment banker in Milwaukee and New York.

McGoohan is survived by children Michael, Peter, Scott, Megan, and Caitlin and their families.

1972 Anthony J. Tranquillo, 72, of Southington, Connecticut, died on May 29, 2021.

Tranquillo earned a B.S. in engineering before launching a career as a civil engineer. He worked as the town engineer in Southington for almost four decades, retiring in 2012. Tranquillo later worked for Kratzert, Jones & Associates.

Tranquillo is survived by his wife of nearly 49 years, Anne Marie; sons Joseph Tranquillo '97 (Lisa), Anthony Tranquillo (Christina), Michael Tranquillo, and Vincent Tranquillo (Jennifer); five grandchildren; sisters Raffaella Michaelangelo (Panfilo) and Anna Zarra (Ernesto); and brothers-in-law Vincent Cello (Sharon), David Cello (Donna), and Joseph Cello (Alison).

1973 Katherine Heideman Campbell, 86, of Prospect, Connecticut, died on February 11, 2020.

Campbell earned a B.A. in sociology after raising her family. She spent time in government, including serving as a first selectman in Woodbury, Connecticut, and on the Central Naugatuck Valley Planning Commission. Campbell also co-founded the Women's Fund at the Connecticut Community Foundation.

Campbell is survived by her children, John "Pierce" Campbell (Coleen) and Alexandra "Jaye" Campbell; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband, John Pierce "Pete" Campbell, and siblings Elizabeth Kaynor and Lawrence Heideman.

1974 Edward J. Faneuil, 68, of Boston, died on May 17, 2021.

Faneuil earned a B.A. in sociology from Trinity before moving on to Suffolk University, where he earned a J.D. He began his legal career at Samek & Faneuil and then joined the

Global family of companies, where he worked for three decades, overseeing the legal and regulatory departments.

Faneuil is survived by his wife of 45 years, Helene; sons Ari and Jesse '03; daughter-in-law Andrea; two grandchildren; and siblings Robert and Nancy.

1974 Richard A. Norden, M.D., 68, of Haworth, New Jersey, died on March 14, 2021.

Norden earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He went on to earn an M.D. from Southern Illinois University School of Medicine.

1975, HON. 1999 Patrick J. O'Connell, 67, of New York City, died on March 23, 2021.

O'Connell earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He went on to work as an arts administrator. He also was an AIDS activist; in 1990, he became founding director of Visual AIDS and later created the groundbreaking red AIDS ribbon, a symbol that continues to endure and that served as the spark for subsequent ribbons in support of other diseases. In 1999, Trinity bestowed an honorary doctor of humane letters degree on O'Connell in recognition of his work in the arts and as an activist.

📌 For a memorial tribute to O'Connell written by Peter Hay Halpert '80, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

1986 Dana Morris Bienkowski, 56, of Franklin, Massachusetts, died on January 23, 2021.

Bienkowski earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where she was a member of Kappa Kappa Gamma. She went on to work for O'Rourke and Company and later as the librarian at Parmenter Elementary School. Most recently, she was working as a program manager for the UMass Donahue Institute. Her husband, Robert "Toby" Bienkowski Jr. '85, and her father, Philip Morris '56, also attended Trinity.

Bienkowski is survived by her husband of 30 years, Toby '85; sons Robert "Mike" Bienkowski III and Carter Bienkowski; sisters Lisa Worster (Dave) and Tricia Katz (Evan); and step-mother Marjorie Morris.

1989 Charles W. "Chuck" Caspari Jr., 55, of Washington, D.C., died on March 19, 2020.

Caspari attended Trinity before moving to the nation's capital, where he served as coach of the Wilson High School girls' softball team. He also helped develop several musical groups.

Caspari is survived by his wife, Ann; children Elizabeth and Charles; parents Charles and Barbara; and brother William.

1991 Michelle L. "Mimi" Desmangles, 52, of the Bronx, New York, died on May 25, 2021.

Desmangles earned an associate's degree from the University of Hartford and then a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where she was a member of the Pan-African Alliance. She went on to earn an M.A. in psychology from City College of the City University of New York. Desmangles was the CEO of We Bee Trippin' Travel Agency.

Desmangles is survived by her husband, Sheker Derenoncourt; children Manuel and Tatiene; parents Doreen Veazie and Leslie Desmangles, Trinity professor of religious studies and international studies, emeritus; and sister Tanya.

1992 Kevin M. Hall, 51, of Houston, Texas, died on May 10, 2021.

Hall earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He went on to graduate from the Texas Southern University Thurgood Marshall School of Law. Hall specialized in criminal law before turning his focus to personal injury cases.

Hall is survived by his wife, Karen; children Gavin, Katelyn, and Aaron; mother and step-father Judy and Doug Thorpe; father Warren Hall; and sisters

Michelle Bjork, Molly Hall, and Emily Lockridge. He was predeceased by two brothers and a sister.

1997 Nicholas G. Morehead, 46, of Shelter Island, New York, died on May 10, 2021.

Morehead earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he played squash and tennis. He went on to earn an M.A. in journalism from American University and an M.B.A. from Stony Brook University. Morehead worked as a staff reporter for the *Southampton Press* and the *Shelter Island Reporter* before earning a U.S. Coast Guard merchant mariner's license and becoming the chief operating officer at South Ferry.

Morehead is survived by his wife, Paige; children Cayman and Larkin; sister Joanna Morehead; stepfather Mike Zisser; in-laws Cliff and Tish Clark; sister-in-law and brother-in-law Shelli and Constantin Nicolet; and stepsiblings Robin Bennett, Laura Morehead-Martino, Paul Zisser, and Jason Zisser.

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1976 Kay Kramer Wade, 85, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on April 5, 2021.

Wade attended Syracuse University before starting her family. She later earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity and then an M.S.W. from the University of Connecticut. She was a licensed clinical social worker; her work experience included time as a pastoral counselor at Middlesex Hospital and in private practice in West Hartford, focusing on terminally ill individuals and their families. After her second husband, Herbert Kramer, was diagnosed with a terminal illness, the pair published *Conversations at Midnight: Coming to Terms with Dying and Death*.

Wade is survived by her husband of 27 years, Jim; children Nancy Taylor, John Lazarus, and Heidi Lachut (William); step-daughters Sarah Swank (David) and Katherine Swabey (Charles);

three grandchildren; and four step-grandchildren.

1984 Joyce Mecartney, 92, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on May 2, 2021.

Mecartney studied at Pembroke College and art school before earning a B.A. in Italian from Trinity and an M.A. in French from Central Connecticut State University.

Mecartney is survived by her children, David Mecartney and Bonnie Bassette (Roy III); eight grandchildren; and sister Shirley Marshall. She was predeceased by her husband, Malcom Mecartney, and son Harry Mecartney.

MASTER'S

1970 Patricia N. Foulke, 89, of Bloomington, Minnesota, died on February 20, 2021.

Foulke earned a B.S. in education from the University of Minnesota Duluth. After her husband, Robert "Bud" Foulke, came to Trinity to teach in the English Department, Foulke began work on an M.A. in education. The couple went on to write 15 travel books and more than 1,000 travel articles.

Foulke is survived by her husband of 67 years, Bud; children David (Lynn) and Carolyn; son-in-law Fred Waldbillig (Trudy); three grandchildren; one great-grandchild; sister Judy Ellington; and half-siblings Catherine Feste (Dale), Skip Nelson (Susan), and Wendell Peterson. She was predeceased by daughter Deborah.

1972 Glen A. Harris Jr., 86, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, died on August 10, 2020.

Harris earned a B.S. in mathematics from Yale University before working at Phoenix Insurance in data management software. He returned to academia to earn an M.S. in mathematics from Trinity.

Harris was predeceased by his wife, Charlotte.

1982 Nancy Mynott Davis, 96, of Princeton, New Jersey, died on February 16, 2021.

Davis earned a B.S. from Cornell University before working at the Rochester, New York, *Democrat and Chronicle*, where she wrote a weekly column called "About Women." She earned an M.A. in English from Trinity and went on to work on several publications.

Davis is survived by her husband of 72 years, Richard; children Deborah Davis (Randolph Ludacer), Christine Rubino, Margaret Davis (Andrew Gomory), and Richard Davis (Robyn); five grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and brother Geoffrey Mynott.

HONORARY DOCTORATES

1993 Eula Riley Hall, 93, of Craynor, Kentucky, died on May 8, 2021.

Hall was a health care activist who operated the Mud Creek Clinic in eastern Kentucky. While she left school after the eighth grade, the self-proclaimed "hillbilly activist" was known for her dedication to health care access for all, regardless of ability to pay. Hall was recognized nationally, including by several U.S. presidents, and her life was detailed in the biography *Mud Creek Medicine: The Life of Eula Hall and the Fight for Appalachia*. In 1993, Trinity awarded Hall an honorary doctor of humane letters degree.

Hall is survived by her children, Dean Hall, Troy Hall, and Danny Hall; daughter Nanetta Yates; eight grandchildren; 14 great-grandchildren; and five great-great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her second husband, Oliver Hall.

1999 Patrick J. O'Connell '75; please see page 75.

2003 William C. Richardson '62; please see page 73.

FORMER TRUSTEES

1962, HON. 2003 William C. Richardson; please see page 73.

FORMER FACULTY

Lawrence "Larry" Gluckman, 74, of Glover, Vermont, professor of physical education, emeritus, and former head rowing coach at Trinity, died on March 30, 2021.

Gluckman began his rowing career as a walk-on at Northeastern University, and within 18 months, claimed a spot on the U.S. National Team, later winning multiple medals. He went on to earn a B.S. from Northeastern and an M.A. from Columbia University. Gluckman came to Trinity in 2003 as assistant professor of physical education and head rowing coach and was considered a rowing legend and key to Trinity's rise to the top ranks of the country's small college crews. Before Trinity, Gluckman served as head rowing coach at Columbia, Dartmouth College, and Princeton University and worked with Concept2 Rowing in Northern Vermont. He also coached Olympic and world championship teams, as well as at the Craftsbury Outdoor Center in Vermont, where he developed competitive rowing programs for elite athletes.

Gluckman is survived by his wife of nearly 50 years, Sara; daughters Meg, Kate, and Anna; sons-in-law Michael and Scott; two grandchildren; brother Norm; and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Sue and Curt.

Robert C. Morris, 88, of Guilford, Connecticut, died on December 7, 2019.

Morris earned a B.F.A. from Yale University before serving in the U.S. Army Artillery in Texas. He worked as director of the Contemporary Arts Museum in Houston, taught at the University of Bridgeport, earned an M.F.A. from the University of Texas at Austin, and returned to Connecticut to teach at Trinity, for which he spent a summer teaching monument drawing in Rome.

Morris is survived by his wife of 61 years, Gitta, and daughters Lisa Morris and Kristin Morris.

In Memory Guidelines

We will not announce the death of an alum without first confirming with a previously published obituary or direct notification from a relative. Also, alumni who passed away more than two years prior to the date of publication will be listed in Death Notices, along with alumni for whom we do not have enough information for a longer obituary.

Margo V. Perkins, 54, of Atlanta, former associate professor of English and American studies at Trinity, died on September 2, 2020.

Perkins earned a B.A. from Spelman College, an M.A. from Cornell University, and a Ph.D. from Cornell University, all in English. She authored *Autobiography as Activism: Three Black Women of the Sixties* (University Press of Mississippi, 2000) and was honored with the 1999 Mississippi University for Women's Eudora Welty Prize. Perkins came to Trinity in 1995 as assistant professor of English and American studies and received tenure in 2001. While at Trinity, she taught in the Tutorial College for two years, contributed to the Humanities Gateway program, served on many committees, and co-chaired the 2006 NEASC (now NECHE) Commission on Institutions of Higher Education reaccreditation self-study steering committee, co-writing the report with Paula Russo. In 2008, Perkins left academia to become director of foundation relations for the American Heart Association in Marietta, Georgia, and since 2014, had been director of grant support for Make-A-Wish Georgia.

Charles "Bud" Schultz, 91, of West Hartford, Connecticut, Trinity professor of psychology, emeritus, died recently.

Schultz earned a B.A. from the University of Pennsylvania, an M.Ed. from Temple University, and a Ph.D. from the Pennsylvania State University. His experiences as a

merchant marine and as a machinist led to his commitment to change and to progressive ideas and fueled his desire to work in education. During his 23 years at Trinity, from 1971–94, Schultz served as co-chair of the American Association of University Professors and published numerous journal articles. He created the course "Radical Ideas in Education," which brought educational philosophy into student-led work for change. Schultz, also a skilled photographer, teamed with his wife, Ruth, in publishing several books about civil liberties, including *We Will Be Heard: Voices in the Struggle for Constitutional Rights Past and Present* and *The Price of Dissent: Testimonies to Political Repression in America*.

Schultz is survived by his children, Dan, Sue, and David, and many grandchildren and great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Ruth.

FORMER STAFF

Sohaib N. Sultan, 40, of Princeton, New Jersey, died on April 16, 2021.

Sultan studied at Indiana University and in the Islamic Chaplaincy Program at Hartford Seminary before serving as the Muslim chaplain at Trinity. He went on to serve as the first Muslim chaplain at Princeton University. Sultan also was an author; his works included *The Koran for Dummies* and numerous articles for TIME online, the Huffington Post, and other publications.

Sultan is survived by his wife, Arshe Ahmed; daughter Radiyya Sultan-Ahmed; his parents; and his sister.

DEATH NOTICES

1940 Robert J. Lipsitz

1941 Robert A. Adams

1941 Richard F. Hanley

1942 Kenneth I. Albrecht

1942 John A. Bond

1943 Fred E. Fox P'74

1957 Thomas C. Kratz

1957 Murray A. Varat, M.D., P'93

1962 Kermit Mitchell

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ALUMNI EVENTS

We're excited to bring alumni, families, and friends back together in person this fall for events on campus and off. While it was a long 18 months without in-person events, we were delighted with how many chose to engage through the multitude of virtual events that emanated from campus (and from the Trinity Club of Hartford!), so we'll continue to bring those virtual events to you in the future. Whether in person or via Zoom, we look forward to seeing you soon. Tune in to the array of virtual programs of the past year and a half at your convenience at bit.ly/VLWArchive.

[1] MARCH 26, 2021

Gabriella Burnham '09 and *It Is Wood, It Is Stone*; moderated by Assistant Professor of Political Science and International Studies Belén Fernández Milmanda



[2] APRIL 10, 2021

Virtual Admissions 101 with Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Adrienne Amador Oddi, right, and Olivia Painchaud '21



[3] APRIL 20, 2021

Tuesdays in Rome: A Faculty-led Walk through the Aventine Neighborhood



[4] APRIL 29, 2021

Roosevelt and Churchill: The Atlantic Charter with Michael J. Kluger '78, P'13, right, and Associate Professor of History Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre



[5] MAY 4, 2021

Women's Leadership Council—Trust and the Media: Bringing the Conversation Back to Center with, clockwise from top left, Helen Ubiñas M'09, Amy Katz '79, Sarah Cody '95, and Charity Elder '00



[6] JUNE 16, 2021

Trinity Club of Hartford: Emerging from the Pandemic with, clockwise from top left, moderator Matt Smith '82, P'19, Glendowyn Thames M'13, Paul Mounds Jr. '07, and Jeffrey Flaks H'21





Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney

Rules of civility

Every Action done in Company, ought to be with Some Sign of Respect, to those that are Present.

Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation



Rules of Civility by Amor Towles, an investment executive turned novelist, describes a clever, brash heroine who is introduced to upper-class 1930s New York society through an unusual and somewhat unfortunate set of events. The story follows the heroine as she defines her own values and observes the strict rules of civility to which others adhere. These rules, and the title of the novel, were based on the *Rules of Civility and Decent Behavior in Company and Conversation*, a book containing 110 principles that originated from a set of guidelines authored by French Jesuits in the late 16th century. The guidelines were popularized when our country's first president, George Washington, a teenager at the time, handwrote a copy of them. It is said that Washington's actions helped him internalize the ideas, albeit imperfectly, in turn molding his character. While it should be said that Washington didn't practice all of what he learned, I was struck by rule number one—the excerpt at the top of this letter—and its relevance for our Trinity community today.

This rule guides us to show respect for one another—no matter who or what is involved. It doesn't dictate that we should respect someone only if that person looks or sounds like us or agrees with our opinion; no, it is

clear: civility calls upon us to respect everyone we encounter.

It seems that in our current society, we have lost some of the rules of civility in our interactions. This leads to me think about why. There's no question that political divides have torn at our civility, but these circumstances preceded our most recent presidential elections. The seeds of divisiveness have been laid for decades and are the fodder for incivility. Recently, I heard a troubling prediction from a political watcher in Washington, D.C., who foresees that every four years we will see a flip in political power, that we will be swinging back and forth regularly, because each side will block, with a complete lack of civility, any progress the other side tries to make. We all can play a role in changing this problematic prediction; we can be a part of a more civil future.

My thoughts go back to a young George Washington, who was trying to learn these rules of civility, not too far removed from the age of Trinity's entering students. It's at this time of life that our students are exploring the rules of social connections and interactions and trying to discern how those rules will guide them and shape their own values. As I told our newest first-years when they took their places on the Main Quad at September's Convocation, Trinity may

not have a book with 110 rules of civility, but the college provides guideposts and a space in which they can create their own civil rules. They will do so based on values from their upbringing coupled with those they acquire living and learning on campus, where they interact with people from across society and the world. Their time here will give them the empathy, careful listening skills, and value system to guide them, and we will provide innumerable opportunities to use their rules—to practice, revise, practice, and revise.

Higher education—and Trinity's residential liberal arts experience—provides the pathway for our students' transformative educational experience, which evolves from simply what students do to what they live and who they are. That journey fosters not only their intellectual development but also the social and moral growth that can contribute to a more civil society. As an institution of higher education, we welcome this extraordinary responsibility and privilege. And every single person who benefits—or benefited—from a Trinity College education has the ability and responsibility to share the fruits of their experiences here with others. We are now ambassadors of the rules of civility; we can model how to interact with others with respect. **T**



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