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THE ENDURING VOICE OF TRINITY COLLEGE

## WRTC-FM MARKS 75 YEARS



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Some photos in this issue were taken  
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### ON THIS PAGE

Austin Arts Center's Widener Gallery showcases *Working Through / Working Forward*, an exhibit featuring the creations of several regional artists. Felice Caivano, Trinity's fine arts curator, said the fall 2021 exhibit honored the importance of artistic practice during unprecedented times of upheaval and uncertainty. "2020 and 2021 have been historic years marked by the presence of a devastating global pandemic, national turmoil, and the environment in crisis," Caivano said. "Many artists turned to the familiar ground of their studios to process what was happening beyond."

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

*Editor's Note: A recent issue of the News from Trinity College e-newsletter included a call for submissions about WRTC and the memories that alumni have of the campus radio station. We received numerous responses, so we're devoting this issue's Letters column to them. To read additional submissions—and complete versions of those excerpted here—please visit [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter). For more on WRTC, please see page 8.*

**CELEBRATING WRTC AND ITS LEGACY**

Wow, 75 years! That puts us just beyond starting out, back in the mid-'50s, when I was involved with WRTC. I was music director, and my roommate, Steve Bowen [’57], was station manager. I had a weekly jazz show, *Jazz from Tiny's*. The show was sponsored by a West Hartford record shop. We arranged that instead of being paid in dollars, we would have access to the latest arrivals from the top jazz labels. That way I was able to air and comment on the newest and freshest jazz releases. One Homecoming Weekend, Steve and I broadcast a marathon jazz show. It was absolutely exhausting, but enormous fun. ...

Even though we were a small group with limited facilities broadcasting from a basement, we ran a proper station. Station IDs, logs, etc. were observed precisely. UP provided a telex, which enabled us to air summaries and reports of the latest news frequently and accurately. There was a lot of talent, energy and know-how pumped into the station back then. For me, the entire four-year experience was marvelous. Unforgettable. Which is perhaps why my first job after college was in the broadcast department of an advertising agency.

Thanks for the opportunity to contribute to your project. And Happy 75th to WRTC!

**Bob Stevenson '57**  
Edgartown, Massachusetts

I hosted a radio show called *Ape Self Prevails in Me Still* from the time I was a freshman until I graduated. The show was biweekly, every other Friday from 7:00–10:00 p.m. I hosted the show with Charles Criss, also '07. ... A few months into our show freshman year, we got a call from a listener asking if we could play the song “Real Life” by Tones on Tail. I never heard of the song or the band. I searched the record collection for it but couldn't find it. The listener then offered to bring the album to the studio so we could play it. He'd drive over and be there in a few minutes. Before he hung up, he asked if we liked “hydraulic sandwiches.” I didn't know what that was but said yes. A few minutes later, he showed up with the record and a six-pack of hydraulic sandwiches: beer. We had a beer and listened to Tones on Tail. It was a strange but fun experience to have a listener visit the studio. ...

On a personal note, WRTC meant a lot to me. It was great to have a forum to share my music with the local community and learn about new music by listening to the station's collection. I'd wanted to be a radio DJ since high school, listening to my local college radio station, and am grateful WRTC gave me the opportunity to have a steady Friday night slot my whole four years of college. It was a great way to feel connected to the campus, and it was a lot of fun to bring friends into the studio to chat with them on the air.

**Peter Chansky '07**  
Queens, New York



I am winding down a very successful career in TV and now (hopefully) feature films, and it all began at WRTC. I was stunned when I went back for my 35th Reunion and found that the “Thought Power Crew” concept I had created was still being used by the student of color DJs. I am eternally grateful for a career that began there. I entered premed, switched to prelaw, but the things that really clicked for me were *The Tripod*, the *Ivy*, and especially WRTC.

**James Perez-Gillespie '76**  
Las Vegas, Nevada

While at Trinity, my brother, Pete Campbell '53, was one of the voices at WRTC. I remember listening to him while I was at Trinity. He has passed away, but this is one of my memories of him.

**Sandy Campbell, '54**  
Virginia Beach, Virginia



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# ALONG THE WALK



## LATINE HERITAGE MONTH

John Quiñones, broadcast journalist and host of the ABC television show *What Would You Do?*, came to Trinity on September 17 to help kick off Latine Heritage Month at the college. Members of the Trinity community gathered in Mather Hall's Washington Room to learn about Quiñones's personal and professional journey and how he ultimately used education as a tool to build his legacy as a Latine. But first, he noted, he had to break many barriers on his way to becoming one of the first Latine correspondents at ABC News.

Quiñones shared that he came from humble beginnings, including working the fields as a migrant farm worker. As a Mexican-American, he grew up in a Spanish-speaking household with his mother, a housecleaner, and his father, a janitor. Quiñones did not start learning English until the first grade.

Since age 13, Quiñones dreamed of pursuing journalism. The government anti-poverty assistance program Upward Bound enabled him to become a first-generation college student. However, when applying to journalism jobs in his home state of Texas, he was met with rejection due to quotas for Latine journalists. While he felt like giving up, he persevered and went on to earn a master's degree in journalism from Columbia University. Eventually, Quiñones was recognized with seven Emmy Awards.

On his show *What Would You Do?*, Quiñones uses social experiments to illuminate current social and political issues in America. Hidden cameras capture how ordinary Americans react to injustice. To date, more than 1,000 scenarios have been presented in the show's 14 years of filming. In the words of Quiñones, "Do you step in or step away when no one is watching? Silence is complicity."

Quiñones called on the audience to be "active bystanders and not just passive observers." "Put yourself in the shoes of the victim," said Quiñones, who noted that Latines and others who face adversity are often most willing to be compassionate with others because they know firsthand what it is like to face discrimination. "We need to give a voice to the voiceless."



To access the Trinity College Library's collection of materials that spotlight the histories, cultures, and achievements of Latine communities and a music playlist curated by student group *La Voz Latina*, please visit [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter).



THOMAS CHURCH  
The **Brownell**  
Prize for TEACHING  
EXCELLENCE

Calling on Trinity alumni to honor the professors who made an impact on their lives

Did you have a professor who impacted your life? If so, here's your chance to pay tribute to that faculty member. The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence, which recognizes consistently outstanding teaching by a senior faculty member, is awarded annually. All alumni are invited to submit nominations explaining in 200 to 300 words why they believe a favorite professor deserves this prestigious award. Nominations for the Brownell Prize—made possible by a gift from the late Paul H. Briger '61, P'87—should be submitted online using a link found at [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter). The nomination deadline is Friday, **March 4, 2022**. Associate professors, full professors, senior lecturers, and principal lecturers who have been at the college for at least three years, will not retire prior to June 30, 2022, and have not previously received the Brownell Prize are eligible. A complete list of eligible faculty appears online at [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter).

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Quale Press, 2021;  
67 pages

***The Centaur & The Bacchante***  
Maurice de Guérin;  
translated by  
Gian Lombardo IDP'80  
Quale Press, 2021;  
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Judy Bolton-Fasman '82  
Mandel Vilar Press, 2021;  
227 pages

***Gathering Crowds: Catching Baseball Fever in the New Era of Free Agency***  
Paul Hensler M'08  
Rowman & Littlefield, 2021;  
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**Women of color leaders**

Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, right, and Mariko Silver, former president of Bennington College and current president and CEO of the Luce Foundation, take part in "Convening Women of Color: Leaders Connecting Across Sectors" in October 2021. The two-day gathering, held at DELAMAR West Hartford, offered academic leaders a place to learn from one another and from executives in other sectors. Featured speakers were Indra Nooyi, former CEO and chair of PepsiCo and author of *My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future*, and Tina Lifford, CEO of The Inner Fitness Project and author of *The Little Book of Big Lies: A Journey into Inner Fitness*. The convening, attended by approximately 40 leaders, was inspired by a 2017 Mellon Foundation meeting of women of color college presidents. Berger-Sweeney teamed with Silver and Johnnetta Betsch Cole H'98, president emerita of Spelman and Bennett Colleges and president and national chair of the National Council of Negro Women, to create the 2021 event, which was funded by a grant from The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation.



PHOTOS: (LEFT) JOHN ATASHIAN; (CENTER) NICK CAITTO; (RIGHT) JONATHAN LESTER



#### TRINITY TREASURE

## Koeppel Community Sports Center

Amid each August's sweltering heat, the coolest spot in Hartford may be Trinity College's Koeppel Community Sports Center, where Rich Pettit, assistant athletic director and facilities and rink manager, is installing the ice in the Albert Creighton Williams '64 Rink. Pettit, who started at Trinity when the Koeppel Center opened in 2006, said the rink is ready for all sorts of ice sports—including ice hockey, short-track speed skating, and figure skating—every year by Labor Day Weekend. The center is the home ice for Trinity's men's and women's ice hockey teams, welcoming up to 3,400 fans cheering on the Bantams. Professional, men's league, high school, and youth ice hockey practices and contests also take place in the space through early April. In addition, the center has hosted happenings not dependent on ice, with an eclectic mix including P.E. classes and first-year events, a community tag sale, the ordination and consecration of an Episcopal bishop, and COVID-19 testing. Said Pettit, "One of our missions is being a good neighbor."

**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](mailto:sonya.adams@trincoll.edu).



## Elissa Raether Kovas '93, P'25

When it comes to volunteering for her alma mater, Elissa Raether Kovas '93, P'25 says all the opportunities to personally connect with Trinity alumni, parents, and students are what really resonate with her.

At Trinity, Kovas double majored in interdisciplinary studies and history—medieval studies and art history were favorites—and competed with the alpine ski team. When her son, Reed Kovas '25, began considering colleges, she was interested to see, through his eyes, how Trinity differentiated itself. “He liked Trinity’s urban-global approach. And he was impressed that when he met my friends from Trinity, he heard about different internships and jobs they had during college,” says Kovas.

Kovas has spent her career in the fashion industry and owns a clothing company, Shellkare, so it’s not surprising that she worked at Ann Taylor during college. She points out

Elissa Raether Kovas '93, P'25 was named one of Trinity's 50 for the Next 50, a 2020 initiative celebrating the 50th anniversary of coeducation at the college and honoring 50 women who will have a lasting impact on the institution's next 50 years.

that two close friends interned at the Wadsworth Atheneum. “Eventually they parlayed that experience and their Trinity degrees into working at Sotheby’s.” Says Kovas, “A lot of people don’t realize that the Atheneum is one of the finest small museums in America.”

Kovas is passionate about squash, which she took up about four years ago, after her husband and Reed convinced her to try it. She started playing doubles, became hooked, and soon began volunteering with MetroSquash, a Chicago-based urban youth squash and academic program, for which she serves as a board member. Reed volunteered with MetroSquash, too, helping coach younger kids on the court and with their studies. She is delighted that he will play squash at Trinity and that there are opportunities with Capitol Squash, based on campus, for student-athletes to be involved in providing life-changing opportunities for Hartford youth through squash and academic mentoring.

As co-chair (along with Peter Duncan '83, P'13, '14) of Trinity’s athletics fundraising campaign, Kovas talks with many Trinity community members about the importance of the student-athlete experience. The campaign aims to raise \$65 million by the college’s bicentennial in 2023—for facilities modernization, to endow the athletics program, and in annual support for teams. Says Kovas, “We need as much help as possible—not just monetary help, but testimonials and networking assistance can make a big difference, too.”

Kovas was pleased to attend the September ribbon cutting for the Tansill Muldoon Stadium at Jesse/Miller and Robin L. Sheppard fields and is enthused about renovations that successful fundraising will make possible at Ferris Athletic Center, including state-of-the-art squash facilities. “Trinity’s coaches and kids work so hard. They do an amazing job with the facilities we have, but it’s time to upgrade.” Adds Kovas, “Sports are a key component of the Trinity experience. And during COVID, it’s been one of the few outlets the kids have had to keep their mental health strong.”

Kovas also is a class agent and past member of Trinity’s Board of Fellows and the Long Walk Societies Committee. For several years she has been an admissions volunteer in Chicago, where she often represents Trinity in person. “We’re in the land of the Big Ten,” she says. “Our high schools are huge, and sometimes outside of the Northeast, parents don’t understand the value of the NESCAC [New England Small College Athletic Conference] or a small liberal arts college.”

With her son now at Trinity, Kovas anticipates traveling to campus more frequently from the family’s home in Lake Bluff, Illinois. “I love the volunteering that we’re doing, and I know that a lot of my fellow alumni and parents feel strongly about it, too.”

—Kathy Andrews



**BUSHNELL PARK**  
99 TRINITY STREET  
HARTFORD, CT

## AROUND HARTFORD

In the heart of Hartford lies Bushnell Park, the nation's first publicly funded municipal park, which was named for Connecticut native Horace Bushnell, long-ago pastor of what was the city's North Congregational Church on Main Street. Bushnell, who authored a dozen books, was known as a prominent theologian of the 19th century. Biographer Robert L. Edwards once wrote, "[Bushnell's] young friend Mark Twain, not always comfortable with preachers, considered him one of the greatest clergymen in America."

Bushnell also played a key role in the creation of the park that bears his name, in part hoping to lure the State Capitol to a permanent place in the city; at the time, the state had two capitals, with the General Assembly alternating between Hartford and New Haven. Today's Bushnell Park features numerous attractions, including the Bushnell Park Carousel, the Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Arch, and the Corning Fountain, as well as a wide expanse of

green space available for the enjoyment of all. A couple uncanny connections between Bushnell Park and Trinity College: 1) Trinity's original campus was located adjacent to the park—where the Connecticut Capitol now sits—prior to the college's move to its current location in 1878. 2) Horace Bushnell was born in BANTAM, Connecticut! For more information about the park, please visit [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter).





**WRTC-FM  
MARKS 75 YEARS**

BY KATHY ANDREWS

**THE ENDURING  
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**M**ore than 60 years after graduation from Trinity College, when Bryan Bunch '57 hears the dramatic orchestration of Stravinsky's "Infernal Dance of King Kastchei," he is transported back to the WRTC studio, where he hosted a Saturday night program featuring classical music of the 20th century. "I still think of it as my theme—it was used to introduce the show—and I am a bit thrilled to hear it," says Bunch.



This 1953 cartoon shows a Bantam at the radio station controls.

BROADCASTING  
LIVE 24 HOURS A DAY,  
SEVEN DAYS A WEEK  
AT 89.3 FM



1–4: Students through the years host radio shows on WRTC. 5: Amelia Huba '22, host of *A Tempo*

These days, Amelia Huba '22 hosts a classical program, *A Tempo*, and serves as the station's music director. While she doesn't have theme music, her favorite piece is Chopin's "Raindrops." Huba learned about WRTC as a first-year student, at the Involvement Fair held at the start of each semester. "It seemed like such a unique experience, and I fell in love with the studio my first time there. Talking about music I love is such a rewarding experience," she says.

Ever since its on-air debut in 1947, WRTC has been a labor of love for students and others who volunteer at the station and a source of entertaining and thought-provoking programming for listeners.

Today's WRTC covers the musical gamut with an average of 60 shows per week, from rock and jazz to soul, gospel, funk, punk, Latin, reggae, blues, country, Caribbean, classical, and African

music. Interview and commentary programs, live Trinity sports coverage, a Russian program, and two Portuguese shows round out the programming mix—or at least they did at the time of the deadline for this issue of *The Reporter*. The lineup can change by the semester or when students leave campus for summer and winter breaks. Some shows last decades, while others come and go.

WRTC involvement is a point of pride for many alumni, some of whom remain active long after graduation. Reynolds Onderdonk '76 was 18 when he first volunteered at the station. Also known as Reynolds the Psychedelic Warlord (his on-air personality), Onderdonk continues to host *Alien Rock*, as he has for more than 46 years. For his day job, he teaches high school history.

A huge loss for the station and the college community came in 2018 when Bob Parzych '76, then-general manager,

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GENERAL MANAGER CHRIS COWLES



jazz and sports director, and longtime host of *The Kitchen Sink of Jazz*, passed away. His presence and influence was a constant at the station for 45 years. Professor of Engineering Joe Palladino, faculty adviser to the station since 2019 and an avid WRTC listener for 30-plus years, remembers the first time he heard Parzych. “I was a young professor, and it was the end of the fall semester; I had a lot of grading to do. I had WRTC on, and I heard



the most bizarre show, the *On-Again/Off-Again Bob Parzych Christmas Show*.

“There were corny holiday songs and jokes. I was thinking: What is this show? I couldn’t stop listening.”

Along with students, alumni, and a few faculty and staff members, Greater Hartford community members produce the shows at WRTC’s modest studios, located since 1993 on the ground level of High Rise residence hall, after a move from the station’s longtime location in Cook Hall.

When fewer students are on campus, more openings are available for community member-hosted shows. WRTC’s only paid, part-time staff members are General Manager Chris Cowles, also host for nearly 27 years of *Greasy Tracks*, featuring music “steeped in Southern soul,” and John Schwenk, chief engineer since 2003.

As WRTC marks its 75th anniversary, its audience includes campus listeners and others from throughout the Hartford area, thanks to the station’s 300-watt signal. It broadcasts live 24 hours a day, seven days a week at 89.3 on the FM dial, and, as of the early 2000s, internet listeners can livestream it from anywhere. With the 2009 addition of a rolling two-week archive of programs, created by Andrew Budd ’08, people can listen to favorite shows at any time of day via WRTC’s website, [wrtcfm.com](http://wrtcfm.com). And a renovation to make the studios a little larger and brighter is planned for the next year or so. Money for the project was raised from the past five or six years of the station’s annual fundraising effort; now it’s a matter of finding the opportune time for the college to schedule the construction.

## ‘It’s their radio station’

Says Cowles, “A very important aspect of WRTC is that it belongs to the students. The rest of us, including the alums, are just visiting.” The student-run executive board of WRTC makes most policy decisions. When it comes to show hosts, Schwenk says, “We always give priority to the students, both for the training class and for on-air slots. It’s their radio station. Community members come in to the extent that students can’t cover all of the roles.”

The station’s inception on February 26, 1947, was a student team effort. Using a homemade, 10-watt transmitter, four students shared a single microphone and a pair of turntables for their debut broadcast, transmitted from Jarvis Hall. In the early years, WRTC hosted appearances by student performing groups such as the Pipes (a cappella) and the Jesters (drama). Student interviewers conversed on-air with famous entertainers, including singer Patti Page and pianist/band leader Stan Kenton. One student, Stan Marcuss ’63, had a rare opportunity in 1962 to interview famed poet Robert Frost,

PHOTOS: (LEFT) BOB HANDELMAN; (INSET) JOHN SCHWENK; (RIGHT) NICK CATO

who visited campus. Recalls Marcuss, “My questions were excessively sophomoric, though I was a junior at the time. His answers were elegantly senior and tolerant.”

One wave of change arrived in the 1970s, when Black student broadcasters held a sit-in at WRTC, seeking a greater voice on campus and more air time from the station. Their efforts resulted in establishing, in 1976, the “Thought Power” programming block that continues to air more than 40 hours of Afrocentric programming each week.

Beginning in 2012, Seth Markle, associate professor of history and international studies, has offered an independent study to Temple of Hip Hop student members, enabling them to co-produce and co-host a WRTC show on global hip hop music and culture. Between 2013 and 2018, he says, Trinity undergraduate students produced and hosted more than 70 shows for WRTC. “Not only were students playing and discussing positive hip hop in the U.S. and beyond, they were also addressing issues about campus culture and the struggles and triumphs of POC students at the college,” says Markle.

Current co-station managers Maura Keary '22 and Alex Chambers '22 say that most students who get involved at WRTC do so because they see posters around campus or they know another student who hosts a show.

Keary and Chambers co-host the *Bantam Backroads* country music show, and with assistance from Cowles, they arranged to interview Nathan Carter, an Irish country singer who came to Hartford to perform at The Bushnell. Cowles taught Chambers and Keary how to edit and produce the interview. Says Chambers, “We’re cutting things together and putting them with music, so by the time we’re done, the whole show is set with the interview mashed together with the music. Learning that process was awesome.” Adds Keary, “I actually had family in Ireland listening to our interview with Nathan Carter, which was very cool.”

**Top left:** Jesse Allen IDP'12 and Alyssa Baylor '12 co-host *Afrika@Work* in fall 2011; the show went on to be the official radio show of the Trinity Chapter of the Temple of Hip Hop and the annual Trinity International Hip Hop Festival. **Inset left:** Bob Parzych '76 **Right:** Current co-station managers Maura Keary '22 and Alex Chambers '22



## 'Every life has a soundtrack'

As a soldier stationed in Germany in the 1970s, James Ransom Reed IDP'83 created the character of Jocko Jim as a way to narrate stories of his life in the army. With a deep and resonant voice to begin with, Reed lowered his voice even more and recorded personalized cassette tapes to mail home to his family and friends. Today, Reed's audience gets a regular dose of that voice—and Reed's warm and engaging patter—by listening to WRTC's *Jocko Jim's Gig and Get-together*.

Says Reed, "I like to say that I play music from the archives of your lives. Every life has a soundtrack, and if you go back to those moments in your life, bad or good, there was music playing, you were singing songs."

For Michele Sensale '85, who alternates hosting *Alien Two Punk Divas* with Rita Scuris '88, being on the radio means playing music she loves, mostly from the '80s and '90s, and connecting with college buddies and others who reach out by social media to say they're listening. Sensale says, "My motivation is simple: I'm an attorney who needs a creative outlet." She adds, "DJ culture is very much alive, and WRTC gives you a platform to share your love of music with others and turn people on to music that they may not know or that they have left in the past. There is something very fulfilling about that."

Won-Ldy Paye IDP'16, host of *African Ambience*, was drawn to WRTC after having DJ'd previously at the University of Washington's station in Seattle. "All the different genres of music make WRTC different than other stations," says Paye. "I wanted to contribute to the diversity of the campus. Being an African music enthusiast, I thought, well, this will give another flavor." Originally from Liberia, Paye is an artist, performer, and co-author of several children's books. "In many African languages, education, learning, pretty much everything comes to you orally. And much of it comes through music, songs, things that you learn growing up. My deal on the show is to entertain you as well as making you aware of your own surroundings, making you aware of life."

## 'Relevance'

Of all the important moments in WRTC's history, says Cowles, among its proudest was how the station managed to persist through challenges posed by COVID-19. "Once the pandemic hit, we were the only noncommercial station in the state that remained on the air live in the studio—everybody else went to a prerecorded status, and they were not in the studio." Not that it was easy; for many months, there was regular COVID testing, and only one person—the show host—was allowed in the facility at a time.

Adds Palladino, "It's remarkable that during COVID, even without a fund drive, WRTC would get checks in the mail from random people who would say, 'I really like your station, here's 200 bucks.' So I think WRTC really has reach and impact, maybe even more so than in the old days."

In his faculty adviser role, Palladino is the official liaison between the station and the college. But he downplays his contributions, crediting all the important behind-the-scenes work to the students and to Cowles and Schwenk.

Asked if there is something about WRTC that he wished more people knew, Palladino responds without hesitation. "In a word, it would be relevance. People still listen to the radio, and, with the internet and streaming, people listen to the radio all over the world. It's rare to have a radio station for 75 years, and it's something that should be cherished and showcased." **T**



For a deeper dive into WRTC history, visit [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter) or the history section of the station's website, compiled and written by Chris Cowles.

## MEMORIES AND MORE...

### WHY LISTEN TO COLLEGE RADIO IN GENERAL AND TO WRTC SPECIFICALLY?

**John Schwenk, chief engineer, WRTC:** "Four-fifths of the FM dial is commercial radio. Commercial radio won't play even 99 percent of rock music because it's not 'the hits.' So as far as music is concerned, what I say is that commercial radio is only going to play at most—and this is generous—1 percent of all the music that's out there. In fact, it's probably closer to .1 percent or .01 percent. WRTC plays the other 99 percent."

**Reynolds Onderdonk '76, host of *Alien Rock*:** "It helps to open up people's minds to new things. Maybe you say you don't like country music or jazz—but you might like what you hear. Or, you might not like what you hear, but then you might like the next thing that you hear. At 'RTC' we're kind of under the radar. RTC is like a scruffy, underground kind of operation that not a lot of people listen to, but you're probably more likely to hear some crazy things on RTC that you wouldn't hear otherwise."

**Joe Palladino, professor of engineering and faculty adviser to WRTC:** "I like that the DJ is working for you. I don't want to figure out what I want to listen to; I want somebody else to do that."

**Chris Cowles, WRTC general manager and host of *Greasy Tracks*:** "This is live radio, all the warts and good things in one package at the same time, where anything can happen and usually does. That's what separates us from other radio, the predictability of other radio. If you want to hear the same 10 or 12 songs over and over again, go to a commercial rock station. We do

things that are just unpredictable and fun. And you can tell when a host is having a good time because of the energy level—and a lot of times that is spurred by phone calls that they get from people. ... I think we have a great balance between community people, students, alumni, staff members of Trinity, all coming together under this one roof. There's a lot of depth with some of these programs. If you look at the two Portuguese shows, weekend programming that's been around at least 40 years, they're serving a community that's been part of the Hartford ecosystem for a long, long time. We also had the longest running polka show in the state until the host [John Jeski] passed away [in 2007]."

#### VINYL OR DIGITAL?

**Onderdonk:** "You know when you play a record and it pops or it has surface noise or it skips or it just begins to sound grainy because it's so worn and you think to yourself, 'Gosh, I wish these records would not deteriorate like this.' And when CDs came, they did not deteriorate. So digital sound has changed things. Some people think that records sound better than digital. I don't agree with that. Once I began hearing things on digital I could hear more subtleties on the digital recordings. I have my Philips turntable that I've had since college. I have done comparison testing between the records and the digital version, and I just think that the digital version sounds better. There's something about the vinyl sound that is pleasing, but I don't think it's as accurate as the digital sound."

#### WHAT DO YOU HEAR FROM LISTENERS?

**Cowles:** "One show I did a couple years ago, I got calls from 26 different states—that was a feature on Gregg Allman, from the Allman Brothers Band, who passed away. We were getting calls from all over the place, some people in tears they were so emotionally moved by the show. It's those kind of things that mean something to you when you come in here and do a program."

**James Ransom Reed IDP'83, host of Jocko Jim's Gig and Get-together:** "My phone at the station is ringing at 11:30 at night, 12 in the morning. I try to make my show interactive. I have a lot of quizzes. Last night I brought up the cartoon character Johnny Quest—he had a dog, what was the dog's name, if you know, give me a call. I also have a part of the show called the best of the story, where I talk about someone and at the very end tell who that person is and what they did; it's sort of like holding the punch line till the end. I have mystery artists, and I'll play a song and ask if you know who it is, call in, and I'll give you a shout-out."

#### HOW IS WRTC MEANINGFUL FOR STUDENTS WHO GET INVOLVED?

**Andrew Budd '08, former show host and creator of WRTC's online archive of programs:** "Anybody can put content out on the internet. You're like a tiny fish in an ocean, whereas if you have a show on a college radio station, you're a much bigger fish in a much smaller pond, and you're getting to do something that not everyone gets to do. You also have this experience of it being something you do live, which is also kind of fun and fascinating, that not everybody gets to experience in their lifetime. ... There's something really special about anyone who has that kind of passion for

something they're engaged with that's a creative process. None of these folks are getting paid; this is something that they do because they love it. And it's a lot of work to put together a good show, and to do it every week is a very serious commitment."

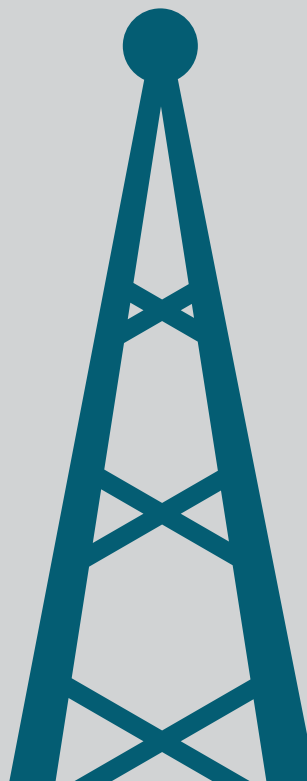
Also, "The show that we hosted was called *The Quadcast* because we were four roommates. Our genre was whatever we were listening to at the time. It was a fun thing to do with a group. I think some people have a show, and it's a very personal, even in some ways a solitary experience. But for us, it was much more of a thing that we did together as friends."

**Maura Keary '22, co-station manager and co-host (with Alex Chambers '22) of Bantam Backroads:** "The fact that we're on the air by ourselves as college students, I think that's really helped me in public speaking. Along with communication, just preparing for our show, I've gained a lot of skills I'll use after college. I was the business manager last year, and I'm taking that role into station manager this year."

Those budgeting and expenditure spreadsheets will all help me with business in the future—I am an economics major, so it all fits together nicely."

**Schwenk:** "The students get to meet all different kinds of people and interact with them and run this small organization. And certainly they're introduced to other kinds of music. I think students probably learn about whole genres of music they didn't even know of before. They also have the opportunity to learn about audio production: how to record audio, edit audio, mix it with music, make it sound decent for the radio, and basically how to make a PSA [public service announcement]. And they learn all about FCC regulations, how to run a control board, what it means to have an audio signal, and how to route it and set its level. ... Sports is another important aspect. Some students can do the play-by-play; they can cover the [Trinity] games live. We've had students who do sports talk shows as well. It creates this other way that students can be involved."

**Cowles:** "The students gain skills that you can use your entire life for so many different things. It just comes down to communicating. Sharing ideas or absorbing information, deciphering what's trying to be said, and putting it together into a package and getting it out there."





Q&A with

# Kristen Eshleman

Trinity's new vice  
president for Library  
and Information  
Technology Services

Kristen Eshleman came to  
Trinity College in July 2021  
as vice president for Library  
and Information Technology

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Services (LITS) after nearly  
two decades at Davidson College in North Carolina, where  
she most recently served as director of innovation initia-  
tives. Previously, she 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.

Kristen Eshleman,  
vice president for  
Library and  
Information  
Technology Services,  
outside Trinity's  
Raether Library and  
Information  
Technology Center

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 is a co-author, with Joe Eshleman, Richard Moniz, and Karen Mann, of the 2016 book *Librarians and Instructional Designers: Collaboration and Innovation*.

She recently took a moment to respond to questions from *The Trinity Reporter*.

**What attracted you to Trinity College?** There are so many great reasons to come to Trinity. First and foremost, I am passionate about the liberal arts and about the role institutions play in fostering a thriving society. The habits of mind, moral grounding, and enduring skills students gain at Trinity are arguably more important than ever. At the same time, however, the broader public is increasingly skeptical about institutions, particularly the value and relevance of a private, four-year residential liberal arts degree.

I'm excited to be here because Trinity is navigating these challenges in the most forward-thinking ways, and I want to contribute to these ideas. Our urban setting is unique among our peers. It provides a distinctive advantage for integrated learning that engages our students in the most pressing and timely social challenges. While most liberal arts colleges provide an inward retreat from the world, Trinity is bridging outward. We are responding to skepticism by actively connecting the core value of the liberal arts to a rapidly changing context.

Honestly, you had me at the mission statement—"where the liberal arts meet the real world."

**What do you consider to be your immediate priorities in your new role as vice president for LITS?** The immediate priority is building relationships within the team and across campus. I am learning the campus culture and gaining an understanding of the needs and opportunities where the library and technology can contribute. Starting this year, we will explore what digital transformation means for Trinity. This includes developing our three-year plan for next-generation technology, strengthening the library as Trinity's intellectual hub, building a culture of data and analytics, and adopting agile ways of working. Technology and

information are key enablers of opportunity for the college. We are excited to be strategic institutional partners in this process.

**LITS has played a key role in getting the college through the pandemic. How do you plan to keep your division poised to meet any challenges it may face in the future?** We are fortunate to have a very talented LITS team. Trinity's prior investments in digital learning, along with the merger of the library and IT, made this transition possible. We are not designed to be a fully online college, whether that is in the classroom or beyond. Nor would we choose to be fully online. That said, technology continues to be a change pressure in higher ed. We can expect more churn and changes in the future. Students have new expectations around learning and research. They expect technology to work for them in ways that lower their burdens and improve their outcomes. We must be poised to meet those expectations by modernizing our technology infrastructure and preparing everyone on campus for a digital future. If our people, processes, and technologies are not flexible, user-friendly, and adaptable, we might survive future challenges, but we won't thrive.

**What do you feel are your division's greatest strengths?** The people, hands down. The LITS staff are some of the most dedicated, talented, and collaborative team members I've had the pleasure to work with. The college saw that dedication in action during COVID. But in addition to our professional training, we are a wonderful mix of writers, musicians, athletes, entrepreneurs, artists, and more.

I'd be remiss if I did not also mention the strength of our library collection—both the main library and the Watkinson. Trinity's collections are unique for a college our size. That sets us apart from our peers in ways not often recognized. We are excited to explore how we plan to maintain and grow that distinction as a differentiator for Trinity students and faculty.

**Where do you see opportunities for your division's growth?** What we are seeking is transformation—in the service of the student experience, faculty research, and operational efficiency. We grow by focusing staff time and institutional investments on the work that will maintain and advance Trinity's position of strength in the higher ed ecosystem. We are looking at transformation in four buckets:

- **The library:** In the library, we want to work closely with faculty to answer the bigger question of what the Trinity collection is for and to rethink our

space, collections, and programs to establish the library as an inclusive intellectual hub.

- **Digital liberal arts:** In partnership with faculty and students, we want to explore what the digital liberal arts means for Trinity. In many ways, we just went through a form of digital transformation that was thrust upon us during COVID. What did we learn from that experience? How do we use those learnings to answer a key question of what technology enables us to do that we could not do otherwise and then to focus time and resources exploring mission-aligned possibilities?
- **Next-generation technology:** A portion of our campus technology is too complex and fractured to deliver a modern experience. We need to invest in student-facing technologies, greater integration, and data insights across all of our systems. And because this always is a moving target, redesigning to center the student experience also means redesigning our technology ecosystem to support ongoing innovation—we must make it easier for us to deploy tech to solve new challenges.
- **A culture of data:** Much of what happens at Trinity is captured in our technology. We aren't fully harnessing that data to inform strategy and decision-making. But we can if we develop a discipline of analytics across campus. To continuously improve, we need to build a culture of data, where everyone sees themselves as data producers and consumers.

**Now for something a bit lighter: Since your area includes the library, we'd like some book recommendations. What three titles would you recommend to the magazine's readers?** So, this might not feel "lighter," but this is where my interests lie recently. *The Inequality Machine: How College Divides Us*, by Paul Tough: The book is about how the structure and processes of elite colleges perpetuate inequality. The example of admissions processes at Trinity is cited as an example of the challenges we face trying to rectify this problem. It's a great book that calls attention to the change pressures we need to navigate in higher ed.


*The Promise of Access: Technology, Inequality, and the Political Economy of Hope*, by Daniel Greene: Technology is often given too much credit for solving problems that are inherently human. I am drawn to scholarly books that debunk the popular myth of technology as progressive. There are times when it is regressive—when we digitize bad practice and



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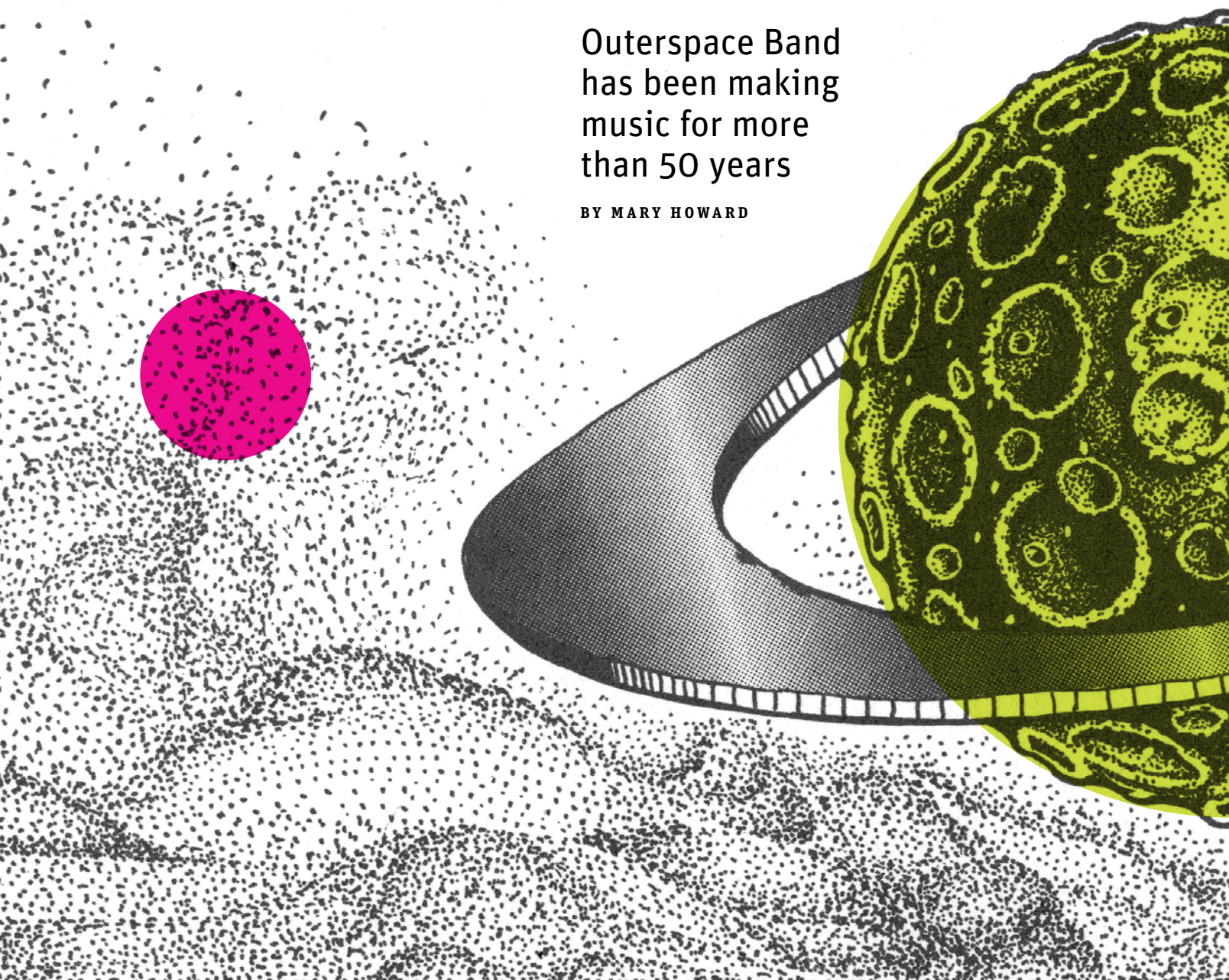
inadvertently contribute to existing inequities. This book illustrates how this happens in popular narratives that, frankly, don't play out. It's an important cautionary tale and reminder that we must remain critical of technology if we want to use it well.

*Thick (And Other Essays)*, by Tressie McMillan Cottom: I've never read a sociologist who is better at explaining who we are and what makes us tick as a society. In this book, she explains it through personal experience. She is one of the best thinkers who consistently tweaks my own thinking. Check out her new column in *The New York Times*. 

# Simply **Out** of this **World**

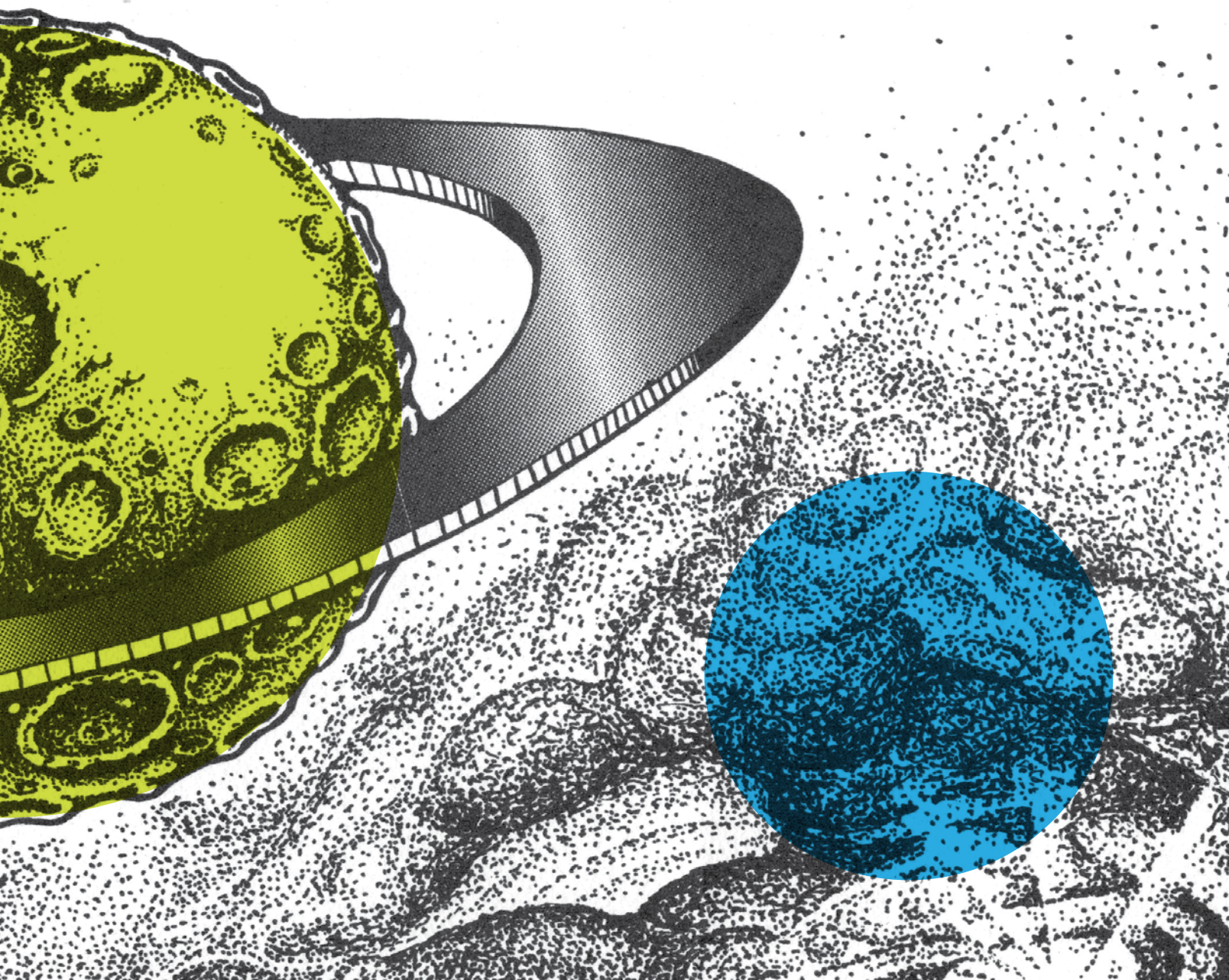
Outerspace Band  
has been making  
music for more  
than 50 years

BY MARY HOWARD



It was September 1968, a year after the Summer of Love, when John Moses '72, then in his first year at Trinity College, plucked an index card from an archway leading to the Main Quad.

“It said, ‘Want to start a band?’ ” remembers John “Klondike” Koehler '72, the one who had posted the card. That simple act started the Outerspace Band, a rock-and-roll group made up mostly of Trinity alumni—a “band of brothers” who have endured for more than five decades.



The current lineup is Moses on lead guitar and vocals, Koehler on bass, Compton Maddux '72 on rhythm guitar and vocals, Eliot Osborn '71 on keyboards and vocals, Dave Robinson '72 on harmonica and vocals, and Michael Wisotzkey on drums. Original drummer Kirk "Chief" Kubicek '72 still gigs with the band at their Trinity Reunions.

"The idea of college classmates and friends running any business for 50 years is a significant achievement," says Osborn.

Notes Robinson, "We're just having too much fun to let it go."

When Moses and Koehler started rehearsing in a former laundry room on South Campus, they could not have anticipated the longevity of the project they were starting. "We wanted what a lot of kids wanted, just to play music," says Koehler. Almost immediately a group came together "through providence, with very little effort on our part," he adds.

At one point that fall, to garner additional members, Koehler stood up during a lull in his calculus class and asked if anyone was interested in starting a band. Maddux and Robinson raised their hands.

Within a few months, they had their first gig. It was November 1, 1968, in the old Cave café in Mather Hall, recalls Moses, a retired public school teacher who lives in Charleston, South Carolina. "My future wife was in the audience."

At that point, the band was called Gasoline and performed mostly covers. "We played the usual stuff: Jimmy Hendrix, the Doors, Buffalo Springfield, and the blues," says Moses. That first year, the band played 22 gigs, mostly at Trinity and other colleges, and grossed \$2,691.

By February 1970, they had talked their way into opening for B.B. King in Ferris Athletic Center. Robinson—a "blues purist" whose skills on the harp earned him the nickname "Wailin' Dave"—remembers King as "humble and unassuming." He found his way into King's dressing room and was greeted with coffee and

doughnuts. "He treated me like one of the guys in his band," says Robinson.

Moses notes, "That gig was a crossroads." It was the largest audience the band had played thus far, and, according to *The Trinity Tripod*, their performance was "superb"—high praise considering they shared the stage with a legend.

"It couldn't have been any better," adds drummer Kubicek.

Osborn was in the audience that night and was impressed with Gasoline. Shortly after, he joined the band and, in the words of Moses, "brought in a whole new element."

Osborn was an experienced songwriter. Though he was only a year ahead of the rest of the band members, "he was like an adult," remembers Moses. "We really got it together [after Osborn joined]." And his original songs motivated other members to write their own.

During the rest of their Trinity years, the band continued to play bars and events. We got a lot more traction than we were expecting," says Osborn. "We realized we had something good going on." Did all that focus on music affect their academic performance?

"Absolutely," says Moses, who admits he graduated 100th from the bottom of his class.

It's not surprising that in 1972, after all the members had graduated, they decided to "make a run of it," says Koehler. "Playing music together was really the only thing we wanted to do."

Their lineup changed a bit. Maddux left to pursue other musical venues in Colorado, though he found his way back to the band in the 1980s. Al Scheeren, a trombone and fiddle player from Maine who had backed Glen Campbell, joined in 1975. They also added managers, Eric Weiss '72 (now deceased) and Rich Sieger '73, and sound engineers and roadies, Arthur Adams IDP'72 and Don Pugh '71. Adams continued with the band as a sound engineer and webmaster until his death in 2018.

Calling themselves the Outerspace Band—"we were looking for new frontiers," explains Koehler—they became



Top: The band—with John Moses '72, Eliot Osborn '71, and Dave Robinson '72—performs at Haverford College in 1973. Above: The Outerspace Band logo by Barclay Shaw '72; Opposite: Outerspace Band members pose in 1975 in Cambridge, Massachusetts, where they enjoyed a legendary run at Jack's, performing more than 75 times at the venue. Clockwise from top left: John Moses '72, Eliot Osborn '71, Kirk Kubicek '72, Dave Robinson '72, John Koehler '72, and Alex Scheeren

PHOTOS: (LEFT) BINA WILLIAMS; (RIGHT) RON POWNALL



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well-known on the New England circuit. Considered a jam band, they played an eclectic mix of rock, country, bluegrass, and blues—including original numbers. They lived communally in a series of rented, rundown houses in the town of Wendell, Massachusetts, putting in an average of 250 shows a year and hoping for that elusive record deal.

While they never got that deal, they did get to play the White House in 1975. As the story goes, Koehler's sister had a friend who was on the dance committee at Holton-Arms School, the same prep school in Bethesda, Maryland, attended by Susan Ford, daughter of then-President Gerald Ford. Working those connections, Koehler and band manager Weiss drove to the school with a reel-to-reel of their music. Susan Ford liked what she heard and decided to hire the Outerspace Band to play at her senior prom at the White House.

The experience was surreal, says Robinson. "It was like playing a gig at a museum."

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Kubicek agreed it was an unusual environment. "Every third adult was carrying a gun."

The media buzz that followed was extraordinary. "To this day, we're known as the band that played the White House," says Robinson. "Even our skeptical parents couldn't deny that something was going on." The event was covered in *The Washington Post*, *The Boston Globe*, and *Rolling Stone* magazine, to name a few. But despite the press and the band's talent—"I would put us up against any band writing their own material," says Moses—their big break never came. Instead, they kept playing smoky bars and putting every penny into just getting by.

**B**y 1977, things began to change. Band members were getting married and thinking about starting families. That June, they scheduled what was to be their last gig. But a funny thing happened: "We kept getting requests to play weddings and other special events," says Moses.

So, while they dialed back their rigorous gig schedule, the Outerspace Band kept playing. Over the years, they've opened for performers including Dr. John and Waylon Jennings and recently backed Cyril Neville of the Neville Brothers. In 2001, they released a CD of their original music to rave reviews. They've also performed at Trinity Reunions and are scheduled to play at their 50th this coming June.


And every summer, the Outerspace Band spends a few weeks touring Maine. They started playing gigs in and around the shores and ski resorts of "Vacationland" while at Trinity. "We're the princes of Maine," jokes Maddux, who recently moved to the state. He says their Maine fans—now spanning several generations—will drive 60 miles to see their show.

Most of the band members have other musical projects. Episcopal priest Kubicek plays in a Grateful Dead tribute band near his home in Sykesville, Maryland, with his son, also a drummer. And Maddux has produced two CDs of his original country music, collaborating with artists including Richie Havens.

They've also enjoyed successful careers outside of music. Koehler started Klondike Sound while at Trinity and still does consulting work at major music festivals,



including the New Orleans Jazz & Heritage Festival. Osborn, who taught music to visually impaired students, is founder and co-director of Project Troubador, a non-profit that works to bridge cultural, racial, and ethnic gaps through music, dance, and mime.

But when they are together, it's like coming home, says Maddux, "a place where you can give full play to your strengths, where you are well-known among lifetime friends. We're really lucky." 



For a video compilation of the Outerspace Band's summer 2021 performances, please visit commons.  
[trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://trincoll.edu/Reporter).

PHOTOS: (TOP) CHRIS MORSE; (BOTTOM) MICHAEL PATRICK ILO



<< Today's Outerspace Band—Eliot Osborn '71, Michael Wisotzkey (Maine drummer), Compton Maddux '72, David Robinson '72, John Koehler '72, and John Moses '72—in June 2019 in Rockland, Maine.

## 2021 Outerspace Band



<< John Moses '72 (in blue) rocks out with bandmates Compton Maddux '72, Kirk Kubicek '72, Dave Robinson '72, John Koehler '72, and Eliot Osborn '71 at a 1987 concert in Freeport, Maine.



<< Famed blues singer-songwriter B.B. King and John Moses '72 jam in February 1970; the band opened for the music legend for his show in the Ferris Athletic Center.

## COLLEGE CONNECTIONS

"The college experience was a necessary incubation period for us," bassist John "Klondike" Koehler '72 told *The Baltimore Sun* in April 1975, shortly before the Outerspace Band played the White House. "It gave us the chance that many bands don't have: an opportunity to experiment and develop our own style in a protective world."

Not only was the Trinity College administration supportive in providing practice space but also numerous alumni contributed their time and talents to this musical venture over the years, says lead guitarist John Moses '72.

Eric Weiss '72, especially, was indispensable to the band as their manager from 1972–77, says Moses. "He found us housing, gigs and, showcases throughout New England." Sadly, Weiss passed away on September 8, 2021.

"He was a trusted friend with the patience of Job," adds Moses. "Very even tempered with a great perspective on the whole experience, he had a sense of humor but was a logical thinker, and that helped him later as a lawyer."

Alumni who were a part of the band along the way—in addition to founding members Koehler, Moses, Kirk "Chief" Kubicek '72, Compton Maddux '72, Eliot Osborn '71, and Dave Robinson '72—include:

- Arthur Adams IDP'72\***, sound engineer, roadie
- Van Alford '69**, keyboard, vocals
- Harry Barrett '73**, manager at Trinity
- David Bono '74**, equipment design
- Bob Cuozzi '72**, graphic design
- Jonathan Harris '72**, promoter
- Andy Mitchell '72**, original drummer
- Robert O'Connor '72\***, sax
- William Pearson '74**, percussion
- Don Pugh '71**, sound engineer, roadie
- Dan Reilert '70**, guitar, vocals
- Ken Schweikert '71**, Maine venue booking
- Barclay Shaw '72**, logo, posters, graphics
- Rich Sieger '73**, manager 1972–77
- John Speziale '72**, keyboards
- Andy Squire '73**, Trueblood Lighting
- Richard Steere '73**, Trueblood Lighting
- Aram Tellalian '70**, keyboard, vocals
- Eric Weiss '72\***, manager 1972–77
- James Zachar '75\***, Trueblood Lighting

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Baltimore Orioles' Greg Bader '97, also a lifelong fan, works to advance DEI at the ballpark

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THE BALTIMORE ORIOLES

# 'All are welcome'

Greg Bader '97 bleeds orange and black. It's not a medical condition; it's just how hard-line Baltimore Orioles fans describe themselves. Yet even among superfans, Bader stands out for parlaying his love for his hometown team into a bona fide career. Currently senior vice president of administration and experience, Bader has spent more than 25 years with the Orioles organization.

"In my role, I see myself as caretaker of the Oriole Park experience," says Bader. "I'm trying to create as many fans as possible and keep as many fans as loyal as possible."

Greg Bader '97, senior vice president of administration and experience for the Baltimore Orioles



### EARLY START

Bader traces his passion for the Orioles to his tween years. “When I was 11 or 12, my father and I went to an open house at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore to pick out our seats for a 13-game season ticket plan,” he recounts. “That summer, I absolutely fell in love with the sport—the camaraderie, the common goal, the cheering crowd.”

That summer also led Bader to form a larger life goal: to work for the Orioles when he grew up. “Friends of mine from high school kid me that I spent more time making Orioles’ lineups in my notebooks than I did writing down my French vocabulary or whatever else I was supposed to be studying,” he says. At the time, however, higher education didn’t offer many sports management programs. Bader decided his best bet was to get a well-rounded education where he could sharpen his writing and communication skills.

Trinity College felt like the perfect fit. “I went to a prep school in Maryland that was pretty small,” he explains. “So I knew that I wanted a similar college experience. Walking on the Trinity campus, it immediately struck me as what I pictured college would be like. It was a beautiful day, the leaves were turning, and the students looked so happy. I also really liked the liberal arts focus and the diverse courses you could take.”

### POLITICS AND POLICY

One of those courses was “Law, Gender, and the Supreme Court” with Professor Adrienne Fulco, now associate professor of legal and policy studies and director of the Public Policy and Law Program. “It was a tremendous experience,” Bader says. “Professor Fulco is an amazing teacher. That course was 100 percent responsible for my decision to major

in political science and become as interested as I am in politics and public policy.” Bader went on to take several more courses with Fulco, including “Feminist Legal Theory.”

Fulco remembers that well. “Typically there were more women students who enrolled in those courses,” she recalls. “It was wonderful to have Greg and his perspective in those classes. What most impressed me was his curiosity and ability to understand, analyze, and synthesize really complex ideas. He also had a phenomenal sense of humor. In addition, we shared a love for baseball—I’m a diehard Red Sox fan—so we immediately had something else in common.”

Fulco and Bader have stayed in touch over the years. “There are some people who are students of my heart,” Fulco continues. “Greg is in that category. We had not only academics and the wonderful professor-student mentor relationship that one hopes to have with students. But we also had baseball. And he certainly knew lots of things in that arena that I didn’t. So in a way, he was my mentor when it came to baseball.” Fulco notes that she has a gift from Bader displayed prominently in her office: a Baltimore Orioles cap. “Everybody sees it when they walk into my office. So Greg is always with me in spirit.”

### ORGANIZATION LIVING ITS VALUES

Despite his love of politics and policy, Bader kept his goal of working for the Orioles top of mind. And as so often happens, preparation, hard work, and some good fortune led to opportunity. “After my freshman year, I got a summer internship with the Orioles in their PR department,” Bader says. “They brought me back for the next three summers; I also worked in the



**Right:** Greg Bader '97, right, does a pregame interview from the Orioles dugout at Camden Yards. **Center:** An Orioles player sports a jersey with Braille lettering. **Far right:** The Orioles' O's logo—with rainbow pride colors—adorns the field.

box office and the control room, putting up player statistics and crowd prompts on the scoreboard.” After graduating, Bader joined the organization full time, initially selling suites and then segueing to overseeing the team’s spring training operation. “It was an interesting several years where I had no idea where my career might take me and whether working in baseball was a long-term proposition.”

But in the back of Bader’s mind was a worrisome question: Could he have a career in the business of professional sports as a gay man? He was by no means closeted. Bader began coming out to his Trinity friends during his senior year and then to his family by the time he graduated. He has been with his husband, John, for 21 years. Still, coming out in the world of Major League Baseball (MLB) felt different—and as time went on, necessary. “I officially came out to my colleagues in 2007 when my husband and I accepted an invitation to a colleague’s wedding,” he says. “I was struck by how supportive everyone was.”


That supportive feeling culminated in 2018 when the Orioles hosted its first LGBTQ night at Camden Yards. “Up to that point, we had been very traditional in our promotions,” Bader explains. “That year, we started branching out. It was a natural fit to do a Pride Night to reinforce the message of Birdland, which is that all are welcome.” The Orioles also held a night for the National Federation of the Blind. “We became the first professional sports team in North America to wear Braille lettering on our jerseys. Those jerseys were later auctioned off to raise money for the Federation.”

According to Bader, these promotions are examples of the organization living its values. “I’m very proud of the work the Orioles do in terms of

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GREG BADER '97

advancing our beliefs of what is good and right, whether it’s diversity and inclusion, the Black Lives Matter movement, or the right to vote,” he continues. “We’ve been very vocal about issues we believe transcend politics.”

Today, Bader is particularly glad that people who identify as LGBTQ don’t need to wonder if they are welcome in the MLB. “Being gay is not seen in any way, shape, or form as an impediment to being in baseball. I would argue that it actually will help you stand out from the crowd. And as organizations look to diversify in a variety of ways, the fact that you are LGBTQ could be seen very much as a positive,” he concludes. “It’s great to see that there’s been so much progress.” 





# DELIVERING THE AMERICAN DREAM

**Melissa Meza Melkonian '03**

builds on her past to make the future better for her students

BY RHEA HIRSHMAN

Melissa Meza Melkonian '03,  
founder and head of school of  
The American Dream School  
in the Bronx

On a warm Saturday in late June 2021, gathered on the grounds of the Bronx Zoo, 64 graduates of The American Dream School (ADS) received their high school diplomas. Resplendent in their white gowns and gold sashes, the students were cheered in English and Spanish by their families and friends, by their teachers and school staff, and, perhaps most of all, by ADS's founder and head of school, Melissa Meza Melkonian '03, whose own journey as the child of immigrant parents was mirrored in theirs.

PHOTO: MICHAEL KAMBER

**M**elkonian was born and raised near the Texas-Mexico border in a small town outside El Paso. “My parents, Natividad and Edgar Meza, emigrated from Mexico in search of the American dream for their children,” she says. “To them—they had gone only through sixth grade—the American dream meant access to the best education possible.”

Active in high school in everything from softball to student government to the Spanish honor society, Melkonian figured she would attend college in Texas, which allows high school graduates with grades in the top 10th percentile to attend any public university in the state.

Then, walking past the guidance office one day, she saw the pamphlet: Trinity College, with all four New England seasons displayed in full color. “I remember thinking, ‘What is this place?’” she says. She visited the campus through a program geared to first-generation college students, completed her application, and was accepted.

Melkonian was thrilled. Her mother, concerned about distance and unfamiliarity, was less enthusiastic and urged her to attend school closer to home. “But I was head over heels in love with the college,” Melkonian says. Eventually, her mother accepted the idea of her daughter’s striking out for faraway Connecticut.

Her first months at Trinity were not easy. She wasn’t sure where she fit. A star student whose good grades in advanced courses had come easily, Melkonian found herself struggling academically, socially, and emotionally. At midterm, she called her mother to say she wanted to come home. “No,” her mother told her. “You will stay there and figure it out.”

Melkonian turned to Clyde McKee, the professor teaching her “American National Government” class. Between his support and becoming involved in other activities—she started practicing with the softball team and working in the Admissions Office—Melkonian found her footing and her people. “I had never been down so low,” she says, “but everyone I opened up to helped to lift me. It was eye-opening to be supported like that.”

McKee, who passed away in 2011, remained a mentor throughout Melkonian’s Trinity career and beyond. She keeps in touch with this Trinity

family—five of the six McKee siblings are Trinity alums—corresponding regularly with McKee’s widow, Mary. The family has supported Melkonian’s work with donations to ADS, while son Clyde has shared his expertise in commercial insurance and daughter Deanne ’81 is a resource in matters related to fundraising and philanthropy. “My dad dedicated his life to those he believed had the drive, skills, courage, and persistence to make a difference in the world,” says the younger Clyde McKee. “When he found someone like Melissa, he did whatever he could to support and encourage them.”

During a student trip sophomore year to Washington, D.C., with the McKees, Melkonian was introduced to a member of Congress and had a private tour of the Capitol. “I love history and politics,” she says. “I was starstruck and wanted more.” For her junior year, she was accepted to the Bard College International Honors Program, a yearlong study of globalization focusing on England, Tanzania, India, the Philippines, and Mexico.

That experience changed her life.

“I was traveling with 30 other Americans in a world that was not loving Americans so much,” she says. “I learned about myself, about my place in the world as an American and a Mexican-American. We encountered so much injustice that never makes the news. I came home angry and with a fire in my belly to do something.”

She considered a teaching gig with the Peace Corps. But her mother said, “Teach here. There are so many places in the U.S. that need good teachers.”

After graduating with a double major in political science and public policy, Melkonian entered the New York City Teaching Fellows program, moved to the Bronx, and worked toward her master’s degree in special education and bilingual education. Her teaching placement was a trial by fire: fresh out of college, in a mixed-grade and mixed-needs special education classroom. Something was wrong, she thought. Why were fifth through eighth graders in the same classroom? Because they were immigrants? Because they spoke Spanish as a first language and had reading disabilities?

After three years, Melkonian moved to a charter school in the Bronx while pursuing a second master’s degree in education leadership at Columbia



University’s Teachers College, for which one of the requirements was designing a new school. “The school I designed then looks nothing like the school I run now, but the exercise was great practice,” she says. When she read a 2011 *New York Times* article detailing the dire dropout statistics for first-generation students in the South Bronx—a heavily Mexican-American area—the vision for The American Dream School was born. “I was convinced,” she says, “that these students were fully capable of being successful with the right support for them and their families.”

Her 2013 application to the state Department of Education was accepted on the first try. Between soliciting the neighborhood parents to enroll their children and having to find the school’s initial location—“an approval of your charter application does not come with a building,” she notes—she was able to open in the fall of 2014 with a class of sixth graders.



Left: Melissa Melkonian '03 welcomes middle school students on the first day of school in 2016. Before the pandemic, Melkonian—accompanied by music—greeted students this way every day. Below, top: Melkonian stands outside the school she founded. Below, bottom: The ADS Class of 2021 celebrates at the school's first graduation ceremony.

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MELISSA MEZA MELKONIAN '03



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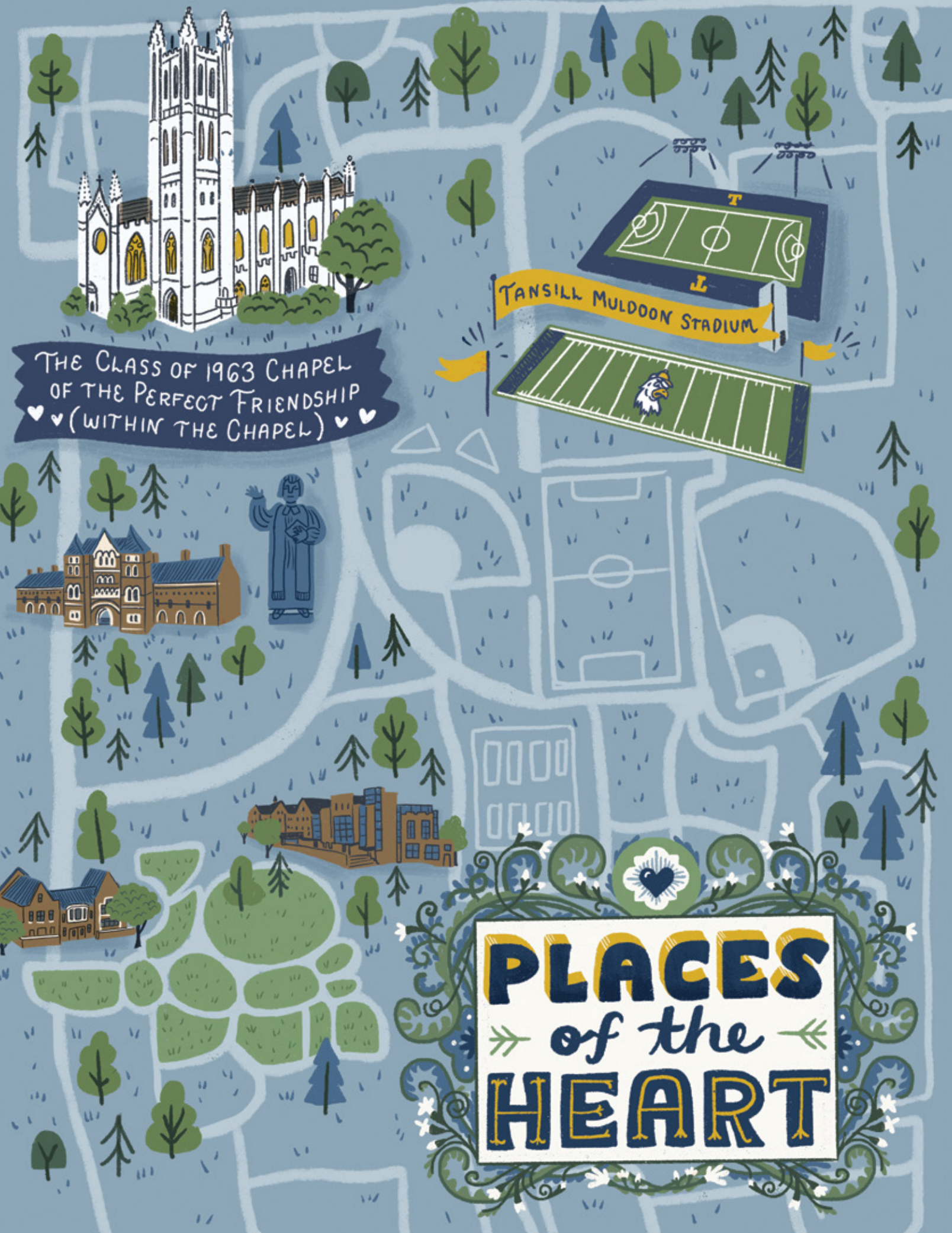
Now, ADS enrolls about 600 students in 6th through 12th grades. It is a totally bilingual learning environment, with a full complement of extracurricular activities and a mission of fostering leadership qualities and academic excellence in both English and Spanish. Against heavy odds, including the impact of COVID-19 on a highly vulnerable community, the school has survived and thrived. This first graduating class had a high school graduation rate of 98 percent—significantly above the borough's average—with 95 percent of those graduates heading to college.

What does not show in those statistics is the support the school gives to its families, from a food pantry to translation services to assistance with legal matters. “We offer these services not to replace other nonprofit organizations,” Melkonian says, “but as an extension of who we are as a family and a community. Our students can’t learn if their most basic needs are not met; we offer a holistic approach to educating our students, our families.”

When Melkonian’s own mother visited the school about five years ago, she commented on how at home she felt in the bilingual environment. “I wish it had been like this when you were in school,” she told her daughter. “Knowing my mother’s experience with my schools is the reason behind how we operate,” Melkonian says. “We will dignify our parents, give them a voice, and involve them in their children’s education.”

None of the school’s success and resiliency would be possible, Melkonian emphasizes, without the full-hearted support of faculty and staff who work with students at all hours of the day and night and students who readily give up their Saturdays to move boxes or to help distribute food. She would love to see some of those students at Trinity; a handful likely will apply for next year. “I got to Trinity by accident,” she says, “and the experience changed my life. And I think that Trinity needs my kids.” **T**

PHOTOS: (ABOVE, BOTTOM RIGHT) COURTESY OF THE AMERICAN DREAM SCHOOL; (TOP RIGHT) MICHAEL KAMBER



THE CLASS OF 1963 CHAPEL  
OF THE PERFECT FRIENDSHIP  
♥♥ (WITHIN THE CHAPEL) ♥♥

TANSILL MULDOON STADIUM

**PLACES**  
of the  
**HEART**

Many places on Trinity College's historic campus hold special meaning for alumni—places where lifelong learning was kindled and lifelong friendships were forged. At the same time, the challenge of maintaining and updating aging campus facilities is persistent and ongoing. Thanks to the generosity of Trinity alumni, families, and friends who have made recent significant gifts to the college, important progress is being accomplished toward upgrading athletic facilities and in initiating repairs and renovations at the Trinity College Chapel. Those who have contributed to these projects have honored and celebrated the Trinity experiences, people, and places they love. And all members of the campus community will surely benefit from the campus upgrades, described on the following pages, that these donors have made possible.

## Significant campus upgrades made possible by devoted Trinity families and friends

STORY BY KATHY ANDREWS

ILLUSTRATION BY JESSICA MCGUIRL



## Tansill Muldoon Stadium

ENHANCING THE GAME-DAY EXPERIENCE FOR ALL

For Trinity teams, coaching staff, and spectators, a major highlight of fall 2021 was the September 18 opening of the Tansill Muldoon Stadium, coinciding with both the season-opening football game and the NESCAC-opening field hockey contest. Serving more than 270 student-athletes from six teams, the new stadium complex sits between Jessee/Miller Field, home to the football and track and field teams, and Robin L. Sheppard Field, where the field hockey and lacrosse teams practice and play.

The Tansill Muldoon Stadium was funded entirely by philanthropy from Trinity alumni and families. Phase I of the project, which is complete, includes new spectator stands with ample and accessible seating, a new press box for Trinity coaching staff and members of the media, two rooms for alumni and parent gatherings, and a viewing deck with clear sightlines of both Jessee/Miller and Robin L. Sheppard Fields. Phase II, which will complete the project at Robin L. Sheppard Field, will provide warming rooms for Trinity athletes and visiting teams and a pavilion that will provide additional viewing areas for field hockey and women's lacrosse games and an event/gathering space for athletes, coaches, and fans. This portion of the project is slated to be ready for fall 2022.

At the forefront of the successful fundraising effort were members of the Tansill and Muldoon families, including Trustee Emeritus Douglas T. Tansill '61, P'91, '96, Peyton Tansill Muldoon '91, and Arthur "Art" F. Muldoon '88 at the stadium opening in September 2021

(including as 1960–61 basketball captain), "Being a Trinity athlete has been extraordinarily important in my life, and I am pleased that we have this opportunity to give back."

Tansill's father, Frederic Tansill, Class of 1922, was captain of the football and basketball teams during his own Trinity career and later attended all of Doug's football games.

Today, 40 percent of Trinity students compete as intercollegiate athletes (either varsity or club). "So it is a huge group of Trinity people who benefit from the opportunity to be a student-athlete and will benefit from these facilities," says Doug Tansill. "Frankly, I think my participation in athletics and experiencing that commitment to being part of a team helped me get into graduate school [Harvard Business School] and ultimately to have some success in the business world."

Representing a third generation of Tansill family alumni, Peyton Tansill Muldoon '91 joined her father for the stadium ribbon-cutting ceremony, as did her husband, Arthur "Art" F. Muldoon '88. Tansill Muldoon, who played on Trinity's women's soccer and lacrosse teams, says, "Sports are such an integral part of any educational experience, and I want them to remain strong at Trinity."

Muldoon, a former captain of Bantam freshman and varsity rowing teams, says, "We were really excited about this as it came together. In addition to supporting the college and our belief in the positive impact of a liberal arts education, we believe in the importance of opportunities to participate in collegiate athletics. We also were honored to support the legacy of Peyton's dad and the Tansill family, who've been so involved in the college for so many years."

Additional Tansill family alumni athletes include Luke Tansill '96 (Doug's son and Peyton's brother) and Luke's wife, Sally Tansill '98. Luke played one year of football and four years of lacrosse and served as co-captain of the lacrosse team senior year and was a first team all-league selection. Sally was a member of the women's squash team.

Several other alumni families, current parents, and two groups of former teammates contributed significant gifts to the project. One of two named alumni suites in the stadium complex was made possible by members of the 1993 undefeated football team, who wished to honor their legendary coach, Don Miller. A second alumni suite is named for Class of 1987 football team members, as several donors from that class wished to celebrate their memorable gridiron experiences in this enduring way.

Completion of the Tansill Muldoon Stadium meets a key objective of Trinity's ambitious athletics fundraising campaign, which aims to raise \$65 million by the college's bicentennial in 2023. To learn more about how to help, please see page 37.

Trustee Emeritus  
Douglas T. Tansill '61,  
P'91, '96, Peyton Tansill  
Muldoon '91, and Arthur  
"Art" F. Muldoon '88 at  
the stadium opening in  
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PHOTOS: (LEFT) NICK CAITTO; (RIGHT) VIRGINIA KEMP

## Renaming the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship

A PERFECT WAY TO HONOR THE CLASS OF 1963

“It’s an interesting thing about the Chapel,” observes Scott Reynolds ’63, P’92, H’11. “People love the Trinity College Chapel for many different reasons. For some, it is the music. Of course there are people who love it for spiritual reasons. There are those for whom it’s a beautiful piece of architecture and an iconic building.” Yet another reason, notes Reynolds, might be community-minded chaplains over the years “who turned the whole Chapel outward facing. They made the Chapel a living part of campus life and a very important force, no longer inward looking.”

Several members of the Class of 1963 will tell you that at least one, if not many, of those reasons inspired in them an abiding endearment for the Chapel. Also, inside the Chapel is a gathering space known as the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship, a place where Class of 1963 alumni have met many times before. That Chapel-within-the-Chapel seemed the perfect meeting space when classmates got together over Homecoming Weekend 2019. It was at that gathering—the last time before the pandemic that a large group from the class could meet in person—when they decided to adopt a new class project to raise money for needed repairs and upgrades at the Chapel and to accept the renaming of the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship for their class.

Soon after the Class of 1963 Chapel fundraising project became official, Gary Knisely ’63 stepped forward with a major contribution made possible by two recently matured charitable remainder trusts he created some 20 years earlier when he sold his business, a Manhattan-based executive search firm. “I wanted Trinity to use the trust proceeds to meet an important need,” says Knisely.

“Trinity College financed at least 50 percent of my college education,” adds Knisely, the lead donor to the project. “I felt this would be a great way to honor my class and help Trinity jump-start this project.” Also, Knisely notes, “I came to the realization that the Chapel was only 10 years older than I am. It seemed to me that my money could be best spent to prolong the life of the Chapel into another century.”

Reynolds says, “Our class has become very special for the college in that we have, more than most other Trinity classes, been successful in keeping our friendships current and staying relevant in each other’s lives. This is something worth celebrating and remembering.”

Adds Jim Tozer ’63, P’89, ’90, GP’22, “There’s a certain pride and a certain pleasure among my classmates that through bonds of friendship and our broadly shared commitment to the Class of 1963 Scholarship, our class has stayed uniquely close to



A view inside the  
Class of 1963 Chapel  
of the Perfect  
Friendship

each other, to our spouses, to our scholars, and, as a result, to the college itself. Given these multidimensional ties of quite perfect friendship, why not have the class take a leadership role in funding the Chapel renovation in the name of the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship?”

At the deadline for this issue of *The Reporter*, the Class of ’63 had raised approximately \$3 million for its Chapel project and was planning an April 4, 2022, ceremony to dedicate the Class of 1963 Chapel of the Perfect Friendship. The Class of ’63’s Chapel fundraising efforts are part of the current Trinity College Chapel fundraising initiative, which seeks to raise \$10 million to restore and endow the building and its programming. To learn more about this initiative, please see below. [T](#)

### LEARN MORE

For information about Trinity’s athletics fundraising campaign, please contact Shannon Malloy Rhatican M’13, director of athletics giving, at [shannon.malloy@trincoll.edu](mailto:shannon.malloy@trincoll.edu) or 860-297-4232. For information about the Trinity College Chapel fundraising initiative, please contact Linda Minoff, director of gift planning, at [linda.minoff@trincoll.edu](mailto:linda.minoff@trincoll.edu) or 860-297-5353. For more on both projects, please visit [commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter](https://commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter).



**Professor Richard Scheuch** taught countless students during his 39 years at Trinity College, where he was the G. Fox Professor of Economics, specializing in labor economics. He was passionate about teaching his students, which is why he left a significant bequest to support student research in the field of economics. His estate gift ensures that his legacy will live on for generations to come. **What will your legacy be?**

For information on bequests or other gift plans, contact Linda Minoff, director of gift planning, at 860-297-5353 or [linda.minoff@trincoll.edu](mailto:linda.minoff@trincoll.edu), or visit [legacy.trincoll.edu](https://legacy.trincoll.edu).



# CLASS NOTES

## 1951 Vice President: Norman L. Wack • Class Fundraiser: Vacant

From the Alumni Office: Anne Wittman wrote to announce the publication of a book by her father, **George H. Wittman**, who passed away in November 2020. The book, *There Was a Time*, was published in 2021 by Casemate Publishers. She offered this synopsis: "During the last and very dangerous days of World War II and the battle against the Japanese, the American intelligence organization Office of Strategic Services (OSS) was in close and cooperative contact with Ho Chi Minh and the Viet Minh, proving that today's enemies can and may be tomorrow's friends and that the reverse is true as well." She also recommended that those who want more information about the book—or about her father—should visit [www.georgehwittman.com](http://www.georgehwittman.com).

## 1952 Vice President: John E. Taylor • Secretary: Finley Schaeff, [finley.schaeff.1952@trincoll.edu](mailto:finley.schaeff.1952@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: Vacant

[Editor's note: We learned that Phil Trowbridge passed away on November 2, 2021, just as we were completing the Class Notes section. Read on for the note he submitted earlier this year.] Here are a few brief updates from **Phil Trowbridge**, with wife Fay: "We continue to enjoy our time here at Avery Heights. We've made some good friends among the other residents and the staff. I've been participating in a painting class recently and have completed two oil paintings and am working on my third. It's nice to resume a hobby I enjoyed in the past. We were fortunate to have a very nice visit with our daughter and her family from South Carolina in July. We had a special celebration for Fay's 90th birthday. We spent the weekend with our daughter and son-in-law in Massachusetts and enjoyed being with the rest of our family via Zoom. I'm looking forward to celebrating my 91st birthday in mid-October. Our daughter from England, our son from Brooklyn, New York, and our daughter and son-in-law from Massachusetts will be here to celebrate with us. It's been a couple years since we've been able to get together with the rest of our family. All my best."

**Ben Wilmot** reported: "I recently celebrated my 92nd birthday at a family gathering with three children and spouses, five grandchildren and spouses, and three dogs. I am the

class agent for my University of Pennsylvania medical class of '56, and we recently had a Zoom reunion with 17 classmates attending out of an original class of 125. I am painting and occasionally do a program of piano music from the American songbook (pre-Elvis). I send best wishes to all surviving classmates and thanks to **Finley Schaeff** for gathering this information!"

**Arthur Raybold** reported: "Called 1,000 voters to vote no on recall of Governor Newsom. Glad to see Trinity has begun an internship program in one of five subject areas to provide students reality in careers they might pursue. I was one of two liberal arts guys who started the Dynamy Program in Worcester, Massachusetts, in the '70s to provide a yearlong internship program in politics, labor unions, small businesses, teaching, and social programs. Several colleges adopted our program. I am still meeting on Zoom biweekly to write short stories with four other writers and then critique the stories."

From the Alumni Office: **Jacques (Jack) Hopkins** writes: "When I recall my time at Trinity from 1948 to 1954 (I took two years off to serve in the Army in the middle of my Trinity years), I particularly think of five professors. George B. Cooper, who taught British history, was one. Cooper was a suave and witty bachelor and very much an Anglophile. He served in U.S. Naval Intelligence during World War II and studied Japanese while in the service. I took only one course from Cooper (I was an English major), but like many Trinity undergraduates, I was much in awe of him. Then there was James A. Notopoulos, a professor of classics. When he died in 1967, at age 62, one academic journal described him as 'one of the most distinguished scholars in the field of ancient and modern Greek studies in America.' I took his seminar in fifth-century (B.C.) Athenian life. We were a small collection of students. Two or three of us were classics majors, and the rest, including me, represented other majors. The classics majors did much of the reading of source documents in ancient Greek, and the rest of us read them in English translations. We studied various aspects of fifth-century Athenian life, and I found it fascinating. Notopoulos was certainly a big frog in Trinity's small pond. He did not have a Ph.D., but one of my classmates remarked that all he would have to do is send off a copy of his great work, *The*

*Platonism of Shelley*, to Harvard or Yale, and he would get his Ph.D. by return mail. Next I remember Thurman 'Tom' Hood. He was a professor of English and a scholar of the poet Robert Browning's works. Hood, then in his 60s, had an intimidating reputation. But I had been persuaded that when it came to selecting courses, you pick the professor and not the course. In fact, I've forgotten what course Hood taught. I do remember that we met in a classroom where he and his desk were perched on a high dais. He smoked throughout the classes, pointing out to us that he could smoke but we could not because while it was *our* classroom, it was *his* office." Look for more in the next issue.

## 1953 President: John A. North Jr. • Secretary: Stanley R. McCandless Jr., [stanley.mccandless.1953@trincoll.edu](mailto:stanley.mccandless.1953@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: Vacant

Once again, the walrus said gather your notes and submit them to **Stan McCandless**, your 1953 Trinity College class secretary, 3712 Rice Blvd., Houston, TX 77005; [stanmac1@sbcglobal.net](mailto:stanmac1@sbcglobal.net); 713-669-1830. A special thanks to those who took the time and trouble to send me a note.

**Ed Lorenson** writes, "We took advantage of a strong market and sold our Connecticut house, sailboat, Vermont ski house, and a load of other things. We are now in a Maryland retirement village spending time trying to get our son some medical services and apartment dwelling. This was part of a plan we designed some years ago and suddenly decided that at 90 there wasn't much time left to get it all done. Hope all is well with you and the family. We'll follow up if there is some interesting news."

From **Stan McCandless**, your class secretary: "Sal and I spent a fabulous 3½ weeks in Crested Butte, Colorado, near Oh Be Joyful. We rented a cabin on the northeastern edge of the town that slept six. The weather was wonderful, cool at night, warm and sunny during the day. At 91, like the rest of you, my walking is limited. ... My oldest daughter, with one son at West Point, the other a freshman at Southwestern, was free to do the driving—what a deal. Many family members visited, and we planned hikes every day, picnicking all over the place. This 'old man' was taken and stashed to take in the environment. Or else I watched the world go by from the front porch of the cabin. Of course, I missed Chatham and Cape Cod, where we have summered on and off for 40 years. We talked with Joanne Moses, who was inquiring about our summer plans. Sorry no message from **Bill Bernhard**. Joe, make something up. And what has Tex been doing? Talked with **Jack North's** daughter; he was taking a nap but was doing very well."

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

Heard from **Bill Conner**. He and his wife will be fleeing their Erie home for the snowless confines of Hobe Sound, Florida, for the winter soon. Climate change?

Got a long letter from **Doug Green**. He left our class and school in his junior year when he got caught by the Korean “police action” and spent 15 months in Japan in the military, where he learned all about masking from the Japanese. Doug graduated from Trinity in 1957 but considers us his class. Well, we consider him a classmate, too. He recently has gone through a hard bout with cancer but has amazed his local friends with getting back on the golf course at 90. Doug has been an avid sailor on the Chesapeake Bay for 31 years. That will make a number of us jealous, this writer included. Not content with that, he formed a sailing club for radio-controlled boats. He ended his letter by wishing all “fair winds and following seas.”

**1955** President: Donald Mountford • Secretary: E. Wade Close Jr., wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu • Class Fundraiser: Donald Mountford

Our classmates enjoyed another Zoom gathering, this time during Trinity Homecoming on October 2. Thanks to the support of the Alumni Office, we had 25 registrants, of which 17 fully participated and several made a valiant effort to join in, but for some technical reason could not complete the connection. Those who almost made it were **Lou Magelaner**, **John Palshaw**, and **Dick Zampielo**, who could see and hear their classmates, but we could not see or hear them. Four no-shows were **Art O’Connell**, **Walter Blake**, **Charlie Eberle**, and **Bill Gardiner**. Hope they all are doing well. But to all of us, the most dramatic nonparticipants were **Gale** and **John D’Luhny**. John so looked forward to the Zoom events, ready to sing one of his favorites, “We’ll Meet Again.” He succumbed on October 9 to an undetected cancer. He had done so much for Trinity and contributed significantly to all of our major five-year Reunions, plus our many Florida mini gatherings each winter. He will be sorely missed.

**Tom Bolger** was an early participant so he could hurry off to his regular Saturday afternoon commitment. Tom continues to maintain an active disc jockey role each Saturday for WLHA in Madison, Wisconsin, playing music from the ’40s, ’50s, and ’60s. I asked Tom if one of his programs had ever included “Graduation Day” by the Rover Boys, which hit the top of the charts in 1956. The quartet featured **Ron Moss** as their high tenor. But equally impressive was Ron’s singing as part

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of the Fred Waring touring orchestra group during the late ’50s, again due to his high tenor capability. **Dave Dimling** is a meetings guy and maintains a list of boards and committees he has been asked to be on as an active participant. So, he gave us an excellent snapshot of his busy life and then bid us a fond “see you at the next Zoom.”

We so enjoyed hearing from **Charlie Gardner**, regarding Amy and him living a full life within a very large but well-run retirement community. **Barbara** and **Irwin Meiselman** continue to seek the ideal retirement community somewhere along the Philadelphia/Washington corridor. **Hugh Dickinson** reported that he and Margery are busy but managing their life in a controlled, measured schedule. **David Nelson** and **Catharen White** are a happy twosome, enjoying good health. It was great to have **George Kennedy** back for his third Zoom gathering. **Jean** and **Bob Freeman** reported living a busy life in the Raleigh, North Carolina, area with lots of nearby family coming and going.

**Warren Gelman** was particularly happy to report that his son Josh has earned three Emmy Awards for production of the CBS program *48 Hours*, which you can watch on Friday evenings. It was good to have **Dan Miller** join us on the Zoom. We also enjoyed the input from **Craig Mehldau** and **Joe Michelson**. A particular large and sincere thank-you to **Lura** and **Don Mountford** for all of their time and effort to organize and promote our Zoom event during a time full of a stressful series of hospital visits for Don. But, happily, he continues to spread joy with his unquenchable love for his alma mater and his classmates.

**Dick Ferraro** joined us near the end of our Zoom session as he had an earlier singing gig that day at a local Dover, New Hampshire, retirement community. He has continued to greatly enjoy his opportunity to be part of a singing group that due to its collective high skill level has regular opportunities to perform. As a finale for our time together, the Alumni Office was able to connect us to the newly refurbished Trinity football stadium so we could enjoy watching the second half of the Trinity-Middlebury football contest. It was a real treat as the Bantams came

away with a 28–0 victory. Our class is most appreciative of the help our Alumni Office offered to assist us in producing another very successful and enjoyable Zoom time together for our ’55 classmates. Plans for another one will come soon.

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**1956** President: Charles C. Stehle • Vice President: Richard G. Abbott • Secretary: Bruce N. Macdonald, bruce.macdonald.1956@trincoll.edu • Class Fundraisers: Edward A. Montgomery Jr., David Renkert, David M. Taylor, Henry M. Zachs

I will lead with the excellent news, sent to me by **David Taylor**, that our class achieved its giving donations with an impressive \$117,435 total. This is a combination of the annual fund, restricted donations, and **Henry Zachs’s** usual and generous matching grants for individual donations. Thank you once again, Henry, for being so supportive of our class for so many years.

**Jack Barton** wrote to fill me in on his life and activities. He shares: “I am well and still active locally and am presently chairman of the Orange Police Commission and past chairman of the Amity Regional School District.”

I have had regular and pleasant email correspondence with David—along many subject lines—but most sobering is the number of our classmates who have passed on. These were the young men with whom we shared some of our earliest and most impressive experiences. From now on, I will report their obituaries in this column, when I can get them. First among these is **John Ritter**, my roommate in my junior year. He died in early August 2021. Fortunately, I was able to talk to him in July, and he was living happily in a caregiving facility in Colorado Springs, and his daughter was close by. He loved to take photographs, and he was very good—even published a beautiful book on Oxford, Maryland.

**Richard Fleming** passed away peacefully in May 2021 at his home in Richardson, Texas, at age 87. He was an accomplished choral conductor and organist and a member of the Choristers Guild and American Guild of Organists. His adult choirs performed many masterworks and toured Europe three times. He earned an M.Th. degree at Garrett Theological Seminary, where he met and married his wife, Katherine, of 63-plus years. He was ordained an elder in the Methodist Church in 1961. This is old news, but we just learned that **Robert Frantz** passed away in December 2018 at the Charter House in Rochester, New York. Bob was an entrepreneur for Subway in Rochester and Kentucky, as well as Heartland Homes in Rochester. Bob enjoyed traveling with wife Margie,

spending time with his grandchildren, collecting model trains, talking on short-wave radio, sailing, and skiing. Last spring, **David Taylor** talked with **Bob Davis**, who had an impressive career teaching engineering. Unfortunately, Bob passed away last August. Following Trinity, he earned a Ph.D. from Northwestern and then taught at Purdue University. Some years later, he became a professor in industrial engineering and operations research at the University of Massachusetts, where he taught for 22 years, retiring in 1990. He loved woodworking and with wife Loretta restored an 18th-century home in Sunderland, Massachusetts. He had a love for fishing and took great pleasure in teaching the sport to his children and grandchildren, as his father had taught him. Finally, **Bill Diefendorf** passed away in December 2020. He lived in Syracuse, New York. Following graduation, Bill joined the family business, Diefendorf Gear Corporation, which manufactured industrial and specialized gears. He retired in 2000 after the sale of the firm. He loved skiing and sailing and spent much of his life near—or on—the water, which was his passion. Bill taught many people to sail, beginning as a young man at summer camp.

**David Taylor** and I estimate that there are about 85 of us left, so we urge you to attend our Reunion, scheduled for June 9–12, 2022, on campus. It will be fun and rewarding, so plan to be there, along with **David Taylor**, **Bunny Meister**, and me, all of whom have committed to attending.

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**1957** President: **Ward S. Curran** • Vice President: **Donald B. Stokes** • Secretary: **Frederick M. Tobin**, [frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu](mailto:frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: **Ward S. Curran**, **Neil Day**, **Donald B. Stokes**, **Melvin Tews**, **Frederick M. Tobin** **David Elliot** is still very active with the University of South Carolina and learning about the differences between the worlds of large corporations, the federal government, and state universities, having worked in all three.

**Don** and **Karen Stokes** spent four delightful days in Newport, Rhode Island, in late August. They stayed at the Francis Malbone House, which Don highly recommends. It is right in the center of town. He and Karen have been attending their granddaughters' soccer games. Catherine is 6, and Georgia is 8 and on the travel team. Don gets a big kick out of soccer, but he usually misses.

**Mary** and **Gerry Channell** are healthy living in Fulton, Texas. The hurricane and its results have made their area very quiet.

**Bryan Bunch** and his wife are healthy, at least for octogenarians (Bryan used that

13-letter word). He never mentioned his book writing, so maybe he is knitting.

**Tom** and **Tanya Doherty** are still in East Hampton, where they probably will remain until Thanksgiving. They keep their pool open so that he can continue to get his mile-a-day swim in when the bay gets too cold. Tom is semiretired.

**Ward** and **Kathy Curran** continue to enjoy retirement in their apartment in the PGA complex in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Their daughter **Colleen '97** and her husband live nearby. They are principals in York Media, an advertising firm. There is a wildlife sanctuary behind their property and some birds in their backyard. Ward's favorite MLB team is the St. Louis Cardinals, and some other major league teams have spring training nearby. Ward occasionally takes on an occasional consulting assignment.

**Carroll** and I have been enjoying our home on Bromley Mountain in Vermont. We are looking forward to hosting **Karen** and **Don Stokes** in a few weeks. I am enjoying serving as a director of the Bartlett Tree Company and two subsidiaries. **Carroll** and I look forward to our 65th Reunion. I am pleased to inform you that the Honorable **James Kenefick** is once more in charge of the Calling Committee. He will issue subpoenas to nonresponders.

I regret to inform you of the passing of **David Clark**, **Cortland Meader**, **Martin Payne**, **Ward Just**, and **Harvey Collins**. May they rest in peace.

**1958** President: **Gary L. Bogli** • Secretary: **John L. Thompson**, [john.thompson.1958@trincoll.edu](mailto:john.thompson.1958@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: **Gary L. Bogli**, **Joseph J. Repole Jr.**, **Edward B. Speno**

Whether COVID, time of year, or advancing age, fellow '58s didn't respond with our usual energy. Only a handful responded to the challenge to comment on how our liberal arts education was a lifetime tool or pleasure. So be it.

**Frank Kury** says regarding **Howie Muir's** prognostication about the Trinity experience, he found that some of the main things he learned were to do one's homework, do the research, and deal with matters with which he was confronted. Understanding what he did not know was critical to effective action. On more current items, he and **Beth** had planned to cruise the Mississippi from Memphis to New Orleans, then to California to visit sons and a grandson. Hurricane **Ida** cut out the paddle wheel in September. They did make it to the West Coast family and in September celebrated their 58th anniversary; they are presently in good health.

**Bernie Moran** feels that Trinity provided him with a lifetime of activities. Principally

known as an actor and squash player, he still plays the game and write plays. Hopefully, the college theater department will produce his *Fight for Life*. He writes, "We tend to forget that back in the '50s, it was thought necessary to understand the evils of communism and the strength of our system. More emphasis could have been placed on lifetime enjoyments of literature, theater, history, and philosophy."

When **Charles Selden** was in high school, neither UConn nor Hillyer were in his plans. He wanted to go to Trinity and made it. He was a "townie" and frequently felt more like a visitor than a resident. "But, that was OK. I was at Trinity." But once there, he found **Paul Kurtz**, who opened the door to the scientific world and **John Dando** the spoken and written world. Both remained in touch after graduation. Charles feels that both were essential in preparing him for his intellectual development—an M.A. from the Iowa Writers' Workshop, an M.B.S. from Pepperdine, and an M.A. in communication from Stanford. He feels it is all still there and has been a significant factor in his career as a college professor and author of three books. He feels that **Kurtz** and **Dando**, who will appear in his next book, *Characters Along the Way*, are still always looking over his shoulder helping to keep his mistakes from getting out of hand. Finally, he recalls a dean at orientation advised that we should look to our left and right and opined that one of you will not be here at graduation. Thanks to **Dando** and **Kurtz**, that one was not **Charles Selden**.

**Joe Repole** did not reflect on the topic but reports that he is still riding about 3,000 miles a year. He recently discovered a new world by kayaking and digging clams on Cape Cod Bay. It's mid-October, and Joe is dreaming of going to Fenway to watch the Sox win the Series. Today, October 10, they are one game apiece with the Rays!

**Peter Lowenstein** played lots of golf and tennis on Nantucket in July. The idyllic summer was spoiled by a health issue for wife **Connie**. He reports that, as a result, he became a classic chief cook, bottle washer, and nurse; the last assignment not one he has done well. He is still practicing law part time.

For me, my Trinity experience was a personal epiphany. At the beginning, I didn't even know what they meant by "liberal arts." The college imposed a heavy load of time or assignments, homework, and requirements. Frankly, it often reminded me of an upscale version of the year of prep school that I had just managed. Sophomore year, cold and dull Saturday at school. Remember, we were often a suitcase college. Why I do not recall, but I dressed up and attended a small clavichord/harpsichord recital by Professor **Henry Hood** in the library.

He lectured about the two instruments, their history, and musical history. At some point, He spoke of Mozart, and I realized that was the same guy Norton Downs was talking about last year and the same composer my roommate was trying to introduce me to. At the intermission, my adviser, John Butler, expressed both surprise and satisfaction to see me there. Much to my surprise, I appreciated the pleasant music, learned a lot from Henry Hood, and enjoyed the discourse at the post-concert reception. So, did I get the liberal arts thing? Well, today, I can still tell you whether it is a harpsichord or clavichord to which we are listening.

**Peter Smith** attributes his liberal arts education as the key to his attending grad school in Stockholm and Washington, meeting his wife of 60 years, and working in Rome, Switzerland, New Canaan, Saudi Arabia, China, at Cornell, etc. Additionally, it helped him physically as he plays tennis every day, frequently with his grandchildren, and is a healthy 85-year-old.

“My professional descriptors through most of my career have been mathematician or mathematics educator,” wrote **David Smith**. His first pandemic, stay-at-home project was to collect his nonmathematical writings into a book, *My Life in Essays*. It has been reviewed by some '58 classmates.

**1959** President: **Robert D. Coykendall** • Vice President: **Jon Widing** • Secretary: **Paul S. Campion**, paul.campion.1959@trincoll.edu • Class Fundraisers: **Robert D. Coykendall**, **William H. Pfeffer**

From the Alumni Office: The fall issue included a note about **Charles Murray**, who published his memoirs on Amazon/Kindle in 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. The email address listed was incorrect; you can reach him at charlesmurray@verizon.net.

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

Without question, the highlight of the last many months for the Class of '60 was the belated 60th Reunion held in early October coincident with Homecoming. The day was beautiful, the campus looked fabulous, and the football team soundly beat Middlebury. Eleven hearty classmates were in attendance: **Bud Anderson**, **Ray Beech**, **Edward M. Cimilluca**, **George Kroh**, **Skip Morse**, **Ernie Haddad**, **Bob Pedemonti**, **Bob Johnson**, **Charlie Middleton**, **George Raynor**, and

**Lamont “Pete” Thomas**. There were many a war story told and a good deal of reminiscing. All in all, it was a wonderful day and one to remember as we slide through the “golden years.”

In other news, **Jack LaMothe** stays active taking two grandkids on a trip to Costa Rica and partaking of canoeing, zip-lining, and rafting. **Matt Levine** has contacted me several times telling me of his five-week trip to Italy. If he was trying to make me jealous, he certainly succeeded. **Marv Peterson** continues to split his time between Montana and Santa Cruz, California. He reports that he escaped the fires that have bedeviled the Northwest. He has remained active in the management of his condo association but will decline a fourth term as president. Wise move, Marv. Got a nice note from **Woody Osborne** detailing his long-term involvement and interest with race relations in the United States. My sense from Woody's note is that although discussions on the subject have moved forward in the last several years, we still have a long way to go. **Jack Mason** dropped me a note telling of life in St. Petersburg, Florida, and especially the great success of Tampa's professional sports teams. Lastly, I received a magnum opus of a note from **Dave Rutherford**, who totally loves Florida; he's restoring old cars and enjoying retirement. He would have loved to make the Reunion, but other commitments interfered.

From **Lamont “Pete” Thomas**: “My wife, Marge, and I enjoyed celebrating my 60th year 'neath the elms. I found the few returnees very affable. Previously, **George Kroh** had asked me to encourage six classmates to return who had been with me in the Hall. Due to reasons of health, business, choice, or improper numbers, none appeared. **Mal Barlow** in Pennsylvania sounded good but would be tied with farming demands. I had a brief chat with **Chris Sturge** in New Jersey. When talking at length with **George Strawbridge**, with whom I had gone to England after college, I found he would be in Paris with his wife during Reunion. Calls to **Richard Davy** in Portland, Maine; **Jim Forman** in Buffalo, New York; and **Bill de Coligny** in North Carolina were unsuccessful. As was true during previous Reunions, few whom I knew returned. On the quad, Marge and I enjoyed speaking with others whom I hardly knew. **Charlie Middleton** and I agreed we talked more with one another than we had 60 years ago. Marge and his wife, Carol, became instant friends. **Lee Kalcheim's** dramatic profile appeared in the crowd, friendly and dignified as ever. **Ernie Haddad** and I had an excellent conversation about his coming to campus in 1956 as a Lebanese immigrant, later becoming selected as the chief attorney for Mass Mutual Insurance

of Boston. Diversity unconsciously guided further contacts. We talked at length about Taoism with a 1980s alum and his Asian wife and met their first-year daughter who was to be one of the coxswains for the women's college crew to race in a Hartford regatta the following day. Another highlight was hearing and meeting Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, a refreshing wind of change from our 1960 Albert Jacobs, a faceless male icon of Wall Street in a world of white privilege. She was followed to the podium by the college's chair of the Board of Trustees.

“Still living in Milford, Connecticut, after Arizona, New Jersey, Massachusetts, and Missouri. I continue to teach qigong, begun in 2003. Current venues include a senior living facility, senior day care, and Milford's adult education program. So, I'm schmoozing with contemporaries. Problems with balance, you say? You are not alone, as well as patient, young qigong wannabees. I also am in constant contact with Spinner, a non-profit New Bedford maritime publisher, with the intention of coming out with a revised updated story of Afro-Indian maritime merchant Paul Cuffe (*Rise to Be a People, 1986*), tentatively titled *Black Navigator: Paul Cuffe's White America and the Atlantic World*. I'm hoping it will appear before I disappear. Mixing my teaching with pleasure, Marge and I spent a month in China (2001) working with schools. Eight years later, I returned to China for 20 days, pumping qi with qigong teachers Francesco and Daisy Garripoli. To complete my revised story of Paul Cuffe, I returned to Africa for a month of teaching middle schoolers in Ho, Ghana, and traveled from Accra to Kumasi and south to Cape Coast Castle. Besides being involved in a Norwalk Race and Social Justice Coalition reading/action group, I now happily settle for a few fire pit qigongs on full moons and join Marge with two dynamic grandchildren, ages 8 months and 8 years. For them, she's Baba (Slovak for grandmother), and I'm QiPop. Our son Byron's family lives in Manhattan, and our daughter Angela is in Connecticut.”

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**1961** Co-President: **Peter H. Kreisel** • Co-President: **George P. Lynch Jr.** • Co-President: **Vincent R. Stempien** • Co-President: **Robert L. Woodward Jr.** • Secretary: **William Kirtz**, william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu • Class Fundraisers: **George P. Lynch Jr.**, **Vincent R. Stempien**, **Douglas T. Tansill**, **Peter Kreisel**, **Bill Scully**, **Vin Stempien**, **George Lynch**, and **Tony Sanders** were on hand Homecoming Weekend to congratulate **Doug Tansill** at the dedication of the Tansill Muldoon Stadium (more details of which are included in this Reporter). Many of them are

helping plan our delayed 60th Reunion in June, which we'll celebrate with the Class of 1962.

A couple of weeks earlier, **Alex Guild** was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame. The men's soccer all-time leader in every statistical category was an All-American and chosen to compete on the Olympic team in Rome in 1959.

A hemerocallist, a campanologist, and a psychopharmacologist walk into a bar ... The start of a joke? Nope, just an illustration of '61ers' rich and varied careers and interests.

**Curt Turner**, no shrinking violet, keeps hybridizing daylilies. He recently registered a unique diploid cultivar, Sprinkles, among others, with the American Hemerocallis (Daylily) Society.

Long-time psychopharmacologist **Ray Herman** says, "Life has been a great adventure in the 60 years since I left Trinity." He won a Food and Drug Administration Commissioner's Special Citation in public health and has talked in the United States and abroad on safety in medicine. He and wife Sandy are approaching their 50th wedding anniversary. Their son, David '00, is following in his father's pharmaceutical footsteps as a Ph.D. neuroscientist.

**Buz Mayer** is still doing some consulting with major real estate companies in the United States and abroad. He plays tennis three times a week, with teams that have gone to the nationals 11 straight years.

**Jack** and **Lea Angell** hosted **Peter Kilborn**, **John Henry**, and your humble scribe, along with our wives, for a post-Labor Day get-together.

Meanwhile, **Bob** ("Total Recall") **Woodward** summons up multi-musical memories of our college years: "Watching the tape of the TV special *The Sound of Jazz* takes me back to November 1957 and watching it in the basement common room of New Dorm. I think you were there. Walking into Psi U one gorgeous fall day to Dakota Staton's hot album played at top volume. Made the day even better. Sitting on the grass in the quad when some guy blasts Ray Charles's *What'd I Say* at top volume out his dorm room window. He plays it over and over, and the quad fills with students, beer appears, and the party is on."

Let's keep the party going at our 60th!

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**1962** President: **Peter J. Meehan**  
 • Vice President: **Charles L. Hoffman** • Co-Secretary: **Paul J. LaRocca**, paul.larocca.1962@trincoll.edu • Co-Secretary: **Frederick M. Pryor**, frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu • Class Fundraisers: **Douglas Anderson**, **Thomas Bundy**, **Charles L. Hoffman**, **Paul J. LaRocca**, **Coenraad van der Schroeff**

Hello, Class of 1962. A mix of sad and pleasant news in this issue: **Jack Kapouch** wrote that he retired in July of this year and closed his business, More for Less Financial Solutions, following the death of his wife and business partner, Martha, on September 1, 2020, from pancreatic cancer. Family and friends, including past clients, have been a great comfort to him as he adjusts to living by himself after 56 years of a great marriage, including 24 years in business together. Jack thanks Trinity for providing a great liberal arts education to him and to his two children.

**Dave Strawbridge** has passed away. **Rod Day** noted that he and Dave were next-door neighbors growing up. "We started kindergarten together and were classmates until I went off to boarding school in 10th grade," sharing a great group of friends in the teenage years. Rod comments that Dave was a kind and gentle person, who took friendship seriously and kept many friends, especially his Theta Xi brothers, close throughout his life. He also gave his time and talent to community endeavors, serving for many years as head of the American Red Cross chapter in Pennsylvania and leading his parish church as a vestryman and as rector's warden. Rod adds that "although his marriage to Mary Ellen ended years ago, they stayed in touch and celebrated the joy and success of their two sons and families. Though it's not often said about men, Dave was a sweet one. I'll miss him."

More cheerfully, **Bill Polk's** wife, Lu Ann, is recovering from hip surgery. And **Don Pine** notes that he and his wife are still in the same place in Minnesota, with their four children and five grandchildren not too far away. They look after a 4-year-old grandchild frequently these days. Don retired after 34 years of practicing family medicine but still teaches at a residency one day a week. He was honored with a retirement tea on his last day at the practice, a chance to reminisce with patients from over the years. The gathering gave him the opportunity to express his gratitude to his loyal patients and gave his patients the opportunity to thank him for all he had done for them throughout the years.

Your secretary is active this month: In mid-October, I'll be speaking at the Goodwin University Humanities Festival on the theme of the effect of brutal attacks on the noblest of personalities, as depicted in Euripides' great tragedy, *Hecuba*. Full credit for many of my ideas must be given to the late Professor John Williams, whose incredible classes in Greek literature and tragedy I took when I completed an M.A. degree at Trinity in 1979. Unfortunately, many parallels can be made between the play and what's happening in our world now, with the dire stagnation within our government, the rise of

our potent rival China, a pandemic whose medically endorsed cures are doubted by so many Americans, and the horrors of climate change so visible all around us. I'll also be analyzing a series of prints ranging from the *Bayeux Tapestry* to current art, as each also reflects a world in drastic change.

Finally, a shout-out about the upcoming 60th Reunion, June 9–12, 2022! Due to the COVID-19 virus and fear of contagion, the Class of 1961 was unable to return to Trinity for their 60th last year; we will be doing a joint Reunion of both classes this year. Your thoughts on joint Reunions in the future, when COVID is not impacting us but the passing years will be, are requested. And, of course, be looking for materials being developed for Reunion, a rare chance to renew old ties face to face!

Reminder to classmates: please send me material on how your lives are going!

**1963** President: **Timothy F. Lenicheck** • Vice President: **John S. Waggett** • Secretary: **Thomas E. Calabrese**, thomas.calabrese.1963@trincoll.edu • Class Fundraiser: **William C. Howland**  
 Dear Fellow Trin '63ers,

As this report is being prepared, we are still basking in the fond memories of the wonderful Homecoming we enjoyed on October 2. We had a good turnout of '63ers and Class of '63 Scholars. We also announced that the dedication of our Class of 1963 Friendship Chapel will be held in April 2022. Our monthly Zoom sessions are continuing, where we catch up with one another at 2:30 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Here are some updates from your fellow Trin alums:

From **Dwight Holbrook**: "This is a news item re my book about time and Deepak Chopra's YouTube interview with me several months ago about that book. ... The title of my book is *Blink of an Eye: Material Nature Captured in the Momentary Now*, a radical first-person perspective, available on Amazon. The book raises questions about time and specifically present time. How long is the now? When does it begin or end? It seems unmeasurable, and yet there's got to be a now, or present time. Otherwise we wouldn't be existing."

From **Steve Perreault**: "Hope you are all staying reasonably healthy as newly minted octogenarians now and that you have managed to avoid the COVID virus. Let me add my encouragement to class secretary **Tom Calabrese's** recent email to us seeking news for the upcoming issue of *The Trinity Reporter*. It would be great to hear what each of you have been up to recently and what retirement activities keep you charged up these days. For my part, I can report that I



Sandy Creighton '63, right, takes part in the presentation of his uncle's honorary sword.

still enjoy playing doubles tennis matches on a regular basis but do miss my work driving for the Nutmeg Senior Rides organization here in Central Connecticut after volunteering there for several years. Like many other activities, that one was necessarily curtailed during the pandemic."

From **Dan Ostapko**: "The last couple of years have been difficult. A medical issue sped up our decision to move to South Carolina and purchase a house near our daughter and family (before COVID). Then there was the difficulty of selling our home and moving from New York given COVID restrictions. Setting up the house in South Carolina along with changes and modifications were also time consuming under COVID conditions. It is surprisingly difficult to move to a new location with different customs when COVID restrictions impact many existing business practices. However, the Sun City environment and our neighbors are great, and we are enjoying our new mode of local travel with a low-speed vehicle (golf cart)."

From **Scott Reynolds**: "We have slowly been returning to normal activities. Peggy and I went to campus for the first time in a while for the memorial service for Jim and Isabel English. It was a lovely service, and the campus looks great. We look forward to Homecoming and to the dedication of the Friendship Chapel in honor of our class in the spring. Hopefully by then, travel and event participation will be free of COVID concerns, and we will have a huge turnout. All of our grandchildren are back in school in person, at least for the moment. We are planning to go to Mexico with Peggy's siblings in October and to Albuquerque in November for Thanksgiving with our son Dave and his family."

**Eli Karson** writes that he resumed volunteer duty at the Pima Air & Space Museum

in Tucson as a docent after COVID abated. Years ago, Eli and wife Nancy chose relative isolation, building in 2005 on family land outside of Tucson, where the average density is one residence per seven acres.

From **Sandy Creighton**: "Here is the story of the U.S. Navy dress sword's journey and photo of my presenting the sword to Vice Admiral Roy Kitchener, commander of global U.S. Navy surface ships' operations, who took valuable time off his busy travel schedule to accept the sword on behalf of the U.S. Navy on September 7. Susan and **Jon Tiefenbrun** were with us for the handoff. The sword is now at rest in its display case beneath a mural depicting the deadly North Atlantic engagement between the USS *Borie* (DD-215) and German U-boat (U-405). During this battle, my uncle, Lt. Morrison Ropes Brown, Engineering Office, USS *Borie*, was killed while keeping the *Borie* operational during its last moments afloat. The navy awarded my uncle [one of its highest honors,] the Navy Cross."

From the Alumni Office: The "In Memory" section of the fall 2021 *Reporter* included an obituary for **E. Bruce Hill III**. The obituary stated in error that Bruce was a member of Delta Psi. He actually was a member of Alpha Chi Rho.

**1964** Co-Secretary: **Thomas J. Monahan**, [thomas.monahan.1964@trincoll.edu](mailto:thomas.monahan.1964@trincoll.edu) • Co-Secretary: **James S. Twerdahl**, [james.twerdahl.1964@trincoll.edu](mailto:james.twerdahl.1964@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: **Vacant**

From **David Curry**: My poem "Gifts" (from/for Jacob Van Eyck, c. 1590-1657) can be accessed in the winter 2021 issue of the online literary journal *The Night Heron Barks*, along with an audio of my reading the poem.

**Peter Kinzler** reported that his book, *Highway Robbery: The Two-Decade Battle to Reform America's Automobile Insurance System*, was released in June.

**1965** President: **David O. Williams** • Vice President: **Jon D. Simonian** • Secretary: **Thomas A. Garson**, [thomas.garson.1965@trincoll.edu](mailto:thomas.garson.1965@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: **Vacant**

In early August, while visiting his son, John Jr. '95, in Portland, Oregon, **John Ellwood** had a fun lunch with **Fred Born** (who advised similarly). Then John and John Jr. and his family embarked on a lengthy road trip to Southern Oregon and Redwood Country in Northern California. (John added that this road trip was somewhat different from those we enjoyed as undergraduates at Trinity.)

While **Ed Gamson** wrote that he had "nothing to report," your secretary's special investigative team turned up the following interesting update: Ed is senior counsel at

Husch Blackwell's office in Chicago; he lives north of the city. With a Ph.D. in organic chemistry and a law degree, Ed "speaks the language of inventors and scientists seeking guidance on patent protection." Often combining his lab and legal work, Ed's patenting experiences include areas such as food, cosmetics, and polymers for coating contact lenses.

Nancy and **Tom Garson** became grandparents for the sixth time. Son Michael and his wife, Jessi, added Chloe into their family in August to join brother Caeleb, 3. Tom and Nancy have a long way to go to catch up with Cindy and **Merrill Yavinsky**, who have 14 grandchildren! Their newest addition is Talia Lorna Yavinsky, born on July 9 to Rachel and son Will.

**Phil Hopke** and Eleanor finally got traveling again. Phil reported that they did a cruise around Iceland during the last week of July. Weather was not great, but it was good to see nice waterfalls and very different landscapes. From August 23 to September 15, they were in Prague and visiting other places in the Czech Republic while working with colleagues in the aerosol group at the Institute for Chemical Process Fundamentals of the Czech Academy of Sciences.

**Phil Parsons** writes, "Our life continues to move on in the slow lane. Gardening and long walks fill my days. Our oldest son will soon complete renovations to his vacation home near St. Simons Island, Georgia. We hope to visit frequently. Finally, I recommend *Purge*, historical fiction by Sofi Oksanen."

**Peter Prentice** writes, "Fully retired as are many of us. Closing out 13 years in The Villages, Florida. Planning to move back to Southern Maryland closer to family and friends. Currently indulging in our new hobby of quilting. Made 14 quilts for family last Christmas. COVID really put the kibosh on life for the last year and a half! Still uninfected, thank God! Kidney stones pose problems, as do all the others challenges of age, but we're still charging ... just slower!"

**Barry Rosen** writes, "My wife, Pat, and I are doing well and are very grateful to live in a safe, gated, 55-plus community in Boynton Beach with a low population density, miles of walking paths, and lots of birds and animals. We walk three to four miles most days, and I play golf two or three times a week. We like to cruise and hope our Viking cruise to Antarctica will be a go this January. If not, we still have two Viking river cruises booked for 2022, one on the Danube and a second on the Mississippi. After 22 years as a department chair at Wayne State School of Medicine in Detroit, I relocated to Miami in 2007 to help start a new medical school at Florida International University, where I was associate dean for basic sciences for seven

years. I'm now a distinguished university professor doing mainly research. My grant from the National Institutes of Health is funded until 2025, so I probably won't retire before then. I'm proud that it has been funded for 40 years, putting it in the top 100 of all continuously funded NIH grants." When asked for more information, Barry added: "It's hard to summarize 40 years of research in a few sentences. Basically, I work in environmental biochemistry and microbiology. I've identified the pathways of arsenic toxicology and detoxification in organisms from bacteria to humans and discovered most known genes for arsenic biotransformations and detoxification. Why is this important? Many reasons, but for example, I recently found and patented a new arsenic-containing antibiotic that is very effective against bacteria that cause tuberculosis."

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I am writing to you from the Union Street Inn on magical Nantucket with the missus. Nothing to do but walk and talk.

**Bob Dunn** checked in with this note, "I was in Boston at the end of August to visit family. Great fun! Managed to see the Red Sox demolish the Twins, sailed with my brother and nephew, and played golf twice. It doesn't get any better than that. Unless, of course, you include an absolutely wonderful visit with **Frank Walter Vincent** (aka Vin). We haven't seen each other since Trinity, so lots of catching up was the order of the day. It was truly very special." Bob also checks in with **Bill Brachman**, whom he says is doing fine. Vin confirmed the visit with Bob was memorable, recalling the good old days at Sigma Nu.

**Frank Deland** informed me that our classmate, **Hubertus "Hupi" Sulkowski**, recently passed. He told me, "We spent a few vacations together, including a summer in Europe and a visit to his hometown in Hungary. I last saw him in Paris seven years ago when he treated my wife and I to dinner." Thanks, Frank. Hupi will be missed.

I caught up with our class president, **Brian Grimes**, at Homecoming this year. He and Kathy are doing well and spending weekends on Cape Cod. He has been in touch with **Tim Sniffen** and **Jim Shepard**, who still practices medicine in Philadelphia.

I recently talked to **Rod Van Sciver** one day after his total hip replacement. He reported he was doing well and not in pain. "In the food-for-thought department, I asked one of our Kenya U.S. summer students what was the most amazing thing she had seen here in

the United States. Answer: you guys picking up your dog's poo," Rod shared.

**Dan Waterman** wrote to me about his recent hiking trip to Ireland. "Reading the CDC website, the State Department travel advisory, and the U.S. Embassy advisory in Dublin before leaving made us feel even safer. They all advised against nonessential travel to Ireland. It depends on how you look at 'nonessential' travel. Hiking in Ireland we deemed essential to our mental and physical well-being, so we went after much discussion." Glad you and Deborah have taken care of your mental health.

Received a wonderful note from first-time contributor Professor **Henry Heffner**. "As a Midwesterner, I was initially unsure what 'Cape' you were referring to in your letter. The only cape I've been to is on the South African coast, where my oldest son, a professional hunter, took me on a hunting trip some years ago. (My younger son teaches college chemistry in the Raleigh-Durham area, where he lives with his wife and two daughters.) Then I realized you were referring to golfing, and the last time I golfed was at St. Marys Public Golf Course in Kansas, where they put used motor oil on the sand greens to keep them from blowing away.

"Anyway, my wife of 55 years, Rickye, and I have spent the last 30-plus years at the University of Toledo. She just retired, but I plod on, much to the annoyance of our new department chair. We currently live on our humble 14-acre 'estate' near Toledo that is filled with all sorts of animals, gardens, and fruit trees. I recently reactivated the parkour course in our woods as there is too much vehicle traffic for me to continue my morning walks on the nearby roads. But we are getting on and plan to downsize to our 600-acre cattle ranch in Kansas, where we can be with our oldest son and his daughter. My wife has been designing our retirement home, and our son has been building it (with a little help from his friends)." Thanks, Henry. **Randy Lee** and **Sam Kassow** will tell you it is way too soon to retire.

**Elton "Toby" Hall** shared the joy he felt with visits this past summer with his children and grandchildren. At this stage in our lives, this is something we all enjoy. "Other than that, I finished the seventh in a series of booklets on various aspects of family history and have made a start on an eighth, which will be about three houses the family had in Stonington, Waterbury, and Southbury, Connecticut, all of which seem remarkable to me. The downside has been increased involvement with Hawthorn Medical Associates. Nothing serious, but all tedious." On the latter, we know what you mean, Toby.

No note is complete without a word from **Dennis Dix**. "If you have a craving to be

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barbecued alive, come to South Florida in the summer. We escaped to Colorado for a brief visit to my son and granddaughter with a side trip to South Dakota to see the Crazy Horse Memorial. It's 100 percent privately funded and should be done in the next 50–80 years. Very moving. We somehow got lost going to Mount Rushmore and ended up on the Canadian side. So much for rental car GPS."

Until next time, stay well.

*From the Alumni Office:* **Marty** and **Ally Gall** got together with **David Trachtenberg** (as part of his yearly East Coast trip) in mid-July at the Basketball Hall of Fame in Springfield, Massachusetts. The exhibit has been redesigned to include many women players along with the men all-stars. The exhibits were well worth seeing.

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Thank you all for answering my plea for the latest updates on your lives. **Jeff Fox** questioned my "Esteemed Classmates" salutation, stating that he did not feel the label applied to him and some other classmates whom he chose not to identify. Jeff is too modest. I often refer to him as my esteemed classmate. So far, no one, other than Jeff, has contradicted me.

**John Ray** and wife **Loretta** have moved. "The pandemic convinced her to finally retire from teaching. We moved to a smaller house on a small lake close to our daughter and granddaughter. Worst part about the move was getting all brand-new doctors and going through their initial screening processes—plus, all the address changes and deciding what we had to get rid of to fit into a smaller house!"

**Chip Whitehead** and wife **Barbara** will be celebrating their 50th anniversary in June 2022. "Our daughter's family, which includes three granddaughters and one yellow lab, visited with us at the beach this summer.

And we recently visited them to celebrate our twin granddaughters' 12th birthdays!"

**Phil Mayer** sent the sad news that **Jim McCulloch** died of COVID last February. This is a reminder to take good care of ourselves and our families in these pandemic times. Everyone in our class is eligible for the COVID booster in addition to the regular inoculations.

I spoke with **Nate Rath** recently, and he reminded me that he had a very mild case of COVID-19. He compared it with having the flu and says he knows he was very lucky.

**Dick Sanger** is alive and very busy in Texas. "Neyda and I live in Austin, where her daughter Lauren and Jason live along with their two kids, Wynn and Sloane. My eldest son, Rick, lives in Dallas with Carrie. Hank lives in Denver with Jill, as does his son Luke. Pat, the youngest son, lives in Dickinson, Texas, with Kate and their son, Simon. I have a great-granddaughter, Ivy, who lives in Georgia with her mum Brooke (Hank) and Geraldo. I am a Vistage chair and have three groups; a Junior Achievement volunteer (four years) in Canyon Vista Middle School eighth grade; and an ambassador (five years) for the Round Rock Chamber (so named for the large round rock in the middle of the river on the Chisholm Trail, which marked a safe place to cross). I am also co-chair of the National Mounted Warfare Foundation's project at Fort Hood. We are planning to build a new museum telling the stories of two million soldiers who went to Fort Hood (Jackie Robinson and Elvis included). I am a board Finance Committee member for the Greater Austin Chapter of the Association of Fundraising Professionals and board member/treasurer of the Metropolitan Breakfast Club (Austin's premier breakfast club with speakers for 37 years ... and the only one). I swim 50 laps about four times a week. Walking four miles did not do it for me during COVID. Both Neyda and I have had two Moderna and now our booster shots."

Our class president, **Charley Kurz**, writes that he had a wonderful conversation recently with our first Class of 1967 Scholarship recipient, Latanya Coke '19. After graduating from Trinity with a degree in biology, Latty worked at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research on Long Island. She is starting a Ph.D. program at Duke University in developmental genetics. She is one of eight students in her first-year class; she expects that it will take at least five years to complete her degree requirements. Her Duke tuition is fully paid, and she receives a living stipend. Latty lives in an apartment in Durham. She enjoys scientific thinking and writing; she had her first journal article published in January 2021.

How about this? Trinity history major **Don Bishop**, living in Northern Virginia, had his ninth-grade grandson sit in the Honda's front seat next to him and "navigate" to Gettysburg without using GPS. Don editorializes that apparently no one teaches kids how to read maps, know the different kinds of highway signs, or notice the mile markers. They got there without too much delay, and Don was sure to mention how Colonel Strong Vincent, Trinity Class of 1858, defended Little Round Top at the cost of his life. Returning home from the battlefield, grandson William proclaimed it "awesome."

Gettysburg is indeed awesome. I wrote back to Don, saying that my great-great uncle Charlie Spiesberger was a member of the New York State 140th Infantry and died on Little Round Top. He was an 18-year-old German immigrant. Don knew, of course, that the 140th was placed next to Joshua Chamberlain's 20th Maine Volunteers on Little Round Top. How about them apples?

A reminder: Our 55th Reunion is this coming June. You will be receiving many mailings about it, and I hope you will attend. Best, Jim

From the Alumni Office: In 2021, **Jeffrey J. Fox** published *The Adventures of Flash: An Abandoned Homeless Potbellied Pig*. Jeffrey, who earned an M.B.A. from Harvard Business School, is the founder of Fox Business Advisors. He's also the author of several best sellers, including *How to Become a Rainmaker* and *How to Become CEO*. Jeffrey formerly served Trinity as a member of Board of Trustees; he's also a 1997 recipient of Trinity's Alumni Medal for Excellence.

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Starting with a sports theme, our own **Walt Harrison** was the go-to expert sought out by NPR for interviews after the Supreme Court invalidated the NCAA rules forbidding collegiate athletes from being paid for their "name, likeness, and image." Walt is one of the country's leading experts on collegiate sports, having spent years on the Knight Commission on Intercollegiate Athletics and chairing its Name, Likeness, and Image and Student Welfare Committees. Walt has had numerous leadership positions on the NCAA Board of Directors, which honored him in

2014 with the Gerald R. Ford Award for his commitment to student-athlete academic success. So little wonder that NPR had him on national programming with his insights on the Supreme Court's decision. Among other things, Walt also gave a lecture in the fall on "The Jew Who Invented the World Series." Who knew that the first (later named) World Series was put together by the Jewish owner of the Pittsburgh Pirates against the Boston Red Sox? Perhaps Walt will reprise this lecture at our 55th Reunion.

**Barry Bedrick**, avid Red Sox fan, will be overjoyed that the Sox won that first World Series. Barry has a huge collection of Sox memorabilia stashed away at his home in Tucson, and readers of these Class Notes may recall that Barry and **Larry Roberts** have attended games at all the major league ballparks. Barry has penned a terrific article on the loss of baseball's complexities, bemoaning the fading of such relics as the hit and run, the suicide squeeze, and situational hitting to where the defense has not moved its players based on the hitter's statistics. It's a wonderful article looking for the right home, but I'm sure Barry will send it to you upon request.

Our class authors also include **Kim Miles**, who has published his autobiography *Miles to Go. Episodes from a Life Half Lived*. Your secretary has read some of the episodes, and I'm not sure "half lived" hits the mark—seems pretty fully lived. Some of our classmates are in the episodes, like the N.Y.C. trip for Kim to receive the National Student Athlete award, accompanied by **Larry Roberts**, where among other things they stalked Robert Kennedy and got shot at (but not for the stalking)! Maybe Kim will donate some copies to the Trinity Library ... and bring them to Reunion!

It has been a time for many of us to reflect on some of life's adventures. **David Chanin** recounted his cross-country hitchhiking trip the summer before freshman year. At our 55th Reunion, ask David about his being kidnapped by a one-armed fisherman who wanted help baiting his hooks.

**Rich Weingarten** went to see the Trinity vs. Middlebury romp at Homecoming. Although he didn't see any of our classmates at the game, he reports that the new Jessee/Miller Field has actual seats, not just metal benches, for spectators. Are the students getting soft, or is this an accommodation to the aging alums? Rich hosts a monthly TV show in New Haven and, among other guests, recently interviewed several Afghan refugees on one show, while another focused on Little League baseball. Quite eclectic programming.

COVID-19 has kept some families apart while keeping others close together. **Rich**

and Lynell **Morris** had the pleasure of their daughter and her family moving in with them for 1½ years. Many others spend prolonged periods relying on FaceTime and Zoom to keep up with their kids and grandkids. Hopefully vaccinations have helped all of you return to some more “normal” life with extended family and friends.

And our first '68 Scholar, Zack Yung '21, has graduated early, having had a remarkably successful Trinity career and going on to medical school thanks to the generosity of our classmates in funding our 1968 Scholarship Class Gift. You have gotten letters about our other '68 Scholars and hopefully have met some, at least by Zoom. As you know, our goal is to build the fund's endowment by the time of our 55th Reunion so we can fund a '68 Scholar in each entering class in perpetuity. More information coming soon on how we will achieve that goal with your help.

Planning has started for our 55th Reunion, less than 1½ years away. If you have ideas for programs or if you want to volunteer to help orchestrate and implement any program, please let **Paul Jones**, our Reunion co-chair and director of programming, or me know. Paul can be emailed at oriole1961@gmail.com.

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Members of the Class of '69 show resilience and positivity in our continuing adaptation to the pandemic and to our senior status— young old, not old old.

**Larry Whipple** reports: “My wife and I made the decision to move back to Chicago after 25-plus years in Grand Rapids. Both sons and their families are here, so it made perfect sense. Will hopefully move into a new home (we're living in our downtown condo now) by early spring. We had the good fortune to bump into **Herb** and **Cathy Wigder**, with subsequent delicious dinner provided by **Cathy**.”

**Vic Levine** sends word: “Several Delta Phi brothers, along with our wives, have been having Zoom reunions every few months for over a year: **Gene** and **Muffy Paquette**, **Michael** and **Kathleen Carius**, **Geoff** and **Caroline Mandly**, **Ed** and **Donna Doyle**, **Bill** and **Connie Duane**, **Judy** and me, as well as **Doug Watts**'s widow, **Susan**. It has been a lot of fun to get housemates, as well as brothers, together. Everyone seems to be doing well coping with the virus and the other stresses the pandemic has created for us all.”

**Bill Canning** is wondering how many of our class are continuing to work. “How many are still psyched about going to work? I can't

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wait to get to the office each morning. If I had retired nine years ago, I would have missed the most exciting investment environment of all time. The opportunities presented over the past 14 months will never be repeated. So glad I could be on the front line and not on the sideline. Wouldn't you like to know what percentage of our class is still engaged versus retired?”

**Fred Uehlein** agrees: “These are challenging times, and if we have not stopped to ponder the mystery of life now, I guess we never will. Friends, family, and active brain still seems the best anecdote to aging. **Diana** and I were blessed with all five grandchildren spending the summer with us in Osterville. We got to spend some time with classmate **Bill MacLachlan** as well. ... **Diana** continues to be active with her charity in London, the Institute of Imagination, which seems to have met the COVID challenge and has stayed relevant while being largely virtual. I am having a lot of fun helping to develop a company, **Ascellus Behavioral Health**, which seeks to integrate behavioral health with physical health care for a more stable and less disabled work force, addressing chronic pain, COVID anxiety, PTSD, and concussions, among other things.”

The best story of this batch came from **Bill Marimow**. “Over the summer, I discovered that my grandson, **Zander Sargent**, was in the same cabin at camp with the grandson of **Bill Glahn** (Carter Glahn) and the grandson of **Jack Griffin** (Luke Myre). **Jack**'s daughter **Jennifer** is the mother of **Luke** and was born in April 1969 while we were still undergraduates! **Bill Marimow** is her godfather. Small world! The boys were all 12 in the summer of 2021 and were at **Camp Pemigewasset** in New Hampshire, where **Bill** and his wife, **Hansi**, live.”

So, serendipity is still wonderful and gives us reason to appreciate the blessings among the tribulations of our shared experience in the 21st century. How uncomplicated the part of our lives we lived in the 20th century now seems!

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It was early May 2020, and our loyal committee was ready for fun on the old college grounds. All creatures of planning had done everything they could to put wine on the shelf and beer in the cooler for merriment galore. The games on the quad and the lectures in the halls were assembled and written, the solemnity of the Chapel awaited our heartfelt prayers, and the majesty of the **Wadsworth** beckoned. The caterer was to be the best ever and the band was to be the most jovial. When all of a sudden, out of the darkness and gloom to our profound horror, came the global pandemic to shut it all down.

With gloom in our hearts, we pledged not to acquiesce as we refused to succumb to the viral apocalypse. We told 1971 what a great vision we had and how fun it would be to join our pad. They loved the idea for June 2021. The committee continued, and the Zooms never ended. But a virus mutation resurged. The cancellation happened, and our hopes were crushed; a reunion for our intrepid 1970 gone forever? But we couldn't give up, and with **Trinity's Theresa** and **Michelle**, we gathered the committee for one final Zoom!

The college powers that be had decided. Was it to be our denouement final? We had one last chance: Homecoming in fall '21 or forever we quit. Yet it worked and it happened and our committee rejoiced. With joy in our hearts at our final Zoom, our committee shouted hoorah. Now we needed to gather the clan. The reservations came slowly and then gathered force. As the weekend dawned, we looked around and counted: we had 35 hearty alums joining with their others at 50 to scale the semi-centennial wall.

Friday morning we entered our own special parking behind **Seabury** to join class shaman **Tony DiBella** for our memory walkabout to sites long buried in our collective subconscious. His hefty 7-foot staff would suddenly thud upon the firmament to call from our multitudes a tale of delight as we marched from ancient **Trinity stone** to stone. Professors **Cooper**, **Dando**, **Pappas**, **Higgins**, and more were recalled with their wisdom in store. We then looked up at the top of **Northam Towers** to remember the flight of **Icarus**, having signed the great book only four years before; next the windows of the original chapel to transport our prayers for times of yore. Finally, a whimsical look back at **Downes Memorial**, the focus of our rebelliousness, which forever stamped our generation. A true long walk with hearts and



Members of the Class of 1970 gather on the Main Quad for their 50th Reunion Dinner on October 2, 2021. Front row: Dick Hoffman, Richard Turk, Tony DiBella, Bob Broatch, Jack Hale, Joel Greenspan, Jack Luxemburg, Ernie Mattei, Dick Wyland, Walter Moody, Peter Orgain, Bob Berardino; back row: Rod De Arment, Paul Herron, Gary Cahoon, Steve Hamilton, Joe Barkley, Steve Tody, John Chapin, Robert Duncan, Michael Lavorgna, Ryan Kuhn, John Scholes, Dan Andrus, Andy Shaw, John Bonee, Danny Reilert, Dix Leeson; missing from photo: Peter Brinckerhoff, Billy Peelle, Charley Taylor

minds as one with the *spiritus communis* of our history combined.

Lunch on the quad saw warm sun to relax and reminisce. **Orgain** threw open a bocce orb invasion to frolic upon the green of our former equation. As our conversation wound down in our bucolic renown, the artistic wonders of the Atheneum were soon to come around. An infusion of the arts from all ages invited our rapture as curator told of feminine talent so long suppressed but now specially shown in its renaissance splendor. **Bill Peelle** had made it all possible. His entrée enhanced by blues wonder **Charles Taylor**, who co-funded with him our bacchanalian vineyard delight. Hors d'oeuvres and varied dinner cuisine to please our ravenous palates chosen by Jeanette Bonee from West Hartford's best caterer topped off our evening to a spectacular success.

Saturday morning, Dr. **Andy Stewart** brilliantly lectured on diabetes and health. The traditional memorial service dedicated to our class commenced at 11:00 at our beloved Chapel. Welcomed by the new chaplain, the Reverend Marcus George Halley, the service was masterfully created by the Reverend **Richard Wyland**, with the assistance of the Most Reverend **Robert Duncan**, Rabbi **Jack Luxemburg**, and **Joseph Barkley** and video recorded. We prayerfully mourned the loss of our 53 classmates commended by Ernie and me. We emerged with Trinity's spiritual "Neath the Elms" in our ears for lunch and tales on the quad to be followed by an afternoon of cheering at football and camaraderie.

Dinner under our huge tent that last evening was jubilant and poignant. President Joanne Berger-Sweeney presided sublimely. First, a presentation to her of the giant \$2.7 million check noting phenomenal

fundraising efforts for the college. She commended Ernie and me for 10 times co-chairing our Reunions and dedicated class leadership, plus a special thanks to me, greatly appreciated, for attending to these Class Notes since graduation just as did my paternal mentor, J.B. '43. I praised **Richard Turk**, class archivist, for his tireless work of excellence on our 50th Reunion yearbook. More fun ensued with **Ryan Kuhn** and **Peter Brinckerhoff** for traveling the farthest. The gleam of two golden Long Walk doorknobs of Washington College origin then was revealed from Sir Lancelot **Greenspan**, who pulled one "as if Excalibur" from his door on graduation day and the other miraculously retrieved by the Reverend Wyland from a "Trinity portal" located at Episcopal Theological Seminary; both now to be preserved at our Watkinson Library. Special thanks to **Leeson** from Elms Society and **Hoffman** for his enthusiastic email goodbyes. All attendees and those in the Zooms who could not attend had worked together to make it a success.

Dance music of our generation ensued. **Brinckerhoff**, **Charley Taylor**, **Reilert**, and **Herron** presented the selection and may someday provide us with a memory CD. Hopefully, we shall break-dance with the gusto of **Andy Shaw**!

At one point before the final festivities, one of my dearest classmates looked me in the eye and said "John, this is the end." I was blown away and speechless. I had no retort. Yet, now as I reflect, I cannot help but hear those Churchillian victory words resonating from 1942: "Ah, this is not the end; it is not even the beginning of the end; but it is, perhaps, the end of the beginning!"

Yes, we have had our beginning, and we shall never forget it. We march on to Trinity's great 200th and then forevermore.

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**Bill F. La Plante II** writes, "I'm about to head for my aquaculture farm in Nova Scotia after being unable to do so for the past nearly two years, my first such absence in nearly four decades. I had a brief chat with counselor Casey, our personal-injury attorney classmate based in San Diego. He told me he would be contacting Legacybox and having them transfer his celebrated WRTC 1,000 best R & R weekend programming from August '70. Have you heard any update on this project proposed by classmate **David Casey** in San Diego? I did inform him that I would be very interested in a copy of his reformatted WRTC programming as it would likely contain some of my original reporting from Washington, D.C., with live and taped coverage of the Vietnam War Moratorium, which I believe coincided with the WRTC R & R greatest hits marathon. I do hope to attend the Bantam belated 50th next summer. It's a long trip back from paradise to the South End of Hartford but trust the football game will help justify the effort on the part of this '71 grad."

**Tom Weiner** writes that he is not in front of a classroom for the sixth year since retiring after 40 years teaching at the Campus School of Smith College. He's continued supervising student teachers, has written two books (*Photographed Letters on Wings: How Microfilmed V-Mail Helped Win World War II* and *Chosen Family: Men's and Women's Support Groups, An Inside Look*), and is working on a third (with Amilcar Shabazz, a

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professor of history and Africana studies at the University of Massachusetts), *In Defiance: Little Known Seekers of Racial Justice and Equality since the Dawn of Enslavement*.

He's also been co-facilitating workshops for preschool educators and parents around New England, in person and remotely. And he rides his bike, hikes, plays the piano, and tries to spend as much time as possible with his four children, ages 30–50 (his youngest, Stefan, just won \$10,000 on *Today* as a promising LGBTQ singer-songwriter), and his four grandchildren, ages 4–14.

**Kevin Sullivan** writes, "While also doing some consulting and wondering why I agreed to head up my condo association, I continue to work my way back down the political ladder by co-managing a local political campaign."

**David Sarasohn** writes that he is co-author of *The Green Years, 1964–1976: When Democrats and Republicans United to Repair the Earth* (University Press of Kansas, 2021), covering the passage of the nation's basic environmental laws, generally with overwhelming bipartisan support unimaginable today.

**William N. Booth** writes after 16 months of lockdown in Boston: "Molly and I were able to get to Ireland for two months for the best weather in over 25 years. In July, we had drought conditions with temperatures pushing 100 degrees. We are back at work helping the Boston Symphony Orchestra weather the COVID-19 storm. We recently have seen two of our three children (Sam '04 and Phoebe '01) and our six grandchildren in the United States. Our youngest, however, remains trapped in Singapore with her husband and two children. We hope to see them this Christmas in Ireland."

**Mike James** writes, "I had a great visit this summer with Don Viering '72, who had driven to the West Coast from his home in New Mexico to have some work done on his sweet Winnebago/Mercedes apartment on wheels. We hadn't seen each other for decades but had no trouble picking up where we had left off half a century ago. It helped remind me that at the Reunion next June, we'll be fortunate to be combining our two classes. I had a bunch of good friends in the Class of '72 as well as '71 and look forward to picking up again with a lot of folks I haven't seen since my hair was brown and my biggest concern was whether I was going to splurge on late-night ABC sausage pizza or just go with the Sammy Man."

**Dave Sample** writes, "My son Scott '09 and wife Laura became parents of my first granddaughter, Sophia Elaine Sample, bringing the grandchildren count to two, with a third expected by Ryan '06 and Sarah in November. Life is good."

**Chris Curwen** writes, "My spouse of 48 years, Kathleen, and I have landed in a four-season, intergenerational, recreation community in Grantham, New Hampshire. A beautiful lake, tennis courts, hiking trails, nearby mountains in the gorgeous Upper River Valley. We've been here for close to a dozen years and absolutely love it. I have been playing regular Sunday evening hearts contests online with former roommates Bill Foster '72 and Tom Schaible '72. Wonderful to keep in touch. Hope all is well across the Class of '71!"

**Bill Reynolds** writes, "My twin grandgirls, Meredith (after my mother) and Lillian (after their mother's grandmother), have ripened to 5 during the bizarre months of COVID. Their children will see pictures equally fascinating as ones we saw as children from the 1918–20 times, when masks were prevalent, with no Fauci, no TV, and no internet to aid scientists. Hopeful that our class enjoys the Zoom presentations our Reunion programming committee has organized to motivate attendance next June at our in-person Reunion! These Zooms feature several of our classmates whose careers in medicine, sculpture, sports journalism, and law are extraordinary. More to come during the live events on campus! Being in person is just the best, so please show up in June—you have had an extra year to coordinate your calendar!"

**Mel Kendrick** writes, "I have lived in Lower Manhattan since 1971. Mary Salter '73 and I have three grown children, all currently in the city. This has been an eventful year for me, dealing with the pandemic, of course, but also during that time working on my retrospective at the Addison Gallery of American Art in Andover, Massachusetts. The show was delayed six months, but that gave me more time to prepare and finish a Rizzoli book, *Mel Kendrick: Seeing Things in Things*, which accompanied the show. All in all, it was a big success, despite the limited visiting hours. It was even covered on *PBS NewsHour*. I am working on adapting the show for the Parrish Art Museum in Southampton, New York. Be warned, **Philip Khoury** has asked me to do a Zoom presentation for the class, which I am looking forward to. He has asked me to talk about my experiences and early influences at Trinity and Andover."

From your class secretary: Hoping you are well, and please stay safe. Hoping to see as many of you as possible at our 50th. Please make sure we have your correct contact data; if you're not sure, email me at [wein1@optonline.net](mailto:wein1@optonline.net).

From the Alumni Office: **David W. Green** moderated an international webinar on the COVID-19 pandemic. Organized by the World Socialist Web Site and the International Workers Alliance of Rank-and-File

Committees, the October 2021 webinar featured leading epidemiologists and made the case for a policy directed toward the eradication of the virus.

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Heartfelt contributions for this issue's Class Notes, possibly the result of reviving our ancient bonds of community and friendship in anticipation of Reunion 2022.

From **Peter Wheelwright**: "I'm not a big Reunion or Class Notes type, but thought I'd chime in for you. I've retired from teaching architecture and am writing my second novel, *The Door-Man*, being published next month (Fomite Press). My first novel, *As It Is On Earth*—much of which took place on the thinly disguised Trinity campus—received a PEN/Hemingway Honorable Mention for Literary Excellence, and I'm hoping to up the ante on this one. It's a rollicking tale across three generations—think *Deadwood*, but in Upstate New York. Other than that, I'm just getting older. Regards, Peter" I've read Peter's first book, a fascinating tale that resonates and inspires reflection. Check out his books, bio, and amazing architectural creations at [www.peterwheelwright.com](http://www.peterwheelwright.com).

Good to hear from my dear friend **Jay Goodwin**, still teaching advanced skiing to an international clientele at Telluride. "We sold our in-town house last fall and bought a five-acre lot on Log Hill Mesa near Ridgeway. Building now. Missed seeing you last summer. Please visit us out here again or at least send Jane—she's lots of fun. [Secretary's note: Everyone likes my wife more than me, including me! We had a great visit with Jay and Colleen, and **Don Viering** in 2019.] **Don Viering** joined me at Lake Powell last September for a week of camping and fishing, where he showed his true talent. Apologies to our classmates who got bashed

each night as we unwound around the campfire. If we abused you, it's because we love you. That we could even remember you is testimony to our mental acuity after 50 years. I hope you all are well. Jay"

The late **Steve Sylvestro's** friends and family organized a memorial race, and Lea Ingersoll Sylvestro '75 (who's married to Dave Sylvestro '74) enclosed a nice article from her blog about the race. Outstanding photo of Steve running, just a few years ago. "Steve was an avid racer, but he was also a Sylvestro. Like his brother Dave, schedules and start times governed others but not him. What better memorial then, than a race opening with a scramble from one's car to the starting line? My thanks and love go out to all who organized this joyous event. XO, Lea" <http://leasylvestro.blogspot.com> (October 5, 2021)

Wonderful to hear from **Olivia Henry**. "Greetings, all, I am looking forward to Reunion next June. It's been quite a year, adjusting to distancing from church, choir, friends, the gym, and active classes. I'm thankful to be healthy and vaccinated and was glad to finally get outside walking a lot while healing from a broken femur. This summer, I hiked twice up to AMC huts, one over 4,000 feet. Sure beats the surgery, rehab, and wheelchairs of 2018. Right before the pandemic, I visited Mazatlán and kayaked, snorkeled, and hiked for the first time in 1½ years, all cheerful milestones. I've also found it helpful to get involved in political activity for peace and justice and volunteering at Best Friends Animal Sanctuary in Utah. And recently our class's Reunion Committee! I still live in New Hampshire, married to my fine spouse, Tim Gurshin, a retired lawyer, guitarist, and singer-songwriter. Still plays and performs in spite of MS, which is challenging. He can walk with a cane and is glad to be fully independent. Wish medical gains could be found so he could again hike, ski, bike, swim, and kayak. We spend part of the winter in Southern California and feel blessed to be able to be with relatives and close friends. Our 29-year-old son is an aero/astroengineer, interested in climate change and green technology and last fall traveled for three months in Ecuador. We've recently adopted two rescue cats and are grateful for all their playful antics and purring. We wish you all peace, good health, joy. Olivia"

I've enjoyed getting to know Olivia and **Kathryn Wooters**, FKA **Kappy Mohn**, from their work on the Reunion Committee. From Kathryn: "After 49 years, I decided it's time to reconnect with Trinity, so having joined the Reunion Attendance Committee, I have already contacted some of you regarding our Reunion 2022 and encourage you also to reconnect with us, your old classmates. I have thoroughly enjoyed speaking with

old and new friends from '72—little effort on my part with abundant rewards. We have many interesting, accomplished, and fun classmates! Thinking back all those years, I had little clue of the amazing twists and turns my life would take. I majored in French, so how is it that I am now a CPA with an international timber fund, teaching Serbs timber accounting, wandering Brazilian rainforests wearing snake guards to verify inventory, negotiating operational controls with our Chinese staff? In my early 40s, I married the man of my dreams—truly worth the wait. Sadly, he, the epitome of good health, recently died of a very rare autoimmune disease of the brain. I have been and am rebuilding my solo life. I trekked on the ice of Antarctica, the trip of a lifetime. I will volunteer in Zambia at an elephant sanctuary this fall. I took up pickleball like most of us 'oldsters' and jogged 9K for Run to Home Base last fall, slowly but surely making it to the finish line. I split my time between Quechee, Vermont, and Boston, which is the best of both worlds for me. Trinity [propelled] me toward all of my adventures, and I remain grateful. That is my story, and I sincerely look forward to catching up with you, my classmates, to hear of your adventures as well! Stay well and safe, Kathryn"

That's all for now folks. Hopefully these expressions of classmate affinity will encourage you all to join us at our 50th Reunion this June! Until then!

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Dear Class of '74,

Hoping all are well. Can't recommend enough in these troubled times my current read of Thomas Mann's *Doctor Faustus*, all about friendship and music and life caving in/lifting up. It's a big fat novel like they used to write. Some may remember Mann's tuberculosis sanatorium-inspired *The Magic Mountain* in Sam Kassow's superb 1970s "Modern Germany" course. Mann also was author of *Death in Venice* (depicted in a Visconti film), a great portrayal of cholera/sexual desire as in Susan Sontag's *Illness as Metaphor/AIDS and Its Metaphors*. Read on, and share what you are reading!

From **Mac De Laitre**: "I returned to Houston in 1976 and went to work as a carpenter. Within five months, I had a job as an estimator for a commercial general

contractor and from there progressed to a project manager. I had always done concrete work as a general contractor, and in '92, I went to work for a commercial concrete contractor. In 1998, I went out on my own, starting my commercial concrete construction company with my wife, Bunny, which I've had for 23 years. But alas, with no children interested in taking over the business, now is the time for us to close up shop. Our business has been slowed down by COVID, and now looks like as good a time as any to retire. We're looking forward to doing some traveling, hopefully in the near future."

From **Archie "Creeper" Colander Jr.**: "My wife, Alexis, and I relocated to Silver Spring, Maryland, in March after 38 years in New Jersey to be closer to our 3-year-old granddaughter in Washington, D.C. We're also excited about the birth of our first grandson in August, the son of Nicholas Colander '09. Happy to remain in frequent contact with **Frank Borges** and **Larry Pleasant**."

From **Jay Moller**: "Thanks for taking on a thankless task, Ty. Nice to see you are doing well. Still doing death-penalty appeals (four down, three pending) to the California Supreme Court (among other appeals). Enjoying life off the grid in Humboldt County, California, for the past 40 years, and three months in Hawaii in the winter for the past 10 years. Two sons, two granddaughters, and a third wife."

From **Rob Robinson**: "Looking forward to retiring either end of [2021] or end of March [2022], when I turn 70. Enjoying our two grandchildren who live nearby and spending lots of time up at our cottage on the shores of Lake Huron on the tip of the thumb in the Lower Peninsula of Michigan. I keep in touch with a number of my Trinity classmates and look forward to attending our 50th Reunion in 2024. Hopefully, the pandemic will be a thing of the past by then!"

From **Ron Weissman**: "Forty-seven years and counting! My wife, Wendy, and I live in White Plains, New York. I am a practicing cardiologist employed by Columbia University and have been in White Plains since I opened my office in 1982."

From **Ted Stehle**: "After close to 40 near-perfect years as vice president of sales for Hollingsworth & Vose Co., an advanced materials developer and global manufacturer of high-end filtration and energy-storage solutions based in East Walpole, Massachusetts, I retired in December 2019 and moved to Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Lucky timing with the pandemic in early 2020. To my Trinity friends who have yet to get vaccinated ... wake up and get the jabs!"

From **Lise Gescheidt**: "The 1973 Rome program had a wonderful reunion at my house in Tiverton on September 11, complete

with farm-to-table Italian cuisine (my farm), Italian wine and beer (liquor store of Peter Donovan '75), pesto salad (Lea Sylvestro '75), homemade bread and photography (**Dave Sylvestro**), and Italian pastries (created by Wendy Wheeler '75, Nancy Rosenbaum '75, et al). Attending in person were Lea '75 and **Dave Sylvestro**; **Frank Chase**; Wendy Wheeler '75; Nancy Rosenbaum '75 and Jon Doolittle '76 and their dog, Max; Kent and Suz Allen '76; and Sally Sinclair (Connecticut College). Participating by Zoom were **Bart Schneider** and Peter Fink '75. It was a love fest and a trip down memory lane. It was great seeing everyone and reliving old times. Will send pictures when I can find them."

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Here is the update from our class Scotch tape, the one who keeps us sticking together, **Henry Bruce**. "After a lifetime living in either Massachusetts, New Jersey, or Connecticut, I've gone all in for Florida effective February 2021—Seminole to be exact on the Gold/Gulf Coast. We love it here and have found home for the next phase of life. Living less than a mile from the gulf fulfills my priorities now: fishing, golf, and tropical gardening. I joined a local golf club and try to play weekly. This will require retirement, but I keep getting referred for more consulting gigs. Go figure! I also just joined a boat club with locations all over the Tampa Bay/St. Pete region. I will be ramping boat outings this fall and winter.

"As Reunion chair, I will say our 45th was a disappointment due to COVID. First, 2020 was a total wash, and our attempt to salvage something this year was hampered by the continued lockdown on campus. We did have a virtual gathering; however, I will speak for many when I say that Zoom is no way to do it the way we are used to. The most common response was, 'No more Zoom, please!' What makes our Reunions so special is the in-person gathering on the quad in June every five years. So, our illustrious committee will turn our attention to our 50th in 2025. We will all be in our early 70s by then, vaccinated (hopefully), and all retired and enjoying time with our families wherever we have settled. In the meantime, I hope to connect with all of our classmates and others from the classes of the mid/late '70s who have settled in the 'endless summer' state.

"It's been nine-plus months since arriving, and the weather has been like summer

*Groundhog Day*. Amazing to be able to live in fishing shirts, quick-dry shorts, and flip-flops. I don't need stinking jeans, jackets, and shoes anymore. The hockey alums made it in May for the annual fundraiser. **Mark Cleary**, **Rich Huoppi**, **Rudy Montgelas**, **Jay Fisher**, and others from various classes of the late '70s showed for a great time. I do intend to head once in February for a hockey game weekend, so I guess I will have to break out the old winter gear once more. I will update you all as well on the class Facebook page. Join me on the beach sometime."

**Susan "Susie" Crimmins** writes: "Up until the last month or so, highly vaxxed Portland, Maine, fared pretty well, and we were emerging this summer from our isolation. Unfortunately, there are sufficient pockets of unvaccinated in other parts of Maine that the Delta variant took hold. Now we have stresses in our hospital capacities. On a personal basis, my hair got noticeably grayer and my tolerance for clothing with tight waists diminished noticeably during the pandemic. I have spent the last few weeks walking as much as possible, distributing multicolored N95s to our hospitality and frontline workers in Portland (gotta use those nifty comfy shoes I bought from Steve H.'s son-in-law's company, Allbirds). I hope all of you are doing well and have avoided the more serious impacts of COVID illness."

So nice to hear from our two class Hollies:

**Holly Robinson** shares with us a recently written bio for a Portland, Oregon, nonprofit: "**Holly Robinson**, a graduate of Lewis and Clark Law School, Portland, Oregon, had a 40-year career in health and disability law and policy, health insurance law, and health care compliance. She was involved at the state legislative level, the insurance company level, and the federal administrative level, as well as being a health care compliance consultant. She worked for the Oregon Legislature in two capacities, as senior counsel to the House Judiciary Committee and as a deputy legislative counsel for the Office of Legislative Counsel. She served as director of Medicare compliance for a regional health insurance company and worked for the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services in two components, the Consortium for Medicare Health Plan Operations and the Federal Coordinated Health Care Office or Medicare-Medicaid Coordination Office. Recently retired, Holly continues to pursue her lifelong passion and advocacy in health care equity and reform. She resides in Point Roberts, Washington, a pene-exclave and peninsula on the U.S./Canada border 25 miles south of Vancouver, British Columbia, but regularly visits Portland, Oregon, where her two children and three grandchildren live. She can be reached at [holly.l.robinson@gmail.com](mailto:holly.l.robinson@gmail.com)."

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**Holly Laurent** is "pleased to report two very happy events in my life this summer. My mother turned 95 and is doing great, and as of July 6, I am a grandmother of a wonderful baby boy!"

**Paul "Von" Gryska** tells us, "It's been a quiet 18 months, but I retreated to Chatham and learned to cook ... no kidding, built a boat and caught loads of fish. Stopped surgery after 40 years and took up gardening. An acre of potatoes and tomatoes and onions and peppers. We even got a puppy. Good luck to all."

One of your scribes, **Chris Mooney**, reports from an October trip to a wedding in a Scottish castle and then a week of playtime in Paris. It was a gas. "Great to use passport again after by far the longest consecutive onshore USA stint in 50 years." Your other scribe, **Steve Hirsch**, was able to celebrate his son's COVID-delayed wedding in April and was blessed with the arrival of granddaughter Chloe Elizabeth Kary in June.

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# Clay Phillips '78



**DEGREES:** B.A. in history; M.B.A., Columbia Business School

**JOB TITLES:** Mobility technology lead, Michigan Small Business Development Center (SBDC) (publicly funded economic development); executive adviser, SRI International (Silicon Valley applied research labs); board member, WEAV3D (Georgia-based advanced manufacturing tech start-up)

**FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY:** Too many Thursday Night Clubs at the Hall may have blurred my memory, but I loved spring fever on the quad as winter let go, playing guitar with the Hall band, Easy Tea (a folk-rock band composed of Trinity students), and a project with Ken, Zan, and Stu (did we have a name for that band?).

**What has been your career path?** The day after graduation, I threw my guitars and my long-haired, lanky self into a Toyota pickup and headed home. A few weeks later, I was standing at attention on hot asphalt at the U.S. Navy's Aviation Officer Candidate School in Pensacola, Florida, sporting a buzz cut and a baggy, green uniform with a helmet and being yelled at by a Marine gunnery sergeant. I was commissioned as an intelligence officer that September and spent the next six

years serving with an aircraft-carrier-based squadron in Norfolk and the Defense Intelligence Agency in D.C. I left the Navy to pursue an M.B.A. and then joined General Motors in Detroit. I started as an analyst in marketing and product planning and ended up as an executive in research and development (R & D) with leadership roles in strategy, intelligence, alliance management, and innovation. When I started, I thought I might last five years, but I stayed for 28. Every time I considered leaving, something interesting popped up, such as a four-year assignment in Switzerland, running the pre-bankruptcy program office, and being a founding member of GM's first corporate venture capital unit. I still wonder how a right-brained history major with an M.B.A. spent 15 years in industrial R & D. I left GM in 2014 to start an innovation consulting practice, which led to gigs all over the country and the chance to work with innovation accelerators including the National Science Foundation's Innovation Corps and Techstars. I joined the Michigan SBDC in 2018. In hindsight, my career "path" was more like bushwhacked serendipity that led to a service sandwich with military and economic development as the bread and thick slices of private sector ham and cheese in the middle.

**What do you do with the Michigan Small Business Development Center?** I work with an entrepreneurial support network to help early-stage mobility tech start-ups gain traction. Mobility means anything that moves people or goods on land, sea, or air, as well as the physical and data infrastructure that enables that movement. It's a big space. I concentrate on business-model building and stress testing, and I work with a team of experts who help with grant applications, fundraising, financial modeling, intellectual property, and marketing strategy. We help founders apply innovation best practices to accelerate success and avoid pitfalls.

**Why do you feel this work is important?** Start-up work is hard and messy. Most fail. Helping new entrepreneurs avoid wasting time and money can have a significant impact on the start-up and the community. Unlike the corporate world, start-ups need to move fast, so we often see the results of our efforts quickly and clearly. And it is a lot of fun working with creative entrepreneurs who are putting their hearts and souls into ideas that could be big.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for what you do?** The Trinity curriculum was flexible and allowed for exploring peripheral as well as core subjects. I think this helped with critical thinking, learning how to assess incomplete and distorted information and how to be a better communicator. This foundation paid off in spades for my work in the Navy, at GM, and with start-ups today.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** The History Department offered an intensive program with seminars and a senior thesis. I signed up for this and tackled a convoluted thesis that tried to link 19th-century industrial, economic, and aesthetic trends using the transition from wooden sailing ships to steam-powered steel ships as a case study. In some ways, this presaged what I've done in the auto sector as it transitions to electric, autonomous, and connected mobility-as-a-service models.

**Did you have a professor who was particularly influential?** I made the mistake of seeing my professors as instructors rather than mentors, so I didn't get too close to any of them. That being said, I enjoyed Jay West's Russian history courses, George Cooper's colorful lectures, and Edward Sloan's patience as my thesis adviser.

a restructuring adviser. I heartily endorse change as a way to reenergize oneself!”

Following up on his news about the vineyard earlier this year, **Mark Moore** reports that he’s “begun bottling first batch of wine from vineyard, hope to get at least 50 cases. I didn’t realize how much chemistry was involved in wine making, or I would have paid more attention freshman year! Since semi-retiring in March, we have moved part time to Fort Myers, Florida, enjoying shelling on Sanibel Island, fishing on our Boston Whaler, and generally being a beach bum. Oldest daughter Lisa married a psychiatrist in August (I have a standing appointment—ha!).”

And from **Diana Lee Hammond**: “Here in Perth, Australia, we have spent over 18 months living in the gilded cage as our state borders as well as the country borders remain closed. Who would’ve thunk it? Missing family and friends in the States and sending love and best wishes to all.”

**Deb Flower** checked in from Manchester, Connecticut, with this exciting update: “2021 has been the year when everything happened: My first grandchild, Willa, was born to our son Bill and wife in May; my gardens were on a tour in June; I retired in early August; our daughter Annette was married in our backyard (gardens were in great shape after the tour); we had our first vacation in Acadia with both kids (and spouses, baby, and dogs) in many years; and as I write, I am packing for a short trip to Iceland.”

I don’t think I mentioned this family news earlier, so forgive me if so. Our family grew this year when our daughter got married on May 1, with a reception in my mom’s yard after the ceremony. I think quite a few of us partied in that yard years ago; it still works! Thanks all, for writing. It’s always great to hear from you. And don’t forget, we have a combined 1976/1977 Reunion this year! Stay tuned for more details.

From the Alumni Office: **Shana Penn**, executive director of Taube Philanthropies, received the European Solidarity Centre Medal of Gratitude last fall in recognition of her groundbreaking research on the role of women in the Solidarity movement that led to the end of communism in Poland. Shana authored the award-winning book *Solidarity’s Secret: The Women Who Defeated Communism in Poland*.

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Olympic Trials, with John Graves ’10 winning in the single scull and Peter Graves ’07 and Thomas Graves ’05 racing in the double scull. John went on to the Olympic qualification regatta in Switzerland and raced in the World Cup, winning his heat with a time one second faster than the world champion. **Harry Graves** coached a Princess Royal sculler and a Diamond sculler at the Henley Royal Regatta. The Trinity Graves brothers scullers have performed at or near the top of U.S. sculling for 15 years and have won all three sculling classes in world and Olympic trials: single, double, and quad.”

**Randy Pearsall** reports, “The Class of ’78 was well represented on Block Island this September when **George Smith** attended the wedding of my oldest son, Brett. We were fortunate to have great weather, delicious food, and interesting music (I had to bribe the DJ to play Beatles and Motown). We partied late into the night in good AD fashion, but our Medicare-aged bodies were not tempted with any gatoring.”

**George Smith** shares: “I am happy to report that my wife, Donna, and I had a wonderful time with **Rand Pearsall** and his wife, Josanne, on Block Island in September. We were there to help celebrate Rand’s son’s (Brett) wedding. It was a beautiful weekend weather wise, and everything about the wedding was perfect. Donna and I also attended Homecoming and ran into **Kathy Flaherty**, **Ellen Supple**, and **Roberta Oliverio**. We had a nice time catching up with them, and it was great to be on the Trinity campus again. For those who haven’t visited in some time, the athletic field complex is spectacular. Kudos to Drew Galbraith and his colleagues in the Athletic Department! In the interest of full disclosure, my youngest daughter, Brenna (Providence College 2019), just joined the Athletic Department as the coordinator for marketing and external relations. Finally, I also caught up with Mike Daly ’79 at Homecoming and can report all is well with him. That’s all for now.”

Your class secretary, that’s me—**Jory Lockwood**—has had it up to my bangs with COVID. I continue to tutor (mostly calculus, but all kinds of math and essay writing), train dogs (woof!), and in general try to stay out of trouble. I was browsing the internet late last night and am considering getting my drone license. Just because. Sigh. I did have a very cool and brief vacation in Lake Placid, New York. On the way home, my friends wanted to do the *via ferrata* at Ausable Chasm. The warning says one has to be at least 10 years old to participate. I figured how bad could a *via ferrata* be if they let little 10-year-olds participate? It turns out that a *via ferrata* is an “iron path” of rungs, ladders, and single-wire cable bridges between two



George Smith ’78, Becky Pearsall-Scott, and Randy Pearsall ’78 attend the wedding of Randy’s oldest son, Brett, on Block Island in September 2021.

cliff-like rock faces that channel a raging river running 30 feet below. I had to cross the river four times, back and forth between the cliffs, hanging on to all sorts of ladders, rungs, ropes, and cables. I was doing this with a former student, so “boomer” honor was at stake. Suffice it to say, I was perhaps once scared of heights but now am oblivious to the terror of crossing rapids with only a single cable beneath my boot.

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Hearing from our classmates is fun. Something new emerges from each note that arrives or is heard in a phone call. And sometimes, a trip back to campus will reveal a tidbit of news.

Let’s start south of the Mason-Dixon Line in Maryland. That’s where **Paul Christensen** lives, taught, and now teaches again in the Baltimore area. One constant with Paul is there’s always a theater near at hand. “Back in June 2019, I retired from my job teaching theater design at the Baltimore School for the Arts. This was fabulous because I missed all of that horrible online teaching. After working as a teaching assistant at The Park School of Baltimore to make a little extra cash, I decided to un-retire. I will be the theater technical director at the school next year. I love the progressive and practical philosophy of this school. I think it will be nice to be at an independent school instead of a public school. Anyway, I like young people, and I like making theater.”

Sticking to states beginning with “M,” let’s head north to Maine. This was a popular summer spot when you mix in sailing for a flock of classmates. They all had such a good time that more than one wrote. **Susie Saltonstall Duncan**, **Susan Tananbaum**, and

**Holly Singer-Eland** gave accounts that make you feel as if you were there with classmates galore. Susie wrote that she and husband **Dave Duncan** “enjoyed a day sailing and then dinner with **Susan Tananbaum**, her husband, Joe Frazer, and **Tami** and **Michael Preston**.” They caught up with more classmates when they attended the wedding of **Judy Feinberg McGhee**’s daughter on September 10, 2021, in New Jersey. They also spent time with Gil ’77 and **Anne Fairbanks Childers**, **Jean Blackmar**, and **Cindy Achar**. The Duncans are “settling into Maine and getting started on our house construction this fall.”

**Susan Tananbaum** provided more details of some of the sailing adventures off Maine. “My husband and I were delighted to spend a day on our boat sailing and barbecuing with **Tami Voudouris** and **Michael Preston** (who were in Maine on their boat, dodging Hurricane Henri) and were joined by **Susie** and **Dave Duncan**. **Cindy Flanagan Goss** and her husband came up for a week of sailing, also postponed thanks to Henri. **Holly Singer-Eland** and her husband, who were vacationing in Maine, demonstrated a great sense of adventure when they stayed on our boat for two days.” (Cindy has written extensively about sailing, by the way.) Susan said she heard from **Andrew Walsh**, who also was in Maine with wife Cathy, so they got together for dinner. “It’s been great catching up with so many Bantams.”

And, Holly said she and her husband had a great time afloat with Susan and her husband.

**Jim Cropsey** didn’t take to the Atlantic Ocean. Jim flew over them to go to the Baltic, where he ended up staying in a former Soviet Union dacha in Latvia. Jim is very much a conservationist in the mode of President Theodore Roosevelt (who visited Trinity; remember the marker on the Long Walk?). Jim was on an outing sponsored by the Safari Club of Latvia. It was a moose-hunting expedition. Jim only shoots if he has a clean shot and can recover the moose. He emerged out of the Latvian wilderness without a moose. His travels also took him to Riga and Helsinki.

Homecoming saw the Bantams defeat Middlebury 28–0. It was a good return to festivities after COVID-19 canceled the 2020 football schedule. During halftime, the college saluted alumni who had donated to the Tansill Muldoon Stadium effort to improve Jessee/Miller and Sheppard Fields. The football field is vastly changed from our days on campus. One of the donors whose name was called out and reverberated across the field and quad was **Clint Brown**. Clint and wife Crashy Brown are listed on the large sign at the stadium as among the donors. This is the second Homecoming in a row that a classmate has been saluted. At the 2019

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Homecoming, **George Brickley** was inducted as an inaugural member of the college’s Athletics Hall of Fame.

**Will Fornshell** wrote to say that his family dodged Hurricane Henri: “I can report that my daughter, Meghan, was married in Westport, Connecticut, on August 21, 2021, and her sister, Mary Kate ’17, was her maid of honor. Fortunately, Hurricane Henri did not interfere, but it was touch and go there for a while!”

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**Patrice Ball-Reed** writes that the Bantams she has seen are on Facebook, most recently **Sharon Thornton Wells** and her daughters in a National Daughters Day post and **Jill Kantey**, who sent a happy birthday greeting. Pat is very active in the legal community and currently serves as the president of the Illinois Judges Foundation and the treasurer of the Illinois Judges Association.

**Doug Bennett** told me that he lives in Rowayton with wife Carol and 12-year-old Lab Sambuca after almost 25 years in Darien. He rejoined Aon Reinsurance in May and is reunited with Class of 1980 bestie **Steve Slade**. He said he sees **Doug Mackay** and wife Martie often and stays in touch with many Trinity friends. He missed Homecoming but still actively supports Trinity lacrosse.

I spotted a Facebook post by **Francie Plough** with a photo of her with husband Jeb Seder and **Cynthia Rolph** and **Tom Ballantyne**. The photo was taken in September 2021 at a restaurant in Paris not far from Francie and Jeb’s apartment. The Ballantynes spent three days in Paris after their bike trip in Provence and took the opportunity to renew their friendships. They got a chance to reminisce about their time together as students in the IES Paris program junior year. The Ballantynes aren’t sitting still after their trip; they are off to Colorado for their son’s first anniversary as they missed the wedding due

to COVID. **Lee Clayton Roper** and husband Tom will be there, too. Francie shared her new endeavor: Cross Cultural Directions, a Franco-American team experienced in teaching intercultural communication. They propose interactive workshops to promote cross-cultural understanding and to activate tools to enjoy living in a new culture. They also support “impats”—those returning to their home country—as they navigate reverse culture shock. Look it up on Facebook for more.

It sounds like some of us missed a beautiful day for Homecoming on October 2, 2021. **Tom Casey** said among the Class of 1980 attendees were **Rob Malhame**, **Doug Stone**, **Steve** and **Andie Stuart**, and **Tom Melly**. Nick Rigopulos ’81 and Dede Seeber Stone ’81 also were there. The day was highlighted by a triumph over Middlebury, 28–0.

**Chip Adams** reports that after a career in reinsurance and risk management, he’s finally back to boats. He started Seabird Cruises based in Old Saybrook with a classic Dyer 29 picnic boat. He had a completely successful inaugural season. Chip says when traveling through Eastern Connecticut, stop by the Saybrook Point Marina, May through October. [www.seabirdct.com](http://www.seabirdct.com)

**William “Bull” Bullard** lives on the beautiful South Coast of Massachusetts. Bull enjoyed working on our 40th Reunion (though twice canceled in person!) and recently on Greek Giving Week. He stays in touch with **John O’Brien**, **Jeff Cooley**, **Bob Shaw**, **Mike McGovern**, and some other classmates. He and Diana spend their waning preretirement days with work, sports, and outdoor activities, plus seeing their son, his wife, and 2-year-old grandson, as well as their daughter, whenever possible.

Big news came from **Betty Wallace Corty**. Husband Andy Corty finally retired from the *Tampa Bay Times* after 40 years and some *Washington Post* years, too. Son Robert, 33, is a resident at Vanderbilt and is marrying Maithri Vangala from Georgia in March 2022. Edward is 28 and is a med-peds intern at The Johns Hopkins Hospital and is getting married to Courtnee Christine Connan in May 2022 in nice, cool St. Petersburg, Florida. She loves the girls and can’t wait to have two daughters join their family next year. They bought a house in Highlands, North Carolina, where they saw **Suzanne Burbank Davies** and her husband, Charley. Suzanne and Charley are going to build a house in Six Mile, South Carolina, which is only an hour from Highlands! Betty said she also has seen **Bruce Johnson** in North Carolina and looks forward to seeing him at two Democratic clubs whenever COVID ends. Betty loved all the abstract painting she was doing but took a little break. She started up big time again

at The Bascom: A Center for the Visual Arts in Highlands. She took a fabulous workshop there and says she's back on track! Her husband will keep busy by being department chairman at the Salvador Dalí Museum here in St. Pete. So, lots going on.

My husband and I are empty nesters. Not confident how long that will last but enjoying it for now. My daughter is acclimating to her freshman year, loves her roommate, and is trying to embrace the rigor of a DI off-season athlete. Our son works in Cape May in the hospitality sector and sees us on many weekends. One effort I have been involved in as a volunteer for many years finally came to a very positive conclusion in September. One hundred acres of coastal habitat in Cape May—the Sewell Tract—will remain open space. After Superstorm Sandy, it became more apparent how wetlands can mitigate storm surge and save property.

Please think of dropping me a line to let me know what you are up to. It's great to keep our classmates in touch.

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**Alex Magoun** is encouraging all of his classmates to check out the new History Channel series *The Machines that Built America*, where they will find him explaining David Sarnoff in the third episode, “Titans of Television.” He noted that he and his family were blessed to enjoy the emergence of Brood X cicadas and have so far avoided most of the ills of global warming. And finally, Alex wanted all to know that he was “awed by an ear hair that had a walk-on in David Cronenberg’s *The Fly* (1986).”

**James Shapiro** (a judge) let us know that not only did he get engaged this year but also a fellow classmate, **Dave Quackenbos**, got remarried in October at Lake Hopatcong in New Jersey. James hasn’t set a date yet for his nuptials because of COVID, but he is targeting sometime in fall 2022.

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Planning is underway for our 40th Reunion. Several have stepped up to work with Alumni



Several Trinity alumni enjoy a mini-reunion at a wedding in October 2021 at the Mountain Top Inn & Resort in Chittenden, Vermont. Those in attendance included George Smith '78, Michelle Parsons '84, Laura Vozzella Kriebel '88, Colleen Smith Hayes '95, Chris Smith '87, Ellin Carpenter Smith '82 P'19, Matthew Smith '82 P'19, Dave Smith '87, and James Horne '13.

Relations to craft a weekend of interesting opportunities to connect and learn ... just for the fun of it. We will be sharing this Reunion with the Class of 1981. Much has changed in the intervening decades. We asked classmates to share their favorite memories.

Some favorite classes: **Vicky Lenkeit**

**Scanlon** shared that there were a few professors instrumental in shaping her experience at Trinity. “Each had a lasting impact on my life: Marjorie Butcher introduced me to the world of actuarial science and pretty much cemented my internship at The Travelers, and adjunct music instructor Sanda Schuldmann expanded my love of classical piano and challenged me far beyond my capabilities. What did these pros have in common? Besides an expert knowledge in their fields, they took a keen interest in me, the person, and pushed hard in the very best of ways.” **Karen Miller Boudreau** remembers “Linear Algebra” with Professor Stewart. “I just loved that he told us right from the beginning that we wouldn’t really be able to fully understand what he was talking about for about three weeks, but then he would tell us something and it would all make sense. And that was exactly what happened! Also loved our computer class as seniors where we made a battleship game (Vicky, **Joe Gamache**, **Sharon Simone**, and I). We stayed up all night the last night to fix all the bugs. But it did work!” **Scott Cassie** remembers his freshman seminar with Jim English before he was named president in 1981. “It was always a pleasure running into him and his wife, Isabelle, on campus. Now, whenever walking the quad on visits, so many great times come flooding back, conveniently forgetting the classwork and exams, of course.”

And some favorite songs from that time: Who could forget Earth Wind and Fire’s “Fantasy” filling the dance floor at AD

followed by “Reasons” for the slow dancers. We loved The Doobie Brothers’ “What a Fool Believes,” Dave Mason’s “Let It Flow,” Boz Scaggs’s “Lowdown,” Dan Fogelberg’s “Make Love Stay,” and Pousette-Dart’s “County Line.” Oh, and who remembers U2 for Spring Weekend?

**Scott Cassie** has fond memories from freshman year in Jones Hall, where so many friendships began. **Karen Miller Boudreau** remembers baking chocolate chip cookies in a toaster oven and eating them with beer before going out, working for Saga, starting in the dish room with Vicky, and then meeting **Barbara Sherman Levison** and Lucida that way and **Steve Woods** and ultimately being a breakfast cook, steak nights, ice cream with peanut butter, the mocha thing, rowing, swimming, softball, and running. Being honorary Crow brothers. Our Heinz-over-engineered lofts (and bequeathing mine to my sister). All the fun we had in Cook, North Campus, and High Rise. **Lucida DeMaria DeLorenzo** remembers springtime on the quad as well as the frat parties, studying for political science exams in the basement of the library, and that semester in Rome. “I think our entire senior year—especially creating our memorable yearbook—holds a special place in my heart.”

As for other class news, Scott added that his son has moved to San Francisco, joining Pixar across the Bay in Emeryville. “Our daughter just completed nursing school and will begin her career at Pennsylvania Hospital in Philadelphia. I hope to be traveling for work again soon but meanwhile WFH has allowed more time for cycling.”

**Carl Rapp** shared that his older daughter is getting ready to graduate from Northeastern, and his younger daughter is in her junior year at UChicago. After UC made the hugely appreciated decision to let them have a lax

season last spring, her team made a deep run into the NCAA's and got to the Elite 8, a welcome pandemic diversion for players and parents. He also shared that he is in regular contact with **Bill Lindquist** and **Tony Fischetti**. "Work travel is 10 percent of what it's been for 35 years, and that is just fine. Serving on a couple of boards and hopefully restarting some personal travel if things open up again. All the best to our class, and look forward to Reunion next summer."

**Steve Pekock** welcomed **Larry Torres** to their home in Andover, Massachusetts, for a weekend stay when he came this past summer to visit his daughter on the North Shore of Boston. "It was a lot of fun regaling Larry's daughters and my much younger sons (12 and 14) with stories about our exploits in college and beyond, stories the kids had not ever heard before and which left everyone laughing!"

**Gina Bonsignore** shared that she has joined the ranks of the retired, leaving a position as regional planner for the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. "I plan to be a cliché and enjoy my many interests outside of work, including getting back to the painting that kept me busy for many hours in Austin Arts Center. I'll still be involved as a volunteer with some of my favorite conservation groups here in the Twin Cities. Retirement bonus: getting to sleep in late after playing late-night hockey games. Yes, it's that time of year in the state of hockey."

**Dave Garten** checked in from Portland, Oregon, to inquire about graduation festivities for alums as his son, Brian, will be graduating in the spring. "Brian has loved his Trinity experience." He shared that, on the career front, he transitioned from tech to renewable energy and sold his company a couple of years ago and is a professor for Portland State University's M.B.A. program. "It's fun and low stress as I am transitioning to be an empty nester once Brian graduates. I just hiked the Colorado Trail and rode the Oregon coast this summer. I see **Tom Crowell** regularly (he lives in Jackson, Wyoming), and I also met **Russ Willner** last summer to hike some of the Pacific trail together."

Wherever you are, we hope you will plan to come back to campus to join us for Reunion this spring. Matt and I plan to host the early birds for a welcome reception at our home on Thursday evening ahead of Reunion Weekend, June 9–12, 2022.

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Kevin O'Rourke '81, Griffin O'Rourke '17, Page Eastburn O'Rourke '84, Stephen Tall '84, Anne Gurin Tall '84, and Bob Sansonetti '84 gather at Page's opening at Portland Art Gallery in September 2021.

**Anne Collins** starts us out by writing of a great New England summer golfing with **Benz Czuchra** and **Nick Deppen '84** on the Cape, celebrating July Fourth with **Dave Warren** in Maine, and finishing up on Labor Day with **Otie Brown Filkorn** in Vermont. Anne has accepted a new job in D.C., still with the Department of Transportation, overseeing enforcement for the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. She also connected back home in D.C. with **Phil Robertson '87** while he was visiting from Thailand.

**Bob Markstein** celebrated his 60th recently like the rest of us. He writes of his contented life in Boston and keeps in regular touch with Trinity pals **Doug Corwin** and **Art Warrington**.

**Oren Miller** just retired from the U.S. Navy Reserve after 14 years of active service and 16 years as a reservist. Oren has put two of his three children through college, with the third a junior at Emory. He has an impressive day job as a pediatric urologist just north of me in Tulsa, Oklahoma, where he's been for 17 years. Oren is still running as he did for the track and cross-country teams at Trinity. He is contemplating a soon-to-happen visit back to campus to catch up on the school and friends. Let me know when, Oren, and I'll be there!

Back in September 2020, **Angelos Orfanos's** eldest son, **Alexander Orfanos, M.D.**, married **Lauren Hyde, M.D.**, of New Hampshire in a small, COVID-prohibiting ceremony with only immediate family in attendance. As pandemic restrictions eased this September, the family was able to host a larger celebration of their nuptials, where among the larger guest population were Trinity College friends **Thomas Merrill** and wife and **Ron Carroll** and wife. Ange's son met his wife at medical school at Dartmouth, where both practice their respective specialties today.

**Peter Miller**, no slouch of an athlete himself, had the honor of watching wife **Karen Rodgers Miller '85** be inducted into the Trinity College Athletics Hall of Fame in September. I remember being dazzled by Karen when

I announced the basketball games back at Trinity. The induction was after both spent a wonderful summer on the Jersey Shore with their three kids and three grandkids. They sent a photo, and neither look at all old enough to be grandparents.

On October 1, 2021, **Steve Shugrue**, **Steve Gomes**, **Dave Berey**, **Dave Curtis**, **Mike Elia**, **Kevin Sullivan**, **Doug Kuzmicki**, **Bob Pigue**, **Paul Merrigan**, and **Mike Collins** attended Trinity basketball's Reunion golf outing, where late classmate **Pat Sclafani** was honored. Bob received a plaque on behalf of Pat's family and friends from current Trinity Head Coach **James Cosgrove**. **Mike Collins** provided some nice words to the attendees about Pat and his contributions to the Trinity basketball program. Many of the golfers later attended the Hall of Fame dinner, where Pat's coach and friend **Stan Ogrodnik** was inducted.

**Al Strickler** writes that his middle child (son **Harrison**, a leukemia survivor) graduated from college, accepted a job, and moved to Washington, D.C. His oldest lives in Manhattan, while the youngest is a sophomore at UVA. So, Al and his wife, like a lot of us, are contemplating the next phase as empty nesters. He also reconnected with **Doug Morse** and **James Dooley** over the summer for a three-men-turning-60 celebration.

**Mark Dibble** may win the most travel segments award, having been on 12 airplanes since his second vaccine in April (two visits to Santa Fe, New Mexico; Charlottesville, Virginia; Ontario; and a sailing trip on the Chesapeake). As he can work from anywhere, Mark writes his virtual background is like Harry Potter's cloak of invisibility. He also ran into **David Walker** at a September work dinner in downtown Boston. Mark notes, "It's great to return to some level of normalcy."

**Mark Bronsky** is staying healthy in Manhattan and trying to attain a sense of normalcy as well. Mark's son **Jack** graduated from college in May and works in the city. His other son, **Mickey**, is a junior in

college and is “living the college life.” Mark and wife Jodi will hit 25 years of marriage in January 2022 and are still going strong. As a hockey fan, Mark describes turning 60 as “the beginning of the third period,” with lots left to play.

**Jane Sykes** had just come back from having dinner with **Andrea Mooney Leavitt** when she got my email. They were regularly catching up at Trinity Club of San Francisco events before the pandemic hit. Oddly, they reconnected while spotting each other idling in a traffic jam. Jane notes that nine of our class alumni are heading to Savannah on Halloween to celebrate turning 60 together. She promises a photo for the next edition.

From my end, I completed selling my software company in June to a larger player in the market. This freed me up to do some traveling as well. First up in July was to take the Texas McKeowns up to visit my mother and siblings on Long Island, New York, for 10 days. Although I was not able to make it to **Angelos Orfanos's** son's wedding, I did get into the city on this trip to have dinner with him, **Ron Carroll**, and all of our wives. Later in the summer, I flew to see **Tom Merrill** in Connecticut and persuaded him to drive us both to Cape Cod, where **Chuck Petridis** and his family had rented a house while settling two of their four children into college at Holy Cross and Providence. It's always great to see my guys, but after the prolonged pandemic, these visits were extra sweet. I also have two in college, at Tulane and Texas A&M. It's a great time of life!

That seems to be all the updates for now, and I'm just under the 1,000 words allotted. Thanks for reading, and I hope to see or hear from you all soon.

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**John Arbolino** recently had a great dinner at a Midtown N.Y.C. steakhouse with **Graeme Frazier**, **Kip Howard '85**, **Will Washburn**, **Bill Detwiler '85**, and **Jim Frankel '83**. He reports everyone is doing fine, juggling jobs, children, and COVID.

**Tom Hampton** writes to report that all seems ducky on campus from his few trips back to ensconce his daughter **Cecelia '24** there. “Trinity did a great job with COVID last year, and sophomore year is so far, so good! I sporadically see **Tim Nash**, **Jack Gibbons**, and **Peter Marcello**. I've run into **Ed McGehee** in **Trader Joe's**, **CVS**, and **Walgreens**; he and I seem to run out of **Joe's O's**, **MiraLAX**, and **Depends** around the same time. Go Bantams!”

**Steve Tall**, **Bob Sansonetti** and wife **Andrea**, and I went to see **Page Eastburn O'Rourke's** art exhibit at the **Portland Art Gallery** in September. Page filled me in: “I've been with the **Portland Art Gallery** for two years. I paint vibrant Maine landscapes in a style I call pop folk art, a combination of my favorite and most influential types of art. **George Chaplin**, my art professor at **Trinity**, was very influential in my love of working with the effects of color relationships. I paint on birch art panels, incorporating a table saw and other power tools into the mix. I've been exploring my love of shapes in 3D form, working with elements like wood, rope, and burlap in my paintings. **Andrew Faulkner** is also represented by the **Portland Art Gallery**. After painting classes together with **George Chaplin** in **Austin Arts**, it's been great to reconnect and both be represented by the same gallery.

“Maine is an endlessly inspiring place to live, raise a family, and paint. We've lived in **Yarmouth** for 21 years and invite **Trinity** friends to get in touch when visiting. **Kevin '81**, my husband, is a real estate developer in **Portland**. **Griffin '17**, our 26-year-old son, works in fashion and marketing in **Miami**. **Duncan**, our 23-year-old, graduated from **Fairfield University** in 2020 and is in real estate management in **Portland**. When visiting **Griffin** in **Miami**, we enjoy getting together with **Dan Mikesell '83** and wife **Kathryn** and checking out the latest art created at their **Fountainhead** residency. **John Arbolino**, **Margaret Morris Goldberg '83**, **Julie Breene Ziebold '85**, and I share a lively text thread to keep in regular touch. I adore when **Mark Henderson** visits **Maine** from **Austin, Texas**. His aunt **Kathy** lives in **Kennebunkport**, and we have lots of fun family outings in **Portland** for oysters, art, and craft beer. **Skippy Redmon Banker '87** and **Alex Banker '83** are **Mainers**. They bought a house in **Vinalhaven**; they have popped up at my art shows and are collectors, and it's been fun to have dinner together. **Griffin** and **Holden Rhodes** were both **Class of 2017**, and it was wonderful getting to spend time with **Holden's** parents, **Chrissie Pastore '86** and **Ben Rhodes '86**, on campus for **Parents Weekends**, **Homecomings**, and **graduation**.

“**Greg Fox '80** and wife **Gina** frequently visit family in **Phippsburg**. It's always a treat to check out **Portland's** amazing restaurants with them. **Tom Melly '80** and wife **Brooks** visited us recently, and we had a great time visiting my show at the gallery, checking out **Kevin's** latest project, and showing them the local hot spots in **Portland** with **Mark Henderson** and **Griffin**.”

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Most of our number responded that they had nothing worth reporting—children becoming ever more independent and parents becoming ever more dependent. Indeed, I was juggling getting my mother moved from **Connecticut** to **Annapolis** and starting a new job when I reached out in **October**. I suppose starting a new speechwriting gig for a government contractor and lifting, organizing, and unpacking 150 boxes proves I am still a robust specimen, gray hair notwithstanding.

**Kat Castle Grant**, not surprisingly, also is hale and healthy, playing squash, platform tennis, and Padel. She said she dedicated the summer to trying to improve her golf game and acknowledged it was “not happening.” She has two daughters working in **New York**, and her youngest daughter is a sophomore in college. Meanwhile, she is practicing real estate and “trying to stay healthy and live life to its fullest!”

**Joy Hayden Newburn** and **Jane McDonough Bayer** got together for some beach time on the **Maryland** shore. They “totally unplugged” and enjoyed the beach, sunsets, and dinners out. Of **Jane**, **Joy** said, “She looks gorgeous! We still talk several times a week.” When not kicking back in the sand, **Joy** works for **Catholic Charities**. Despite **COVID**, she had to be in the office because she serves homeless and at-risk families. Of course, she is vaccinated! Meanwhile, her husband was off to **Cameroon** on a short-term mission trip, and they were looking forward to a trip to **Cape Town** for a wedding. She has a college sophomore majoring in computer engineering as well as a sophomore and a senior in high school. Plus, they were hosting an **AFS** student from **Paraguay**. For her part, **Jane** reports from **Baltimore** that she is at **Valley View Farms**, where she has a special affinity for the **Patio Department**. Her days are filled with “challenging customers yet a great deal of happiness.” Her daughter **Jordan** turned 27 and is still in **Philadelphia** working at **Vanguard**, where she recently got another promotion to manager of a staff of 10.

Finally, you will note the sad news of **Andrew Carlson's** death over the summer. **Andy** tended to his flock as a clergyman and served the wider community in many ways. I will always remember him best as a **Trinity Pipe**, bringing exuberance and joy to every pitch-perfect song. He was a natural. During our time at **Trinity** and at gatherings

# Sue Pasioka '85

## What is the mission of Americas Ocean Watch?

Americas Ocean Watch will complete a circumnavigation of North and South America using the 64-foot *S/V Ocean Watch*, uniting experts and entrepreneurs in ocean science, education, and innovation to collect valuable data, engage in powerful storytelling, support interdisciplinary environmental problem-solving, and foster innovation and acceleration of the “blue economy.” Americas Ocean Watch is the next-generation 2022 launch voyage following our successful 2009–10 Around the Americas expedition.

**What do you do in your role there?** My role includes setting our global goals and strategy as well as building alliances with multinational organizations and leading brands, technology, and governmental and media organizations. One of the most inspiring parts of my role with the expedition is witnessing the advances in ocean science that are being developed to help solve ocean climate issues around the world. These include working with organizations that are advancing ocean-issue solutions such as eDNA (environmental DNA), which is being used as a much quicker way to determine the biodiversity and health of the ocean.

## What do you enjoy most about your work?

Working with Americas Ocean Watch has provided me with a view into the awesome innovative solutions being developed to help solve ocean-related problems and the entrepreneurial opportunities that exist within the blue economy, referring to the range of economic uses of ocean and coastal resources—such as energy, shipping, fisheries, aquaculture, mining, and tourism—and including the economic benefits that may not be marketed—such as carbon storage, coastal protection, cultural values, and biodiversity. Our expedition will be working to foster this innovation in the more than 40 port stops along our route that circumnavigates North and South America. It’s an

incredibly exciting field, and I know there are many Trinity alums who are also passionate about the ocean and the blue economy, and I look forward to engaging with them in the future to help solve our climate issues.

**What challenges do you face?** One of the biggest challenges I face is the continued lack of awareness on the critical nature and impact of the ocean climate crisis. One of the main goals of our expedition will be to bring ocean experiential programs through both local port programs for area students and ocean-related businesses and governments as well as virtual programming to the world. And through our planned open ocean-data-base platform, we will be providing all the research and virtual programming we generate—more than 660 days of content—to the world.

## How did your time at Trinity prepare you for what you do now?

My coursework at Trinity provided me with important skills in the areas of problem-solving and critical thinking. And my experience working on the AIESEC [leadership organization] team at Trinity gave me real business experience working with local and global companies and as part of a team. I was able to travel to work at Barclays Bank in Pretoria, South Africa, my junior summer, which gave me incredible work and life experience.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** Professor Alden Gordon’s full-year “Art History” course provided an incredible exposure to the history of the arts and the relationship to world events. I would recommend art history courses to all students regardless of their major. This course gave me a completely new way to think about the world.

## Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential?

Professor Diane Zannoni was particularly influential to me as my economics adviser and professor. She provided a role model of women’s leadership to me as my only fe-



**DEGREE:** B.A. in economics

**JOB TITLE:** Vice president strategic alliances, Americas Ocean Watch

**FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY:** I have so many great memories from my time at Trinity. Most important were the great lifelong friends I have made. And one of the most unique and memorable experiences was the May 1983 Spring Weekend U2 concert where we were part of what felt like an intimate U2 concert on the science center green. Even more exciting was when we watched Bono climb atop the science building waving a flag. The concert was one of those awesome spring events at Trinity and all thanks to our classmate Daniel Green, who followed the British music scene closely and had booked them in the fall before anyone knew how amazing they would be.

male professor at Trinity, which seems so hard to believe looking back now! Her enthusiasm and teaching methods gave me a very solid and practical understanding of the study of economics that has stayed with me and helped me through my career.

in subsequent years, we easily moved from small talk to more provocative conversation, which was testimony to his genuine thoughtfulness and intellect. A good man and friend we will miss.

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Hello, all. I hope your fall is off to a great start and everyone is healthy!

On Saturday of Homecoming Weekend, my wife, Jen, and I spent a beautiful day on campus. We had the chance to visit with our son Charlie '23, as well as friends and others from the Trinity community. If you're able to make it back to campus, the new Tansill Muldoon Stadium is an amazing improvement to the athletic facilities.

**Molly Schnorr-Dunne** moved her daughter into the North Campus residence hall this past fall as a member of the Class of '25. While on campus, Molly spent time with **Mei-wa Cheng**, who also happened to be moving in her daughter, Claire '25. Good luck to these two new first-year Bantams!

**Herb Emanuelson**, who lives in Bloomfield, Connecticut, writes, "I work in marketing at The Hartford after many years in the advertising agency business. I volunteer for the Greater Hartford Shakespeare Festival, which teams up occasionally with Milla Riggio [James J. Goodwin Professor of English, Emerita], and was back on campus in September to see a movie at Cinestudio." Thanks for the update, Herb!

**Mimi Gatchell Rodgers** had a big move recently: "After 14 years living in Abu Dhabi and having both of our kids graduate from the American Community School there, we have moved to Kingston, Jamaica, for a new adventure. While both kids are in college (one in Massachusetts and one in Vancouver), we are enjoying the Caribbean lifestyle and plan to be here for a few years. If anyone is headed this way, be sure to let us know!"

**Christine Pastore Rhodes** and **Ben Rhodes** (parents of Samantha '14 and Holden '17) attended the 2021 Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony at the Bond Ballroom in Hartford on September 17, when **Claire Slaughter Joyce** was honored for her accomplishments in women's tennis and squash. Christine writes, "Ben and I sat with chemistry professor extraordinaire Henry DePhillips and his wife, former Athletic Director Rick Hazelton and his wife, and Wendy Bartlett, who was our tennis coach during the 1983–86 seasons (and many after

and is the head women's squash coach and having great success there. It was a great evening, and we were happy to be there to cheer on Claire and to catch up with our amazing professors, coaches, and mentors." On behalf of all of your classmates, congratulations, Claire, a well-deserved honor!

A reminder that our 35th Reunion is scheduled for June 2022; be on the lookout for details. Thanks to everyone who replied to my request for updates—keep them coming!

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**Jen Nahas** is an adventurous soul who recently sold her house in Cambridge and now spends a portion of the year in her camper van traveling the country. She reports having seen **Cary Lyford**, **John Self**, **Maureen Neylon**, and **Marc Rashba** on her adventures out West and catching some concerts with **Lincoln Purdy** in the East. When she's not traveling, she loves her part-time job at REI.

I received a late-night text this past summer from a friend of mine asking if I knew **Mo Neylon**. Turns out Mo's brother grew up with my friend in Lowell; they were sharing some beers on the Cape, and the subject of Trinity came up. It caused me to reconnect with Mo, who let me know that she was downsized in April as part of a corporate restructuring. She approached it as a welcome change as she was looking to cut back to part time anyway since her kids recently graduated from college (Kellen at Indiana University and Tierney at Mizzou) and are out on their own, and husband Ted recently retired from the FBI. She intended to take the summer off, however, in June, while sipping wine with friends at a beautiful vineyard in the country, she heard the owner lament the fact that they were short-staffed. The wheels started turning in her head, and before she knew it, she was working at the vineyard and winery! She reports it's the most fun she's ever had working. The vineyard is in the countryside in Galena, Illinois, where her family has a weekend house, a couple hours from their Chicago home. She reports that there are no bad days working at the vineyard—everyone is out for a good time, celebrating an occasion, a girls' weekend, or just an afternoon date. It's super social and in a gorgeous hillside setting, very different from the business world. She reports she will probably eventually go back to some kind of part-time corporate role, but she's in no rush. She highly recommends this kind of

change of pace for folks as we edge toward the later years! Ouch!

**Scott Chisholm** recently was back on campus moving in daughter Ryan, who matriculated as a member of the Trinity Class of 2025. Scott has worked in finance and real estate since graduation and is an executive vice president at Greystone. He has lived mainly in N.Y.C., with some stints in California. Scott keeps in touch with classmates, especially **Greg Mario**, **John Theodoracopulos**, and **Arturo Valdeley**.

**John DeCesare** is president of Celerity Embedded Design Services, a Cape Cod company he founded in 2007 that provides state-of-the-art electronic product design services from concept to production. He recently moved from the Cape to a Plymouth condo and doesn't miss the raking, shoveling, or home maintenance. **Will Piculell** stopped by last summer to catch up. He lives in Idaho and was in Boston for a graduation party, so they ended up getting together. John also recently met up with Andy Zimmerman '88 and Dave Lemons '88 in Woods Hole for a few cocktails.

Lastly, some really bad news. We are sad to share that **Kurt Stout** passed away suddenly on October 3. He is survived by wife Susan and stepson Justin. Kurt was a terrific guy and member of Psi U fraternity and the varsity lacrosse team. After college, Kurt relocated to the Washington, D.C., area where he pursued a career in commercial real estate leasing with a focus on government agencies. Most recently, Kurt served as an executive vice president with Colliers International and was one of the preeminent advisers on government-related real estate transactions in the United States. Kurt kept in close touch over the years with many Trinity/Psi U alums, including **Oliver Carr**, **Charlie McGann**, **Mike Doyle**, **John Tucker**, **Brian Durkin**, and **Tim Hall**. He also served as a groomsmen in **Bonnie Alender** and **Oliver Carr**'s wedding. Kurt was one of a kind and was a genuine, funny, and kind person who will be sorely missed.

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Happy New Year! Hoping 2022 is off to a great start! At the time of this writing, the leaves were turning. And in the tradition that was autumn, some of us were able to meet on campus for Homecoming! It was a beautiful fall day, perfect for football and a 28–0 win over Middlebury. Our new stadium, Tansill

Muldoon Stadium, was officially dedicated prior to the game. The field, stands, press box, and more were quite a sight to see. And there is more still to come for both the men's and women's fields later this spring. Many thanks to **Art Muldoon**, wife Peyton Tansill Muldoon '91, and the Tansill family for their support and generosity to the athletics campaign and our student-athletes!

The '88 tailgate was smaller than usual this year but enjoyable just the same. **Dede DePatie Consoli** and I hosted in the Hansen lot and were joined on campus by classmates **Jennifer Blum**, **Jennifer Jordan Brewster**, **Wayne Fitzpatrick** (who will have a second career in event setup—thank you!), **Art Muldoon**, **Bob Farnham**, **Ann Grunbeck Monaghan**, **Holly Davoren**, **Ann Mongillo McRavey**, **Lisa Godek**, **Dave and Susan Van't Hof**, **Alyce Robinson**, **Tom Fitzgerald**, **Tim Steele**, and **Dean Andrews**. Fun time catching up. Thanks to everyone for pitching in and helping out. Dede, **Jen Jordan Brewster**, Wayne, Dave and Sue, Bob, and Alyce were looking forward to doing it again on Family Weekend in November with their kids on campus! How great!

**Josie Palandro Freedman**, co-head of media rights at ICM, and Keith Howes were married over Labor Day weekend at her ranch in California. Celebrating Josie and Keith were classmates **Wendy Goldstein Pierce**, **Liz Cahn Goodman**, **Kim Cogswell Robinson**, and me. It was a beautiful weekend in wine country and a perfectly romantic setting to tie the knot. Congratulations, Josie and Keith!

More wedding news: **Holly Davoren** and fellow NESAC grad (Tufts) David Bertonazzi were married in June 2020 in Key West. The happy couple attended Homecoming. Congratulations to you both!

**Stephen Sledesky** sends word that after serving six years as the pastor of St. George Catholic Church in Guilford, Connecticut, he was appointed pastor of St. Mary's Church in Simsbury, Connecticut, last July. Best wishes to you at your new parish.

Shortly after Homecoming, we lost a much beloved classmate, **Tom Wyckoff**. Tom, a brother in AD, captured a crowd with his humor and passionate spirit. His friendships stretched wide across the class during our years on campus and beyond. Tom went on to law school and began his career on Wall Street. He later became the general counsel and then CEO of Artistic Greetings in Elmira, New York, his hometown. After selling the company, Tom moved from New York to Massachusetts to "retire" near family. Restless for activity, he took on legal management roles and later moved to Connecticut and opened his own firm to provide legal and consulting services to private start-ups. His three children—Morgan, Clint,

and George—were his greatest source of pride. He left a mark on so many, and he will be dearly missed.

Moments like these remind us of the wonderful friendships we made at Trinity and the connections we still have to one another, near and far. Our memories of times together remind us who we were and who we are today. Stay in touch. And if you haven't yet joined the Facebook page, find us at Trinity College Class of 1988. Until next time, be well.

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**Becky Holt's** little one is growing up. She writes, "Four-year-old Gabe started pre-school last week. He's excited to be the resident engineer to fix the playground airplane, which lost its propeller. I'm glad he is back in the swing of things with socializing for him. Only children plus COVID equals plenty of group playtime to catch up on."

From **Allyn Magrino**, "My youngest daughter graduated from high school (and is at Syracuse University with her older brother, who is a senior; she applied and got into Trinity, but in the end, she wanted a bigger school, and I couldn't convince her otherwise!), so my husband and I are now empty nesters. We sold our home in New Canaan, and I'm now splitting my time between N.Y.C. and Potomac, Maryland, where we've relocated due to my husband's job. I'm enjoying being in New York three days a week and not having to run for Metro North! I continue to work as the president and chief revenue officer of N.Y.C.-based Magrino PR, which will mark its 30th anniversary in 2022! We're fortunate that our business continues to be strong and growing, with stellar clients in the travel, hospitality, wine and food, and consumer and luxury goods space. I also get to travel a fair amount to great places, ranging from the Caribbean to Europe to the Maldives, as well as Florida, so that's a nice perk that I really enjoy. I'm looking forward to connecting to Trinity friends in the D.C. area and exploring locally on the weekends."

**Maja Lundborg-Gray's** kids also opted for other schools. "My husband, Dan, and I are newly appointed empty nesters living in Clayton, New York, located on the St. Lawrence River in the Thousand Islands region of Upstate New York. It was a busy summer moving from our home of 22 years and also sending off our two sons to college. Our older son, Spencer, is a senior at University of Rochester, and our younger



Michelle McEtrick '89 visits recently with Sue Kinz Maggioni '89 on Martha's Vineyard.



Charles Cordova '89, Paul Furigay '89, and John Klein-Robbenhaar '89 don their home improvement attire at Paul's home in Foster, Rhode Island, while dog Daisy stands watch.

son, Maxwell, just entered his freshman year at Boston College. I was hoping our family would have a fourth-generation Trinity alumnus, but it wasn't in the cards. I always will be so proud to be a third-gen Lundborg alum! I still practice emergency medicine full time in Watertown, New York, and as the president of our group. Dan still practices radiology at the same hospital and dabbles in crafting IPA brew on his off days. We spend our days boating on the river in warmer months and skiing in Vermont at Okemo Mountain in the winter. I look forward to more normal days to be able to visit Trinity again. Stay safe!"

It was great to hear from **Charles Cordova** for the first time in a while, too. The day he wrote, he and U.S. magistrate **John Klein-Robbenhaar** had been helping **Paul Furigay**, M.D., with some home improvements at Paul's new home in Foster, Rhode Island. "DKE's designing decks!" he called it. Sounds like the next HGTV hit show to me. Charles sent along some great photos of their work crew, including supervisor Daisy. Who knew a lawyer, judge, and doctor could be so handy?

**Donna Haghghat** and **Chris Dickinson** "have been playing it COVID safe and hanging close to home, hiking and kayaking when not working. We just spent a week on

the Cape, and we're excited to have **Todd Gillespie** and Prash visit with us a few days."

Todd wrote, "My partner, Prash, and I have been enjoying the summer here on the lake in Sparta, New Jersey, and recently hosted an impromptu mini-reunion when **Maia Sharpley** was visiting us between business trips from her home in San Francisco. **Amy Kestnbaum Janzon** drove from Connecticut and left her husband, Jakob, to manage their three teenaged boys for a needed break! **Toh Tsun Lim**, wife Linda Wong, and their son, TJ, came from their weekend retreat in Rhinebeck, New York, and we all celebrated with a massive cookout, boat rides, kayaking, and plenty of wine and catching up! Prash and I also had the pleasure of spending Labor Day weekend on the Cape with **Chris Dickinson** and **Donna Haghighat**, with plenty of lobster and seafood, drinks, and good company!"

Like many of us who recently have dropped our kids at college, **Hillary Davidson** delivered her oldest to his first year at Bucknell. She writes, "Moving him in brought back memories of freshman orientation and those get-to-know-you games we had to play (like shouting, 'I want a standing ovation!'). And obviously, so many other memories of freshman year and beyond. With any luck, they'll stay in person for the whole year. I hope my fellow '89ers are all well and are staying healthy!"

**Michelle McEttrick**, the former group brand director at Tesco, the U.K. retail company, chimed in from the road, "After six years and lots of COVID introspection, I decided to leave Tesco and take the summer off before deciding what's next. Mike and I have gone a bit travel crazy, seeing family and friends in California, Baja, Alaska, Seattle, Portland, Martha's Vineyard, Boston, Mallorca, and Antiparos. Highlights included seeing **Nancy Cudlipp**, who along with her husband, John, are now empty nesters, and **Sue Kinz Maggioni**. Hope everyone is doing well and emerging from COVID at long last. Please drop me a note if you're visiting London!"

Your secretary, **Andrew Walker**, also (re)joined the ranks of the empty nesters. Although our kids went to boarding schools (Brooks School and Blair Academy), having them off to college feels different. Son Thomas is in his senior year at Colby, and daughter Hannah attends Scripps College, part of the unique Claremont Colleges in Greater Los Angeles. With one in the far Northeast and the other in the far Southwest, they'd need to study abroad to get further apart.

As ever, we'd love to hear from more classmates, especially those we have not heard from in a while. Please drop me a note!

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**Liz Horn** writes: "I wanted to let you know about an exciting accomplishment of our classmate **Peter Lyons**. He has written an illustrated Halloween book, *Tonight, Tonight, Is Halloween*, which is available through Barnes and Noble. I am biased, but I think it is wonderful ... really captures the sweet, funny, spooky fun of Halloween, in words and pictures. And our own **Peter Swanson**, already an established mystery author, will have his eighth book, *Nine Lives*, out in March 2022."

The class secretary position for the Class of 1990 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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Hello, Class of 1991!

I write this *Reporter* update as the transition from glorious fall foliage to the winter season is in full swing in New England. Pictures from Homecoming 2021 showcase the magnificent red, gold, and orange trees on Trinity's campus. Taking it all in, **Courtney Geelan, Brooke Rorer Brown, and Robin Halpern Cavanaugh** attended Homecoming and remarked how excited they are to be working on Reunion 2022. Please make sure you have that weekend in June checked off. It would be great to see a vast majority of our classmates there, which brings us back to *Reporter* updates. Even though it's been a few years since Trinity, hearing from classmates can pluck you right back to campus and into some of the best professors and classmates.

Hearing from **Ed Berkowitz** slid me smack-dab into Professor Clyde McKee's freshman seminar, where I met some of the most fun and interesting people ever ... right **Dan Alter, Allison Dubin, and Lawrence Kolin**? Ed echoes the sentiments of many as our kids are leaving the nest, or will be, or just the change that is happening in our ... 50s. Did I say that? Here it is in his words: "It's been two decades since I've submitted, so I guess I'm due. On January 31, Maryann (my wife of 20 years), and I had two dogs and two kids at our home

near Palo Alto, California. On September 1, we became empty nesters. Allison is a freshman at Hamilton College. Jack is a freshman at the University of San Diego. Matzo, a guide dog Jack was raising, was successfully placed with a teen in need. Duncan, our dog of 13½ years, passed away. Any advice on the transition from chaos to silence is welcome."

So, if you have any wise words for Ed or just want to drop a line and check in, please do! Take care all, Mary

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Hello, Class of 1992. I can't believe it, but we are already planning our next Reunion for June 2022. You may have seen the emails from the Alumni Office; please read them, and please try to attend. I am looking forward to it! Now, I am happy to provide you with updates from our class.

**Erin Markey** writes, "As evil and nefarious that Facebook often is (I type this one day after whistleblower congressional testimony), sometimes it does good. This past summer, I drove down from San Francisco (my home for the past 20-plus years) to Santa Barbara for a long weekend with the bf and dog. Saw on a FB status update that **Sarah Evans Reuter** was also there all the way from Virginia (with her three kids), and she was visiting **Claire Meehan Bailey** (who's not on social media). A few quick messages back and forth with Sarah and within a couple hours, Sarah, Claire, and I were having a mini freshman year Jackson Hall third-floor reunion at the beach cafe! Many good laughs, memories, and cocktails were shared, and, of course, we all agreed we didn't look any different than first meeting over 30 years ago (eeks)!"

**Shaun Rai** writes, "My surgery practice continues to thrive. Among 7,500 oral and maxillofacial surgery practices in the USA, we rank among the top 10 based on patient feedback from online reviews. We have recently introduced robotic implant surgery and continue to save faces and change lives every day. On a personal note, our family continues to enjoy living by the ocean in Virginia Beach, Virginia."

**Matt McGowan** writes, "Heidi and I are living and loving Raleigh, North Carolina, with our kids. Our daughters, Neve and Fiona, are having fun with friends and working hard at Cardinal Gibbons High School, and our dude, Luke, is happy to be running cross country and playing hoops for his grade school, Our Lady of Lourdes. Heidi heads up marketing

for August Construction Solutions, an award-winning general contracting firm headquartered in Raleigh, and loves being an integral part of its rapid growth. After leading business development efforts for a fintech start-up, I fortunately was able to do the pandemic 'Mr. Mom' pivot while my kids navigated their remote learning. Currently looking for my next business development opportunity to travel extensively and build relationships with customers and partners, so I'm officially lighting up the 'Bant signal' and would love any and all help with introductions and connections.

"I missed **Matt Vaughn's** annual TOM Golf outing this past June at Quarry Ridge Golf Course in Portland, Connecticut, but from the stories, it sounds like **Mike Allen, Dave Golas, Dennis McCoy, Sean Cafferty,** and Piet van der Heide '93 still managed to have a lot of fun without me. **Pat McKeigue** and I grew up together on 121st Street in Manhattan until he was about 6 years old, and then we ended up rooming together for four years at Trinity, which is still so cool to me. Our families are looking forward to getting together over Thanksgiving in N.Y.C. for an epic reunion of our whole 121st Street crew.

"Apparently, I could keep rattling on but will just plug Raleigh one last time as an awesome city for lots of reasons. So many people are moving here each day from the Northeast and Midwest and even more from the West Coast now that Apple has announced plans to build a \$1 billion campus here. Open invite to any and all Bants considering a move to Raleigh. Please reach out if you'd like to get a personal tour or even just learn more about my adopted city: [mattmcgowan121@gmail.com](mailto:mattmcgowan121@gmail.com). Note: My guided tours are free and usually wrap up with a cold beverage or two at one of Raleigh's many awesome local breweries. And if the tour goes really well, my fellow Raleigh Bantam and friend **Sarah Overholser** is a very successful Realtor and can help you find your dream home! Take care, and look forward to seeing you at our 30th Reunion next summer."

Matt is on our upcoming Reunion Committee, and I know that he is going to come up with an even better 1992 party than last Reunion!

**Dave Devlin** writes, "Hope you are well! We had a great time getting together at Trinity as a team to celebrate the 30-year anniversary of our '91 championship. Great turnout including **Brian Chisholm, Rick Ducey, Mike McHugh, James Lane, Nick Sims, John Niland, Dave Golas, John Romeo, John Dauphinee, Ted O'Connor, Bill Laplante, Mike Sullivan, Tom Petrisko, Sean Cafferty, James O'Brien,** and **Jeff Luzzi**. Looking forward to Reunion. Go Bants!"

I am looking forward to seeing you all in June 2022! Jenn

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I was back on campus this past weekend! My dad, Rick, was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame for his 36 years at Trinity, 28 of them as athletic director. Very proud son! It was Homecoming Weekend, and the Bantam football team won a big game against Middlebury, led by the head coach and our classmate **Jeff Devanney**. I saw **Rob Stempien** and **Joe Porto** from our class and several friends from other classes. Now for some updates.

From **Ashley Graves Turney**, the season of the empty nest is upon the Turney household, as I imagine it is with many of our classmates. "Our youngest is a freshman at UVM. Our other two children have made their homes in Newport Beach, California, and Freiburg, Germany, so our travel plans are sorted for the foreseeable future! My travel business has been slow (nonexistent) for the past 18 months, but we are looking to 2022 for a bustling year of 'revenge travel.' In the meantime, I had a splendid summer catching up with Trinity friends, including an annual girls' weekend (which has morphed into the better part of a week) with **Mimi Anderson, Margaret Golden Sheehan, Mary Birkel Lee, and Bernadette Storey-Laubach**. And after many failed attempts, the stars finally aligned for me and **James Gaillard**, and we were able to meet up for lunch when he was en route to visit his parents. Fish and chips, good beer, and great conversation. What could be better?"

**Joe Porto** writes, "I wish I had something worth the while to tell you. My oldest is now a senior at Trinity. Can't believe how fast that went by. She is living in one of the Crescent apartments they put us in for Reunion."

**Rachel Schewe**: "Oh yes! The big 5-0 times 10! **Sandy Silliman Giardi, Kiki Rainey Sizelove, Liz Sassi Norton, Joanna Polio Onorato, Sarah Fridy Hellwege, Kitzia Skipsey Bordlee, Bisa Player Jones, Angela DeNicola Player, Denise Tsiumus Gibbons,** and I had a wonderful trip to Sonoma. We drank a little wine (well, maybe a lot), ate wonderful food, saw gorgeous scenery, and generally just had a ball celebrating and catching up after a far-too-long COVID-induced absence! Everyone is doing really well. Joanna's daughter started at Wake Forest, and Sandy's daughter is at

Skidmore. Angela's daughter finally was able to move on campus at Pomona. Kit's daughter just graduated from LSU, and she just celebrated her first anniversary with her wonderful husband, Greg. Everyone is healthy and well, and we were so happy to be together again."

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Hope everyone had a great summer!

**James Kessler** writes, "I completed 25 years at Sapient and have teed off on the career back nine. As motivation for the next quarter century, I've switched focus to the public sector and lead our state and local government consulting group. My oldest son is off to college! Henry decided not to walk the Long Walk and has matriculated at WashU in St. Louis and is enjoying it. Natey is a junior and Theo is a freshman at Brookline High School, and both are doing well in school and sports. Hattie and I celebrated 23 years of marriage and 30 years together since meeting at Trinity in fall 1991 (about when Nirvana's 'Nevermind' came out ... does that make us old or young?)! Looking forward to lots of 50th b-day celebrations in 2022!"

We had a great summer as well. **Will Sargisson** and his family spend the summer in New Hampshire, and they made their way down from Rye for dinner with **Mark** and **Janet Kastrud**. Will and his family also stopped by and visited us in Cohasset for a few days; Will was on his way to Worumtown to pick up some craft beers. FYI, Worcester is the second-largest city in the United States not on a major waterway. We had a great time with Will, Sandra, and their kids, Hannah, a rising freshman, and Tyler and Annie, who are still in grade school at Rippowam Cisqua.

**Jeff Almeida** writes that he had a chance to catch up with **Tom Corderman**. Tom was a bit evasive about what he was up to this past summer. Apparently, he spent the summer sequestered on-site filming a reality TV series. Tom was bound by a confidentiality agreement and could not share many details, but it sounded like he was on a romantic/matchmaking show. When Jeff pressed for more details, Tom would only respond with his characteristic "Jeff, Jeff, Jeff, Jeff ..." Who knows, but maybe we will see Tom on an upcoming season of *The Bachelor* or *The Bachelorette*!

Please be sure to send in your latest updates to be added to our Class Notes. Thanks, Sanji

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Hi, all! I hope some of you were able to make it to our rescheduled 25th Reunion/Homecoming Weekend this past week.

I had the pleasure of hearing from **Beth Fenwick Garner**, who shared, “About a year ago, our family moved to England, right outside of Oxford, which coincided with a lockdown and the sun setting at 3:30 p.m. The spring was more fun, and the kids are getting into their cricket! I launched an American-style pretzel business, which took off beyond my wildest imagination, so big that we are going through a renaming, rebranding, repackaging process. Hopefully by the time this is printed, the dust will have settled!”

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**1996** President: Robert Vincent Toomey • Vice President: P.J. Louis Jr. • Secretary: Vacant • Class Fundraisers: John Dugan, Hank Forsyth, Anne Chick Goodrich, Jonathan Lezner, P.J. Louis Jr., Page Fairman Rich

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**Sam Chang:** “A little about me: We had a very busy summer traveling a lot to visit family and friends. Looking forward to a better school year this year not remote. I’m getting better at tennis and looking forward to beating my sister soon.”

**Courtney Zwiirn:** “Hi, classmates! The 25th Reunion Committee is working on a fantastic weekend for June 9–12, 2022, and I hope to see many of you there. As some of you know, at our 20th, our class was honored with the Board of Fellows Award, ‘awarded each June to the Reunion class which, in the opinion of the Board of Fellows, has outstanding class spirit based on attendance, costumes, and related features at Reunion, plus class support to the Alumni Fund since its last

Reunion.’ In other words, we have the most enthusiasm and fun! This year, we’ll be joined by the Class of ’96, who will be celebrating their 25th belatedly due to COVID. The more the merrier! On a personal note, our family is adjusting to another ‘new normal,’ as our boys are back in school. Nathan is a sophomore at Minuteman Regional High School, Daniel is a seventh grader, and Joe is in fifth. This fall has proven especially challenging for our younger two, who were fully remote all of last year. Ben still works from home for Vertex Pharmaceuticals, but in a new role as director of business engagement and technology for clinical systems. He likely will be back in the office at the beginning of 2022. I am doing my best to support all of my guys and have multiple volunteer roles to keep me busy. We were able to have a family reunion with Ben’s side in July on the Outer Banks of North Carolina, and the boys went to sleep-away camp for two weeks in August, a gift to all five of us. We are looking forward to a family trip to Costa Rica with my side in February ’22. And I hope to see you all in June!”

**Tanya Jones:** “I haven’t sent anything in a while. I am happy to share that my Trinity crew is still as strong as ever. I saw my Boston babes twice this summer, including a visit from **Shaakirrah Sanders**. It was great to come together after a tough year and half. Locally, **Ali McCartney Auth** and I spent a good amount of time doing epic walks through Central Park, around the reservoir, and to the Upper East Side’s Ulta Beauty store for our favorite shampoo and conditioner. I also see and speak to Annette Fernandez ’96 quite regularly, and **Natasha Haidous**. It’s awesome knowing that the big reason I moved to N.Y.C. was because of my Trinity friends, and they are still my friends to this day. I founded my own media company, Mama Bear Media Group, in 2020. I am partnering right now with an app on a scripted series geared toward middle-school-aged students around financial literacy. MBMG will continue to produce video, podcasts, and develop TV/streaming content. I’m also working on the coaching side, coaching clients one on one and creating products for group coaching. Sending so much love to my classmates. Hang in there, and I can’t wait to see you all this summer! Big hug!”

**Ray Jones** here. Moved to L.A. last year to join an incredible group to move toward franchising a gym called Bunda. Located in West Hollywood. We opened our second gym in Santa Monica this year, and we are opening another in Miami in a few months. All is well. I am a happy New Englander living the West Coast life!”

**Shaakirrah R. Sanders:** “Thank you, Sam, for compiling and reporting our Class Notes. I have joined the Trinity College Board of



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Fellows and have been elected one of three general counsels for the National ACLU Board of Directors. I accepted an invitation to contribute oral argument and case analysis for SCOTUSblog. Finally, in spring 2022, I will visit Brooklyn Law School (which leaves me little excuse to miss our 25th Reunion!)”

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Congratulations to **Gabe Berezin** on the development of his very own podcast! Gabe sent the following update: “In the winter of 1998, my adviser, Dr. Priscilla Kehoe, was helping me imagine my career. I was about to wrap a B.S. in cognitive neuroscience, but I also minored in theater. She told me I should find a way to merge the two. Just under 25 years later, I finally took her advice. As marketing director at the NeuroLeadership Institute, I produced over 40 episodes of a podcast that brings neuroscience researchers together with F100 business leaders. But in my spare time, I was developing my own, a neuroscience education comedy podcast, co-hosted by me and my inner voice. It’s called *Fugues*. It recently was sponsored by The Gotham, which is helping build a bigger audience and helping me pitch Spotify, Netflix, Audible, and a number of other companies. Things are moving along quickly! And there are episodes out now; just look up *Fugues* on your favorite podcast platform. Reach out, and let me know what you think! [gabe.berezin@gmail.com](mailto:gabe.berezin@gmail.com).”

# Matt Brown, M.D. '04



**DEGREES/TRAINING:** B.S. in biochemistry; M.D., University of Missouri; orthopedics residency, SUNY at Buffalo; orthopedic sports medicine fellowship, University of Arizona/Mayo Clinic; pediatric orthopedics fellowship, Northern California Shriners Hospital/UC Davis

**JOB TITLE:** Pediatric orthopedic sports medicine surgeon, Elite Sports Medicine at Connecticut Children's

**FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY:** Way too many to count. Trinity helped send me to Ireland to play rugby with the men's team and to coach the women's team over the week covering St. Patrick's Day two years in a row. Semester abroad in St. Andrews, Scotland. Senior week. Every Spring Weekend. Senior brunch (results of which are in the back leaf of the 2004 yearbook).

## What led you to a career in medicine?

Senior year in high school, I went on a medical mission to the mountains of central Honduras, working in a nutrition center. We spent two months nursing malnourished babies back to health. After that, I arrived at Trinity hoping to put myself in a position to help kids as much as I had in Honduras.

## Why did you choose your specialty?

Going back to my time at Trinity, I had an interest in sports medicine. When a player got hurt on the rugby pitch, I was the person the team turned to for advice or care. I continued to play and coach rugby even during medical school and residency, so sports medicine was always a focus. As for pediatrics, I had always wanted to get back to working with kids after my time in Honduras.

## What do you enjoy most about your work?

I love working with kids and getting them back to their sport or activity.

## What are your biggest challenges?

The biggest challenges are finding the motivation for some kids to rehabilitate while restraining others from trying to do too much too soon. Unlike other aspects of pediatrics, parents buy into our treatment regimens, since they recognize that their previously healthy child is broken and we can fix them.

## Why have you decided to return to the Hartford area?

When I was at Trinity, I had my shoulder operated on by the surgeon who started the pediatric sports program at Connecticut Children's. When the position became available at Elite Sports Medicine at Connecticut Children's, they actively sought out a dual fellowship-trained orthopedic surgeon, so I was lucky enough to be hired to follow in the footsteps of the surgeon who operated on me.

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

My time at Trinity instilled a drive for research and publication, balanced with time spent outdoors playing and coaching sports. Ever since, I have wanted to get back to a life where I can have academic and research time but also have part of my job outdoors taking care of teams and athletes.

**Did you have a professor who was particularly influential? Who was it, and why?** Dr. David Henderson. I took his "General Chemistry" course freshman

year and then worked in his lab for four years putting together research on the antioxidants in Mexican oregano. My time in that lab was the start of a drive to perform research and get published that continues to this day.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** "Spanish Colonial Art and Architecture" with Dr. Kristin Triff sophomore year. It opened my eyes to art history and architecture, classes I then focused on outside of the premed and biochemistry requisites. The classes I took have driven my travels to Europe, Asia, and Central/South America since. It also was the class I was sitting in when the Twin Towers fell on 9/11.

## How did Trinity's Interdisciplinary Science Program help you on your path?

I was part of the ISP program my first year. It was my introduction to all the different types of research available in college. While I worked for four years with Dr. Henderson, other options included measuring the flow rate, temperature, and clarity of Connecticut streams and investigating the bioluminescent bay in Vieques, Puerto Rico. ISP opened my eyes to all the different options available with a career in the sciences.

## What advice would you give to current Trinity students who are considering a career in medicine?

Take your time. Make sure you want to be a doctor/physician assistant/nurse/etc. before you start school. Also, feel free to take a year or more between undergraduate and postgraduate training. This lends perspective, as you are at least nominally away from a life focused on grades and classes and instead have the same concerns as your future patients.

As always, you can send news and updates to me anytime at [jessicalvincent@yahoo.com](mailto:jessicalvincent@yahoo.com). Take care!

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Greetings, '99ers! I hope this message finds you well ... and reasonably sane. Wow, what a crazy time this has been and continues to be! As a small business owner, I have had better years than '20 and '21, but all things considered, it definitely could be worse. I hope you are all safe and healthy and continuing to put one foot in front of the other. This entry is short but sweet with some special news from two of our classmates we have not heard from in quite some time!

**Julianna Bogdanski Katrancha** wrote with these fun details: "I recently met (for the first time actually!) **Sarah McGowan**, whose daughter is in first grade with my son. I also had lunch with **Jen Gerard** while she was passing through N.Y.C. Love being able to reconnect after being shut down for so long due to COVID." Well, how about that? A new Trinity connection after 22 years! I love it! And hi, **Sarah McGowan**! It's always great to hear about in-person meetings and visits. Some things just can't be replicated with a screen in between ... and yet, we may very well be the last generation who can truly appreciate this concept! I don't know about all of you, but I am truly grateful I did not go through my entire college experience staring at my phone.

It was fantastic to catch up with **Bryna McConarty**, who welcomed a baby girl this past March! Baby Maeve Benedict Collins was born to Bryna and Pete on March 9, 2021, and joins brothers Jack, Sam, and Ian to round out the family in Falmouth, Massachusetts. So exciting, and yay for little girls! Also, since I have the space, I want to share a story from the last time I saw Bryna in person; it's one of my faves. We met for dinner near Fenway in Boston a few years back, and when I went to the restroom, I discovered that a woman seemed to be slumped on the floor in the next stall over. Good news: I had a doctor at my table! I went back to get Bryna, who then went in and started to handle the situation like an absolute boss while 911 was called and we waited for the paramedics to arrive. A few minutes later, when they were taking the woman out to the ambulance, Bryna was alongside the paramedics giving them all the pertinent stats. Frankly, I could not have been more impressed with my old college friend, and I will never forget that moment. I had never before been in the situation where the person I was with became the answer to the question "Is there a doctor in the house?" and

it was truly amazing to witness Dr. Bryna in action. You are truly an inspiration, Bryna, and Meredith Grey's got nothing on you! Baby Maeve is in great hands. Sending you all lots and lots of love!

That'll do it for this time, friends. Please don't be afraid to send me a message; I would love to hear from you. You are what makes the *Reporter* Class Notes worth reading, so thanks in advance for sharing your next news flash! Good health and happiness to all, Alyssa

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Greetings, everyone! I hope your holidays have been bright and merry during this winter season! I have two pandemic updates and a wedding to report this time. The first is from **Caroline Holland**, who emailed me over the summer to report that she had enjoyed dinner with **Emily Polito** and **Loren Giallanella Murad** in Bethesda, Maryland. She wrote, "Emily was in town from Dallas visiting her in-laws, and Loren recently moved to Bethesda after spending several years overseas with the State Department. Although I haven't gotten to see them yet in person, I've been virtually weathering the pandemic with **Carrie Rorer Pratt**, who lives outside Philly with her husband and three children; **Tabitha Bliven Heidorn**, who lives outside Boston with her husband, Scott Heidorn '97, and two kids; and **Rachel Zimman Keegan**, who relocated to Maine from Brooklyn during the pandemic and is still enjoying Maine life. I'm still living in Arlington, Virginia, with my husband and two kids and working (remotely) for the Federal Trade Commission." Sounds like Caroline and company have been making great use of pandemic technology for keeping in touch! Glad to hear that you are all doing so well!

Our second update is from **Melissa Figueroa**, who also has been making good use of Zoom. She's had several virtual gatherings over the last year with Trinity friends, including **Suzanne Fallon Samuels**, **Juli Tomaino Ascione**, **Laura Vangsnest Holt**, **Tanya Suvarnasorn Keegan**, **Mandy Lydon Sutaria**, and **Toni Finney Clark**, and has been able to visit Juli in person at her home in Washington, D.C. Outside of Zoom, Melissa also has joined the ranks of pandemic pet owners! She writes, "My husband and I caved and adopted our own COVID dog, Zion, a black-and-white border collie. He joins us up here in Framingham, Massachusetts, where my husband and I have been living for the last 15 years (wow!)."

Our oldest, Michelle, 23, is finishing what is hopefully her last semester at BU. Our son, Brayden, 14, just started freshman year at Catholic Memorial High School, and our daughter Madison, 10, is in fifth grade. Our youngest, Keegan, 6, finally gets to do in-person school for first grade! I'm still with CENTRA Technology, going on my 16th year supporting D.C. clients, although we were bought, so now it's PAE Group, and my husband works in corporate Cumberland Farms (Cumbys for the Rlers)." Congratulations on your new family member and the successes of your children!

To close, I have the pleasure of announcing the marriage of **John Brigham** and Micaela Owen, which took place in September in beautiful Forsyth Park in Savannah, Georgia. Trinity alums present included yours truly, **Kathy Woodcock**, **Amelia Ames**, **Jon White**, and Lincoln Heineman '01. Pictures and further updates about wedding guests to follow in an upcoming issue, so stay tuned! Until then, send me your news at [virgquest@gmail.com](mailto:virgquest@gmail.com), or message me on Facebook, Twitter, or Instagram, and have a beautiful and renewing spring, wherever you may be!

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 From the Alumni Office: **Shayla Titley** reports: "I've been the director of membership for the Central Park Conservancy since 2017, and I had a busy summer; August was particularly fun. I was on a virtual panel discussing 'Fundraising and Communications' for the Columbia University SPS Virtual Summer Symposium 'A New Era for Nonprofits,' then attended my first in-person conference since the pandemic, the 2021 ANA Nonprofit Federation Summer Conference in Chicago, as a co-presenter on the topic 'Fire Up Your Email Program: Automation, Strategy, Creative.' But the biggest activity was getting married! On August 15, 2021, surrounded by a small group of family and friends, I married Isaac Sawyer at The Factoria in Peekskill, New York."



Shayla Tittle '02 and Isaac Sawyer were married on August 15, 2021, at The Factoria in Peekskill, New York. A number of Trinity alumni were in attendance, including Nicole Archer '02 (matron of honor), Jennifer Carvalho '01, Tiffany Brown '04, Kaia Hilson '05, Matthew Anderson '02 (bridesman), Chantelle Archer '06, and Jeanette Bonner '02.

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From the Alumni Office: **Allison Zanno** relocated to the North and is a partner at Maine Neonatology Associates, based out of the Barbara Bush Children's Hospital at Maine Medical Center in Portland. She is leading a system-wide charge to improve rural hospital childbirth outcomes through an innovative, aggressive virtual simulation and ongoing training program that has its scope set on improving provider care statewide. When mommy is not "fixing babies" in the NICU (newborn intensive care unit), she's home with her husband, children (Elizabeth, 6, and Christopher, 5), and fat rescued mini-lop rabbit, Scooby.

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Sarah Bookwalter Hutchins '06 cradles Scarlett Julianne Hutchins, whom she welcomed with husband Jonathan on August 30, 2021.

On July 1, **Jamie Tracey Szal** accepted the role of president of the Trinity College Alumni Association. With this role, she also serves on the Trinity Board of Trustees for the next two years.

**Benjamin Steinberg** and his wife, Instagram model Ashley Mihlebach (University of Florida), welcomed their child, Hieronymus Henry, to the world on January 27. Parents are grateful for his brown hair.

**Sarah Bookwalter Hutchins** and husband Jonathan welcomed their first child, Scarlett Julianne "Reese Witherspoon" Hutchins on August 30. Dressed in head-to-toe pink almost daily, she, like her nickname sake, thinks that whoever said orange was the new pink was seriously disturbed.

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Hello, Class of 2007. I hope everyone is doing well and continuing to stay safe! Before getting into the latest updates, make sure to mark your calendar for our 15th Reunion on June 9-12, 2022. We have a strong Reunion Committee with **Joseph Butler, Jenny Carson, Logan Gould, Juliet Izon, Devon Lawrence, David Mason, Samuel Rednor, Molly Sparrow, Timothy Woodhull, and Jennifer Wrobel**. It will be a great Reunion, and we hope to see you all there! Also, due to the pandemic, our Reunion will be joined by the Class of 2006, so make sure to invite your fellow alumni from both class years. Now for two exciting updates.

**Hanna Ghaleb Kreiner** lives in Seattle with husband Brian and two kids (3 years and 9 months). She has a private psychotherapy practice and teaches mindfulness. This year, she wrote and published a book, *Self-Compassion Journal for First-Time Moms*. This past September, Hanna visited the East Coast and caught up with **Juliet Izon, Meaghan Kilian, Diane Einsiedler, Allie Shean, and Stacey Goldberg Olesh**.

**Teddy Sullivan** bought an accounting firm in Cary, North Carolina, and moved to Raleigh in December 2020. Here's his story: "For the previous 3½ years, I was selling accounting software to accounting firms for a SaaS company in Canada. Through that experience, I learned a lot about how accounting firms are run and decided I wanted to give it a go. So, I ended up buying this firm in Cary, called Human Resource Partners. We have six employees and service over 100 businesses around North Carolina

and Massachusetts. We focus on small-business bookkeeping, payroll, tax planning, and HR consulting. We also do tax returns for our business clients and their families.”

Congrats to Hanna and Teddy on two big professional achievements!

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**Mark Durney** tied the knot with Melissa MacFarland on June 27, 2021, at historic Glen Foerd on the Delaware in Philadelphia. After several postponements due to the pandemic, the couple finally were able to celebrate safely with family and friends, including many Bantams. It was a gorgeous summer afternoon and evening, and a great time was had by all! Shortly thereafter, Mark and Melissa welcomed a golden retriever puppy named Murphy into their home.

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**Mignon Hills Parsons** completed her residency in pediatrics at UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital Oakland. She joined Magnolia Pediatrics of Marin, a private practice in Mill Valley, California.

**Chelsea Naftelberg** returned to New England in 2019 and purchased her first house in Burlington, Vermont, earlier this year. She continues to work from home as a strategic consultant and is engaged to be married in June in the Green Mountain State.

Brenna ’08 and **John Coughlin**, along with son Wilder and daughter Nell, are doing well and living in Concord, Massachusetts. Wishing other Trinity ’08ers and ’09ers well!

I, **Kate Brisson**, apologize that one issue of the *Reporter* had no ’09 notes. But now I know people are reading!

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Hi, all. Happy 2022! As always, please feel free to send me your updates at rmherrigel@gmail.com. I’d love to hear from you!

In June 2021, **Brandon Ward** and Lindsey Camilli were married in June 2021 at Aldworth Manor in Harrisville, New



Mark Durney ’08 and Melissa MacFarland were married on June 27, 2021, at Glen Foerd in Philadelphia. Bantams joining the bride and groom included Jon Fox ’08, Andrew Maia ’08, Liz Dreier ’08, Beth Shipley ’73, and Joe Kenol ’08.



Brandon Ward ’10 and Lindsey Camilli were married in June 2021 at Aldworth Manor in Harrisville, New Hampshire. Bantams in attendance included Ricky Spencer ’16, Colin Murphy ’10, Rachel Talentino Murphy ’08, Jared Laptas ’10, Jason Tedeschi ’10, Sari Fromson Laberis ’10, Perry Laberis ’10, Brendan Kelly ’10, and Ray Mooney ’10.



Jenna Carroll ’12 and Warren Dillaway “Dill” Ayres III ’12 were married on October 2, 2021, in Rye, New York. Bantams celebrating with the bride and groom included Pranav Sachdev ’11, Sarah Hagman ’12, Sam Sullivan ’12, Michael Levy ’12, Perrin Duke ’12, Dylan Mosenthal ’12, Samantha Brill ’12, Michael Phillips ’12, Nicole Albino Gavin ’10, Tripp Gavin ’12, DJ Patrick ’11, Becky Savage ’11, David Dessau ’11, Chris Maycock ’11, Sarah Harvey ’11, Abby Alderman ’11, Sarah Quirk ’11, Adam Lanza ’10, Spencer Feldman ’10, Ben Dawson ’11, John Wilsterman ’12, Sophie Bell Ayres ’77, Vivi Dunklee Duke ’78, Julie Rogers Bullard ’79, Cackle Bostwick Wilson ’79, George Bell III ’15, and McVey Ayres.

# Lorena Lazo de la Vega '14



**DEGREES:** B.S. in biochemistry; Ph.D. in molecular and cellular pathology, University of Michigan (UM)

**JOB TITLE:** Clinical genomics curation scientist at Dana Farber Cancer Institute (DFCI)

**FAVORITE TRINITY MEMORY:** I was an RA for three years and enjoyed RA training. During this time, campus leaders gathered to prepare for students to move back to campus. I truly enjoyed working with my team of RAs to decorate the dorm, make nametags, plan activities, and even act out mini crisis scenarios. While the days were long, I always learned something new. The activities got me out of my comfort zone and introduced me to great people, including one of my best friends. It brought together like-minded people who may not have met otherwise since we all had different majors.

**What do you do at Dana Farber?** I work in the Pediatric Oncology Department. I have always been interested in pediatric cancers and having an impact in that area. After working on cancer genomics at UM during my Ph.D. training and clinical genetics during my postdoc at

Brigham and Women's Hospital, I knew it was time to pursue a position in the pediatric space. I'm working on a consortium study led by DFCI that includes more than 10 academic centers across the country. The study's goal is to assess the overall survival of pediatric patients with refractory or recurrent solid tumors who have undergone molecular profiling and matched to a targeted therapy. Once the patients consent to have their tumor and germline DNA analyzed for the presence of cancer-related abnormalities, a pathology report is generated using this sequencing results. My role is to then assess the major genomic alterations, identify the likely drivers of the cancer, recommend a targeted therapy, and identify clinical trials for which the patient is eligible. Since most who enroll in this study have rare pediatric tumors, I lead discussions with experts on the best treatment available to the patient. I'm exceedingly passionate about advancing precision medicine and feel lucky to be part of this important effort at DFCI.

**You co-founded the Trinity College BIPOC Network on LinkedIn. Why is this important to you?** The Trinity College BIPOC Network was initiated in summer 2020 and run by four Trinity alums, including me. After all the events that took place in the summer of 2020 and the remarks on social media from students of color regarding their experience at Trinity, I looked back on my experience as a Latina at Trinity and in other primarily white spaces. I immigrated to the USA at age 5, spent most of my childhood in Hartford, knew I had to create my own path to success, and yet still became the first in my family to graduate college. While at Trinity, I was so focused on graduating and catching up to my peers that I never had the opportunity to shake off the feeling of being part of the "other." After many years, I learned to embrace my background. I finally started feeling proud of being a Latina and of everything I've been able to accomplish.

Since I always searched for mentorship, I now want to mentor students and younger alums of color who have similar struggles and motivate them to pursue their true passion and achieve their potential. As a co-founder of the BIPOC Network, I hope that this community we are building will provide students with a support system many alums of color feel we lacked at Trinity.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** My first-year seminar with Alison Draper. I was part of the Interdisciplinary Science Program (ISP), and it was one of the most intense courses I ever took at Trinity. My first semester was filled with sleepless nights, critical thinking, and lots of writing. While it was a challenging course, it helped me grow as a person and scientist. The course also introduced me to research and led me to pursue a graduate degree.

**Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential?** I was lucky to be surrounded by many wonderful professors in the Chemistry Department. However, Alison Draper and Michelle Kovarik were two who greatly impacted my life. They challenged me in and out of the classroom, saw my potential, and were amazing mentors. Professor Draper was there all four years to offer advice and had an important role when I was deciding between graduate programs. I only got to work with Professor Kovarik during my senior year, but her passion and dedication for teaching and her students were undeniable. I distinctly remember when the class of first-semester seniors expressed concern over the lack of a senior seminar for biochemistry and chemistry majors. After hearing our concern, we worked together to draft a syllabus and submit a request to the Chemistry Department to allow us to add a seminar to our second semester. This was a perfect example of the advantages of attending a small liberal arts institution!



Julia Melnick '12 and Kevin Bicknell were married on August 28, 2021, at the Buxton School in Williamstown, Massachusetts. Bantams joining the bride and groom were Nichola Clark '12, Annalise Welte '12, Zander White '12, Jess Cote '12, Teri Incampo '12, and Dillard Taylor '12.



Diana Bohorquez '12 and Christopher Jonathan Coronel were married on July 15, 2021, in Rockleigh, New Jersey. Faylis Matos '12 and Elaine Rojas-Castillo '12, pictured here, were bridesmaids, and Jhonny Ruiz '13 and Carlos Miranda '12 were among the guests.



Mary Kate Morr '12 and Thomas Bryenton were married on September 12, 2021, in Estes Park, Colorado. Bantams joining the bride and groom were Adrienne Poplawski '13, Adam Norton '12, Anson McCook '12, and Andy McTeague '12.



Rebecca Levy Grossman '12 snuggles with Aurora Faith Grossman, whom she welcomed with her husband on September 29, 2021.

Hampshire. They had a great Trinity crew in attendance!

**Amanda Furie Ndaw** moved back to Connecticut and taught at Trinity during the fall 2021 semester! So surreal! In even bigger news, she and husband Aziz welcomed a baby girl on May 3, 2021. Jess Cote '12 recently came to visit the newborn and big brother!

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**2011** President: Catherine E. Marinello • Secretary: Remi Evans Dolan, [remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu](mailto:remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: Remi Evans Dolan, Joshua Growney, Michael Magdelinskas-Vazquez, Rachel L. Meddar, Rebecca Savage, Abigail A. Smitka

Class of 2011, send in your stories and photos for the next edition of the *Reporter*. We can't wait to hear what you've been up to!

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**2012** President: James J. Armillay • Vice President: Andrew J. Koris • Secretary: Mary Kate Morr, [morr.2012@trincoll.edu](mailto:morr.2012@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: James J. Armillay, John Michael Mason,

Charles McConnell, Mary Kate Morr, Nicole Lustig Pasternak, Alberto Roldan, Michael Schlesinger, Kathryn T. Van Sickle, Lily Pepper Sommer, William A. Yale • [f/groups/trincoll2012](https://www.facebook.com/groups/trincoll2012)

This past June, **Rebecca Weintraub** was elected Democratic district leader for the 76th Assembly District, representing part of the Upper East Side and all of Roosevelt Island in New York City.

**Rebecca Levy Grossman** and her husband welcomed their first baby last year. Aurora Faith Grossman was born on September 29, 2021, measuring 6 pounds, 14 ounces and 20 inches long.

**Vince McLaughlin, Alex Powell, Claire Hellwig,** and **Kelsey Semrod** had a mini Trinity reunion in Normandy this past summer.

And several classmates celebrated weddings recently! **Alex Powell** and Robert Sheridan were married on April 18, 2020, in Boston, Massachusetts. Their daughter, Charlotte O'Hara Sheridan, was born on August 31, 2020.

**Denise Lee** and Keith Gomes tied the knot on June 25, 2021, at the Eleanor Cabot Bradley



Vince McLaughlin '12, Alex Powell '12, Claire Hellwig '12, and Kelsey Semrod '12 meet during summer 2021 in Normandy, France.



Denise Lee '12 and Keith Gomes were married on June 25, 2021, at the Eleanor Cabot Bradley Estate in Canton, Massachusetts.



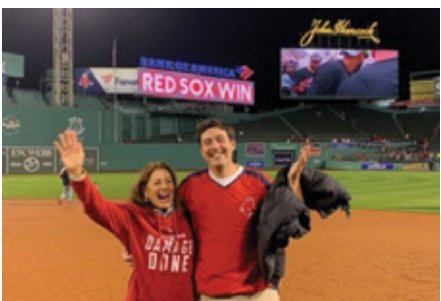
Paige Duke '14 and Chris Petracca were married on July 24, 2021, in Vail, Colorado. Trinity guests included Midge Daniel Naughton '14, Adele Collier '14, Catherine Hultgren Ruck '14, Bridget Feeley '14, Beatrice Constable '14, Olivia Anderson '14, Alexandra Villa '14, and Perrin Fairbanks Duke '12.



Paige Bolinger '13, an associate with Croke Fairchild Morgan & Beres



Mollie Scheerer '14 and Connor Proctor '14 were married on August 21, 2021, in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. Trinity alumni in attendance included Henry Moorhead '14, Trey Proctor '19, Robert Proctor '81, Nate Maynard '14, Derek Proctor '12, Haley Foye Kraus '14, Nick Cushing '14, Brendan Kelley '14, Sam Livingston '14, Will Morrison '14, Holly Yermal Mellett '14, Emily Parsons Bletzer '14, Sheridan Smith '14, Melissa Anderson '14, Parrish Duncan '14, Anisha Chakrabarti '14, Annie Murdock Zimmerman '14, and John Ambler '14.



Linda DiBenedetto P'08, '12, '13, '15, '17 and son Marc '13 celebrate after the Boston Red Sox defeated the New York Yankees in the American League wild-card playoff game in October 2021.

Estate in Canton, Massachusetts, after postponing a year due to COVID.

**Diana Bohorquez** and Christopher Jonathan Coronel (SUNY Albany '12) were married on July 15, 2021, in Rockleigh, New Jersey.

**Julia Melnick** and Kevin Bicknell were married on August 28, 2021. The ceremony and reception were held at the Buxton School in Williamstown, Massachusetts.

**Mary Kate Morr** and Thomas Bryenton (Middlebury '13) were married on September

12, 2021, at the YMCA of the Rockies in Estes Park, Colorado.

**Jenna Carroll and Warren Dillaway "Dill" Ayres III** were married on October 2, 2021, in Rye, New York.

**2013** President: **Joshua H. Altschuler** • Vice President: **Marguerite E. De Chaumont Quitry** • Secretary: **Andrew C. Weiss**, [andrew.weiss.2013@trincoll.edu](mailto:andrew.weiss.2013@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: **Lauren M. Aber**, **Perin B. Adams**, **Caroline E. Brewster**, **Kevin C. Clark**, **Malcolm X. Evans**, **Emily H. Gianis**, **David D. Hill**, **Megan A. Ingersoll**, **Matthew H. Mainuli**, **Michael Mazur**, **Ryan McGuirl**, **Christopher D. Novick**, **Alexander C. Raffol**, **James C. Thaler**, **Dobromir G. Trifonov**

From the Alumni Office: Croke Fairchild Morgan & Beres announced that **Paige Bolinger** has joined its transactional practice as an associate. Paige advises emerging companies, founders, investors, and funds through a variety of venture capital-related and general corporate governance matters. A

former in-house attorney for a venture capital firm, Paige brings a unique lens to her practice, having executed a variety of transactions, including investments in emerging companies and funds, as well as provided strategic and legal support across various business units within the company. Paige began her career as a corporate transactional attorney at Katten Muchin Rosenman LLP. Outside of the office, Paige serves on the boards of BlkArthouse, a social enterprise organization dedicated to promoting and selling art by emerging Black artists, and the L-CMD Research Foundation, a foundation dedicated to translating available technology into treatment for LMNA-related congenital muscular dystrophy. "I couldn't be happier to join Croke Fairchild and to work with the firm's partners and associates to guide our VC clients during this very exciting time in the market," shared Paige. "I knew I wanted to continue growing my VC practice while also supporting investors and start-ups across the emerging digital



Caroline Melly '14 and Chris Crovatto '13 were married on August 21, 2021, in Greenwich, Connecticut.

assets and crypto industries. Croke Fairchild has given me the opportunity to build a practice that accomplishes both, and that's very rewarding at this point in my career." A Baltimore, Maryland, native and resident, Paige earned a B.A. in public policy and Hispanic studies from Trinity and a J.D. from the Washington University School of Law in St. Louis, where she was a recipient of the Dean's Leadership Award.

**2014** President: Victoria C. Trentacoste • Vice President: Annick J. Bickson • Secretary: Chloe M. Miller, [chloe.miller.2014@trincoll.edu](mailto:chloe.miller.2014@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: Brendan P. Bader, Carl M. Barreto, William A. Gray, Madeleine V. Hansen, Alexander S. Harvey, Sophie M. Katzman, Juan Diego Lopez Rodriguez, Ann W. Murdock, Nathaniel R. Nurmi, Benjamin B. Plumer, Maxwell L. Schaefer, Victoria C. Trentacoste, Katherine C. Weatherly-White

Caroline Melly and Chris Crovatto '13 were married on August 21, 2021, at Round Hill Club in Greenwich, Connecticut. There were several Trinity alumni from both of their class years, as well as Caroline's family members, including father Tom Melly '80, brother Tommy Melly '11, and sister Madeline Melly '16. Chris and Caroline started dating the fall semester of her freshman year.

Mollie Scheerer and Connor Proctor also met freshman fall and were married at her parents' home on August 21, 2021, in Jaffrey, New Hampshire. They celebrated with many fellow Trinity alums.

It's not all weddings and babies for the Class of 2014. Eva Lauer is the proud owner of a pandemic puppy named Loki. He comes to work with her every day at her law office.

I, Chloe Miller, returned to campus for a brief evening in October to attend the



Lauren Ollerhead '18 and Michael Fries '18 were married on October 2, 2021, in Woodstock, Vermont.



Mathilde Sauquet '18 and Timothy Hobart M'19 were married on June 12, 2021, in Elizabeth Park in West Hartford, Connecticut. Those celebrating with the couple included Carina Leggio '18, Molly Santora '18, Kyle Duncan M'16, Emily Dowden '18, Trinity Multimedia Producer Helder Mira, Lori Clapis, Thalia Giraldo M'19, and Sheila Njau '17, M'19.

Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony (as a guest only, of course!). The quad is as beautiful as ever, but I was dismayed to learn that First & Last Bakery has closed, and my breakfast sandwich hopes were dashed.

I am sorry to report that Sabra Wilson, 29, passed away on August 30, 2021, near their home in the Adirondack region of New York. Sabra was a history and English double major at Trinity and went on to receive a master's degree in history from Queens University in Ontario. They are survived by their parents, sister, dogs, and many extended family members and friends.

**2015** President: John A. Kandarian • Vice President: Aysen S. Muderrisoglu • Secretary: Shaina N. Lo, [shaina.lo.2015@trincoll.edu](mailto:shaina.lo.2015@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: Fiona Brennan, Taniqua K. Huguley, Stephan "Mac" Morse, Peter J. Ragosta Jr., Stephen P.

Sample, Marie Christner Stansfield, Sarah S. Wolcott, Robert D. Zindman

Liznel Aybar-Ventura: "I am thrilled to share that I've joined New York State Senator Jabari Brisport's staff as his deputy chief of staff."

Chudi Iregbulem: "My start-up, Beatmatch, announced we'll be launching a dating app for music lovers!"

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**2016** President: Joshua J. Frank • Secretary: Ashira E. Anderson, [ashira.anderson.2016@trincoll.edu](mailto:ashira.anderson.2016@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: Vacant • [f/groups/Trinity2016](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Trinity2016)

Josh Frank did a legal internship for the fall academic semester with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). He assists the Division of Enforcement in Washington, D.C.

Having begun his second year at Tulane Law School in New Orleans, Matias Pribor is gearing up to start his M.B.A. at Tulane in the fall.

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**2017** Secretary: Daniel A. Garcia, [daniel.garcia.2017@trincoll.edu](mailto:daniel.garcia.2017@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: Jake Bennett, Alec Buffamonte, Nicholas DiBenedetto, Katelyn Elinoff, Daniel A. Garcia, Andrew Hatch, Kelvin Kaari, Clio Kammerer, Clare Knowlton, Kaitlin Lewis, Julianna Maisano, Ryan Miller, Andrea Nicholson, Kiley Nygren, Sean Orlando, Nick Ricka, Jennifer Tran • [f/groups/Trinity2017](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Trinity2017)

**2018** President: Marketa Kotvova • Secretary: Lauren Fries, [lauren.ollerhead.2018@trincoll.edu](mailto:lauren.ollerhead.2018@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: Bassil Bacare, Sarah Dolan, Justin Fortier, Michael Fries, Louisa Kammerer, Jamilah Ketcham, Elizabeth Koris, Joseph F. Lord IV, Meghan Marsh, Molly Nichols, Nia Vogel

2021 was quite a year for the Class of 2018!

**Noah Koepfel** received a J.D. from Fordham University School of Law in May 2021 and started work at Fried Frank in the fall. **Annabel Stanley** also received a J.D. last spring, graduating from Brooklyn Law School. She plans to enter the world of labor and employment law. **Haley Michno** graduated from NYU Silver School of Social Work with an M.S.W. in 2020. Two classmates got engaged this past summer—big congratulations **Dennis Caulfield** and **Allie Barrett!**

**Mathilde Sauquet** and Timothy Hobart M'19 tied the knot on June 12, 2021, in Elizabeth Park in West Hartford.

Bantams from many class years also attended the wedding of two classmates, **Lauren Ollerhead** and **Michael Fries**, on October 2, 2021, in Woodstock, Vermont. Michael and Lauren met in “CALC 102” their first year at Trinity.

**2019** Secretary: William J. Duggan III, [william.duggan.2019@trincoll.edu](mailto:william.duggan.2019@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraisers: Rachel Brigham, Sam Buck, Alex Gnassi, Sophia Gourley, Debbie Herrera, Ethan Hunter, Alex Kaplan, Talia La Schiazza, Brooke LePage, Molly McGonigle, Emily McLeod, Kristina Miele, Erik Mohl, Simran Sheth, Amber Stevenson, Stephanie Velarde, Michael Zarra

**2020** Secretary: Vacant • Class Fundraisers: 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](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

**2021** President: Jaymie D. Bianca • Vice President: Giovanni A. Jones • Secretary: Brendan W. Clark, [brendan.clark@trincoll.edu](mailto:brendan.clark@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: Brendan W. Clark

It was wonderful to see so many of you at Homecoming in October. How fortunate we were to be able to celebrate in person and spend moments, however fleeting, at our beloved Trinity! Keep your eyes out for future opportunities to gather as a class; we would love to continue to see a strong turnout of members of the Class of 2021.

As I mentioned in the fall edition of the *Reporter*, please share your experiences, updates, and milestones with me; this is so crucial to keeping our class connected, especially as our distance from Commencement grows. Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email ([brendanwclark@outlook.com](mailto:brendanwclark@outlook.com)) or

telephone (610-781-8446) with updates for the *Reporter* or just to find a time to catch up.

I, **Brendan W. Clark**, am concluding my first semester at William & Mary Law School and am certainly grateful for the faculty at Trinity who encouraged and stressed the importance of deadlines over the years. It certainly comes in handy in this environment of fast-paced courses and examinations. I have taken a position conducting research for the National Center for State Courts in Williamsburg, Virginia, where I am investigating issues of jury compensation and jury formation.

**Kaylen Jackson** graduated with a B.A. in public policy and law this past May and spent the summer working with SiriusXM satellite radio and with the Studio Museum in Harlem, which focuses on exhibits featuring the work of artists of African descent. Kaylen is preparing to begin work as a social media strategist for the Southern Poverty Law Center and had a chance to tour Europe (Spain, Italy, Germany, England, and Croatia) late last summer.

**Lewis Nikuze** graduated with a B.S. in computer science and has taken a position with Morgan Stanley in New York City as a technology analyst.

**Vanessa Ross** graduated with a B.A. in biology and began her first year of medical school at the Donald and Barbara Zucker School of Medicine at Hofstra/Northwell in Hempstead, New York. Vanessa is grateful for the role Trinity played in her journey of becoming a physician and is looking forward to her next four years of training!

**Jeffrey Sagun** graduated with a B.S. in neuroscience and was the recipient of three National Institutes of Health (NIH) fellowships, the NAEP Scholar/Fellow, the IRTA Fellow, and the CRTA Fellow. For the next two years, Sagun will serve as a research fellow at the National Cancer Institute in Bethesda, Maryland, focusing on DNA repair in human cancer-prone genetic diseases. This is Sagun's first step toward becoming a physician-scientist and earning an M.D./Ph.D.

**IDP** Secretary: Shahzad Keith Joseph IDP'19, [shahzad.joseph@trincoll.edu](mailto:shahzad.joseph@trincoll.edu) • Class Fundraiser: Robert F. Peltier IDP'91

**Master's** Secretary: Vacant  
The class secretary position for master's degree recipients is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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We want to be sure that all information included in *The Trinity Reporter* is accurate, so we're asking for everyone's help. When sharing Class Notes information with your class secretary or directly with the college, please follow the guidelines: Avoid sharing hearsay, that is, news that one alum might tell you about another alum or news that you've learned from social media. Keep in mind that health information is sensitive. Avoid sharing health information about others, and only share health information about yourself if you're OK with it being published. Avoid including information about engagements or pregnancies; it's better to report marriages and births. For weddings, please include who, when, and where information.

*Remember that we reserve the right to edit submissions for clarity, length, grammar, and appropriateness of content.*

For **PHOTOS**, we accept only **HIGH-RESOLUTION** wedding and Class Notes photos (generally with a file size of at least 1 MB); low-resolution photos, while fine for websites, will not reproduce well in the magazine. For Class Notes photos, we ask that no more than one photo is submitted per person per issue and that the photo includes at least one Bantam. We can't promise that we'll be able to publish all that we receive, but we'll do our best. We reserve the right to decide what is published based on available space, photo quality, and photo content. We invite you to email photos and complete caption information (WHO, WHAT, WHEN, AND WHERE) to your class secretary or to [sonya.adams@trincoll.edu](mailto:sonya.adams@trincoll.edu).

# IN MEMORY

**1944 Joseph M. Danyliw**, 98, of Manchester, Connecticut, died on June 17, 2021.

Danyliw attended Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and the Newman Club and played football and soccer. He went on to earn an M.D. from Jefferson Medical College. Danyliw served in both the U.S. Army and U.S. Air Force. His six-decade career was devoted to serving his community as a board-certified family physician.

Danyliw is survived by his children, Dorothy De Pietro (Robert), Joseph Danyliw Jr. (Melanie), Mary Updike (Ken), Margaret Schock (Reuben), Thomas Danyliw (Alyson), Peter Danyliw (Holly), Ann Marie Westberg (John), and Timothy Danyliw; 21 grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; sister Alice Herchakowski; and sister-in-law Katherine Danyliw. He was predeceased by his wife, Halina, and his brother, Bohdan Danyliw.

**1944 Paul M. Sessa**, 97, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on September 19, 2021.

Sessa earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Newman Club. His time at the college was interrupted by service in the U.S. Army during World War II. Sessa went on to study at Stanford University and the University of Connecticut School of Law. His career in business began and ended with The Hartford, with stints working at the Wolcott Company and Pan Am Associates and co-founding Tressard Associates in between.

Sessa is survived by two nephews and other extended family members.

**1950 Harry K. Pinney**, 92, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on April 15, 2020.

Pinney attended Trinity before graduating with a B.S.

from Central Connecticut State University and an M.Ed. from the University of Hartford. He went on to teach chemistry for more than 30 years at high schools in East Hartford and Bloomfield.

Pinney is survived by his son, Geoff Pinney (fiancée Marisela), and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by brothers Clifford Pinney Jr. and Kenneth Pinney.

**1950 William T. Robinson**, 93, of Chapin, South Carolina, died on August 25, 2021.

Robinson earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi, the Trinity Pipes, and the Senate and worked at WRTC.

Robinson is survived by son Lindsay and daughter Ellen.

**1951 Michael L. Daly Jr.**, 91, of Minnetonka, Minnesota, died on September 15, 2021.

Daly earned a B.A. in classics and biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Newman Club, and the football and track and field teams. He retired from the Department of Family Medicine and Community Health at the University of Minnesota.

Daly is survived by his children, Mike (Kristine), Mark (Margaret), Maura (Tom Lynch), Matthew (Kathleen), and Mary Twite (Paul); 15 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Maureen, and brother John.

**1951 Robert S. Elliott**, 91, of Palo Alto, California, died on June 20, 2020.

Elliott earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played soccer, basketball, and baseball. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army. Elliott worked at W.R. Grace before working for Owens Corning and later his own business, Royell, which distributed

reinforced plastic materials throughout California.

Elliott is survived by his wife of six decades, Rosemma "Freda"; son Timothy Elliott; and sister Barbara Fargo. He was predeceased by brother William.

**1951 Walter Tolley Jr.**, 93, of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, died on May 7, 2020.

Tolley attended Trinity before working as an engineer with Pratt & Whitney. He later pursued commercial fishing.

Tolley is survived by his children, Bob (Deena), Ken (Karen), Stu (Dawn), Debbie Ziegler (Cyd), and Holly Gibson (John); 15 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and brother Fred. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Yvonne, and a grandson.

**1953, HON. 1972 Richard L. Aiken**, 90, of Truro, Massachusetts, died on July 26, 2021.

Aiken earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, the Glee Club, and the football team. He went on to earn an M.Div. from Virginia Theological Seminary and an M.Ed. from Harvard University. In 1972, he received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Trinity. Aiken served a church in Hawaii before working in education as a chaplain or administrator at several independent schools in the Northeast.

Aiken is survived by his children, Alison Aiken and Andrew Aiken '83; three grandchildren, including Mina Aiken '11 and Samuel Aiken '13; and many nephews and nieces, including Katherine Aiken Sullivan '84, M'88.

**1953 Richard S. Howard**, 90, of Onalaska, Wisconsin, died on September 28, 2021.

Howard earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and participated in Hillel. He went on to earn an M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania and an M.S. from the University

of Virginia. Howard served in the U.S. Air Force and later practiced as a urologic surgeon until his 1996 retirement at what is now Gundersen Health System.

Howard is survived by his children, Kimberly Schiller (Donald), Richard Jr. (Beth), and Claire Low (Kevin); three grandsons; and sister Susan Campbell (Van). He was predeceased by his wife of 45 years, Nancy.

**1954 George E. Jones III**, 87, of Mesquite, Nevada, died on June 21, 2020.

Jones attended Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played football. He completed his degree at the University of Pennsylvania and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Jones later opened a barbecue restaurant.

Jones is survived by his wife, Karlynn; children Michael (Johanna), Holly Jones (Julie Garland), Julia Jones (Daphne), and Kerri Willsey (Dave); stepchildren Michael Glieden (Joyce), Shawn Glieden (Colleen), and Kara Vella (Tim); 13 grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by two sons, Richard and Tim.

**1954 Michael A. Porto**, 88, of Branford, Connecticut, died on April 16, 2020.

Porto attended Trinity, where he played football and basketball, before serving in the U.S. Navy. He had a 36-year career teaching math and science at Fair Haven Middle School and Hillhouse High School in Connecticut.

Porto is survived by his children, Andrew Porto (Lorena) and Michelle Fortuna (David), and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Antoinette.

**1954 E. Hartley Smith**, 88, of Marblehead, Massachusetts, and Naples, Florida, died on June 19, 2021.

Smith earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played soccer, squash, and tennis.

He went on to earn an M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine. Smith practiced general and vascular surgery in Massachusetts and at one time served as chief of surgery at Salem Hospital. He also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve Medical Corps.

Smith is survived by his children, Laura Parker (Ross) and David Smith (fiancée Janet Durkee); four grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and brother Christopher Smith. He was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Deborah; son Bradford Smith; and brother Dana Smith.

**1955 John J. D’Luhly**, 88, of Spring Lake, New Jersey, died on October 9, 2021.

D’Luhly earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Senate, and the Glee Club and worked at WRTC. After attending U.S. Navy Officer Candidate School, he earned an M.B.A. from the Wharton School at the University of Pennsylvania. D’Luhly went on to work as an investment banker at firms including Merrill Lynch, Lazard Frères & Co., and Raymond James Associates. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Trinity College Alumni Association Executive Committee and served as a volunteer in admissions and career development.

D’Luhly is survived by his wife of 53 years, Gale; daughters Amanda D’Luhly and Pamela Londono; son-in-law Juan; one grandson; brother Robert D’Luhly; and sister-in-law Deborah.

**1955 Joseph F. Riccardo Jr.**, 86, formerly of Windsor, Connecticut, died on March 23, 2020.

Riccardo earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Glee Club. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army before launching a 36-year career with Aetna.

Riccardo is survived by his children, Paul Riccardo, Susan Schooley (Patrick), and Mark Riccardo (Jennifer); three

granddaughters; sister Joyce Meyer; and sister-in-law Betty Carney. He was predeceased by his wife, Virginia “Ginny,” and his brother, Robert Riccardo.

**1956 Robert A. Briggaman**, 85, of Chapel Hill, North Carolina, died on June 4, 2020.

Briggaman earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played football and golf. He went on to earn an M.D. from New York University. After serving in the U.S. Army, he went on to a career in the Department of Dermatology at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, where he became a tenured professor. In 1987, he was named the Clayton E. Wheeler Jr. Distinguished Chair of the Department, a position he held until his 1999 retirement. During his career, he published in numerous journals and won many honors.

Briggaman is survived by his wife, Irene, and children Kim and Scott.

**1956 John H.H. Ritter**, 88, formerly of Kokomo, Indiana, died on August 11, 2021.

Ritter earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to a 25-year career with Delco Electronics. The loyal alumnus was a member of Trinity’s Elms Society.

Ritter is survived by his daughters, Lisa Ritter (Mike Shorkey) and Susan Wichmann (Stephen); three grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; brother James Ritter Jr.; and brother-in-law John Nimmo. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Edith; sister Betty Nimmo; and sister-in-law Sylvia Ritter.

**1958 Frank S. Smith**, 84, of Melrose, Massachusetts, died on June 23, 2020.

Smith earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Phi Kappa Psi and played soccer. He took part in the dual degree program with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. Smith went on to serve in the

Vermont Air National Guard. Smith worked as a civil engineer for nearly four decades at New England Electric System, retiring in 1999.

Smith is survived by his wife of 58 years, Alice; children Rachel Smith (Sean Hughes), Emily Smith-Sturr (Ted), Ben Smith (Bunny), and Matt Smith; nine grandchildren; and sister Judith Kinner (Linus). He was predeceased by daughter-in-law Sheila and brother J. Lynwood Smith Jr. (Linda).

**1959 Frank W. Birney**, 83, of Studio City, California, died on June 1, 2021.

Birney earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Glee Club, and the Jesters. He went on to study at the American Academy of Dramatic Art and HB Studios. Birney served in the U.S. Army, studied at the Sorbonne, and taught in Zambia before launching an acting career in Minneapolis and later Los Angeles. He had roles in movies and TV shows, including *Dave*, *Mr. Mom*, *The Golden Girls*, and *Grimm*.

Birney is survived by his wife of 38 years, Betty; children Rebecca Frank (Gary), Anna Ross (Tobias), and Walshe Birney (Caroline Conway); one granddaughter; sister Jane deLeeuw, and sister-in-law Virginia Birney. He was predeceased by brother David Birney IV.

**1959 Alexander E. Fava**, 83, of Wilmington, North Carolina, died on August 12, 2021.

Fava earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Trinity Pipes, the Glee Club, and the Newman Club and played soccer, squash, and tennis. He spent more than three decades working for Shaw’s Supermarkets, including serving as director of store engineering. Fava also served in the U.S. Marine Corps.

Fava is survived by his wife of 62 years, Patsy; children Patty Storms (Morty Bachar) and Ted Fava (Raquel);

six grandchildren; and great-grandchildren.

**1959 Frederick E. Gignoux III**, 86, of Charlottesville, Virginia, died on March 16, 2020.

Gignoux earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and worked on the staff of WRTC and the literary magazine. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army before earning an M.B.A. from the University of Virginia’s Darden School of Business. Gignoux worked at UVA and International Paper Company before starting his own business, Tops for Bottoms Diaper Service. He later owned and operated a vineyard.

Gignoux is survived by his wife of 60 years, Struthers; children Leslie Fritz (Scott), Hollister McDonnell, and Noel de Dubnic (Sandy); five grandchildren; and brother Philip (Mary Alice Kleinjam). He was predeceased by siblings Suzie Gignoux and Peter Gignoux.

**1959 George G. Macintire**, 82, of Lewes, Delaware, died on April 4, 2020.

Macintire attended Trinity before apprenticing as a river pilot for The Pilots’ Association for the Bay and River Delaware, where he went on to work for more than 40 years.

Macintire is survived by his wife of 58 years, Pat; daughters Cordelia Winton (Graham), Meredith Palmer (fiancé Walter Morris), and Jennifer Zerby (Jeffrey); three grandchildren; and brother-in-law David Yost (Jean).

**1960 Alfred M. “Ted” Moynihan**, 81, of Yalesville, Connecticut, died on May 8, 2020.

Moynihan attended Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and played football and baseball, before owning the Corner Shoppe in Yalesville and serving as a sports and op-ed columnist for the *Record Journal*.

Moynihan is survived by his wife of 57 years, Frances; children Mark Moynihan, Mary Underwood (Thomas), and Lea Moynihan; two grandchildren; and sister Joan Prest. He was

predeceased by sister Jean Jacobs and brothers-in-law Bernard Pech and Pat Prest.

**1961 A. Gary Mandirola**, 81, of Suffield, Connecticut, died on July 9, 2021.

Mandirola earned a B.A. in economics and political science from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He went on to a 37-year career with Aetna, retiring as an assistant vice president.

Mandirola is survived by his wife of 59 years, Terry; sons Todd (Jean), Scott (Becky), and Brian (Pam); nine grandchildren; and brother Raye (Barbara).

**1962 Robert G. Hunt**, 81, of Pearland, Texas, died on August 22, 2021.

Hunt earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Chapel Singers and the cross country and track and field teams. He went on to earn an M.Div. from the Episcopal Seminary of the Southwest and later an M.S.W. from the University of Texas at Arlington. His work life included time as a social worker for the State of Texas, the owner of a job-training business, and a musician.

Hunt is survived by his daughters, Rebecca Jung (Peter) and Dianna Hunt (Evan Moore III); sister Judy Scherzo (Carmen); stepdaughters Mauri Elkins (Shawn) and Jodi Elland (Michael Clark); and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Zonna, and his second wife, Sharon.

**1962 David W. Strawbridge**, 81, of Radnor, Pennsylvania, died on June 26, 2021.

Strawbridge earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi, the Glee Club, and the Jesters. He served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps before starting his career in retailing, first at Bloomingdale's and then with the family business, Strawbridge & Clothier.

Strawbridge is survived by his children, Christopher

Strawbridge and Geoffrey Strawbridge '92; three grandchildren; two siblings; and his former wife, Mary Ellen Partel.

**1962 David D. Thomas**, 80, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on June 22, 2021.

Thomas earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Chess Club and the Canterbury Club. He went on to further study at New York University, Iowa State University, the University of Hawaii Oahu, and Woods Hole in Massachusetts. Thomas worked in medical research at VA hospitals, first in Newington, Connecticut, and then in Washington, D.C.; he retired in 2001.

Thomas is survived by his wife, Priscilla; children Elizabeth Gallegos (Rafael) and Peter Thomas (Vanessa); six grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

**1963 Wilfred C. Files Jr.**, 80, of Homer, Alaska, died on July 27, 2021.

Files earned a B.A. in music from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi and the band and played lacrosse. He went on to a career in education, teaching music and mathematics. Files also earned an M.B.A. from the University of Alaska Anchorage.

Files is survived by his wife, Martha Ellen; his sons, Wilfred (Annie) and Kirby (Amory); her children, Stan, Ruth (Brad), and Freya; five grandchildren; and one great-granddaughter.

**1963 Robert B. "Benji" Rubel**, 78, of Pittsford, New York, died on April 7, 2020.

Rubel earned a B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the band. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army Reserve before working in his family's machine shop. In 2004, he formed a new specialty tool company for recreational vehicles.

Rubel is survived by his brother, Edward (Julie).

**1964 William J. Barnes III**, 78, of Union, New Jersey, died on July 31, 2021.

Barnes earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to edit books and crossword puzzles.

Barnes is survived by his life partner of 32 years, Andréa.

**1965 Richard D. Gould**, 77, of Plainview, New York, died on July 6, 2021.

Gould earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the track team. He went on to earn a J.D. from Boston University and an LL.M. from Harvard University. Gould was a founding professor at what is now New England Law, teaching estate planning and property law for 35 years.

Gould is survived by his wife of 51 years, Rhoda; children Robert Gould (Jennifer) and Deborah Marcus (Scott); six grandchildren; brother Martin Gould (Rebecca); and sister-in-law Linda Brieloff.

**1965, HON. 2018 Ralph V. Katz**, 77, of New York, died on May 26, 2021.

Katz earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and a four-year member of the tennis team; he also participated in Hillel. Katz went on to earn a D.M.D. from Tufts University School of Dental Medicine and later an M.P.H. in dental public health and a Ph.D. in epidemiology from the University of Minnesota (UM). He served in the U.S. Army Dental Corps and later worked on the dental school faculties at UM, the University of Connecticut, and New York University. Katz also co-authored "The Tuskegee Legacy Project," a report that shined a light on the recruitment and retention of minorities in biomedical research studies, and was present in the White House in 1997 for President Bill Clinton's formal apology to those involved in

the U.S. Public Health Service Syphilis Study at Tuskegee. In recognition of his career and contributions to the greater good, Katz received an honorary doctor of science degree from Trinity in 2018.

Katz is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Barbara "Beej"; son Amos (Elsie); and one grandson. He was predeceased by brother Sidney Katz '64.

**1967 James S. McCulloch**, 75, of Evanston, Illinois, died on February 6, 2021.

McCulloch earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Glee Club, the Jesters, and the swimming and lacrosse teams. McCulloch went on to earn an M.D. from the University of Illinois and then to a career as a family physician.

McCulloch is survived by his wife, Kristine; children Michael McCulloch and Mary Agnes Haigh (John); and 10 grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother John.

**1967 Robert H. Ratcliffe**, 76, of Bethesda, Maryland, died on September 10, 2021.

Ratcliffe earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn a graduate degree from the Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy at Tufts University. Ratcliffe served in the U.S. Army Medical Service Corps before attending Boston University School of Law. He then worked as a lawyer with the Federal Communications Commission.

Ratcliffe is survived by his wife of 50 years, Michelle, and sons Michael Ratcliffe and John Ratcliffe.

**1967 Michael M. Sargent**, 74, of Garner, North Carolina, died on April 8, 2020.

Sargent attended Trinity, where he played soccer, and served in the U.S. Air Force. He went on to work at Variety Wholesalers for 25 years.

Sargent is survived by his wife, Joyce; children Michael "Andy" Sargent, Tammy Clement, and Deanna Eatmon; four grandchildren; two great-grandchildren; and sister Mary Coles.

**1970 Lawrence B. Hawkins**, 71, of Dallas, died on April 26, 2020.

Hawkins earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the football team. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Cornell University. Hawkins began his career in investment banking at Mellon Bank, later moving on to Valley National Bank in Arizona and M Bank in Dallas. He then served as president of Investors Trust.

Hawkins is survived by his wife of 51 years, Kris; children Jeffrey Hawkins '92 (Christa), a current Trinity College trustee; Erick (Hilary); and Lindsey Ambrose (Connor); and six grandchildren.

**1972 Eric S. Weiss**, 71, of Sleepy Hollow, New York, died on September 7, 2021.

Weiss earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon and the Jesters and took part in Hillel. He went on to earn a J.D. from New York Law School. Weiss practiced in the field of tax certiorari law since 1982, including running his own firm for 12 years and then joining Tuchman Katz as a partner in 2000.

Weiss is survived by his wife, Lois; children Gabe (Stephanie), Bradley, and Mona (Ethan Roose); and two grandchildren.

**1976 Michael T. Mistretta**, 66, of Manchester, Connecticut, died on July 1, 2021.

Mistretta earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and played football and basketball. He went on to a four-decade career, first at Aetna and then UBS Global Asset Management, where he was executive director.

Mistretta is survived by his sons, Jackson Mistretta and Travis Mistretta; siblings Joseph

Mistretta (Nancy), Gerald Mistretta (Ann Marie), and Marge Sandwick (Bill); and sister-in-law Sandy Mistretta. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 32 years, Carol, and his brother, James Mistretta.

**1979 Susan Conlon Barnes**, 63, of Simsbury, Connecticut, died on June 1, 2020.

Barnes earned a B.S. in engineering and an M.S. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. She went on to work as an engineer at Pratt & Whitney.

Barnes is survived by her husband, Dana, and her son, Jordan.

**1984 Robert E. O'Connell**, 59, of Wappingers Falls, New York, died on June 1, 2021.

O'Connell earned a B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from Carnegie Mellon University. O'Connell worked for 30 years as a cost estimator for IBM in Poughkeepsie, New York.

O'Connell is survived by his mother and three siblings.

**1985 Andrew C. Carlson**, 59, of Rutland, Vermont, died on August 5, 2021.

Carlson earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Trinity Pipes, the Chapel Singers, and the Chapel Choir. He went on to earn an M.Div. from the Berkeley Divinity School of Yale University. Carlson worked as a mental health and pastoral counselor for many agencies, including Rutland Mental Health, and as a chaplain and bereavement counselor. In 2016, he began serving as rector of All Saints Anglican Church in Rutland.

Carlson is survived by his children, James, Rachel, and Stephen Carlson; brother Jonathan Carlson (Stephanie); and his former wife, Karen.

**1985 Christopher P. Corbett**, 57, of Warwick, Rhode Island, died on June 3, 2021.

Corbett earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of the Concert

Choir, the Jesters, and the staff of the *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to graduate from the New England School of Law and to practice for many years in Rhode Island. Corbett then served as a specialized fiduciary officer-assistant vice president at Bank of America.

Corbett is survived by his mother, Joanne Corbett, and siblings Carl Corbett (Rebecca), Deborah Bryan (Martin), and Kerrin Martini. He was predeceased by brother-in-law Steven.

**1985 Robert E. O'Brien**, 57, of Cambridge, Massachusetts, died on May 19, 2020.

O'Brien earned a B.S. in computer coordinate with mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Chapel Singers and editor of *The Trinity Papers*. He went on to work for 35 years as a principal software engineer at EGH in Lexington, Massachusetts.

O'Brien is survived by his siblings, Jean Livingston (Mike), Francis "Jerry" O'Brien (Dennis Powell), and Thomas O'Brien.

**1986 Edwin Figueroa**, 55, of Carteret, New Jersey, died on May 2, 2020.

Figueroa earned a B.A. in sociology from Trinity, where he was involved with La Voz Latina and the Trinity Coalition of Blacks. He went on to work at Operation Respect, a nonprofit that offers curriculum and training to promote more respectful learning communities.

Figueroa is survived by his wife of 24 years, Maribel; his children and grandchildren; his wife's children and grandchildren; and his siblings.

**1987 Kurt E. Stout**, 56, of Alexandria, Virginia, died on October 3, 2021.

Stout earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and played lacrosse. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from American University. Stout worked in federal government real estate at Grubb & Ellis and later at Colliers International.

Stout is survived by his wife,

Susan; stepson Justin Klaff; and brother William Stout.

**1988 Thomas C. Wyckoff**, 55, of Weston, Connecticut, died on October 3, 2021.

Wyckoff earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to earn a J.D. from Albany Law School. Wyckoff began his legal career as a securities attorney at the Wall Street firm of Cahill Gordon & Reindel. He later served as general counsel and then CEO for Artistic Greetings. He also founded Wyckoff General Counsel, which outsourced to other companies.

Wyckoff is survived by his children, Morgan, Clint, and George; mother Judith Komer; and sisters Elizabeth Sullivan, Jennifer Sullivan, and Catherine Murray.

**2013 Adam J. Opiela**, 30, of Medfield, Massachusetts, died on July 25, 2021.

While earning a B.A. in history from Trinity, Opiela spent a semester studying in Rome. He went on to earn a master's degree in education from the University of Texas at Austin and was set to teach in the Austin school district in fall 2021.

Opiela is survived by his parents, Nancy and Joseph; siblings Alex and Katherine; and grandmother Patricia.

**2018 Michael "Mikey" Bankston III**, 25, of Chicago, died on September 17, 2021.

Bankston, a Posse Scholar, earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was involved in La Voz Latina, the Temple of Hip Hop, and the Samba Ensemble. He was working as a freelance writer while taking premed courses at the University of Illinois Chicago.

Bankston is survived by his mother and stepfather, Marleen Cruz and Jesreel Cruz; father Michael Bankston Jr.; and siblings Mikeas Bankston, Jesreel Cruz II, and Shiloh Cruz.

## 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.

## IDP

**1983 Susana López Ibarгүйen**, 76, of Miami, Florida, died on August 28, 2021.

Ibarгүйen earned a B.A. in economics and then spent a decade in banking. She went on to work in support of the arts in Miami, including serving as president of the board of the Pérez Art Museum Miami. The dedicated Trinity alumnus served on the boards of the Miami-Dade County Cultural Affairs Council and the Fairchild Tropical Botanic Garden.

Ibarгүйen is survived by her husband, Alberto Ibarгүйen; son Diego Ibarгүйen; three grandchildren; and brothers Alberto López and Jorge López.

**2000 Michael D. Verno**, 77, of Cheshire, Connecticut, died on June 7, 2020.

Verno earned a B.S. in psychology and went on to work as a mental health clinician at Waterbury Hospital.

Verno is survived by his wife of 21 years, Diane; children William Verno, Carmine Verno, and Deanna Farrelly; stepson Michael Murphy; several grandchildren; and brothers Robert Verno (Nancy) and John Verno (Antoinette).

## HONORARY DEGREES

**1972 Richard L. Aiken '53**;  
please see page 73.

**2018 Ralph V. Katz '65**;  
please see page 75.

## FORMER FACULTY

**Edward Bobko**, 96, of Newington, Connecticut, died on October 31, 2021.

Bobko joined the U.S. Navy in 1943 and served in its 115th Construction Battalion in the South Pacific until the end of World War II. He went on to earn a B.S. from Western Reserve University (which later merged with the Case School of Applied Science to form Case Western Reserve University) and then a Ph.D. in organic chemistry from Northwestern University. Three years later, Bobko joined the Trinity faculty; he served the college for 33 years, until his 1988 retirement as the Scovill Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus.

Bobko is survived by his children, Jane, Michael, and John Bobko, and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Janice Bobko and brother John A. Bobko.

## DEATH NOTICES

**1946 William Flint Jr.**

**1947 Elkan Ries**

**1947 George Smith**

**1951 James Condon**

**1951 John Groth Jr.**

**1951 William Hornish**

**1951 Armando Ricci Jr.**

**1953 Henry Becker Jr.**

**1953 Franklin Freeman**

**1953 Glen N. Gordon Jr.**

**1953 Ellerd Hulbert**

**1953 John McIver**

**1953 Thomas J. Michie Jr.**

**1953 Ward Swain**

**1954 James Evans**

**1954 William H. Goodhart**

**1954 John Kaelber II**

**1955 John S. Gleason**

**1956 Edwin Abrams**

**1956 Robert B. Frantz**

**1957 Harvey Collins**

**1957 Ward Just**

**1957 Martin Payne**

**1958 John Drago**

**1959 Alex Lagoudakis**

**1959 Peter Vaughn**

**1961 John Thrower**

**1962 Rudolph van der Hiel**

**1963 Clarence Carruth III**

**1967 Jit Khoo**

**1968 John H. Lowe III**

**1973 Lawrence Garber**

**1975 David Bodine**

**1975 Neal Goldberg**

**1975 Lisa Roth**

**1978 Peter Lycurgus**

**M.A. 1950 L. Howard Carl Jr.**

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**[1] SEPTEMBER 21, 2021**

From Hartford to Hollywood:  
A Conversation with Stephanie  
Ritz '90 and President Joanne  
Berger-Sweeney, Virtual Long Walk



**[2] SEPTEMBER 27, 2021**

The Seventh Annual Paul E.  
Raether Cup, Manhasset, New York

**[3] OCTOBER 2, 2021**

The Presentation of the Class  
of 1970 50th Reunion Gift at  
Homecoming 2021, with John Bonee  
'70, President Joanne Berger-  
Sweeney, and Ernie Mattei '70, P'03  
Hartford, Connecticut



**[4] OCTOBER 2, 2021**

Tailgating at Homecoming 2021,  
Hartford, Connecticut

**[5] OCTOBER 2, 2021** The  
Dedication of Tansill Muldoon  
Stadium at Homecoming 2021,  
with Bill Scully '61 and Doug Tansill  
'61, P'91, '96, Hartford, Connecticut

**[6] OCTOBER 27, 2021**

Living in Truth, How We All Need  
to Come Out: A Conversation with  
Aina Ifetayo Oyewole-Williams '96;  
moderated by Yarel Silverio  
Marshall '96, Women's Leadership  
Council

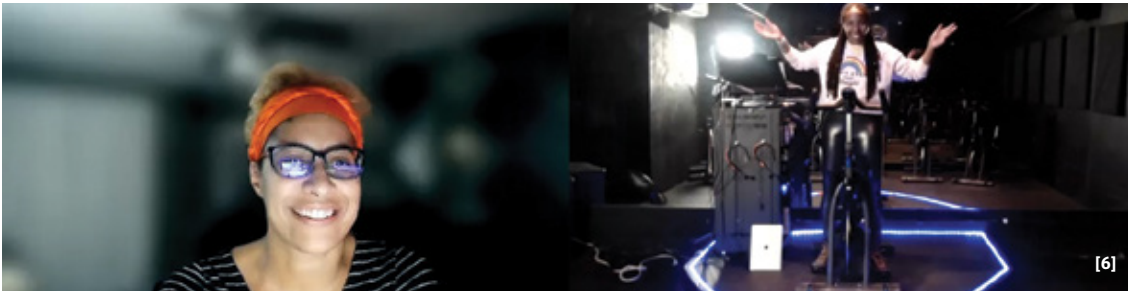
**[7] OCTOBER 28, 2021**

Emeriti Faculty Reflections  
featuring Ward Curran '57, H'12,  
P'92, GP'12, Drew Hyland P'87, '91,  
GP'15, Milla Riggio, Robin Sheppard  
M'76, and David Winer P'86, '93;  
moderated by Borden Painter Jr.  
'58, H'95, Virtual Long Walk

**[8] NOVEMBER 1, 2021**

Getting Started with Bryant  
McBride '88, P'20, Trinity  
Entrepreneurial Network  
Roundtable Discussion





# Creating a network of support



You could say that one gathering led to another.

A few years ago, two women of color leaders—Mariko Silver, former president of Bennington College and president and CEO of the Henry Luce Foundation, and I—were at a meeting of college presidents. We looked around the room and saw almost no other women of color. That was the moment when our idea began to take shape. We enlisted Johnnetta Betsch Cole H'98, president emerita of Spelman and Bennett Colleges, who was, at the time, a fellow at The Andrew W. Mellon Foundation, to help us think about increasing the number of women of color presidents in academia.

What if we could bring together women of color leaders, not only from academia but also from across industries, to share a network of support? In doing so, we would be connecting women of color who lead the highest producers of talent (the academy) and women of color who lead the highest users of talent (other sectors). Through getting to know one another, we would have the opportunity to learn how to create a talent pipeline between higher ed and industry.

We knew early on that we should plan more than just a gathering of women of color; we wanted to bring together women of color who *also* are at the top of their organizations. We know that it's often those in that No. 1 role—be it CEO, president, chancellor, or some other title—who hold the loneliest position. We all, as human beings, seek people who have something in common with us; we wanted to act on that premise.

In October 2021, with funding from a Mellon Foundation grant, we held “Convening Women of Color: Leaders Connecting Across Sectors,” with approximately 40 participants, including those at the top of their organizations and some aspiring to those roles, at the DELAMAR West Hartford (for more, please see page 4). During the two-day event, we shared our stories, built valuable connections, and took part in exercises meant to gain insight into one another's lives, both personal and professional.

I was pleased to welcome several Trinity alumnae and administrators to the convening, including Francesca Borges Gordon '82, director of development, outreach and external relations at the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving; Karraine Moody '01, CEO of Hartford Area Habitat for Humanity;

Jacquelyn Santiago '00, CEO of COMPASS Youth Collaborative; Karen Taylor IDP'15, director of equity and opportunity for the City of Hartford; and Glendowyn Thames M'13, deputy commissioner with the Connecticut Department of Economic and Community Development. The event was expertly managed by Trinity's Karolina Kwiecinska '16, who is my special assistant.

One of the highlights of the convening was the discussion with Indra Nooyi, former CEO and chair of PepsiCo. She had just released her latest book, *My Life in Full: Work, Family, and Our Future*, a memoir that offers lessons for women in leadership. The rapt audience benefited from the many pearls of wisdom she generously shared.

The atmosphere of the convening bears mention as well. All the details—from the stage setup to the music to the food—communicated that this gathering was meant to surround participants with support and care. While networking and getting to know one another certainly were key goals, having fun clearly was important, too. I know how tough it can be to lead an organization and to be a woman of color; I also know how isolating it can be. That's why it was so important to provide a safe space to talk about a support network and to demonstrate what that network looks like and feels like.

Plans are being finalized for a second convening in January 2022, which will have taken place by the time you read this column. We'll be meeting on the West Coast, at UCLA's Luskin Conference Center, thanks to Rhea Turteltaub '82, Trinity trustee and vice chancellor for external affairs at UCLA, and we'll focus specifically on those at the apex of their respective organizations. We'll also draw a more national roster (COVID-19 led us to stay local for our October 2021 convening) at the California event, made possible through the remainder of the Mellon Foundation grant and additional resources from the Henry Luce Foundation. We hope to continue to have additional gatherings, depending on funding.

We are confident of the great value in convening women of color leaders. Each participant in October's meeting had to bring her head, her heart, and her spirit to the convening to make it work. And each leader, to a woman, did just that. This is one small way that Trinity connections are positively impacting higher education and the world. ■



**Lisa Koch Rao '95 and Ashvin Rao '95** initially began giving as a way to remain connected to Trinity College as alumni. As the years progressed, their involvement deepened, as Lisa began volunteering with students, in the Women's Leadership Council, as a class agent, and now as a member of the Board of Fellows.

Their yearly gift and membership in the Long Walk Societies enables current students to experience the same wealth of opportunities that Trinity offered them. "As students, we weren't aware of the long-term relationship we would have with Trinity College. We both appreciated the school, but we had no idea the impact that it would have on our lives, from our marriage to our children to the connections we have made as alumni. We've always been proud alumni, but recently seeing how the school has navigated change and embraced innovation, we are more proud than ever to be a part of its history and, now, its future."



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