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“At Trinity, we are focused on enrolling highly talented students from all backgrounds, and our 25-year partnership with the Posse Foundation has helped the College to enroll nearly 350 high-achieving students from New York and Chicago.”

—Trinity President DANIEL G. LUGO, page 22

Second-year Tyree Fellows present their final projects in spring 2026 to Danny Briere, Ruane Family Executive Director of the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship, center. See page 34 for more.

ON THE COVER

A two-story-tall masterpiece by conceptual artist Sol LeWitt, a portion of which is shown here, shines brightly once again, 28 years after its installation in what is now the Cornelia Center. For more on the restoration of *Wall Drawing #849: Irregular Blobs of Color*, please see page 12.

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Gaining momentum in our pursuit of excellence

While we are still in the early days of the fall semester, I am incredibly optimistic for what this year will bring, as we are seeing signs of notable progress across the College, including encouraging results in enrollment and fundraising, significant facility improvements, and impressive student outcomes.

Our newest Bantams—572 of them, a 20 percent increase in the number of new students over last year—arrived on the Long Walk this September full of anticipation and ready to explore all the opportunities that Trinity College has to offer.

As we welcome our new students, we are already thinking about future classes and how we can enroll the most talented students. With that in mind, the College recently announced the launch of a multifaceted marketing and financial aid initiative that positions the College to compete for the best students from Connecticut, who in recent years increasingly have not seen Trinity as their top-choice college.

The Hometown Hartford initiative will help ensure that Trinity is on the application list of every outstanding student in our home city. The program more clearly articulates our existing financial aid offerings, letting every admitted student from Hartford know that Trinity will provide them with a full scholarship.

Similarly, the College strives to be the top choice for students in Central Connecticut and will clearly offer half-tuition grants to all admitted students with primary residences in Hartford County and its adjoining counties of Litchfield, Middlesex, New Haven, New London, and Tolland.

This program aims to make Trinity an even more desirable option for the region's highest achieving students.

And to ensure that we attract and retain the best employee talent at the College, Trinity will provide full-tuition remission to all admitted children of employees with three or more years of continuous, full-time service to Trinity.

These exciting financial aid offerings are among several investments we're making across campus, including physical upgrades to academic and residential spaces, athletics facilities, and infrastructure. During the summer, historic Seabury Hall and McCook Auditorium classrooms were refurbished, and the first half of a two-summer plan for renovations to all first-year residence halls took place. In addition, construction began on a new marquee facility on campus, the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship; to read about what will happen in this space, set for a fall 2027 opening, turn to page 34.

Not far from the Elting Center, the Cornelia Center's one-of-a-kind wall drawing by renowned artist Sol LeWitt breathed new life, the result of a summer restoration project. A photo of the revived installation, originally painted by Trinity students, faculty, and alumni following LeWitt's written instructions, graces this issue's cover. To learn more, including the unique ties that LeWitt had to our neighborhood, please see page 12. Elsewhere on campus, courts at the Paul D. Assaiante Tennis Center were fully rebuilt with a new post-tensioned concrete foundation, and new lighting was installed on the softball field.

Repairs were made to the Chapel tower, and less glamorous but perhaps the most essential, progress on the College's ongoing heating and cooling master plan was made.

We are also excited about the strong early outcomes, indicators, and results that Trinity is experiencing. We all felt great pride as we said farewell to the Class of 2026 with the confidence that they are on the path to successful futures. And we know this thanks to our Career and Life Design Center's first destinations survey, which showed that 98 percent of the Class of 2025 have secured jobs, enrolled in continuing education, or found other meaningful "first destinations" within six months of their graduation.

As you all already know so well, the transformative power of a Trinity education continues to yield tremendous results. This fact was once again acknowledged by LinkedIn as the networking platform's Top Colleges ranking named Trinity as the No. 5 liberal arts college in the nation for career outcomes. In addition, Trinity was ranked No. 36 in the nation in LinkedIn's Top 50 when measured against career outcomes for all higher education institutions, including large elite universities.

Our strong showings in the LinkedIn rankings and our exemplary student outcomes are fueled by the dedication of our expert faculty and staff and the ongoing commitment of alumni. We have much more work to do as we strive to build positive momentum for the College, and I look forward to working with each of you in our ongoing pursuit of excellence.



Along the Walk



Commencement

Above: Soon-to-be graduates, including Mackenzie Vallas '26, center, take part in the Commencement ceremony.



For more on Commencement, please visit trincollreporter.online/Commencement2026.

“Passion is a force that can transform obstacles into opportunities and setbacks into fuel for growth,” N. Louis “Lou” Shipley ’85—a Trinity trustee, multi-time tech CEO, and senior lecturer in entrepreneurship at Harvard Business School—told the Trinity College Class of 2026 during his Commencement address on Sunday, May 17.

Addressing a crowd of thousands assembled on the Main Quad for Trinity's 200th Commencement, Shipley urged students to combine their liberal arts degrees with an entrepreneurial mindset. "The resilience and intellectual agility cultivated in a liberal arts education lay the foundation for entrepreneurialism," he said. "Your degree will help you navigate changes, learn new roles, and reinvent yourself throughout your career."

The 549 members of the Class of 2026 represented 30 states and 46 countries. Among the undergraduates, 317 received bachelor of arts degrees, and 221 were awarded bachelor of science degrees. Eleven graduate students received master's degrees.

Trinity bestowed an honorary doctor of humane letters degree on Shipley in recognition of his distinguished career, exceptional entrepreneurial spirit, and unyielding dedication to the College. Trinity also awarded an honorary doctor of science degree to Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Trinity College president, emerita, who served from 2014–25 as the institution's 22nd president and is an accomplished neuroscientist and author of more than 60 scientific publications. Carolyn A. Pelzel '74 received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of her career in higher education advancement and her contributions to Trinity in a variety of roles, including shepherding the All In campaign.

Members of the Class of 2026 also heard from Trevor Francis McDonald '26, who spoke about gratitude in the face of obstacles. "You learn far more about yourself in moments of struggle than in moments of comfort," he said. "True growth often happens when things are hard."

President Daniel G. Lugo said the class helped him understand the meaning of the College as a living community. "In my first year as president, I have come to understand that Trinity's tradition matters most when it becomes fuel for our future," he said. "The point of honoring 200 Commencements is not to look backward



1. A glimpse of the ceremony
2. Commencement speaker N. Louis "Lou" Shipley '85
3. Junny Nguyen '26 and My Dong '26
4. Salutatorian Marie Naka '26 and valedictorian Ki Tae Hwang '26
5. Aprajita Agrawal '26 and Kwaku Agyapong '26
6. Trinity President Daniel G. Lugo
7. Student speaker Trevor Francis McDonald '26
8. Honorary degree recipients Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Trinity College president, emerita; N. Louis "Lou" Shipley '85, and Carolyn A. Pelzel '74 with President Daniel G. Lugo
9. Trinity College Board of Trustees Chair Lisa Bisaccia '78



"Your degree will help you navigate changes, learn new roles, and reinvent yourself throughout your career."

N. LOUIS "LOU" SHIPLEY '85



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with satisfaction. It is to ask what the next 200 will require of us.” He left the students with a charge: “Carry the tradition. Build what is missing. And bring others with you.”

Ki Tae Hwang, of South Korea, who earned a B.S., summa cum laude, with honors in mathematics and computer science, was named valedictorian; Marie Naka, of Maryland, who earned a B.A., summa cum laude, with honors in educational studies, was named salutatorian.

Following the awarding of degrees, Trinity College Alumni Association President Scott A. Lessne '80 welcomed the graduates into the company of Trinity alumni, numbering more than 30,000 around the world. The celebrations began as the new Trinity graduates tossed their mortarboards in the air.

ACCOLADES

Trustee Award for Faculty

Excellence: Charles A. Dana Professor of Music **Gail H. Woldu**; **Staff**

Excellence: Interim Director of Career and Life Design and Associate Director of Strategy and Student Development

Maria Dyane '17, M'19; Associate Director of Strategic Projects and ERP Project Manager **Kimberly F. Eckart**; **Student Excellence:** **Zaynab Hameed Khan '26, Alexandra Torres Pons '26**

The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence:

Associate Professor of Political Science **Reo Matsuzaki**; Professor of History **Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre**

The Dean Arthur H. Hughes Award for Achievement in Teaching:

Assistant Professor of Philosophy **Carmen De Schryver**; Assistant Professor of Political Science **Nhat-Dang Do**

Around Hartford

The Governor's Residence

990 PROSPECT AVENUE, HARTFORD, CT

The Governor's Residence, located in the city's West End at Prospect and Asylum Avenues, is more than just the house where Connecticut's top elected official lives. The home, listed on the National Register of Historic Places, serves as the site for many official functions of the governor and for charitable events sponsored by nonprofits. It also offers several free and open-to-the-public events, including the 2026 Holiday Open House on December 4 and 5 from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. each day. The

event will feature holiday trees decorated by volunteers, art from museums around the state, live music from local schools, Santa greeting guests, and a collection drive for Toys for Tots. In addition, the dining room table will be set by a local designer, and the annual commissioned ornament—this year showcasing the Jacobson Barn on the University of Connecticut

campus in Storrs—will benefit the Governor's Residence Conservancy, which holds responsibility for planning and supervising the preservation, restoration, and maintenance of the entire property. Visitors to the Holiday Open House will receive a card featuring a favorite recipe of the governor's family.

Built in 1909 for Hartford physician and industrialist George C.F. Williams, the Georgian Revival-style home was designed by the Boston-based architectural firm of Andrews, Jacques & Rantoul, and in 1916, Hartford architects

Smith & Bassette designed the north and south wing additions. Much of the home's furnishings in use today were created by Connecticut artisans. The first state leader to live in the house was Governor Raymond E. Baldwin, who moved in with his family in September 1945; today, the residence is home to Edward Miner "Ned" Lamont Jr. H'25, Trinity's Commencement speaker in 2025, and his wife, Annie. For more information about the Governor's Residence history and available tours, please visit trincollreporter.online/Governor.



New trustees

Four new members were named to the Trinity College Board of Trustees and began their terms on July 1, 2026.

The new charter trustees are **Amy McGill Dilatush '94**, a director of marketing at PGIM, the global asset management business of Prudential Financial Inc.; **Karoline Shair P'29**, former chief legal officer and corporate secretary at Akouos, a Boston-based biotechnology company that was acquired by Eli Lilly; and **Charles "Charlie" Siguler '10**, chief investment officer of Uphill Farm, a family office based in Greenwich, Connecticut. **Scott Lessne '80**, senior counsel of the financial services and corporate practice groups at Crowell & Moring LLP, was named as the Trinity College Alumni Association trustee representative.

"Amy, Karoline, Charles, and Scott are talented and committed members of the Trinity community who will bring significant personal and professional experience to our board," said President Daniel G. Lugo. "They join the board at an important time in the history of the College as the trustees are focused on setting the strategic vision for Trinity's next era. Their individual areas of expertise and their collective enthusiasm for Trinity will enable each of them to make a positive impact on the trajectory of the College."

Returning trustees Lisa Alvarez-Calderón '88, Malcolm Fraser MacLean IV '92, and Stephanie Ritz '90 were reelected for another term on the board.

Board officers elected for the coming year are Lisa G. Bisaccia '78, chair, and Jeffrey B. Hawkins '92, Susannah Smetana Kagan '91, and David L. Schnadig '86, vice chairs.



For more on these individuals and all Trinity trustees, please visit trincollreporter.online/Trustees.

LETTERS

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WITH GRATITUDE TO RANDY LEE

I was happy to read the recent article in the *Reporter* about Dr. Randy Lee ["Volunteer Spotlight," spring 2026]. When I was a senior at Trinity, I went through a personal crisis precipitated mostly by my parents' divorce. I made an appointment to see Dr. Lee, and he immediately helped. I went back a few more times, and he helped even more. All these years later, I don't remember exactly what he said, but I do remember going from feeling overwhelmed and lost to feeling like I could and would get through that difficult situation and be OK. I'm forever grateful to Dr. Lee. ... He's really a great guy.

Steve Schutz, M.D., '84

Boise, Idaho

REMEMBERING SCOTT SMEDLEY

[The spring 2026 story on firefly research by Scott Smedley and his student] brought back a lot of fond memories of working alongside Scott in the Biology Department. As some of you know, Scott was instrumental in acquiring the Church Farm property for Trinity, which was a great place for field trips and student research for several years. ... Scott was a great friend and colleague; he and the opportunities presented by the Church Farm were among the reasons I came to Trinity. Along with his professional dedication to his students and colleagues, Scott also just liked to have fun. We all remember the ice cream socials during the summer research period when Scott brought his own old-fashioned hand-crank ice cream maker, and everyone took a turn before sharing the spoils. I know this recognition would make Scott proud, although, as he was, he would be very humble about accepting all the praise.

Joan Morrison

*Professor of Biology, Emerita
Corrales, New Mexico*

Editor's note: *Morrison also shared the photo above, which shows Craig Schneider (biology), Christopher Geiss (environmental science),*



Craig C. Schneider '05 (environmental science major), Joan Morrison (biology), and Scott Smedley (biology) at a September 2015 gathering. Morrison writes, "Before he retired, Craig had an annual get-together, a Labor Day party as it were, and colleagues from throughout the College would attend. ... It would be nice to have the photo included somewhere; all of the folks in it will have fond memories of that time."

THE CHAPEL SINGERS OF YESTERYEAR

Thank you for putting that picture on the back of the *Reporter* (spring 2026) and asking for names. My husband, Stan Marcuss, is a member of the Class of 1963. We recognize three of the singers, all members of Stan's class: Ted Stier, third from left in front row; Dick Chang, at the left in the front row; and Dick Gooden, fourth from right in the back row (including the choral director in the count.) Again, thanks.

Rosemary Marcuss

Washington, D.C.

The first Lessons and Carols was in 1958. I sang in the first four. For trebles, [Clarence] Watters used boys from St. John's in West Hartford, where he also was in charge of music.

Donald H. Jones '62

Rochester, New York

Editor's note: *Donald Jones also writes that in the spring 2026 back cover photo of The Chapel Singers, he's the fourth from left in the top row. Others he says he spied in the photo include Bob Ierley '62, Bob Hunt '62, Al Burfeind '64, Jim Sweeney '62, Paul Johnson '62, Bob Harned '61, Ted Stier '63, and (possibly) Carl Scott Zimmerman '61. He also named Chaplain J. Moulton "Mo" Thomas, far left in the top row, and Professor of Music Clarence Watters H'35, far right in the top row.*

For more letters, please visit trincollreporter.online/LettersFall2026.

Volunteer Spotlight

Senior Class Gift Committee

During her sophomore year at Trinity, public policy and law major Demetra Danas '26 began searching for an on-campus job. She quickly found a position as a student advancement officer and discovered that she enjoyed the work. "I love connecting with people," says Danas. "I love the people I worked with in the Advancement Office, and when my senior year came around, I was asked to spearhead the Senior Class Gift Campaign."

An annual fundraising initiative, the Senior Class Gift Campaign is led by members of the senior class, with the goal of making a monetary contribution to the Trinity College Fund to have a positive impact on the College and to help sustain the Trinity experience for future generations.

Danas accepted the volunteer chair position and was joined on the Senior Class Gift Committee by Ronita Murseli '26, Thai An Rosario '26, and Samantha Slofkiss '26.

Murseli, an engineering major from Kosovo with a concentration in electrical engineering, notes that she feels a sense of gratitude toward Trinity and a responsibility to give back to the community. "I always imagined that would happen later in life, after graduating and becoming established in my career, so being able to contribute while still a student felt especially meaningful," she says.

Murseli served as president of the College's chapter of the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) and hopes to build a career as an electrical engineer in the power industry, particularly in areas related to grid stability and energy infrastructure.

For Rosario, a public policy and law major from Massachusetts with a minor in English, "Being a part of the Senior Class Gift Committee was a meaningful way to connect with both new and familiar members of my class during my final year at Trinity," she says. "Being able to help organize the fundraising campaign for the Class of 2026 was a great way for me to play an active role in giving back to the school that provided me with this wonderful community."

**Samantha Slofkiss '26, Thai An Rosario '26,
Demetra Danas '26, and Ronita Murseli '26
with President Dan Lugo**

Rosario now works for a juvenile defense attorney while completing the law school application process. She hopes to begin her legal studies in fall 2027 and to continue pursuing her passion for public service and law.

Slofkiss, an economics major with a formal organizations minor, described serving on the committee as "one of the most unexpected joys" of her Trinity experience. She also played on the women's basketball team, was a member of the Student-Athlete Advisory Committee (SAAC), and was a co-founder and vice president of Trinity's chapter of the Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

"[The committee] was more than just an extracurricular opportunity but rather one to connect deeper with my classmates and learn the value in giving back to the place that gave us so much," says Slofkiss, who is from New Jersey. "I am grateful to have met and collaborated with so many incredible people, especially my fellow committee members." She began her job as a risk analyst in Boston in August.

The four led an effort that saw nearly 70 percent of the class coming together to give back to the College, the highest participation rate since before the pandemic.

On the Saturday before Commencement, the committee presented Trinity President Daniel G. Lugo with a check for \$8,469 on behalf of 365 donors from the Class of 2026.

Danas, for one, is taking her fundraising background into the future. After all she has done at Trinity, she says, she realized that she wanted to continue working in the field after graduation. She accepted a job in advancement at Phillips Academy in her hometown of Andover, Massachusetts. "This experience really confirmed what I want to do with my career," says Danas. "The student advancement officer job kind of fell into my lap on Handshake [Trinity's job and internship database], and, ever since, I realized that I enjoy the work and I'm actually pretty good at it."

—Ian Rothenberg





Twice as nice!

MEN'S ROWING WINS NATIONAL TITLE FOR SECOND STRAIGHT YEAR

The Trinity College men's rowing team won the 2026 Intercollegiate Rowing Association (IRA) Division III Varsity 8+ National Championship for the second year in a row. Wesleyan University finished second, crossing the line just 0.15 seconds behind Trinity, while Williams College placed third, 2.69 seconds behind.

For more on the championship, held in California in May, please visit trincollreporter.online/RowingTitle2026.

Fencing returns

Trinity College and USA Fencing announced that the College will add varsity fencing teams to its athletics offerings, beginning with a women's program in the 2027–28 academic year and then a men's program in 2028–29.

The news came at the U.S. Fencing Foundation Fête, the foundation's annual gala, held this year in May in New York City. Gavin Viano, Trinity's director of athletics and recreation, said that the College is excited to partner with USA Fencing to bring intercollegiate fencing back to campus. "The addition of varsity fencing aligns with several of the College's institutional strategies as we enter our third century of higher education," Viano said. "Women's fencing has the highest cumulative GPA of any NCAA sport, and Trinity is ready to attract a cohort of scholar-athletes who are passionate about pursuing the blend of academic

and athletic excellence that Trinity is known for globally."

Trinity will have the 47th NCAA varsity women's fencing program in the country and the 40th men's program. USA Fencing awarded the College a grant to support the relaunch of the fencing program at Trinity.



The Bantams will join a regional fencing landscape that includes nearby NCAA programs at Yale, Brown, and Harvard Universities and Boston College, creating competitive opportunities across New England.

Fencing is not new to Trinity, with a team in the early 1870s noted in Glenn Weaver's *The History of Trinity College*. Stories in *The Trinity Tripod* recount Bantam teams or clubs from the late 1940s into the 1980s.

For more information, please visit trincollreporter.online/Fencing.

Recent publications

After Fission: Recognition and Contestation in the Atomic Age

SIDRA HAMIDI

Assistant Professor of Political Science
Cambridge University Press, 2026; 209 pages

Postcolonial Urban Studies: Édouard Glissant and the Whole-World of Cities

GARTH A. MYERS

Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and Director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies
Agenda Publishing, 2026; 199 pages

Fees: How to Sell Professional Services

JEFFREY J. FOX '67

2026; 192 pages

Dead Rail

ALEX BELIDA '70

2025; 185 pages

Nathan Straus: From Macy's Magnate to International Humanitarian

ANDREW FISHER '72, M'72

Rutgers University Press; 403 pages

Unlikely Entrepreneurs: Wins, Losses, and Crucial Lessons on Building Great Companies

N. LOUIS SHIPLEY '85 and Patricia Favreau
Wiley, 2026; 212 pages

The Washington Decree

SCOTT SHERWOOD '87

2025; 228 pages

I Was a Shipwreck Scholar: Poems on Loss, Reckoning, and Wonder

GREGORY LESTAGE '88, P'27

J.P. Zenger Books, 2025; 72 pages

Cipher: A Proven Framework to Hire the Best People

CRAIG DELLA PENNA '97

Third Act Publishers, 2026; 211 pages

Friendship Skills for Neurodivergent Adults

CAROLINE MAGUIRE '97

Hachette Book Group, 2026; 283 pages

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FACULTY FOCUS

Belén Fernández Milmanda

Associate Professor of Political Science
and International Studies

“It’s hard not to be interested in politics if you’re an Argentine,” says Belén Fernández Milmanda, who came of age in the late 1990s as the country’s economy unraveled. As protests swept the nation, her working-class family lived with the daily fear that her father would lose his job. “You could see it in the streets,” she says. “People were going through garbage to find food.”

At the University of Buenos Aires, Fernández Milmanda began studying sociology before turning to political science, drawn to questions about the relationship between economic actors and public policy. After earning a master’s degree in Argentina and receiving a Fulbright Scholarship to study in the United States, she began her doctoral work at Harvard University. When it came time to define a research direction, she looked beyond social movements and unions—subjects that traditionally dominated the field.

Instead, Fernández Milmanda focused on economic elites. “They are the ones who actually make the decisions that shape our lives,” she explains. “There was not much research being done on how they think and how they influence politics.”

In 2008, she watched as agricultural producers—one of Argentina’s wealthiest groups—led a four-month protest against a proposed tax hike. Roadblocks and strikes turned it into a national crisis, ending with the measure’s defeat in congress.

That moment stayed with her. In her first semester at Harvard, a course on Brazilian politics introduced a striking

contrast: Representatives of that country’s agribusiness were not protesting from the outside but serving as lawmakers. “So the same people who have to go in the street and protest in Argentina, they are making the rules in Brazil,” she says. “I thought that needed an explanation.”

That question became the foundation of her thesis and of her award-winning book, *Agrarian Elites and Democracy in Latin America* (Cambridge University Press, 2024). In it, Fernández Milmanda examines Argentina, Brazil, and Chile to show how economic elites use both electoral and

non-electoral strategies to bend democratic systems to their advantage.

Beyond shaping her research, the doctoral program helped Fernández Milmanda discover another passion. After her second year, coursework gave way to independent research—and long stretches of isolation.

“Academia can be very lonely sometimes because it’s just about you and your ideas, which may seem great, but it’s also really hard,” says Fernández Milmanda. Becoming a teaching assistant offered a counterpoint. “It was the one thing that



PHOTO: NICK CAITO

grounded me and gave me structure and a sense of purpose I did not find in research,” she says.

When it came time to apply for faculty positions, Trinity College appealed to her for its balance of teaching and research. She joined the faculty in 2019 with a dual appointment to the Political Science and International Studies Departments. “I get students from all over campus in many of my classes since they fulfill different requirements,” she says.

In her “Climate Change in the Global South” course, for example, she encounters political science and environmental science students. “The class discussions are really rich because you have students who bring different expertise and different perspectives,” she says. “I really love that about Trinity.”

In some cases, that engagement leads to closer collaboration. Marlene Palma ’25 worked with Fernández Milmanda as a research assistant before asking her to advise her thesis.

“I cannot overstate how much of an impact Professor Fernández Milmanda has had on my academic and personal journey,” says Palma, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in political science. “Her presence at Trinity is invaluable, not just for the wealth of knowledge she brings to the institution but for the support, kindness, and dedication she offers to each of her students.”

Fernández Milmanda’s research has increasingly focused on environmental politics. She is working with a co-author to examine why some Latin American countries have resisted signing the Escazú Agreement, a treaty aimed at protecting environmental activists, who are killed at higher rates in the region than anywhere else in the world.

“A few years ago, I decided that the only thing that matters now is doing whatever you can to mitigate climate change,” she says. “Without the planet, nothing else is possible.”

—Elliott Grover



‘Most beautiful’

Trinity College once again made *Architectural Digest’s* annual list of the 64 most beautiful college campuses in the country. The publication, which weighs architectural legacy and setting, singled out Trinity for its picturesque Long Walk, landscape design, and Chapel. The story notes, “Ultimately, the campuses on this list stood out for the way architecture, landscape, history, and culture come together to create striking environments for [a] student’s daily life.”

To see the full list, please visit trincollreporter.online/MostBeautiful.

TENURE, PROMOTIONS

The Trinity College Board of Trustees voted to award tenure, promotions, and emeriti status to several faculty members.

Those awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor, effective July 1, 2026, were Elise Castillo, educational studies; Brianna Halladay, economics; Michael C. Puljung, neuroscience and chemistry; Lynn Sullivan, fine arts; Anna

Terwiel, political science; and Benjamin J. Toscano, biology. In addition, Shane A. Gleason, associate professor of public policy and law, was awarded tenure, also effective July 1.

Faculty members awarded emeritus/a status, effective June 30, 2026, were Dina L. Anselmi, associate professor of psychology; Barbara M. Benedict, Charles A. Dana Professor of English; Robert J. Corber, William R. Kenan Jr. Professor in American Institutions and

Values; Jack Dougherty, professor of educational studies; Robert J. Fleming, professor of biology; and Katherine Lahti, professor of language and culture studies.

In his letter to the Trinity community following the April 2026 meeting of the Board of Trustees, Trinity College President Dan Lugo said, “These professors are esteemed scholars in their field and are making a difference in the lives of the students they teach and mentor.”

Fulbrights for two

Two recent Trinity College graduates—Julianna Boris '26 and Mia Creane '25—were awarded Fulbright grants to serve as English Teaching Assistants.

Boris, a double major in anthropology and religious studies, started her time in Taiwan in September. She said that her Trinity coursework played a defining role in shaping her perspective. Classes with Associate Professor of Anthropology and Religious Studies Timothy R. Landry and Assistant Professor of Religious Studies Susanne Kerekes left a lasting impact, particularly through their emphasis on ethnographic fieldwork and global religious traditions, she said.

"I think studying anthropology has really helped me prepare for going abroad," said Boris, of Newton, Massachusetts. "It has given me a very holistic and open-minded view of the world. It helps me prepare to teach other people, but also to learn from them, too."

Outside the classroom, Boris served as a captain of the Trinity women's rowing team, to which she was originally recruited as a coxswain. Being part of that team has provided a strong sense of community and leadership experience, she said.

Boris's decision to apply to teach English in Taiwan was both strategic and personal. She has studied Mandarin Chinese since third grade and hopes to strengthen her language skills during her time abroad. Additionally, as someone adopted from China, she sees the experience as an opportunity to reconnect with her cultural heritage.

Although she is still exploring her long-term career path, Boris emphasized her commitment to creating meaningful change in communities. "What has drawn me to this type of work is the idea of doing work that's centered around humans—helping people and improving communities from the ground level," she said.

Creane, who headed in September to Handlová in the Slovak Republic, is combining her interests in language, education, and technology. After she graduated from Trinity with a degree in computer science, the native of Milford, Connecticut, worked as a system engineer for a health care software company in Madison, Wisconsin.

"The program in the Slovak Republic was specifically seeking STEM majors," Creane said. "They're looking for the skills that I have, and I'm looking forward to using those skills."

They're doing some really interesting government initiatives with technology and education."

At Trinity, Creane appreciated her experiences as a teaching assistant and a tutor. "I enjoyed the opportunity to mentor other students, especially in computer science courses, where I could tell them more about the program," she said. Creane also completed the Trinity Technology and Leadership Internship for Women during her junior year.

Studying languages, including Hebrew and Russian at Trinity, helped Creane prepare for her upcoming role teaching English. She also studied in South Korea for a semester. "Going into Trinity, I thought that language learning was not for me, but I had some really great experiences," she said. "Now language learning is something I'm really interested in and enjoy," she said.

Following her time teaching English, Creane sees herself working in the tech field again. "But I definitely am looking to combine that with other interests of mine; I'd really love to get into education software or education technology," she said. "I think that having more experience in the education space with Fulbright will help with whatever I decide to do next."



Boris



Creane

For more on Boris and Creane, please visit trincollreporter.online/FulbrightFall2026.



Vibrant once more

A striking and colorful piece of art on the Trinity College campus underwent a thorough restoration this summer.

The two-sided, two-story-tall wall drawing by conceptual artist Sol LeWitt, *Wall Drawing #849: Irregular Blobs of Color*, 1998, in the Cornelia Center has been repainted and refinished, 28 years after its installation.

"This is the single most important artwork on the Trinity campus," said Alden R. Gordon '69, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Fine Arts, Emeritus. "Sol LeWitt is in every textbook on modern art; he's one of the most important American artists of the late 20th century. Trinity has a very bold and very distinctive example of his work because it's actually two surfaces which constitute one work of art—one concave, one convex, fitting in with each other."

The Cornelia Center—called Vernon Social Center when it opened in 1997—was designed by architect Tai Soo Kim, who wanted to add color to his austere space, Gordon said. Gordon was instrumental in inviting LeWitt to create a wall drawing for the unique space. "Sol LeWitt was born in Hartford, and he lived in this neighborhood for part of his early life," Gordon said. "His parents are buried in Zion Hill Cemetery, next to campus. He told me that was part of why he wanted to work on this project at Trinity." LeWitt died in 2007.

LeWitt never touched the walls during the drawing's installation in the summer of 1998. "It's conceptual art," Gordon said, "so it's a concept that can be written on paper and then there has to be a human interpretation, working from the instructions." LeWitt provided scale drawings to his assistants, who drew the design on the wall freehand and applied the paint.



Center: The fully refurbished Sol LeWitt wall drawing; **right:** A restorer working on the piece

Trinity alumni and Gordon helped to paint the piece.

With one side of the work facing exterior windows, “it’s the only LeWitt mural in Hartford that’s visible from outside,” said Gordon, the founder and editor of PublicArtCT.org. “And it’s especially beautiful when it’s lit up at night.”

Gabriel Hurier, who led the four-person team that completed the restoration on behalf of the LeWitt estate, said that the work took about 20 days. “It’s about 26 feet tall on the inside and maybe 24 feet on the outside,” Hurier said of the artwork. “It’s a very singular drawing. There’s not another one like this anywhere.”

After 28 years, the paint colors had faded, and the walls showed signs of damage from being in a busy public space. Construction and repairs took their toll on the piece over the years, as had scratches, rips, and spills on the walls.

“First, we basically sanded it down, fixed any holes or marks, and cleaned up

the caulking. Then we worked on repainting and refinishing,” said Hurier, who noted that specialized paints were used to match the original colors as closely as possible. “We taped off the different colored sections and just went color by color. We went over it several times with new paint, then glossed it several times. Getting the glossy finish just right is very hard, and Sol was particular about his finishes.”

John Hogan, the installations director for the LeWitt estate, said that LeWitt’s artistic life went through several phases. “Earlier in his career, he was known for a sort of hard geometry. And then, gradually, he started to become a little bit more playful and started working with these very unusual shapes, these blobs like you see at Trinity,” Hogan said. “The piece at Trinity is actually one of the rarer ones where Sol is responding very specifically to the architecture.”

Hogan said that other examples of LeWitt’s work in Hartford can be found

at the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art. “Sol obviously liked working in galleries and museums, but he really had a sense of wanting to put his work in the public environment,” Hogan said. “He didn’t sell this piece to Trinity—it’s an example of where he said, ‘You can borrow this work, and everyone can see it.’ A lot of artists would not be so forthcoming in their generosity.”

While it is technically on indefinite loan from the artist’s estate, the LeWitt wall drawing—the creation of which was funded by the Edward C. and Ann T. Roberts Foundation Inc. of Hartford—is considered part of the Trinity College Art Collection, which is managed by the Watkinson Library and College Archives. Christina M. Bleyer, College librarian and director of special collections and archives at the Watkinson Library, noted, “Having such a large contribution from Sol LeWitt is representative of Trinity’s connection to Hartford and its commitment to public art.”

ORIGINAL INSTALLATION TEAM, 1998

Lana Abraham '98
Sachiko Cho (LeWitt assistant)
Amalie Flynn '98
Alden Gordon '69
Tory Marsh '97
Kevin Oster (LeWitt assistant)
Kim Piotrowski '93

Reunion

Reunion Weekend 2026 welcomed nearly 1,000 Bantams back to campus. A highlight of the weekend's programming was Ideas Fest 2026, which featured a conversation with Trinity College President Dan Lugo, the presentation of alumni awards, and a discussion of the role of AI in the future of medicine and wellness. Alumni also gathered for special meals, attended the Athletics Hall of Fame induction ceremony, and enjoyed musical entertainment, tours, and presentations.

1. A group of alumni enjoy a beautiful day on the Main Quad.

2. Lara Abiona '16, Giovanni Jones '21, and Annie Do '16 get together.

3. Chris Jennings '76, Rob Fernald '76, Laura Goode, and Tom Shultz '76 greet one another near the Chapel.

4. Eric Rosow '86, Bobbi Wegner '01, and Vice President and Chief Information Officer Kristen Eshleman present at Ideas Fest.

5. Jessica Jones '21 and President Dan Lugo take part in Ideas Fest.

6. Andy Bassford '76, James Furlong '76, Tom Santopietro '76, James Perez-Gillespie '76, and Nancy Motley Walton '76 present at From the Long Walk to the Limelight: A 50th Reunion Creative Panel.

7. President Dan Lugo joins Eigenbrodt Cup winner Bill Scully '61, H'18.

8. Alumni embrace at Ideas Fest.

9. Jeffrey Coleman '01, Susanna Kise '01, and Michael Chambers '01 meet under the tent.



For more on Reunion, visit trincollreporter.online/Reunion2026.





Congratulations to the 2026 Reunion award winners!

THE EIGENBRODT CUP
William P. Scully '61, H'18

PAUL E. RAETHER '68
ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
John S. Gates Jr. '76, P'13

THE GARY MCQUAID AWARD
T. Casey Tischer Jr. '01

THE KATHLEEN O'CONNOR BOELHOUWER '85 ALUMNI INITIATIVE AWARD
Brooke Brown '91, P'21, '23

ALUMNI MEDAL FOR EXCELLENCE
Major Capers Jr. '76
Lisa M. Heilbronn '76
Susannah Smetana Kagan '91
Edward T. Schiff '01

THE MICHAEL A. SCHULENBERG '63 ALUMNI FELLOWSHIP AWARD
Richard W. Goode Jr. '76

OUTSTANDING CLASS SECRETARY
Susan E. Weisselberg '76



WHEN COLLECTIONS TALK BACK

Watkinson Library staff share their favorites

CHRISTINA BLEYER,

College Librarian and Director of
Special Collections and Archives, Watkinson Library

AT THE WATKINSON Library, our collection favorites are not objects so much as commitments. They are the moments when curiosity sparks, when students handle history with care, and when collections stop being quiet and start talking back. As stewards of Trinity College's Special Collections and Archives, the Trinity College Art Collection, and the Hartford Medical Society Collection, our work spans disciplines, formats, and centuries. This story shares our staff's favorites—from beloved books and moments of discovery to programs and projects—that remind us why we do this work in the first place. Consider this a snapshot of what energizes our work.

My own favorite collection and project is the Lloyd Best Archive Digitization Project ¹. This ongoing initiative focuses on digitizing the papers of Lloyd Best, a leading Caribbean economist and public intellectual, while ensuring that the physical materials remain in Trinidad and Tobago. Working in close partnership with Best's family and local collaborators, the project supports community-led digitization, description, and stewardship, with the Watkinson Library providing technical guidance and digital infrastructure.

The work prioritizes collaboration, shared authority, and respect for the intellectual and cultural contexts in which the materials were created. It demonstrates how digital projects can expand access while remaining grounded in ethical practice and long-term relationships.

The staff favorites featured on these pages echo that same spirit. Together, they reflect curiosity, care, humor, and a shared belief that libraries are living ecosystems shaped by people as much as by collections.



¹ Image of Caribbean economist and public intellectual Lloyd Best, part of the Lloyd Best Archive Digitization Project

PHOTO: (LEFT) COURTESY OF THE
LLOYD BEST INSTITUTE OF THE CARIBBEAN



2 Master's theses collection, with more than 1,000 works

**EACH [THESIS] IS
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INTO THE SCHOLARSHIP,
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OF THE MASTER'S CANDIDATE.**

ERIC STOYKOVICH

**ERIC STOYKOVICH,
College Archivist and
Manuscript Librarian**

A favorite collection of mine that typifies two important characteristics of the Trinity College Archives—distinction within uniformity—is the collection of more than 1,000 master's theses 2. Between the early 20th century and the early 21st century, the College offered master's degrees

to older members of the Hartford community who took courses alongside the undergraduates. Many were women receiving degrees from Trinity—long before undergraduate education became coeducational in 1969—while teaching in the local public schools, including Hartford teachers Anne L. Gilligan and Dorothy M. McVay, who in 1930 were Trinity's first female master's degree recipients. During most of that era, each recipient of a Trinity master's degree had to complete a written thesis or perform a capstone work of dance or theater. Each thesis is a body of unpublished work specific to

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3 Collection of student scrapbooks and diaries, which “are delightfully tactile and intimate” 4 Untitled painting by Paul Nemours, part of the College’s Edith A. Graham Collection of Haitian Art



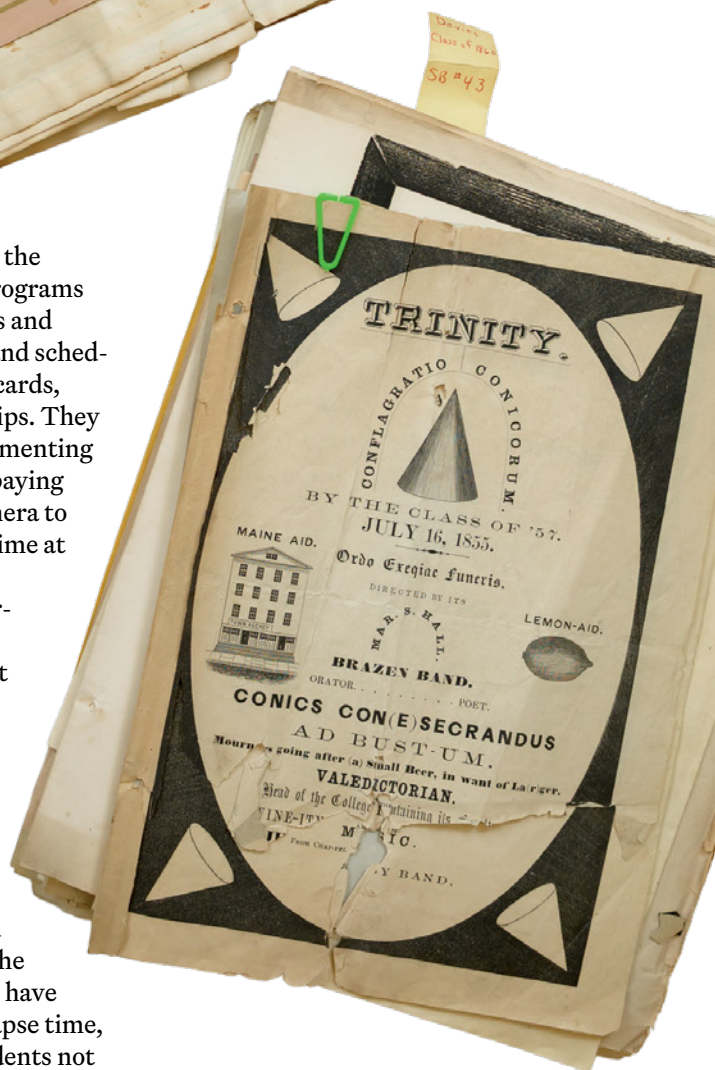
discipline and the person who produced it. As a result, each is a unique window into the scholarship, creativity, and education of the master’s candidate. The copy in the archives may be the only one still in existence. The completion of a master’s thesis often led to important personal discoveries or intellectual achievements later in one’s life or possibly career. Several examples of Trinity master’s theses remain today as readable, valuable, and well-researched pieces of writing or works of art.

AMANDA MATAVA, Digital Archivist

One of my favorite collections in the Watkinson Library is our student scrapbook and diary collection 3 (particularly those created before 1879) in the College Archives. I don’t love them because they’re neat or tidy (they absolutely are not) but because they are delightfully tactile and intimate. You can’t leaf through these. You must pause, unfold, lift up, turn sideways. Students saved what they chose to remember, what was important to

them in the moment: programs from performances and events, school assignments and schedules, pressed flowers, dance cards, pranks, grievances, friendships. They didn’t think they were “documenting history.” They were simply paying attention—collecting ephemera to evoke memories once their time at Trinity had passed.

Pre-1879 examples are particularly compelling because they document a Trinity that no longer physically exists. The downtown campus consisted of different buildings, streets, and daily rhythms but also the same anxieties, questions, and joys of today. Students struggled with exams, joined clubs and teams, studied in the library, and found corners to have a little fun. These pages collapse time, allowing us to meet past students not as abstractions but as peers in the present tense, even if they lived more than 150 years before we did.





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BARBARA STERNAL,
Art Collection Manager

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AMANDA MATAVA

One of my favorite pieces in the art collection is an untitled painting by Haitian artist Paul Nemours depicting various animals surrounded by leafy plants, all on a black background 4. This work is one of 336 pieces in the Edith A. Graham Collection of Haitian Art. The artwork in this collection encompasses an assortment of styles, media, and subject matter. Some works depict village scenes, while others feature fantastical landscapes or historical figures. I like the painting by Nemours in particular because it is characterized by vibrant colors and a precise graphic style, and although the subject matter is seemingly straightforward, Haitian art depicts deep and complex meanings

and viewpoints from a vibrant and resilient culture. As analyzing art can be subjective, I invite the reader to examine the painting and to develop their own interpretation.

The Edith A. Graham Collection of Haitian Art is part of Trinity's art collection, which numbers several thousand pieces. The College's collection consists of a variety of artworks, including paintings, prints, sculptures, and decorative objects from a wide range of time periods and cultures. Several pieces are displayed in spaces on campus where students, faculty, and staff, as well as members of the public, can enjoy them.



CASEY MACHENHEIMER,
Special Collections and
Archives Librarian for
Public Services, Research,
and Outreach

My favorite book in the Watkinson Library is *Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted (an altar)* by gino romero ⁵. We acquired this book in 2024 as part of our artists' books collection. An artist's book is a difficult thing to define, but many artists' books challenge the concepts of books and reading through their content and design. This book by gino

romero not only challenges the idea

of what type of object can constitute a book but also exemplifies how books can be a personal expression of our own humanity.

The book is in the form of a box with a drawer that contains different components that can stand alone as their own individual art pieces. Each component is imbued with different meanings that are informed by the

identities and experiences of the author. The artist is a queer and trans Venezuelan American, and they are an ordained minister, archivist, and educator. This particular artist's book unflinchingly examines the author's reality of being Venezuelan, queer, and spiritual and uses unconventional materials (such as Venezuelan money) to portray these concepts. This is a book that encourages readers to engage with it both physically and emotionally.

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CASEY MACHENHEIMER

ERIC JOHNSON-DEBAUFRE,
Rare Books and
Special Collections Librarian

How does one choose a favorite item from a collection that includes so many remarkable materials? While our copy of Audubon's *Birds of America* is, without doubt, the best known and most valuable item among our holdings, my personal favorite is the sole surviving copy of a 19th-century newspaper, *The Freedman's Torchlight*, published by a free Black community in Brooklyn in 1866. Whenever I have the chance to exhibit it, I cannot help but feel deeply moved, to feel, in fact, like I am in the presence of something sacred.

The Freedman's Torchlight was created immediately after the end of the Civil War to help teach newly freed Black men, women, and children how to read and to provide them with some necessary basic education. Perhaps more remarkably, it was produced by an organization staffed entirely by people of African descent who were committed to Black self-reliance and self-liberation. The editors and contributors make that clear within the paper, stating that they "believe, and always have believed, that the [B]lack man of education can best instruct, direct, and elevate his race." Had this single copy not survived, we would have no printed record of this remarkable organization's aims and achievements.

5 Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted (an altar), an artist's book by gina romero **6** The sole surviving copy of *The Freedman's Torchlight*, a 19th-century newspaper published by a free Black community in Brooklyn

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Made possible by Posse

**Foundation-Trinity partnership offers
myriad opportunities for teams of Scholars**

BY IAN ROTHENBERG

SEBASTIAN EBARB '06, A TRAILBLAZING member of Trinity's first class of Posse Scholars, still recalls the circumstances that led to his matriculation at the College in 2002, nearly 25 years ago. Growing up in Brooklyn, New York, Ebarb first became intrigued by the Posse Foundation when he accompanied his high school girlfriend to an interview at the foundation's office on Wall Street. Though his girlfriend was not selected for the competitive scholarship, Ebarb remembers sitting in the office's waiting room and thinking to himself, "How do I get in?"

When it was time for him to begin his own college search, he was nominated for the Posse interview process by a high school counselor and successfully navigated the intensive three-round gauntlet. In the late fall of his senior year of high school, Ebarb learned that he would be a member of the first Posse attending Trinity.



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Ryan Johnson '27, Fiona
Cunningham '28, and Jessica
Rodriguez '27 at the 2025
PossePlus Retreat





The Posse program identifies and trains teams, or Posses, of young people with diverse backgrounds and extraordinary leadership and academic potential who might be overlooked by the traditional admissions criteria at highly selective colleges or who otherwise might not apply. The teams help to build, as the Posse website says, more interactive campus environments. In turn, the program—featuring mentors and regular meetings and activities—works to ensure that the students graduate. The program guarantees a full-tuition scholarship to attend Trinity or one of Posse’s other 62 partner institutions, including Carleton College, the University of Virginia, and Pomona College.

The results, according to Trinity College President Dan Lugo, are clear. “The Posse Foundation under Deborah’s Bial leadership has made an undeniable impact on higher education and on the Trinity College campus,” says Lugo. “At Trinity, we are focused on enrolling highly talented students from all backgrounds, and our 25-year partnership with the Posse Foundation has helped the College to enroll nearly 350 high-achieving students from New York and Chicago.”

Sheva Ramirez Darcy ’10, also a Posse Scholar from New York, was drawn to Trinity by the intimate liberal arts environment and the proximity to her hometown. “Posse was a really strong foundation to begin the college experience,” she says. “Even though we were 10 very different people, we were able to branch out, build our own brands, but still keep that core connection.”

Initially intending to major in psychology, Darcy became fascinated with the literary and historical elements of American studies. She recalls being inspired by Davarian L. Baldwin, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of American Studies. “He’s just a brilliant person who brought so much confidence and appreciation of American studies every day,” she says.



Darcy works as an operations manager at a major insurance company in New York but still feels closely connected to the College. “Trinity is such a magical place. I love that I still keep my roots by volunteering on Giving Day,” she says. “I cannot wait for the next Reunion just to go there and have my kids run around on the lawn of the Long Walk.”

Anthony T. Berry, Trinity’s director of admissions and Posse liaison, credits two longtime administrators—former Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Larry Dow and former Dean of Multicultural Affairs Karla Spurlock-Evans—with kick-starting the partnership between Posse and the College. While Trinity Posses originally were composed only of students from New York, the first Posse cohort from Chicago arrived on campus in fall 2009. About a decade later, with Trinity’s solid name recognition and strong alumni base in New York City, the College sharpened its focus on Chicago, from which all of Trinity’s current Posse Scholars have been selected. “In terms of geography, we thought it would be great to attract more students from the Midwest,” says Berry.



Far left: Samiya Johnson '27 at the 2025 PossePlus Retreat; left: Xavier Mercado '24, mentor Ben Carbonetti, and Brandon Hudson '24 at the 2024 Posse Breakfast

"In admissions, part of our strategic plan is focused on recruiting a community of students who have diverse perspectives. In many respects, Posse reflects this mission," adds Berry. "Not only do we have this really lively, engaged cohort of students from Chicago that we might not have attracted without Posse, but the groups themselves are also quite diverse in terms of their academic interests and what they choose to pursue in their extracurricular activities."

For Zyon Mitchell '28, a Posse Scholar from Chicago majoring in engineering with a concentration in electrical and computer engineering, Trinity was an easy decision. "I was a little scared of being so far away from home, but Trinity was my number one choice. Being at a small liberal arts school has helped me feel more connected to the community here," she says. "With my engineering major, I knew that I wanted a smaller classroom, more access to professors, and more hands-on training."

In a testament to Posse's focus on identifying and cultivating leaders, Mitchell serves as a vice president of Imani: Trinity College Black Student Union and as secretary of the College's Institute

of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE) chapter. She also works on campus as an RA and as a Posse intern with the Admissions Office.

Trinity's growing alumni base of Posse Scholars has come full circle to help recruit new students to campus. Posse Scholar Anthony Lazaro '27 first learned about Trinity and the Posse Foundation from one of his high school teachers in Chicago, Veronica Armendariz '16. Lazaro, an educational studies major who is minoring in legal studies, serves as a Posse mentor for the class years below him in addition to his positions as a manager of the women's volleyball team and as a captain of the men's club volleyball team.

"Mentors really make a difference for Posse," says Lazaro. "Having those connections on campus really makes it easier to adjust and feel at home, rather than feel away from home."

Berry notes, "We've had a number of Posse Scholars who've been president of the Student Government Association and started organizations or clubs. They also tend to be engaged and active in the city of Hartford."

"With Posse Scholars, we have this group that's been charged with seeking leadership opportunities," he adds. "More often than not, they are the individuals who will do the outreach to other students who are also looking for community. It is incredibly important to have individuals who are willing and interested in making these connections across campus."

For Ebarb, the opportunities he had and the connections he made in the College's liberal arts environment were key to finding his path. After majoring in political science and using his Photoshop skills to make advertisements in *The Trinity Tripod*, Ebarb received a fifth-year art fellowship in printmaking at Trinity and then moved back to New York, where he earned an M.F.A. in design from the School of Visual Arts. After seven years as design director for the City of Boston, he now works as an associate professor of design at Northeastern University, is the co-founder of the design studio Nahi, and has signed a deal to publish two forthcoming children's books.

"One of the things I absolutely loved about Trinity was getting a true liberal arts education and feeling like I could try so many different things," Ebarb says. "It wouldn't have been possible without Posse. Not every person has that opportunity, so I'm incredibly thankful."

Posse facts

According to the Posse Foundation's website, the nonprofit organization "was founded in 1989 because of one student who said:

'I never would've dropped out of college if I'd had my [P]osse with me.'"

Only

5%

of students nominated each year to be a Posse Scholar are selected.

Trinity College awarded Posse's founder, **Deborah Bial**, an honorary doctor of humane letters degree at Commencement in 2009 in recognition of her "innovation" and "unflagging devotion to the idea that talented young people from diverse backgrounds can succeed at selective colleges and universities if given an opportunity to do so."

In their own words

Those involved in Posse at Trinity share their thoughts

Some of the following have been excerpted from longer submissions. To read the complete pieces, along with additional entries, please see trincollreporter.online/Posse.

Xavier Mercado '24

Being a Posse Scholar truly showed me the meaning of community. Coming to Hartford all the way from Chicago brought me a lot of fears and worries for what the journey at Trinity would be like, but compassion from my fellow Scholars guided me to have some of the best years of my life. From all the retreats and gatherings, I'm truly indebted to Posse for such wonderful memories that allowed me to feel even more accepted into the Trinity community. . . . Posse Love!

Ahn Tran '29

As a Posse Scholar at Trinity College, I've had the privilege of having a family away from home. Choosing a college that was so far away from my family and friends felt so overwhelming, but my Posse has helped make my transition much easier. As a Posse Scholar, we are there to support one another, celebrate our successes, and encourage one another. Being a Posse Scholar has helped me gain confidence, step out of my comfort zone, and make the most out of my time at Trinity.

Jeffrey Sagun '21

Growing up in Chicago, I did not think college out of state was something meant for a kid like me. Posse changed that. Before I ever set foot on campus, Pre-Collegiate Training gave my cohort a foundation. We arrived at Trinity not as strangers trying to find each other but as a team that already knew how to show up for one another. That mattered more than I can fully explain.

Once at Trinity, we met weekly with our Posse mentor, Dr. Nancy Wyshinski. I remember telling her in her office my freshman year that I wanted to make a difference in the world. She leaned forward and said: "Start small, then keep going." That was all I needed. I stopped waiting for the right moment and started building toward it. Dr. Wyshinski had a way of sitting with you in your uncertainty without letting you stay there too long.

Since graduating from Trinity, I completed a three-year NIH research fellowship studying rare skin diseases, followed by a two-year research fellowship at Stanford University School of Medicine. And this July, I will begin medical school. I also give back as a Posse volunteer because this was never just a scholarship to me. . . . Posse bet on me before I could bet on myself. I carry that forward every single day.

Stefanie Chambers, Posse Mentor

Serving as a Posse mentor for two cohorts, one from Chicago and one from New York, has been one of the true highlights of my 25 years at Trinity. The relationship you develop with Posse Scholars goes beyond traditional faculty mentoring; it becomes something more like family, as you walk alongside students through four years of growth, challenge, and transformation. I have been so fortunate to celebrate my Scholars long after graduation, as they earn advanced degrees, build remarkable careers, start families, and become the kind of leaders and people that make you proud to have played even a small role in their journey.

Tremayne Russell '28

Being a Posse Scholar has been one of the most meaningful parts of my college experience so far. What has stood out most is the community. From the moment I arrived on campus, I was surrounded by people who pushed me to grow, supported me through challenges, and celebrated my successes as if they were their own.

Posse has also exposed me to opportunities and experiences that have broadened the way I think about my future. Whether through leadership development, mentorship, or simply being part of a group of ambitious students who hold each other accountable, the program has challenged me to aim higher than I thought possible.

More than anything, Posse has shown me the value of having people in your corner. Knowing there is a community invested in your success makes a difference, and it is something I will carry with me long after my time at Trinity.

Ben Carbonetti, Posse Mentor

I began as a Posse mentor in the fall of 2020, at the height of the COVID pandemic and uncertainty around how we were going to proceed both as professors and students. I had so much trepidation about my ability to help and guide such a diverse and eclectic group of students. Almost immediately we bonded, over the shared challenge of the time but also as humans, and it became one of the most moving experiences during my more than 15 years in higher ed. My Posse became a second family; we shared all the ups and downs of life during those exciting—and trying—college years: choosing classes, making friends, navigating Trinity, and eventually the job market and what comes next. Helping students launch into their lives is something I find so rewarding about being a professor at a small liberal arts college, where

I have the time and space to be present and get to know students, and with my Posse, it was all of that and so much more.

Juan Hernandez '13, M'15

As a member of the very first Posse from Chicago, I remember arriving to campus feeling prepared to be a contributing member of the Trinity community. Posse helped prepare me for that. Trinity then picked up the baton and provided me with the opportunities to step up as a leader on campus.

Aidalí Aponte-Avilés, Posse Mentor

My first introduction to the Posse Foundation came through a scholar who, after one of my classes, stayed behind to ask, "Would you be my guest at a PossePlus Retreat?" When a student extends an invitation like that, you listen. Accepting that invitation was one of the best decisions I have ever made.

After participating in a couple of retreats, I received an even greater invitation in May 2019 from then-Vice President for Enrollment and Student Success Angel Pérez: "A scholar has identified you as a strong candidate to be a Posse mentor. What do you think?"

I soon met 10 brilliant scholars from Chicago who, over the next four years, became my family. Through them, I gained a deeper understanding of the student experience, learned how to better support students, and even discovered how to emotionally navigate/survive a pandemic.

It was not always easy; being a Posse mentor is a serious commitment. I watched my Scholars struggle and thrive, share joys and tears, challenge assumptions, and create new paradigms. They changed Trinity—and me—for the better. In fact, if you walk around campus and notice new colors on the walls, new initiatives, or even changes in policy, there is a good chance

that one of my Scholars helped make them happen. To this day, my Posse 11 Scholars still reach out, and I have had the privilege of celebrating many of life's milestones alongside them.

In March 2025, Director of Admissions Anthony Berry approached me with another invitation: "Would you do it again?" I am proud to say that I am now a mentor for a second time, working with the exceptionally talented Posse 17. I look forward to continuing to learn with and from them.

What began with a simple invitation—and a great deal of "Posse love"—led me to become deeply engaged with the Trinity community and strengthened my pride in being part of Trinity College.

Yasmin Sinclair '11

Coming to Trinity with my Posse was a beautiful foundation for what amounted to four enjoyable, challenging, and ultimately transformative years. Knowing I had people in my corner, not only my Posse brothers and sisters but also faculty who believed in the ethos of the Posse organization, allowed me to flourish as an individual student and member of the Trinity community.

Chris Swart, Posse Mentor

One of the most valuable experiences I have had during my 20-plus years at Trinity was serving as a mentor for the Posse program. My cohort, Chicago Posse 13, arrived in 2021 and graduated in 2025. These were excellent students with fun personalities, strong work ethics, and great ideas. I learned so much

from them about the student experience, and I am so glad to be involved with the program; it has fundamentally changed how I work with students.

Caleb Prescott '22

As a Posse Scholar, I have so much to say about what this experience has meant to me. Posse gave me the opportunity to become part of a community of 10 students who came from different backgrounds but shared a common goal of changing the trajectory of our lives and, in many cases, the lives of our families. . . . Posse became a doorway to opportunities I never could have imagined.

Seth Markle, Posse Mentor

I am incredibly thankful for my time as a Posse mentor and the opportunity to engage in a hyper-intensive mentorship program. . . . It was an experience I will never forget and has significantly informed how I approach teaching and advising students here at Trinity, from being more mindful of the complexities of student lives outside the classroom to embracing the importance of consistent personal and academic goal setting.

Tiara Ogunsanya '25

I really enjoyed my time as a Posse Scholar at Trinity. I say this all the time: What can make or break your college experience are the people you meet, and Posse truly created a space that cultivated meaningful connections with both students and leaders on campus.

Patti Maisch, Posse Mentor

Chicago Posse 1 has been a blessing in my life not only throughout those Trinity years but also still today. Watching as the Scholars' work, families, and life progress to amazing heights is a godsend that I will treasure forever! I'll love them forever!





Recipe for success



For Kelly Vaughan '17, the focus is on food

STORY BY
MARY HOWARD

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NIKKI ESTEPHAN

“My family definitely fostered my love of food,” says Kelly Vaughan '17. Growing up in Bristol, Connecticut, she was the kid who enjoyed baking with her mother and tuning into the Food Network every day after school. One of her favorite Christmas gifts as a child was a Magic Bullet blender, and by the time she was in high school, she had subscriptions to *Martha Stewart Living* and *Bon Appétit* magazines.

“My

parents cooked dinner most evenings, and we came together [with extended family] for holidays that centered around food,” she says.

Now a freelance food writer, editor, and recipe developer, Vaughan collaborates with bloggers and content creators, providing everything from recipe development and testing to marketing, cookbook editing, and blog development. “Depending on the client, I might ghostwrite a blog post or newsletter, brainstorm new recipe ideas, or test a recipe that they developed, making sure it comes together as written and the instructions are clear,” she explains.

She also writes for various websites and magazines, including Food Network, King Arthur Baking, The Kitchn, The Pioneer Woman, and—coming full circle—*Bon Appétit*. In addition, she’s penning her own cookbook, *TEE UP: A Golf Cocktail Book* (Chronicle Books), which is set to be released in spring 2028.

“Every day is different,” says Vaughan. “I could be in the kitchen all day developing or testing recipes or sitting in front of my computer, writing. There are days when I make three trips to Whole Foods to stock up on ingredients.” But she wouldn’t have it any other way. “I love what I do,” she says.

And so do her clients, including Alex Snodgrass, the culinary entrepreneur and recipe developer behind the lifestyle and food brand The Defined Dish and the author of three *New York Times* best-selling cookbooks. She hired Vaughan to help with editorial and recipe content for her blog and with search engine optimization. “Kelly is thoughtful, hardworking, and always professional,” says Snodgrass.

While Vaughan wasn’t initially sure what direction to pursue in college—“I was interested in cooking, theater, and writing”—she was certain about where to go. “My fourth-grade teacher was John Dauphinee ’92, and he took my class on a field trip to see the College back then. I loved it,” she recalls.

She says she felt the same way when she revisited the campus as a high-school student. “Trinity was appealing because the liberal arts curriculum meant I could explore my varied interests,” she says. Vaughan majored in English and American studies and

honed her writing skills as a contributing writer and editor for *The Trinity Tripod*.

She also credits writing workshops with Associate Professor of English Ethan Rutherford with helping her find her voice as a writer, though Rutherford disagrees. “She is the one who has done all the work,” he says. “Our class gave her permission to take her own work seriously and to see the process of drafting and revision—the work it takes to make something better—as a valuable use of time.” Rutherford adds that Vaughan’s writing, especially her personal essays, “were sharp, interesting, and read, even at that early stage, like publishable magazine pieces.”

The honor student’s accolades for writing also include receiving Trinity’s Ann Petry Book Prize for her essay “Southern Sophistication or Repressed Racism: An Exploration of Civil War Memories and Regional Identity in the South.”

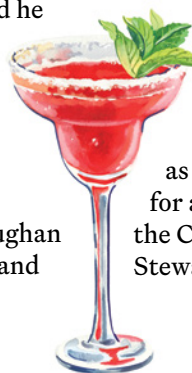
Prior to graduating, Vaughan was set on a career at a food magazine—“that was the dream, anyway”—but found it difficult to get hired. “There was a lot of competition,” she says.

Not one to give up, she did freelance writing for food and lifestyle magazines, including *Real Simple* and *Hartford Magazine*, while continuing to apply for jobs. After a few months, she took a position as a line cook at Àvert Brasserie, a French restaurant in West Hartford.

“Honestly? I didn’t love it,” she recalls. “It was intense and physically tough, but looking back, I am so grateful for my time there. I wouldn’t be where I am without it,” she says.

After about a year and a half at the restaurant, she decided to go back on the job market. Living at home, she freelanced while applying for magazine work. “Within three months, I landed a job in New York City as an associate digital food editor with MarthaStewart.com,” she says.

There she wrote and published four to five stories daily on service-driven cooking, including how-tos, ingredient explainers, interviews with chefs, and trending food news. She honed her skills in search engine optimization and served as an on-air personality in cooking videos for a *Homeschool with Martha* series during the COVID-19 pandemic. And, yes, she met Stewart a few times.



Two years later, she took a position as a staff writer and then a staff editor with the popular food and e-commerce website Food52, where she edited digital food content, created and tested recipes, and managed freelancers, among other work. Former Food52 colleague Rebecca Firkser, now a test-kitchen editor at *Bon Appétit*, said of Vaughan, “I thought, ‘Here is someone working hard and doing all the right things [to achieve success in the industry.]’”

In 2022, Vaughan became a recipe editor for NBC’s *TODAY*, where she oversaw recipe development for branded partnerships and managed a team of freelance recipe developers and food photographers. “It was an interesting cross between editorial and commerce-driven content,” she says.

While in that position, Vaughan also had the opportunity to spend the day with the New York Mets at their clubhouse, interviewing the chefs who cook for the team and chatting with players. A little outside of her daily responsibilities at *TODAY*, Vaughan says, “it was a once-in-lifetime opportunity” that she couldn’t pass up.

In May 2025, she experienced something that she says is inevitable in media—she was laid off from her job at *TODAY*. “I spent all of about 18 hours wondering what I was going to do before I started to map out what a freelance career could look like,” she says. “Never did I imagine that it would be as fulfilling, interesting, or varied of a career as it is. I’ve never been busier or happier professionally than I am right now.”

She says she also is overjoyed in her new job as mom to daughter Lucy, who was born in May to Vaughan and her husband, Evan Turiano ’16, a visiting assistant professor of public policy and law at Trinity. The two met as students in fall 2015 in Scott Gac’s “Civil War and Reconstruction” seminar, she says.

Turiano shares his wife’s love of food and “is the absolute best taste tester,” says Vaughan. “He tries everything I make, and I rely heavily on his feedback to ensure that a recipe is as good as it can be!”



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EVERY DAY IS DIFFERENT. I could be in the kitchen all day developing or testing recipes or sitting in front of my computer, writing. There are days when I make three trips to Whole Foods to stock up on ingredients.”

Festive holiday scones

RECIPES & PHOTO BY KELLY VAUGHAN '17

EACH Scone RECIPE:

Prep Time: 20 minutes,
plus resting time

Cook Time: 20 minutes

Yield: 8 scones

Cranberry, Sage, and Fennel Scones

Think of this bite as Thanksgiving stuffing in the form of a breakfast scone. They're a little sweet, a little savory, and a delicious addition to your holiday table. Frozen cranberries are easier to find year-round, and they also help the scones stay moist.

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE SCONES

- ❑ 1¼ cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- ❑ 1¼ cups cake flour
- ❑ ½ cup granulated sugar
- ❑ 1 teaspoon fennel seeds, crushed
- ❑ ¾ teaspoon dried sage
- ❑ 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ❑ ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ❑ ¾ teaspoon kosher salt
- ❑ 1 stick (½ cup) unsalted butter, chilled and grated
- ❑ 1¼ cups frozen cranberries
- ❑ ½ cup cold buttermilk, plus more for brushing
- ❑ 1 large egg, beaten

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, cake flour, sugar, crushed fennel seeds, dried sage, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
3. Add the grated butter and, using a fork or your fingers, toss to combine



until the butter is well coated in flour. Add the cranberries and stir until coated. Add the buttermilk and beaten egg and gently stir until the dough begins to come together but is still shaggy.

4. Transfer the dough to a lightly floured surface and knead lightly until the dough forms. Pat into a 7-inch-round and 1-inch-thick circle. Wrap the disc in plastic wrap and transfer to the refrigerator to chill for 30 minutes.

5. Slice the disc into 8 triangles, then transfer the scones to the prepared baking sheet, placing them 1 to 2 inches apart. Brush the tops lightly with buttermilk.

6. Bake for 22 to 25 minutes or until the tops are golden brown and the scones are firm to the touch. Let the scones cool for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely. Store the cooled scones in an airtight container for up to 3 days.





Kelly Vaughan's
gingerbread
scones



Gingerbread Scones

Start your morning with a scone that tastes like the holidays. This recipe calls for a combination of all-purpose flour and cake flour, which gives the scones body and structure while still keeping them light. Grating a stick of frozen butter ensures that the butter will be evenly dispersed throughout the dough and helps to create towering layers. Be careful not to overwork the dough to prevent the scones from being too dense and chewy; mix the dough until it just starts to come together, but know that it will still be a bit dry and shaggy.

INGREDIENTS:

FOR THE SCONES

- ☐ 1¼ cups all-purpose flour, plus more for dusting
- ☐ 1¼ cups cake flour
- ☐ ½ cup granulated sugar
- ☐ 1½ teaspoons ground cinnamon
- ☐ 1½ teaspoons ground ginger
- ☐ ¼ teaspoon ground allspice
- ☐ ¼ teaspoon ground cloves
- ☐ ¼ teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
- ☐ 1 tablespoon baking powder
- ☐ ½ teaspoon baking soda
- ☐ ½ teaspoon kosher salt
- ☐ 1 stick (½ cup) cold unsalted butter, grated
- ☐ 1 large egg, beaten
- ☐ ½ cup cold buttermilk, plus more for brushing
- ☐ 2 tablespoons molasses
- ☐ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract

FOR THE GLAZE

- ☐ ½ cup powdered sugar
- ☐ 2–3 tablespoons heavy cream
- ☐ 1 teaspoon vanilla extract
- ☐ grated nutmeg, to garnish

PREPARATION:

1. Preheat the oven to 400°F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper or a silicone baking mat.
2. In a large bowl, whisk together the all-purpose flour, cake flour, sugar, cinnamon, ginger, allspice, cloves, nutmeg, baking powder, baking soda, and salt.
3. Add the grated butter and, using a fork or your fingers, toss to combine until the butter is well coated in flour. Add the beaten egg, buttermilk, molasses, and vanilla and gently stir until the dough just begins to come together but is still shaggy.
4. Transfer the dough to a floured surface and lightly knead into a smooth 7-inch-round and 1-inch-thick circle. Wrap the disc in plastic wrap and transfer to the refrigerator to chill for 30 minutes.
5. Slice the disc into 8 triangles, then transfer the scones to the prepared baking sheet, placing them 1 to 2 inches apart. Brush the tops lightly with buttermilk.
6. Bake for 20 to 22 minutes or until the tops are golden brown and the scones are firm to the touch. Let the scones cool for 5 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.
7. Meanwhile, make the glaze: In a small mixing bowl, whisk together the powdered sugar, heavy cream, and vanilla extract until smooth.
8. Drizzle the scones with the glaze, then sprinkle with grated nutmeg.



'A force multiplier for the liberal arts'

Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship helps students develop critical skills

**STORY BY
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Ruane Family Executive
Director of the Elting
Center for Innovation and
Entrepreneurship Danny
Briere, second from left,
with Kwaku Agyapong '26,
Ella Geffen '29, and Gigi
Winston '29

"I felt a real responsibility to pay that forward for Trinity students today. I want this center to create the kind of community where everyone has the support to thrive professionally."

LIZ ELTING '87

At Trinity College, having an entrepreneurial mindset isn't just for start-up CEOs.

"Thinking like an entrepreneur means problem-solving, innovating, adapting, thinking outside the box, and taking smart risks," says Elizabeth "Liz" Elting '87. "These are real-world skills that help students succeed in whatever they want to do. These skills can belong to anyone, not just to people who want to start a company."



Applied AI Center student Ibsa Tasew Geleta '26 presents to community partners during an April 2026 event.

Students will soon have a dedicated space on campus to build those universal skills. With a lead gift from Elting—a former Trinity trustee and a highly engaged alumna—the College began construction this summer on the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. The Vernon Street building, expected to open in fall 2027, will become a hub for students, faculty, staff, community partners, and alumni engaged together in innovative thinking and entrepreneurial work across disciplines.

“I want every Trinity student, regardless of their major or future goals, to have access to the mentorship, hands-on learning, and community that can help them develop these critical skills and to learn how to thrive in whatever they choose to do,” Elting says. “Entrepreneurial thinking isn’t a specialty; it’s a mindset. And the earlier students develop it, the further it will take them.” (See more on Elting on the next page.)

Graduates in Trinity’s Class of 2026 heard from Commencement speaker N. Louis “Lou” Shipley ’85 about what it means to have an entrepreneurial mindset. Shipley—a multi-time tech CEO and entrepreneur, a former Trinity trustee, and a founding supporter of the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship—spoke of the importance of seeing opportunities where others



see obstacles. “I urge you to be entrepreneurial,” he said in his address last May. “You don’t have to start a business to be entrepreneurial, but you should be adaptable and open to learning from others and be willing to get outside your comfort zone.” Those who can think like entrepreneurs, he added, “don’t see failure as the end—they see it as a chance to learn, to adapt, and to grow.”

EARLY START

The center that is now known as the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship was launched in 2022, with more students taking part in its programs and events each year since, according to Danny Briere, Ruane Family Executive Director of the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

“The Elting Center helps students apply liberal arts thinking to real-world problem-solving through collaboration, mentorship, and practical opportunities,” Briere says. “The programs and events reach all areas of the College, combining the co-curricular, extracurricular, and curricular.”

PHOTO: HELDER MIRA



With input from the Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board (see far right), Briere is working on ways to grow and differentiate the College's innovation and entrepreneurship offerings within the higher education landscape. "Entrepreneurship centers at many universities focus only on helping students launch businesses," he says. "Trinity can support that, too, but our goal is to start to work with students very early on, by building innovative and entrepreneurial mindsets across as many students as we can. With these opportunities at Trinity, students can be more successful sooner."

More than 20 percent of first-year students engage with the center in some way, according to Briere. First-year students can join the Invention, Innovation, and Entrepreneurship pre-orientation program, the Junior Analyst Training Program, or the Tyree Innovation Fellowship. (See more about the Elting Center's offerings on page 39.)

"We're doing a lot to help get students the skills that they can use later on," Briere says. "The

More from Liz Elting '87

Elizabeth "Liz" Elting '87—founder and CEO of the Elizabeth Elting Foundation—founded TransPerfect out of an NYU graduate school dorm room in 1992 and served as co-CEO until 2018. TransPerfect is the world's largest language solutions company, with more than \$1.3 billion in revenue and offices in more than 150 cities worldwide. Elting also is the best-selling author of *Dream Big and Win: Translating Passion into Purpose and Creating a Billion-Dollar Business*.

At Trinity, Elting helped launch the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference for Women's Leadership, a pre-orientation program. She is a member of the Trinity Women's Leadership Council and the Marjorie Butcher Circle and has been awarded the College's Alumni Medal for Excellence. "While working with so many standout initiatives at Trinity over the years, I've seen firsthand the talent and motivation of our students and alumni," Elting says, "and this new building is the natural next step by offering a permanent space to allow Trinity students to gather together to kick-start their entrepreneurial dreams."

Elting says that she graduated from Trinity not only with a B.A. in modern languages but also with the ability to think across disciplines, to engage deeply with ideas, and to connect with people from vastly different backgrounds. "Trinity gave me so much, including many of the skills I used to build my business and then start my foundation," Elting adds. "I felt a real responsibility to pay that forward for Trinity students today. I want this center to create the kind of community where everyone has the support to thrive professionally."

four pillars that we want to instill are creativity, invention, innovation, and entrepreneurship. To develop those, students engage with coursework, seminar speakers, internships, apprenticeships, and mentoring; they can start a business anytime, connect with alumni, and make an impact in Hartford and beyond. Above all, we're focused on being a force multiplier for the liberal arts."

The Elting Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship Advisory Board

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Far right: Thea
Nguyen '26 gives an
end-of-semester
pitch during the
"Engineering
Entrepreneurship"
class in April 2026.

STUDENTS

Gigi Winston '29, a Posse scholar from Chicago, began her time at Trinity in the Tyree Innovation Fellowship program, a two-year experience that helps students build practical skills in innovation, leadership, and problem-solving through hands-on programming and mentorship. She worked with mentors from NextMinds (formerly the Connecticut Invention Convention) and was advised by Tracy Chadwell '87 as she developed Cheri, a feminine hygiene product that fits discreetly into a phone wallet. Winston was a winner in the first-year category at Trinity's 2026 Summit Innovation Challenge in January.

"Next year I'm going to continue to develop my product, and the Elting Center is setting me up with alumni who can help with the prototype process," says Winston, who also has participated in the NESCAC Entrepreneurship Day and a behind-the-scenes tour at an Amazon facility through the Elting Center. "It's really amazing how much support there is in the community. It gave me so much more confidence in myself."

Alexander Cacciato '26, from New York City, who graduated with a double major in history and international studies, came to Trinity with an idea for a business he had conceived with his family. Now the focus of Cacciato's work, Flippit helps air travelers mail their TSA-prohibited items back to themselves from an airport security checkpoint rather than forfeiting the items.

"When the [Elting] Center at Trinity was announced, this was an immediately accessible resource that I could go to," Cacciato says. "Danny was able to make a number of introductions to people who turned out to be tremendous resources, including Lou Shipley, so Flippit was one of the first companies to come out of the center."

Cacciato won the Summit Innovation Challenge's ready-for-market category with Flippit in 2024 and intends to continue his involvement with the Elting Center as an alumnus. "Entrepreneurship doesn't have to be just commercial," he says. "There are plenty of academic entrepreneurs. I think the entrepreneurial mindset is about how, instead of going through tracks already laid, a student can create a new path to blaze for themselves, bring ideas to the world, and have an impact on others."

"The Elting Center helps students apply liberal arts thinking to real-world problem-solving through collaboration, mentorship, and practical opportunities."

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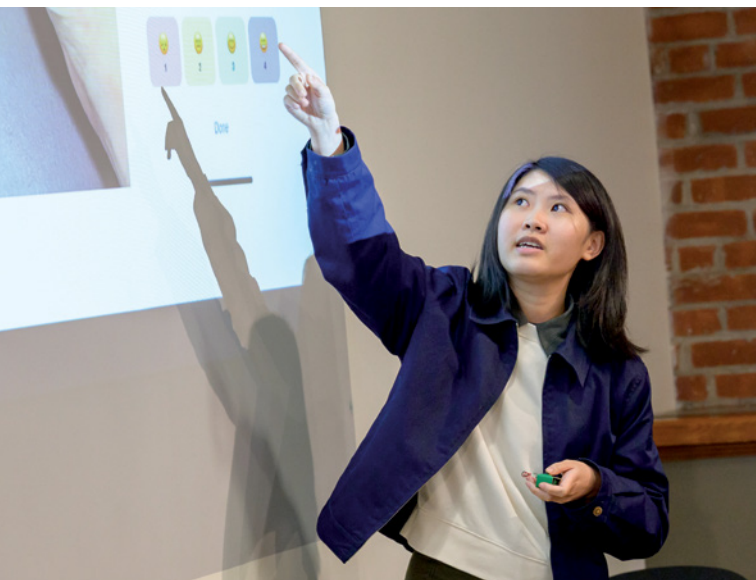
The Elting Center has worked with academic departments to launch an innovation experiential certificate and an entrepreneurship experiential certificate as part of the Trinity+ curriculum. Certificates appear on student transcripts and may be referenced on résumés. In addition, Trinity offers a minor track that includes entrepreneurship within formal organizations.

In a pilot program led by the center last year, senior computer science majors partnered with local companies and organizations to solve problems using applied AI. One team working with Connecticut Children's Medical Center developed a system to quickly query emergency medical treatment guidelines, and it was beta tested by pediatricians at the hospital. As Briere says, "This is experiential learning in action."

Ewa Syta, Charles A. Dana Associate Professor of Computer Science and faculty lead for the Elting Center, says, "We want students to go through the entire process of identifying a problem, defining it, designing a solution, implementing it, testing it, and ultimately deploying the solution. And that's very much what happens in the real world. It's an approach they will take into the careers that they will be pursuing."

Syta says that this way of thinking can be applied not only to business and technical entrepreneurship but also to fields such as sustainability, public policy, and community engagement. "At Trinity, we develop leaders, and leaders bring about change, including social change," she says. "The center provides support to students so they can turn their ideas into tangible outcomes and real-world impact."

As an adviser to the center, Clayton P. Byers, Donald L. McLagan Associate Professor of Engineering, has seen students learn that they can apply entrepreneurial skills broadly. "The center provides a creative and disciplined outlet for any students who want to take their knowledge, their



degree, and their learning beyond the classroom. I think it is a quintessential example of what the liberal arts is,” he says. “Yes, students can talk about an idea for a start-up, and the center can provide them with guidance. But I think everybody can benefit from innovation and entrepreneurship, including, for example, a freelance writer trying to find ways to build up their clientele.”

ALUMNI NETWORK

Hundreds of alumni are engaged with the center through the Entrepreneurship Corps, which offers many ways for them to share their knowledge and experience with students, including speaking at events on or off campus, mentoring student project teams, and judging a competition. “We bring about 70 to 80 alumni to campus in any given year,” Briere says. “They are instructing students, helping us to develop programming, hosting workshops, and networking with the students.”

Elting notes that the center creates new opportunities to harness Trinity’s powerful alumni network by bringing together generations of Bantams who are eager to invest in and to inspire one another. “That connection is mentorship at its best,” she says. “Mentorship opens doors that might otherwise remain closed, builds the confidence people need to navigate major career and life decisions, and helps develop the practical skills students can’t always learn in the classroom alone.

“Mentorship also does something even more critical,” Elting adds. “It builds community. When alumni, professors, administrators, and students are all actively connected and engaged with one another, Trinity becomes something more than a college that students graduate from—it becomes a network they belong to for life.” ●✕◆

PHOTO: NICK CAITO

SUPPORTING THE PILLARS

The Elting Center offers nearly 30 programs, events, and activities for students. Here’s a sampling:

CREATIVITY

Idea Hackathon: A fast-paced event where students develop creative solutions to real-world challenges, pitch their ideas, and receive feedback from the audience, mentors, and judges

INVENTION

Summit Innovation Challenge: A campuswide pitch competition where Trinity students, HMTCA high school students, and young alumni present innovative ideas, inventions, and emerging ventures; answer questions from alumni judges; compete for awards; and share their progress with the broader Trinity community

INNOVATION

Innovation Academy (Tyree Innovation Fellowship): A selective first-year program that helps students develop innovation skills through individual and team-based experiential learning, mentorship, and hands-on projects

Applied AI Innovation Sandbox: A project-based program where students work with external partners to apply artificial intelligence to real-world challenges and develop deployable solutions

ENTREPRENEURSHIP

Entrepreneurship Academy (Tyree Innovation Fellowship): A selective second-year program that builds on the Innovation Academy experience by introducing students to entrepreneurial thinking, opportunity recognition, venture creation, and leadership

Junior Analyst Training Program: A career-focused program that prepares students for finance, consulting, venture capital, investment banking, and related fields through intensive training and mentorship

Tuck Bridge Program: A partnership with Dartmouth’s Tuck School of Business that provides students with a foundation in business, finance, marketing, and leadership

NESCAC Entrepreneurship Day: An annual innovation challenge that brings together students from all 11 NESCAC institutions to form mixed-school teams that develop a sustainable business venture in response to a challenge introduced at the event and present solutions to a panel of judges



Dennis Lalli '72

"I grew up in a tuition-free boarding school for fatherless boys in Philadelphia. The support I received from Trinity College through a generous scholarship transformed my life and opened doors that otherwise would not have been possible. That experience shaped not only my education but also the person I became.

"Trinity provided me with an inspiring academic community, lifelong friendships, and opportunities that prepared me for a meaningful career and life. Giving back is both a privilege and a way to ensure future students can benefit from the same transformative experience.

"Establishing a charitable remainder trust allowed me to make a significant gift to Trinity while also supporting my own long-term financial and estate planning objectives. This particular vehicle is very much tax advantaged and contains other features that favor the donor as well as Trinity. It was a meaningful way to align my personal and estate planning goals with my commitment to Trinity's future. I heartily encourage other alums and friends of Trinity to explore planned giving as a thoughtful way to create lasting impact for both themselves and the College."



Class Notes

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1955 Secretary: E. Wade Close Jr., wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: E. Wade Close Jr. Now that all of us (who are remaining) are celebrating 90-something birthdays, we all know memories are our best medicine. Certainly, our time together at Trinity and subsequent Reunions are truly happy moments of remembrance. I continue to keep in touch with my roommate and fraternity brother **Tom Bolger**, who had actively been a care provider for his wife, Shaila, for at least three years. But she has passed, and Tom has already become a bicoastal grandparent for his children who live in Seattle, Boston, Montana, and Wisconsin. Others like Tom, who have lost their wives and have embarked in a brand-new senior program are **Dave Dimling**, **Craig Mehldau**, **Greg Petrakis**, and **Lou Magelaner**. On top of all that, I have enjoyed staying in touch with the widows of deceased classmates: **Don Mountford** (Lura); **Lucky Callen** (Lyn), **Bob Freeman** (Jean), and just recently **Frank Cerveny** (Emmy) and **Joe Michelson** (Sonia). Recent enjoyable phone contacts with couples have been with Eugenia and **Charlie Eberle**, Becca and **Hank Scheinberg**, Carole and **Walter Blake**, Barbara and **Bob Welsh**, Susan and **Warren Gelman**, and particularly the go-goers, Barbara and **Irwin Meiselman**.

My AOL address was recently hacked, so I have switched to ewadeclose@gmail.com.

Let me hear from you via my new email. I would enjoy staying in touch. Blessings.

1956 President: Henry Zachs • Vice President: David Taylor • Secretary: Bruce N. Macdonald, bruce.macdonald.1956@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Ned Montgomery, David Taylor, Henry Zachs I recently got a long and newsy email from **Jim Tewksbury** explaining his new lifestyle and address in Northern California. He and wife Joan live about an hour north of San Francisco in what sounds like a lovely retirement community called Spring Lake Village. They made the move to be closer to their two sons, both working in the area. He reports that their lives are good, with the usual age-related medical demands. Joan is active on various committees, and Jim volunteers for the local food bank. He also plays pickleball and golf. He still makes occasional visits to the South Dartmouth area of Massachusetts where he grew up.

Charlie Stehle called me in early June to see if I planned to attend our 70th Reunion (I did not) and said he was sending me some early newspaper articles on when he and family went to Wyoming to commemorate an occasion when his Great-Great-Uncle Col. Manadier helped bring peace with the Native Americans with a Christian burial ceremony for a local chief's daughter.

David Taylor emailed to tell me that **David Hoare** recently hosted a wild 93rd birthday party with more than 30 close friends.

Ron Boss also celebrated a birthday (his 91st) this spring and noted that his basic activity these days is to reduce all the "stuff" he has accumulated in the house where he has lived (Westminster, California) for more than 50 years. He has a son who is 70 and a grandson who is 40.

Dick Abbott writes that he has a summer home—a log cabin—in Virginia that he and his wife visit frequently. Sounds interesting.

Henry Zachs shares that he was unable to attend Reunion due to a prior engagement, so it appears that none from our class did.

Bob Holmstrom, who lives in Leesburg, Virginia, writes to explain that he plans to continue living in his home rather than moving to a retirement community. My wife and I (**Bruce Macdonald**) also made the same

decision, to stay put in our existing home in Lexington, Virginia.

1957 Vice President: Donald B. Stokes • Secretary: James G. Kenefick Jr., james.kenefick.1957@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Neil Day, Donald B. Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin I am putting together this report in mid-June. I still bang the gavel two days a week and have been authorized to keep doing it for another year. More importantly, number 10 great-grandchild is due in August. I will be at Martha's Vineyard for several weeks that month. Looking forward to it.

I recently had a nice conversation with **Mel** and **Norene Tews**. Mel celebrated his 90th birthday last year with his kids and grandkids traveling from as far away as California, Minnesota, and Sarasota (not so far away) to celebrate with him. His grandson Jack, a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps, was able to attend. A fun time was had by all. Mel also reports that he attended a family wedding in Idaho and visited a friend in Montana several months ago. He still plays golf and occasionally breaks into the mid-80s. Impressive. Mel and Norene enjoy life in Sun City, Florida.

I had a nice talk with **Fred** and **Carol Tobin**. They report that they are having a wonderful time and enjoying life with nice friends in Manchester Center, Vermont. Two of their grandkids just graduated from high school and another from the Johns Hopkins School of Advanced International Studies. All is well with the Tobins.

I have **Larry Johnston's** book, ... *in a Nutshell*, and plan to read it this summer on the Vineyard.

Tom Doherty reports that he is "still working but not nearly as hard as I once did. Having stepped back from my position as president and publisher to chairman, most of that work is giving advice when it's asked for and maintaining relationships with authors of particular importance to the company, many of whom have been my friends for years. This last part can be a lot of fun. Last month, I spent five days at ThrillerFest, the yearly convention of the International Thriller Writers organization. Most great thriller writers of the English-speaking world would belong. I got to see

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some of those old friends and had drinks and shared memories with a number of them. With Douglas Preston, I had both lunch and dinner. Doug has been writing bestsellers for us for over 30 years. His current book, *Paradox*, which we published the week before the convention, had, as usual with his books, become a top 10 *New York Times* Best Seller. *Paradox* is the first book Doug has co-authored with daughter Aletheia. She is a young woman of real talent, and she adds a woman's touch, which I think has the potential to broaden the audience. It was great to have had this pleasant time with an old friend while getting to know his talented daughter, whom I hope we will publish for many years to come. This is all considered work. I feel like I have been paid most of my life to play!"

Don Finkbeiner asked the Alumni Engagement Office to include a short note about the passing of **Russell M. Clark**, who died peacefully at age 94 on March 23, 2024, in Hackettstown, New Jersey.

Thanks for everyone's input. Hope to hear from others for the next report. Our 70th Reunion is June 10–13, 2027. Hope I can make it and see some of you there.

From the Alumni Engagement Office: We are sorry to report the passing of Class President **Ward S. Curran** on August 5 in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Ward was a distinguished member of the Trinity faculty for 52 years. A memorial service will be held in the Trinity College Chapel on Saturday, November 14, 2026, at 10:30 a.m. The family asks that donations in his memory be made to the Nathaniel Buckmaster and Clara Schenk Curran Scholarship fund at Trinity.

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

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

Charlie Nichols reports that he and Linda have moved to a 55-plus community, staying in the Brandywine area, which is fairly central to their widespread family. Charlie says life will be simpler, but Linda is sad to give up her horse, and he is sad to sell his antique cars. Charlie says he enjoys reflecting on friendships and experiences and hearing about classmates.

Paul Kardon sends sad news, that Shep's wife, Linda, passed away. Also, that **Alan Miller** died. Shep, Paul, and Donna Kardon, widow of Alan Kardon '65, attend the Naples (FL) Trinity alumni group monthly meetings with lunch and speaker, January through April.

From **Karl Scheibe**, "Two years ago, about 20 members of our class showed up and enjoyed the 65th anniversary of our graduation from Trinity. That this was to be our last College-sponsored Reunion seems both entirely fair and a bit sad. I decided to return to Trinity's most recent gathering as a non-Reunion alumnus, just to taste and see what it would be like. I met our new president, Dan Lugo, and heard him hold forth at lunch on his experience as our new leader. I was positively impressed and encouraged. In my view, Trinity College is in good hands. I will continue to be a loyal alumnus for as long as I am able, and I urge fellow alums to do likewise. I consider that my continued connection to Trinity is life enabling."

Herb Moorin writes that he is comfortable in a senior condo complex with the help of aides and very happy that he and Jen bought and kept long-term health care insurance. His involvement with nonprofits is minimal, though he still gives financial support. With regard to his recently printed memoir, *Family, Perseverance, and Good Fortune*, Herb says he has a few more copies and will be glad to share.

Bill Abeles says that his son, David, and grandson, Zachary, traveled to Trinity this spring, watched Trinity beat Williams in baseball, and toured the elegant addition to the Ferris Athletic Center, which he calls an amazing addition to the landscape at Trinity.

Jon Widing phoned to say that he is thoroughly enjoying **Herb Moorin's** memoir; an interesting life, thoughtfully remembered.

Reporting from beautiful Vermont, I can say that I appreciate getting news from classmates about their lives, their thoughts

on aging, their continued connection with Trinity, or anything else they would like to share.

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

After an amazing amount of long-distance travel, the Class of 1960 found time to generate a great deal of news that will require a lot of editing, so here goes. One of the recent highlights was a Zoom call with Director of Athletics Gavin Viano. We talked a lot about the state of intercollegiate sports and Trinity's success this past year, especially in men's squash and varsity 8 rowing.

Skip Morse reports a terrific trip to Italy with wife Anne highlighted by spending a day with David Eisenhower at the Museum of Operation Avalanche commemorating the Allied invasion of Italy in 1943.

George Kroh continues his active sailing and traveling with Carolyn, this time on the *Sea Cloud Spirit* sailing off the coast of South America. He also found time to celebrate his 60th wedding anniversary with the whole family.

Got a very thoughtful note from **Tony Phillips**, who is caring for his wife, who unfortunately is suffering from advanced Alzheimer's. Our thoughts are with you, Tony.

Bob Johnson continues to stay in touch, this time reporting that grandson Mike played freshman lacrosse goalie at Hofstra.

Barry Royden dropped us a note saying that he attended **Saki Greenwald's** 60th wedding anniversary in New York. Saki and wife Cathy shared some wonderful remembrances.

Staying with the subject of wedding anniversaries, **Kenny Lyons** marked his 65th with wife Judy this past June. He also passed along the nice fact that **Brian Foy's** sister-in-law's granddaughter will start at Trinity this fall. Both Kenny and I have fond memories of Brian.

Got a sad note from **Marv Peterson**, who reports that there were two memorial services for his late wife, Sarah, in Santa Cruz and in Big Sky. On top of that, Marv fell and broke a hip, which required a new femur. We're thinking of you, Marv.

Lastly, **John Flynn** sent a long note saying things are fine in Ponte Vedra, Florida, and

he and wife Judy are in good health. They still do a lot of traveling, with trips to Alaska, California, and a granddaughter's wedding in Seeley Lake, Montana.

1961 Co-President: **Peter H. Kreisel** • Co-President: **Vincent R. Stempien** • Secretary: **William Kirtz**, william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Peter H. Kreisel**, **Douglas T. Tansill**, **Bill Scully**, **Doug Tansill**, **Peter Kreisel**, **Mike Kauff**, and I enjoyed our 65th Reunion dinner after Bill received The Eigenbrodt Cup, awarded annually to a graduate of national or international prominence who has rendered unusual and significant service to the College. Doug and the late **Tom Reese** were previous recipients. Earlier, classmates enjoyed a tour of the Scully Center.

Several classmates regretted not making Reunion, including **Bob McCammon** and **Carl Zimmerman**. Bob had a family commitment that could not be changed. He recently attended a grandson's graduation from Gettysburg College. (His other grandson is a junior at Lehigh.) He reports, "My partner, Jeanne, and I continue to enjoy life together on St. Simons Island in coastal Georgia. When we are not walking the beach, she enjoys gardening, and I play golf three times a week." Carl was at the annual Guild of Carillonneurs in North America Congress before attending the World Carillon Congress in Portugal.

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1962 President: **Charles L. Hoffman** • Vice President: **Peter Bundy** • Co-Secretary: **John Densem**, john.densem.1962@trincoll.edu • Co-Secretary: **Frederick M. Pryor**, frederick.pryor.1962@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Peter Bundy**, **Charles L. Hoffman**

Classmates, your class officers bring you greetings as we head into the 2026 holiday season! We hope that you and yours are well and happy! We want to alert you to our upcoming 65th Reunion this coming June 10-13. We are thinking of holding a class Zoom session sometime in the spring. We hope that you will be able to join us! Details will be sent to you separately. Part of the Zoom will be to discuss our class activities during Reunion. We're considering making The Goodwin hotel in downtown Hartford our class headquarters, with hopefully a social gathering/dinner there during Reunion Weekend. It appears that this is one of a few Hartford hotels that the College

works with to secure blocks of rooms at reduced pricing. And there is arranged transportation between the hotels and the campus throughout the weekend. We understand that this will be the last distinct Reunion for our class, henceforth to be grouped together with what's left of us from our and prior classes. One thought is that we might lead the Sunday service in the Chapel, with two of our own Episcopal clergy (a former parish priest and a diocesan bishop) as officiant and preacher. **John Densem** is arranging a musical/organ event in the Chapel led by Christopher Houlihan '09, our esteemed organist and director of Chapel music.

Charles Classen writes that he and wife Marion continue to be active with lots of travel. He notes they attended nephew Peter's wedding in Charlotte, North Carolina, in March and their grandson Finn's high school graduation in Ann Arbor, Michigan. Then they went to Florida to visit best friend Stuart and took a two-week Great Lakes cruise from Milwaukee to Toronto. He says he still works on Tuesdays and teaches family practice residents at East Carolina University.

Colby Coombs sends greetings from Thailand.

Your compiler, **John Densem**, says that he is being honored by the College for his contributions to Chapel music with a small plaque on a prayer desk, along with six others being similarly honored. This is to mark the completion of the first phase of the Chapel's restoration plan. It is now watertight, something that couldn't be said for some time.

Don Pine wrote earlier in 2026 that he and wife Sharon continue to enjoy senior community living in the Minneapolis area, especially conversations about current issues and those of years ago.

Don Mills writes to tell of some of his life ventures since his/our graduations. He served as a U.S. junior squash coach and owner of an industrial laundry in Cincinnati and continued to participate in veteran squash activities. He also was involved with Bloomingdale's in N.Y.C., among other organizations. He and wife Judy have two children, six grandchildren, and eight great-grandchildren, and, as he says, "more in the ovens."

In Class of '62 organizational news, **Mike Creighton** has asked to step down as vice president and class agent "due to other commitments." We thank Mike for his service to our class and to the College! **Pete Bundy** has graciously agreed to step into an

active leadership role. Expect to hear from Pete, **Fred Pryor**, and **John Densem** in the coming months!

P.S. Please note that this three-times-a-year compilation is regularly submitted to the College some four months ahead of publication and this is written with the view of the timing of publication. This is the College's timeline. Happy holidays!

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

From **Jon Tiefenbrun**: "Susan and I, with family, celebrated our 60th anniversary at Torrey Pines State Beach."

From **Sandy Creighton**: "An update after our trip to Southeast Asia. We left Boston on March 18 and arrived in Bangkok at 4:00 a.m. on March 20. I had arranged brunch with Dode through Harold's email. We made our way to Harold's favorite Thai restaurant. He saw us as we approached, but when I came closer, he looked at me without recognition. After a one-armed hug, he quietly admitted he did not know me or remember the names of any of his classmates. It was heartbreaking to find him fading, though Dode and Harold's caretaker were surrounding him with loving care for what remains of his long and remarkable life.

"From there, we boarded a Viking Mekong cruise that began in Ho Chi Minh City and continued with stops along the river. Phnom Penh's skyline amazed me, glowing at night with LED lights and rooftop views, a striking contrast to the small colonial town we had seen 58 years earlier under King Sihanouk. Yet our visit to the Killing Fields left the deepest mark, stirring a grief and horror beyond words and reminding us of the destruction caused by failed leadership. As planned, we celebrated our 60th anniversary at Angkor Wat with our fellow passengers, who had started as strangers but had become part of our journey. After the Viking trip ended in Hanoi and Ha Long Bay, Elizabeth and I flew to Da Nang and spent four nights on China Beach, now called My Khe Beach, returning there after 60 years. In that place, healing began from long-term PTSD as we connected with people who had served beside me, fought against me, and even one man whose family members had been killed in the My Lai massacre of March

1968. When I hugged him and whispered whether his family could forgive our past violence, he whispered back, 'The spirits of my ancestral family have already forgiven you. Sandy, it's time to move on.' We wept together, sensing love in our souls, holding each other beneath the My Lai Memorial. In that moment, I felt that a faint breeze of peace, finally, and for the first time in my life, had entered my spirit."

From **Charlie McGill**: "Our daughter, Amy McGill Dilatush '94, has been elected as a Trinity charter trustee. She previously was a one-year alumni trustee, reflecting her earlier leadership as president of the alumni association."

From **Scott Reynolds**: "It seems the older I get, the more I am on the go. Peggy and I just returned from Denver, where our grandson graduated from the University of Denver. We hadn't been there since our son Dave graduated almost 30 years ago. Last month, we attended a family reunion in Maine to celebrate the 80th birthday of my brother Rick '69, and in April, I went to Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore. My late brother Steve was honored for his support of women's athletics. Steve was a trustee during the presidency of Bill Richardson '62. Bill was an ardent supporter of the role of athletics in the undergraduate experience. I am sure this is something Bill observed during his years at Trinity as he was not an athlete. During our time in Florida in March and April, **Charlie McGill**, Tom Johnson '62, and I had a great visit with Ward Curran '57. Ward was the only professor I had (corporate finance) who was still teaching at Trinity when I went to work at the College in 1996. Next, our family, less one granddaughter, is off to St. Lucia for a week. We are doing this instead of our annual time at the Jersey shore. Our plan is to keep going until we can't!"

From **Mike Leinbach**: "Darn little to report, other than my heart failure is a ticking time bomb. Otherwise, I find that Father Time has impacted my balance, so sailing on San Francisco Bay is in the review mirror. But always the optimist (cough), I'm looking forward to the benefits of life in my 90s (or at least the rest of my 80s). And for what it's worth, living in California today is a far cry from when I got here in 1966. But things change, and I trust that it is for the better for all of you."

From **Stan Marcuss**: "This spring, Rosemary and I attended presentations by the current Marcuss Urban Studies Fellows and their faculty advisers. There are two

students and faculty advisers each year whose work is aimed at urban issues in the sciences or social studies. Garth Myers heads the program. It is so good to be a part of the Trinity educational enterprise, and it is so good to be a part of the alumni community headed by **Tom Calabrese**."

From **Mike Schulenberg**: "On the weekend of June 5-7, Karen and I were able to be at Trinity Reunion Weekend. That meant that there was a presentation made to someone in the Class of 1976 who would receive the Alumni Fellowship Award, given each year to someone in the 50th Reunion class who has demonstrated the qualities of 'fellowship, loyalty, and community building during their time at Trinity and after graduating.' I was pleased to be at the awards dinner and to participate in the presentation of the award to Chip Goode '76. We were blessed to see the College once again and to relive the many personal memories associated with our own years at Trinity. I always find warm satisfaction in knowing that the campus and all the alumni who love this dear place work so diligently to see the future shine bright in the hands of graduates who make the College ready to embrace a stable future. It was a quick trip down and back, thanks to our daughter, Melissa, who did all the driving."

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Bob Anderson writes that he and Lucy spend their winters at John's Island in Vero Beach, Florida, and summers in Wilton, Connecticut, and Quogue, Long Island. They attended a Trinity reception in March at John's Island, hosted by Doug Tansill '61 and Bill Scully '61, where Trinity President Dan Lugo was the featured speaker. It was an especially large gathering indicating that Vero Beach and Trinity must have a special attraction for each other!

Tom Jones wishes to update his classmates that his novel *Private Property* (the first volume of four books of The Sonoran Quartet) has been published. An audio version should be forthcoming in a couple of months.

Having recently read the Class Notes from the '60s, **Dan Strammiello** was struck by the uniform entries: health issues, surgery recoveries, arthritic knees, traveling with handsome grandchildren, garden parties on Martha's Vineyard, and wives of more than 50 years. "Isn't it grand" motif! "We are not

dead yet" should be the headline to stories of the active contributions of bright guys out there still working it. "I sold my company's primary asset about six months ago, a building with 75 studios for creatives of all sorts. I am bored and trying to think of something new and meaningful to do (that will still allow afternoon naps). I would do it all again, but that would just be a repeat. Need a new goal. Travel has been our specialty, and our total has been more than 40 countries"

Jeff Thomases reports that his 10th grandchild was born in early June. "Quite a blessing for our family; a big, beautiful girl named Rose Aviv. I am still working part time as my son, Greg, takes the reins. My wife, Mary Kay, and I just celebrated our second anniversary of marriage. We have been together for 23 years! We have had wonderful years together with lots of adventures. We have traveled to many parts of the world, including France about 30 times, Portugal, Italy, England, South Africa, Morocco, Botswana, Israel, Norway, Denmark, Panama, Mexico, Costa Rica, Honduras, and the Galapagos. Mary Kay has a big birthday in December that we will celebrate in Paris before heading off to Uganda to visit the gorillas! We are both in good health. How lucky we are!"

Jim Twerdahl expresses surprise that he still works as a middle market investment banker, "but I am very grateful to have a young, bright, aggressive partner who is great at business development and an Excel wizard. We still have plenty of time to see our children and grandchildren and to travel. The highlight of last year was attending a friend's weeklong 60th birthday party outside of London. While every day was incredible, the highlight was when they hired 33 Rolls-Royces to take us for private tours of Downton Abbey and then Windsor Castle. As they say, you don't have to be wealthy, just have wealthy friends. I would love to buy a drink for any members of the Class of '64 who travel through Los Angeles."

Your secretary, **Bob Spencer**, writes these notes from our summer residence on Squirrel Island, Maine, where we are ensconced for the next three months. It is a chilly and foggy first day of summer. Not unusual! But the boat is in the water, and the sun will shine soon. Speaking in my other role as class agent, best wishes to all of our classmates and special thanks to the many of you who contributed to the 2025-26 annual fund. The Class of 1964 really stepped up this academic year in support of Trinity's students and faculty.

1965

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Your secretary, Bob, writes: Except for a very few instances, I have unfortunately lost touch with most of my old friends from Trinity. I often wonder about them. Now we're in our 80s and still alive and well, though health issues can cloud our days. I can't help but ask those of you who see this note to please drop me even a quick paragraph to say hi.

From the Alumni Engagement Office: **Jonathan Stolz** tells us that he wrote the lead article in the latest issue of *White House History Quarterly*, "Faith and White House History," which visits some of the churches where presidents worshipped, preached, taught, celebrated, and mourned as active members or occasional visitors. Jonathan's piece explores the historic Bruton Parish Church in Williamsburg, Virginia, where early future presidents worshipped even before the United States was founded. According to the White House Historical Association (WHHA), "George Washington attended the baptism of 14 of his godchildren here, and pew doors in memory of Thomas Jefferson, James Madison, and James Monroe remind us of the faith of the nation's founders."

1966

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Len Goldstein writes: "I'm semiretired but still working after 55 years in the psychology 'biz.' I've been spending more time at the Cape and will move there full time in the near future. I'm getting ready for the next 'roommate reunion' in August with **Rob Boas**, Peter Kaufman '68, and Scott King '69. Always a highlight after more than 20 years."

From the Alumni Engagement Office: **Peter Heller** writes: "As I turn 80 in a few days (probably after most colleagues in my class), life is full of challenges and new developments. Seems like something is happening

each new year on the medical front (re my prostate, sleep apnea, a blood mutation, eyelid curling—one never knows what the body is up to), but I am in good shape as my trainer keeps his focus on active functionality and I remain fully active with my gardening, walks in Central Park, and my life as a culture vulture. Still live in Manhattan and the Berkshires. My travel agenda will change: While my son's cell phone business in Nairobi flourishes, my daughter's family (with two girls) will move from Cairo to Hanoi for the next four years. So yearly trips to Southeast Asia will become the norm. Moreover, with my partner's kids in Boulder and Hawaii, our travels will become even more complex to organize. Still actively watercolor painting. Largely retired as an economist, but with frequent involvement with a Zurich-based think tank. Very much looking forward to our 60th in 2027."

1968

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Angelica, George Barrows, Ken Button,

Daniel L. Goldberg, Malcolm L. Hayward,

Bennett Jaffee, Paul H. Jones, Michael Lestz,

Christopher McCrudden, Joseph McKeigue,

Douglas Morrill, Stephen Peters, Richard

Pullman, Lawrence Roberts, Geoffrey

Steinemann, Richard Weingarten

We're back! Know you missed a report in the last *Reporter*, and I am glad to say that the email address snafu is resolved! It is a milestone year for most of us. As **Bob Price** puts it, we are turning 8-OMG. (Happy to go for the milestone and not the headstone, this year and beyond.) Bob has been marking the year with both music and art, taking in Miami's New World Symphony and also The Philadelphia Orchestra and Wynton Marsalis at Lincoln Center in N.Y.C., in addition to The Met, MoMA, and the Studio Museum in Harlem. Bob is a painter and has switched from oils to acrylics. I find myself constantly amazed by those with artistic talents, and our class has/had many talented artists. (On the subject of talented artist classmates, I am sorry to report that **Rod Cook** lost his husband this past winter.)

Bill Walsh, another Floridian, reports on a tranquil existence, which includes golf and Netflix, as well as the comfort of living down the street from a Mayo Clinic facility. The tranquility is periodically interrupted by his watching the news and lamenting what he

refers to as the manipulation and dishonesty of politicians with an eye on short-term power. (Whether you are on the right, left, or center in today's dynamics, I suspect that perspective is widely shared. What do we need to do to stop demonizing those with different viewpoints and appreciate the nuances of and the variety of legitimate perspectives that exist on most issues?) Bill and his wife are planning a Viking cruise from Norway to Barcelona in September 2027 and would love to have some Trinity classmates join the adventure. If you are interested, get ahold of Bill, or let me know and I will pass it along.

In the mid-'80s, **Paul Holinger** visited numerous baseball parks and kept a detailed photographic record of those facilities, many of which no longer exist. You can seek out the **Paul C. Holinger**, M.D. Archive at the National Baseball Hall of Fame, which was overjoyed to accept Paul's donation of 1,450 slides from a bygone era. The Society for American Baseball Research also was eager to have those slides and has added them to their collections.

John "Thibs" Thibodeau, who lives outside Orlando, is among the few classmates still working; he puts in five days a week (with reduced hours) as a psychologist, consulting with Social Security about disability claims. So glad he survived DOGE. Thibs attributes his postgraduate education and career choices to the "thrilling" abnormal psych class he took at Trinity. (Different strokes, as that was the one class I recalled falling asleep in!) If you ask any of your classmates, most will be able to identify several courses or professors who had life-changing impacts on them.

Scott Horton and **Emil Angelica** and their wives visited Sanibel, Florida, and spent time in the enchanting J.N. "Ding" Darling National Wildlife Refuge. They get together via Zoom with **Bill Dickey** and **T. John Hughes** on a fairly regular basis. As Scott aptly stated: "In these difficult times, I look to small pleasures and old friends for solace."

Your secretary and a group of about a dozen classmates continue our weekly Zooms, which have been ongoing since the start of COVID. But nothing replaces the face-to-face time, and we plan to get together on Cape Cod in September and perhaps can put Trinity Homecoming on our schedule as well. Having retired at the end of '25 after more than 50 years of law practice in Boston, I have given up my law office, firm email address, and even my law license. And as wonderful as the decades of trying cases

were, I don't miss it at all. I also joined Bob, Bill, and Thibs (and others in our class) as a Florida property owner when I impulsively bought a winter retreat in Naples, having grown less fond of the New England winters.

It is a pleasure to give a brief update on our growing group of Class of 1968 Scholars. Anupam Khargharia '26 graduated magna cum laude and was named to Phi Beta Kappa. Jamila Hussaini '27 is majoring in mechanical engineering and has been mentoring Afghan students online as well as helping a scholarship project focused on women's health care accessibility in Afghanistan. Aila Farrell '28 is planning to pursue neuroscience and theater and sings a cappella with the Trinitones. And Tajudeen (TJ) Abisogun '29, having received faculty honors as a first-year, is heading toward a major in economics with a minor in mathematics and will be a prized addition to the Trinity soccer team. Our graduated scholars are excelling in graduate work in medicine (Zach Yung '22), occupational therapy (Cesira Barrett '23), and English (Emma Markowski '25).

The class held a Zoom in the spring with **Walt Harrison** and **Barry Bedrick** addressing the issue of money in college sports. It was a fascinating presentation with lots of questions from the roughly two dozen who attended. There is little direct impact on Trinity, but the Division I schools are in a brave new (and evolving) world. Some of us long for the good old days, but even with national legislation being considered, such nostalgia will be an increasingly distant memory.

We aim to have more class Zooms, so if you have suggested topics, or, better yet, would like to volunteer to present, let me know, and we will make it happen. You all have had fascinating careers and areas of particular interest, so it would be great to share your input. And, as we head toward the end of 2026, let me know ways that you have celebrated getting to the ripe old age of 8-OMG.

From the Alumni Engagement Office: The memory of **Elric Endersby**, who passed away in October 2025, will be honored through a Princeton Area Community Foundation fund that will support an annual internship at the Historical Society of Princeton. The Endersby and Gwazda family established the Elric Johnston Endersby Internship in Public History Endowment at the foundation to honor Elric's life and legacy. The foundation

noted that "he was a devoted local historian and preservation expert," adding, "The endowed fund will support a paid summer internship program that will celebrate Elric's contributions to local history and architectural preservation and his long-standing commitment to mentor the young people with whom he worked."

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Kit Briggs and **Marnie** have sold their house in Venice, Florida, and have moved to Bloomfield, Connecticut, to be near their son who lives in Simsbury. Kit writes, "We thought that this allows us to enjoy watching our grandchildren grow up. We will miss being snowbirds in Florida, but the older we get, the more important family becomes. We will be keeping our house on Fishers Island and be spending about six months a year there."

John Valentine and **Keith Pinter** have been corresponding about Trinity crew history and current success. "Thank you to DKE brother **Keith Pinter**," John writes, "who shared with me that Trinity was competing in the 2026 national rowing championships at Lake Natoma, California, just a few miles from my home in Roseville. The regatta featured the top 48 rowing teams in the country, including Trinity. Keith was a team member of the 1969 Trinity crew that competed at Henley. How exciting it was to see the 2026 Trinity varsity win the DIII national championship this year in our own backyard! Keith continues keeping us in touch with fellow Dekes. And my bride, Colleen, and I are living the dream and celebrate our 48th wedding anniversary this month."

This thread resonates with an exhibition that the Trinity College Archives displayed in spring 2026 of Trinity crew memorabilia that documents the freshman crew of 1966. **Keith Pinter** was in that boat with **Bill Young**, **Deke August**, **Doug Gregor**, **Jack DeLong**, **David Knowlton**, **Will Melcher**, and **John Ingram** with **Randy Gordon** as coxswain. The artifacts are part of a gift of **Alden Rand Gordon** (also your class secretary) of papers that document our four years at Trinity and also my 47 years on the Trinity faculty. **Keith Pinter**, **Will Melcher**, and **Jack DeLong** were members of the '66 freshman crew that

were in the varsity boat in 1969 that made the finals of the Ladies' Challenge Plate race at Henley, Trinity's first overseas crew trip. Trinity would win at Henley in 1976, 50 years ago.

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Your secretary was extremely pleased with the response to the email blast for news focusing on events, happenings, or realizations that proved to be life-changing. Extremely thought-provoking pieces received have been greatly appreciated:

First, we received many compliments and thank-yous for the 55th Reunion CD created by **Charley Taylor**, **Peter Brinckerhoff**, **Danny Reilert**, and **Paul Herron**. The musical mix brought back memories for everyone with such tunes as "Try to Remember," "Who Knows Where the Time Goes," "The Way We Were," and finally, "'Neath the Elms." Andy Mitchell '72 was especially transported by the CD to special times past and hopes we shall all "keep on rockin'."

Bevo Biven has finished playing Heckie in *Funny Girl* at Diamond Head Theatre in Honolulu. He's now in beautiful Vermont with dear friend Kathryn Mohn Wooters '72 and wishes us well.

Alex Belida has been transformed in his new avocation writing adventurous fiction. The sequel to *Dead Rail* is out on Amazon. It's called *Blind Siding*, which continues the adventures of Ethan Mercer and Samantha Pierce and involves railroads both real and model, along with Chinese agents and viral threats! He just celebrated his 50th with his wife and saw Ed Adler '69 at his 60th Andover reunion.

Geoff Frank was philosophically dominated by Marshall McLuhan and B.F. Skinner at the outset after our graduation. Since then, he has been influenced by Nicholas Carr's book *Superbloom*, wherein the author's ideas about social media and AI are in part consistent with some of McLuhan's and Skinner's thinking. Too much information arriving constantly is shifting our mental focus away from a slower form of critical thinking, which requires follow-up on sources and research to separate facts from myths and results in gut feelings as a guide to truth. Shoshana Zuboff's *The Age of Surveillance Capitalism* then takes us to the next level. I cannot do

justice to Geoff's explanation of the effect of these sources, but I urge you to consult him directly.

Sam French shares that his beloved spouse of 53 years, Gail, passed, and, fortunately, he eventually met Judi, with whom he has been able to enjoy life with lots of puzzle solving, bike riding, social events, and extensive worldwide travel. His daughter has had one child, Margaret, who just graduated from high school and is about to start college. He looks back upon his career with fondness, remembering how it progressed from Heathkit store manager to solar panel research with AMETEK in Pennsylvania, then SRI at RCA lab in Princeton, to creating computer chips with Commodore, then Bell Labs in Pennsylvania for IC chips for the Department of Defense.

Glenn Gamber's outlook on life changed greatly when he realized modern medicine's focus on surgery and chemical medications is lacking in not acknowledging the effect of mind over body. *The Body Keeps the Score: Brain, Mind, and Body in the Healing of Trauma* by Bessel van der Kolk was a game changer for Glenn. *It Didn't Start with You: How Inherited Family Trauma Shapes Who We Are and How to End the Cycle* by Mark Wolynn embellished his focus. Glenn has realized that the brain is among the next frontiers. He sees Steve Rorke '69 for lunch regularly and enjoys hearing about Paul Siegfried '69 and Jack De Long '69 through Steve.

Joel Greenspan shares that he attended a lovely and deeply moving ceremony during which his former roommate and fencing teammate Rabbi **Jack Luxemburg** had a new Torah scroll dedicated in his honor after 50 years in the rabbinate. Joel recalls how Rabbi Jack married Allison and him on July 4, 1981, the first couple he married after accepting his role as chief rabbi at Temple Beth Ami in Rockville, Maryland.

Peter Orgain called me in response to the email blast. Although his primary focus was architecture as a career, his entire perception of the effect of psychology and therapy changed about 30 years ago when he immersed himself in the discipline of neurolinguistics. As a result, his life benefited from a new direction, and it enabled him to radically change the direction of others in his community for the better in an exceptionally short amount of therapeutic time, i.e., one day as opposed to years of traditional therapy. Every chat with Peter can be transformative if you give it a chance.

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Can you name who attended? I will name **Greg Cherneff**, bowman on our freshman boat. I hadn't seen him in 59 years, although he and I are in a silhouetted picture of our freshman boat that I see daily in my den. That's why I attend.

Among the women of our class, we received notes that they were unable to attend thereby leaving coed classmate **Debbie Endersby Gwazda** as the oldest alumna at Reunion! **Ann Carroll Harris** was busy celebrating the 25th anniversary of her son and daughter-in-law, "which is amazing!" **Rosemary Morante** needed to attend two local events, but "I do plan to mark my 2031 calendar for our 60th!" **Karen Lewchik Rose** wrote of the hard work and sad times she's experienced in the past five years. Her husband, Sandy, died in 2021, and because she seems to be the kindest and most helpful member of her family, she has spent many years settling estates and cleaning family homes in three states. Good times ahead for Karen and her two children, who are planning a two-month "healing trip to Kenya." Karen recently moved to a retirement community in Atlanta.

Reunion regulars **Jeff** and **Margot Clement Clark** missed this year's weekend because they were enjoying a cruise to Alaska with their son, daughter-in-law, and two grandchildren, ages 7 and 9. Adventure and family first!

Jon Miller writes: "**David Sample, Cliff Cutler**, and I paid a surprise 55th Reunion visit to our beloved coach Don Miller. We brought some fancy flowers and entered the house through a back door and found the coach watching a big screen with four different sport games or events going on. Coach was not able to speak easily, but we could see gratitude and pride in his face that a couple of his 'boys' would stop by for a visit. We told a few stories, laughed a lot, and talked about the reception of **David Kiarsis** into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame. So well deserved, but we also noted that we three offensive linemen were not sitting on the sidelines watching the magic happen in those exciting gridiron days. No, we actually made some of the magic happen! Enough said! On the table next to coach's

bed was a Bible. Cliff read a passage from John 17. I prayed, and we left. Looking back at Reunion, it's easy for me to name this as one of the highlights of my time at 'ol Trin! With gratitude to God and the special men who joined me that afternoon!"

Kevin Sullivan writes: "Reunion was great. Only sad to see how many are no longer with us."

Tom Sasali writes: "It was nice catching up with you at Reunion. You look as young as ever, and it only took you 55 years to grow out our '60s hippie hair! My first event of Reunion Weekend was the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner, where our classmate **Dave Kiarsis** was (finally) inducted. Dave could not attend, but his son David accepted the award on his behalf. Several of Kiarsis's old teammates were at the dinner, including **Dave Sample, Jon Miller, Bill Sartorelli, Phil Khoury, Bill Reynolds**, and my old Sigma Nu roommate **Cliff Cutler**. I guess I was the only basketball team representative there. After dinner, a video conference was arranged so that Dave and his wife could meet with us. In addition to the aforementioned classmates who were in the room, **Mike James, Jim Graves**, and **Tom DiBenedetto** joined remotely. We all took turns congratulating Dave, the greatest running back in Trinity history. This call made the whole evening extra special for us.

"On Saturday, I attended the Celebration of Life for our 57 deceased classmates. As it turns out, according to **Daniel Lavin**, it is actually 58 because **Dennis Bruns** also passed on. Dennis was affectionately known as "The Grub" for his long, unkempt hair and hippie clothes. He was the first hippie I was ever friends with. **Jon Miller, Lee Barstow**, and **Cliff Cutler** gave heartfelt and inspirational blessings and reflections. I never cease to be amazed at the quality people such as these three who were in the Class of 1971.

"During the weekend, I was able to spend time with good friends from Sigma Nu, including my roommate **Cliff Cutler, Howie Weinberg**, and **Bill Sartorelli**. I also had the chance to become better acquainted with other classmates whom I had not seen in 55 years. These included **Hugh Woodruff, Marshall Garrison, Sheldon Crosby, Daniel Lavin, Debbie Endersby Gwazda** and husband Ed, **Rusty Page, Lowen Hankin, Bob Muller**, and **Tony Yablonsky**. Hugh and I discovered that we had both driven cross country with **Lou Slocum** at one time or another. What were the odds on that? Tony reminded me

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of the softball games we used to play on campus in the summer with other students and alums as well as the occasional professor or staff member. Of course, a little beer was always on hand, and afterward a trip to Franklin Avenue for lemon ice at LiVecchi's bakery was the nightcap. It also was good to see **Bill Reynolds**, **Dave Sample**, and **Phil Khoury**, fellow football game attendees up to the present day. My apologies to anyone at Reunion I may have forgotten.

"The satisfaction of seeing so many familiar and friendly faces made me wish that I had been able to attend our previous Reunions. The combination of the Athletics Hall of Fame Induction Ceremony and Dinner and the Class of '71 events made this Reunion a very special event for me, with memories I will treasure until our 60th!"

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Stephen L. Hill writes, "Retired after 40 years of private practice as a vascular, trauma, and general surgeon in Roanoke, Virginia. Still married to the woman I met in college and have two children (daughter a professor at the Citadel in Charleston, South Carolina, and son who is a lawyer in Washington, D.C.), and they each have two children."

Andy Fisher shares, "My wife, Lois, and I are blessed with five uber-exuberant toddler grandchildren, ages 1 to 4. A great thrill—and a workout! Also, Rutgers University Press recently released my biography, *Nathan Straus: From Macy Magnate to International Humanitarian*. I'm grateful for the warm 'blurb' reviews that the book has received from U.S. and U.K. scholars."

John Moses writes of both something new under the sun and a comforting sign that

the big wheel keeps on turnin': "Enjoying new grandgirl Willa Lane Moses to add to the other four grandgirls. July found me booking my yearly direct flight from Charleston, South Carolina, to Portland, Maine. There, roadies awaited to spirit me up to Carrabassett, Maine, where The Outerspace Band recorded its first album, *Initial Contact*, in 1991 'neath the stars of Sugarloaf Mountain. Music and festivals thrive and keep you focused and young, so this youngster then headed to Greenfield, Massachusetts, where all of our Class of '72 original suspects awaited: Wailin' Dave (**Dave Robinson**), Comptonious (**Compton Maddux**), and Klondike (**John Koehler**), along with our spiritual leader, Eliot Osborn '71. We had returned to Western Massachusetts for our summer tour event on August 1 at the Moose Lodge. Wives, girlfriends, children, and grandchildren were in attendance, all wearing five decades of **Barclay Shaw's** Outerspace T-shirts, very much like a comic con convention. Chief (**Kirk Kubicek**) was booked with his own tie-dyed show outside D.C. I've enjoyed subscribing to his sermons from Christ Church, Forest Hill, Rock Spring Parish (in Maryland), where he continues to preach the gospel as well as comment from his newsletter on today's politics."

Bob D'Agostino speaks of an enduring Trinity link: "In June, we marked our 50th wedding anniversary. The Trinity connection was my best man, **John Gottsch**, my four-year roommate. That included rooming in Alpha Chi Rho, where he was president senior year, a little strange, given my membership in Pi Kappa Alpha. With our close relationship, I was invited to his sister's wedding in Florida. It was there I met my future wife, who was his sister's roommate at Conn College in New London. We grew up in Connecticut an hour apart and met a thousand miles away in Florida. For our anniversary, we took our four children and their mates and three grandchildren to Sarasota for 10 days. The last time my wife and I were in Sarasota (before children), we were run out of town by a fast-approaching hurricane that chased us up the East Coast to Massachusetts. It was a markedly different kind of excitement this time."

John "Klon" Koehler keeps on keepin' on: "Always rewiring rather than retiring, I just finished an audio installation at a new nightclub in Northampton. I'm in a cool band led by Brook Batteau and helping former roommate **Dave Robinson** with a recording project. All [Outerspace] members still meet

rock 'n' roll's basic requirement: 'still upright and taking nourishment.' Cheers."

Rob Goldman writes: "For the past 53, years I've gone on hiking and camping trips with three other guys, two of whom I've known since third grade and one of whom I met junior year while on an exchange program at Wellesley College. As you might expect, over those 50-plus years, we've enjoyed a large number of amazing hikes and wonderful campsites, forging a strong camaraderie. I recently published a book about those experiences, *The Rock Throwing Championship of the World*, available on Amazon. It's full of descriptions of great hikes and campsites, funny stories, and dozens of beautiful photos; it documents the wonderful camaraderie that the four of us enjoy."

Gene Stamell speaks to a different kind of adventure: "My wife, Jan, and I spent two weeks in southern Croatia, Bosnia-Herzegovina, and Montenegro. A few bits of learning from the trip include: 1) Literally everyone despises Donald Trump, more so than I even imagined. On several occasions, I was asked a form of this question: 'What is wrong with you Americans? You elect such a crazy man for your president?' What could I say, other than, 'Yes, I guess that's true'? 2) The wine, cheese, and bruschetta are top-notch and ever present. 3) It is one of the most spectacularly beautiful parts of the world I have ever seen. An unexpected bonus: Our Lufthansa itinerary was changed, causing us to arrive in Croatia six hours late, so our two round-trip tickets were refunded! Europe does a few things right. These days, I'm left asking: 'What things does America do right?' What a mess, what a mess. Stay well, everyone."

John Gould goes all the way back to the beginning and brings us up-to-date: "I look back on my years at Trinity with much fondness, though my initial experience as one of 10 Black young men in our entering class was culturally and academically challenging. From Trinity, I went on to earn an M.B.A. from UVA and pursued a diverse career in corporate financial analysis, health care administration, college-level teaching, pastoral ministry, and nonprofit financial management. Now retired and living in Chester, Virginia, with my wife, Patricia, I continue to be active in ministry. Last May, I traveled back to New England to celebrate my son's (the youngest of my five) graduation from Brown University. Since I was flying into New Haven, I decided to wear my Trinity gear, which drew the attention of a

few folks who were familiar with or had some connection to Trinity. Greatly enjoyed being back up in the area and reminiscing on my college years.”

Thanks to our contributors to this issue. More to come in the next *Trinity Reporter*, guaranteed to warm your hearts in that soon-to-be long, cold winter.

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Susannah Heschel, Eli M. Black Distinguished Professor at Dartmouth College, also has served as the Gerard Weinstock Visiting Professor at Harvard University this year. Husband James Aronson is a geologist, and daughters Gittel and Avigael are flourishing and live nearby. Susannah misses her friends and teachers at Trinity and is grateful for the wonderful experiences at the College.

Stan Twardy writes, “I am 70 percent retired, enjoying the 30 percent of work but able to travel, golf, and be with friends. I had lunch with my four-year roommate **Mike Saunders** and his wife, Denise, in Florida in April. I’m fortunate to see other Bantams at golf outings in Connecticut.”

Per **Art Baldwin**, “I just finished a four-year stint as church moderator and am looking forward to more time for bike rides. A recent accomplishment was reading the 400-plus-page magnum opus of freshman roommate **Ken Harl** (*Empires of the Steppes: A History of the Nomadic Tribes Who Shaped Civilization*). It is great. I’m looking forward to a summer of family visits and seeing one of the World Cup games in Seattle.”

Gene Pogany writes, “After 40-plus years as a clinical psychologist, I am mostly retired yet still maintain some hours in private practice. Otherwise, I try to keep up with my 5-year-old grandson and devote free time to sculpture, which I began freshman year at Trinity. Having shown my work for several years and after being accepted as a member of the New England Sculptors Association in 2024, I have exhibited my wood carving and metal and mixed media assemblage in several juried exhibitions, most recently at the Cape Cod Museum of Art. I maintain contact with dear friend and old basketball buddy **David Roochnik** and recently had lunch with Arlene Kanter ’76.”

Per **Len Kupferberg**: “Karen and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary on June 12.”

Antoinette Ruzzier writes, “I am recovering from knee replacement surgery on my right leg. The plan is to do the left one in the fall. Between physical therapy and exercises, I enjoy watching World Cup soccer games. I look forward to getting back to dancing, long walks, traveling, and Bible study groups. Florida has been home for 24 years, and I have been very happy here. We are in full summer mode. Thank God for air conditioning!”

Per **Chris Carley**, “Deborah (Root) Carley ’74 and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary with our children and grandchildren in Puerto Rico this April.”

Len Heinrich writes, “Our summer plans include spending time at Lake Champlain with our daughter and spouse. We plan to tour Ben and Jerry’s factory while in the area. Later we will be visiting extended family with our son and daughter and spouse at Lake Tillery. In July, I will be an announcer at the skating event of the Nutmeg State Games. August will find my wife and I in Wolfeboro, New Hampshire, on Lake Winnepesaukee, enjoying craft fairs and the many handmade items, as well as the lake in my new Boston Whaler.”

From **Aron Pasternack**: “I continue to enjoy full retirement, even though I never seem to have enough time for reading, writing, cooking, eating, and, of course, playing with grandchildren Zenith, Raphael, Rose, and Jacob. Kate and I spent 10 days in the U.K. last month. I continue to see many classmates and recently had lunch with **David Bargman** in Manhattan.”

Per **Ric Ricci**, “I had the pleasure of watching the Trinity men’s varsity 8 practice on the Connecticut River. The crew is the NCAA Division III national champions for the second consecutive year! They went on to compete at the Henley Royal Regatta. Traveled to Portland, Maine. Had a pleasant visit with fellow oarsmen Charlie Poole ’77 and **Malcolm Poole**. Malcolm has two grandsons who are rowing competitively in Seattle. I am teaching, coaching, and sculling at the Craftsbury Sculling Center. Family and grandkids are well.”

Greg Zec writes, “We moved to West Hartford two years ago and are very happy with our decision. Our family expanded with the addition of 14-month-old granddaughter Eve. Her parents live in Boston. We have been buoyed by the warmth and generosity

Honoring Painter

Mike Vitale ’73 (left) and Borden W. Painter Jr. ’58, H’95, president and professor of history, emeritus, met on campus in May for Vitale to present a game he created, *Desert Tide: The War in North Africa 1940–1942* (Compass Games), to his former teacher. Vitale dedicated the game to him, saying that he wanted to honor the professor as the representation of the value of a liberal arts education. He had taken Painter’s class on modern Italy “back in the day,” and while “it was our only interaction during my years at Trin, it stuck with me.” Vitale adds, “Although my mathematics major was instrumental in my 40-year career in IT, the opportunity to sample other disciplines and to experience the learning method taught at Trinity inspired not only a lifelong passion for various areas of interest but also the tools that allowed for the synthesis of the two seemingly unrelated areas of math and history. The fact that I’m still creating new content well into my 70s is a testament to that value.”

Vitale notes that he was a principal in the game publishing house Nova Game Designs from 1980 to 1991. He returned to game design after the pandemic, when he discovered Compass Games in Hartford, which published his historical battle game *Desert Blitzkrieg: Rommel’s North African Campaign*. He has continued to design for Compass, including a number of card-driven games in the company’s Tide series, which includes *Desert Tide*, *Iberian Tide: The Spanish Civil War*, and *Hannibal’s Tide: The Second Punic War*.



of Trinity classmates **Mark von Mayrhauser**, **David Heinlein**, **Penny Robiner**, **Susan Hoffman Fishman**, and others. We visit Cinestudio a few times a year, and I've enjoyed auditing two language courses at Trinity. The health care infrastructure is outstanding, and we love Bradley International Airport. Who would have thought that Hartford would be widely reported to be the hottest real estate market in the country? It's been a very happy homecoming."

Bert Keating writes that since leaving the demands of internal medicine practice, he has time to regularly meet with former teacher Ralph Moyer, professor of chemistry, emeritus. During his long career at Trinity, Ralph taught inorganic and quantitative chemistry to many of us. Bert says that they usually share lunch at Ralph's house in Wethersfield. Ralph, a lifelong bachelor, just celebrated his 90th birthday. Although recovering from an orthopedic setback, he retains his analytical mind, a delicious and mostly polite sense of humor, and a penchant for a toasted meatball sub with green peppers and cheese. Ralph identifies his professional mentors as Ward Curran, Borden Painter, and Robert Lindsay, names many of us remember with awe. Bert notes, "We cover a wide range of topics, including religion and politics, which our long Trinity friendship can handle."

John Farrenkopf published in his semi-retirement two essays on the ideas of Oswald Spengler: "Oswald Spengler, Aristocracy Virtues, Democracy, and the Decline and Death of the West" in *Aristocratic Voices: Forgotten Arguments about Virtue, Authority, and Inequality* and "Spengler, Germany, Counterfactual History, and Power Politics" in a book written in German.

Julie Johnson Darnieder writes, "It has been a while since I checked in. Life is good. We still live in the Milwaukee area and are fortunate to have our three children, their spouses, and our eight grandchildren (ages 2-19) in the area. I am mostly retired from practicing law, with the exception of pro bono endeavors. The Marquette Volunteer Legal Clinics, which I helped establish 25 years ago and which provides free civil legal services, occupies much of my time. The American Bar Association is awarding the clinic its 2026 Pro Bono Publico Award. We continue to enjoy travel. I keep tied to Trinity through my brother Tom Johnson '62, brother-in-law Scott Reynolds '63, and niece Jane Reynolds Flynn '92."

"The idea that no gentleman swears is all wrong. He can swear and still be a gentleman if he does it in a nice and benevolent and affectionate way."—Mark Twain

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From **Tom Martin**, "Hard to believe a year has come and gone since our 50th. I enjoyed seeing so many wonderful people, like we never left. Let's keep coming back. I am finally retiring from my second career as CFO of the Head of the Charles Regatta. I first rowed in the regatta in 1973 and 1974 for Trinity, started volunteering in 1979 and competing with Cambridge Boat Club, became the volunteer CFO in 1991, and went full time in 2007. It is now the largest three-day regatta in the world."

Good news from **Rich Tucci**! "I'll just offer that a year after the publishing of my book, *Ideas to Action*, and my nervous debut as a fledgling author at Reunion, I can say the book did better than being a doorstop. One best new business book award and three finalist medals. My thanks to the many classmates who bought and commented on the book. Much appreciated!"

And this is how **Paul Loether** is spending his time: "Am 'playing out' (musically speaking) more and more these days. The rest of my time during the warmer months is spent

maintaining a yard full of specimens, trees, shrubs, and perennials. I spend my colder months mostly doing research on Old Lyme's historic architecture."

Melissa Everett continues to direct Sustainable Hudson Valley, where they are over-the-moon pleased that wind and solar provided more energy globally than fossil gas in April 2026. She dabbles in local politics and gardening and keeps a paddleboard in the car.

In March, **Joe Calabro** attended an unveiling of an 8008 microcomputer exhibit in MECC at Trinity. Many attended, including classmate **Rudy Montgelas**, former engineering professors David Ahlgren and Joseph Bronzino, current professor John Mertens, and other former engineering students. The computer was one that was built as a multi-year project under professor Ahlgren's guidance back in the late '70s and is on display. College Archivist and Manuscript Librarian Eric Stoykovich organized the event (a mini reunion!) and posted about it. We have had a few lively (and geeky) email exchanges since the gathering.

Co-Class Secretary **Chris Mooney** and spouse Sheri have made their annual trek from Florida to Linville, North Carolina. They will be in Vermont and Lake Placid in August to see grandkids. If any '75s are in the Blue Ridge, let them know. They are there through New Year's Day.

Class Vice President **Robin Bodell** sends her greeting from Rhodes City, Greece, where she is on vacay with her sister, brother, and "most of our families. Day tripping on a 40-foot sloop along the coast!"

Henry Bruce, our class president, writes: "The first half of 2026 has continued with more great experiences. I visited **Steve Hirsch** and wife Beje in May in Fort Lauderdale for some deep-sea fishing off Pompano Beach. We managed to catch more than a few King macks, barracuda, false albacore, and red snappers. Also, in May I joined the Florida Botanical Gardens Foundation in Largo, Florida. I will bring my experience in fundraising for not-for-profit organizations to help grow the funding of the rapidly expanding children's exploration gardens and other horticultural education programs. Next time you are in Largo, come for a visit to see the 110-acre gardens. It's awesome! Finally, **Rich Huoppi** and I crashed the 50th Reunion of the Class of 1976 in June and ran into fellow crasher Sandy Weedon '77. Gene Chen '76 and Peter Leibowitz '76 joined us to reenact a **Dave Levin** photo from

their cheerleading days. Stay in touch online in our Class of 1975 Facebook page or via email or text."

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Andy Bassford, who spoke and performed at Reunion, writes, "In May, I performed at the NOLA Jazz Fest with pianist Monty Alexander. In June, I went to the Netherlands to record with Roots Radics, the '80s reggae studio band. I'm playing with various artists in the summer and playing Curaçao with Monty in September."

Major Capers, our new class co-secretary, is grateful for our Reunion: "Thank you for helping me relive some of the best days of my life! My son and daughter-in-law had a great time at Ideas Fest. I am glad they were able to see why Trinity remains such a very special place to me. Audrey and I are looking forward to our upcoming Holland America cruise to Alaska and Hawaii. I plan to share a few pictures and notes after our return."

Maria DeLalla says: "What a great 50th Reunion! I'm back in Virginia enjoying retired life as 'Mia' to my grandchildren (three in Virginia, two-soon-to-be-three in Wisconsin). I'm playing with multimedia art supplies, 'hiking,' traveling, and settling into my new home. I live in a repurposed barn shell in the midst of horse country, my forever home unless I need to move back to Sweden. Loved, loved, loved seeing many of you in June!"

Mike Gilman is "still feeling the glow from our fabulous 50th Reunion. It was so great seeing everyone, and we missed those who could not attend or are sadly no longer with us. We had a lot of fun, and our class memorial service was very moving and well attended. So glad to rekindle connections and make some great new ones after 50 years. See you at number 55 and hopefully before then for many of you."

Writing after a European trip in June, **Elaine Patterson** is "sorry to have missed Reunion (while on a bicycle trip in France), but I want to thank all of our classmates who were on the committee! This record-breaking 'coming together' of the class impacted even those of us who couldn't be there in

person. The Reunion spirit moved me to get in touch with several classmates I haven't spoken to in decades, and my senior-year suitemates are planning on a catch-up Zoom soon. Wishing everyone the best, and on to our 55th!"

Hobie Porter notes, "Helping produce our Reunion Yearbook was such a joy. It allowed me to reflect on our entire class: dorm/roommates, teammates, fraternity brothers, and a host of scholars, musicians, thespians, visionaries, athletes, and just plain good people. Our class is amazing, our Reunion was spectacular, and we need to do this again soon!"

Jim Pratzon writes, "Having served N.Y.C. for 25 years as a public school teacher (and having the best health insurance in the country, which saved my son's life), I'm back in the theater. Reunion Weekend, I was playing Polonius in the Shakespeare Forum production of *Becoming Hamlet*, an interactive approach that's heading off-Broadway in September. Renewed thanks to all who supported our productions 50 years ago, *Fortune and Men's Eyes*, *U.S.A.*, and *The Time of Your Life*."

Rebecca Dunn Reinmann writes, "It was really wonderful to catch up at the 50th Reunion, to see the campus again, and to hear memories about my father. Travel plans include a solo trip to Oregon with my 11-year-old grandson, Roland, and river cruises in France with my husband, Paul, in October."

Barry Rosen says he "has lived in Berkeley, California, since Trinity days and worked at Interaction Associates (IA) for 40 years, with sabbatical years along the way, and as CEO for 15 years. Collaborative projects have taken me around the world, teaching and meeting, like Zelig, with well-known leaders and change-makers. I'm training consultants in Israel—Palestinian and Jewish—to deliver the IA program Facilitative Leadership to government, community, and business leaders in service of a more democratic and shared society. I've been fortunate to have had a meaningful career and one that paid the mortgage. I've thoroughly enjoyed the ride."

Tom Santopietro, who marvelously moderated the From the Long Walk to the Limelight: A 50th Reunion Creative Panel at Reunion, writes, "Since I work on Broadway shows, here's my review of our 50th Reunion: Spectacular: Four stars out of four, a great chance to reconnect with old friends and connect with new friends. Thanks to all members of the Reunion Committee for

their hard work that made the four days such a success."

Hal Smullen, our new class vice president, writes: "Terrific Reunion. Thanks to all who participated, attended, or had a role in making it a success. Great seeing so many classmates and rekindling friendships."

Class Co-Secretary **Sue Weisselberg** writes, "It was a privilege and a pleasure to serve as the 50th Reunion co-chair, working with the incredible **Chip Goode** and our amazing team of 33 classmates. We all took on tasks and participated enthusiastically, resulting in a successful and record-breaking Reunion. Thank you to all who worked on Reunion Committees, to all who submitted profiles, pictures, and memorial reflections for the yearbook, to all who took part in the moving memorial service and our creatives panel, to all who attended and reconnected with classmates, and to all who contributed to our class gift. What a fabulous experience! And my husband, Nick, and I will top it off with an Alaskan cruise in July to celebrate our 40th anniversary."

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Reunion Weekend 2027 belongs to us all! On Thursday, June 10, through Sunday, June 13, 2027, we will celebrate our 50th!

First, big news from **John Gillespie** and crew: "Our 50th football season reunion will be the weekend of October 3, 2026. There are 19 of us from that team, and last Monday, June 15, 10 of us got together for a Zoom mini reunion. Had a great time reminiscing and busting some chops. The 16 who have been in regular contact via email exchanges over the last four months, along with me, are our tri-captains, **Pat Heffernan**, **Don Grabowski**, and **Rick Uluski**, and **Dave Coratti**, **Gil Childers**, **Tom Lines**, **John Grigun**, **Tony Trivella**, **Tony Ciccagliano**, **Mark Stern**, **Al Juliano**, **Mike Leverone**, **Don Daigneau**, **Jon Brucato**, and **Tom Barker**. We haven't heard from **Bob O'Leary**, **Dave Jancarski**, or **Dan Iadonisi**, so hopefully they'll read this. We're having dinner for our class teammates Friday night at Mather Hall, and our coaches, **Don Miller**, **Rick Hazelton**, and **Mike Darr**, along with current Head Coach **Jeff Devaney '93**, will be joining us. We

would love to see guys from the other classes with whom we played over the years on Saturday before, during, and after the game with Williams. Questions? Email me at jgillespie@parkermccay.com or jgillespie7714@gmail.com"

Steve Corso writes, "Greetings from San Diego! Ellen Ahern '79 and I retired to Southern California after our rewarding careers in public school education and clinical social work in New England. We stay busy visiting our three children and three grandchildren on both coasts! I look forward to the 50th Reunion in 2027! All the best!"

And from **Andy Friedman**: "When my younger daughter departed for college three years ago, I retired from The Washington Update, the firm I started to inform financial advisers and their clients how events in Washington are likely to affect the markets and their investments. I volunteer in a court diversionary program to help juveniles who have committed nonviolent crimes. I also spend time reading, walking, and enjoying my afternoon naps."

Bill Clark writes, "Still in Southern Vermont. Super cold patch recently had us chewing through the firewood. Bird feeders here have attracted the regular crowd, but this year we have a red-bellied woodpecker, a new and lovely visitor. Wonderful road trip this past summer to Jackson, Wyoming, for our youngest daughter's unforgettable wedding on Jackson Lake. Our son moved back from Vegas to buy the property next to us. Working in Keene, New Hampshire, at pediatric care facility."

Bob Brogadir reports, "I will retire as a podiatrist in the Chicagoland area after 43 years of practice at the end of December 2026. It will be bittersweet as I move forward into another phase of life, which hopefully most of us experience if we are fortunate enough to do so. We have six grands from our daughter and son. They are close by, and we enjoy our relationship with them as they grow in maturity with each year. I am working part time, so I am getting a refreshing taste of what the future holds. More time to be with family, reading books (it's been years), exercising, walking our Bernese mountain dog daily, traveling, going to concerts and plays, watching movies, etc."

Sandy Weedon writes, "Several of us from the Class of '77 attended parts of the 1976 50th Reunion last weekend. It will be a tough act to follow! **Gil Childers** and **Mike Wyman** also were on campus, but they didn't join us for dinner."

From **Richard Elliott**: "I retired at the end of June 2024, following several years as an attorney-adviser in the State Department and decades as international trade counsel at a large New York law firm (Paul, Weiss). My wife, Gail, continues to teach organic chemistry part time at George Washington University. Our son, Brenton, is an ER doctor and lives near us in Northern Virginia. Much as I liked the intellectual challenges of lawyering, I am very much enjoying retirement—walking our pug puppies, serving as vice president of our local neighborhood association, planning our river cruise along the Danube in September, and having more time for exercise, reading, and playing cribbage and canasta."

From **Doug McGarrah**: "I retired in 2023 from 32 years as a partner at Foley Hoag LLP in Boston. I retired in 2025 from MassDOT/MBTA as general counsel. I am exploring other opportunities for retirement. My wife, Beth, and I spent six weeks in Portugal during the winter of 2026 and expect to make that a habit in the coming years. Still living in Wenham, north of Boston, and in Sunapee, New Hampshire, mostly in the summer. With a new hip and knee, I think I am good to go for another decade or two!"

Brian Donnell says, "I still enjoy practicing law in the Northeast and East Coast with trials and contract matters involving construction and business law. I caught up with **Mark Stern** at a football reunion dinner in New Haven (we were side by side on the offensive line during high school and at Trinity). Hope you and everyone else in the Class of '77 are active, happy, and in good health."

David Beers shares, "**Marian** and I are in Italy for a week of cycling. On our way home, we are visiting Marian's cousin Letitia Erler Michotte in London."

From **Mark Moore**: "Best wishes from Colorado! Busy year, youngest daughter married in Colorado Springs in September. Overwintered six months in Fort Myers, catching tarpon in April and May, then back to home in Colorado for summer. Oldest daughter practices neurology in 'the Springs.' Our vineyard in Missouri is flourishing, 1,000 pounds of grapes in September, will bottle in June."

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Peter Sherman Crosby kicks off our Class Notes with this: "It was thrilling to see the premiere of my first documentary feature, *Oh My Beautiful Country: Journey to the West*, on the big screen yet dull watching it for the nth time, ego boosting yet unbelievably humbling, nerve-racking with anticipation easing into peaceful satisfaction, and most of all, fun. About 50 folks, many of them dear old friends, filled the Cinema Village space in Manhattan with energy, laughter, and a tear or two. The Q&A ran for 20 minutes, with many insightful questions. Thanks for all the encouragement, support, and, finally, enthusiastic applause!"

Harry Graves shares, "I served as chairman of America's Jubilee 250 Years Celebration in Newport, Rhode Island, on June 5 with tall ships, twelves, and world-class sailboats on the 24-mile Newport Ocean Race course."

Edward "Ted" Pardoe hops on board with this: "I have just finished my migration from Florida to Idaho for the next four months. This retirement thing is fun. It has been very eye-opening to see how many Trinity folks make it to Florida if they aren't living there. Furthermore, Trinity connections have begat new ties with all sorts of other folks. Cheers!"

Tina Poole Thomas shares: "Heading to Scandinavia in July but not on Duolingo. Well, I don't think I have sent notes for a very long time. Life gets away with you. But I guess turning 70 makes you look back. Henry and I are Florida residents. We are in Vero Beach but still have a condo in Baltimore, Maryland, where we raised the kids. We love golf, and if he ever retires, he will play more! Our three daughters are all over the country, working hard, married, and raising kids in San Francisco; Auburn, Maine; and Richmond, Virginia, with five grandkids. I retired from teaching in 2015 and then started a clutter-clearing business for about four years. I volunteer at the Environmental Learning Center in Vero Beach, play plenty of golf, and take a few art classes. I keep in touch with **Olivia Brown** and **Kita Riemer Reece**, and sometimes I connect with Robin Sheppard M'76."

Dennis Weise writes, "I am enjoying retirement in Palm Beach, Florida. After decades working as a psychologist, I am devoting my time to my avocation, making music. I've been releasing my work every few months (search Doctor Wize for my upbeat songs, and Dennis Weise for the more chilled songs). Met with Reynolds

Onderdonk '76 recently while on a trip to Maine. Haven't seen each other in almost 50 years. That was exciting."

Your class secretary, that's me, **Jory Lockwood**, had dinner with Trinity classmates **Livia Barndollar** and **Jim Abrams** last month. As I approach 70 (eek!), I continue to teach, train dogs, travel, and work on the house (never-ending). I will add that I also make time to take advantage of living so close to the Big Apple by hopping the Metro-North train to GCT. Senior rate is only \$15 round trip. Booyah!

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We're at the point where we're recollecting our history and pushing on in new, exciting endeavors.

Diane Molleson was in contact with **Stephanie Vignone**, whose brushes are still traveling across the canvas. Stephanie writes, "I'm still painting away. I'll have a show at the Oxbow Art Gallery in Easthampton, Massachusetts, in November. As I write this, it's still months away, so I'm not sure exactly what I'll show, but since it's going to be a back gallery show, I am thinking of including some abstract pieces, a new thing for me." Stephanie's paintings may be viewed at her website, vignoneart.com. One of her works is titled *Early Snow in the Pinewood*.

Robert "Gus" Reynolds was in touch from Thailand with news of a new philanthropic enterprise. He writes, "After 20 years as director of the award-winning Sriphong Phukaoluan Foundation here in Krabi, Thailand, I have opened a new foundation: The Reynolds Education Foundation. While the previous foundation supported 104 orphans from the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami until age 18, the new foundation focuses on supporting education initiatives for rural and disadvantaged children. Brothers Scott Reynolds '63, Rick Reynolds '68, and I are building a STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) Learning Center for free education and tutoring for students from disadvantaged families. These programs include English, art and science

camp, hydroponic and organic gardens, and free tutoring for national exams. The Reynolds Education Foundation has received its 501(c)(3) tax-deductible status from Myriad USA (formerly Give2Asia foundation) so U.S. citizens and companies can donate tax-free. Join the group of Trinity alumni supporting education for those underprivileged children striving for a better future."

Jim Cropsey continues to find news for our class. This time he has an update on **Britton Jones**, who also is involved in the nonprofit world. Britton recently retired after 45 years in B2B media and event production. He recalled a career working at Business Journals Inc., LeftField Media, NXT Events Media Group, and The Nest Climate Campus. He says, "Creating properties that helped clients grow their businesses and further their causes has been truly rewarding, as has working in industry associations and with many talented production partners and venues." Britton serves as executive chairman of Food Rescue US, whose mission is to end hunger and protect the planet by eliminating the methane produced by food waste in landfills. He's also involved in philanthropic pursuits for climate solutions and medical research.

Jim and wife Roberta met with **Ken Crowe** in Manchester, New Hampshire, in early June. Ken was at the Hopkinton Historical Society in Hopkinton, Massachusetts (best known for being the starting point of the Boston Marathon). Ken headed north to New Hampshire after spending the day at the society reading World War I scrapbooks and manuscripts as part of his research of the 69th NY Infantry Regiment at the Battle of the Ourcq in 1918. Ken spent the second half of July 2025 visiting the battlefield and the U.S. military cemeteries at Oise-Aisne and Belleau Wood. Jim and Ken talked about Trinity's plans to make fencing a varsity sport. They were on the club team that fenced Harvard, Yale, Brown, West Point, and other colleges. They recalled other classmates involved in fencing included **Lynn Kennedy**, **Paul Christensen**, and **John Cryan**.

Kent Reilly writes, "I'm enjoying my retirement from a 42-year teaching and consulting career. I miss the work I had in Europe and the Middle East, but I am delighted to be done with airports and hotels! The best part for me is having my son Connor '12 in town with his family. They have blessed me with two granddaughters, and we get to spend a

lot of time together. My last visit to campus left me with mixed feelings. All my records have been broken, but my name is noted on hand-painted wooden plaques, as was the custom in the '70s. The fields and new buildings, while lovely, make the campus feel crowded and give off a different vibe than my memories. Time marches on!"

Cindy Flanagan Goss reports with greetings from **Susan Tananbaum** and **Karen Handmaker**. Susan is home in Maine after "a year of great travel with amazing trips to Croatia and Thailand, both of which included a week of sailing. This summer, we are headed to Alaska on a family trip to celebrate my husband's 80th. I keep busy running a grant program for [Maine Women's] Giving Tree, running a local youth sailing program, and mediating for the Maine courts." Karen sends "greetings from Louisville, Kentucky, where I've lived for 30 years. (Really, come visit—our city might surprise you!) Enjoying retirement, grandchildren, and traveling for fun (vs. work). Still close with my Trin friends and impressed with Trinity's ongoing commitment to liberal arts, practical experience, and study abroad (which is how I met my husband!)."

You may recall a year ago that we sent an email blast linking our 50th anniversary of graduating from high school to our first year at the College. Part of putting this report together involves cutting submissions to reach the 1,000-word limit. The final piece didn't make the previous edition, so here it is.

David Rosenblatt, our class president, celebrated his 50th high school reunion with Doherty Memorial High classmates **Linda Scott**, **Joel Bartfield**, and **Jim Rice**. The Doherty High Four headed south to Hartford from Worcester to attend Trinity. "The four of us had never seen the campus until we decided to travel to the school together to check it out after we were all admitted in April 1975. We had a wonderful day there (I borrowed my mom's car to drive us)," David recalls. "On the ride home, we sort of made a joint decision to all attend figuring we could build a large friend group and supportive community at Trinity. And that's just what we did!"

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DEGREE:

B.A. in philosophy

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Founder, president, and chief executive officer at Education Strategy Group

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TRINITY MEMORY:

First, meeting my wife, Trina, my freshman year. Second, winning the talent show as part of the Two Jew Crew, a freestyle rap group with my then-roommate and still-close friend Jonah Cohen. We faced stiff competition but emerged the crowd favorite. This led to impromptu performances around Trinity. We peaked too early, though, and didn't pursue it as our careers. Otherwise, I might be writing this from somewhere in L.A. or while on tour!



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What was your path to your current position?

I was blessed to grow up in a diverse community with strong public schools that set me up for success. In many parts of our country, schools aren't delivering on their potential, and students miss opportunities as a result. I decided to dedicate myself to improving the U.S. education system and started my career at an education reform think tank. That led to roles in national nonprofit organizations driving policy change in schools. One group, Achieve, had a profound impact on me. It was started by governors and business leaders to raise standards and performance in U.S. schools. In helping to build that organization, I learned that change is possible if you equip leaders with a vision and the data they need.

After Achieve, I joined the Obama administration and led the signature initiative in the U.S. Department of Education called Race to the Top. It used billions of dollars in incentives—rather than mandates—to inspire states and communities to rethink their education systems. It also exposed the disconnect between K-12, higher education, and what comes next—your career. I left the federal government and started Education Strategy Group, a national consulting firm dedicated to breaking down those barriers and to creating more seamless pathways from education into the economy.

What do you do in your role? I lead an amazing team driven by our mission to ensure that education leads to economic prosperity. We help improve K-12 and higher education and build stronger talent pipelines. Our work includes diverse initiatives, including helping New York City public schools design career pathways programs for high schools, helping the Texas community college system align programs with growing job sectors, and helping the California State University system adopt a new strategy to attract more students and ensure better return on investment.

What do you enjoy most about your work? The difference we make in the lives of students and the prosperity of communities. As a mission-driven organization, we shape policies and strategies that have profound impacts on real people.

What are the biggest challenges you face? The disruptive and unstable political climate has been a test for the education sector. Luckily, our expertise is in



high demand during periods of economic uncertainty, as education systems look to more clearly align with workforce needs.

You're also a contributor to *Forbes*. What do you enjoy most about that? My column gives me a space to express ideas and to highlight people and places taking on hard challenges and getting results. The ultimate goal is to inspire others to do the same.

How did Trinity prepare you for your career?

I was a philosophy major and like to say that it prepared me for nothing—and everything. My company helps colleges better prepare students for careers, and I understand how hard it is to draw a straight line from some degrees to specific occupations. Degrees like finance, engineering, even medicine generally steer toward specific jobs. Philosophy was different. It didn't point toward one set of jobs or career. However, it did equip me to be strategic, to think critically, analyze, debate, communicate, collaborate, weigh options, and solve problems. It even allowed me to be comfortable when there are no clear answers. Those are all highly marketable skills that apply in different settings. So, Trinity prepared me to pursue nearly any career. I had to determine where I wanted to go and what problems I wanted to help solve.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?

"The Philosophy of Sport" taught by Drew Hyland. I played soccer at Trinity and loved sports. This course examined how sports and competition help us develop physically, emotionally, and even intellectually. To Drew, sports were not extracurricular but deeply educational. He was an excellent teacher... he connected what we were learning to how we lived our broader lives. That was inspiring and validating.

oldest person to complete a farmer's walk over 20 meters (male).

Bob Shaw retired after 46 years of teaching at Tower Hill School and The Lawrenceville School. He looks forward to more time in Maine enjoying golf and pickleball.

Nick Noble and wife Janice retired from teaching. Their two children live in Worcester and Los Angeles. They have two grandchildren, one a recent college grad, the other just starting. Nick hosts the weekly *Folk Revival* radio show on WICN, has won *Pulse Magazine's* Best DJ four times, and co-hosts an annual mini folk festival with Trinity grads **George Young**, Eric Luskin '77, and Paul Loether '75.

Kate Youngdahl Stauss teaches an English class at Vermont Community College. Her one-act play, *Simple Sage*, was produced this winter in Rochester and Middlebury, Vermont. Kate said it was quite a thrill. She and roommate **Anita Spigulis** joked that their youthful dreams of marrying rock stars had finally come true when husband Chuck DeSnyder recorded a new album at Anita's husband's recording studio.

Dave Carvill ran a landscape construction company for 33 years and recently sold. He lives in Newbury, Massachusetts, with his wife of 38 years. Dave still does some landscaping and is a substitute teacher. They run ministries for children and chemical recovery. He's also active with Boy Scouts.

Pete Halpert appeared in conversation with author Blake Gopnik at the Vail Symposium discussing Albert Barnes and his legendary art collection. He attended his 50th reunion at Episcopal Academy and caught up with alumni **Rod Wolfson**, John Leisenring '81, and John Medford '79. They had a memorial tribute to their EA and Trinity classmate **Paul Rasmussen**. After the reunion, Peter traveled to London and New York before returning to his home in Colorado.

Annievive Crain Palm has been traveling, spending summers in Sweden and New Mexico avoiding the Texas heat. She began playing golf eight years ago and added pickleball. She's joining **Currie Smith**, **Suzanne Olson**, and Evelyn Daly P'15 for a Lionel Richie and Earth, Wind & Fire concert in Austin.

Tony Shore retired as chief compliance officer for Essent Group and is consulting for the Better Data Center Project. He's a grandfather to four and enjoys genealogy, gardening, reading, and music. Tony connects with Kate Fisher '82, Sally Gilliland '82,

Wes Winant '82, Sue Houser Winant '82, and friends of his late wife Emily Leonard '82, who passed in 1998.

John Burchenal is mostly retired from the financial technology business and expects a fifth grandchild in September. Their three sons and grandchildren are spread from Georgetown to Concord. John still plays a lot of tennis and platform tennis as a valiant battle with biology. He keeps up with **Woody Filley**, **Bill Parker**, **Sean Martin**, **Page Lansdale**, **Beth Hyde**, **Lee Clayton Roper**, **Carol Goldberg-Aydin**, **Cynthia Ballantyne**, and **Edith Faulkner Graves**.

Scott Friedman continues to practice law. He is a general partner in two venture capital firms and is co-author of *The Delphi Café*.

Bill Engel recently returned from summer Reformation conferences at the University of Wroclaw and Montreal. He still teaches at The University of the South, which recently was named the most beautiful college campus by both *The Princeton Review* and *Travel + Leisure*. Bill signed a contract with Cambridge University Press for a volume titled *Learning to Love in Renaissance England*, and he has a forthcoming chapter on Poe's poetry for The Routledge Companion to Edgar Allan Poe.

Pat Ball Reed's grandson graduated from Illinois Institute of Technology in electrical engineering. She retired last September and is president of the Illinois Judges Association.

Tom Hunter is a licensed clinical social worker. He's been happily based in Chicago for the last 31 years.

Chuck Tierna attended **Peter Jongbloed's** retirement from the U.S. Attorney's Office after 38 years. The program included **Peter Jongbloed** trivia questions. Chuck won a hat since he knew Peter's football weight in college. Peter's retirement was short-lived as he started as Connecticut's assistant chief state's attorney.

Linda Wells writes a column for *Air Mail* and added a beauty and wellness vertical, *Air Mail Look*. When Puck acquired them in 2025, she went from monthly to weekly deadlines. She also wrote for *The New York Times*. Linda sees **Janet Weakley**, who's acting and doing hot yoga. When Linda's son Webster Thompson is rowing/racing in Princeton, she sees Janet and her sister Linda. Otherwise, she spends time in Paris, London, and St. Tropez and is looking to Tokyo next.

Judy Ewald has a new granddaughter and grandson and spends time with family and travel. She keeps in touch through Facebook

with **Lisa Block**, **Carol Goldberg**, **Lee Clayton Roper**, **Jay Olson**, **Currie Smith**, **Doug Bennett**, and **Debbie White**.

Paul Haughton is chief psychologist at CORA in Philadelphia. He visited his roommate **Dave King**, who is recovering from a stroke, at his beautiful home near Bristol, Vermont.

Steven Stuart welcomed his fifth grandchild/first grandson, Joseph Lloyd, in March, son of Jeff '12. Steven's dad passed at 97 in January but learned about the happy news.

Susan Angelastro continues working with time in Firenze. She volunteers as chair of Save Venice Boston, fundraising to save artwork in Venice, and joined Artemisia Gold, which focuses on women artists. She had lunch at **Danny Meyer's** Ci Siamo restaurant after the Met. She keeps in touch with **Carol Goldberg**, **Pam Germain**, **Currie Smith**, and **Rosi Docal Pizzuto**.

Scott Lessne completed his one-year term as president of the TCAA and is starting a two-year term as an ex officio member of the Trinity Board of Trustees.

William Bullard and Diana frequently visit their nuclear engineer son and grandson Walker, 6. They also travel extensively with their daughter Katy to Greece, South Africa, Rome, Belize, and Morocco. Bull stays in touch with **Jeff Cooley** and heard from **Robert "Bob" Shaw**.

William Bullard and **Kate Youngdahl** are retiring after 20 years supporting Trinity College through fundraising recruitment and are looking for replacements.

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From your class secretary: Such an amazing time at Reunion! My highlights included hanging out with my New Jersey "besties" **Ginger Brennan**, **Liz Boyle**, **Candi Pluchino**, **Ellen Gould Baber**, and honorary member **Leslie Kase**; **Brian Finnerty** singing his brother's 1970s hit *Let's Live Together* to me at our class dinner, a spur-of-the-moment tour of the athletic center by Coach Paul Assaiante, Faraj's Reunion poem, and so many more! Special thanks to **Rob Aiello** for his hard work and leadership and for hosting a group of us for a pre-Reunion committee dinner at his club in N.Y.C.

Robert Aiello had a wonderful time at the 45th Reunion Weekend and catching up with

many of his fellow classmates. He enjoyed working with the 45th Reunion Committee and hosted several classmates at the Columbus Citizens Foundation for an Italian dinner. He has also been attending annual golf and ski weekends at **Peter Whalen's** home in Vermont, where he sees **Faraj Saghri, Ken Savino, Justin Maccarone, Rich Kermond, Roger Knight, Peter Pfister, Tom Roche, Hank Jones,** and recently, **Scott Growney**. This summer he looks forward to seeing **Tony Docal** on Long Island.

Kate Rae Phillips shares, "I had a terrific time at Reunion, seeing old friends and making new ones. It reminded me of the community I felt at a small school where even if you don't 'know' everyone, almost all of your classmates are familiar to you in some manner. There was a great feeling of camaraderie, with classmates sharing stories of loss, love, travel adventures, and everyday joys. People came from all over, from nearby in Connecticut to California and even Hong Kong. Kudos to **Scott Growney, Ellen Gould Baber,** and **Rob Aiello** for all of their hard work corralling us to come and play on the quad! The years just fell away, and conversations flowed so easily! Following Reunion, we went to the Cape for a few days and dropped in on the Dylags on our way back to Michigan."

From **Laura Laughlin Johnson**: "It was so amazing to see you at the 45th Reunion! I had no idea what to expect, and it was so fun and really wonderful to see so many old friends and familiar faces! It will definitely make going back to Trinity for our 50th more rewarding. I am married to Tom Johnson '79, and we are still based in Baltimore but seem to be constantly traveling to visit our kids. We have three granddaughters and another due in September. They live in San Francisco and in Richmond, Virginia. Our fourth child and third son, Nick, is getting married in October 2026 in Cambridge, Maryland. Going back to our 45th Reunion was wonderful and especially fun to spend time with my old roommate, **Lisa Lorillard Halsted**. We are committed to rallying more classmates back for the 50th!"

Marian Davis Pierce shares, "After 40 years working in the immigration law field, I will soon be retiring but remain involved in a nonprofit that provides free immigration legal services to those in need. I'm looking forward to spending more time with my grandchildren and my passion of landscape and pet portrait painting. Enjoy my art and say hello on Instagram @marianpiercart."

Dave Giblin and son's business, the Giblin Cattle Co., has forged relationships in Maine, Nebraska, and North Carolina. Their tagline—Superior Genetics from Green Pastures—represents their focus on the finest grass-raised dairy and beef. They're exploring pasture management, rotational grazing, and producing the healthiest animals possible and hope to be a cutting-edge operation working on protecting the environment and preserving family farms and open space. Dave and wife Sharon enjoy their seaside home in Marion, Massachusetts, and exploring states and places that are new to them!

Jack Slattery promises to be there for our 50th Reunion. "I was in Hong Kong from 1995 to 2005 with the old Salomon Brothers and have been in Bangkok since '05. Raised a family here. My daughter, Emma, graduated from Marymount Manhattan College in May and will stay in N.Y.C. to live and work. Her younger brother, Ned, is halfway through business school at Assumption University in Bangkok and is the almost-full-time business development manager at a start-up IT-based trade-finance/insurance company. I am not retired and still actively engaged in finance/investment work. If anyone passes through this neck of the woods, please give me a growl to meet for drinks and to break bread. I am on my lonesome and would enjoy catching up. Also, with the kids away, I have two empty guest rooms to help keep travel/hotel costs down. By the by, it is always summer here."

Neil Atchley writes, "I have moved from D.C. to San Pancho, Nayarit, Mexico. I live with my life partner, Alan."

Bob Orenstein shares, "Sorry I couldn't make it back east for the 45th Reunion. I recently retired from my job at Mayo Clinic (Arizona for the past 16 years and Minnesota for the prior nine), where I helped build one of the best infectious diseases divisions in the Southwest. I've moved from Scottsdale to Tucson, where we have a 12-acre horse ranch just below Mount Lemmon. I'm not done working and will be teaching and seeing patients at the University of Arizona's Banner University Medical Center while enjoying a slower pace here. Our daughter lived in Tucson for a bit after college at TCU but has moved to Denver and visits often. Don't run into too many Trinity alum out here, but **Marcy Lerner** just let me know her grandkids are in this area and perhaps we could get together for a visit."

From **Alex Magoun**: "I'm reluctant to clog the *Reporter's* pages with updates of my

plain dark chocolate wrapper collection, the catalog for which will approach 3,000 by mid-October and which welcomes and credits donations from Trinity's traveling chocolate aficionados. So, instead, if I haven't mentioned it already, IEEE has discovered new value in its history and keeps me busier than ever with new article submissions and exhibits to curate. In other news, our son has found steady work at Apple, at a more reasonable tempo than at the Series F start-up he left."

Be sure to free your calendars for our 50th Reunion in 2031! And in the meantime, please join our Trinity Class of 1981 Facebook group!

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What's new with our classmates? Some are starting new jobs, while others are going strong in positions they've enjoyed for decades. One is going back to school at university, while another is studying fine wines. And—surprise, surprise—at least one of us has taken up pickleball!

Nancy Netco writes that she and Frank live full time on Cape Cod and enjoy every season of the year there, despite this past winter's blizzard! "We have four grandchildren who are all in the Hartford area, so are magnetically pulled back to Connecticut quite often. They fill our hearts beyond measure, as do our kiddos. I've become a pickleball convert after playing tennis for decades and still enjoy my part-time business, GrottoStudios.art, designing wall art and jigsaw puzzles. Frank and I are also blessed to have his old roomie, Mike Katz '81, and his Bantam wife, Jilna Katz '81, living in the town next to us, so we see them quite often. And I just had a great visit with my roomie, **Lisa Keene Kerns**, who stopped by after visiting family. Sending good wishes to fellow Bantams near and far!"

John Josel shares that he's retired from the law, still in West Hartford, and "doing great."

Carl Rapp has started a yearlong hybrid fellowship at UChicago's Leadership & Society Initiative. His focus is on figuring out next chapters for gracefully aging boomers from around the world and various professional walks of life. "It is great to be engaged

and pushed to think about how to keep contributing at some level.” This program is one of several graduate-level programs he highly recommends for anyone looking to shift from corporate life to something else. Both his daughters are gainfully employed and happy. He still works full time, albeit with less travel, and on a few boards, and he splits his time between Philly, Boston, and Maine. “But definitely the newest news is that I’m getting married in August (with a few Trinity friends planning to be in attendance). It has been almost five years since my wife, Sandra, passed from cancer. Challenging years, and as time passes, I’m more grateful for everything that we built and grateful now to have found love again. Incredible part is the support of so many good friends and family rooting for me. By the time you read this, there will have been a good Crow House party in Woodstock, Vermont. Wish me luck.”

Barb Selmo is happily enjoying a fresh start with her new partner, Jay, in Winchester, Massachusetts. “He has retired, and I am looking forward to that soon, too!”

Tom Mathews is “still teaching wine classes, serving on a few boards, and traveling the globe . . . a lot!” He spent two weeks in April touring Washington and Oregon with his 85-year-old mom. And in case you are wondering, yes, he did hit a half dozen wineries in the Willamette Valley. Perhaps Tom will share some of his favorite wines with us at our next Reunion.

Theresa Ferrero Hansen sends a wonderful update of life since Trinity. She and husband Paul are about to celebrate 44 years since their wedding at the Coast Guard Academy. “Paul had a 20-year career as a pilot in the Coast Guard. We lived up and down the East Coast and welcomed five children. In 2001, he retired from our last duty station, Cape Cod, Massachusetts, and shifted to flying business jets all over the world out of Teterboro, New Jersey.” As for her family, Theresa describes “blessings at every turn.” All of their children followed her lead and became competitive swimmers. In fact, her three boys were the first brothers to swim together at the Air Force Academy. All five went to college and are married. She has 11 grandchildren from 18 months to 12 years old. For decades, Theresa has been a Bible study leader with women’s groups. Thinking back, she reflected on her and her sibling’s connection to education. She was the first in her family to attend college. All eight graduated from college, and most

have postgraduate degrees! No postgrad for her though. “I was a little busy! But a very wonderful busy!”

Anthony Fischetti is starting his 27th year at Brunswick School in Greenwich, Connecticut, where he has been teaching eighth-grade U.S. history and serving as dean, head of the middle school History Department, and basketball and golf coach. “I’m still in constant touch with AD brothers **Ted Austin, John Brady, Peter Gutermann, Matt Pace, Mike Sinsheimer, and Craig Vought**. The days may be long, but the years sure do fly by!”

Some classmates continue their work on behalf of our alma mater. **Bill Talbot**, one of our intrepid class agents focused on our annual fund, reached out to share news of his good friend, **Eric Woods**, who started a new job as a senior sales engineer with Zebra Technologies. He works with retail companies in Northern California and the Pacific Northwest. **Matt Smith** serves as president of the Trinity Club of Hartford and continues to host the club’s speaker series, available online for all to enjoy. Our class is well represented on the area club’s Executive Board, including **Francesca Borges, Carmen Leslie-Rourke**, and an addition, **Ellin Carpenter Smith**. The club hosts social events, provides scholarships for four Trinity students every year, sponsors high school book awards, and honors an area alumnus as Person of the Year at the annual meeting in December. If you live in the Greater Hartford area, watch for news of upcoming events on campus and beyond.

Lastly, our class president, **Scott Cassie**, asks that you mark your calendars for our 45th Reunion on June 10–13, 2027! Planning will begin shortly, so contact Ellin or Scott directly or leave a note for us with the Alumni Engagement Office if you would like to help.

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Wendy Tayer reminded me that this is a big birthday year for many in our class as we hit that magical threshold of 65. Happy special birthday to all. Wendy plans to celebrate with a big bash that will include **Tina Tricarichi**, who will fly to San Diego to meet with her. Wendy works part time in the Psychiatry Department at UCSD and welcomed her second grandchild in August.

Rob Markstein writes that life is good and that he is looking to retire next. He plans to stay in the Northeast, but who knows where those next chapter winds may blow.

Tim Clark and **Al Strickler** report that their annual Trinity friends reunion took place on Martha’s Vineyard. **Tom Lee, John Swain, Jim Hagar**, and **Ben Howe** were in attendance with their spouses. They had perfect early summer weather accompanied by fierce pickleball, cold plunges, round-the-world ping-pong, and, naturally, beer pong.

A similar get-together took place in Naples, Florida, where **Angelos Orfanos** hosted **Chuck Petridis, Ron Carroll**, and me in his home. Our agenda was pickleball, golf, and too much whiskey. No matter how much we drink, the stories are the same, just grander.

Meanwhile **Bruce Zawodniak** writes that he and **Tom Merrill** caught up with old intramural teammate John Shirley ’82. The three attended a Hartford Yard Goats baseball game. Reports are that it is a worthwhile experience.

After moving cross-country from San Francisco to McLean, Virginia, **Jane Sykes** writes that retirement and her new marriage are going great. She has grandkids nearby and what seems to be a good deal of wildlife in her backyard.

That’s all from ’83. Best to all, and go Bantams!

1984 **Secretary: Michele Rosner Saunders, michele.saunders.1984@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Sal Anzalotti III • @/groups/trincoll84**
Hello, everyone. First and foremost, the winner of the First Submission Prize is none other than **Mary Acunzo**! Mary was the proud winner of an Amazon gift card for her speedy work.

All is well on my end. We look forward to a trip to Bermuda this summer, going to the U.S. Open, and spending time with our kids. We are renovating our house as we decided not to downsize and instead enjoy our space with updates. That, along with my coaching business, is keeping me busy.

Robert Flynn shares, “I’m in England and just finished a master’s program at the University of Cambridge. I studied criminology; thought it’d be fun and interesting, and it was! My son lives in Ireland, so I can be close but not so close as to infringe. I haven’t seen any Trinity folks in way too long, so I’m looking forward to the next *Reporter* to hear about the exciting things people are up to!”

Martha Cross Stewart writes, “My husband and I just moved from Vero Beach, Florida, to Savannah, Georgia. It’s my first time living in a city, and we’re enjoying the diversity and exploring on foot. We’re excited to be expecting our first grandchild in November from our son who lives in Hoboken. Now we’re a little closer to our daughter, who lives in Atlanta. I visited **Laura Dyson Evancho** in April at her home in Peoria, Illinois. We’ve been having fun together since freshman year in Jackson.”

Mary Acunzo shares, “Well, I wouldn’t mind a prize. I’m still working at my private practice, Cape Cod Neuropsychology, in Barnstable. Living on the Cape is the best!”

From **Cathy Berey**, “I have some updates! After 40 years in human resources, I retired on June 11 from luxury jewelry retailer Lux Bond & Green. I continue consulting for them on a very part-time basis, but the bulk of the HR work is in the hands of my replacement. Also, my husband, Dave ’83, and I celebrated our son’s wedding on May 30 in Topsfield, Massachusetts. It was a wonderful evening with Ben’s buddies from Tufts and us Trinity grads coming together for a great night of laughing, reminiscing, and dancing instead of being rivals on the football field! Fellow Trinity grads Ami Clymer Maron ’83 and **Maria DiBella Kiley** joined us with their spouses to celebrate.”

Cathy Marona Shrestha shares, “I have been retired since September 2024 and enjoy it. I’m able to travel more and have been to many wonderful places, such as the Basque Country of Spain; Costa Rica; Boston; the Cape; Portugal; Davis, California; and Nepal. My husband and I are soon going to Norway, Sweden, and Finland, where he has many old friends. Our two sons will join us in Finland. And I always enjoy a long weekend in New York. We happened to be there when the Knicks won, and the street scene in Midtown was unique! It was interesting to be at Little Italy Pizza with the place packed with Knicks and World Cup fans”

Anne Gurin Tall writes, “You know how I know we’re not in college anymore? In the past four months, I got a full knee replacement, lost my dad to Parkinson’s, my fourth grandchild was born, and I celebrated 39 years of marriage with Steve. Next up, three weeks in Maine, then my 55-and-over women’s tennis team is competing at New England championships in September. By the time you read this, I will be ready to hibernate!”

Lisa Marinello Jones looks forward to a Trinity weekend with **Liz Meuller Sheehan**, **Deirdre Scudder Martin**, and **Elena Colombo** in July at her home in Marblehead. “Our family will welcome a baby grandson in September (parents are Brendan Oliver ’15 and Sam Jones ’15)! They have a darling, hysterical 2½-year-old daughter, Emilia. Our youngest daughter, Sydney, got engaged in early May on Catalina Island (we were there!), and we look forward to welcoming her fiancé, Dekker Stebel, to our family. The wedding is set for September 2027 in Boston. Enjoy the summer!”

Deb Cronin writes, “I was honored and humbled to be inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame a few weeks ago. I was so grateful to be able to share stories of my transformative experience on the Trinity swim team—so proud to be a Bantam! I did not come to Trinity as a recruited swimmer or even a competitive swimmer. But through Trinity Athletics, under the tutelage of Coach Chet McPhee, I learned how to work hard and that hard work and commitment are prerequisites to success, a lesson that has served me throughout my life in many different paths. I was so happy that my family could attend. My son Sam Strymish was a three-season runner and graduated in ’24. This fall, he will start a Ph.D. in physical chemistry at MIT. Our younger son, Nick, just graduated from Vanderbilt University in mechanical engineering; he’s headed to the West Coast for his first job! My husband and I continue chugging along with our ‘retirement side job,’ running 7th Wave Brewery in Medfield, Massachusetts. We look forward to a summer full of tennis, beach, and travel.”

Weezie Kerr Mackey shares, “Rob and I moved from Brunswick, Maine, to Kennebunkport. We found a fixer-upper and are slowly fixing it up. I still work in communications and marketing for the Town of Brunswick (remotely) and love it. We are closer to our older son, Conor, who lives in Cambridge and works at Harvard Business School. Life is so great. I see **Annie Mathiasen Farquhar** tomorrow. She’s here for a conference. I’m in texting touch with **Suzy Schwartz**, **Laney Lynch**, **Lisa Sperry**, **Liz Lynch**, and **Sue Rice**. Everyone is good.”

Nancy Katz Aresu has had an eventful spring and summer. First, older son Jordan got engaged to his high school sweetheart, and they plan a fall 2027 wedding in N.Y.C. Both families are excited to see the 10-year couple finally make it official. Then, she and her husband returned from an extraordinary

biking trip through southern Sicily with Backroads (50–60 miles a day on an e-bike!). Later this summer, she will open her new house in Scottsdale, Arizona, after a 2½-year build-out. She looks forward to moving there for the winters starting this October. Let retirement begin.

From **John Arbolino**: “**Robert Hemmes**, my senior-year roommate, fellow cross country teammate, and St. Anthony Hall member, passed away on June 11 from cancer. He was 65 years old. He was a lovely man, and I will miss him dearly. Godspeed, Robert.”

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Greetings. Never one to bury the lede, I am excited to report that **Peter Eisler** and some of his colleagues at Reuters were awarded the Pulitzer Prize for National Reporting for their work documenting how President Trump used the U.S. government and the influence of his supporters to expand executive power and exact vengeance on his foes. Congratulations, Pete! And thanks for contributing to a free press on which our democracy and our future rest.

You might recall that the previous update for our class included **Ted Coxe**’s surprise with some unexpected publicity for his men’s a cappella group, the Tonics, on social media. Ted writes to say that those Instagram figures seem “quaint.” On June 7, *The Philadelphia Inquirer* published a story about the group’s newfound fame. (Unfortunately, the *Inquirer* misspelled Ted’s name on the video version of the story.) Nonetheless, publicity begets publicity. On June 19, the Tonics appeared live online on Australia’s *The Morning Show*. Fox TV’s *Good Day Philadelphia* has requested a live performance on the show. As of this writing, the Tonics have 80.6K Instagram followers and three reels with more than three million views each!

Evelyn Day Lasry shares a picture of **Kate Kapteyn**, **Rachel Wray**, and **Anne Patterson Wilmerding** with her in Sicily last fall. The four were celebrating more than 40 years of friendship, which seems impossible given how lovely and unchanged they look.

Louise Williams Senopoulos sends a picture of **Nancy McKeown Aboyan** and **Bonnie**

Adams Connors with her at the wedding of the daughter of **Victoria Arvanitis Jenks**, whom we lost just three years ago. Louise writes, "It was a beautiful but of course emotional ceremony, but there was so much to celebrate!"

Sandy Monaghan shares news that a squash reunion of sorts took place in Philadelphia in February when Trinity's men's and women's squash teams faced off against UVA. The day of exciting matches and community connection was in support of SquashSmarts, a national organization formed to introduce mostly inner-city, underserved kids to the game of squash and to provide academic tutoring and mentoring. Steve Gregg '97, who was a member of Trinity's squash team, is the director of SquashSmarts in Philadelphia. **Ted Coxe** took a break from the law and singing to attend with wife Polly, a UVA alumna.

Finally, many of you might know that I lost my dear wife, Alison Feighan, in March. Alison lived her lifelong credo to make the world a better place. She was a creative artist, fashionista, and mentor. Hundreds of people benefited from her intelligence, integrity, humor, and friendship. Our children, Lincoln and Rose, and I will forever mourn her absence in moments to come, but we know we hit the jackpot for the years we shared with her. Thank you for the kindness many of you have extended.

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What an incredible Reunion Weekend! More than 80 of our classmates were able to make it back to campus for the festivities. The weekend kicked off with a barbecue Friday night at **Bill Markowitz's** house in West Hartford (thanks, Bill!) and continued throughout Saturday, culminating with our class dinner at Hamlin Hall. Visit the College's website or the 1986 class page on Facebook for photos.

A few updates outside of Reunion from several classmates:

Joe Adam writes, "Maybe I told you or you heard, but I was diagnosed with prostate cancer in 2022. Since then, I've gone through surgery, radiation, and two years of hormone therapy, and even now I live with a high risk

of recurrence. So, I've been on a mission to spread the word about the need to get tested. I'm making it my mission to save lives through awareness." Joe says he soon will be doing a fundraising challenge to climb 15,000-foot mountains in Peru for 10 days. He reminds people to spread the word to get tested.

Jeff Burton gives a great update: "Busy times in my house. My son, Jack, just graduated from Harvard and is moving to N.Y.C. for work in January. My middle daughter, Alexa, is working here in Boston for the summer at a quant hedge fund and has two more years left at Brown. My youngest daughter is wrapping up her junior year at Milton Academy. My wife, Amanda, and I live in Beacon Hill and enjoy life in Boston. I work in a small investment strategy firm I co-founded with a Morgan Stanley friend several years ago. Feel blessed with health and happiness."

Claudia Baio-Downes writes, "My son got married at Trinity on May 30. A few Trinity besties—**Kim Remick Rotner**, **Malcolm Stevenson**, and **Laura Shimshidian**—attended."

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Welcome to the fall installment of Class Notes!

Geoff Simpson checks in from Houston, where he has lived and worked as school chaplain and associate rector at Saint Thomas' Episcopal Church and School, pre-K through 12, since two days before the Hurricane Harvey flood in 2017! In July 2025, Geoff traveled to England for a weeklong residency, where he sang with the combined middle and upper school student and church adult choirs at Wells Cathedral in Somerset, England. Geoff often sees Trinity alum Maya Cameron Houston '91 and Stephan Mason '88 in Houston. He spends free evenings playing at various open mics and acoustic venues as a singer-songwriter.

Gregory Mark Hill wrote a one-act play, *Suffering in the Coffee Shop*, that was an adaptation of his book *Samsara and Its Impact on the Entrepreneur's Dreams*. The play was performed by a professional theater group in Bridgewater, New Jersey, in May 2026.

Lisa Van Riper spoke at the May 2026 Goucher College commencement during which she received an M.F.A. in nonfiction.

Scott Sherwood has received a positive response to his book *The Washington Decree*, and that has prompted him to start working with a scriptwriter on turning the book into a screenplay.

Jamie Harper and daughter **Ellie Harper** '28 visited Scott in June en route to Nantucket; a week later Jamie visited **Liesl Odenweller** '88 in Venice, Italy.

Lincoln Purdy sent news of his daughter's wedding in April: "A flock of Bantams from four decades convened in Gloucester, Massachusetts, on April 18, 2026, for the wedding of the daughter of **Lincoln Purdy** and **Nancy (Golding) Purdy**, Emilee Purdy, and Sean Bender. The festivities were attended by **Kathy Lawlor Morrissey**, **Maureen Neylon McNamara**, **Cary Lyford**, **John Self**, **Jim Rossman**, **Chris Smith**, **Melissa Bronzino Regan**, **Tom Regan**, **Robin Wentz Chisholm**, **Jen Nahas**, and **Patty (Chen) Morris**. Joining the '87 contingent were Lincoln's father, **Richard Purdy** '57; Nancy's brother, **Rob Golding** '80; **Matt Golding** '84; **David Rosenblatt** '79; and **Colby Tucker** '09. It was a fun weekend of catching up, capped off by the fact that Motörhead's 'Ace of Spades' somehow found its way onto the reception's playlist."

Two classmates were spotted by my husband, **Mario Aguero** '86, at Reunion Weekend at Trinity this past June: **Phoebe McBride Madden** and **Claude Brouillard** attended with their respective Class of 1986 spouses, **Tom Madden** '86 and **Mei-Wa Cheng** '86.

Speaking of Reunion, mark your calendar for Reunion Weekend, June 10-13, 2027! Start that diet now! Buy your airline/train tickets! Plan to gather with your classmates and other Trinity alums on the quad, take a stroll down the Long Walk, visit old haunts, see new spots, and celebrate our 40th Reunion 'neath the elms at our dear old Trinity! Stay tuned for more details, and keep that weekend free!

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Hello! Hoping you've all enjoyed a wonderful summer and are looking forward to autumn!

Great to hear from **Don Freytag**, who writes, "All is good in the Bluegrass State. **Becky** and I have been empty nesters for

Greg Cartin '96

DEGREES:

B.A. in psychology, with a minor in philosophy; M.Ed., Ph.D. in counseling psychology, with a specialization in sport psychology, Boston University

JOB TITLE:

Sport and performance consultant

FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

That's a tough question as there were many. I had a wonderful time at Trinity both academically and athletically, but my best memories come from the people I met and continue to call my close friends. Forging relationships that will last a lifetime!

What was your path to your current position?

After graduating from Trinity, I took a job at a boarding school teaching and coaching. I had always been interested in sport and performance, and after a few years there decided to go back to school to get my master's. One of my professors in my master's program happened to be my Trinity classmate Adam Naylor, who has been a great mentor to me through the years. I enjoyed it so much I continued with my doctoral work in hopes of one day having my own practice. During my years in grad school, I worked as a guidance counselor in addition to taking on private clients while supervised by my adviser. When I graduated, I declared I was open for business, and I'm still at it 17 years later.

What do you do in your role, and how is your work tailored to athletes?

I work with both individuals and teams. I've expanded to working with corporate clients as well. Most of my work is geared toward high performers who are looking for an edge, finding ways to get out of their own way to maximize their physical potential when it matters the most.

What do you enjoy most about your work? The most enjoyable part of my work is being around people who are so passionate and committed to what they do. The sacrifices they make, the work they put in. It's constant inspiration. And helping them continue to connect with the things they love about what they do when things get challenging is incredibly fulfilling.

What are the biggest challenges you face? I have a lot of leverage with most of my clients in that they usually come to me when things aren't going well and they have exhausted all other avenues. The biggest challenge I think I face is convincing them that nothing is wrong! In my experience, it's the athletes who stop trying to "fix" themselves, who stop judging what it is they are thinking or feeling, that perform at their best.

How did your time at Trinity help prepare you for your career? My career is steeped in relationship building. Without the rapport and trust between client and practitioner, the work doesn't get very far. Forging strong relationships with teachers, coaches, and fellow students helped pave the way for me now in building strong, lasting relationships with my clients.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? My freshman year I took a course called "Abnormal Psychology" (I'm not sure that term is used



anymore). I didn't know it at the time, but that course opened my eyes to how similar all human beings are as it relates to how our minds work. It helped to form some of my own theories, which I incorporate into my work now. When things are not going well, we are under the assumption that there is a better way to do it. It's this judgment that often causes the issues in the first place!

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? I had so many great professors while at Trinity it's hard to pick just one. I would say that Karl Haberlandt, who was my adviser, sparked my interest in psychology and encouraged me to pursue other classes in the field. Classes taught by David Reuman and Sarah Raskin were so interesting to me that it was then that I knew I wanted to pursue a career in the field. I think that without those experiences, I wouldn't be doing what I am today.

What advice would you give to current Trinity students who might want to work in your field?

As an undergrad, take as many psych classes as you can in addition to seeking independent study options. If possible, attend the AASP [Association for Applied Sport Psychology] conference and more specifically the grad-program fair. It's a great opportunity to learn about all the grad programs around the country and what they have to offer. It's crucial to find a program that best matches your interests. Don't be afraid to reach out to people and ask questions. I love speaking to those interested in the field and helping them as they start their journey.

many years, still working and playing hard. The children are grown, and all three live and work in Manhattan, within a 15-minute walk of one another (TriBeCa, Chelsea, and the Village). Easy for us to visit them, and they all love coming back home to our calm, pastoral Kentucky life every few months. A nice escape! Daughter Lily '20 is seriously dating an AD brother from her class. Needless to say, a great guy! We love him. Lily recruits and places high-powered C-suite execs across the business spectrum. Eldest daughter Charlotte is a P.A. at Memorial Sloan Kettering, and youngest son Slater is jamming in investment banking during the week. He also DJs on weekends when time permits. He played New Year's Eve last year at Terminal 5 before 3,000 people. I encourage all to come visit our Bourbon Trail here in Kentucky! We have more than 2,500 distilleries to see, and it's a beautiful drive around the rolling hills and cliffs of Kentucky (with a driver suggested, of course!). Definitely one for the bucket list.

"Becky is a fan-favorite teacher (more like a rock star), who has literally and seriously positively impacted thousands of children. Her role is director of the Center for Learning Advancement (CLA) within Louisville Collegiate School, working with children K-12. I've seen her turn around hundreds of kids over the years, from absolutely failing to becoming incredibly successful. She is something else, and they all love and respect her deeply there. We all do! I'm onto my third spirits start-up after founding and helping build two new spirits brands with absolutely beautiful distilleries, post Jack Daniel's: Ocean Organic Vodka (Kula, Maui) and Rabbit Hole Whiskey (Louisville). Both businesses have unique, delicious products and are thriving in a very challenging climate. My third (current) project, House of Somrus, is the most difficult yet (a turnaround), but we will make it happen. I've enjoyed enough mistakes over the years to avoid the many pitfalls. Our best to you and to all the legendary '88s." So glad to hear all is well in the empty nest and for the kids in N.Y.C. Life is good!

Another classmate has ventured into the beverage industry. In addition to his marketing business and book writing, **Mark Galley** has created the "world's first espresso martini with club soda. The country's hottest cocktail is the espresso martini, but it comes with complaints: too sugary and filling, too many calories, is dehydrating, and contributes to hangovers. To combat

those drawbacks, I created 'XSODA.' As a ready-to-drink, 8.4-ounce canned cocktail, it boasts half the calories of a typical espresso martini and uses real espresso to maintain a bold taste, all while bringing refreshing, thirst-quenching hydration that also neutralizes the sugar that causes hangovers. At 12.5 percent ABV [alcohol by volume], XSODA uses the highest purity vodka, real espresso, nothing artificial, and is even gluten free." Mark says that while there is an overcrowded market of canned cocktails, often consumed by a young demographic, now there is an "adult table" for older, more sophisticated drinkers demanding quality over quantity. XSODA is revolutionary by pioneering an entire new drink category. It comes in two flavors, Xpresso martini and Irish style, available in Connecticut in August. Mark has plans for it to grow throughout New England. Cheers, Galley, and good luck!

Andy Zimmerman writes, "Maura and I spend our summers on the Cape in Falmouth and typically see **Chris Cloney**, sometimes John Emery '89 out fishing off of Martha's Vineyard, and **Erin Clarke Gorden**." Sounds like a great way to spend your time with great people, Andy!

Jim O'Loughlin has taken a new position as the associate dean of the College of Humanities, Arts, and Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa. Congratulations, Jim!

Karen Tufankjian Aharonian writes from Massachusetts that she and a group of classmates—**Anne Mongillo McRavey**, **Ann Grunbeck Monaghan**, **Jessica Brownstein Prestegard**, **Wendy Goldstein Pierce**, **Holly Davoren**, **Lisa Godek**, and **Kim Cogswell Robinson**—traveled to Charleston in April to celebrate their special birthdays. Cheers to 60! Still making memories after 40-plus years together!

Mark Jamilkowski has a few updates. "My wife and I celebrated the marriage of our son, Blake '21, in Nashville this past February. Remember the flight chaos from the massive Nor'easter blizzard? We enjoyed a few extra days in Nashville because of canceled flights. Also, my second historical fiction book, *Mask of Romulus*, placed second in a book contest for historical adventure. Lastly, the health insurance company I co-founded, Evry Health, has grown to about 100 employees and \$100 million in revenue." Congrats on all fronts, Mark. Sounds like there is lots to celebrate.

Lisa Alvarez-Calderón expresses a healthy dose of FOMO because she was unable to

attend the Charleston gathering due to a Board of Trustees meeting. While she missed that group, she was able to see **Corinne Coppola Krill** in May. "Corinne and I had a chance to walk down memory lane by looking at her college photo album while we were together in Chincoteague, Virginia." Lisa also keeps in touch with **Christine Quinn**, who continues to serve as executive director of WIN, the largest shelter and family services provider for women and children in New York City. She also can be seen frequently as a political commentator for CNN. We are so proud of her! Lisa adds, "I continue to run my executive coaching and leadership advisory practice called Shine Consulting. It has been exhilarating to craft a 'portfolio life' where I can do work that I love and enjoy freedom to travel and visit family and friends. My family of four will celebrate my 60th and Kevin's and my 30th wedding anniversary on a catamaran in the British Virgin Islands this November. Can't wait!" Sounds like lots to celebrate!

While we are talking about birthdays, a majority of the class will celebrate their 60th in 2026. So, on behalf of all of us, I raise a glass and toast you all! Happy birthday. May your days be filled with happiness, good health, peace, and joy! Cheers!

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Maria Walsh has relocated to Wilton, Connecticut, where she and her family are enjoying their new home, neighbors, and town. Her son graduated from Brown and is headed to Harvard for a master's in media, medicine, and health, while Emily has completed her junior year at Tulane. Maria and her husband are empty nesters this summer for the first time.

Class President **Doug Macdonald** recently completed his term on the Board of Fellows, including four years on the Executive Committee. He hopes to continue supporting Trinity's Summer Science Research Program.

John Pendleton recently passed his 10th year as a trial judge in the New Hampshire Circuit Court. He and wife Sarah live in the Seacoast area. Their daughter lives in New York City, and their son is a senior at the business school of the

University of New Hampshire. John stays in touch with **Pete Way** and **Andrew Hereford** and hopes to reconnect soon with **Mike Vitale**. Perhaps this update will be the impetus for that.

Michelle McEttrick and Mike have lived in London for 20 years, far longer than their original three-to-five-year plan. Michelle recently saw **Nancy Cudlipp** and Mike Davis '90 in Vancouver, Washington, and reports that Mike's daughter, Nola, is headed to Trinity this fall. **Sue Kinz Maggioni** also visited Michelle in London, where they enjoyed the city despite a heat wave. Michelle adds that **Paul Nyhan** celebrated his 60th birthday in Seattle.

Hillary Davidson and her husband enjoy having two of their three children home for the summer. Her son, a rising junior at Indiana University's Kelley School of Business, has a finance internship with a government contractor, and her daughter, a rising sophomore at WashU, is interning at the State's Attorney's Office in Maryland. Hillary welcomes '89ers passing through the D.C. area.

Matt Maginniss and wife Marilyn recently returned from a five-month round-the-world cruise. Matt and Marilyn also are active leaders with Friends of Harkness in Waterford, Connecticut, where Matt recently was spotted working at the annual plant sale fundraiser.

Amy Herstek is deep into sailing season, racing three nights a week as crew on three different boats on Lake Erie. She looks forward to time at the beach in Canada, including a treasured family tradition of 10 relatives, ages 8 to 81, gathering at her small cottage.

Jay Flemma sends greetings from the U.S. Open at Shinnecock Hills and is headed to England for the Open Championship at Royal Birkdale. This winter, he hopes to host roundtables and interviews with skiing, snowboarding, and climbing athletes. He also invites classmates passing near Boise to visit his "high desert oasis."

Becky Holt Fine recently spent a weekend with **Barbara Scudder Pritchard**, **Laura Thomas Standard**, and **Michelle Monti**, reminiscing over old photos, swapping books, walking the Watch Hill, Rhode Island, beach, and catching up. **Andrew Walker** dropped by with Elevate+ swag and an annual report highlighting the interns the organization supports. Barbara's daughters are at Loyola Marymount and Oberlin, with another in high school. Laura looks forward to travel

to Amsterdam after a busy year in school counseling. Michelle earned praise for her performance in a local production of *Boeing-Boeing* and was promoted at Dana-Farber. Becky continues to lead fundraising for historic preservation projects in Ellsworth, Maine, and Nyack, New York.

Yuichi Lee reports that he and **Yani** have been busy with their two sons and recently spent time in Key West with **Jason Manske** and wife Stephanie, as well as **Stephen** and **Liz Rosano Francis**. The group took a key lime pie cooking class and have since recreated the recipe at home over a Zoom baking competition.

Rick Ewing and **Sandy Burke Ewing** were featured in a "neath the elms" story about couples who met at Trinity. Rick also was reelected to a second term on the Trinity College Alumni Association Executive Committee.

Katie Roy Sullivan continues her full-time independent psychoanalytic clinical practice in Boston's Back Bay while writing, speaking, and beginning a book project. She enjoys time with her German shepherd, Wolf, and with family in Chatham, on the Cape, and in Vermont.

Susan Hangen has been appointed dean of social science and social work at Ramapo College effective July 1 and is grateful to serve at a thriving, mission-driven public liberal arts college.

Jessica Cushman's daughter, Tessa Schulz, a high school junior on Martha's Vineyard, helped her girl's tennis team win the state championship. Jessica is understandably thrilled and proud.

Mike Miller is easing toward retirement while continuing part-time consulting. With three children working or in school, he and his wife are adjusting to a quieter, cleaner house and reflecting fondly on the noise and chaos they miss.

Kristin Bennett is still climbing and recently attempted Kanchenjunga, the world's third-highest mountain. KB Science also has launched the Rosalind Franklin Endowed Fellowship at King's College London to support women pursuing Ph.Ds. in STEM, with a goal of raising \$5 million by late 2028.

Louise McCarthy has taken on a new role leading the legal function at Year Up United, a national nonprofit working to close the opportunity divide for young adults. Her family recently celebrated her son's Vassar graduation and will soon move him to Atlanta for graduate school in public health at Emory.

Allysa Purbeck Greer recently returned from Denver, where she visited family, saw the Brewers beat the Rockies, toured the botanical gardens and zoo, attended a concert at Red Rocks, and celebrated her birthday. She is planning more classmate get-togethers this fall.

Claudia Farans Morse became a grandmother: Her daughter gave birth to Charles Harrison Small, known as Charlie.

Sean Dougherty enjoyed visits with classmates **Sue Kluiher** and **Doug Macdonald** and invites any '89ers passing through Las Vegas to check in. In retirement, he continues to serve on the board of SPERDVAC, helping preserve America's broadcast radio history through an internet radio station, interview podcast, download server, and regional meetups. Upcoming travel includes first-ever trips to Africa and Antarctica.

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Hello again! By the time you all read this, it will be fall, my favorite time of year. There is something about fall in New England, with crisp air, beautiful foliage, and yummy apples. It's the best! Now to the news:

Anne Bennett Keyes writes, "I grew up in Wayland, Massachusetts, and have continued to live here with my husband, Ken. We just celebrated our 35th wedding anniversary with a family trip to the U.S. Virgin Islands, where we honeymooned. I work for Weston (MA) Public Schools and have been there for 15 years. I look forward to retirement in the near future! I would like to be able to spend more time with my son and daughter-in-law, who live in New Hampshire, and my daughter, who lives in Cambridge, Massachusetts. We visit Harpswell, Maine, often to help my 85-year-old mother so that she can continue to live independently."

Sara Moorin Lang sent news: "My husband, Peter Lang '88, and I are well. We've been empty nesters for a few years and lavish all of our attention on our dog. I am working at the New Hampshire Charitable Foundation. I look forward to seeing **Martha Willoughby** this summer. Her daughter is attending a summer program at Dartmouth, just down the road from us."

Katie Tozer writes from N.Y.C., where she works in residential real estate at Stribling

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at Compass. “I’ve been spending time in Park City, Utah, where I enjoy being on the board of Ballet West (in Salt Lake City), and I have loved seeing **Valerie Miller**, who bought a home near mine last year. We both pray for a better snow season ahead. My older son, James, lives in Salt Lake City, while my younger son, William, just finished his freshman year at Trinity! He loves the College and is participating in the Tyree Innovation Fellowship and majoring in economics with a minor in formal organizations. To the amusement of my dad, Jim Tozer ’63, and me, William was featured with a friend in a *Trinity Tripod* article about some of his campus shenanigans.”

From **Greg “Gretzky” Johnson**: “My oldest daughter, Lindsay, just got engaged in Pensacola, Florida. Laurie and I are busy looking at wedding venues and robbing banks to pay for the wedding. Son Mikey, the starting goalie for Hobart lacrosse, was named Rookie of the Year for the team. We attended President Lugo’s visit to Philadelphia, and it was good to catch up with the AD guys (Tom Drake ’89 and **Mimi Drake**, Jack Kirkpatrick ’91, Christian Bullitt ’95, Steve Gregg ’97) and Hall brother **John Ulrich** in attendance.”

Heidi Wisbach reminds me that many of us are becoming empty nesters and even grandparents! “Things have been the same in my world for 12-plus years, aside from the fact that my brother Gordy’s (Gordy Wisbach ’93) five children are all taller than I am! But, news flash, my boyfriend, Arnon Siegel, and I managed to wrangle the evil spirits of N.Y.C. real estate and bought a home (we have a lot to share about this experience with anyone who will listen). It’s just around the corner from where we’ve been for 10 years, but we’re feeling like grown-ups again! Hoping to

invite Trinity friends over for drinks and/or dinner before too long!”

Matt Freeman and **Jeb Bowron** ’91 attended the New York Knicks Game 4 win with the now-famous “Anunoby tip.” Freeman remarked that Bowron invented the move in Unit D during a heated intramural contest.

Scott Gettinger practices medicine and does cancer research at the Yale Cancer Center. His boys are grown, ages 20 and 22. He keeps in touch with **Chris Sullivan** and **Chris Seufert**.

Greg Milbourne writes that he and **Beth Capaldi** have been working out weekly with kettlebells via Zoom. “We started during the pandemic, and it has been a really nice way to keep in shape and in touch!” Greg’s eldest, Cael, is getting their master’s in chemistry at Villanova, and Aiden is a math major at Ursinus College. “My wife and I just had an extended vacation in Ireland, our second in two years, and I am doing more training with other clinicians in Internal Family Systems, as I have a virtual private practice as a licensed clinical psychologist.”

As we learned in our last update, **Chris Andersson** founded Nothing But Drama, an educational consulting firm that helps arts students worldwide navigate the artistic review process for programs all over the planet. This means he travels extensively, and this year alone will visit nine countries to learn about arts programs and connect with college counselors. He always returns to his home in Hell’s Kitchen, two blocks from Times Square. If you’re ever in N.Y.C., look him up!

Chris Seufert is starting a book tour this summer for *Memento Gorey: The Last Interviews with Edward Gorey*. Musician Suzanne Vega wrote, “A fascinating, unique and intimate look at the life and social world of the goth illustrator Edward Gorey . . . I recommend it.” Chris notes, “Next year will be the release of the feature-length documentary. Being on Cape Cod gives me lots of opportunity to see Trinity alumni: **Chris Sullivan** and **Scott Gettinger** brought their kids to a pool party here recently. I see **Lisa Tomlinson** and **Jennifer Loveman** in the summers and connected with **Dave Wells** at a bar in London while on the road. **Tom Brunemeyer** and I had a whiskey in Haight-Ashbury.”

That’s all for now, friends! I am writing this from sunny Martha’s Vineyard and reminiscing about the time **Dawn Browne McGreevey** and I were here in summer 1989! What a blast that trip was! Bye, all!

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From **Steve Druckman**: “I live in Chicago and am married with four kids. We recently had a mini reunion in Sawyer, Michigan, with **Steve Spaulding**, **Eric Taubenheim**, **Dan Alter**, **Tom Williams**, and me.”

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It was a pleasure to hear from several of you as summer gets underway. Here is the latest news from the Class of 1992:

Aaron Clark writes, “I’ve seen a few Trinity folks recently. I was in Peru for the Inca Trail and Machu Picchu and while in Lima went to dinner with **Diego Roca** and his wife, Miriam. Diego’s son, Juan Diego, is interning for me this summer at GW&K Investment Management, and my daughter is interning for him in marketing at TGI Fridays Peru—great to see the Trinity network helping our kids. I also saw **Andy Lyford** when he was in town moving his daughter out of Tufts, joined by some ’93 friends, including Steve Woodworth, Nat Kessler, and Grover Heintz.”

Diego Roca shares, “I live in Lima, Peru, and this September my wife and I will celebrate our 25th wedding anniversary. We have two boys. Our oldest, Juan Diego, is studying at Bentley University in Boston, where he is pursuing a double major in business and finance. This summer, he is working as an intern at GW&K in Boston. Our younger son, Vicente, is a high school junior and will begin applying to colleges in the U.S. later this year. On the professional side, I continue to be the exclusive franchisee for TGI Fridays in Peru. We own and operate 24 locations throughout the country, including two in the international airport, and are actively exploring opportunities to expand into other food and beverage brands. As for hobbies and adventures, our family has become passionate about mountain climbing and trekking. Last year, my kids and I climbed

Mount Kilimanjaro in Tanzania. This year, we completed a trek through the Cordillera Huayhuash, a spectacular mountain range in Peru that is often ranked among the most beautiful hikes in the world. If anyone is interested in visiting Peru, I would be happy to help coordinate a trip or share recommendations."

Alison Rivers writes, "Michael Kurdziel '94 and I have moved to Madison, Connecticut, where we regularly see Laura Ingrassia '95 and brothers **Sean** and **Dan Costello**. Our son, Matthew '27, is also a proud Bantam."

Jeff Luzzi writes, "In May 2026, Kristen and I proudly celebrated the graduation of our son, Ryan, from Trinity, closing a chapter that has been incredibly meaningful for our entire family. Over his four years at Trinity, we had the joy of watching Ryan grow as both a student and an athlete. He built lifelong friendships, embraced the opportunity to study abroad, and fully immersed himself in Trinity's storied alumni network and traditions. Ryan played football for four years under Head Coach Jeff Devanney, making his experience especially meaningful for me. Jeff is a friend and former teammate of mine from our days playing at Trinity under Coach Don Miller, creating a true full-circle moment for our family. Kristen and I traveled to every away game during Ryan's career. Those trips allowed me to revisit the beautiful NESCAC campuses I had traveled to as a player, but this time with a completely different perspective. We tailgated at every home and away game, reconnecting with so many Trinity classmates and alumni along the way. As always, the same stories were told, the same laughs were shared, and the only things that seemed to change were that a few of us gained some weight, lost some hair, or traded it for a full head of gray. A special thank-you to **Matt Duffy, Tom Presz, Tad Hazelton, Andre Bouvier, Jeff MacDonald, Kevin Kavanagh, Dave Devlin, Jim Lane, Rob Hayes, John Dauphinee, Mike McHugh, Rob Conklin '91, Brian Courtmanche, Jeff Hagopian, Dave Grant '91**, and the many other Trinity alumni who became part of our extended family at tailgates throughout Ryan's four years. We also very much enjoyed having Mr. and Mrs. Hazelton at our home-game tailgates. They are truly special people, and I feel fortunate that Ryan had the opportunity to get to know them and that they welcomed him as a surrogate grandson. Ryan's time at Trinity was truly special, and I could not be more proud that he and I are members of the same alumni team. Go Bantams!"

Finally, a reminder that our 35th Reunion is next year. Please mark your calendars for the first weekend in June; I hope to see many of you back on campus. Warm regards, **Jenn Murphy Cattier**.

From the Alumni Engagement Office: The law firm of Pullman & Comley congratulates Attorney **Campbell D. Barrett** on his nomination by Governor Ned Lamont and confirmation by the General Assembly to serve on the Connecticut Superior Court. He was one of 12 judicial nominees who were confirmed by the General Assembly. "Campbell has the wisdom, empathy, and intellect necessary to become one of the leading lights in our judicial system," said Lee Hoffman, chair of Pullman & Comley. "He truly represents the best of our profession. We congratulate Campbell and each of today's class of judges."

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It is always great to hear from folks who have not provided an update recently. **Laura Casey** writes, "I'm excited to share that my son, Gavin, will be attending Trinity in the fall. He is an Arches Scholar as well as in the Kelter Career Leadership Program." Congrats, Laura, on another Bantam generation.

That was it! Come on, folks, we really want to hear from you. I'm happy to share a proud family milestone: My son has just completed his high school career and graduated this spring. It's been a rewarding journey watching him grow, and we're looking forward to seeing where his next chapter takes him.

On my end, I continue to reflect fondly on my time at Trinity, which laid such a strong foundation for both my professional path and personal perspective. It's always a pleasure to stay connected with the alumni community.

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Jon Massey and Susan Gates Massey welcomed another alum into their family at Trinity's 200th Commencement this June. Their daughter, Lauren Massey '26, graduated with a B.S. in neuroscience and joins her parents and her grandfather, David Gates '62, as a proud Bantam alum! Following graduation, Jon and Susan celebrated their 30th wedding anniversary!

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Hi, Class of '97. Hope that 2026 is finding you all well! This past year, I've had the pleasure of visiting Trinity several times. My oldest son was a high school senior, so he toured Trinity first as a prospective student and then we returned for an admitted students event, where we ran into **Amily Dunlap**. Always fun to catch up with Amily! Her son decided to matriculate and will start in the fall with the Class of 2030. She says she is excited for another Bantam in the family!

In June, I returned to Trinity to help the Class of 1996 celebrate their 30th Reunion. I had a super fun time with Carly '96 and Rob Toomey '96, Elizabeth Prevost '96 and husband Mike, Sarah Nethercote Hart '00, Jared Von Arx '95, Austin Rowan '95, and Josh Freely '96 and wife Jessica! We stayed in the very nice Crescent Street Townhouses, which are in the former location of Anadama, Frohman-Robb, and Little dorms (remember

what those used to be like?), and it was really fun to spend two nights on campus and relive a little bit of college life. Classmate **Tim Malieckal** also attended Reunion, and it was so great to bump into him and hang out! He and I agreed that it would be really cool to try to get as many classmates as we can at our 30th Reunion. So, just planting the seed here—mark your calendars, and please come to our Reunion in June 2027! Even if you can only pop in for a few hours, it would be great to see as many old friends and familiar faces as possible and hopefully have a record turnout for our 30th!

Meanwhile, I coincidentally reconnected with classmate **Crossan Barnes** and wife Emily Osborne Barnes '99 in a parents' page for Clark University because we both will have boys in the Clark Class of 2030 this fall! So nice to hear from Crossan and excited for our kids as they embark on this new chapter!

And here's a little update from **Molly Goggins Talbot**: "It's been a lot of fun to spend time on campus visiting our (with Jamie '94) son Hayes '28. It's really exciting that more and more classmates will have students at Trinity. I'm hoping for a '97 meetup at Homecoming/Family Weekend this fall!"

That's all for now! Hoping to see everyone at our 30th in June 2027! **Lydia Finch Taggart**

Two notes from the Alumni Engagement Office: **Caroline Maguire della Penna** shares that her new book—*Friendship Skills for Neurodivergent Adults*—came out in April. She says, "It's the first of its kind! And I was very lucky to get another book deal with Hachette."

Milwaukee School of Engineering (MSOE) recently announced the appointment of **Joe Tranquillo** as the university's next executive vice president of academics, effective July 1, 2026. The MSOE announcement noted that Joe joined MSOE from Bucknell University, where he served as associate provost for transformative teaching and learning and professor of biomedical engineering.

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another former teammate in **Chris Calio** '96 and former head coach **Stan Ogradnik** and assistant coach **Jeff Carr**. Also in June, my wife, **Lisa**, and I celebrated our 17th wedding anniversary, and I completed my 27th year teaching in the Ansonia (CT) Public Schools. We have summer vacation plans in Block Island and Southern California with our 16-year-old son, **Ben**, and 11-year-old daughter, **Amelia**."

Earlier this year, good friends **Tom Hazlett**, **Ben Appleyard**, **Levi Litman**, **Dave Aucoin**, **Dave Messinger**, **Jim Heneghan**, **Mike Weiner**, and **Peter Mangione** celebrated their 50th birthdays in Phoenix, where Pete is a meteorologist at Arizona's Family News. Highlights from the trip included a day at the Waste Management Phoenix Open, dinner at Pizzeria Bianco, and tickets to a Phoenix Suns game. This is an annual trip that has taken place (almost) every year since graduating, along with many trips to Homecoming and Reunion.

From the Alumni Engagement Office: **Jonathan Cawley** shares: "I am pleased to report that I married my partner of eight years, **Deanna Dambrose**, in Powhatan, Virginia, on May 25, 2026. It was a beautiful ceremony filled with love, laughter, happy tears, community, and shared values. In attendance were fellow '98 alum **Chris Gauthier** and former '98 class members **Geoffrey Orens** and **Michael O'Connor**. The four of us had not been in the same place at the same time since the '90s, and we had a blast catching up and celebrating together with my bride. Hoping it won't be another 30 years before our next get-together!"

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and although I'm enjoying my (literal) hot girl summer, I'm looking forward to the (hopefully) cooler fall day when I will see this column in print. Thank you very much to the five classmates who sent me such great updates for this issue! I'm excited to share their news with you.

First up, **Lucie Leblois** writes that for her, "the biggest surprise coming out of last year's Reunion has been how many Trinity friends have reentered our lives—some we had stayed in touch with, and others we hadn't seen in years. It has been so fun to reconnect, catch up on where everyone is now, and pick up friendships that somehow feel exactly the same. Reunion was perfect timing in a way. This past year included lots of Trinity sightings, with more to come as many of us start the college-tour circuit with our kids, staying at each other's homes, talking about the various cities we live in . . . how we're already here, I have no idea! [Our] latest encounter was none other than **Adrian Salonga** in N.Y.C. while watching France kick off its World Cup, with more meetups coming in the summer, including **Christian Allen**, **Melissa Gillooly**, **Anne Sawyer Shields**, and **Nikki Law Moody**. There are so many other Trinity friends we have been in touch with and look forward to seeing along the way. And my favorite local update: My next-door neighbor in D.C. is also a Bantam: **Marjorie 'Gigi' Bradford** '74. We regularly end up on our front porches sharing a glass of wine, which is a pretty great way to keep Trinity alive well beyond campus." What a small world it is; I'll bet those are some fascinating conversations!

Jamie Baird checks in from California with fond memories of his time 'neath the elms. "Freshman year at Trinity, I started the Bagpipe Band after President **Dobelle** called me into his office and asked, 'What do you need?' I said, 'About \$5K for bagpipes.' He asked, 'What about uniforms?' I said, 'That would be \$25K.' He said, 'Promise you'll see it through, and you've got it.' I shook his hand, and somehow, history happened. I may have had one of the worst GPAs, but I still graduated first . . . because I led the procession! Some may remember me as the guy who found keys to nearly every room on campus or who may have opened the 'party barn' during finals for about 300 people. Don't worry: I no longer have the keys. These days, I throw a different kind of party as the lead and founding pastor of Highlands Church in Paso Robles, California, easily the most fun church you've ever attended. I also finally became an author with my children's book,

Cristina Lundy '01

DEGREE:

B.A. in theater and dance

JOB TITLES:

Theatrical wardrobe technician; artistic director

FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

There are so many, but this is high on the list: traveling to Venice for a week with The Chapel Singers right after my junior year. It's my favorite city in the world, and that trip was full of magical moments. We gave a floating concert on the Grand Canal (with audience members following us in their own gondolas), performed in gorgeous churches, had tons of fun "after hours," and on the final night, I was elected president of the group for the upcoming year. It's still one of the top trips of my life!

What do you do in your roles? On the wardrobe front: When I moved to New York City two years after graduation—with dreams of acting or directing—I was lucky enough to find my way to The Public Theater's costume shop and spent the next three years freelancing, with most of my work coming from either The Public's downtown home or Shakespeare in the Park. In 2006, I joined IATSE, the union that includes most of the backstage workers on Broadway, and I've been working steadily ever since. I've been on more than 20 shows, including nine years on *Mamma Mia!* and 10 years (and counting) on *Hamilton*. I've worked in costume construction and maintenance, as a dresser covering up to eight different tracks on a single show, and as an assistant or interim supervisor on multiple shows.

In my "other life," I was hired as associate artistic director of New York Shakespeare Exchange (NYSX) in 2011, a year after the company was founded. Coming in at such an early point in its growth meant I had freedom to dive into the projects that most aligned with my interests. I directed and assistant directed full productions, produced our immersive *ShakesBEER* pub crawl, led our casting department, created and oversaw the intern program from 2012 to 2019, and built out a series of events at the New York Public Library, using Shakespeare as an entry point for discussing current issues. In 2020, I was promoted to co-artistic director and in 2022 became sole artistic director when the founder retired. In this phase, I'm interested in developing new works that draw inspiration from Shakespeare and expanding our programs to connect with communities across all five boroughs of N.Y.C.

What do you enjoy most about what you do? I love working in a creative environment and witnessing so much artistic talent up close. In my work with NYSX, I love being able to reimagine or reframe classics, especially in a way that breaks through a lot of the gatekeeping that underlies which groups feel that Shakespeare is or isn't "for them." In my wardrobe work, I love the backstage life, knowing the secrets behind how the onstage magic happens and all the little jokes and traditions that come into a workplace where you're putting on the same show eight times a week.

What has been a favorite show to work on? In 2023, I was a dresser on the Broadway run of *How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying*.



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in Ohio, a show focused on the lives of seven autistic young adults and the first in Broadway history to cast all the autistic roles with openly autistic actors (including understudies). I learned so much from the efforts and strategies to make the onstage and backstage space accessible for everyone and absolutely loved working with the cast and crew.

How did your time at Trinity help prepare you for your career? The broad base of a liberal arts education set me up well for a career where creative thinking and problem-solving are crucial. And the technical theater training and mentors I found in the Theater and Dance Department are a direct influence on the work I do every day.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? I'd have to choose the whole semester I spent in the Trinity/La MaMa program in N.Y.C. It prepared me for a theatrical career in ways I wasn't fully aware of when I was in the middle of it. I came away confident that I could create a piece of art from any point of inspiration and with any resources available to me, and that confidence has deepened and extended to the kind of creative problem-solving I apply in both my wardrobe work and my work as an artistic director.

Did you have a professor who was particularly influential? Kat Power and Arthur Feinsod showed me how much there was to love about theater history, Fred Pfeil taught me how to read films and the actors in them as multilayered texts, and Tony Hall gave me foundational approaches to directing that I still use in my work today.

The Real Christmas Story. Seeing pictures of kids reading it makes my heart happy. Love you all!" Jamie, I remember some of these shenanigans, and those were truly great days! Love your journey, and congratulations on your book!

Andrew Malick is also out in California, where he is doing his part to try to solve problems and make the world a better place. He writes, "In January [2026], a joint development team led by my company, Malick Infill Development, was selected by the San Diego Unified School District to redevelop its 13-acre headquarters into a 1,500-home educator village. Having just completed a cross-country road trip where I passed through dozens of entire towns smaller than the 3,000-plus residents who will live here, the sheer scale of what we are taking on has really hit me. If realized, it will be the largest teacher-housing initiative in California history. Honestly, it feels both incredibly exciting and deeply humbling. We are attempting something largely unprecedented, trying to solve a crisis that has stumped coastal cities for decades: how to build affordable housing for the middle-income public service workers who keep our communities running. We have a mountain to climb, but we're hoping to build a roadmap that others can follow." That project sounds amazing, and I look forward to updates on your progress and the outcomes from the development!

Back in Connecticut, **John Miecznikowski** serves as director of the Magis Core Curriculum at Fairfield University in addition to working as a professor of chemistry

and biochemistry. He explains that "all students at Fairfield complete a 15-course core curriculum in addition to taking writing classes, social justice classes, and an interdisciplinary class, [and] I have been directing the core curriculum since July 2025." Introducing young hearts and minds to the liberal arts seems like an amazing responsibility to have! Hope you are enjoying it!

Our last update comes from **Johanna Tighe Traven**, who sends her greetings from Warsaw, Poland, where she and her family have lived since 2024. This is their third tour with the U.S. government after serving in Kyiv, Ukraine, and Bucharest, Romania. She encourages everyone to "feel free to reach out if you are ever in Poland!"

Best wishes to everyone for a joyful fall and winter holiday season wherever in the world you may be! As always, please send me your news and updates at virgquest@gmail.com, or find me on social media. I love to hear from every one of you!

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How awesome was Reunion? We had a great turnout of our classmates and their families throughout the weekend. **Casey Tischer** and **Teddy Schiff** were recognized by the school and received alumni awards. **Bobby (Oldfield)**

Wegner was one of the presenters at Ideas Fest, where she was on a panel discussing AI's role in the future of medicine and health care. We had a panel during our Saturday class dinner in which **Michelle (Theodat) Waring** did an excellent job moderating. It was great to hear what **David Kieve**, **Shana (Grannan) Russell**, **Claire Moodie**, and **Dori Oskowitz** have been up to professionally and how the twists and turns in life led them to where they are today. **Liisa Jackson** looked like a pro during the alumni row and won the prize for traveling the farthest for Reunion (beating Dori and me by about 15 miles). Although former roommates **Soulafreda (Valassis) Hantes** and **Chelsea Theerman** weren't able to attend, they managed to meet the following weekend in Connecticut to reminisce.

Tony Panza writes, "After 12 years at the IRS, I've started a new chapter in my career at Guidehouse. Additionally, my oldest daughter graduated high school this year and is headed to college in the fall (although not Trinity). We're in Northern Virginia, so if any Bants are visiting, please look us up!"

Molly (Malgieri) and **Teddy Schiff** loved getting back to campus earlier this summer to celebrate our 25th Reunion with so many good friends. "The campus looked awesome, and our class had a nice turnout. The Tap looked mostly the same, which was not surprising. We look forward to our 30th Reunion, which will come much faster than we all expect."

Martin Mihov and his family embarked on a two-decade worldwide journey, living and working in London, Moscow, Manila, and Hong Kong. "A couple years ago, I moved back to the New York area with my wife, Olia, and our teenage daughter and son and look to stay put for a few years until they graduate high school."

Russell Fugett states, "While I'm sorry to have missed our Reunion, I'm excited to share the work I'm doing in business advisory and artificial intelligence. I would love to partner with fellow Bantams to meet critical needs and create value in the marketplace. In September, I will complete a three-month intensive through the Harvard Data Science Initiative, where I will be certified in AI strategy, governance, and agentic AI. I'm also working on a book on the topic of judgment and AI. Stay tuned. Besides all of this, I continue to hold it down here in Maryland through my gubernatorial appointment serving on the Maryland Economic Development Commission and on the boards of Indian Creek School near Annapolis (where my

NEW TCAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBER

Jeffrey Coleman '01 serves as vice president for diversity, inclusion, and community engagement and chief diversity and inclusion officer at Framingham State University. He earned a B.A. in public policy from Trinity and went on to earn an M.S. in counseling with a concentration in student development in higher education from Central Connecticut State University and a Ph.D. in educational studies and cultural studies from the University of North Carolina Greensboro. Coleman says he is driven by a deep personal commitment to diversity, equity, and inclusion, building a career focused on shaping higher education to better serve today's students. He developed the DEI Community Partnership Network, a collaborative network of diversity officers across the Boston MetroWest area, reflecting his belief in intentional, measurable efforts to eliminate barriers in policies and practices. As a Trinity alumnus, Coleman has maintained a meaningful connection to the College, participating as a panelist at the symposium on affordability and financial aid held during the dedication of the Manuel and Maria Luisa Lopes Borges Admissions Center and serving on the Class of 2001 25th Reunion Planning Committee.



daughters attend) and GreenLight Fund Baltimore. If any of my fellow alums ever visit Baltimore or Annapolis and want to connect or to check out the exhibit about my uncle Reginald F. Lewis at the Reginald F. Lewis Museum of Maryland African American History and Culture, please don't hesitate to reach out."

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Hello! I hope this edition of *The Trinity Reporter* finds you all well!

In early June, a number of 2002 graduates attended a Trinity Summer Reception in Greenwich, Connecticut. Thank you to our gracious hosts, Camilla '99 and Whit McGraw P'30 and Molly '01 and Teddy Schiff '01, for bringing us together to hear from Trinity's Vice President and Dean of Admissions and Financial Aid Matt Hyde and to celebrate all that Trinity represents. It was awesome to see Sarah Campbell Pribyl, Mia Johnson Epifano, Chris and Abby '01 Glover, Amanda Todd Lynch, Doug Lake, and Courtney Sargeant Wilson '03. Apologies if I missed anyone! If you have the opportunity to hear Matt Hyde speak on all the awesome and exciting things happening on campus, make it a point to attend.

Andy Robinson looks forward to a July family reunion on Kezar Lake in Maine followed by a week of camping in the Smoky Mountains organized by his teen children.

Trevor Jaha reports: "I was promoted to fire captain for the Savannah Fire Department in Georgia and instruct technical rescue specialists in disciplines such as high-angle rescues, structural collapse, public safety dive, swift water, and several others. I recently was awarded the City of Savannah Employee of the Year for my master's thesis on strengthening the security and resiliency of American seaports throughout our nation. For the past two years, I have served as a fire and life safety security specialist for the World Bank Group and have been developing and overseeing risk management security initiatives addressing the fire risks associated with electric vehicles, battery energy storage systems, and data centers across the bank's 145 country offices. Recently, I have had the incredible opportunity to design and implement risk-mitigation strategies for offices in Paris, France; Sophia, Bulgaria; Bucharest,

Romania; Vienna, Austria; Addis Ababa, Ethiopia; and Nairobi, Kenya. I received an M.A. in security studies from the Naval Postgraduate School's Center for Homeland Defense and Security in March 2024."

The Class of 2002 will celebrate our 25th Reunion in June. If you are interested in helping plan the festivities, please reach out to me at ellenzarchin@hotmail.com. Let's do this! Until next time . . .

From the Alumni Engagement Office: Sally P. McDonald was welcomed in March 2026 as a partner at the Providence, Rhode Island, office of Barton Gilman. Sally is an accomplished litigator with a track record of successfully resolving complex business disputes in state and federal courts, including breach of contract, employment, real estate, construction, and trusts and estates. She brings extensive leadership experience from prior roles at Providence-based and national firms.

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Greetings, Bantams! As I write this, summer is just getting started, but the leaves will be dropping and the pumpkin-spice lattes will be flowing by the time it arrives in your mailbox.

In April, I attended the wedding of classmate Dan Jacobs and Gina Spadaccini in Glen Mills, Pennsylvania, along with Dave Rooney and Gavin O'Reilly. It was a beautiful ceremony, and we had a blast, but I can confirm the body doesn't bounce back like it used to after a couple of late nights!

Janice Castle was appointed executive director of the Clay Arsenal Community Development Corporation in Hartford. Clay Arsenal CDC is the first and only certified community development corporation in Connecticut formed under S.B. 480 and laser-focused on implementing the vision of S.B. 456—a statewide effort to eradicate concentrated poverty.

Zoraida Lopez reports that she recently connected with fellow Trinity graduate Julia McInnis '11 at Glynwood Center for Regional Food and Farming, a nonprofit with a mission to cultivate just and resilient food systems so that land, communities, and farmers thrive, in Cold Spring, New York. Zoraida is vice president of development there, and Julia

is a longtime supporter and was married at Glynwood.

Aaron Brill reports that he has been awarded the first-ever zSpace Educator of the Year recognition for his work at AIM Academy in Conshohocken, Pennsylvania. The zSpace Recognition Program celebrates educators whose use of immersive AR/VR learning is transforming outcomes for students.

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Jonathan Chesney, wife Alison, and kids Georgi, 5, Maisie, 3, and Malcolm, 3, have moved to Western North Carolina, where he began serving as the rector of the Episcopal Church of the Holy Cross, Valle Crucis, on June 1. If anyone is ever vacationing in the High Country, say hello!

Will Roble has lived in Greenwich, Connecticut, for the last five years with wife Erin and their two children, Oliver, 6, and Zoé, 4. He teaches middle school math at Greenwich Academy with Doug Rendell.

Drake Richey and wife Sarah live in Charlestown, Massachusetts, next to a street-hockey court with their four kids, ages 14, 12, 9, and 1½. He runs a financial advisory and insurance business, Bush & Company, and is happily involved in his church and mountain biking around New England with his kids. The highlight of the year was a family trip to France to see the Tour de France, among other adventures!

After a 20-year nonprofit development career, Hilary Cramer Robinson works directly with individuals and family foundations to help them make more strategic, impactful philanthropic decisions, taking their giving to the next level. Through her new venture, HCRP, she partners with busy, committed donors to handle the legwork and turn philanthropic goals into action. If you'd like to connect or learn more, reach out to her at hilary@herp.co.

2006 President: Tory Hamilton McCarthy • Vice President: Kyle Cox • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Nicole Tsesmelis Cea, Kristen Geiger Cochran, Kyle Cox, Colin Levy, Jim McCarthy, Tory Hamilton McCarthy, Virginia Adair McCarthy
The class secretary position for the Class of 2006 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier at 860-297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

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2007 Secretary: Brendan J. Keefe, brendan.keefe.2007@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Joey Butler, Jenny Carson, Devon Lawrence, Jed Rednor • [f/groups/TrinityClassof2007](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityClassof2007)
The Class of 2007 has a few happy updates to share this quarter.

Zachary Logan Gould and Margot Gould welcomed their fourth child in January, adding Florence “Lola” Jean to the family. Siblings Poppy, Hans, and Berend are over the moon about their new sister and cannot wait to check out Homecoming 2026. Congratulations, Gould family!

John H. Meyer recently took a family vacation to Hilton Head Island, South Carolina. It was the Meyer family’s first visit, and despite daily forecasts predicting rain, they enjoyed beautiful weather throughout the trip.

2008 President: Cory Edmonds • Vice President: Alex Goldberg • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agent: Mike Bojko

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Hi, Class of 2010. I hope everyone had a wonderful summer! Here are the updates:



Kathryn Van Sickle '12 and Ross Holzschuh were married at The Lake House in Canandaigua, New York, in March 2026. Joining the bride are Erica Taylor '12, Annalise Welte '12, Mac McCarthy '14, Abigail (Smitka) Hurley '11, and former Trinity Chaplain Allison Read.

Jake Robertson completed his second-year teaching writing at Curry College and completed another season as senior editor of the Boston-based small press Arrowsmith Press, which published, among other works, the latest book of poetry from Pulitzer Prize-winner Lloyd Schwartz.

I work for Portland Hearts of Pine, a USL League One team, in Portland, Maine. We're in the middle of our second season, and I hope that by the time this is published, our sophomore slump will have turned around. It's incredible to work in soccer and for a place that has created a special community here in Maine. Next summer, I'm proud to say, will be our women's team's inaugural season. If you're ever in Portland, please come to a match. Up the Hearts!

From the Alumni Engagement Office: Barclay Damon announces Jamila Lee, counsel, has joined the firm's Trusts & Estates Practice Area. Her primary office location is Buffalo. Lee concentrates her practice on trusts and estates matters, representing individuals, families, and fiduciaries in estate planning, estate and trust administration, and complex probate proceedings. She provides a full range of estate planning services, including drafting wills, trusts, advance directives, and marital agreements. Prior to joining Barclay Damon, Lee served in several key roles with the Erie County

Surrogate's Court, including deputy chief clerk, court attorney, and confidential investigator. In these positions, she developed a comprehensive understanding of the New York Surrogate's Court Procedure Act; estate, powers, and trusts law; and domestic relations law.

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Jessica Williams is finishing her medical training in pediatric emergency medicine. She completed med school at The Ohio State University College of Medicine in 2019, a pediatrics residency at Nationwide Children's Hospital in 2022, and a pediatric emergency medicine fellowship at Children's National Hospital in 2026.

Khaoula Ben Haj Frej, M.D., '18

DEGREES:

**B.S. in neuroscience;
M.D., University of
Connecticut School of
Medicine**

JOB TITLE:

**General surgery resident,
The Johns Hopkins
Hospital**

FAVORITE

TRINITY MEMORY:

The first thing I think of is sitting on the quad with my roommates on a really beautiful, sunny day. We were just lying on our blankets and talking, and I remember thinking that I had experienced a hard four years—and wow, we did it!

Would you tell us a little about your educational path?

I was born and raised in Connecticut, and I wanted to stay close to home. The College had a Preview Weekend, and that's when I fell in love with the campus and decided to go to Trinity. I did the Genomics Research Program, which was a pathway to research. I took all the premed classes and did research every summer and sometimes during the academic years, and I worked in a few labs. I was getting exposed to what it meant to collect scientific data and present it in a tangible way. I also studied abroad in Trinidad and did a rotation in an emergency room. My family is from Tunisia, so I got some exposure there to a different health care system, a less privileged one than we have here. Still, I really didn't know what I wanted to do with my life, so I took some gap years. I worked at the Dana Farber Cancer Institute in Boston, starting out in a basic science lab. We lost our grant in the first year of a two-year position, so I switched to a different position in clinical trials. That kind of cinched it for me, working with cancer patients and getting to know them on a personal level and also on a data level. Then COVID hit, and I saw how impacted they were by that. I applied to med school and from there decided that I wanted to be a physician-scientist. General surgery training is five years, and Johns Hopkins encourages research years, so I'm looking to also pursue two to three years of research.

What do you do now in your role? Is it like what's on TV?

I think some of *Grey's Anatomy* is accurate. There's a lot of running around taking care of patients, but it's a lot less sordid, less of a soap opera. In the morning, we round on our patients as a team with our chief. I spend the rest of the day in the operating room, and between cases, I'll check in on patients on the floor or work on discharges. I see everything from breast surgery to colorectal to surgical oncology. We also do a lot more medicine than the TV shows portray; when a surgical patient is admitted, we're taking care of their blood pressure and diabetes and other conditions as well as postoperative care.

What do you enjoy most about what you do? I think there is the really mind-boggling trust that patients put in us and this vulnerability that they have that never fails to blow me away. I enjoy knowing that I have the ability to build these relationships with patients. And



there's the operating, of course, and the opportunity to learn technical skills.

What challenges do you face? The emotional losses are always difficult. Seeing patients have bad outcomes takes its toll. We also deal with systemic challenges, taking care of patients who might be uninsured and jumping through hoops to try to get them their surgery or medication. The hours are hard, the time that you're on your feet, needing to triage what is important, what is crucial in this moment, what is urgent, and what is emergent. It has been a challenge as a first-year resident, just learning to be a doctor.

Did you have a professor who was particularly influential?

Hands down, Dr. Alison Draper. She wasn't even my formal adviser; she was a premed adviser who became my personal adviser and my life adviser. I had a lot of challenges at Trinity. I was a lot younger than many of my peers; I graduated from high school at 16. I also worked full time, and I had a hard time balancing academics. It was the first time I was away from home. She was there for me for so much of it. When my lab lost its grant and I found out that I no longer had a contract, she came to Boston to see me. I had graduated from Trinity, and I was no longer a student. But I was so distraught, and I thought my world was caving in. She is an incredible teacher, an incredible scientist, but above all else, she is an incredible person.



Greg Vaughan '12 and Bayleigh Ruhm were married in October 2025 in New Hampshire. Front row: Emily McTeague, Andy McTeague '12, Tracey Suter '11, Brian Castelluccio '12, Adam Katcher '12, Johanna Kinsler; back row: Adam Norton '12, Joyce Yan P'06, Amanda Werrell, Brandon Clary '13, Zoë (Nageotte) McCook '12, Anson McCook '12, Greg Vaughan '12, Bayleigh Ruhm, Steph Fisher '12, Ryan Emberling '13

Jessica is the pediatric emergency medicine attending at Children's Healthcare of Atlanta in Georgia.

Mary Kate Morr and Thomas Bryenton (Middlebury '13) welcomed their second daughter, Miller, in February 2026.

Greg Vaughan and Bayleigh Ruhm were married in October 2025 in a small New Hampshire ceremony. Joining in the celebration were many Trinity classmates and their families. Greg and Bayleigh have purchased their first home and are expecting a baby in November!

Domi DiDia was named general manager of the Las Vegas Professional Women's Hockey League expansion team, and she hired fellow Trinity alum Kim Weiss '11 as head coach. Their inaugural season will be this year.

From the Alumni Engagement Office: Kathryn Van Sickle and Ross Holzschuh were married at The Lake House in Canandaigua, New York, last March.

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

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From Jessica Donovan: "On December 19, 2025, Will Hering and I welcomed twin boys Alden and Declan Hering!"

Moustafa Hamada shares, "We won our first men's squash national championship with me in charge after an undefeated season and 19th NESCAC title."

From Mac Daly: "My daughter Róisín Daly was born on March 1, 2026. Her grandparents are Michael Daly '79 and Evelyn Mukjian Daly, and her great-grandfather is John Daly '47. Her godfather is Mark Ohanian '07.

2016 President: Joshua J. Frank • Secretary: Ashira E. Anderson, ashira.anderson.2016@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Alessandra Auricchio, Benjamin Chait, Josh Frank, Tara Kantor, David Linden, Kathryn Orticerio Nesbitt • f/groups/Trinity2016

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Austin Duebel started his own immigration firm, Hoga Immigration, in Philadelphia in August 2025. He and his wife welcomed their first child in February 2026.

Emily Dowden Duncan and husband Kyle welcomed their first child, Rory Broderick Duncan, on March 7, 2026.

Sarah Beckmann published her second poetry book, *The Race for Daphne*, this spring.

Felix Carlo Cavan earned a B.S. in nursing in 2024. After passing the Philippine Nurses Licensure Examination in 2024 and obtaining Illinois R.N. licensure in 2026, he began his career as a registered nurse in the Chicago area.

Meaghan Race graduated from Oakland University William Beaumont School of Medicine and started a residency in physical medicine and rehabilitation at Mary Free Bed Rehabilitation Hospital in Grand Rapids, Michigan.

Eliza (Shaw) Dieterle has launched Douglas Elliman Real Estate Vermont! After years of multimillion-dollar deals in N.Y.C., she's bringing her expertise to the gorgeous and growing Vermont real estate market. Eliza's transition reflects the polish and high-level relationships she built over years in New York's luxury real estate market, and her

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work is increasingly centered on Vermont's most distinctive properties—lakefront estates, ski homes, gentleman's farms, and homes in the state's premier golf and recreation communities. Calling all Bantams, near and far, old and new: If Vermont real estate is anywhere on your radar, don't be shy, and reach out!

Claudia Varner recently graduated with a master's degree in forensic psychology from John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York City. She shares, "I pursued this degree after years of working in the legal field, specifically to pivot into jury decision-making and litigation consulting. I'm thrilled to announce that I just joined DRC Litigation Strategies full time on their research and psychology team. To any litigators out there: If you're looking for a jury or trial consultant on your next case, please reach out!"

Julia Caffrey and **Willie Saltonstall** were wed on Sunday, June 21, at Blithewold Manor in Bristol, Rhode Island! Bantams from several class years served in the wedding party, including **Elias Thayer '19**, **Nathan Norton**, **Stephanie Allieri Schopp**, and **Cari Librett**. Also in attendance were **Allison Butera**, **Mary Murray**, **Gus Ackley '17**, **Justin Fortier**, **Katie Vohr '20**, **Devin Shorey '17**, **Sean Fleisher '17**, **Lauren Glasse**, and **Rex Glickman**.

2019 **President: William J. Duggan III • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Rachel Bringham, William J. Duggan III, Emma Godi, Ethan Hunter, Talia La Schiazza, Molly McGonigle, Simran Sheth, Stephanie Velarde, Mike Zarra**
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2020 **Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Luke Blough, Sam Feenstra, Anna Kate Luddy, Elizabeth McCauley, Morgan McKeown**
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2021 **President: Jaymie D. Bianca • Vice President: Giovanni A. Jones • Secretary: Brendan Clark, brendan.clark.2021@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Brendan Clark, Grant Hoeffner, Jessica Jones, Pearl Rourke, Connor Wilde**
Friends, how thrilling it was for all of us to gather 'neath the elms for our first Reunion as a class, the first of many we shall share together in the ensuing decades! It was truly a great weekend full of opportunities for reflection, reconnection, and new adventures at our beloved Trinity. Although the weather dimmed Saturday evening on the quad, our celebrations were not quashed, and I know that we all took great pleasure in being in good company.

Our class certainly had much to be proud of this year. As of Reunion Weekend 2026, our class raised \$71,737 since our graduation in May 2021. That is an accomplishment we should all be proud of. In this fundraising year alone, we raised \$19,898 for the Trinity College Fund as well as an additional \$13,808 in non-annual, restricted gifts. This reflects a 115 percent increase in our giving from last year! Additionally, a special shout-out is deserved to our friend and classmate **Jessica Jones**, who did an outstanding job moderating a session with President Lugo on Saturday at Ideas Fest.

Until our next Reunion, I hope we can keep the spirit of friendship and fellowship alive. To that end, I hope some of you will take this weekend to heart and write to the *Reporter* with your updates. I shall eagerly await the opportunity to compile them. Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email (brendanwclark@outlook.com) or telephone (610-781-8446).

From your secretary: **Brendan W. Clark** switched professional roles, starting a new position this May as an associate attorney at Abrams & Bayliss, LLP, a corporate litigation boutique firm in Wilmington, Delaware, focusing on high-stakes, high-value mergers and acquisitions and commercial disputes. Brendan has continued his volunteer efforts on behalf of the College

and, at Reunion this year, was elected secretary of the Trinity College Alumni Association. In April, Brendan also was elected to the Alumni Association Board of his legal alma mater, William & Mary Law School in Williamsburg, Virginia.

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2022 **Co-President: Nayantara Ghosh • Co-President: Shawn Olstein • Co-Secretary: Alexandra C. Chambers, alexandra.chambers.2022@trincoll.edu • Co-Secretary: Hannah M. Lynch, hannah.lynch.2022@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Mia Conte, Chris Dean, Ishaan Madhok, Matthew Solomon**
Hey, Class of 2022!

Fellow Bantams **Kayleigh Moses** and **Joshua Jacoves '23** were engaged in Italy this summer, six years after meeting 'neath the elms. The couple has enjoyed countless adventures in Colorado, where Kayleigh recently celebrated three years with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency and Joshua with The Naloxone Project. Alongside their 2-year-old pup, Bhālu, Kayleigh and Joshua are excited for this new chapter and continuously cherish the friendships they share with Bantams near and far.

Cheers, Alex

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2025 **Secretary: Sammi Bray, sammi.bray.2025@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Hope Bettencourt, Elise Casey, Surya Rai, Catherine Wallace**
In May, a group of Bants gathered in N.Y.C. for a wonderful event put on by the Women's Leadership Council. It was a great opportunity to have an honest conversation about being young women in the workforce, to learn from fellow alumni, and to celebrate one another's accomplishments.

Officially at the one-year mark from graduation, we shared in both excitement and nerves about our next steps. **Hattie Wagner** shared her plans to run the

2026 New York City Marathon for the Michael J. Fox Foundation, raising money for Parkinson's disease research. Good luck, Hattie!

Jana Safy is excited to share that she is finishing a master's in work and organizational psychology at the University of Nottingham in England, all while continuing to play squash professionally!

Mina Arenella shares that she will move to Atlanta in August to attend Emory University School of Law after working as a paralegal since graduation.

In honor of AAPI Heritage Month, **Shehana Siriwardena** was featured as a panelist in the Digilogue's "Paving the Way: A Conversation on South Asians in the Music Industry." Shehana shared her experiences on the creative and professional sides of the industry. We're so proud of you!

I look forward to hearing more from you all soon.

2026 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Georgia Cantrell, Demetra Danas

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Master's

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

Greetings from Co-Secretary **Crisanne Colgan M'74** (French)! It was a busy spring on campus. I attended the ceremony honoring pediatrician and geneticist D. Holmes Morton IDP'79, H'90 as the 2025–26 recipient of the President's Medal for Science and Innovation. Morton shared key findings from a lifelong career treating Amish and Mennonite children of Pennsylvania afflicted with genetic illnesses. The President's Medal, established by Trinity President Emerita Joanne Berger-Sweeney, recognizes individuals who empower humanity through the sciences. Our Board of Fellows (BOF) held its annual spring meeting during Volunteer Weekend and joined members of the TCAA

(Trinity College Alumni Association) and the Parents Leadership Council for a Friday evening reception and dinner. On Saturday, President Lugo and members of his Executive Leadership Team provided updates to the BOF on key initiatives at the College. Another highlight was Reunion in June, when we celebrated friendships, alumni awards, and milestone Reunions.

Rick Walker M'91, who earned an M.A. in English, shares: "I retired in 2021 from teaching the required first-year course on writing/research/rhetoric at Charter Oak State College and at the University of Hartford and had launched Collegeresearchsharing.com. I recently organized a group of some 20 former and current Hartford-area artists and performers from the 1970s to gather scans and clips of the Hartford arts renaissance of the 1970s that led to my edit of a colorful book that might interest the Trinity family. It is being printed via Blurb and is titled *The City as Stage: How a group of young artists brought Hartford, Connecticut back to life in the 1970s*. In the preface, I explain how I started this multimedia retrospective due to the recent digitization of my film *Clown Day 1975*, shot with a Super 8 camera at Pope Park, Hartford, featuring many zanies and city kids in makeup! Trinity played a key role as the inspiration, especially for May Day is Play Day at Bushnell Park, and is listed as a sponsor!"

Kerry Hartley M'06 was selected as one of only 42 educators nationwide from a pool of nearly 200 applicants for the prestigious Goethe-Institut Transatlantic Outreach Program (TOP) Study Tour. The highly competitive, fully funded fellowship awarded annually to a select group of North American educators provides an immersive educational experience in Germany focused on contemporary politics, history, culture, and transatlantic relations. In July, Kerry joined educators from the U.S. and Canada in exploring Germany through site visits, expert discussions, and school exchanges. Kerry returned with valuable global perspectives to share with her school and community in Canton, where she has taught high school social studies for more than 20 years. Kerry earned an M.A. in economics.

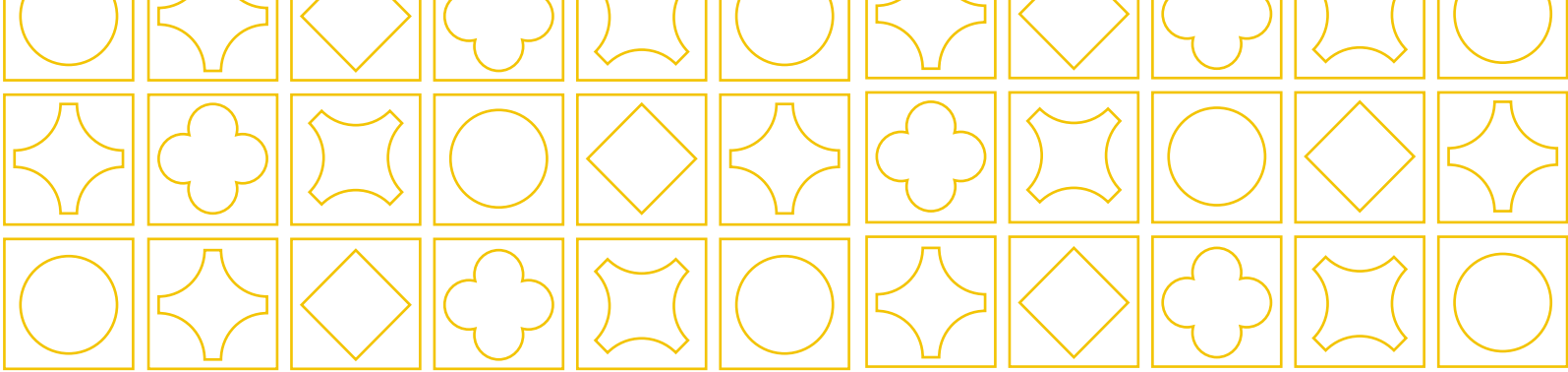
Chad Betz M'08, who earned an M.A. in economics, writes: "This spring I published *An Authentic Success: You're Not Too Old and It's Not Too Late!*, a book inspired by my own experiences navigating career transitions, setbacks, and the challenge

of redefining success in midlife. The book challenges the belief that success has an expiration date and encourages readers to pursue meaningful goals based on their own values rather than society's expectations. Drawing on my background in financial services, leadership, and executive coaching, I share practical strategies for overcoming self-imposed limitations, avoiding the sunk cost trap, adapting to change, and taking disciplined action toward new opportunities. It has been rewarding to hear from readers who have found renewed confidence to pursue long-delayed personal and professional goals."

Amanda Daddona M'15 shares: "I recently got engaged! My fiancé, Joshua Bochman, and I will be getting married in May 2027." Amanda serves as senior associate registrar at Wesleyan, where she manages degree audits and the Honors Program. She earned an M.A. in American studies.

Two notes from the Alumni Engagement Office: The Connecticut Bankers Association (CBA) is pleased to announce that Chief Operating Officer and Treasurer **Mark L. Barry M'96** has been promoted to senior vice president. Mark joined the CBA in 2023 and oversees finance, marketing, and communications, including the *CBA Quarterly* magazine, as well as the day-to-day operations of the association. He also oversees the association's for-profit business activities. A graduate of the UConn School of Business, Mark received an M.A. in economics from Trinity.

Matthew Ciyburn M'15, who earned an M.A. in public policy, reports, "I recently joined the Office of the Connecticut Secretary of the State as assistant director of communications, where I lead strategic communications focused on elections, civic engagement, business services, and public trust. Prior to this role, I spent over a decade in health care communications, most recently at DaVita Kidney Care. I'm excited to be working at the intersection of public service and democratic participation."



"I am incredibly proud to be connected to Trinity College and invested in its future. Supporting the College is both an expression of gratitude for what it gave me and a belief in what it will continue to provide for years to come."

—Giovanni Jones '21

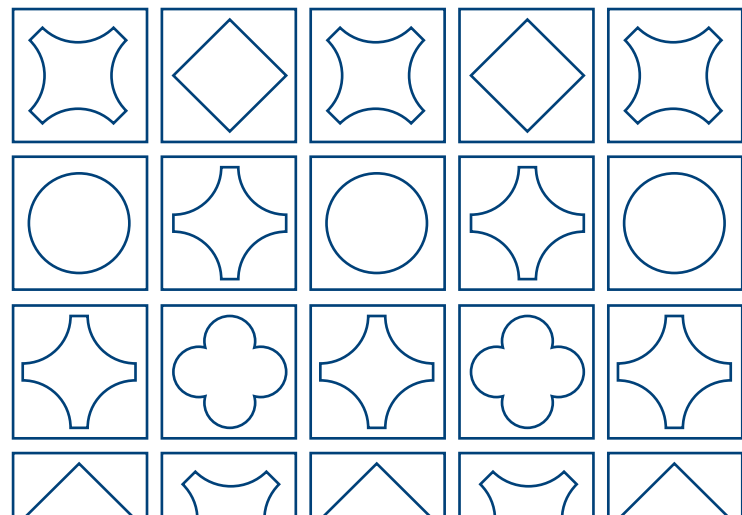
"Growing up in Hartford, Trinity was always a presence in my life. What I could not have anticipated was how profoundly my education would shape my sense of purpose and what I believed I could achieve.

"Trinity gave me a community that challenged me to grow. By participating in cultural organizations and student government, I had the opportunity to work alongside peers, faculty, administrators, and trustees toward something larger than myself. When the pandemic disrupted campus life, I was able to help establish emergency resources for students who needed support to continue their education remotely. I also contributed to the College's COVID task force response. My involvement with the Umoja Coalition reinforced something I already believed: Institutions grow stronger when every voice is heard.

"I give because Trinity made that kind of engagement possible for me. My hope is that the community continues to do the same for every student who arrives ready to contribute and discovers, as I did, that they have more to offer than they ever imagined."



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





In Memory

1946 Kenneth F. Golden, 98, of Boca Raton, Florida, died on December 18, 2025.

Golden earned a B.S. in biology before earning an M.D. from what is now SUNY Upstate Medical University. The specialist in internal medicine and hematology had a private practice, taught, and served as president of the medical staff at Crouse-Irving Memorial Hospital. He also served in the U.S. Army.

Golden is survived by his wife of 75 years, Jeannine; children Amy Golden '76 (Stan Levine), David Golden (Bertha), and Jeffrey Golden; two grandsons; and two great-grandchildren.

1951 Norman L. Wack, 97, of Jasper, Georgia, died on April 24, 2026.

Wack earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, he worked for 25 years for Caterpillar Tractors and later became vice president of H.O. Penn.

Wack is survived by children Betsy Birkinbine (Joe), Peter Wack (Lois), and Stephen Wack and three grandsons. He was predeceased by his wife of 47 years, Ann; infant son Jeffrey Wack; and his partner of 18 years, Janet Cobbett.

1952 Anthony W. Angelastro, 97, of Vero Beach, Florida, died on April 23, 2026.

Angelastro earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He served in the U.S. Navy before embarking on a 35-year career as vice president of The Grieco Brothers Company.

Angelastro is survived by wife Linda; daughters Susan

Angelastro '80 (Robert Hodakowski) and Lynn Carr (Jim); two grandsons; stepchildren Bari Walsh, Tucker Walsh, and Clint Walsh; and former wife Arlene. He was predeceased by daughter Amy and sisters Camille, Mary, and Angie.

1953 Stanley P. Miller Jr., 95, of Uniontown, Pennsylvania, died on April 25, 2026.

Miller graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in history. He was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the Senate and a class officer. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Korean War before working as a high school math and history teacher. Miller then became a co-owner of E.L. Burchinal Store. His father, Stanley P. Miller, graduated from Trinity in 1923.

Miller is survived by children Douglas Miller (Piper Hunt) and Cyndi Pryce (Garry), two grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and brother David Miller (Joan). He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Grace, and son Mark Nehls.

1955 Richard Ferraro, 91, of Dover, New Hampshire, died on January 5, 2026.

Ferraro earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi and the Glee Club and took part in Air Force ROTC. After serving in the U.S. Air Force for five years, he launched a 29-year career as a pilot for American Airlines. The loyal alumnus served as a longtime class agent.

Ferraro is survived by his wife of 24 years, Barbara Winter; children Peter Ferraro (Dawn Boyer) and Laura Close (Steve); stepdaughters Lisa Winter (Alex Geidt) and Carolyn Winter (Tom Ocampo); four grandsons; two step-grandsons; a

great-grandson; and sisters Ellen Thompson and Beatrice Miller. He was predeceased by his first wife, Ann.

1955 David D. Nelson, 93, of Mansfield, Connecticut, died on January 29, 2026.

Nelson earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army and to earn a B.D. from Harvard Divinity School and an M.A. in psychology from Indiana State University. Nelson's work life included time as a UCC minister and as a hospital chaplain.

Nelson is survived by partner Catharen White and her sons, Andy, Lincoln, Howie, and Kenny White. He was predeceased by brother Ross.

1956 Charles A. Even Jr., 91, of Newington, Connecticut, died on March 24, 2026.

Even earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha. After serving in the U.S. Army, he went on to a career as a vice president and actuary with Travelers Insurance Company.

Even is survived by children Harold Even (Sharon), Bryan Even (Sandra), Gregory Even (Katy), Christopher Even (Karen), and Pamela Even (Michael Dietter); 13 grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Kenneth Even.

1956 Robert L. Phipps, 93, of Riner, Virginia, died on May 26, 2026.

Phipps studied history at Trinity and was a member of Delta Psi. His work life included time as vice president in the Shearson American Express Asset Management Department.

Phipps is survived by daughter

Margaret Crossen (Keith); three grandchildren, including Maureen Marschalk '09 (Rob); and three great-grandchildren.

1957 Russell I. Quick, 90, of Sanford, North Carolina, died on December 25, 2025.

Quick attended Trinity before earning a B.S. from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He retired as a sales manager from Southern New England Telephone Company and continued to work with his wife in their real estate business and as a consultant. Quick also served in the U.S. Army.

Quick is survived by children Alice "Beth" Armitage (Jim), Kimberly Garvis (Frank), Donald Quick II (Jeanne), and David Quick (Maria); six grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and brother Arthur Quick. He was predeceased by wife Joan.

1958 Peter H. Corbett, 91, of Palm City, Florida, died on January 5, 2026.

Corbett earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he played football and lacrosse. He went on to serve in the U.S. Navy. Corbett spent more than three decades in the building supply industry.

Corbett is survived by daughter Mimi Biddle (Dave), daughters-in-law Caren Corbett and Jennifer Corbett, seven grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, former wife Sherry Corbett, and stepsons Austin, David, and Andrew Drukker. He was predeceased by sons Jeffrey Corbett and Peter Corbett.

1958 Daniel D. Lourie, 88, of Bozeman, Montana, died on February 1, 2026.

Lourie earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he

was a member of Sigma Nu and played football and baseball. He served in the U.S. Army before he began a career in life insurance.

Lourie is survived by his wife of 30 years, Tyrrell "Ty"; daughter Stephani Lourie; daughter-in-law Claire Craig; and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by son Kevin Lourie and sister Doris Kastenholz.

1960 David I. Chichester, 88, of Scarborough, Maine, died on March 3, 2026.

Chichester earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he served as treasurer and then president of Delta Phi and worked at WRTC. He went on to work at Connecticut General Life Insurance Company, Allstate, and Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance Company; he retired as vice president from the latter in 1994.

Chichester is survived by children Craig Chichester (Marybeth) and Debbie Baker (Douglas); two grandchildren, including Jocelyn Baker '06; and a great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by his wife of 69 years, Elaine.

1961 Donald P. Anderson, 85, of Yarmouth Port, Massachusetts, died on April 12, 2026.

Anderson earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He went on to earn an M.S.M.E. from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and an M.B.A. from the University of Connecticut. Anderson worked for 37 years at United Technologies Research Center, with 17 of those years as manager of the computing center. The loyal alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Anderson is survived by his wife of nearly 63 years, Patricia; children Pamela Donaghue (Dean) and Erik Anderson (Allisyn Pentleton); and three grandchildren.

1961 Franklin L. Brosgol, 86, of Warminster, Pennsylvania, died on March 26, 2026.

Brosgol earned a B.S. in biology and then an M.D. from Hahnemann Medical College (now Drexel University College of Medicine). After serving in the U.S. Navy, he completed a fellowship in neurology at Albert Einstein College of Medicine. Brosgol worked as a physician in Chappaqua, New York, for nearly 30 years; he also served as president of the staff of Northern Westchester Hospital and as school physician for Horace Greeley High School.

Brosgol is survived by wife Linda; children Bonnie (Kevin) and David '90 (Vanessa); five grandchildren; stepchildren Dawn, Jennifer, and Karl; and brother Ben.

1961 Donald J. Fish, 86, of Davis, California, died on March 16, 2026.

Fish earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he served as president of Alpha Chi Rho. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from New York University and to a career in banking, starting with Irving Trust Company and later with Bank of Fresno and First Northern Bank of Dixon.

Fish is survived by his wife of 55 years, Mary; children Brandon Fish, Sue Banuelos (Steven Grissom), and Cathy Fish (Geoffrey Oddie); four grandchildren; brothers Robert Fish (LeeAnn) and Larry Fish (Therese); and sister-in-law Leah.

1961 Alexander M. Guild, 87, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, died on April 15, 2026.

Guild earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. The soccer All-American, who still holds the College's individual scoring record, was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame and participated in the 1960 Olympics. He spent

much of his career as a contract administrator with the U.S. Department of Defense.

Guild is survived by children Alan Guild P'11, Peter Guild (Kara Stock-Guild), and Alyson Freeman '97 (Jonathan '98); eight grandchildren, including Ashley Meilleur '11; and a great-grandson. He was predeceased by his wife of 44 years, Barbara.

1961 Peter G. Knight, 86, of Irvington, Virginia, died on February 6, 2026.

Knight earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Psi, the Glee Club, and the track team and took part in ROTC. He served in the U.S. Air Force during the Vietnam War and was awarded several medals, including the Bronze Star and Purple Heart. Knight went on to a career as a commercial airline pilot.

Knight is survived by wife Cynthia Johnson, children Holly Knight and Geoffrey Knight, three grandchildren, and sister Sara Benedetto.

1961, M.A. 1967 Robert M. Rodney Jr., 86, of Simsbury, Connecticut, died on December 18, 2025.

Rodney earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club and took part in ROTC. After earning an M.A. in history, he served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. Rodney then earned a Ph.D. in diplomatic history at the University of Hawaii. He taught history and religion, coached soccer and softball, and served as a dorm parent at Westminster School for 32 years.

Rodney is survived by wife Nancy; children David Rodney '85 (Marguerite Carnell), Elizabeth Herz (Richard), Stephen Rodney (Owen), and Susan Rodney '97; five grandchildren; and sister Judith Hogan (James). His father, Robert M.

Rodney, graduated from Trinity in 1935.

1964 Thomas E. Cone III, 83, of Warwick, Rhode Island, died on April 24, 2026.

Cone earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the soccer team. He went on to earn an M.A.T. in biology from Brown University. Cone served as a biology instructor at Phillips Academy in Andover, Massachusetts, for more than five decades.

Cone is survived by wife Julia Morse and children Tad '92, Sarah, and Rachel.

1964 Sterling P. Miller, 84, of Greensboro, North Carolina, died on March 18, 2026.

Miller earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and the ice hockey and crew teams. He went on to graduate school in education and to devote his career to the field, including becoming the founding head of Canterbury School in Greensboro.

Miller is survived by children Kelly Lilly (Jim) and Sterling Miller Jr. (Jennifer Whitaker), six grandchildren, and siblings Audie Easter and Jeff Miller. He was predeceased by daughter Ashley Gravelle and brother Jay Miller.

1964 Arnold S. Wood Jr., 84, of Swampscott, Massachusetts, died on March 28, 2026.

Wood earned a B.A. in economics and history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Economics Club, and the staff of the *Ivy*. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth and to a career in finance, including serving as co-founder, president, and CEO of Martingale Asset Management.

Wood is survived by his wife of 62 years, Anne; children A. Seton Wood III (Kathleen),

Esther Wood Satran (Thomas), and Adam Wood (Karen); and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by sisters Joan Stephenson (P. Tapley) and Barbara Emmons (Deighton).

1965 Michael Somma, 83, of East Hampton, Connecticut, died on February 3, 2026.

Somma earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he worked on the staff of the *Izzy*. He was an artist and educator who went on to teach art and art history at Hartford Public High School for more than 35 years.

Somma is survived by children Akintunji "Tunji" Somma, Pilar Montalvo (Luis), and Frederick Somma; two grandchildren; and sisters Patricia Towne (Alan) and Lynn Grace (Larry).

1966 James B. Kilgore, 81, of San Francisco, died on April 19, 2026.

Kilgore earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to earn an M.A. from Golden Gate University. His career included time with Pan Am and with Levi Strauss & Co.

Kilgore is survived by wife Susan, children Katy (Brian) and Thomas '11 (Caroline), two grandchildren, and sister Susan.

1966 David E. Norris, 81, of Boca Raton, Florida, died on April 8, 2026.

Norris earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the staff at WRTC. He worked in radio before shifting to a career in finance, earning a CFA designation.

Norris is survived by his wife of 58 years, Julia; sister-in-law Joan Burroughs; and brother-in-law Paul Hanle.

1969 Dan M. Battles, 78, of Saratoga Springs, New York, died on February 22, 2026.

Battles earned a B.A. in psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the football and lacrosse teams. He went on to earn an M.A. in special education from the College of Saint Rose and then had a 33-year career teaching special education in an Albany, New York, middle school.

Battles is survived by wife Tracy; children Haven, Ben (Krista), and Casey (Tiffany); six grandchildren; and siblings Judy Newbury and Jerry (Jane). He was predeceased by sister Cheri Link and brothers-in-law Bill and Phil.

1970 William E. Allan, 77, of Bedford, Massachusetts, died on February 21, 2026.

Allan earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Senate. He went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan. Allan worked for Burroughs, now Unisys, in sales and as a systems analyst and later supported computer systems for the Massachusetts Department of Revenue.

Allan is survived by his wife of 51 years, Barbara; daughter Margaret "Maggie" Allan (Matthew Bush); two grandchildren; and sister Susan Allan.

1970 Charles E. "Ched" McConnell, 77, of Boca Grande, Florida, died on March 3, 2026.

McConnell earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the crew team. After serving in the U.S. Army for four years, he went on to a career in the financial services and investment industry, including founding McConnell, Budd & Downes in Morristown, New Jersey.

McConnell is survived by children Megan Brozowski (Greg), Corey, and Charles "Todd" (Rachel); four grandchildren; and sister-in-law Joy.

1970 David W. Steuber, 77, of Laguna Beach, California, died on April 1, 2026.

Steuber earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and served as president of the Senate. He went on to earn a J.D. from the University of Virginia. Steuber practiced for more than 43 years, focusing on insurance law.

Steuber is survived by wife Lynn; children Scott Steuber (Rachel Tornek), Lyndsay Norman (Phil), and Greg Steuber (Sianny); eight grandchildren; and brother Richard Steuber (Kathy).

1971 Susan Haines Nilson, 76, of Newcastle, Maine, died on July 22, 2025.

Nilson earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, an M.S. in biology from Clark University, and an M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and completed psychiatric training at The Institute of Living. She had a private practice in Farmington, Connecticut, for 20 years before relocating to Maine, where her work included helping to set up a Damariscotta psychiatric clinic, from which she retired in 2018.

Nilson is survived by her husband of 52 years, Richard; son Noah Nilson; a grandson; and brothers John and Peter Haines and their wives.

1975 Elizabeth A. Grier, 71, of Detroit, died on February 24, 2026.

Grier earned a B.A. in intercultural studies from Trinity and then an M.A. in counseling from Wayne State University. She worked as a counselor at Ennis Center for Children and owned Fayna T Counseling Services.

1975 James A. Larrabee, 72, of Middlebury, Vermont, died on March 17, 2026.

Larrabee graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.S. in chemistry. He also was a member of the crew team. Larrabee went on to earn a Ph.D. in chemistry from Princeton University. He worked as a research scientist for Exxon Research and Engineering before joining the faculty of Middlebury College, where he taught for 37 years in the Department of Chemistry and Biochemistry.

Larrabee is survived by wife Sunhee Choi, children Yuna Larrabee (Travis Smith) and Yuri Larrabee (Blakely), and five grandchildren.

1977 Marion B. Webster, 74, of Clinton, Massachusetts, died on January 31, 2026.

Webster earned a B.A. in psychology and later spent time as an administrative aide to the homeschooling consulting group Holt Associates before focusing on being a homeschooling parent.

Webster is survived by son John Webster (Julie), two grandchildren, companion Allen Pratt, and siblings Scott Bevans (Valerie Dykeman), George Bevans, and Carol Hunt (David).

1982 Amy Jimmy Maxwell, born Amy C. Kuntz, 66, of Providence, Rhode Island, died on May 15, 2026.

Maxwell graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in Spanish. She served as president of the Spanish Club and as a member of La Voz Latina. Maxwell went on to earn an M.A. in Hispanic studies from Brown University, where she later worked as a teaching fellow. She also worked at a daycare.

Maxwell is survived by companion Dennis Richards and siblings and their partners Catherine and David Jourdan, Nancy Ryan, Lisa Kuntz and Billie McNealey, Barbara and Donald Trinks, and Paul Kuntz Jr. and Susan Lane.

1997 Laura R. Triano, 50, of Milldale, Connecticut, died on April 19, 2026.

Triano graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. in neuroscience. She went on to earn an M.A. in Spanish language and literature from the University of Córdoba and an M.D. from the University of Connecticut School of Medicine and to complete a fellowship in hematology and medical oncology at Yale University.

Triano is survived by mother Nancy and sister Lisa Triano.

2009 William C. "Colby" Tucker, 39, of Ventura, California, died on June 11, 2026.

Tucker earned a B.S. in environmental science from Trinity and then an M.A. in environmental science from Yale University. His career included teaching high school chemistry and coaching at Pomfret School and more than a decade with the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, working in the Climate Protection Partnerships Division.

Tucker is survived by his mother, Judith Tucker, and siblings Lindsey Tucker (Reuven Steinberg) and Andrew Tucker (Tania Joysmith). He was predeceased by his father, Alvan Tucker.

IDP

1999 Janice C. Prior, 77, of Ponte Vedra, Florida, died on January 31, 2026.

Prior earned a B.A. in American studies and worked as a legal assistant, primarily on personal injury and workers' compensation cases.

Prior is survived by daughter Angela Laramie; stepson Tom Prior (Vivian); three grandchildren; nine great-grandchildren; siblings James Kueneke, Christine Burkart, Jacqueline Kettelkamp (Daniel), Donald Kueneke, and Patricia Miller (Ronald); and sister-in-law Rose Ann Cole. She was

predeceased by husband Peter Prior, brother William Kueneke, and brother-in-law Ronald Spruell.

MASTER'S

1967 Gerald A. Baginski, 87, of Wolcott, Connecticut, died on February 15, 2026.

Baginski earned a B.Ed. from The Hartt School, an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity, and a sixth-year certificate from Fairfield University. The professional musician and composer was a music teacher for 43 years, teaching all levels in the public schools of Meriden and Newington and at East Catholic High School.

Baginski is survived by his wife of 59 years, Mary-Ellen; sons Andrew (Patricia), Robert (Chris), and Michael; three grandsons; brother Donald; and sister-in-law Deborah Carozza.

1967 Harold F. Donnelly Jr., 88, of Streetsboro, Ohio, died on May 11, 2026.

Donnelly earned a B.A. from Springfield College and an M.A. in English from Trinity. He coached and taught English, working for 43 years at Western Reserve Academy.

Donnelly is survived by his wife of 63 years, Sue; children Jim Donnelly (Patricia "Cici"), Steve Donnelly, Dan Donnelly (Donna), Sean Donnelly (Amanda), and Amy Donnelly; and 13 grandchildren. He was predeceased by daughter-in-law Pamela.

1967 Helen Brigham Holman, 90, of Litchfield, Maine, died on February 23, 2026.

Holman earned a B.A. from Radcliffe College and studied at the Sorbonne before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She taught French, Russian, Spanish, and English as a second language to high school students and adult learners. She also operated a horse farm for two decades.

Holman is survived by husband Wayne, children Amy McDonough (David) and Charles Hutchings (Melissa), and three granddaughters.

1969 Jolene B. Goldenthal, 104, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on March 26, 2026.

Goldenthal earned a B.A. from Smith College and later an M.A. in English from Trinity. She published plays, stories, and monologues and wrote an art critique column for *The Hartford Courant*.

Goldenthal is survived by sons Peter and Lance, five granddaughters, and three great-grandsons. She was predeceased by her husband of 72 years, Carol.

1981 Josette S. Eynon, 91, of Lititz, Pennsylvania, died on January 23, 2026.

Eynon earned an undergraduate degree from the Université de Bordeaux and later an M.A. in Spanish from Trinity. She taught French and Spanish at Wooster School in Danbury, Connecticut, for nearly five decades. In retirement, she continued to teach at Western Connecticut State University.

Eynon is survived by her husband of 61 years, Korb; children Matthew and Stephanie; daughter-in-law Michele; two grandchildren; and sister Françoise Miqueu (Jean-Paul Miqueu).

1982 Jacquelyn T. Coleman, 76, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on March 3, 2026.

Coleman earned a B.A. from Middlebury College and went on to earn an M.A. in public policy from Trinity. She recently retired as senior vice president of S&S Management Services.

Coleman is survived by siblings Jennifer Kensel (Allan) and Gregory Coleman (Tiffany Bose). She was predeceased by husband Charles "Chuck" Agnano.

1990 Beatrice G. Alderman, 98, of Framingham, Massachusetts, died on March 14, 2026.

Alderman earned a B.A. from Skidmore College before studying abroad for a year in Switzerland. She worked as a fashion designer and graphic artist before earning an M.A. in American studies from Trinity.

Alderman is survived by children James Alderman (Janette Cavallo) and Nancy Cerda, five grandchildren, and 20 great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by husband Melville Alderman, late-life companion Edward Kane, daughter Jane Alderman, and brother Karl Goldenthal.

HONORARY DEGREES

2001 Robert E. "Ted" Turner, 87, died on May 6, 2026.

Turner built a media empire that included the first 24-hour news network and numerous entertainment channels. The Atlanta-based businessman also owned the Braves MLB team and founded the United Nations Foundation. Trinity granted Turner an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in recognition of his being a "bold entrepreneur, broadcast news path breaker as founder of the Cable News Network [CNN], sportsman, and philanthropist."

Turner is survived by five children, 14 grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren.

DEATH NOTICES

1942 Robert M. Rosenthal

1945 William I. Marble

1951 Edward S. Ludorf

1957 Russell M. Clark

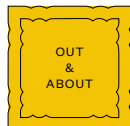
1967 Frank G. "Gary" Kocsis

1971 David E. Ormiston

1976 Allen L. Church



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1. Women's Leadership Council (WLC) Presents Own the Room: Women, Power, and Leading on Your Own Terms
New York City
May 20, 2026
Panelists Jennifer Coffey '92, Laila Forster '99, and Samreen Malik '93, with WLC co-chair and moderator Ann Selvitelli '91



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2. Greenwich Summer Reception
Greenwich, Connecticut
June 11, 2026
Members of the Class of 2030

3. New Jersey Summer Reception
Springfield, New Jersey
June 23, 2026
Members of the Class of 2030

4. Chicago Summer Reception
Wilmette, Illinois
June 24, 2026
Current students and members of the Class of 2030

5. Special Reception for Men's Rowing Team at Henley Royal Regatta
Henley-on-Thames, Oxfordshire, England
June 28, 2026



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Last Words



Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



I am honored to help lead the launch of PWHL Las Vegas as we begin a new chapter for women's hockey in one of the most dynamic sports cities in the world.

DOMINIQUE DIDIA '12 on her appointment as the first general manager for the PWHL (Professional Women's Hockey League) Las Vegas (DiDia later named Kim Weiss '11 as the team's inaugural head coach); Yahoo!Sports, May 15, 2026

Then I started looking for a job, and I knew I wasn't going on the path of my classmates. They were moving to New York City and Boston and that was the furthest from what I wanted to do. I was always fascinated with the ocean.

RYAN BURCH '98, senior shellfish and natural resource officer and recipient of the 2026 Shellfish Constable of the Year by the Massachusetts Shellfish Officers Association (MSOA), on his time at Trinity; *The Cape Cod Chronicle*, May 20, 2026



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[Acting is] going all the way back to what my mother wanted for me—the thing that made me happy. I feel like I've been able to recapture it, and that's how I want to spend my time.

MIKE ISKO '83 on his return to acting now that he's retired from his job as a public defender; *CT Insider*, May 9, 2026

He's been able to take collegiate students, Hartford community members, and youth in general and create such a beautiful dynamic and relationships. It's truly incredible what he's built here.

AIDA DASHI '27 on Johnny Callas, who has mentored hundreds of athletes through the Charter Oak Boxing Academy (COBA), about a mile from Trinity's campus; *Fox 61*, May 21, 2026

My students are learning—through active participation—how archaeologists conduct research, how to read and interpret excavation records, and how to gain further understanding of ancient Greek people through material culture.

ASSOCIATE PROFESSOR OF CLASSICAL STUDIES MARTHA K. RISSER on Trinity students who spent a month in summer 2026 in Greece; trincoll.edu, July 6, 2026

You're kind of in a race against time to preserve the memories. We finished it 18 months after the storm. It was an extraordinary amount of work by an extraordinary number of people.

ANDREW AYDIN '06 on *Islands in the Sky: A People's History of Hurricane Helene*, a graphic novel he coordinated that features the stories of Tropical Storm Helene survivors; *Mountain Xpress*, May 29, 2026

I'm really looking forward to discovering myself as a head coach.

JACK IMPRONGO '23 on being named the head men's and women's rowing coach at the University of Bridgeport; *Rowing News*, July 6, 2026





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