

The Writing Edge

Profiles of Past Writing Associates

Brett Gering

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After Trinity

From 1990-1991 I was an associate editor at The Journal of Art, a news publication for the art world. After writing for a neighborhood newspaper in New York, in 1992 I took an internship with CNN Financial News in New York. In 1994, I accepted a position as a field producer (essentially, an off-air reporter) in Chicago for CNN's flagship business program, "Moneyline with Lou Dobbs". I stayed there until 1997, and then returned to New York. I left CNN in 2003 for Bloomberg Television as a line producer for one of the network's daily programs. Eventually I became an on-air reporter there. In 2008, I also decided to pursue a MBA at NYU's Stern School of Business as a part-time student. In 2009, I left Bloomberg TV for a new online venture called "Insider" at Thomson Reuters in New York. I finished my MBA in 2011, and left Thomson Reuters in 2012 for Institute for International Research, which put together conferences for the financial industry. In 2013, my father and uncle asked me to join the family business, a scrap metal recycling facility in Oceanside, Long Island. I left to join the business in May 2014 and have been there ever since. When my father and uncle retire, my cousin and I will assume the management of the business.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Not directly, but I knew I had a talent for writing and I wanted to put it to good use. I always had a fascination with finance and investing, and joining CNN Financial News was a challenging and fun way to join my two interests.

Advice for Writing Associates

Technology has dramatically changed the way we communicate. When I was at Trinity in the late 1980s, few students if any had their own computer, and no one used cell phones -- let alone smart phones, iPads, etc. Facebook, blogs, Twitter, et al -- all of these tools may have changed the means of communicating, but the basic tenets haven't really changed -- writing style; well-conceived, organized, and logical arguments; and of course good grammar. My advice is to continue to strive for differentiating yourself as an exceptional communicator through writing, no matter the medium. You'd be surprised how rare it is to find professionals who can communicate effectively with good writing.

Current Location

I live in New York City and work on Long Island. I would certainly try to attend an event or two throughout the year.

Gregory Milbourne

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Major: Area Studies-Russian Soviet

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After Trinity

I graduated in 1990, and believe that I was part of the first class of writing associates.

After graduating, I served in the US Army during the first Gulf conflict then lived in the former Soviet Union for several years. Eventually I returned to the US to pursue a doctorate in psychology.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Helping people find their voice, though now not through writing, is something that I am still doing and learning how to do better; a journey which began as a Writing Associate at Trinity.

Advice for Writing Associates

Follow your bliss, would be my advice. I was a Soviet Studies Major at Trinity. The country no longer exists, but the lessons I learned in history, literature, political science, sociology, and language continue to inform my work and my life as a psychologist today.

Current Location

Media, PA, a suburb of Philadelphia.

Kathleen Kadziolka

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After Trinity:

Andersen Consulting (1992 - 2003); was an Information Technology consultant; I developed and implemented software solutions; managed teams of IT professionals to deliver IT solutions to clients

Aetna (2003 - present): Executive Director in Program Delivery - IT leader that partners with business areas to deliver software solutions

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

- I have always been interested in writing; making an impact and being influential with the written is essential to all professions (in my opinion); I believe my ability to write and edit has assisted in turning data into information; I have influenced business lines to make large investments in technology in part through being able to write an impact business case; WC helped me to further develop my own writing style and taught me how to edit.

Advice for Writing Associates

Word choice and editing are key; go back 2-3 times to proof read; ideally letting 1-many days pass

Current Location

Suburb of Harford, yes I would attend events.

Nicholas Maglio

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After Trinity

I went to law school at Boston University School of Law. I've been practicing law since 1995.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

I wouldn't say it had a direct impact. However, the experience I had as a Writing Associate taught me that I enjoy being able to offer assistance and mentoring whenever I can. I've been involved in several mentoring type roles as an attorney.

Advice for Writing Associates

The fact that you can write well does not translate to all forms of writing. I thought I was a good writer while I was at Trinity. When I went to law school, I realized that a whole different writing style was needed, and that I had a lot left to learn. Always stay open to learning from others.

Current Location

I live in Glastonbury, CT and work in Hartford. I would be willing to attend future events.

Britt Lee

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Major: Biology

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After Trinity

Medical School, Graduate School, Mom, retired surgeon, managing editor of the Journal of Reconstructive Microsurgery, Church Service League President, Board Member and Chair of the Steps to Success Development Committee to aid students living in Brookline Public Housing... and other stuff

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Being proposed as a Writing Associate back in the day was a huge nod to your writing talent. Learning how to help others hone the craft was instructive. Surrounding ourselves with others who loved writing and (a bit snootily) championed our writing was the best sort of fraternity/salon/community. I always knew I'd go to medical school and be a scientist and a writer. But when you are 21, you have no idea how this will manifest.

Advice for Writing Associates

Write! And be kind to those who are still learning how to do that. Love the message behind their words as you guide them toward the best ones.

Current Location

Boston. Yes!

Amy Kober

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Major: English

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After Trinity

I spent several months teaching environmental education before starting as a Communications Assistant with American Rivers, a non-profit conservation organization, in Washington, DC. I am still with American Rivers, now as Senior Communications Director, overseeing the organization's media outreach, web site, publications, films, advocacy campaigns, and other communications efforts.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes - writing is central to my work and I'm grateful Trinity gave me such a solid foundation.

Current Location

Portland, Oregon

Sky Minckler

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Major: English

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After Trinity

Prior to graduation and post graduation I worked as a children's book editor for two publishing houses. I left that career to go to law school in 1999. Currently I work in Real Estate and LOVE it!

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Knowing how to convey your ideas is critical in any job you will ever have. I think most schools push that. HOWEVER, being able to help "tweak" and edit other's work in a way that is constructive and helpful is almost as important and something that not nearly enough graduates have experience doing. Very often in your post-academic life, you will be asked to take someone else's work and modify it, while still leaving the original writer's effort intact. Working for the Writing Center showed me that there are ways to help others who may have different points of view, style, criteria and so on, but you can help ANYONE write more effectively—whether a resume, a legal brief, a book to be published or someone's promotional materials for the house they are going to list. Good writing is essential.

Advice for Writing Associates

Learn as much as you can about how other people view writing and view what they write. In law school, we were forced to write in a very formulaic way that made the creative writing major in me cringe. However, I watched science and math majors approach it with ease. How I wished I had learned more from these forms of writing while I was helping fellow students at the writing center, because THIS type of writing is far more common in the work place. Succinct, clear, standardized writing. But also, learning different voices as a writing associate will help you be more effective when working with others. Not everyone thinks in the same way, so learn from others (even if it's "bad") to help more folks and ultimately make yourself a more effective writer as well.

Current Location

I'm in Broomfield, CO—just about 1/2 an hour north of Denver, CO and 1/2 and hour east of Boulder, CO.

Elizabeth Devaney

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After Trinity

My first job was as an editorial assistant at the Education Development Center, a non-profit research organization. I was originally planning to go into publishing. I am now a Senior Researcher at the American Institutes for Research, another non-profit research organization. I conduct research and create technical assistance and training materials for and about afterschool and expanded learning programs across the country.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

I would say that overall, my love of and interest in writing was enhanced by my time at Trinity and as a writing associate. Throughout my career, writing has been an important part of my job. I write technical reports, guides, policy briefs, journal articles, newsletters and other materials on a daily basis. My ability to write well has been absolutely critical in my career success. I think supporting other writers as a writing associate helped to grow and strengthen my own writing.

Advice for Writing Associates

Being able to write well is an important skill for a variety of careers. When I left Trinity, I felt like I needed to focus on writing-specific jobs like editing and publishing and didn't realize how easy it would be to combine my interests in writing and other things (like education and social justice which is where I ended up). Keep your options open and do what you love!

Current Location

I live in Rochester, NY so probably would not attend events at the writing center

Elizabeth Tarter

Graduation Year: 1999

Major: English

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After Trinity

I graduated Trinity in 1999. After graduation, I moved to NYC and began to work at Claremont Riding Academy- which was the only riding stable in Manhattan at the time. I, currently, am the operator of three horse farms in the New York Metro area- Riverdale Stables (located in the Bronx) and the two campuses of Twin Lakes Farm, in Bronxville. Between the three campuses, we have about 180 horses and are the biggest program in the area.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

It seems like a strange thing for a former English major and writing associate to be training horses, I'm sure. My dad jokes that I use my diploma as a sun visor- I told him that I roll it up and chase the horses with it! :) Actually, I use my English degree every day. Being able to communicate clearly and effectively through the written word is a superpower for a worker in any career field. Most recently, my written proposal to take over the concession of the city-owned Riverdale Stables was chosen over nearly thirty others and my company was awarded the concession. I get called on to write something almost every day- even in my line of work, which one would imagine is mostly on the back of a horse or in a horse show.

Advice for Writing Associates

There is a funny song from a musical called: "What Can You Do With a B.A. in English?" that implies that it is a useless degree. While it's a hilarious song, I would tell the writing associates that one can do just about anything with a B.A. in English- or, at the very least, strong written and verbal communication skills.

I also credit the writing associates program with showing me how to teach others. I teach riding to all levels and all ages and have been doing so long enough to know that teaching is a skill that is learned, like any other. I got my start teaching at the writing center.

Current Location

New York Metro area

Erik Anderson

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Major: Neuroscience

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After Trinity:

Took a job as a business consultant. I am a Foreign Service Officer (FSO) at the U.S. Department of State.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

I loved the experience, particularly as a neuroscience major who had limited prior exposure to the (important) world of writing. As a FSO, succinct writing and quick drafting skills are highly prized --- and necessary to get everything done during the work day. My experience in the Writing Center significantly contributed to my writing and editing skills that I use every day.

Advice for Writing Associates

Writing and editing are skills you will always use and need, regardless of one's future profession. Enjoy the experience and know that you are developing worthwhile skills and experiences.

Current Location

Washington, DC. Will be here through summer 2017 -- would be happy to attend any future events through summer 2017.

Adam Forkner

Graduation Year: 2000

Major: English

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After Trinity

Worked for the Department of Justice and then attended law school. I am now an attorney in Boston.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Sure, writing skills are invaluable in the legal profession.

Advice for Writing Associates

Effectively helping others improve their writing is a wonderful and useful skill set. Try to find opportunities to continue this after graduation.

Current Location

Boston. Sure.

Cara Boecklin

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After Trinity

I've had a fairly bizarre road since Trin. After graduating, I grabbed a backpack and lived abroad for two years, working in various countries to pay my way around the globe (my flight out of the States had actually been booked to depart on 9/11). I traveled east, leaving Boston and returning to Los Angeles after about 40 countries. Following my time abroad, I worked as a travel agent in Hawaii (pre-Expedia!), and then in sales for AT&T in LA. In 2005, I moved to Chicago, where I got a Master of Science from Northwestern University, and afterwards I stayed in the city for several years working as a specialist at Accenture. I wasn't a great fit for a desk job, though, and I was nearing 30 and feeling very dissatisfied in general, so I left Chicago in 2009 with a plan: I'd move every other month to a new location, get a job (whatever job worked out), immerse myself in the community, and see where it took me. So I worked at an art gallery in Houston, freelance wrote/edited for websites in New Hampshire, web designed on an island off the coast of North Carolina, went on the road with a gubernatorial candidate in Colorado -- stuff like that -- when I landed the position of assisting a National Geographic photojournalist at his home in Arctic Canada. That position ended up lasting two years, filled with all kinds of exciting travel and unique opportunities (my boss was a celebrated speaker at TED2011 and several other amazing conferences, and he got his first cover story while we were working together -- he's actually currently starring in an American Express

commercial: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DY3PX9CZ8gk>). During one research trip to the Amazon, I met & fell in love with my husband, a Russian national, and we eloped a few weeks later. He was living in Utah at the time, and I was ready to put down roots, so I decided to give up National Geographic and start my own creative agency in my new home: Park City, Utah. It's been four years, and I'm proud to say that my business is thriving. While I also do branding & web design, I'm primarily a photographer. My work has been featured in 60+ publications (i.e., Forbes, USA Today, Variety) and my clients have included Canon, Bose, the Olympic Committee, and the Sundance Film Festival.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

It's one thing to write and be a strong writer... and another experience entirely to explain writing to someone else. I'd taken

for granted for years that everyone could express themselves & their ideas in writing, but my time at the Writing Center showed me that (a lot of) people struggle with communicating their thoughts (not necessarily Trinity students, but the local Hartford people that came into the Center, seeking help with resumes or various types of paperwork). I learned that I'd need to crawl into their heads and think from their perspective if I was going to be an effective teacher and communicator. I believe I carried (still carry, actually) those tutorial experiences with me throughout my extensive travel and into various professional environments as I was so often required to communicate with different types of people.

Advice for Writing Associates

Work with Hartford locals in addition to the Trinity students, if you can. And record your experiences! I wish I remembered more about all the people I got to know while working at the Center.

Current Location

I'm in Park City, UT, but travel all.the.time for work. I'd be willing to attend a Writing Center event if I were in the Hartford or Boston area.

Allison Barrett

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Major: History

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After Trinity

Attended Brooklyn Law School (Class of 2005); Admitted to practice law in the states of NY and NJ. Worked as a Legislative aids to the Hon. Dave Camp (MI-05), Former Chairman of the committee on ways and means, in Washington, DC (2005-2007). Started my career in the insurance industry at Marsh with a focus on the placement of management liability for financial institutions (2007-2013). Now at Willis Leading the Finex Financial Services Practice in North America, a national team of insurance brokers dedicated to placing the management liability lines of coverage for financial institutions.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Absolutely; it positioned me as a leader and gave me the skills to be an effective teacher early on in my development.

Advice for Writing Associates

Embrace hard work, stay true to yourself

Current Location

Living and working in New York City; I would be willing to attend events.

Kate Salottolo Cino

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After Trinity

My first job was an editorial assistant at UpToDate Inc., a medical publishing company in Massachusetts. Currently I am the vice president of the Financial Intelligence Unit at American Express in NYC.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes. Writing seems to be a lost art in the corporate space, and being a strong writer and editor can bring great opportunity for advancement in many fields. The ability to write clearly and to teach others that skill benefitted me tremendously in law school and helped to secure my first role at Amex.

Advice for Writing Associates

Do not underestimate the importance of writing in jobs that do not seem writing intensive at first glance, and continue to use the skills you learned while tutoring.

Current Location

NYC. Yes.

Robin Muller

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After Trinity

At Trinity, I majored in Philosophy. After graduation, not quite ready to be done with school yet, I went to UCL in London for my Masters in Theoretical Linguistics, which seemed like the right way to combine my philosophical interests with my love of language. I went from there to WW Norton—a New York publishing house—where I was an Editorial Assistant. I only stayed a year, as I quickly missed graduate school and left Norton to pursue my PhD (this time in Philosophy). I'm currently an Assistant Professor of Philosophy at California State University, Northridge, in Los Angeles, where I mainly specialize in contemporary European philosophy.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

There are several ways to answer this question. For one, I think that working at the writing center had an enormous positive effect on my own strength as a writer; and beyond the fact that writing skills are crucial to just about any aspect of contemporary life, it also happens that developing a facility for getting thoughts down clearly and concisely has made me a better *philosopher*. In that sense, I think the impact is ongoing. For instance, I personally found that one of the most productive challenges of being a tutor is that you need to help someone find and refine their core thought in a short amount of time--you have to know how to work through a lot of sometimes complex and sometimes muddled ideas to help your tutee find the central thread of their argument, to tease out their thesis, and to know how to support their argument—all crucial skills I use every day as a philosopher. While I had already realized that I liked that sort of challenge in my philosophy courses at Trinity, I also think that working at the Writing Center helped me make connections between those courses and the wider practice of philosophy—it helped me realize it was something I not only could do, but could *keep* doing. So, whether or not the writing center impacted the *direction* of my career path, it certainly helped shape my goals and my skill-set and continues to shape and impact me as an educator. On a more specific level, I worked my way through graduate school in part as a tutor at my University's Writing Center--a job I never could have gotten without my experience at Trinity, since I didn't have any specific certifications. In graduate school, I also became an Editorial Assistant, and eventually Editor in Chief, of a professional

philosophy journal called the Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal, where I oversaw most of the editorial functions (I'm now a Consulting Editor). Both of these experiences, which grew directly out of my time at Trinity, had enormous effects—and continue to have an enormous effect—on me as a writer, a philosopher, and as a teacher.

Advice for Writing Associates

The best advice I got was always to remember (and always to remind your students) that writing is like playing a sport or playing an instrument. You don't get to just show up; you have to practice. In terms of ongoing practice, it's so important to take every piece of writing (from an essay to an e-mail) seriously, to go back, to re-read, to rethink, and revise. But it's just as essential to realize that writing is as much about reading. Perhaps that the more important advice: Never stop reading!

Current Location

I currently live in Los Angeles, which is obviously not close to Hartford (!), but I'd be happy to help out in any way.

Brianne Tangney

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Major: Spanish and Religion

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After Trinity

After graduating from Trinity, I moved to Philadelphia where I lived for 10 years. I worked in social services and the nonprofit sector for several years before going to the University of Pennsylvania to earned a Master's Degree in Education through the *Education, Culture and Society* program. After a few more years working in the nonprofit world, I "returned to college" - I worked for three years at Drexel University in the Lindy Center for Civic Engagement.

A little under two years ago, I decided to return to my home state of Massachusetts. I am currently employed by Blue Cross Blue Shield of MA in Boston, where I am leveraging my nonprofit and education experience on the Corporate Citizenship team, helping to manage Blue Cross' engagement in the community.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

I would say that although there was not a direct connection between my career path and serving as a Writing Associate, the skills I honed during my time as a WA have benefited me in every job - in each role, I have somehow become the go-to writer and editor on the team, even when its not officially part of my job description. I've written curriculum guides, grants and reports, website content...the list goes on and on.

Advice for Writing Associates

I recently read Elizabeth Gilbert's new book, *Big Magic*. It reminded me of the importance of creativity and curiosity throughout our lives. My advice would be that you don't have to be a Writer with a capital W to keep writing beyond college. Don't let your passion for good writing end with graduation.

Current location:

I currently live in Millbury, MA and split my time working in Boston and Worcester. I would be happy to attend regional events.

Philips Welshans

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Major: History

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After Trinity

I graduated in 2004, but I was a Writing Associate all four years I was at Trinity (I took the Writing Associates' course in the spring semester of my freshman year)

After Trinity, I attended the London School of Economics, where I earned a Masters of Sciences in International Relations.

Currently, I'm a Senior Equity Portfolio Analyst with T. Rowe Price, specializing in international equities.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes. I was a History major at Trinity, so I had a lot of writing to do! And then even more writing in grad school. Today, while my job is primarily data and quantitative, I communicate mostly in written word, including my research notes.

Advice for Writing Associates

I would suggest that current Writing Associates use their tutoring for their own benefit as well as that of their fellow students. What I mean is, I would recommend always working on your own editing, tutoring, teaching, and communication skills as you go along. It's something I didn't realize I should do until later in my time as an Associate and I think had I had that self awareness, it would have made me a better editor, and a better writer.

Current location:

I currently live in Baltimore, MD.

Jamie Bratt

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Major: Interdisciplinary,

Minor: Writing, Rhetoric, and Media Arts

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After Trinity

I worked for 7 years in Washington DC and then returned to CT in 2012. My career has focused on commercial real estate development, community/neighborhood revitalization, urban planning & economic development. I am currently the Director of Economic & Community Development for the Town of Trumbull, CT.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Writing and speaking skills have been the single most important skills in my career. My work in the writing center cultivated both. I improved my own writing ability through the tutor training and by coaching others. Equally importantly, I learned how to express myself strategically and succinctly to many different types of communicators.

Advice for Writing Associates

Keep up the good work!

Current Location

I'm in West Haven CT. I'm interested in events but also have 2 young kids at home, so....my attendance is a "maybe!"

Katherine Chabalko

Graduation Year: 2006

Major: Religion

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After Trinity

First, I took a TESOL certification program at Columbia University, which I don't think they offer anymore. Later, I started a job as an Editorial Assistant at Springer (www.springer.com) working with two different Editors on the Sociology, Anthropology and Criminology programs there. I am now Editor of the Criminology & Criminal Justice program which means I mostly talk to people about their research and try to get them to write books, as well as managing 12 peer-reviewed academic journals.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Although the context is very different, coaching people through their writing assignments and giving advice about structure, organization, and content is still a big part of my job. Cynthia Butos was the director of the Writing Center while I was there. I learned a lot from her about how to help people from all different majors and interests communicate their ideas clearly, and that's something I'm still doing today. First it was the students, now it's the professors. (Students were easier!)

Advice for Writing Associates

You are already ahead of the game. No matter what your interests are, or what you end up doing in the future, the ability to communicate well in writing is going to help you have more impact.

I also thought that working at the Writing Center was a great window into some subjects that I never studied, just by reading the assignments. For example, if you're a Religion major reviewing an Neuroscience paper: don't be scared. This is a learning opportunity for you, too.

Current Location

Sure. I'm in NYC.

Joanne Buehler

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After Trinity

I'd been working at an area law firm while finishing my last year at Trinity and was offered a full time position upon graduation. I'm currently a paralegal in Hartford.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

My experience at the Writing Center has certainly helped in what I do now. There is a significant amount of writing involved in my work, and I am often asked to read the work of others for clarity and content.

Advice for Writing Associates

As far as advice to Writing Associates, I would suggest reading a wide variety of works / writers who inspire and provoke thought.

Current Location

I am local - I live in Southington and work in Hartford, and I would very much like to attend upcoming events.

Mike Kelleher

Graduation Year: 2007

Major: Biology

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After Trinity

After graduating from Trinity, I went to medical school at the University of Connecticut. I am currently in my final year of radiology residency at Yale.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

My experience at the Writing Center did not change my career path, but it has helped me to excel as a physician. For every imaging study I read (x-ray, ultrasound, CT scan, or MRI), I need to dictate a report that effectively communicates the results to the ordering clinician. My time as a Writing Associate helped me to write clearly and concisely. As a result, I am able to do my job more efficiently and effectively.

Advice for Writing Associates

No matter what career you choose, writing will be a critical component. Take this time to hone your writing skills. I would also recommend working as much as you can in the Writing Center. You will learn valuable interpersonal skills from your interactions with other students, which will help you greatly in whatever career you choose.

Current Location

I am currently working in New Haven, CT. I would be willing to attend future events at the Writing Center.

Emily Klein

Graduation Year: 2007

Major: American Studies

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After Trinity

What did you do after graduating from Trinity, and what is your current profession? After graduation, I worked in events and fundraising at the American Cancer Society. I developed an interest in how medical research is communicated to the lay public, and have worked in health and science organizations ever since. I recently completed a certificate in Digital Health Communication at Tufts University School of Medicine (a program I would definitely recommend!) I currently work as a Program Associate at the Simons Foundation, an organization in New York City that funds math and basic science research. I plan conferences and write profiles on our awardees for the foundation's website.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

The experience of helping students edit their work for clarity while maintaining their original voice has stuck with me as I've worked at different organizations.

Advice for Writing Associates

Challenge yourself to read articles and books that you might not initially be drawn to. And create an online profile of your writing!

Current Location

Brooklyn, NY- I would be willing to attend events at the Writing Center one day!

Avery Salisbury

Graduation Year: 2007

Major: Political Science

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After Trinity

After graduation, I worked at White & Case LLP law firm in NYC as a legal assistant in their project finance group. I am now the Deputy Chief Compliance Officer at Gresham Investment Management LLC in NYC.

Advice for Writing Associates

It is increasingly important to learn how to communicate effectively (whether written or orally) for career development and progression. Good writing is a critical skill in the workplace that many new entry-level candidates lack. Trinity's Writing Associate Program was a terrific opportunity that strengthened my fundamental writing skills.

Current Location I am located in NYC, would be interested in attending future events only in the city.

Brooks Barhydt

Graduation Year: 2008

Major: Political Science

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After Trinity

My first job after graduating Trinity was working for Middlebury College in the development office. I am now a Client Executive for the IBM Corporation.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

My experience at the Writing Center provided me with the confidence to know that not only was my writing a strength, but served as a way for me to help other people. It allowed me to explore career paths where communication was fundamental to success.

Advice for Writing Associates

No matter what career you end up pursuing after Trinity, your ability to convey yourself through written communication is paramount to being accomplished in your chosen field.

Current location

I live in the Washington D.C. area. If I am around the area for an event, I would certainly consider attending.

Ryan Butler

Graduation Year: 2008

Major: Economics

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After Trinity

Moved to China to work in the real estate investment and development market. After working in China for three years, I returned to the US and obtained a Masters Degree from MIT. I then managed a finance department at a start up bank and last year returned to school to complete an MBA at Kellogg. I now work at a specialty insurance company focused on property underwriting.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

My experience at the Writing Center had a very positive impact on my academic and professional career as well as my personal life. I have not verified, but was told that I was one of the youngest students nominated to the writing center. While that aspect is not of great importance to me, I did learn a lot about perseverance and determination leading up to and throughout my career as a tutor. For example, I received an F on my first paper in Writing 101, which accounted for a significant part of my grade. I focused so much on my writing after that "wake up call" and ultimately received an A in the course. I was nominated shortly thereafter and became determined to help students improve their writing as much as I improved over the course of my first four months at Trinity. This lesson of determination and success still resonates with me today.

Advice for Writing Associates

Patience and humility will get you far in life.

Current Location

Chicago

Daphne Hallett

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Major: Women, Gender and Sexuality

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After Trinity

Law school, lawyer

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes, being a WA gave me the opportunity to hone my editing skills, and I use those skills every day as an attorney.

Advice for Writing Associates

Keep writing! It's becoming a lost art in the legal world, and I'm well served by the skill-set fostered by the Writing Center.

Current Location

Portland, Maine.

Susan Van Veldhuisen

Graduation Year: 2009

Major: Art History Major and a Writing and Rhetoric Minor

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After Trinity

I am employed full time at Trinity College in Accounting Services and Student Accounts and Loans.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

In every way I believe my experience has impacted my career. Whether it is writing concise and coherent emails answering student or parent questions, updating material on the website, handbook or bulletin, reviewing other notices that we generate, or articulating facts and figures, I utilize my Writing Center experience on a daily basis.

Advice for Writing Associates

Encouraging students to utilize the Writing Center for more than a one or two-time paper "fixes." Using the Writing Center "resources" can help a student to develop their "own" writing process. The ol' "give a man a fish and feed him for a day," "teach a man to fish and feed him for a lifetime" philosophy.

Current Location

I am located in Trinity Commons and I would make an effort to attend Writing Center events for alumni and students.

Sarah Khuwaja

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Major: English

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After Trinity

I worked as an assistant editor for a startup e-commerce site, then worked as a production assistant at CNN. I currently work as a content strategist for The Huffington Post.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes -- I think my experience at the Writing Center encouraged me to believe in my writing skills, a mindset that helped me get to where I am today.

Advice for Writing Associates

Trust your gut when it comes to your knowledge of good writing, but don't forget the importance of technical and structural rules.

Current Location

New York, NY; yes

Jordyn Sims

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After Trinity

I did Teach For America in DC for 2 years and taught 8th grade English. I then went back to grad school at Boston University for Speech-Language Pathology. I worked in Boston for a year and now am living in Baltimore working for a pediatric neurorehabilitation institute affiliated with Hopkins.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Definitely! I always knew I loved teaching, but working as a writing associate solidified for me that I wanted to work in a teaching capacity associated with language.

Advice for Writing Associates

Be patient, and know that the things that you do that might feel little can make an enormous difference in the life of a fellow student.

Current Location

I'm located in Baltimore. If you ever need anything down here, happy to help!

Andy Janiga

Graduation Year: 2011

Major: Chemistry

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After Trinity

While at Trinity, I played for the baseball program, and was a member of the 2008 National Championship team. After graduating from Trinity, I attended the University of Pennsylvania School of Dental Medicine, and graduated with my DMD this past May. I attended dental school on scholarship through the Army, and am currently serving in the Army Dental Corps at Joint-Base Lewis McChord in Washington state.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

I was fortunate to be a Writing Associate in the fall semesters of 2009 and 2010. As a chemistry major, my writing background was a little different than most of the other Associates I worked with. Being a Writing Associate helped me learn about different styles of writing, and how to adapt one's writing style to best suit the intended audience. One of the biggest effects of the program was that I learned how to present a wealth of information in a concise, non-verbose manner. This has been helpful in writing scientific papers and communicating effectively with other medical professionals.

Advice for Writing Associates

The best advice I can give to you and the other associates is to explore as many writing styles as possible (from the concise nature of Hemingway to the verbosity of Dickens).

Alessandra Sirac

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Major: English

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After Trinity

I went to work and to grad school - I got an MFA in Creative Writing from Emerson College & worked (and still work) as an insurance broker

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes, it helped me in grad school and my ability to write has helped me immensely in the business world

Advice for Writing Associates

Writing papers is important but gaining the ability to articulate yourself in writing in general is even more valuable; the knowledge and capacity to write extends beyond academia and working as a Writing Associate is a great way to hone those essential skills.

Current Location

Boston - and yes!

Katie Joachim

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Major: History

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After Trinity

I worked as a research assistant, copy editor, fact checker and production assistant for a documentary film company. Currently, I am the PR and Social Media coordinator for a non-profit.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes! I learned that I love to write and edit and interact with people.

Advice for Writing Associates

Take constructive criticism. Ask for it. Get feed back and don't take criticism personally.

Current Location

Milwaukee, WI.

Lorenzo R. Sewanan.

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Major: Physics

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After Trinity

After graduating from Trinity, I started the MD/PhD Program at Yale School of Medicine, and I am currently continuing my graduate work in the program. Specifically, in addition to my clinical training, I am doing research in biomedical engineering, specifically tissue engineering and biomechanics.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

My career at the writing center did not directly influence my career path, but it has encouraged me to keep writing creatively and have a high standard for writing in my work. Unrelated to my work, I have published several works of poetry and prose.

Advice for Writing Associates

My advice would be to definitely bring back the Writing Associates Journal! It was a lot of fun to work as a team of writing associates together on this publication.

Current Location

I am located in New Haven, and I would attend if interesting.

Abigail White

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Major: Neuroscience

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After Trinity

I started nursing school to obtain my bachelor's in nursing and am currently working at Fairview Southdale Hospital in Edina Minnesota as a certified nursing assistant.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Absolutely! All of the tutoring and writing and critical thinking that I had to do helped me have the best possible interview and resume I could have to stay my career.

Advice for Writing Associates

Enjoy it. You will miss it when you're gone.

Current Location

Currently I am living in Minnetonka Minnesota.

Youna Kang

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Major: Biochemistry

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After Trinity

I have been working as a Research Assistant and a Study Coordinator in the Department of Internal Medicine at Yale University since graduating from Trinity.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

I have always been interested in the sciences, but I believe my experience at the Writing Center has made me more confident in analyzing, researching, and writing scientific papers.

Advice for Writing Associates

My advice to current Writing Associates is to encourage your fellow peers to become more active and confident writers because all professions will require writing in some shape or form.

Current Location

I am currently located in New Haven, CT so I would be more than happy to attend any events!

Elizabeth Preysner

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After Trinity

After graduating Trinity, I went directly to graduate school at the University of New Hampshire to get my M.A. in English Literature. While there, I worked in the Connors Writing Center as a Graduate Writing Assistant and taught English 401 (the UNH equivalent of English 101 at Trinity).

Currently, I am a Spanish teacher at the Tilton School, a boarding school in Tilton, NH. At Tilton, I also coach cross country and women's lacrosse. During the summers, I teach ESL writing at Brewster Academy in Wolfeboro, NH for the Royal Thai Scholars Program.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Yes. Part of the reason I selected UNH for graduate school was the opportunity to teach writing, and my work in the Writing Center was very helpful in developing my first-year writing course. In addition, I was able to work in the UNH Connors Writing Center, where I continued training in writing tutoring. It has also helped me in developing and teaching my ESL writing class, as I do a lot of individual conferencing with students on their writing over the summer. It's one of the most valuable parts of the course. So you could say my work in the Writing Center played a very important role in my career path! I anticipate that the ability to break down the steps/parts in writing and articulate the writing process to others will always be crucial for me, no matter where my career path takes me.

Advice for Writing Associates

Don't be afraid of silence. I found that one of the most useful things I could do in a conference was keep my mouth shut and let the student puzzle out something for him or herself. I think we can be too quick to jump in sometimes, and we can keep students from coming to their own conclusions and gaining confidence in their writing. An open-ended question and some room to reflect can be useful in a tutoring session.

Also, try reading the paper out loud or having the student read his/her paper out loud. Perhaps this is something you are doing in the Writing Center now, but it was not a common practice when I was there. The UNH Writing Center encouraged it, and some students really responded to hearing their writing rather than reading it. I found it most useful to give students the option of

both of us reading silently, me reading the paper out loud, or the student reading the paper out loud.

Current Location

I am currently located in Tilton, NH. I don't know if you are counting that as "regionally located," but I am willing to attend future events at the Writing Center. My parents live in Wethersfield, CT, and I am in the Hartford area around once a month.

Emily Misencik

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Major: Art History, English

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After Trinity

After graduation, I began working as Assistant to the Director at the New Britain Museum of American Art in New Britain, Connecticut. I later became the institution's Assistant Curator. Following my love of art and writing, I have since joined the staff of the Metropolitan Museum in New York, where I specifically work in the Modern and Contemporary Art Department.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Working at Trinity's Writing Center really helped me to improve my own personal writing, while also giving me guidance on how to edit and construct the work of others. In my profession, I am constantly sending various correspondences and compiling informational documents on artists and works of art. I firmly believe that my time at Trinity, specifically the Trinity Writing Center, helped my general writing style and overall career trajectory.

Advice for Writing Associates

I would suggest current Writing Associates to take full advantage of the Writing Center. Even though I was a Writing Associate myself, I would always sign up for sessions and have a fellow Associate look over my paper before I turned it in. It never hurts to have more proofreading!

Current Location

I am currently living and working in New York City. I really valued and enjoyed my time at Trinity and the Writing Center and would certainly love to attend any future events.

Bhumika Choudhary

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Major: Public Policy

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After Trinity

I worked for one year as a Press Aide at the House Democrats Office in Hartford, CT. I returned to Trinity to pursue a M.A. in Public Policy and am currently working at a law firm as a case assistant in Boston.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

My experience at the writing center helped me strengthen my passion to work with others on their writing. It led me to my first position as a Press Aide where I drafted content for state representatives and was able to adeptly preserve their respective voices. It continues to pave my path towards pursuing a writing centric career.

Advice for Writing Associates

In these unprecedented times, the uncertainties of employment can be haunting. But be assured that your position as a writing associate equips you with a skill that is universal to all jobs - the ability to communicate effectively and succinctly.

Current Location

I am currently located in Boston and if I am available, I would love to attend future events at the Writing Center. It used to be my favourite place on campus!

Lydia Herndon

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After Trinity

After graduating from Trinity I spent a year in Cambridge, England earning a Master's degree in Classics. I then worked at the Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth for a year before starting my PhD in the History of Christianity at the University of Chicago this fall.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Working in the Writing Center both made me a better writer and showed me how much I enjoy teaching and learning about pedagogy. Both of these benefits helped me make the decision to apply to graduate school with the goal of becoming a professor.

Advice for Writing Associates

I would encourage writing associates to remain open to the lessons we can learn by working with any and every peer writer.

Current Location

I am currently based in Chicago. I would love to get together with other Writing Center alumni in the area.

Emily Turner

Graduation Year: 2018

Major: English, French

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After Trinity

I started teaching high school English and middle school French at Falmouth Academy, a small day school in my hometown.

Writing Center Impact after Trinity

Definitely. It gave me a lot of experience teaching and working one-on-one with other writers. I actually think my Writing Center experience is what secured my current teaching position.

Advice for Writing Associates

Don't underestimate how valuable it is to be a strong writer, and emphasize your skills in written expression when applying for jobs. Writing is such a valuable skill, and you'll encounter so many instances in the workplace where your writing talents will come in handy and might even wow your co-workers!

Current Location

I'm in eastern Massachusetts. I'd love to attend Writing Center events if they line up with my teaching schedule! I'd be more likely to attend if I'm already in the area (for homecoming, graduation, reunion, etc.)

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