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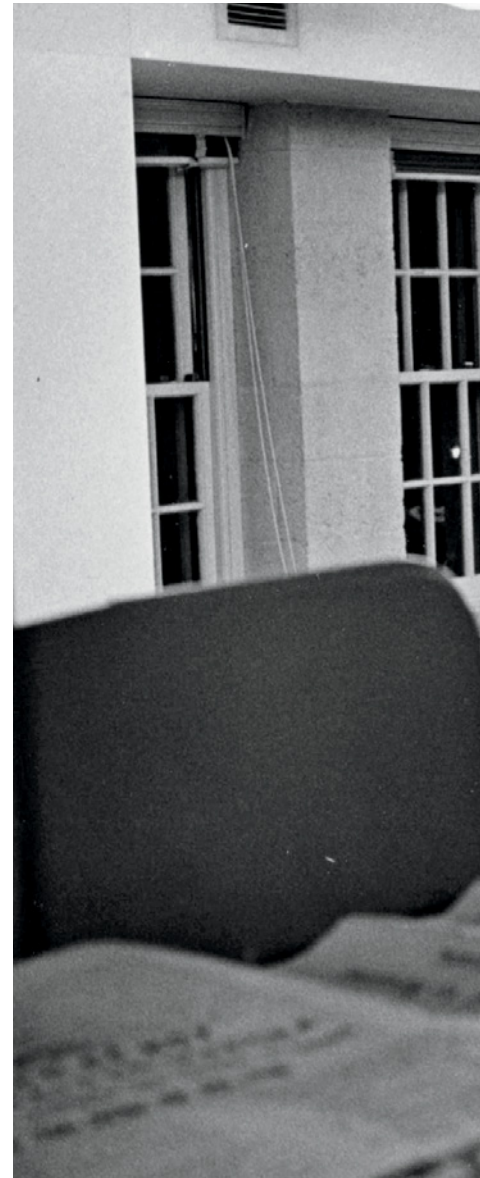
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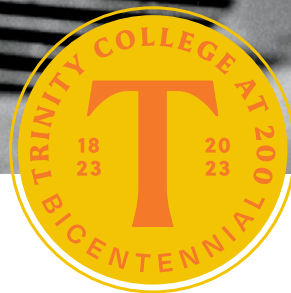
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Advancing health and wellness

One of the hallmarks of a liberal arts education is its emphasis on the whole person—elevating the mind, body, and spirit. Giving students the tools they need to balance their health and personal well-being with their social, academic, extracurricular, and professional commitments recently has become an even more important focal point for Trinity. It's part of our holistic approach to a student experience that leads to a lifetime of success. This is especially important for our students as they learn how to build resilience, to think boldly, and to grow as engaged citizens. We recognize that achieving optimum health and wellness has a direct link—for each of us—to reaching our fullest potential.

Health and wellness as a core priority at Trinity goes back many years, and our momentum accelerated when we agreed to an unparalleled partnership with Hartford HealthCare in 2019 to provide students access to a vast array of high-quality, comprehensive health care services and sports medicine. In 2022, we expanded the partnership to include behavioral health services for students through Trinity's Counseling and Wellness Center.

Through the Trinity Plus curriculum, our commitment to this area has never been stronger; we are creating well-rounded, transformative college experiences—maintaining the strength of our core liberal arts education while placing a new emphasis on experiential learning and student wellness. Through our innovative curriculum, our students are asked to

think more about how they care for themselves, one another, and their world by requiring them within their first two years on campus to complete two wellness experiences that bolster their mental, physical, or spiritual health. While students choose their own paths, they do so with common goals: to develop skills to balance the rigors of college, to maintain a healthy lifestyle, and to engage with care.

As we continue to bolster our commitment to health and wellness through the curriculum, we're also updating our campus facilities. Thanks to the generous support of our alumni community, we're making good progress on the Ferris Athletic Center renovation project. In January, I was certain that I heard a collective cheer around campus and beyond with the demolition of Ferris's Unit D (the old auxiliary gym), particularly knowing that in a little more than a year, it will be replaced by well-designed facilities to support health and wellness for the entire campus.

The renovation project not only will expand programmatic health and wellness offerings for all students, staff, and faculty but also will offer modern facilities for our high-performing scholar-athletes, coaches, and administrators.

As an aside, I love sports. In fact, as I pen this letter to you, my Bantam spirit is beaming with pride. Five of our winter sports teams—men's and women's basketball, men's ice hockey, and women's and men's squash—appear headed toward national championships. These



JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

scholar-athletes make us all proud and exemplify the best of a well-rounded, bold Trinity education.

You may not know that I serve as vice chair of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA) Division III Presidents Council, the highest governing body in Division III and the largest of any NCAA division. During my time on this council, it has become clear that athletic competition complements the liberal arts and our Trinity Plus curriculum in many important ways. With approximately 34 percent of Trinity students competing at the varsity level in the sport they love (with many more active on our club and intramural teams), our coaches guide our scholar-athletes as they learn to think freely—and boldly—while molding themselves for the better through the highs and lows of athletic competition. They also take away important lessons and values, such as the purpose and power of inclusivity, discipline, teamwork, perseverance, leadership, and overcoming adversity. These are characteristics worth holding on to long after leaving Trinity.

Advancing health and wellness is yet another commitment to our third century.



Along the Walk



Eric Fossum '79, H'14

Medal for Fossum

Alumnus and former Trinity College Trustee Eric Fossum '79, H'14 received Trinity College's first President's Medal for Science and Innovation during the Spring Bicentennial Symposium: Reflection and Action on February 28, 2024. >>

PHOTO: NICK CAITO

Fossum is the inventor of the CMOS image sensor “camera on a chip” used in almost all smartphones and webcams, as well as in medical imaging and more. He is the John H. Krehbiel Sr. Professor for Emerging Technologies in the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, where he also serves as director of Thayer’s Ph.D. Innovation Program and vice provost for entrepreneurship and technology transfer.

“Since our founding in 1823, Trinity College has been proud of its commitment to the study of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) in a liberal arts environment,” said President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. To highlight the significance of the sciences at Trinity during the College’s Bicentennial year, Berger-Sweeney—a neuroscientist herself—created the President’s Medal for Science and Innovation. The medal recognizes a prominent, internationally renowned individual in science, technology, engineering, or mathematics who has influenced STEM with marked success and who represents the liberal arts ideal of empowering humanity through the sciences.

Fossum majored in physics and engineering at Trinity and went on



Above: President Joanne Berger-Sweeney presents the first President’s Medal for Science and Innovation to Eric Fossum ’79, H’14 during a ceremony held during the Spring Bicentennial Symposium on February 28, 2024. **Left:** A symposium audience member takes a smartphone photo thanks to the technology invented by Fossum.

to earn an M.S. and a Ph.D. in engineering and applied science from Yale University. Fossum worked at NASA’s Jet Propulsion Laboratory (JPL) at the California Institute of Technology and is a member of the National Inventors Hall of Fame and the National Academy of Engineering.

As a self-described serial entrepreneur, Fossum co-founded Photobit Corporation in 1995 and later served as chairman and CEO of Siimpel Corporation and as a consultant with Samsung Electronics. He more recently co-founded and chaired the Dartmouth spinoff Gigajot Technology. In recognition of his work, Fossum has won numerous awards, including 2017’s prestigious Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering, considered by many as engineering’s Nobel Prize. He also has published more than 330 technical papers and holds more than 180 U.S. patents.

Fossum is a former member of Trinity’s Board of Trustees and

has returned to campus over the years to speak to students about science, technology, entrepreneurship, and innovation. Trinity awarded him an honorary doctor of science degree in 2014.

The ceremony presenting the inaugural medal to Fossum also featured the Presidential Distinguished Lecture by 2023 National Academy of Sciences Public Welfare Medal recipient and University of Maryland, Baltimore County President Emeritus Freeman A. Hrabowski III.

Earlier in the day, Fossum took part in a conversation with Shirley M. Malcom, senior adviser and director of SEA Change at the American Association for the Advancement of Science.



PHOTOS: NICK CAITTO

Around Hartford

At Park and Broad Streets in Hartford's Frog Hollow neighborhood, just north of the Trinity College campus, stands the Park Street Library @ the Lyric, a relatively new location for the largest and one of the most used of Hartford Public Library's seven branches. The TSKP Studio-designed 13,000-square-foot, two-story library includes a 150-seat community room, café, courtyard, learning lab, exhibit space, and children's room, as well as the largest selection of Spanish-language books of any branch in the system. The library's name is a nod to the Lyric Theater, which occupied the site in the early 20th century. Coincidentally, the original Frog Hollow branch also opened during the same time, in 1928, in a small, rented storefront. The branch moved from its most recent location, a leased space, to its current home in September 2021. Hartford Public Library, which has a stated aim of "democratizing access to information and opportunity" throughout the city's diverse neighborhoods, celebrates its 250th anniversary this year.

Park Street Library @ the Lyric

603 PARK STREET, HARTFORD, CT



To learn more about the Park Street Library @ the Lyric or the Hartford Public Library and its 250th-anniversary festivities, please visit hplct.org or trincollreporter.online/HPL.

Volunteer Spotlight

Carmen Leslie-Rourke '82, P'21

IN TIGHT-KNIT FAMILIES with strong values, adherence to those values can become a source of generational pride. Carmen Leslie-Rourke '82, P'21 had parents who prioritized education and volunteerism. Her mother was active in their church, school, and community. She always found ways to make a difference in the lives of others.

"She was an excellent role model because I saw her being so giving of her time," says Leslie-Rourke. "She cared very deeply about people and was always willing to give them a helping hand."

Growing up, Leslie-Rourke thrived in the studious environment her parents created at home. She did well in high school, earning induction to the National Honor Society, and says that Trinity College was her top choice the moment she set foot on campus. "When I visited Trinity, it felt like home," she says. "I knew immediately that this was the college for me."

Once she enrolled, her academic experience confirmed this. "A unique attribute of a Trinity education is being taught by professors who are passionate about their area of study and also care about you personally," says Leslie-Rourke. As an economics major, she remembers the Trinity classroom as a space where students were encouraged to speak openly and to think critically. "I acquired transferable life skills," says Leslie-Rourke.

After graduating, she pursued a career in asset management and maintained close ties to her fellow Bantams. "The relationships that I made at Trinity have lasted over the years beyond graduation," says Leslie-Rourke. One of the most important people she met was Mark Rourke

Sr., CPA, '83, P'21. They have been married for almost 34 years and have two children, Mark Jr. and Pearl '21. The couple lives in Avon, Connecticut, where the proximity to Hartford has allowed Leslie-Rourke to volunteer on behalf of Trinity in numerous capacities.

Since 2015, she has served on the Executive Committee of the Trinity Club of Hartford (TCOH) as ambassador, vice president, and president. The TCOH plays an important role in keeping alumni connected to the College and to one another. During her recently completed two-year term as president, Leslie-Rourke led the club's monthly meetings and oversaw its major events, including its annual meeting, Person of the Year Award, and the yearly Bantam Summer Reception. The latter, which gives alumni and first-year students a chance to mingle on campus, always has been one of Leslie-Rourke's favorite events. "It is a wonderful opportunity to meet and speak with new students from the incoming class," she says.

In addition to serving as a class agent and a member of the Bicentennial Committee, Leslie-Rourke volunteers with the Women's Leadership Council (WLC). As part of the WLC's mission to build and sustain a network of support for all women-identifying alumni and students, Leslie-Rourke mentors young women through the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Conference, an orientation program for incoming students. "It is a chance to get together with women who really care about the College and are interested in promoting it forward and assisting each other," she says.

Over the last few years, Pearl has followed in Leslie-Rourke's footsteps



by serving on the TCOH Executive Committee and volunteering with the WLC and Venture. "I am very proud as I see her giving back and being a mentor," says Leslie-Rourke. "I am delighted to see her love the College as much as I do."

In the same way that Leslie-Rourke was influenced by her own mother to volunteer and value education, Pearl has drawn inspiration from hers. "My mom, with whom I have a strong bond, always encourages people to speak up and become volunteers," says Pearl, who attends the University of Connecticut School of Law. "She truly loves Trinity and always wants to promote it. I believe that Trinity has received a benefit by having a very dedicated alumna and volunteer who is always willing to do anything the College asks."

Leslie-Rourke never turns down new opportunities to help the College. "I love Trinity," she says. "Anything that is for Trinity, I will always say yes."

—Elliott Grover

Recent publications

Warsaw Testament

Rokhl Auerbach;
translated into English by
SAMUEL D. KASSOW '66,
Charles H. Northam
Professor of History
White Goat Press, 2024;
413 pages

The Essays Only You Can Write

IRENE PAPOULIS,
Principal Lecturer in the
Allan K. Smith Center for
Writing and Rhetoric
Broadview Press, 2024; 217 pages

The Origins of Social Care and Social Work: Creating a Global Future

MARK HENDRICKSON '77
Policy Press of Bristol University Press,
2022; 232 pages

HIV, Sex and Sexuality in Later Life

Edited by MARK HENDRICKSON '77,
Casey Charles, Shiv Ganesh,
Sulaimon Giwa, Kan Diana Kwok,
and Tetyana Semigina
Policy Press of Bristol University Press,
2022; 224 pages

The Legal Tech Ecosystem: Innovation, Advancement & the Future of Law Practice

COLIN S. LEVY '06
Ramses House Publishing, 2023;
211 pages

Slavery, Capitalism, and Women's Literature: Economic Insights of American Women Writers, 1852-1869

KRISTIN ALLUKIAN M'06
The University of Georgia Press, 2023;
213 pages

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Food N Stuff

Trinity College has opened a food pantry—Food N Stuff—on the lower level of Mather Hall, offering free, unopened, nonperishable food items as well as hygiene products to ensure students have access to these goods throughout the academic year.

The pantry—opened in 2023 just before Thanksgiving—is a joint effort of Trinity's Offices of Sustainability, Community Service and Civic Engagement, and International Students and Scholars; the Women and Gender Resource Action Center (WGRAC); P.R.I.D.E.; and the Bantam Network.

"We've heard many students struggle, especially over academic breaks, to feed themselves," said Hayley Berliner, sustainability coordinator.

Food N Stuff is part of an increasing number of food pantries on college campuses nationwide. Throughout the last decade, the number has swelled from 80 to around 800, according to an August article in *Diverse: Issues in Higher Education*.

The extent of food insecurity among college students across the country has become evident in recent years. More than one in five undergraduates in the United States experience food insecurity, according to data from the 2020 National Postsecondary Student Aid Study. Food insecurity is defined as the limited or uncertain availability of adequate food or the ability to obtain that food in a socially acceptable way.

"As an international student, breaks have been extra hard because of food insecurity," said Diarra Sadi '25. "I am hoping that Food N Stuff will help all international students, as well as domestic students who will be on campus during breaks."

In addition to the campus food pantry, Trinity participates in an array of initiatives that address hunger in the city, according to Joe Barber, director of community service and civic engagement. These include:

- The Trinity Homelessness Project and Chartwells partner weekly to donate food prepared by Chartwells but never served. The group delivers the food to a local shelter, ImmaCare, on Park and Hungerford Streets.
- The Trinity Homelessness Project also participates in the Hands On Hartford Backpack Nutrition Program, which provides backpacks of food each weekend for about 250 food-insecure schoolchildren. Trinity's program is responsible for 25 of those backpacks each week, including shopping, packing, delivering, and fundraising.
- The JELLO Community Service Organization goes each Thursday to A Place of Grace Food Pantry to help with weekly food distribution.

Anyone willing to donate food and hygiene products may drop off those items at the Office of Community Service (located in the lower level of Mather Hall next to the College Bookstore) or at the Cornelia Center on Vernon Street.





RETIRING

2024 marks the completion of the final year of teaching for the Trinity College faculty members listed below.

WENDY C. BARTLETT
Professor of Physical Education and Head Women's Squash Coach

DANIEL G. BLACKBURN
Thomas S. Johnson Distinguished Professor of Biology

ADRIENNE FULCO
Associate Professor of Legal and Policy Studies

ADAM J. GROSSBERG
Professor of Economics

SAMUEL D. KASSOW '66
Charles H. Northam Professor of History

ANTHONY M. MESSINA
John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science

JOHN PLATOFF
Professor of Music

RICHARD PRIGODICH
Scovill Professor of Chemistry

MIGUEL RAMIREZ
Ward S. Curran Distinguished Professor of Economics

PAULA RUSSO
Associate Professor of Mathematics



For more on these distinguished individuals, please visit trincollreporter.online/Retiring2024.

Entrepreneurial success

Students at Trinity College's Summit Innovation Challenge in January presented new inventions designed as part of a fellowship that gets them thinking critically and creatively about solving real-world problems.

Students taking part in the Tyree Innovation Fellowship—a two-year experience that builds innovative and entrepreneurial mindsets—meet weekly to identify problems that they would like to solve. They then iterate through prototypes to a final pitch presentation in front of a live audience and judges in a *Shark Tank*-style finale.

Nate Park '27 created the challenge's winning invention, Savor Sensor, a small device that detects allergens in food using a spectrometer. The runner-up was the Serenity app, presented by Abdulmohaymen Ghanaem '27, Joshua Manswell '27, and Raphael Ralston '27; it aims to help informal caregivers provide healthy, nutritious meals for their loved ones.

Trinity students also presented six "ready for market" products. The winner in this portion of the competition was Alexander Cacciato '25, whose Flippit is an early-stage start-up that uses mobile technologies to allow air travelers to send prohibited items to themselves quickly and securely rather than surrender them at security checkpoints. The runner-up was Nathan Sykes '25, with The People Company, which embeds offshore talent in domestic sales teams to shoulder a company's administrative burden.

Launched in September 2022, the College's Entrepreneurship Center embraces Trinity's liberal arts curriculum and engages students in co-curricular and extracurricular learning experiences. "The challenge really represents the front end of that process, teaching creativity, invention, and innovation skill sets so students can go on and engage in entrepreneurship programming later in their Trinity careers," said Danny Briere, executive director of the center. "More than anything else, the challenge teaches students to look at the world around them through a different lens. We want students to walk away with a view toward creative problem-solving, seeing the problems in the world around them and having the confidence to tackle solving them."

The Summit Innovation Challenge is the marquee program of the Tyree Innovation Fellowship, which recently was endowed by Kathryn George Tyree '86, a founding member of the Entrepreneurship Center's Advisory Board. The competitive admission program, for which participants must be accepted to take part, helps students advance their college and postcollege careers—no matter their intended major or direction—by providing the framework to learn the skills, tools, and connections necessary to thrive in college and beyond.

Judges for this year's challenge were Tyree, Funston Trustee Shay Ajayi '16, Trustee Liz Elting '87, John Howard '74, P'27, Tom Lazay '95, and Trustee Lou Shipley '85.



Alexander Cacciato '25 explains Flippit, his competition-winning start-up.



PHOTO: NICK CAITO

Trinity Treasure

The Plumb Memorial Carillon

As Trinity College celebrates its Bicentennial, the Plumb Memorial Carillon marks almost half that time in the tower of the Chapel. According to the Encyclopedia Trinitiana, the 30-bell instrument was installed in the Trinity Chapel in 1931 during the building's construction and then presented by the Reverend Canon John F. Plumb, Trinity Class of 1891, who also was awarded an honorary doctor of divinity degree in 1940. Plumb and his wife gave the gift in memory of their son John, Class of 1926, who died during his senior year. Then-Trinity President Remsen B. Ogilby invited carillonners from throughout the United States and Canada to Trinity in 1934 for what was later considered

the First Congress of the Guild of Carillonners in North America. Today's Trinity carillon boasts 49 bronze bells—the additional bells were a gift in 1978 of Florence S. Marcy Crofut, who received an honorary master's degree in 1938—that are played from a keyboard in the Chapel tower. Ellen Dickinson, College carillonist and director of the Summer Music Series, plays the carillon each week and for special occasions, providing what she calls "Trinity's soundtrack." Christopher Houlihan '09, John Rose College Organist-and-Directorship Distinguished Chair of Chapel Music and artist-in-residence, notes, "When you envision Trinity, you see the Long Walk, Chapel, and quad, and when you imagine what it might sound like, you hear the bells."



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For more information about the 75th Annual Summer Music Series—featuring concerts in the Chapel followed by carillon concerts on the Main Quad on the five Wednesday evenings in July—please visit trincollreporter.online/ChapelMusic.

Bantams = best

Women's squash takes national title

Trinity College's women's squash team won the 2023–24 Howe Cup Collegiate Squash Association (CSA) national championship by downing Princeton University 6–2 in the finals, held in Philadelphia on March 3. The Bantams recorded an undefeated season with a record of 17–0. The national championship was the fourth for the women's team, which previously won in 2002, 2003, and 2014.

Following the season, longtime coach Wendy Bartlett announced her retirement after 40 years leading the program, as well as coaching women's tennis. Under her guidance, the women's squash program appeared in 12 CSA national championship final matches. "[Bartlett] is a teacher, mentor, role model, and friend to legions of Bantam students," said Trinity Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith. "She bled blue and gold and will always be a big part of the Trinity family."



Jana Safy '25 in a match against Princeton during the season

GALBRAITH HONORED

Trinity College Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith was named a recipient of the 2023–24 National Association of Collegiate Directors of Athletics (NACDA) Athletics Director of the Year Award for Division III in March.

“This is a testament to the culture we’ve built at Trinity and the tremendous dedication of our coaches and staff,” said Galbraith. “I am inspired each day by our student-athletes’ pursuit of excellence in scholarship, sport, and service to our Hartford community. It is a privilege for me to work with a group of committed professionals and amazing students who work tirelessly to make Trinity Athletics special.”

Galbraith is responsible for 30 varsity teams and more than 700 varsity student-athletes, as well as 80 coaches and staff members. He also oversees all club and intramural activities and chairs the College’s Physical Education Department, which offers dozens of classes each semester and plays a key role in the College’s wellness requirement, part of the Trinity Plus curriculum.

Galbraith has held the top athletics role at Trinity since 2017. During his time at the College, he has prioritized the student-athlete experience and has fostered growth in fundraising for athletics, which supports the financial health of the department. He also has been a staunch advocate for equity in athletics, highlighted by facility improvements at Robin L. Sheppard Field and the Trinity Softball Field. Galbraith came to Trinity after 14 years at Dartmouth College, where he was the senior associate director of athletics and executive director of Dartmouth Peak Performance.

The NACDA award recognizes 28 winners across seven divisions in college sports. Winners will be celebrated in conjunction with the 59th Annual NACDA & Affiliates Convention in Las Vegas, Nevada, in June.

Trinity Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith with the NCAA Division III men’s basketball sectional champion trophy



Delano in prestigious art exhibition

Pablo Delano, Charles A. Dana Professor of Fine Arts, was tapped earlier this year to participate in the 60th International Art Exhibition of La Biennale di Venezia, which opened in Venice, Italy, in April.

“To me, this represents an incredible opportunity to bring my work to a world stage. It’s just a dream come true,” he said.

Delano’s work has been exhibited in solo and group exhibitions at galleries and museums throughout the United States, Latin America, Europe, and Australia. His book of photographs, *Faces of America*, was published by Smithsonian Institution Press in 1992.

Currently on sabbatical, Delano planned to travel to Venice in advance of the opening. The exhibition is set to run through November 24, after which Delano’s project will be packed and shipped back to his studio at Trinity. “This is a career-changing event for any participating artist,” said Delano. “I can’t wait to see what comes next.”

Adriano Pedrosa, curator and artistic director for the Biennale Arte 2024, titled *Stranieri Ovunque- Foreigners Everywhere*, spotted Delano’s work at the Museum of Contemporary Art in San Juan, Puerto Rico, and shared photos on social media. That led to conversations and, ultimately, the invitation to participate in one of the world’s largest contemporary art exhibitions.

More than 800,000 tickets were sold to the last Art Biennale, which was held in 2022 and marked the first time since the pandemic. In addition to presenting visual artists, the Biennale also organizes the Venice Film Festival and festivals of theater, dance, and music. Founded in 1895, it takes place at two historic locations in Venice.

LETTERS

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Seeking stories about veterans

During several recent Bicentennial events, including the Alumni Bicentennial Celebration last June and the Bicentennial Fall Weekend last October [covered in the fall 2023 and winter 2024 issues], alumni may have seen a presentation I prepared on Trinity's veterans since the Civil War. Thousands of Trinity alumni served in the armed forces; my presentation showcased about 350.

I'd like to tell more of these stories. Are you a veteran? Did a veteran relative attend Trinity? Let me know, and I'll send a short list of questions. You can contact me at donald.bishop.1967@trincoll.edu.

Donald M. Bishop '67
Vienna, Virginia

Editor's note: To see Donald Bishop's presentation, please visit trincollreporter.online/Veterans.

For the record

I just finished reading the fall 2023 *Trinity Reporter*. I thoroughly enjoyed the issue and was especially interested in the article "Bantams Speak" about the alumni survey.

By way of background, I'm Class of 1987 (math and computer science major). Professionally I'm a technology researcher, and my job involves creating surveys, analyzing the data, and presenting the findings.

I wanted to bring to your attention that there's an error in the charts in the *Reporter* article. Wherever charts say "X percent decrease from 2018" or "Y percent increase from 2018," these phrases really should say "X percentage point decrease from 2018" or "Y percentage point increase" (or just "point increase" or "point decrease" if one wants to simplify).

For example, on the engagement question: It looks like those who are engaged/enthusiastic rose from 51 percent in 2018 to 55 percent in 2022, while those who are indifferent decreased from 36 percent to 32 percent. The 4-point dip in indifference is actually $4/36 = 11$ percent decrease, while the 4-point rise in engaged/enthusiastic is $4/51 = 7.8$ percent increase. . . .

I hope that Trinity will correct this in any other assets that may mention the survey.

Susanne Hupfer '87
Wethersfield, Connecticut

Top Fulbright producer

Trinity College has been named a Top Producing Institution of Fulbright U.S. Students for the 2023–24 academic year. The Fulbright Program is the U.S. government's flagship international academic exchange program.

The listing recognizes the five recent Trinity graduates awarded Fulbright grants last year: Aiden Chisholm '23, Fulbright English Teaching Assistantship (ETA) grant for Peru; Reagan Flynn '23, ETA grant for Argentina; Jeffery Huang '22, ETA grant for South Korea; Nic Zacharewski '23, Study/Research Grant to work at the German Cancer Research Center in Heidelberg, Germany; and Olivia Zeiner-Morrish '22, ETA grant for Cambodia.

"Driven by our remarkable faculty and supportive staff," said Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, "our talented Fulbright students represent an uncommon interest in helping to find the answers to shared international concerns."

Flynn, who came to Trinity from Pittsboro, North Carolina, majored in political science and graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa. In April, she started her Fulbright ETA in Argentina, working in local classrooms and helping to teach English while serving as a cultural ambassador for the United States.

She said she plans to stay open-minded about what she'll do after her experience ends in November. "I have ideas of what I want to do when I get back, but I know my perspective might change while I'm there," said Flynn.

After studying in South Korea as an undergraduate, Huang, a Chicago Posse Scholar who majored in history and economics, returned there earlier this year on his Fulbright ETA.

Huang plans to earn a master's in public policy after he returns. "I have a background in econometrics from Trinity," Huang said, "so I hope to use that knowledge in grad school and beyond."

In November, Zeiner-Morrish traveled to Cambodia to start her Fulbright ETA. She graduated summa cum laude and Phi Beta Kappa, majoring in political science, with a concentration in comparative politics, in addition to a minor in community action.

After her Fulbright experience, Zeiner-Morrish says, she sees herself attending graduate school as she continues to pursue a career in international affairs, noting, "I'm hopeful about my ability to support both the local and global communities I care about."

News about Chisholm and Zacharewski was included the fall 2023 issue of *The Trinity Reporter*.



Top to bottom:
Flynn, Huang,
Zeiner-Morrish



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Navigating change

Successful
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Regardless of how many years have elapsed since Commencement Day, the career paths that Trinity alumni once envisioned 'neath the elms are likely to change direction, at least in small ways if not momentous ones. As we close out the Bicentennial year, the *Reporter* spoke with five alumni about career transitions and the ways in which their liberal arts education—comprising a wide variety of academic disciplines—helped facilitate their professional journeys.

CHOOSING PATHS

Long before arriving at Trinity, Celia Rodriguez '08 anticipated medical school in her future. Of growing up in El Paso, she says, "In my Mexican American family, becoming a doctor was the epitome of success."

So it makes sense that Rodriguez was thinking about her potential career as soon as she started at Trinity. Biology, calculus, chemistry, and an Interdisciplinary Science Program seminar filled Rodriguez's first Trinity semester. "I had always excelled in high school and heard 'you're so good at math and science.'" But upon failing her first exam in biology—her intended major—her heart sunk. She regrouped with Alison Draper, director of the Center for Interdisciplinary Science. "Alison was there to catch me and say, 'Alright, next semester let's ease up a little bit.'"

Trinity's Human Rights Program also interested Rodriguez—in fact, the strength of the program was one of the reasons she decided to attend Trinity—and she began taking classes in that area, finding them fascinating. Junior year, she chose human rights-affiliated study away in Chile, which led her to pivot to an interdisciplinary major in human rights studies with a focus on health care. She loved living in another country and culture so much that after graduation she taught English in Japan for two years.

Upon returning home, Rodriguez began working for health care organizations in El Paso, where she found her niche in social work. She earned two advanced degrees from the University of Texas, a master's in social work and an M.B.A. Today, she runs the Social Services Department at Bienvivir All-Inclusive Senior Health, overseeing a large group of social workers, licensed professional counselors, social work clerks, and chaplains.

Rodriguez tells current college students, "If you find a class that you're really interested in and it sparks something in you, then chase that spark and find a way of making a living out of it." Deciding not to pursue a medical career was difficult, she says, "but Alison helped me see that I was choosing a path more aligned with what I truly wanted for my life."



MESSAGING WITH MEANING

After graduating with majors in studio arts and political science, Jay Sidebotham '76 wanted to live in Manhattan but was unsure about his

career aspirations. He had always been skilled at drawing and cartooning, so he decided to follow his father's and grandfather's footsteps into the advertising business. Eight years later, his animation work on the television series *Schoolhouse Rock!* had received acclaim, and, he says, "In advertising, I was paid more than I deserved." But amid that success, he quit to begin seminary study.

"I just had a deep desire to study more about theology," says Sidebotham, who worshiped during college at Trinity's Chapel, a place he says "touched my heart and moved me, in deep ways." Studying at Trinity's Rome Campus also was a formative experience. "It was really edifying in terms of my interest in art and, on a broader scale, with all the history and political science, Rome was a highlight of my life. Some of my best friends are from that program."

Ordained as an Episcopal minister in 1990, Sidebotham has served churches in five states and now works half time as associate rector of St. James' Church in New York City. He also founded the RenewalWorks ministry, which advises congregations across the country on strengthening their spiritual growth, and he published a book—*Signs of Life: Nurturing Spiritual Growth in Your Church*—that draws lessons from that work.

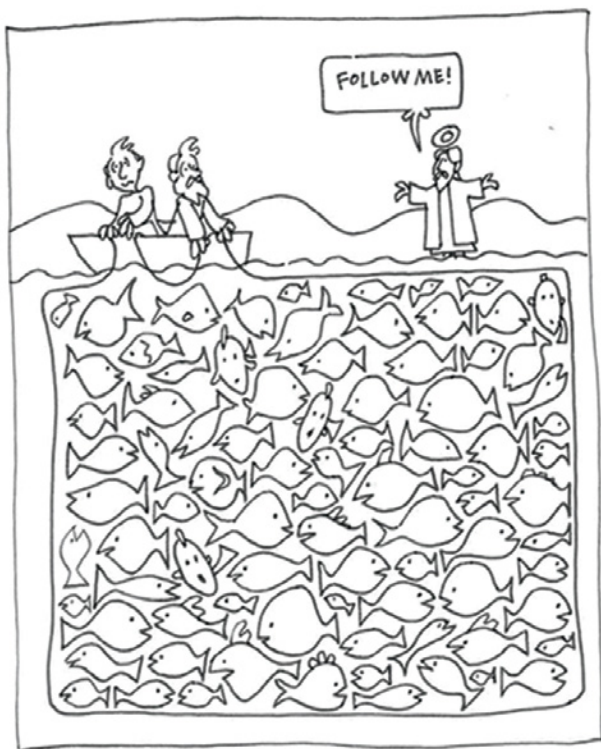
As a cartoonist, he notes that his hero is Charles Schulz, who said, "Cartooning is preaching." Sidebotham concurs. "A lot of what I learned as an art director working with a copywriter was about messaging, and I think I have carried that over to what I do in the church."

He aims to retire from rectoring within a year to spend more time with family and on his painting, a realm in which his heroes include Winslow Homer, Edward Hopper, and Richard Diebenkorn. "Life is full," says Sidebotham. "I feel it's such a privilege because I don't know many times in my life when I've been bored."



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JAY SIDEBOTHAM '76



A Jay Sidebotham '76 original

A BETTER FIT

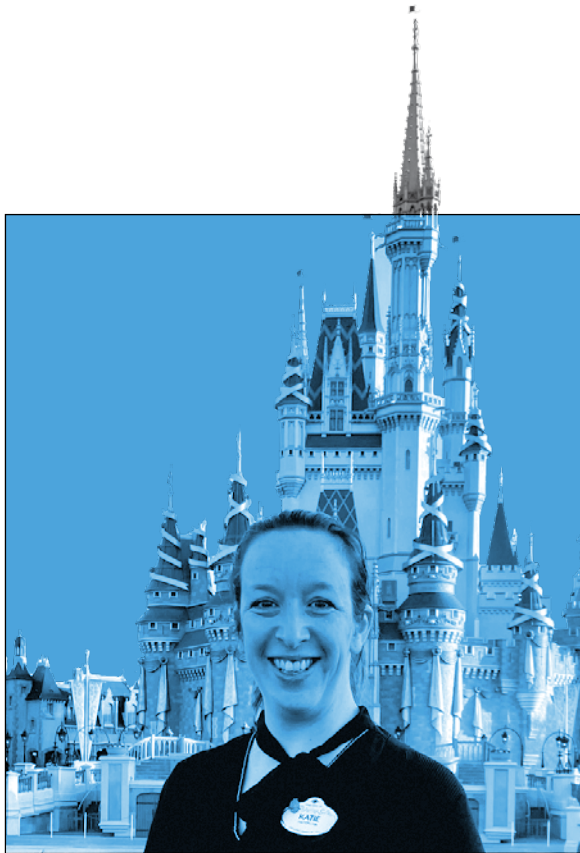
As an English major, Thomas Hunter '80 loved studying Faulkner and Hemingway and rowing on the crew team. Today, as manager of case management at Chicago House and Social Service Agency, he supervises nine case managers, serving clients who are HIV-positive or have AIDS. It is challenging, meaningful work and worlds away from where he began his career after Trinity.

During college, Hunter landed a summer job in New Jersey, his home state, at a research company, leading to a position after graduation with an advertising research firm. He earned an M.B.A. at New York University's Stern School of Business and shifted from research to branding, overseeing elements such as packaging, promotions, and advertising for accounts including chewing gum and writing instruments. After more than two decades, he still enjoyed the work, but when his employer's business foundered in an economic downturn, he was laid off. While mulling over next steps, Hunter took the Strong Interest Inventory career assessment.

“My personality really wasn't the right match for branding. I'm pretty down to earth, a little reserved, and testing suggested a helping profession would be a better fit.” Hunter secured a job as a case worker at a transitional living facility in Chicago. After five years in the field, he realized that to further his career, he should pursue a master's in social work, which he completed at the University of Chicago. “If you really want to do something, you make it work,” he says.

Reflecting on his Trinity rowing days, including senior year on an undefeated varsity team, he says, “I think it confirmed during college that I am a responsible, determined person with a strong work ethic.” These days, he still rows—on a Concept2 machine at the gym—and participates in grueling bike-ride fundraisers to benefit people living with AIDS. In his job, he says, the most satisfying parts are “helping clients achieve good things in their lives and seeing them improve their situation, and seeing case managers flourish after training and developing them.”





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KATIE HARTE ROSENBLAD '08

UNCONVENTIONAL SUPERPOWER

Katie Harte Rosenblad '08, a biology major, proceeded from Trinity to Boston University for a master's in forensics, her chosen field. She then worked for the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner in Boston and soon was recruited by the Pathology Department of Boston Children's Hospital to conduct autopsies. “I was great at the analytical but wasn't prepared for the emotional toll.” After her position changed to require increased interaction with families of deceased children, Rosenblad says, “I couldn't do it anymore.”

Today, she is a senior financial analyst with the Walt Disney Company. “Sometimes, careers are not a ladder. Mine was more of a zigzag path.” After leaving the hospital, Rosenblad decided she would attend business school. Before her classes began, she found a job at a local mall's Disney Store. “It was such the mental change I needed of just joy and happiness. I was way overqualified, but I loved it.”

Her Disney experience stuck with her as she headed to the University of North Carolina's Kenan-Flagler Business School for an M.B.A. While other students prepared for employment at big consulting firms, Rosenblad set her sights on Disney. “They all thought I was crazy.”

Instead of a traditional M.B.A. internship, she entered the Disney College Program. “I've never been traditional, and I'm not afraid to start at the bottom again and work hard.” In the past decade, her Disney roles have included working at a roller-coaster and as part of a team launching a cruise ship, coordinating training for 200-plus hotel housekeepers, helping open Pandora – The World of Avatar, and analyzing capital projects across the company. Now she's helping to build a new business, Storyliving by Disney.

At Trinity, Rosenblad first delved into finance while serving as treasurer of Cleo of Alpha Chi, the coed literary society; later she was the group's president, gaining leadership experience. Besides her focus on science, she took theater classes in stage lighting and set design, costuming, and improv. “I've used many of those skills in my career. If anything prepped me for being on opening teams within Disney, where you have to think on the fly, it's improv.”

“Being unconventional is my superpower,” says Rosenblad. “Embracing that has led to unique and amazing job experiences that otherwise never would have happened.”

'CHERRY ON TOP'

Steve Salky '76 has practiced law in Washington, D.C., for 35 years, representing executives in federal proceedings. “It was a great career. But I did not want to limit myself for my entire life to one professional activity. I wanted to



For information about career-related resources available to alumni, contact Alumni Career Consultant Paul Gagnon (paul.gagnon@trincoll.edu), whose bio on the Career and Life Design Center website describes his professional background as “four careers rolled into one,” or visit trincollreporter.online/CareerConsultant.

shift gears and challenge a different part of my brain.”

Members of Salky’s family have worked in health care, inspiring him to want to do the same—particularly to serve low-income patients. After studying and acquiring preliminary credentials, he attended nursing school and became a certified nursing assistant. Now, he volunteers two days a week at a medical clinic at D.C. nonprofit Bread for the City, conducting patients’ initial health assessments and drawing blood samples, among other duties. He also volunteers one day a week at a hospital mental health ward, spending time talking with people seeking acute care. He still squeezes in time for legal work, too.

A history major, Salky recalls a favorite Trinity hangout was the library, where he would read for hours. “Trinity [also] was very flexible. I could do things that I wanted to do in the community, and Trinity would support me. The stimulation I received in the classroom led me to explore all sorts of other interests of mine,” he says, including attending the London School of Economics his junior year. In Hartford, he was energized by tutoring children at the Charter Oak housing project and interning with the state public defender’s office and the Hartford Institute of Social and Criminal Justice. After graduation, he worked at the latter, which led him to pursue a Yale University law degree.

“Now I’m a proselytizer for volunteering,” says Salky, a donor to Trinity’s Liberal Arts Action Lab. “I view this part of life as the ‘cherry on top’ portion. I’ve raised my children, I’m still healthy, I have a lovely marriage, and now this is the time to do whatever you want to do.” ●✕◆



Which class/professor changed the trajectory of your life?

Clay Siegert '96

Professor Cindy Butos was my freshman seminar instructor (“Protest Literature of the 19th Century”) way back in the fall of 1992. Her impact on me all started with a C-minus grade on my first college paper in that class. (Yikes!) After that poor grade, I realized I must step up my efforts to become a better writer . . . and thankfully Professor Butos committed to guide me. Over the course of my freshman seminar—and then later as a mentor for me when I was a writing associate in the Writing Center as a junior and senior—I developed writing skills that served me well at Trinity and later in my career as an entrepreneur. Thank you, Professor Butos!

Tracy (Newman) Benham '81

I’d like to honor two professors from my time at Trinity: economics professor Diane Zannoni and mathematics professor Robert Stewart. They were both excellent teachers, but more so, they were kind and patient and truly cared about their students. When I decided to go into education, they were two of my role models on how I wanted to be for my students.

Maura Griffith '17

Recent Ph.D. recipient, UCL Institute of Archaeology

Anyone who knows me would tell you that I am not a quiet person; I tend to walk into a room voice first. I fully acknowledge that that’s not everyone’s cup of tea. Despite initial reservations about my chattiness and general volume level, doc (specifically not capitalized; Craig Schneider) took me on as a research assistant in his lab. I worked in doc’s lab for three semesters, plus occupying an honorary research desk (next to my buddy, Paco the corn snake) while working on my senior thesis in classics. At a period of time when I felt most adrift on campus, having a space in the lab that was my responsibility helped me to ground myself.

During my time in doc’s lab, I saw firsthand the sort of professor, researcher, and mentor that I hope one day to be. Anytime I needed help—academic or otherwise—I knew I could go to doc. As a researcher, I have inherited a hatred of improperly formatted citations, the patience to do things right, and the mantra “published is better than perfect.” As a lecturer, I hope to convey the same amount of passion for my subject, depth of knowledge, and willingness to spend as much time as needed to help to my students as doc did. I rarely get through my week without thinking about how doc would approach things.

By having doc as a mentor and professor, I experienced things I never would’ve imagined, from falling through a frozen-over lake up to my knees in “Marine Biology” to hiking in the Himalayas.

'NEATH THE ELMS ONCE AGAIN

**Three alumni
return to campus
as tenure-track
faculty members**

STORY BY
ANDREW J. CONCATELLI

MANY TRINITY ALUMNI come back to campus every five years for Reunion. Others come back every day to teach.

“It felt like a dream to return to Trinity as part of the faculty,” says Mitchell Polin '96, associate dean for curriculum and professor of theater and dance. “Trinity’s incredible faculty members introduced to me ideas that changed me as a person and inspired me to be who I am. That I’m in the position to do that for others now is really a gift.”

Teaching at Trinity for 23 years, Polin has experience working with fellow Bantams who are also faculty colleagues. “As students at Trinity, there’s a certain set of values instilled in us: building relationships with others, a culture of curiosity, the value of an interdisciplinary liberal arts education, and what it means to contribute not just to the College but to the world,” Polin says. “Trinity faculty who are alumni of the College are foregrounding those remarkable priorities in our relationships with students and our relationships with the College and in the way we step into the classroom and onto the campus on a daily basis.”

While it is not new for Trinity’s former students to become its next generation of teachers, the number of alumni faculty members has increased notably this academic year with the addition of three assistant professors with tenure-track positions: Jonathan T. Ashby '09 and Adam D. Hill '08 in chemistry and Channon S. Miller '11 in American studies and history.

**Channon S. Miller '11,
Jonathan T. Ashby '09,
and Adam D. Hill '08**



JONATHAN T. ASHBY '09

Ashby had the unique opportunity to fill a faculty position upon the retirement of his Trinity adviser, Janet F. Morrison, principal lecturer in chemistry, emerita. “It is surreal being in her old office, sitting on the other side of the table. I like it, but it felt intimidating the first couple of days,” Ashby says.

Working with Morrison while he was studying at Trinity led Ashby to an interest in analytical chemistry. “I grew to like the intersection of chemistry with other disciplines. That’s influenced the work I do now,” he says. A position as a supplemental instruction leader at Trinity first helped Ashby realize that he enjoyed teaching.

Back on campus this year, Ashby says, he feels a mix of nerves and excitement. “I remember how strong a lot of the faculty in the department were in supporting me to get me to where I am now. It’s a high bar to reach, but I know the department will help me get to that level,” he says.



I like to show my students that I’m proof that the Trinity approach works. Now I want to contribute to every student experiencing the kind of Trinity that I got to experience.”

ADAM D. HILL

Ashby says he is encouraged by the increasing diversity among Trinity’s faculty, particularly in the sciences. “I hope to bring programming and opportunities for students of color to more easily meet and network with other scientists and potentially present their research,” he says.

As he remembers his own experiences as a Trinity student, Ashby says he plans to

support students in any way he can. “The advice I wish I had been given as a student is don’t feel intimidated by your faculty. Embracing opportunities to meet one-on-one will help you get so much more out of your class.”

ADAM D. HILL '08

As Hill applied to colleges, he was first attracted to Trinity by its chemistry offerings, and he was admitted into the College’s Interdisciplinary Science Program. Years later, with his Ph.D. in hand, he found himself comparing every college chemistry department with Trinity’s. He ultimately jumped at the chance to join the faculty he saw as his ideal.

“The faculty here have a degree of cordiality and rapport with one another that really is exceptional,” Hill says. “Prior to joining the department, I did research about how a chemistry curriculum can be set up, and I found that inevitably the best way to approach each aspect was the way that Trinity’s Chemistry Department was already doing it.”

Hill additionally cites Trinity’s increased commitment to developing its STEM fields, the College’s robust science facilities, and instrumentation available to students and researchers as factors in drawing him back to his alma mater.

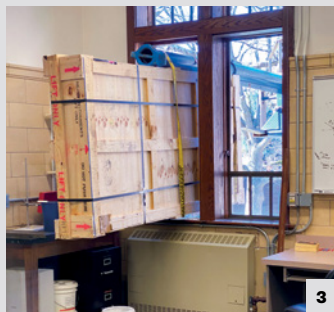
As a Trinity student, Hill published a research article in the *Journal of Chemical Education* with one of his mentors—and fellow Bantam—Maria L. Parr '90, associate professor of chemistry, who is now his faculty colleague.

“I can’t help but grin every time I step on campus; it’s a place that authentically feels good to be,” says Hill, who married a fellow Trinity chemistry major he met when they were both undergrads. “I like to show my students that I’m proof that the Trinity approach works. Now I want to contribute to every student experiencing the kind of Trinity that I got to experience.”



HILL LAB

Getting settled



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A laser system is a key part of Adam Hill's Clement Chemistry Building lab. The issue with its installation last summer? The only way to get the equipment into his third-story lab was through a window, so a forklift was needed. Hill says that the laser system lets students measure how renewable energy materials respond to light.

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1) Previous renovations provide space in Hill's lab for the laser system. 2) A telescoping forklift lowers the shipping crate through a third-floor window. 3) The crate just fits through the window frame. 4) Zach Nilsson, an engineer with laser system manufacturer Edinburgh Instruments, Trinity Chemistry Technician Jim McClaren, and undergraduate researcher Annabell Sorenson '27 unpack the system. 5) Parts of the system are laid out before being assembled. 6) Hill stands by the finished laser in his lab, located in the same building where he completed his chemistry major at Trinity.

CHANNON S. MILLER '11

With generations of her family in Hartford and research rooted in the city, Miller says that returning to Trinity felt almost inevitable. "I was looking to come back to Hartford. This community continues to ground my work, which delves into Black women's experiences and Black motherhood in America," she says.

Miller's Trinity connections go back to her childhood, when she was involved in programs the College hosted for local youth. She also was part of the first graduating class of Hartford Magnet Middle School, now Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy, located just across Broad Street from the College.

"I liked the way my American studies classes at Trinity addressed what interested me about Black communities in the U.S.," Miller says. "And I appreciated the way we were trained to engage through reading and writing in different types of disciplines and through diverse ways of getting to know communities." Miller's senior project adviser was Davarian L. Baldwin, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of American Studies, with whom she is working through Trinity's Social Justice Initiative.

Miller believes she and her fellow alumni faculty members can relate to what it feels like to be a Trinity student and to navigate campus life in their shoes. "Having lived through many of the same challenges, I can perhaps offer solutions I've tried or tested," she says. "I also provide the perspective of someone who's from Hartford, this complex and beautiful city with so much history.

"It's exciting to return to the place that molded me in so many ways," Miller adds. "Now I get to be part of that process for young folks at Trinity—to return the gifts that I received here and to show current students the possible pathways ahead."



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A special perspective

All faculty members remember what it was like to be a student, but not all faculty members teach in the very Seabury Hall classroom in which they took undergraduate courses.

"I try to remind myself what I was thinking about while in class in Seabury, to understand my students a little bit more," says Gabriel F. Hornung '07, assistant professor of religious studies. "There's something about being at the same place where I went to school that helps me to figure out the students. What's in faculty's minds is not always what's in students' minds."

It was never Hornung's plan to teach at Trinity, but he always held fond memories of faculty members he admired and wanted to emulate, including Ellison Banks Findly, Scott M. Johnson '97 Distinguished Professor of Religion, Emerita. "The opportunity to join them arose right when I was finishing my dissertation," he says. Hornung first took a visiting position at Trinity, then was hired in a tenure-track role in 2018.

"Coming back to campus was also a little bit strange at first," Hornung says. "My office window overlooked my first-year residence hall."

Gazing out across campus and remembering his time as a student, Hornung says he is frequently reminded how much he's changed in 20 years. "I try to remind students that they're just starting out and that they'll likely change a fair amount at Trinity and beyond. My hope is to help

them keep their larger trajectories in perspective," he says.

David Sterling Brown '06, associate professor of English, never wanted to leave Trinity. "It's just a magical place for me—a place where I know it is OK to be myself," he says.

Brown says he was continually drawn back to the place he considers home. After graduating from Trinity—where he fell in love with Shakespeare under the mentorship of Milla C. Riggio, James J. Goodwin Professor of English, Emerita—he found himself back on campus as the Connecticut recruitment director for Teach For America. He first became part of Trinity's English Department in 2013-14 as the Ann Plato Fellow and joined the faculty full time in 2022.

He said he believes that being a Trinity alumnus has allowed him to connect with and inspire students in a unique way. "I would love for every student to see themselves in me," Brown says. "I pull from all of my past Trinity professors and their different qualities . . . their sensitivity, listening to me when I was going through something difficult, giving advice and encouragement."

Alumni faculty members occupy a privileged hybrid identity, according to Brown. "We have a sensitivity to these students and their needs in a way that takes really knowing this place and how it operates," he says. "I care a lot about students and their experiences, and I think that makes me a better teacher."



David Sterling
Brown '06
during a class
discussion

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GETTING A JUMP ON THE

COLLEGE

EXPERIENCE

Partnership puts HMTCA students in Trinity classes

“A lot of colleges offer college credit to high school students, but having a student actually go to the campus and be in the classroom with college students is something special.”

So says Karen Wilson, mother of Bryana Wilson, a senior at Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy (HMTCA) who takes classes at Trinity College. Bryana Wilson was among the 21 high school students who enrolled in a Trinity course during the fall 2023 semester thanks to the Early College Program, part of the long-standing partnership between Trinity and HMTCA, the public middle and high school that stands just across Broad Street from the College.

STORY BY **ANDREW J. CONCATELLI**

PHOTOS BY **NICK CAITO**



HMTCA students in the Raether Library and Information Technology Center



Student in blue shirt reading a book.

Student in white sweater sitting on a table reading a book.

Student in green sweater sitting at a table.

Student in black and white checkered shirt sitting in a blue armchair using a laptop.

Student in dark blue sweatshirt standing and talking to another student.

Student in dark blue sweatshirt with 'National Honor Society' text, carrying a laptop.

Student in dark blue hoodie sitting on the floor using a laptop.

Student in dark hoodie lying on the floor using a laptop.

Pink Jansport backpack on the floor.



“I think that experiencing what it’s like to be on a college campus prepares you a little more for when you go off to college on a full-time basis,” Karen Wilson adds. “There’s no hand-holding, and you have to ask questions and interact. I think the experience built Bryana’s confidence a lot. Trinity’s a great school, so she knows that if she can thrive there, she can succeed anywhere.”

The Trinity-HMTCA partnership began in 2011, when Hartford Magnet Middle School was renamed and expanded to include high school grades. The Hartford Board of Education and the Trinity College Board of Trustees signed a memorandum of understanding to develop a relationship that would benefit both institutions. The Early College Program is just one part of this effort [see page 29].

Stefanie Chambers, John R. Reitemeyer Term Professor of Political Science, was the first director of the partnership, followed by Robert Cotto Jr., now Trinity’s director of DEI campus and community engagement. Today, Liliana Polley IDP’21, M’23 has oversight as the director of Trinity’s Center for Hartford Engagement and Research (CHER) strategic partnerships.

“Being engaged with HMTCA and its students shows Trinity’s commitment to the community. This partnership connects directly with the vision and mission of the College, which values its place in Hartford,” Polley says. “The idea is to expose high school students to a college campus, to provide them access to Trinity’s resources, and to show them how to thrive in a college setting, fully participate in a college classroom, and develop personal responsibility by partnering with others to increase their academic success.”

Select Trinity courses are offered to HMTCA students at no cost to their families; Hartford Public Schools pays a small tuition fee. In addition, Polley says, it is free for any HMTCA student to apply to Trinity as a regular matriculated student, and Trinity offers a \$50,000 Paul E. Raether Scholarship every four years to one HMTCA student who is accepted to Trinity.

To apply to take Trinity courses through the Early College Program, HMTCA students need a GPA of 3.0 or higher and a letter of recommendation from a teacher. Applicants select up to three courses from among those offered, ranked by preference, and Polley works with HMTCA guidance counselors and Trinity faculty to

match the students and courses based on their preferences, seat availability, and schedules. HMTCA students usually take one Trinity course per semester.

All students go through an orientation, where they receive a Trinity ID and learn how to access Trinity resources, including the Writing Center and the Aetna Quantitative Center, and how to get around campus. Math students must first take a math placement exam.

“The HMTCA students will sign out of their school, come to campus, attend their Trinity class, and go back,” Polley says. “Students become very independent and are responsible for getting to class on time, taking notes, and being on top of their assignments.”

This year, Polley began hiring Trinity student mentors to help guide the high schoolers as they adapt to college work. Tanetta E. Andersson, senior lecturer in sociology at Trinity, teaches courses in which the high school students may enroll, and she has seen firsthand the connections Trinity and HMTCA students form.

“To optimize students’ learning, I networked with their Trinity student tutors, Jessica Cruz ’26 and Demi Janis ’24,” Andersson says. “Before they met with HMTCA students in one-on-one meetings, we communicated about their progress and questions and strategized about strengthening their note-taking and exam preparation.”

In addition to the mentors, Andersson says, other Trinity students have helped to make their HMTCA peers feel welcome in her class. “Trinity students stayed after class to join in smaller group discussions and a lunch hangout session with HMTCA students,” she says. “Relaxing in the dining hall with their classmates and tutors, they exchanged college application stories, studying tips, and how they’ve adjusted to campus life and living away from home.”

Andersson adds that HMTCA students are strong contributors to class discussions and group work. “I am very proud of their level of engagement and the learning connections built through the Early College Program,” she says. “One of the senior high school students really excelled and is now a first-year student at Trinity.”

HMTCA school counselor Sonia Tamburro Pastormerlo agrees that the Early College Program helps prepare students for challenges

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LILIANA POLLEY IDP’21, M’23,
Director, CHER Strategic Partnerships



they may face at college. “They’ll know what to expect, what a college lecture looks like, and how to reach out to a professor if they need help,” she says. “Advocating for yourself is a huge lesson that they learn.”

Tamburro Pastormerlo adds that her school’s students enjoy learning about subjects that may not be taught at HMTCA. “I hope we continue to expand the course offerings that students choose from as more professors see what our students are capable of,” she says.

Polley plans to add to both the number of courses available through the program and the number of HMTCA students enrolled. “I create a catalog of available courses based on connections with professors and the support of willing departments. The Mathematics Department is especially supportive of HMTCA students who qualify for their courses via a math placement test. In fall 2023, students were able to choose from 29 courses from across the curriculum, which tripled from last year,” she says. Last fall marked a record-high enrollment for the program, but as Polley says, “The goal is not to increase numbers but to make sure the students who are here are successful.”

Kareen Wilson notes, “As more HMTCA students get a chance to experience Trinity College, it’s a benefit for both schools. The partnership is heading in a great direction, and I would love to see it expand.” ●✕◆

Trinity + HMTCA

The partnership’s numerous initiatives create meaningful educational connections between Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy and Trinity College.

COURSES AT TRINITY

Qualified HMTCA students take Trinity courses as part of the Early College Program, and all seniors take HMTCA English courses in a dedicated classroom on Trinity’s campus.

SUMMER WRITING INSTITUTE

HMTCA students take a college preparatory writing course taught by Trinity professors.

TRIN-HMTCA TUTORS

A new after-school program connects HMTCA students with Trinity tutors and mentors.

LUNCH PROGRAM

HMTCA students join Trinity student leaders from the Men of Color Alliance and the Office of Multicultural Affairs for a monthly conversational lunch at a Trinity dining hall.

TRINITY COURSE PARTNERSHIPS

As part of their coursework, Trinity students partner with HMTCA teachers in courses such as “Analyzing Schools” and “Classical Civilization in Community.”

Well & good

Weyessa 'Ace' McAlister '20 founds nonprofit that funds wells in home country of Ethiopia

STORY BY
ANDREW J. CONCATELLI


Weyessa “Ace” McAlister ’20 won’t stop until he gets to the finish line.

His determination has been evident throughout his life, from learning English at 13 to completing a long-distance race with one shoe as a runner for Trinity.

McAlister now uses his unyielding commitment to lead a national nonprofit organization that builds water wells in his home country of Ethiopia.

McAlister founded the first chapter of H2OPE as a student organization at Trinity in 2018 (the name, a play on the chemical formula for water, is pronounced simply as “hope”). He later launched Bridge H2OPE to guide chapters across the United States as they raise funds and awareness to bring safe drinking water to rural Ethiopian communities. Bridge H2OPE was granted 501(c)(3) nonprofit status in 2023.

The cause is deeply personal to McAlister; he lost his father and youngest brother to waterborne illness in an area where people trek up to an hour to collect drinking water. “It’s not easy traveling that long for clean water and then carrying it back home, so we relied on dirty water sources nearby,” McAlister says. “Girls and young women were responsible for this, and so they weren’t given the opportunity to go to school. I saw the burden this had on the people in my community.”

A young man with dark skin is sitting on a large, mossy rock in a lush forest. He is wearing a blue baseball cap, a grey and black jacket, dark pants, and brown hiking boots. He has a black fanny pack with a logo on it. Behind him is a multi-tiered waterfall cascading over rocks, surrounded by dense green foliage. The scene is brightly lit, suggesting a sunny day.

Weyessa "Ace"
McAlister '20
on Virginia's
Shenandoah
Mountain in 2023

After a childhood spent mostly with his grandparents, McAlister ended up at an orphanage and was adopted as a teenager by American parents in Great Barrington, Massachusetts. “My junior year in high school, I wanted to reconnect to my village and kept hearing that more people had died because of the water. I felt that I really needed to do something,” he says. McAlister launched a GoFundMe page and partnered with the nonprofit Sisters for Peace to bring portable water filters back to Ethiopia and to educate people about waterborne illness.

That first rewarding experience led McAlister to a new goal while he was a Trinity student: raising money to build sustainable water wells. “They cost more, but a lot of people can benefit from them,” he says. “They bring the water source closer to the people.”

McAlister expanded his knowledge of water and water conservation as an environmental studies major, and he raised awareness and money for H2OPE by sharing his personal experiences. “The Trinity community has always been very generous and very kind. That’s one of the things that motivated me to keep going,” he says. “Students heard my story and wanted to help by volunteering or contributing meal swipes at the dining hall to donate.”

When John Michael Mason ’12, M’14, assistant professor of physical education and director of cross country and track and field, recruited McAlister as a runner for the Bantams, he sensed that McAlister’s drive would take him far. “Some people have ideas and they don’t know how to shape that vision, but in his case the vision was so clear,” Mason says.

As a natural leader and eventually the cross country team captain, McAlister rallied his teammates around the clean-water cause, with many of them joining H2OPE. “His energy’s infectious,” Mason says. “I think people gravitate



toward Ace because of his positive essence. He has been through so much in his life, and he takes few things for granted.”

The first well funded by H2OPE was established in 2021 in the Wolaita Sodo Zone of southern Ethiopia through a partnership with Drop of Water, a nonprofit based in Addis Ababa that builds wells. “When I went there, people gathered in the street waiting for me—the guy who brought them the water,” McAlister says. “I give credit to all the people who have been part of this cause at Trinity.”

Three wells have been funded by H2OPE since 2021. In addition to building the wells, contributions are used to train community members to maintain the sites and equipment.

McAlister relates his dedication to Bridge H2OPE to his experiences as a runner. “A steady pace wins the race,” he says. “I never try to rush things; I just work hard and believe that I’ll be successful.” Before starting a new project, McAlister consults with others who know more about the subject. “I have close friends



Center: During a 2021 visit to Ethiopia, McAlister celebrates a new well with villagers. **Right:** McAlister speaks with Ethiopian children. He recalls, “I was asking those girls, ‘How does it feel to have a water source close to home?’”



H2OPE on campus

While Weyessa “Ace” McAlister ’20 serves as an adviser for Trinity’s chapter of H2OPE, Bantams on campus continue the student organization’s work. The chapter was led this year by Tobias L’Esperance ’24, president; Colleen Quinn ’24 and Rory Trani ’24, co-vice presidents; and Kevin Rogers ’26, treasurer.

“Since Ace graduated, we’ve built several hand-pump wells, which cost between \$5,200 and \$7,000 each, depending on location,” says L’Esperance. “To raise money, we do things like setting up tables at Trinity sporting events to sell handcrafted goods that Ace brings back from Ethiopia.” The group’s goal is to fund one new well per academic year.

Beyond raising funds, H2OPE’s other mission is to educate about the need for safe drinking water in Ethiopia and around the world. Trani says, “We hold advocacy events on campus and in the Hartford community to speak to different groups. We want to make people aware of water rights issues and how they can take small steps to contribute to water security.”

Active enrollment in H2OPE at Trinity has doubled in the past year, according to L’Esperance. “I love this work because I see actual effects happening and things getting done,” he says.

L’Esperance plans to join the Bridge H2OPE team after he graduates. Trinity alumni already working with McAlister on Bridge H2OPE are Tshion Assefa ’19, Bemnet Demere ’19, Will Estony ’21, Peter Finucane ’22, and Emma Sternberg ’21.

“It’s really easy to make a connection with Ace’s vision; his idea comes across so vividly,” L’Esperance adds. “As Peter Finucane put it, where most people see a big problem and think it can never be solved, Ace saw the problem, believes it’s solvable, and gets to work. It’s something that’s really inspiring about Ace that a lot of students connect with.”

To follow H2OPE on social media, to learn more about its mission, or to donate, visit trincollreporter.online/H2OPE.

In addition to working as the director of community conservation at the Potomac Conservancy in Silver Springs, Maryland, McAlister focuses his attention on expanding Bridge H2OPE by applying for grants and assisting new chapters at other colleges. At the same time, Trinity’s H2OPE chapter continues to be guided by student leaders [see above] with the support of the College community.

Joe Barber, director of Trinity’s Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement, says, “H2OPE fits in with our office’s mission, as raising money so that people can have safe drinking water is certainly a very important community service. Even though H2OPE started as a small college student initiative, it has had a big and positive impact on the lives of real people.”

McAlister sees that impact firsthand whenever he returns to Ethiopia to visit the sites. “More than 1,200 people have access to clean water through these wells. I’m really happy to see the joy, relief, gratitude, and the sense of hope in these communities,” he says. “It makes me feel like I can’t give up what I started. I’ve always had a passion to give back; water has been my focus and always will be.” ●✕◆

and family I rely on for a push and words of wisdom. There’s a quote I always have in my head: ‘If you want to go fast, go alone; if you want to go far, go together.’

“I like to set achievable, smart goals for myself, but I always look ahead, and I never give up,” he adds. For example, even when McAlister lost a shoe in a rainy, muddy race at the Division III NCAA Cross Country National Championship, he still finished with one bare foot. “I worked so hard that I couldn’t end my season by stopping. I still had my foot, so I kept going,” he says. “I always try to find ways through challenges.”

McAlister occasionally shares his philosophies through motivational speeches that he gives to students, stressing the importance of leadership and what it means to be a responsible citizen. He has received accolades for his work, including the Trinity College Environmental Science Department Activism Award and the Hartford HealthCare Courage Award in 2020 and a Young, Gifted & Green 40 Under 40 Award presented by Black Millennials 4 Flint in 2023.

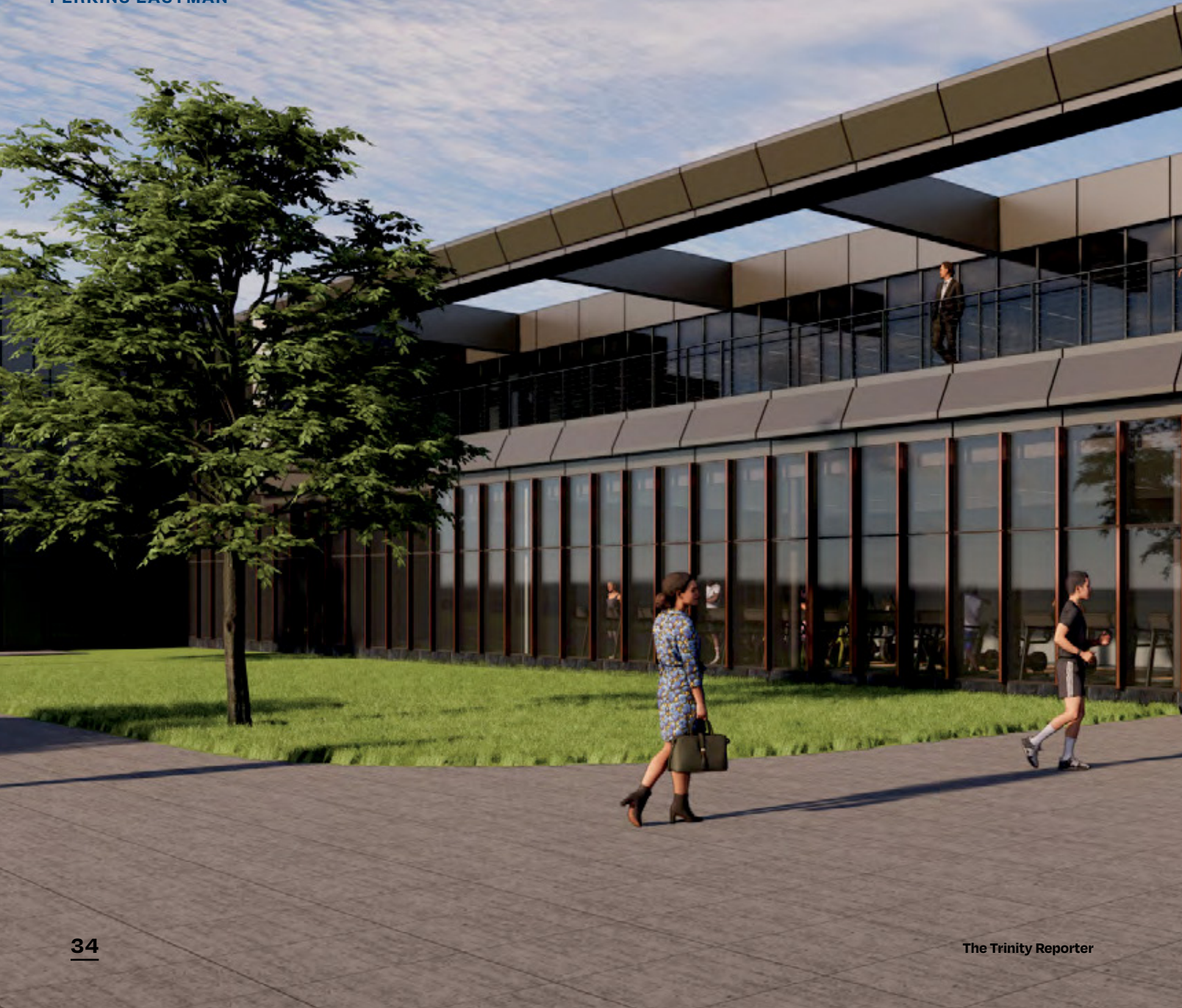


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Focus on wellness and recreation

STORY BY
MARY HOWARD

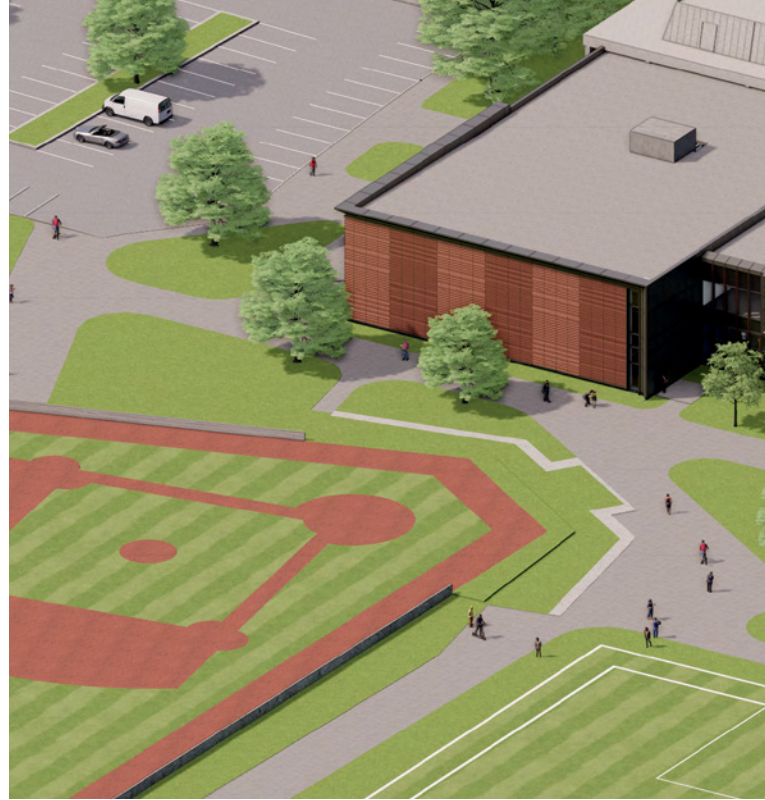
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FERRIS ATHLETIC CENTER ADDITION UNDERWAY

Rendering of the
new Wellness and
Recreation Center





Work began in December on a transformational addition to the George M. Ferris Athletic Center. Fundraising continues, with the primary goals of securing endowed funds for maintenance of the new Wellness and Recreation Center, fitness programs, and Trinity’s athletics teams.

Director of Athletics and Chair of Physical Education Drew Galbraith says that the reimagined facility—the 37,000-square-foot addition and the improved existing space—is intended to serve all students. “Every student should feel at home here,” Galbraith says. “We went into the planning process determined to provide all Trinity students—athletes and nonathletes—with first-class spaces to work out, take spin or Zumba classes, and participate in a full range of wellness activities.”

With fitness for all students a priority, the project also will support the wellness requirement of the Trinity Plus curriculum, which was instituted with the 2021 matriculating class. It requires that all students complete two wellness experiences during their first two years. These experiences are intended to promote positive habit building around mental, physical, and spiritual health, says Leo Schuchert, associate director for the Center for Academic and Experiential Advising. “The idea is that early engagement will sustain a long-term commitment to wellness during a student’s four years at Trinity and beyond,” says Schuchert. “The larger, more inviting space [at Ferris] will increase foot traffic and spark interest in the wellness opportunities the [athletic center] offers.”

ROOM TO GROW

Though the athletic center has had minor upgrades since it first opened in 1968 (a planned renovation covered in the winter 2020 issue of *The Trinity Reporter* was halted due to the onset of the COVID-19 pandemic), this addition will be the most significant. “The new student fitness center will be 2,100 square feet larger than the one we have now, and the new recreational gym will offer 20 percent more space for basketball and volleyball,” says Galbraith.

In addition to the multipurpose recreational gym, planned enhancements for the first floor include gathering spaces for students, studios for yoga and spin-cycling classes, a student fitness center with space for cardio workouts, and a free-weight room.

The second floor will include coaches’ offices, rooms for film review, and team gathering spaces. Construction is estimated to take about 18 months, and during that time, practices and matches will continue in the current center with little disruption, says Galbraith.

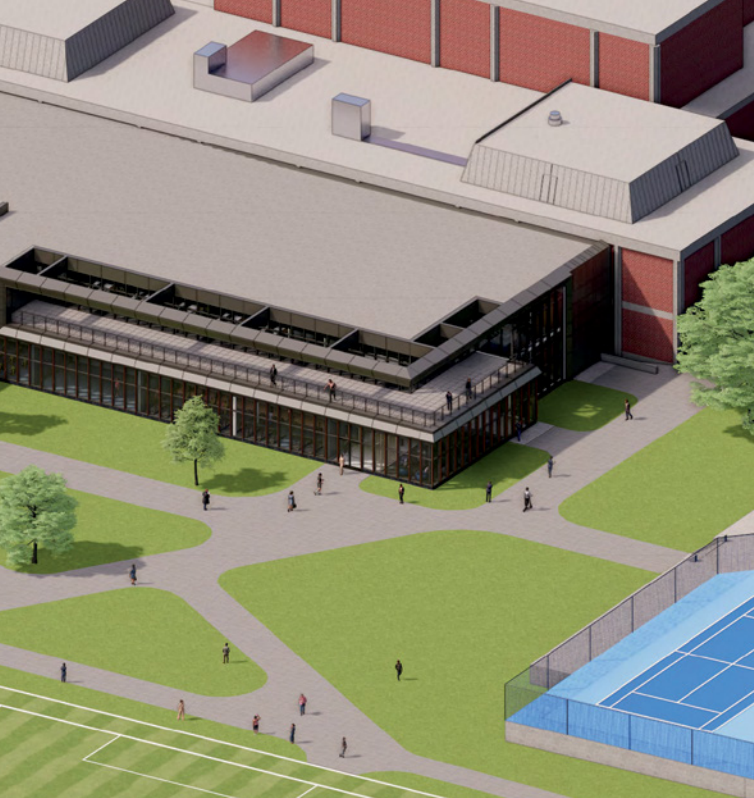
FOCUS ON FITNESS

Since joining the faculty in 2011, Associate Professor of Physical Education and Head Women’s Lacrosse Coach Katy Syzmanski M’11 says she has seen a change in her student-athletes’ attitudes toward wellness, with an expectation to train all year long. “It’s what they did in high school,” she says, adding, “Fitness is a much greater focus for all students than it was just 10 years ago.” Due to the current lack of space and scheduling issues, though, some students drive off campus to take fitness classes, such as yoga, she says. However, with better facilities and opportunities, she expects more students will stay at Ferris “to work out, but also to hang out.”

Syzmanski says a new and improved Ferris also will aid in recruitment. “We can say, ‘Come to Trinity and be an active participant here—in varsity athletics, intramurals, community service, or research.’”

EXCELLENCE IN SQUASH

A centerpiece of the addition will be a new home for Trinity squash. Moustafa Hamada ’15, Paul D. Assaiante Instructor for Physical Education and head men’s squash coach, is pleased that the seven new squash courts will



Additional renderings of the interior (far left) and exterior of Ferris

'Striving for excellence'

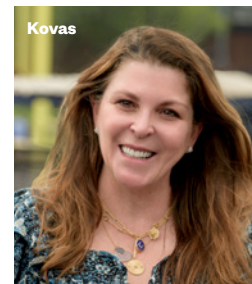
Together, Peter Duncan '81, P'13, '14 and Elissa Raether Kovas '93, P'25 chair the athletics and wellness portion of the All In Campaign. "Peter and Elissa are 100 percent about delivering for our students, ensuring that they have the best possible experience," says Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith. "They model an important behavior we aim to instill in every one of our students: striving for excellence as a way of life."

To Trinity's benefit, Duncan has leveraged his passion for Bantam athletics with his professional expertise in commercial real estate. He plays a key role as a trustee and as a member of the design committee for the new wellness and recreation center, tapping his deep knowledge to help create a building that will be transformative for every Trinity student, athletes and nonathletes alike.



Duncan

Kovas has shown that her passion for the game of squash is rivaled only by her commitment to Trinity athletics as a whole. In addition to her service as a trustee, Kovas is a volunteer leader with MetroSquash, a Chicago-based urban youth squash and academic program. As fundraising efforts for the Trinity facility were somewhat upended by the global pandemic, Kovas rallied fellow alumni to stay the course in their determination to see a new center that mirrors the quality of our students and provides space for Capitol Squash, Hartford's youth squash program.



Kovas

With construction of the new facility underway, Duncan and Kovas are focused on raising funds to further endow wellness and athletic programs. Galbraith stresses the importance of this phase of the initiative, noting, "Endowed support for our teams, programs, and facilities will be transformational. A healthy endowment for Bantam athletics would directly translate to even better experiences for our students, whether they are team athletes or students committed to fitness and recreation."

be right off the new center lobby. "It feels like a privilege," he says. "This will be the first thing people see when they enter the building."

A star player on the men's team under legendary coach Paul Assaiante, Hamada played in matches that contributed to Assaiante's unprecedented 252-match winning streak. In June 2023, Hamada followed in his mentor's footsteps when he became head coach of the Bantams.

"The sport is so popular at Trinity. It's not just athletes who play, but other students, professors, and community members," he says. The new courts also will provide enhanced viewing for the teams' many fans. The current squash center on the third floor of Ferris will be renovated to provide a permanent home to Capitol Squash, a nonprofit that seeks to empower Hartford youth.

A CAMPUS HUB

Like Syzmanski, Hamada says he also is eager to see the athletic center become a place where students meet to "just hang out." Galbraith agrees. "These changes will provide a healthy, substance-free space for all students to socialize while creating a welcoming anchor to this part of campus," he says. "Whether they work out lightly or seriously, we want all students to know that this is their space; they belong here." ●✕◆

For more information on the All In campaign and how you can help Trinity athletics and other fundraising priorities, please contact Shannon Malloy Rbatican M'13, director of leadership giving, at 860-297-4232 or shannon.malloy@trincoll.edu.



To see photos of the Ferris renovation via a campus webcam, please visit trincollreporter.online/Ferris.

Honoring what they found at Trinity



Tami Voudouris Preston '79, P'15
and Michael Preston '79, P'15

Tami Voudouris Preston '79, P'15 and Michael Preston '79, P'15 met at Trinity as first-years and married two years after graduation, when they were in graduate school (Harvard Business School and Boston University School of Law, respectively). Both have remained close to Trinity, including Tami's service on the Board of Trustees, joint support of various Reunions, and consistent financial support. They recently committed to the College's All In for Trinity campaign with a substantial pledge, including a bequest as part of their estate plan, enrolling them in both Trinity's Elms Society and Wall of Honor.

They reflected on what Trinity means to them: "Trinity has been foundational for us in our relationship, in our careers, and in our view of life itself. When our kids were considering their own college choices, we advised them to seek what we found at Trinity: an understanding of the tools with which to craft one's place in society and, indeed, in the cosmos. (Our eldest graduated from Trinity.) We're blessed to be able to support the College's All In for Trinity campaign."

For more information on how you can extend your support through a bequest provision, please contact Beth Cahill, assistant vice president for advancement, at elizabeth.cahill@trincoll.edu, or visit legacy.trincoll.edu.

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Class Notes

1951 Vice President: Norman L. Wack • Class Agent: Vacant

1952 Vice President: John E. Taylor • Secretary: Finley Schaef, finley.schaef.1952@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Vacant

From **Dud Bickford**: “Seeing **John Taylor**’s name in the Class Notes reminded me of the time he demonstrated the thickness of the steel on his car (was it a Packard?) by pounding on a fender with a hammer. Then, seeing only one note in the column, I thought I would add to the next issue of the *Reporter*. Life is good in Essex. I retired from Stanley in ’95. Lost my wife of 52 years in 2005 and married a most wonderful woman in 2007. We’ve traveled a lot and been very active in Essex; I am working on my 44th year in the church choir. I have been the church financial secretary since 1985 and have decided to pass it on next year before I get too old to do it responsibly. (Unexpected things do occur when one is in their 95th year, so why leave them in the lurch?)

“My wife has added a lot to my life. Four years my junior, she has been involved with sailboat racing for half her life and has just relinquished the chair of the race committee at the Essex Yacht Club, a 12-month-a-year job, after 12 years at the helm. She will still be going out with the race committee to help conduct races both large and small. I have benefited from her involvement by helping run the mark boats and being the official photographer for some of the races.

“We aren’t traveling as much as we have in the past, partly because they are so expensive, but in the fall, we drove to Niagara to see the falls and visit friends and family. In the spring, we will be driving to Bangor to pick up a tour of Nova Scotia and PEI. This isn’t to say we haven’t slowed down. My memory isn’t what it once was; my balance is nonexistent, but a cane does the trick. We still live at home and take care of things. I was always a ‘do-it-yourselfer’ but sold the lawn tractor last year and was talked into giving my snowblower to a son this year.

“It’s been a great life, and I’m hoping to keep at it for another five years. My best to members to the Class of ’52!”

1953 President: John A. North Jr. • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agent: Vacant

1954 President: Albert L. Smith Jr. • Vice President: Alexander J. “Sandy” Campbell • Secretary: Robert A. Wolff, robert.wolff.1954@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: Alexander J. “Sandy” Campbell II

From **Fred Oberender**: “Hi, Bob. Received the call for Class Notes and decided I should send a note. Have not been doing this as it seems there hasn’t been much to report. Be that as it may, I’m reporting that my wife, Florence (sister of our classmate **Louis Piotrowski**), and I are doing well, albeit slowing down due to age. We are still residing in Fishkill, New York, and have four daughters scattered around the country, nine grandchildren, and one great-grandson. It’s nice having one daughter in northern New Jersey who visits frequently to support and check on us.

“I keep physically fit, maintaining the house and property, playing golf (walking Vassar College’s nine-hole course once a week), and walking year-round through our local cemetery at the end of our street. My main limitation is glaucoma, which has ruined sight in my left eye. This has inhibited driving any significant distances, but I think I could get back to Trinity if we have a 70th Reunion this summer.

“As an aside, walking through the cemetery yesterday, I stopped at the gravesite of a friend from work and was shocked after seeing his passing was in 1988, 36 years ago. Hard to believe how much time has passed in our lives. I’ll be 91 on February 6, before you see this.

“Hope all is well with you. Also hope you might get some responses from some of our other Delta Phi classmates. I’ve been impressed through the years with all the Delta Phi Class Notes from the Class of 1955. Best wishes, Fred”

From **Bob Wolff**: “Here on the edge of the Pacific Ocean, I continue noticing climate change. More shoreline is shifted about. Fewer birds are using the local beaches for migratory layovers. The warmer waters support different ocean life than we had in the past, and feeding patterns have changed.

I am one of those people who had all their COVID shots and boosters during the past four years, but finally COVID caught me. Happily, a mild case and Paxlovid took care of it.”

1955 Secretary: E. Wade Close Jr., wade.close.1955@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: E. Wade Close Jr., Richard Ferraro, Joseph Michelson

Well, here we go again. Do you guys realize I have written more than 200 Class Notes columns over 68 years? Admittedly, I have so enjoyed the opportunity to keep in touch with you all. You might recall that **Al Fisher** suggested that we, with the assist from the Alumni Office, schedule a Zoom session, similar to what was generated during the COVID days when we were prevented from returning to Trinity celebrate our 65th. But in a recent phone visit with **Lou Magelaner**, we both felt an in-person gathering in June 2025 for our 70th might be possible, as we could name 10 to 15 classmates as possible attendees. That would include the four who live in the Hartford area, **Ed Yeomans**, **Greg Petrakis**, **Tom Brett**, and **Craig Mehldau**. In addition, **Dick Ferraro** is in great shape and can manage a relatively easy drive from Dover, New Hampshire. Also, Nancy and **Bill Gardiner** might consider making the trip from the Cape. Plus, New Jersey-based **Ken Wildrick** might drive with Nancy, his able co-pilot, to team up with the Gardiners.

In my effort to take inventory within our surviving classmates, I had a very enjoyable phone visit with **Charlie Gardner**, who, like so many, is no longer driving. But he and Amy are comfortably settled within a large Washington, D.C.-area retirement community and enjoying life, quite nicely, thank you. Also, when I want to have an upbeat chat, I can always rely on **Walter Blake**, alias Blogoslawski, to entertain me no matter how medically challenged his state is at that moment. He is the champion of generating “second opinion” medical advice. He also still functions as a very successful options trader and financial adviser.

Tom Bolger is probably physically in the best shape of all of us, but his dear wife, Shaila, needs his regular assistance, plus they are seriously considering moving to Montana to join forces where a daughter

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resides. So, he is a bit of a long shot for an in-person Reunion participant. I had a wonderful phone visit with **Norm Catir**, who lives in Providence, less than a two-hour drive from Hartford, but he does not drive, and his wife of 60 years, Zulette, just does short shopping and doctor trips. So that is the challenge for many of our classmates. Even so, your present two-person (Lou and Wade) committee for our June 2025 70th Reunion will continue to work toward making that a reality. Blessings to all.

1956 **President: Henry Zachs**
• **Vice President: David Taylor** • **Secretary: Bruce N. Macdonald, bruce.macdonald.1956@trincoll.edu** • **Class Agents: Dick Abbott, Ned Montgomery, David Renkert, Phillip Stiles, David Taylor, Henry Zachs**
Skip Beardsell wrote in January to bring me up-to-date on his activities and plans. He explained that his life is more sedentary since retiring as an EMT in Clinton, New York. He was feeling the need for more activity, so he and wife Libby are planning a trip to Florida in early spring, and he plans to attend some of the opera performances at the Glimmerglass Festival in lovely Cooperstown, New York, this August. Finally, they will join their kids on Martha's Vineyard later that month. Sounds like a good plan for a good year.

Ned Montgomery responded in December to a request from **David Taylor** to tell us about his life and activities. Travel is his pattern, and a good one. Since wife Susie died in 2015, he has taken his family (two daughters, two grandsons, and one son-in-law) on interesting worldwide trips. These have included Greece, Morocco, Cuba, Galapagos, and, most recently, Sicily. This year, the target is on Japan for a month and then Antarctica. What a good and enjoyable way to see some of the highlights in the world. Lucky kids, lucky Ned.

In November, I called **Charlie Stehle** for news. After filling me in on progress on his book on Colonel Manadier and the Lakota Sioux nation, he recalled a time when he, his father, and his brother-in-law took a long trip (Philadelphia to Lewiston, Maine) to see the second boxing match between Sonny Liston and Muhammed Ali. By happy accident, they found that they had been given front-row seats and experienced the colorful action of being ringside (Robert Goulet singing the national anthem and forgetting the words, celebrities being introduced, etc.). Finally, there was a

first-round knockout, with a long count over the recumbent Liston. It was a short bout: Ali knocked out Liston in the first round on May 25, 1965. There was controversy over whether he'd truly connected when he sent Liston crashing to the canvas—the so-called “phantom punch,” implying the fight was fixed.

Dale Nelson writes that he continues to be active with the music program at Indiana University and recently was made president of the Men's Faculty Club.

David Taylor shares that he spent Christmas in Hawaii with his two daughters and their family, and all was happy and well. David has been conducting research into how many of us still drive, and if so, what are those challenges at our age? Some reports follow: **Phil Stiles** is still behind the wheel, albeit with informal rules set (suggested) by his five children, such as only drive on local streets and only between 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. **Ron Boss** responded that he has given up driving. Bottom line, nighttime driving is the problem, the time for the most caution and maybe calling an Uber. As for me, this town (Lexington, Virginia) is small and uncluttered, and I mostly drive during the day anyway (to get to the class I teach at VMI) or to campus concerts.

And finally, and regrettably, some of our classmates have passed on. These include **Alan Loveridge**, of Sarasota, who died on August 11. Alan was active in the trucking and storage business, up north or in Sarasota. **Bruce Anderson** died on December 8. Bruce was the pastor of First Congregational Church in Collinsville, Connecticut, and then the Church of Christ, Congregational in Norfolk, where he was honored with an engraved plaque marking his many years of service and the congregation's love. **Gordon Wood** passed on October 29 in Mattoon, Illinois. After graduation, Gordon went in the Air Force and as a captain flew fighter jets in the Korean War. Finally, **Gil Vigneault** died in June 2023. Gil had an active life after Trinity: a master's degree in chemistry from Columbia University, then a career at Johnson & Johnson (product manager, then product development), and in business for himself, and he was very successful. Gentlemen, we will miss you all!

1957 **President: Ward S. Curran**
• **Vice President: Donald B. Stokes** • **Secretary: Frederick M. Tobin, frederick.tobin.1957@trincoll.edu** • **Class**

Agents: Ward S. Curran, Neil Day, Donald B. Stokes, Melvin Tews, Frederick M. Tobin
Ward Curran says at our age “the major news is that I am still extant. I talk with the Duke of Franklin, Massachusetts, about once a week. Kathy and I are enjoying independent living.”

From **Fred Tobin**: “My wife and I enjoyed a wonderful dinner with **Vincent Bruno** and his wife in Sarasota. Vin is having some difficulty walking, but he still gets out and exercises regularly. **Paul Cataldo** is well and is enjoying watching his grandsons playing ice hockey. Carroll and I continue to split our time between Sarasota and our home on the slopes of the Bromley Mountain Ski Resort. We will have our entire family and two ‘granddogs’ with us during the Christmas holiday. We enjoyed a few days at the lovely home of **Don** and **Karen Stokes**. Fortunately, Karen is a gourmet chef. Don is working hard driving to a neighborhood store to pick up *The New York Times*. He manages to return home by himself after 27 minutes. They have a pool, but for some unknown reason, Don avoids it.”

Mel and **Noreen Tews** stopped traveling, but their children have been visiting them. Mel stopped sailing for health reasons. He also ceased playing pickleball because of bad knees. However, he still plays golf. He and Noreen enjoy going to live theater in Bradenton.

Fred Baird is well and heading toward his 89th birthday. He is in better shape than I am despite being three years older than I am. Fred enjoyed his 70th reunion at Deerfield Academy.

Judge **Jim Kenefick** survived COVID and continues to sit on the bench in New Haven, Connecticut. He recently was blessed with twin grandchildren. He expects 30 for Christmas dinner.

From **Dave Murray**: “I'm busy with aviation and sailing. I also am a member of the Sons of the American Revolution. I play scrabble on Thursday and 18 holes of golf on Friday.”

From the Alumni Office: **H. Dyke N. Spear Jr.** writes, “On September 1, 2023, I shut down my solo law practice that I had maintained and promoted for 63 years. During these 63 years, I handled over 2,000 legal matters. Some were relatively small, others attracted media attention including front-page newspaper coverage.

“In April of 1961, I launched a parallel show business career as a concert and theatrical impresario throughout the United States and Canada, presenting such artists

as Ray Charles, Simon & Garfunkel, Maurice Chevalier, The Righteous Brothers, Louis Armstrong, and many more. Additionally, we went into over 300 cities with 20 different Broadway productions, including *A Chorus Line*, *My Fair Lady*, *Grease*, *Hair*, *42nd Street*, and 15 more. The 130-city tour of *Oh! Calcutta!*, the most controversial show in American show business history, set off a firestorm of controversy because of its nudity and subject matter. We went into litigation in 29 of the 130 cities. There were warrants for my arrest in Atlanta, Georgia, and Fort Smith, Arkansas. We never lost a case, and I was never arrested.

“When show business activities petered out, I put together a lecture on the UFO phenomenon and booked myself into 55 cities, going as far west as Aspen, Colorado. The lecture tour was the product of the lecture I did for my 50th Reunion in the physics auditorium. It attracted a capacity audience and was among the best attended of the nine lectures presented that weekend. Because of the feedback received from my classmates and others, I became motivated to lecture around America.

“I credit Trinity with nurturing my ability to always be self-employed and entrepreneurial and to enjoy three different career opportunities. The law practice and my lectures paid the bills. Show business made my fortune. It was never easy. If it was easy, everybody would do it. My life was always exciting and very rewarding in that I was able to do some charitable things and bring enjoyment to over 1½ million of my audience patrons. To Trinity I will always be grateful for the opportunities granted me by my Trinity education, Phi Kappa Psi experience, and extracurricular activities in which I participated.”

1958 President: Gary L. Bogli • Vice President: Mike Zoob • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Gary L. Bogli, Joseph J. Repole Jr., Edward B. Speno

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

It is the month of June 2024. Our 65th Reunion is upon us, and we will soon be welcomed by classmates including **Charlie Beristain, Bob Harnish, Paul Kardon, Shep Scheinberg, Bill Abeles, Charlie Nichols, Mike**

Palmer, Bob Coykendall, Arne Englehart, Len Baskin, Jon Widing, and yours truly!

For those who were unable to travel to Reunion, let us hear from you so we can keep you up-to-date on the latest news.

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

The Class of '60—now lurching past the midpoint of its eighth decade—continues to stay active and do exciting things. **Matt Levine** is a good example, planning for a spring trip to Portugal and Spain and then a return to California via the island of Manhattan, where he hopes to catch a few plays and maybe a museum or two. I've been in touch with **Ken Lyons** over the past several months, who is ecstatic over Trinity's basketball team, which is 19–0 as of this writing and ranked nationally in Division III. Kenny also is expecting his first great-grandson.

Bob Lockwood reports he's finished his 13th and final novel, *Delivering the Lotus*, and continues to spend time between Water Mill, Long Island, and Stuart, Florida. Bob retired as counsel to the Senate Judiciary Committee. Another Florida resident is **John Flynn**, who resides in Ponte Vedra.

Our fearless class president, **George Kroh**, continues his aggressive travel schedule with lovely wife Carolyn, including trips to Bilbao, Spain, then on to Omaha Beach in France, and then to London with a side trip to the Cotswolds. If that wasn't enough, the Krohs spent time in Chatham on the Cape and a 10-day cruise from Newport, Rhode Island, to Nantucket and Martha's Vineyard. The Energizer bunny has nothing on George.

Got the usual nice note from **Marv Peterson**, who took the whole family to Akumal, Mexico, to celebrate Marv's and Sarah's 85th birthday. Lots of eating and drinking were the order of the day with a visit to a discotheque that featured karaoke. Marv's daughters Jessica and Julia were hits of the show. Unfortunately, back in California, Sarah fell and broke her hip. Hopefully she is recovering and out and about. Heard from **Skip Morse**, who had a very enjoyable lunch with classmate **Carrington Clark** and wife Linda at Essex Meadows in Connecticut. Lots of reminiscing and a promise to visit the Clarks' winter home in Palm Springs.

Lastly, I've had some nice recent conversations with **Ernie Haddad, Ray Beech, and Bob**

Johnson. Nothing earth-shattering to report, but all seemed quite upbeat and content.

1961 Co-President: Peter H. Kreisel • Co-President: Vincent R. Stempien • Secretary: William Kirtz, william.kirtz.1961@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: George P. Lynch Jr., Vincent R. Stempien, Douglas T. Tansill

Our dedicated class agents—**George Lynch, Vin Stempien**, and **Doug Tansill**—send this fundraising news: “At the start of the fiscal year, we set a goal to raise \$125,000 for the Trinity College Fund and to reach 56 percent participation. To date, our class has raised \$23,050 in unrestricted gifts and pledges, and our participation rate stands at 32 percent. We are on our way, and we cannot do it without you! Thank you to everyone who has made a gift.” Anyone who hasn't yet done so can go to www.trincoll.edu/GiveOnline.

Phil Carter and **Bill Cressey** are among classmates recently settled into retirement communities. Phil, at Linden Ponds in Hingham, Massachusetts, writes, “Along with independent living, i.e. apartment living, there are facilities for medical care for assisted living and a full nursing home if/when that type of care is needed for residents. Fortunately, my general health is very good at age 85, and I am enjoying meeting new people in the community and making many friends to share this phase of my life. Life is good!”

Bill reports, “Gina and I have moved to a senior living community—Evergreen Woods in North Branford, about 20 minutes east of New Haven. It's a great place to live with many activities every day, good food served mostly a la carte, and plenty of age-mates with whom to enjoy the good times and kvetch about the issues we're all facing at this stage of our lives. Happy to show any old Bantams around if you think you might be interested.”

Carl Zimmerman spent a December weekend on campus for the annual Festival of Lessons and Carols. “Having sung in the Chapel Choir for the first three of those services as an undergraduate, this time I was one of the readers for the 4:00 p.m. service. It was also a great joy to be back in the building where I spent so much time many years ago. Clarence Watters trained me to be precentor for the Evensong services, and Bob Olton '59 taught me to play the carillon, which I did as assistant carillonneur of the College for three years. Church music and the carillon have been significant parts of my life ever since.”



Vic Keen '63 and Charlie McGill '63 meet in October 2023 during their induction to Trinity's Wall of Honor.

On the offspring front, **Bob Woodward** was awaiting the birth of his first great-grandchild, while **Curt Turner** welcomed his first grandchild at 83. At 84, your humble scribe may be the class's oldest first-time grampa. At least she's in diapers before me.

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

Well, here we are near the middle of 2024! This post-COVID period seems to have energized several of us to fulfill pent-up urges to travel to places near but mostly far.

Guy Anderson has perhaps gone the farthest and more frequent, first taking a National Geographic Expedition to Antarctica and South Georgia Island, during which he met Frank Fitzgerald '82, where the two spent much time discussing the benefits of the Trinity experience and the changes over the years. Guy notes that, during summer 2022, he and wife Barbara had the opportunity to experience another exciting and enlightening expedition—the Northwest Passage from Greenland to Nome, Alaska.

Alan Coyne writes that he and wife Deanna spent two months in Asia, in Japan with their son, Andy, and his wife, Andrea, then onward to Beijing to meet up with Andrea's parents, who were visiting from Mexico. Then they went as a group to Taiwan with their two grandsons, who speak English, Spanish, and French, but he notes that his own language skills didn't keep up, finding that after six years of French in prep school and at Trinity, every time he tried his French, every third word came out in Spanish. In China, he

found himself answering a store clerk (who was speaking Mandarin) in Spanish. He also spoke about incredible skyscrapers and cleanliness in all cities, the appearance of strong economies, the large percentage of electric vehicles everywhere, and the amount of English spoken and in signage. Alan noted that their return to South Carolina continued westward, via Istanbul and New York, earning them hollering rights to having "gone around the world."

Bill Chase says that, after 41 years working for the same company, he is officially retired! He sadly notes that his wife, Katie, passed away some years ago. But he moved into another relationship (with a lady named Julia), now for eight years. She still works in New York City as a personal finance adviser for a website, and their lives together include experiencing many cultural and culinary aspects (the New York Philharmonic, The Met, and more), other N.Y.C. experiences, and new friends. They share several locations, including his home in Westport, Connecticut, and Katie's home in Germantown, New York (on the Hudson River across from the Catskills). Bill says he enjoys good food there, experiencing the Hudson Valley's heritage, and with new scenery to learn. Bill notes that he and his family own a farm in Wisconsin, formerly dairy but now crops (corn, wheat, alfalfa, and soy beans). The farm has been in the Chase family for almost 150 years! Bill also says that he and Julia attended a recent Trinity Reunion. Julia's granddaughter, Nicole Lustig Pasternak '12, also attended, it being her 5th Reunion, and he's looking forward to our next Class of '62 Reunion (in 2027). Bill notes the pleasure of enjoying being a grandparent to two teenagers (boy and girl). In Westport, he is in the choir at his parish, Green's Farm Church, also doing archival work for the parish and the Westport Museum for History and Culture, involving documents that date as far back as the late 1600s.

And as your class co-secretary, I, **John Densem**, also am wasting no time, post-COVID, getting back to traveling. Right after Thanksgiving, I took Canada's VIA Rail's train, The Canadian, again, from Vancouver to Toronto. This turned out to be an almost private journey, as there were only about 20 folks in sleeper class and five in coach. By the time you read this, I will have been back to Australia and New Zealand in March (this time for more than three weeks total), with a most interesting return trip home,

from Auckland via Fiji, Christmas Island (refueling), Honolulu, and then ending up in San Francisco. In February, I "sold up" and moved into a retirement community, but I still live independently.

Finally, **Jack Kapouch** sent word of his joy in singing in his parish's choir, St. Peter Claver in West Hartford, whose music director has many Broadway credits and was music director for a time for *Phantom of the Opera*. (If you're in the Hartford area, look for their next concert this coming Christmastide.)

1963 President: **Timothy F. Lenicheck** • Vice President: **Mike Schulenberg** • Secretary: **Thomas E. Calabrese, thomas.calabrese.1963@trincoll.edu** • Class Agents: **William C. Howland, Scott Reynolds**

The memory of another successful Homecoming for our great class is a happy one. We had a good turnout with a number of '63ers and our Class of '63 Scholars. A highlight took place at our traditional Hamlin Hall dinner with meaningful reflection on our scholars program by our first scholar, Tony Canata '93. Also, two class members, with their spouses, were added to the Wall of Honor in recognition of their significant contributions to Trinity: Jeanne Ruddy Keen and **Victor F. Keen** and Patricia C. and **Charles H. McGill III** joined **Gary Knisely, Jim Tozer, Marshall Blume, and Scott Reynolds**, other '63ers on the wall.

Bob Anning writes, "My grandson, Charlie Mullin, will enter Trinity this fall, joining his older brother, Harrison '25, who will be a senior. They represent the third generation of our family attending Trinity, preceded by their parents Betsy (Anning) Mullin '95 and Harrison Mullin '95, preceded by father and grandfather **Bob Anning**. Fortunately, neither inherited the athletic 'prowess' of their grandfather and have excelled in a variety of sports, following in the footsteps of their parents. Harrison was captain of Trinity squash. Charlie captained his Division III high school golf team that won the 2022 Ohio State Championship and was number three in the state individually. Last year he was eighth individually. Trinity was his number one choice, which greatly pleased his grandfather. We have direct Cincinnati-Hartford flights on Breeze Airways, which will greatly improve my attendance at Trinity events."

Tim Lenicheck writes, "The process of identifying potential additions to our Class of

1963 Scholars roster will begin in February, and the scholarships are novel to our class and will be our legacy and how we will be chiefly remembered. For those involved in the sifting and winnowing, there is a certain amount of remembrance of hoping for acceptances and dreading rejections, something that has transcended the enormous changes that have occurred in the world and here at home. Our monthly Zoom sessions have been attended by over a dozen different classmates (and class widows) and have been a great way to exchange news and preempt the Class Notes every [four] months in *The Trinity Reporter*. Everyone gets emailed notice of the Zoom sessions and an invitation, so why not tune in?"

Stan Marcuss notes, "Rosemary and I hosted a dinner at our home for the current Class of '63 Scholars on February 23 on their trip to Washington led by Trinna Larsen '20 and Sam McCarthy '21, their Class of '63 Scholar escorts to D.C. Rosemary and I were impressed beyond words with the promise that the current scholars exhibit and the leadership provided by Trinna and Sam. Also, I will be participating at the end of March with Garth Myers, director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies, in an open-to-all-alumni Zoom discussion on urban studies at Trinity and the impact of the fellowship on urban studies that Rosemary and I have established."

Jim Tozer writes, "The Class of 1963 Scholarship Committee of **Bob Bordogna**, **Vic Keen**, **Bill Howland**, **Jim Tozer**, and **Jack Waggett**; alumni Scholars Tony Canata '93, Ernie Anguilla '99, Brett Jackson '09, Shaina Lo '15, and Mohammad Zeb '21; plus Dylan Spagnuolo '17, **Tim Lenicheck**, and Class of 1963 Fellow Gabe Hornung '07 met on February 12 with Matt Hyde, dean of admissions and financial aid, kicking off the process of selecting and recruiting the 44th and 45th classes of 1963 Scholars."

From **Eli Karson**: "After 58 years of marriage, the passing of my beloved Nancy last year left a big hole. At the Tucson memorial, Dan Strammiello '64 and TX brother John Pearson '64 attended. Although I love the home I built in the desert outside Tucson, in dealing with the void, I was soon compelled to escape via visits to friends and family. The first was a trip to Greece with my grandchildren in May to reunite with three of my surviving first cousins. This included driving to Georgia, where I enjoyed the hospitality of Tevie and **Tom Fraser**. Unfortunately, the trip coincided with our

60th Reunion and since my departure and return was from Atlanta, I had to drive back to Tucson making a brief stop in Stillwater, Oklahoma, to see an old U.S. Air Force pal and his wife. In October, I hung with Dan for a week at his time-share in Dillon, Colorado. I reciprocated when he came down for a long weekend in Tucson. Year-end activities involved estate planning finalization and a visit from my son, Jason, who lives in North Georgia. In January, I spent 11 days in Florida with Nancy's nephew and spouse and one of my cousins and enjoyed wonderful luncheons with Sandy and **Starr Brinckerhoff** and then Fe and **Bob Booth**. Then I headed for Hawaii to see my frosh roommate and TX brother, **Rich Wheelock**, and his lovely wife, Lisa. In March, I will rendezvous with Jason in New Orleans to spend a weekend at the World War II Museum, an item on my bucket list. A return to Greece will be at the convenience of my cousin Maira and her husband, Niko. On the personal side, I have lost two inches in height and over 20 pounds, and I am finally buying clothes that fit. I have downsized in other ways, living in half the house so the bedroom wing has two en suite guest quarters. I welcome guests, and all I ask is sufficient advance notice to assure proper preparation."

After decades of being 50-plus pounds overweight thanks to being incapable of mealtime restraint, I decided at 228 pounds in summer 2021 that the only solution would be fewer meals, i.e., only one eat-anything-you-want meal a day. I celebrated my 83rd birthday down 55 pounds to 173. Another note: Homecoming will be October 25–27; save the dates.

More from **Stan Marcuss**: "The winter 2024 *Reporter* contains a full-page profile of **Tom Calabrese** (page 8) as its 'Volunteer Spotlight' and a piece by **Tim Lenicheck** (page 17) about his 'favorite place on campus.' The *Reporter* is smart to recognize these guys for what they mean to us and the College."

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bring you these exciting three days. My sincere request is that all of our 197 classmates attend. The class record is 44 attendees for a 60th Reunion, by the way. You also should be aware of forthcoming pleadings from Steve and others for a Reunion gift. For our 50th, our class goal was exceeded significantly. As for yours truly, I am in daily touch with **Tim Lenicheck** '63, who sends me his erudite postings on geopolitical events. **Tom Monahan** (who lives down the road) and yours truly get together occasionally to share his autumn travels to attend Big 12 and Southeastern Conference football games. I always wonder why when Hartford is an hour's drive away. No matter as Trinity football is doing just fine."

1965 President: **David O. Williams** • Vice President: **Jon D. Simonian** • Class Agent: **Robert H. Mason**

1966 President: **Randolph M. "Randy" Lee** • Secretary: **Randolph M. "Randy" Lee**, randolph.lee@trincoll.edu • Class Agent: **Joseph A. Hourihan** Greetings, '66ers. I hope winter treated you kindly, but of course, kindly means different things to different people! Your secretary spent most of his winter relocating from Connecticut to California. After retiring last June, I moved into a great two-family house in La Mesa with my middle daughter, son-in-law, and one of my two granddaughters. Still getting used to the change in climate and still miss fall color, spring buds, and yes, even snow, but I'll work at it!

Understandably, I'm not the only retiree in the class. **Jim Shepard** retires this May after 45 years of practicing medicine at Penn. He and Leslie plan to move back to Cape Cod and writes that he'll miss the City of Brotherly Love but looks forward to some free time.

Scott Sutherland writes that he and wife Terry "moved to Boynton Beach, Florida, in 2020, [and] this past summer, Terry and I continued our program of returning to Newburyport, Massachusetts, and Bradley Lake in New Hampshire to visit family and friends for the months of July and August, when Florida is a bit warm (unbearable!). In September, we did a great small boat trip, island hopping along the Croatian coast from Dubrovnik to Split. The Adriatic has the clearest water I have ever experienced! Then we stopped in the Cotswolds for a few days on the way home. What a beautiful area. Now home, we are playing golf regularly

and enjoying our kids' and grandkids' visits to Florida, most of whom are golfers and love visiting."

Another retiree, **Henry Heffner**, tells us that he and his "wife are both officially retired (emeritus) from the University of Toledo but are each teaching an online course as our department is shorthanded. We have been trying to move from Toledo out to our farm in Yates Center, Kansas (the farm is run by our oldest son). My wife designed and built our home out there, so the largest room is the kitchen."

Rich Charney is a retired urologist living in a ranch house in the Philadelphia suburb of Rydal "with my wife, Carole. I enjoy being retired and am finally able to sleep late and have time to exercise. We have been to Ireland, Portugal, Italy, and France and are looking forward to a theater trip to London aboard the *Queen Mary 2* in May. We are also planning a trip to Southeast Asia in December. We have grandchildren in our area and in Michigan, Vermont, and California. We attend online presentations and in-person concerts and plays. I also belong to the Ivyland Fire Company Station 62 (but am not a firefighter)."

Bill Roos and husband Scott are well but had an eventful year. Both are OK, but Scott broke a hip walking Bill's daughter's dog, and Bill had both hips replaced last spring (a story I can relate to). Despite all of this, both are still working and are planning a trip to Spain this spring to visit Bill's grandson studying there for his junior year at Brown.

Bob Dunn updates us on several classmates: "Last October, I popped over from Santa Fe to visit **Bill Brachman** in Scottsdale. We attended a World Series game, went to a country music bar, and just enjoyed our time together. Scottsdale fits him to a tee with all the available concerts, sporting events, and restaurants. Bob Camp '65 drove down from Aspen last summer to visit. Always good to see the swimming champion!"

Dan Waterman shares this story: "While hiking several months ago in Morocco with a group from Vermont, I began talking with a fellow hiker, an 84-year-old retired businessman. We had more in common than we expected. He had graduated Trinity in 1962, and when we spoke about fraternity life, it just happened that we had both been in Alpha Chi Rho. We live in a very small state where everyone knows everyone else, but of all places to discover a fellow 'traveler' from the '60s! On another note, another fraternity brother, **David Charlesworth**, and I had

reconnected years ago after a long hiatus, and after our meetings for lunch and phone calls toward the end of his life, I appreciated once again the link to Trinity. As we all get older, while we are supposed to live for the present, memories of the past take a more center stage. Not a week goes by without remembering David and many of the other classmates with whom I have lost contact."

Finally, thanks to so many of you who responded after my computer crash. If you're in Southern California, give me a call. Keep the emails coming, and begin to plan for 2026. Let's make it the biggest 60th Reunion in Trinity history!

1967 **President: Charles Kurz II** • **Vice President: Alan S.**

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I'd like to thank all of you who answered my plea for information about your lives post-COVID. Keep up the good work.

It was a pleasure to hear from **Link Keur** (a fellow Northam Tower resident freshman year). He spent 43 years teaching math and computer science while coaching basketball, football, and baseball. He also worked with **Steve Griggs** at Newark Academy for several years. He has four children and two young grandchildren. "Sorry I missed our 55th Reunion, but I plan to be back at Trinity for our 60th."

And speaking of **Steve Griggs**, he was inducted into the Connecticut Soccer Hall of Fame in January for his 18 years at Yale, where his teams compiled a 143-110-21 record. Steve also coached the Yale tennis team for many years. Pickleball is his game now.

Bob Tuttle is a genuine snowbird. He spends much of the winter in Naples, Florida, where he attends the Trinity Club of Southwest Florida monthly luncheons and lectures. The Tuttle family has begun traveling again post-COVID. They started in Northern Spain. "In Santiago de Compostela, we walked the way of Saint James, albeit for only one mile. We went to Bilbao, where we visited the Guggenheim and saw the start of the Tour de France. Art, jazz, and great food were all present at both venues."

Rich Ratzan writes that he and wife Susan are finally fully retired. He's keeping busy writing and expects to publish his third book soon. "The loss of close friends to COVID and/or the flu was difficult. But I have no

complaints. You only have to work in a very busy urban, level one trauma center, and you realize that sore knees and a bad back are kid's stuff. Big picture—life is good!"

Rob Boas and Susan planned to visit southern India this spring. Pre-COVID Rob and Susan traveled a lot. Then, like many of us, everything was put on hold. Now, their "theory is that we need to do exotic travel as long as we are able to do it."

Gil Campbell served as best man at his younger brother Curt's wedding. "Curt is 20 months younger than I, and his bride is younger than our daughter Emily! We all danced until midnight. At 78 years of age, we still have enough energy to party." Children and grandchildren visit them in Hilton Head most summers to swim, parasail, and whale watch.

I know that many of you are anxiously awaiting news of our granddaughter Dovie Leigh O'Connor. By the time you read this, she will be 6. She has inherited her grandmother's outspoken opinionating (is that a real word?) and ability to always get the last word in. She also is cute as a button and a budding fashionista.

1968 **President: Paul H. Jones** • **Vice President: Michael**

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Barry Bedrick • **Class Ambassadors: Emil**

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Richard Coyle, 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

Walt Harrison was coaxed out of an active retirement to return to full-time work as interim president and CEO of the Jewish Community Foundation of Greater Hartford. He remains a Trinity trustee and wrote a wonderful reflection for the Bicentennial, "The Only Constant is Change," available on the College's website. It points to history repeating itself, to ways in which the College has changed, and to Walt's hopes for the future of education at Trinity. Not busy enough, Walt moderated a Virtual Long Walk program in January on the future of access to higher education.

Walt joined **Mike Lestz** in taking three of our '68 Scholars to dinner. Mike and Walt report that our scholars are flourishing. Julia Cheeseman '24 is writing her senior thesis in

environmental science analyzing the magnetic properties of soil samples from western Iowa as a way to measure erosion. Anupam Khargharia '26 is excelling in his computer science major, and Jamila Hussaini '27, who has not yet declared a major, has added boxing to her extracurricular activities! (Emma Markowski '25 did not join; she was studying abroad.) By the time this is published, we will have had our scholars join a class webinar, and a recording of it should be on our class website.

Not content to be a political hobbyist and just bemoan the perverse influence of money on politics, **John Vail**, a New Hampshire resident, ran in the Democratic Party presidential primary there. His platform was straightforward: get money out of politics—don't vote for me, as I am not qualified, but a vote for me demonstrates your position on the issue. Of 22 candidates on the ballot, John came in sixth. Not bad for a one-issue candidate who admitted to being unqualified for the job.

Your secretary and Donna spent three wonderful days in Santa Fe visiting **Stu Bluestone** and wife Judy. It was a joy to reconnect. Stu is retired from the New Mexico Attorney General office, where he served in numerous top-level positions, including chief of staff to the attorney general. Stu remains active in legal issues, and when we were there, he participated in a hearing for the young man for whom he has served as an advocate as part of the CASA program. The highlight of our visit was a hike in Plaza Blanca in Abiquiu, New Mexico, a cliff-lined area.

Bill Danks took what might be referred to as a back-to-the-future trip. In January, Bill and wife Noblet returned to their Peace Corps village on the Altiplano of Bolivia. The Aymara people have running water, electricity, and a four-lane road passing through town, but when Bill walked into the hills to visit old friends in the village, it looked the same as 50 years ago. Bill reports that the best part of the trip was that their daughter, son-in-law, and granddaughters joined them, getting to know those with whom he had interacted. Bill reports being moved by seeing so many people of different generations and different languages interacting so genuinely: "Two cultures were bridged, and people were looking at each other as real human beings. It was almost like Peace Corps playing itself out all over again." What a wonderful visit to the past and present and a fabulous legacy to pass along to future generations.

In a similar vein of revisiting meaningful places and experiences, **T. John Hughes** gathered with four of his fellow Vista volunteers for a trip to Costa Rica and also spent a weekend at the home of Pete Hershey '69 nestled in Penn's Woods outside of Reading. T. John reports, "It was a get-together of our four college roommates, including **Walt Harrison** and **Emil Angelica**. Among the highlights were a tour focused on author John Updike and a humbling confrontation with an automatic baseball pitching machine."

Warmer climates also attracted **Rod Cook**, who, with husband Charlie Brown, spent several months of the winter in and around Puerto Vallarta, Mexico. It has become the routine for them to spend a good part of the winter in Mexico, a routine also adopted by **Stu Bluestone** and Judy.

Sometimes it is not the weather but family that induces travel or actually moving. **Lew Goverman** and wife Diane sold their beautiful mountain home outside Asheville, North Carolina, and moved to Lancaster, Pennsylvania, to be near their daughter Laurel and family, which includes a 2-year-old grandson. (Lew believes he is a contender for oldest first-time grandpa in our class.) They look forward to proximity to family and to the "late-life carefree existence" at the Willow Valley Communities, for which they needed to pass a Marine-like physical entrance exam to join!

Ben Jaffee and **Rich Weingarten** traveled to Trinity in January to watch the men's and women's squash teams defeat Harvard. True to our commitment to our '68 Scholars, they took Jamila Hussaini '27 with them. As of this writing (and hopefully not a jinx), the Trinity squash teams are ranked No. 1 in the country. Rich has kept his TV interview program going, dealing with cutting-edge issues of the day. One example was "Our Democratic Institutions Are Holding Up—So Far," with Trinity's John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science Kevin McMahon as his guest.

Keep the updates flowing. These notes are a great way to stay abreast of what classmates are doing. And when space permits, I will tell some of the tales of serendipity from our 55th Reunion.

From the Alumni Office: **Robert Glassman** reports that "with the arrival of the pandemic, I retired from teaching cardiology fellows as well as over 40 years of practicing cardiology. We live in Charlotte, North Carolina, enjoying our three young grandsons. Louise and I were fortunate to finally

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make a long-planned visit in June to Israel, where among other joys we reconnected with my first cousin whom I'd not seen in 45 years. Shortly before the trip, Louise (who, speaking of cousins, is **Bennett Jaffee's** second cousin) and I were blessed to celebrate our 51st wedding anniversary."

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As these notes are being published, members of the Class of 1969 are returning to campus for our 55th Reunion.

Michael Beautyman writes, "I am proud to announce the birth of my first grandchild, Silas Victor Beautyman, son of Commander Michael Beautyman Jr., U.S. Navy, and Lauren Spink. In other news, the Beautyman Cup, pitting the World Team's top-ranked tennis players against the top-ranked U.S. players will take place November 3–8, 2024, at the Broken Sound Club in Boca Raton, Florida. Spectators welcome."

Scott Haskell and **Peter Maxson** met in Boston to see the John Singer Sargent exhibition.

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I frequently reminisce on my postgraduate mission for Trinity to Makerere University, Kampala, Uganda, East Africa's oldest continuously active university from 1922, and wonder if it had been worth it. The winter 2024 edition of the *Reporter* gave me my answer.

Spring vacation of sophomore year, some 15 students, friends, teachers, and I joined

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Mike Campo '48 and Borden Painter '58 on an unforgettable trip to Italy, which had a corollary goal to locate a Trinity campus abroad. We wondered at the glories of ancient civilizations and vistas beyond our wildest imagination. They planted a seed to be nourished by our college experience.

Hence when, at the end of our senior year, I learned of a communication Chaplain Tull received from Chaplain Nabeta of Makerere inquiring of a student exchange with Trinity, I offered to President Lockwood to engage my "on-site" services. He agreed; a round-trip plane ticket, nothing more. A student at the University of Hartford from Kampala whose brother was studying law at Makerere saw the article in the *Courant*. That got me introduced to the right person when I arrived in September 1971 to arrange a room at graduate housing and board at the student dining room (\$100/month summer savings), plus permission to audit courses in East African political science (fascinating experiment with capitalist Kenya, socialist Tanzania, and mixed economy Uganda) and the history of the cultures and ethnic groups of East Africa.

The hospitality of my university friends and their families was boundless and culturally enriching as my negotiations ensued. Yet the clouds of a foreboding future arrived when Idi Amin masterminded a coup d'état in February 1971. In March, with the exchange a "go" and the second semester winding down, I purchased a one-way fare on a triple-decked ferryboat across Lake Victoria to Kenya, proceeded across the Rift Valley to Mombasa and then north and eventually home. One of the first two Trinity students to enroll at Makerere was

Rod Jacobsen '73, who devoted his junior year to study African traditional religion and philosophy. In a winter '24 *Reporter* Q&A, he described that year in Uganda and his contributions to humanity: "that year changed my life forever."

Wow. When I saw Rod's words, the realization that I had played a part in changing the life of such a virtuous human being forever was profound. It added a deeply meaningful perspective to my idealistic quest. I knew Rod when he was young and impressionable, sharing friends and adventures. He was an empathetic, kind, caring, and sensitive student. He worked for the ultimate benefit of mankind. The praise heaped upon him is totally deserved. By the way, our fathers were World War II Trinity grads, his '42 and mine '43, who successfully urged us to take courses with George Cooper. We know that the phenomenal spirit and joy of the good and creative people of Uganda eventually will overcome difficulties brought upon it by political misfortunes that caused the abrupt interruption of the program with Trinity and many other setbacks to the country.

Next to Trinity's Bicentennial celebrations and its early connection with West Africa. On November 18, 2023, our campus welcomed the Institute for Cross-Cultural and Transformative Education (ICUTE), founded and directed by Trinity trustee emeritus Benjamin Foster Jr. '71. Ben personally invited me to the occasion. The all-day event was in memory of the Reverend Edward Jones, the first African American to receive a degree from Trinity College. As keynote speaker, President Joanne Berger-Sweeney did extensive research not only on the life of Edward Jones but also on James Williams, who had escaped slavery to work for Bishop Brownell and his family about the time he founded Washington College. Williams was much beloved by the students, who admiringly gave him the title professor of locks and keys. Jones, the recipient of a master's degree from Trinity in 1830, came to Connecticut for a career as an Episcopal missionary and educator. He immigrated to Liberia, then Sierra Leone in 1831 to serve as a schoolmaster, then first black principal (president) of Fourah Bay Institution from 1841 to 1858. Fourah Bay, originally an Anglican missionary school, became a degree-granting institution in 1876. Its graduates included the first African bishop of the Anglican church, Samuel Ajayi Crowther.

After our president shared her well-researched presentation, Ben officiated over

distribution of awards to seven individuals who have contributed immensely to further cross-cultural and transformative education among the Trinity community and Greater Hartford. The first recipient was Cornelia Parsons Thornburgh '80, who chaired Trinity's board from 2014 through 2021 and served on the search committee that brought us President Berger-Sweeney. Next was John Charles Norman '62 (M.A. and Ph.D., University of Connecticut), who received a full academic scholarship to Trinity and was elected class alumni president.

What was especially memorable was the way each awardee revered Ben. He enabled me to witness the admiration he has received from his role in nurturing such accomplished state representatives, physicians, athletes, and education administrators who have had a huge impact on Connecticut and its educational infrastructure.

Theresa Kidd, director of Reunion giving, is working with our 50th Reunion Committee to combine our 55th with the Classes of 1971 and 1972, who want to be with us. The enthusiasm is circulating in all directions.

Joe Barkley has been a commissioner in the city of Belleair Bluffs, Florida, since 2009. He invited us to stop by the "biggest little city around" to say hi.

Dave Clayman grieves the loss of Dave Winer, who was his main connection with our class. He enjoyed giving a lecture for the Psychology Department at Trinity recently.

Ernie Mattei and son Dave '03 presented the Class of 2023 with a senior class gift challenge of \$10,000 if 50 percent participation was achieved. It exceeded the goal!

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For **Ben Foster**, 2023 was a banner year. At the Trinity Commencement in May, he presented his youngest son, Suliman Samuel, with a master's degree in public policy. In November, Ben provided leadership for an event commemorating the Reverend Edward Jones, the recipient in 1830 of a master's degree from Trinity. As a student, Ben had learned about him from Peter Knapp, the late archivist, and he was helpful finding sponsorship for this celebration. The activities included workshops on the Gullah culture of South Carolina, where Jones was born

and reared. The luncheon keynote speaker was President Joanne Berger-Sweeney. Awards were presented by **Marshall Garrison** and Jeffrey Coleman '01 to citizens from throughout Connecticut and the nation who have made outstanding contributions to their communities or field of endeavor. Recipients included Cornelia P. Thornburgh '80 and John C. Norman '62. The program was livestreamed in honor of supporter and late interim president of Temple University JoAnne Epps '73. Classmate **Howie Greenblatt** attended.

Before Christmas, **Philip Khoury, Bill Reynolds,** and Peter Blum '72 revived their oyster fest tradition at a Cambridge seafood restaurant with Trinity alumni, including classmates **Keith Funston, Nick Booth, Bill Sartorelli, Sheldon Crosby,** and **David Sample.** They reflected on our rapidly approaching semiseculentennial, which produced a litany of physical ailments, surgical procedures, and recovery times. Phil adds, "I hope to see some of you at the remaining events commemorating Trinity's Bicentennial."

Bill Reynolds enjoyed "a total Trinity holiday season!" at Hartford Golf Club's Christmas party followed by a New Year's Eve dinner with Alden Gordon '69 and his wife.

Ann Carroll Harris traveled to the Galapagos Islands before Thanksgiving. "What a unique and interesting place that is! There are many worries about the coming impact of El Niño and warming waters and lots of rain, but while we were there, the weather was perfect, and we saw birds and wildlife as advertised. Truly a once-in-a-lifetime experience and a tribute to the people of Ecuador who have worked tirelessly to protect it."

Alan Marchisotto and his wife spent January on a trip to New Zealand and other spots in the South Pacific with Ede Gibbons Conyers '77 and husband Jeffrey. Closer to home, they will travel to Wells College, where Mary Jane will receive a distinguished alumna award. Alan continues to oversee legal and risk matters and serves on an outside insurance board.

David Pumphrey had the opportunity to visit Mérida, Yucatán, where he spent two weeks with old friends. Mérida has become a mecca for an expatriate community of retired East and West Coast professionals. "It was a treat to escape my too-familiar comfort zone."

Anne Pomeroy Dixon lives in Folly Beach, South Carolina, where she serves on a condo board and sews, quilts, paints, and keeps fit

by going to the gym. She looks forward to a cruise to England this spring.

Tom Weiner has co-authored his fourth book, *In Defiance: Lives that Mattered in the Struggle for Justice and Equality Before the Civil War*, and also has written *The Original*, a children's book about the first Black professional basketball player, Bucky Lew, in 1902. He continues workshops, "Developing Healthy Boys," for preschool educators and recently gave a keynote address at the Vermont Early Childhood Conference.

Nigel Back reflected on his arrival in New York City on the *Queen Mary* before heading to Trinity as a naïve 18-year-old. "The highlight of my campus life was being a part of the Trinity Pipes with road trips to Smith, Vassar, Mount Holyoke, and Florida! The Trinity experience was a wonderful time for me. It left me with a real understanding of my fellow students and the American people. Nowadays, I share my luck with my lovely wife, three grown children, and two grandchildren. My life is a rich tapestry of interests. I'm looking forward to seeing **Ward Godsall**, my freshman roommate, when he and Cathleen come to the U.K. in the spring."

Spencer Knapp and his wife visited Jordan last November just after Gaza erupted. "The Jordanians were warm and welcoming, and we enjoyed amazing culture, history, and landscapes. Shortly after our return to Vermont, three Palestinian college students, one from Trinity, were shot in our neighborhood while wearing kaffiyehs. A terrible tragedy so close to home. President Berger-Sweeney wrote thoughtfully to the Trinity community about these horrible events. I have kept in contact with **David Green**, who has shared his extensive knowledge on the Palestine situation, providing a valued perspective."

Lou Slocum wrote of a getaway to Europe with partner Sandi, where they celebrated her birthday at the Eiffel Tower and were treated to a tour of the Louvre. They explored Porto and Douro Valley in France and stayed on a houseboat in Amsterdam. Next was Oktoberfest in Munich and a tour of Neuschwanstein Castle. They enjoyed spectacular views near the shores of Lake Geneva and Lake Lucerne and from Zermatt near the Matterhorn. They visited the world's oldest surviving truss bridge and the tallest church in the world. In Stuttgart, they toured the Porsche Museum.

Bev Nelson Elder lives near Urubamba, Peru, where she has kept busy with such remarkable feats as "climbing to 13,500

feet on a mountain above my house to witness a roundup and shearing of a herd of vicuñas and going downstream into high jungle to ride in a launch on the Urubamba River as it flows to the Amazon through a narrow gorge." In January, she celebrated her diamond jubilee with her daughter in Massachusetts.

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 Greetings! It was nice to hear from some new voices for this issue.

I spoke with **John Moses**, formerly known as "Chubby" (he hasn't been a "Chubby" for a long, long time). Having his priorities in order, John is in South Carolina to be close to his three grandchildren. He writes, "The Outerspace Band, still looking forward, refuses to be put out to pasture. Returning to its adopted state of Maine, touring this summer for the 53rd year in that state and our 56th as a working band, with **John 'Klondike' Koehler, Compton Maddux, John Moses, Wailin' Dave Robinson, Kirk 'Chief' Kubicek,** and **Eliot Osborn '71.** We have been connecting frequently though social media and live gigs with original contributing members **Andy Mitchell**, drums; **Aram Tellalian '70**, keys, vocals; **Van Alford '69**, keys, vocals; **Dan Reilert '70**, keys, guitar, vocals; and **John Speziale**, keys. Dearly missed: **Arthur Adams IDP'72**, sound engineer, and **Eric Weiss**, manager. Look forward to seeing y'all at our 55th Trinity Reunion!" John then directed attention to page 25 of the winter '22 *Reporter* for a complete list of all of who've been involved with Outerspace. Later, I sent him a short video of Bill Walton telling a story about taking Larry Bird, Kevin McHale, Robert Parish, and Dennis Johnson to a Dead show at the Boston Garden in 1985 (Danny Ainge's wife wouldn't let him go). John wrote back, "Love it. One of my adult guitar students in Charleston [a Deadhead] heard me play and asked me to teach him to play like Garcia. Now that I can do! At 75, little else but hands still work! I see like Outerspace, Mayer, Bobbie, and Mickey aren't really retiring and are, instead, taking up a residency at the Sphere. Cool." Keep on truckin', Chubby.

I exchanged emails with **Bob Ellis** last fall. Bob is active in enlightening people of the pressing need to address climate change. As you may recall, he gave a compelling

Virginia Fabbri Butera '73

DEGREES:

Interdisciplinary B.A. in Renaissance studies (courses included Italian, French, and English art; history; literature; and philosophy); M.A. in history of art, Johns Hopkins University; Ph.D. in art history, CUNY Graduate Center

JOB TITLES:

Art historian, professor, curator, and collector

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There are so many memories, especially of exchanging ideas with classmates. I continue to have great conversations with friends Larry Pistell and Aron Pasternack, whom I met on my first day on campus!

What were some highlights of your training and career?

After a stint in a fine art print gallery, I became the 1976–77 Smithsonian Museum Fellow at the Smithsonian American Art Museum in Washington, D.C., where I learned museum work including areas in prints and drawings and 20th-century art. Then I did a National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) Internship in the Print Department of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, where I co-curated eight print exhibitions and mounted two contemporary shows for The Print Club in Philadelphia. Meeting and talking with artists fundamentally changed my focus to contemporary art. From 1978–84, I developed the idea for a show of artists' folding screens. A colleague and I traveled throughout Europe and the United States, interviewing artists, dealers, and collectors. *The Folding Image: Screens by Western Artists of the 19th and 20th Centuries* opened in March 1984 at the National Gallery of Art, then at the Yale University Art Gallery. In 1986, I was commissioned to curate *Contemporary Screens*, which traveled for two years to five major U.S. museums. The highlight was interviewing the artists, seeing their studios, and learning about their processes and ideas. While working on my art history dissertation at the CUNY Graduate Center (I graduated in 2002), I was selected to present a paper at the 50th anniversary of The Frick Collection Symposium in New York City. I won a prize for one of the two best papers. In 1997, while raising my daughter, I began teaching at what is now Saint Elizabeth University in Morristown, New Jersey.

What do you do in your roles? Over 25 years at Saint Elizabeth, I was sequentially promoted from an adjunct to a professor of art history, tenured, and appointed chair of several departments including Art and Music. I was named director/curator of the Therese A. Maloney Art Gallery in 1997. I taught three or four art history courses each semester covering art from 50,000 B.C.E. to present day and oversaw up to 20 professors each semester. As gallery director, I organized 43 group exhibitions by professional artists and set up yearly exhibitions by our senior art majors. Although recently "retired," I still teach one course a semester. In addition, as president of Butera Artist Consulting, I help artists develop new exhibitions and assist them with portfolio development and inventory management.



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What was your path to your current position?

I realized that teaching would give me flexibility to raise my daughter while still being active in the art world. Over the last quarter century, I have developed more than 60 art shows, moderated almost 20 artists' panel discussions, and lectured on art, artists, and creativity at many area museums and galleries. Now my daughter, Alanna Fabbri Butera (M.A. in art business from Sotheby's Institute of Art), is president of Butera Art Advisory and Management, the New York-based art appraisal and advisory firm for which I serve as vice president.

What do you enjoy most about your work?

I love seeing the ever-expanding ideas and radical use of materials that artists bring to their practice. This, in turn, inspires the students and helps me develop new exhibition ideas. I have also had the fun of developing my own art collection.

What challenges do you face? It is very hard to keep up with local, national, and international artists and trends. Every day I discover amazing works and am excited because of the continued expansion and recognition of who made/makes art. Ideas and themes have increased exponentially and broadened the diversity of artistic and cultural voices and expressions, so we have a myriad of ways to celebrate human creativity.

Did you have a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? Curiosity, dedication, and enthusiasm around learning and developing ideas made professors such as Michael Campo, Borden Painter, Hugh Ogden, and Dori Katz inspiring mentors for me. They taught me new strategies for thinking about and expressing unconventional ideas.

presentation at our 50th Reunion and wrote of his work in Class Notes of the spring '23 *Reporter*. Red is an "avid fly-fisherman, donning waders in western and central Pennsylvania, as well as in Asheville, North Carolina, though the Upper Delaware is my home court." He was there in early October with **Peter Blum** and reports, "A great day on a great river. No fish were harmed this day. In fact, very few were disturbed. Still, a good time. Talking about a rematch next year." The level of success was confirmed by a photo of Bob and Peter but no fish. Bob had a bit more luck in the West at Yellowstone. Hope to hear more fish and other stories from Red.

Dave Robinson emailed from bucolic Belchertown, Massachusetts, where he lives with wife Dana. Responding to the blast class email celebrating Outerspace's "55 Years around the Sun," Dave wrote of some musical exploits in addition to the band's annual Maine tour and other gigs: "I went to Nantucket a few years ago to play at The Chicken Box with the On a Mission from God show, a Blues Brothers tribute band. Because I could play harmonica and sing, I played the Dan Aykroyd character, Elwood Blues. Lots of stupid fun, and the audience loved it. 'Stand by Your Man' was a big hit. That show had a decent three-piece horn section. Preston's Airport Lounge is gone; I went there to look at it, but it is no more. I heard that it burned down." FYI, Outerspace played several summers at Preston's Airport Lounge. A "destination bar," it had an adjacent bunkhouse where the band stayed, and, speaking from experience, the bunkhouse had sufficient sleeping space on the floor for the nonmusical hangers-on lacking sufficient funds to pay for lodging in town. Dave went on to produce and record several CDs, the most recent of which, *One Night Stand*, was released in January 2023. Dave writes that *One Night Stand* "contains a mix of country rock and blues tunes . . . some originals! I can be contacted at drobinson811@gmail.com, and I still have many copies that I am happy to mail out to those who are interested (low cost!)." Buy early and often.

Dick Hess shares from the West: "OK, first notes in many years. On March 31, 2016, my beloved wife and true soul mate, Diane Marie Canfield, succumbed to breast cancer. I still miss her every day. We loved to scuba dive and traveled as far as the Cook Islands. We also visited the U.K., Ireland, the Netherlands, Belgium, France, Switzerland, and Portugal. So far, I have visited all 50

states and 46 countries, including a few minutes in North Korea, thanks to a USO tour. I don't travel as much these days, but I hope to ride the Harry Potter train in Scotland this summer. I have many friends, plus one very furry cat, Bucket. I have lived in my house in Denver since 1980 and enjoy my neighborhood. There are a few businesses nearby: groceries, hardware, drugstore/post office, and a coffee shop. So, my horizons are closer, but my interests are global. That globe comes to me electronically, so I am not isolated. I hope that's enough to entertain you all."

Finally, a third member of Outerspace has reached out with news, all personal, some musical. **Kirk Kubicek** writes, "On Twelfth Night 2024, our daughter Cerny and her husband, Patrick, delivered our third grandchild and first granddaughter into this world: Lennon Opal Lee! Needless to say, we are all excited, and Mal and I are providing support services and as much time with them as possible. I continue to play drums and harmonica for On The Bus, a D.C./Baltimore Metro Grateful Dead tribute band. And for the first time in several years, I'm shoveling snow down here in Merryland." Chief is a big Baltimore sports fan. We had previously exchanged emails on the passing of Brooks Robinson, one of the great stars in baseball's firmament, and he later celebrated the success of the Ravens and the Orioles: "Baltimore sports are surging upward together!" On a personal note, Chief writes, "I am in my eighth year as priest in charge at Christ Church Forest Hill Rock Spring Parish, where I celebrated the 40th anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood. Life is good." Long may you run, Chief.

That's all for now. Have a great summer, and take a lot of notes to share with your classmates in the fall '24 *Reporter*. Reach out to your classmates, and update your contact info at mytrinnet.trincoll.edu. Thanks.

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Greg Zec writes, "Dear classmates, after 13-plus years of Florida life, my wife, Elvira, and I are planning to relocate to West Hartford. Classmates **Mark von Mayrhauser**, **Dave Heinlein**, and **Paul Zolan**, plus Dawn, Kate, and Joann were ever so kind and helpful in guiding us in the right direction. We love the location and are prepared for more wintry weather. The community ice rink, the indoor pool, and Bradley International (with

direct flights to Dublin!) are big attractions, as well as proximity to our oldest daughter in Boston. This brainwave came about as a direct result of participating in our 50th Reunion last June, which was super fun. We are skiing for six weeks in Aspen area before flying back to Florida in mid-March to vacate our home there. We'll be renting an Airbnb at a farmhouse in South Glastonbury as we look for more permanent digs. The landlord promises horseback riding and fresh eggs!

"I was very saddened to hear of the passing of my senior-year roommate **Gray Hurd**, whom I remember fondly as a 'sammy man' in our sophomore-year dorm, Elton. I knew from that moment that Gray was destined to enter the restaurant business in a big way. Also, I remember driving with Gray and **Dirk Wybenga** in junior year to D.C., stopping in a Mexican restaurant, and being encouraged by them to down a handful of hot peppers that I had never tasted . . . hot, hot, and very hot! Gray could pick it at third base just like his baseball idol Brooks Robinson! May Gray rest in peace; he was a warm, kind, and empathetic classmate and fun to be around. May his memory be a blessing to those who knew him."

Per **Aron Pasternack**: "The N.Y.C. Trinity Lunch Club (**John Gatsos**, **Jon Gould**, **Robin Reif**, and **David Bargman**) has postponed meeting in person due to winter weather, colds, and COVID reemergence. However, spring will return! For now, we have a lively email correspondence. We haven't changed or improved the world yet, but we're still trying. Meanwhile, Kate and I are delighted to welcome another granddaughter, Rose, born November 6 and living one mile away with brothers Raphael, 20 months, and Wolff, 9, and parents Ben and Liz. First cousin Zenith, 20 months, lives in Mount Airy, Philadelphia, with parents Dan and Alison. They are all, of course, brilliant, beautiful, and forces for good in the years to come. At the moment, we are vacationing in Hawaii with friends, missing the little ones, and enjoying this precious time."

Ric Ricci writes, "I thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion. The weekend was well organized, and the campus looked terrific. Celebration of the College's 200th birthday only enhanced the festive atmosphere surrounding our class! My connection to Trinity and the affection I have for my classmates was enhanced beyond words when in late September my teammate Dave Brown and I were inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame. We were the first Trinity team to

be inducted. An unbelievable honor! Family from around the country and many friends were in attendance. Diane Brown and I both spoke and stood on the podium together. A truly memorable gathering and a memory for life!”

Michael Gross writes, “I am excited to say I’ve published my first novel, *Spillage*. It’s a wild play on the Faustian musical *Damn Yankees*, a rock-and-roll romance, and a wickedly fun throwback to the chaos of ’70s New York. The book is nearly 50 years in the making. I began it back in 1976, the year the story takes place, and returned to it at the beginning of COVID when I stepped back from my day job in communications. I’ve been thrilled with the critical response so far and hope you’ll check it out on Amazon. In retirement, Barbara and I are dividing our time between Brooklyn and Fire Island and doing a lot of traveling. We’re fortunate that our three children and three grandchildren are all close by. This spring, we are celebrating the wedding of our youngest daughter.”

Rob Haff observes that our 50th Reunion and recent events have given me pause. It has made me reflect on the wonderful classmates, roommates, and teammates I had at Trinity, some of whom are unfortunately no longer with us. Last September, I attended the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame ceremony, where **Dave Brown** and **Ric Ricci** were inducted as a team. Their award listed amazing accomplishments at the IRAs, the Olympic Trials, and Henley. Certainly, they were the epitome of talented student-athletes. Dave was a senior roommate, whom we lost in 2006, as was **Gray Hurd**, whom we lost last December. Gray was a straight shooter who could be counted on for an honest and humorous assessment of an event or person. When a study break was needed, he was ready to pass a football on the quad. I remember a humorous stunt by Gray and **Dirk Wybenga**, who got folks laughing with some errant football throws on the sidelines of a Trinity football game.

Per **Art Baldwin**: “I see that my last email to you was from Phnom Penh. The visit to the killing fields there was a little tough to take. Our guide had been a child soldier and estimated that he’d killed about 25 people. After Cambodia, we continued down the Mekong to Ho Chi Minh City, then flew to Indonesia. We chartered a boat, visited islands, did snorkeling, and saw tons of fish and other marine life. We then flew to Yogyakarta, where we visited temples Borobudur and Prambanan. We had a stop in Singapore on the way back.

Other than that, there’s not much new here. I’m still tutoring high school math and volunteering at the Burke Museum, and I’ve been on two chilly bike rides since the new year.”

“To lodge all power in one party and keep it there is to insure bad government and the sure and gradual deterioration of the public morals.”—Mark Twain

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Dear classmates, our 50th Reunion on June 6–9 is a few weeks away, and work is well underway to create a successful and memorable celebration. We look for your participation to make this event a remarkable one! So please put it on your calendar to attend! Your Class of 1974 50th Reunion Steering Committee members are listed below with a few personal updates of what we have been doing since graduation.

Rebecca “Becki” Adams is still a faculty member at the University North Carolina Greensboro but gave up tenure in August and went on “phased retirement” (a three-year half-time contract). She plans to use her freed-up time to go to more live jam-band concerts and to return to writing about music fans, specifically Deadheads. Her daughter, Hadley Iliff, bought a house 16 miles from her, so she will be seeing more of her and her husband, too.

Ted Stehle retired from a 39-year career with a private global manufacturing enterprise based outside of Boston and now lives in Steamboat Springs, Colorado. Too unsteady and risk averse to ski, he plays plenty of golf on the beautiful mountain courses during the sun-soaked short summers. He recently became an elections judge in Routt County for local, state, and national elections. He travels east with his travel trailer twice a year to see his three sons, their wives, and seven grandkids.

Carolyn A. “Carrie” Pelzel serves as executive director of Trinity’s All In campaign. After the tragic passing of Vice President for Advancement Michael Casey last August, Carrie came out of retirement to lead the campaign, aiming for a successful conclusion in spring 2025. She and husband Bruce commute from home in Boston every week. They will enjoy more time with family and their seven grandchildren when retirement resumes.

After retiring from lawyering, **Lise Gescheidt** plays bad golf, walks in the woods

with her two German shepherds, grows vegetables and flowers, has reunions, refinishes furniture, builds things, travels, is chair of the zoning board in Tiverton, and heads the Ethics Advisory Panel for lawyers in Rhode Island. She tries to think as little as possible.

Barry O’Brien retired from the telecom industry having experienced both corporate and entrepreneurial careers. He recently celebrated his 49th wedding anniversary to best friend Sandy. They live in Connecticut and have five grandkids keeping them busy. Barry remains close to many Trinity friends and occasionally plays guitar in a local bar band, which he says keep life “interesting and fun”!

Terrie Rouse-Rosario writes, “We are settled on a cliff above the juncture of the Susquehanna River and the Conodoguinet Creek in Pennsylvania. My retired pediatrician husband is taking pictures of eagles in flight, and I’m working on a manuscript titled *The Fixer* and organizing my archive. Life is good!”

Glenn Preminger shares, “I am still enjoying clinical care, teaching, and research in the Department of Urology at Duke University Medical Center but spending more time in Chicago with our twins, their spouses, and four grandchildren. Jodi and I recently celebrated the 50th anniversary of our first date at Trinity. Life is good.”

Allan Stark writes, “After a three-part career—sports writer for *The Kansas City Star* and *Denver Monthly Magazine*, 20 years with Universal Press Syndicate/Andrews McMeel Publishing as an editor and salesman, and 15 years as an independent sales and product development consultant to U.S. and U.K. publishers and retailers—I am retired and regularly playing fairish golf. My wife, Nancy, and I live in Fairway, Kansas (a Kansas City suburb), and are very lucky to have our two daughters and their husbands living within five minutes of us. Our older daughter, Cate, has a girl and a boy, who are 6 and 2. Ruth had her first, a little girl, in November.”

Robert Starkey “has been spending the last 18 years living, working, playing, and painting in Down East Maine. My wife, Rada, and I managed to head north from teaching/administration in New Jersey to revive an old house and ourselves. A bit of the cold saltwater bath and woodstove smoke was beckoning. Left teaching as Studio Art Department head and artist-in-residence at Purnell School after 25 years. Decided to put my art explorations into the driver’s



Class of 1975 secretaries Chris Mooney, top left, and Steve Hirsch with wife Beje, top right and bottom left, get together with Fran Congdon Taussig '75 and Pete Taussig '75 in Naples, Florida, on February 8, 2024.

seat or at least next to me. Besides that giant leap of faith, we are fortunate to have a new home that daughter, granddaughter, and son visit with warmth and humor. Throw in a few hikes, painting excursions, and some lobster—*all is good.*”

Aimee Brown writes, “After a career traveling the country financing infrastructure projects, I now try to travel only for fun and have completed adventures on seven continents with my daughter and often with my Trinity pals. When home in San Francisco, I mentor social entrepreneurs around the world and serve on civic and nonprofit boards. I have fixed up the former nanny/teen hangout as a guest apartment; I welcome visitors and am especially happy to escort anyone who wants to visit the wine country.”

Frank Borges shares, “Although my wife, Luisa, and family encourage my slowing down, I remain engaged in business as well as nonprofit activity. We split our time between Martha’s Vineyard and Palm Beach Gardens, Florida. Let us know if you are ever in the area. Our daughter who is a senior in high school (I started late) is in the midst of the college application process; there is only one choice for me! So, looking forward to our 50th.”

John Howard writes, “Outside of my time at Trinity (and business school), I have always lived in N.Y.C. and for the last 30 years in the same house. I have two daughters and a son (who is a [first-year] at Trinity) and four grandchildren, all of whom live nearby. Outside of an early career in retailing, I have been an investor in the private equity business for the past 40-plus years, founding two PE businesses that continue (one of which I still manage). I have had great creative fun building businesses as an investor, which must be somewhat surprising

for my Trinity roommates who dubbed me a ‘life major.’ The energizing notes of the Allman Brothers wafting through the quad (‘neath the elms) on a lazy spring afternoon are with me always.”

Other class members of the Reunion Committee are **Chuck Shreve** and **Peter Kraus**.

We all hope that we will see you at the June 6–9 celebration! Best regards, **Ted Stehle**, 50th Reunion Committee Chair

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Congrats to **Martin Dodd!** “Susan Viglione and I were married recently on the schooner *Thomas E. Lannon* in Gloucester, Massachusetts. We are dividing our time between homes in Gloucester and Canton, Connecticut, and are very happy. It’s never too late to find love!”

Gail Mardfin celebrated a big birthday. “I threw myself a fun party, complete with square dancing, to celebrate my 70th in August. I’ve lived in Santa Rosa, California, for eight years and have accumulated a lot of friends, mostly from the local art group where I’m the communications/graphic designer. Hope everyone stays healthy and enjoys their venture into the next decade; we are the lucky ones.”

Rich Tucci (a.k.a. Tooch) writes, “I enjoyed a great outing with **Bill Curren** and **Gil Childers** ’77 at the fall Trinity lacrosse outing. The golf game hasn’t improved, but the reminisces on Trinity days only get better! On a career note, I am publishing a book in 2024 chronicling my work helping leaders unlock employee ideas to improve the bottom line and build better workplaces. Please look for my presale announcement on LinkedIn in mid-March!”

And from **Robin Bodell** we hear: “Steve, you should have a couple of pictures of a mini ’75 reunion in Greenwich, Connecticut, and the Shenorock Shore Club in Rye, New York, on the occasion of **Joan Seelye Biddle**’s coming to Greenwich in her capacity as a Garden Club of America judge for a flower show sponsored by the local Hortulus Garden Club. Her assignation as a judge was hard-earned! The group of ’75ers included **Vicki**

Tilney Munsell, who spends time between New York City, Greenwich, and Southport; **Philippe deLaperouse**, who graced us with a visit from St. Louis; our generous hosts, **Steve** and **Beje Hirsch**; and me. Did I forget anyone? The Hirsches, **Vicki** and her wonderful husband, **Jim**, and I have been known to get together occasionally for dinner on a nice warm summer night! Finally, **Steve** and **Beje Hirsch** are my two favorite golfing partners when they are not down South, living very near to me! Our golf club, the inimitable ‘Griff,’ is the Greenwich public course, but we sample lots of other nearby public courses and invite you all to come join us at one of them!”

This weekend, your class co-secretary will be driving across the state of Florida to break bread with **Pete** and **Fran Taussig** and co-secretary **Chris Mooney**. There will be plenty of catching up to do.

And sadly, we hear from **Henry Bruce**: “It’s with mixed emotions I write this update. In December, classmate and Psi U fraternity brother **Mike Getz** passed away. After Trinity, Mike returned to his hometown of Grosse Pointe and married his high school sweetheart, **Kathy Wooster**. He leaves four children, 10 grandchildren, and two brothers who also live in Grosse Pointe with their families. Funeral services took place in December, and a large group of Psi U alums from the Classes of 1974 and 1975 gathered to pay our respects and reminisce.

“In January, some friends of Trinity hockey gathered for the scoreboard dedication ceremony to honor **Ted Judson** ’77. A very large group from the Classes of 1975–79 came to Hartford. **Mark Cleary**, **Jay Fisher**, **Rudy Montgelas**, **Rich Huoppi**, **Sandy Weedon** ’77, **Tim Ghriskey** ’77, **Tom Lenahan** ’78, **Dave Murphy** ’77, **Sam Gray** ’78, **Dave Peters** ’78, **George Brickley** ’79, and **Clint Brown** ’79 were among the many on hand. **Sophie Bell** ’77, **Tim Ghriskey** ’77, and **Jeff Kelter** ’76 organized and ran the campaign for the scoreboard dedication.”

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Scott Lewis writes, “In 2023, because I continue to enjoy the practice of real estate law and probate administration, I decided not to retire and opened my solo practice law firm, Lewis & Lewis LLC, this past July 1. I can be more selective in the work I choose to take on and focus my energy on matters that are important to my clients. To start 2024 in splendid fashion, this January I celebrated my 70th birthday in St. Martin with my entire family. Spending time with our daughters (including Jen ’12), their spouses, and our granddaughter was an absolutely wonderful experience. We created beautiful memories!”

From **Rebecca Dunn Reinmann**: “I am happy to celebrate the fifth anniversary of my retirement on Groundhog Day with planning our next trip. This time we are going to Argentina and Chile, hoping to see more fjords and glaciers (while we still have them) to compare to our New Zealand and Iceland/Norway experiences. We have also been enjoying time with our grandchildren as we are able. Life is good. Greetings to you all.”

Louise Albin shares, “Café Louise Catering in West Hartford has been in business for 31 years. And [as noted in the winter 2024 issue], we were awarded Connecticut’s Caterer of the Year 2023 by the Connecticut Restaurant Association! It is a huge honor for us, humbling and exciting, too.”

From **Mark Eckman**: “After a fantastic 23-year journey at the University of Cincinnati College of Medicine, I ‘stepped up’ from my position as director of the Division of General Internal Medicine at the end of June 2022. I continue to teach (remotely) and to be involved with research endeavors with collaborators at UC and elsewhere around the country. We moved from Cincinnati back to New England and now live in a small town in New Hampshire near Lake Sunapee. My wife, Peggy ’78, and I have many things we would like to have

more time to do while we are physically fit enough to enjoy: backpacking, cross-country skiing, kayaking, and sailing. Most notably, we live right between our son and daughter, who have been in New England since they left for college more years ago than we like to think. In addition, we now have a grandson and live close enough to be a part of his life. We are looking forward to this next phase in our lives.”

Hobie Porter was inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame in October 2023. Hobie was a member of the 1976 undefeated squash team, and he was named the Brian Foley Captain winner and MVP of the team multiple times. He competed for the Bantams in five sports (men’s soccer, men’s squash, men’s swimming and diving, men’s tennis, men’s track and field) and was awarded the Blanket Award for being a 10-time varsity letter winner, which in 1976, no other athlete in Trinity’s history had received. **Charlie Stewart**, his squash co-captain, was the video presenter for Hobie at the induction ceremony and took some photos of Hobie and the two men and their spouses. Congratulations, Hobie!

Mike Gilman shared his remembrances of his times at Trinity for the Bicentennial. His story is on Trinity’s 200 Stories website.


Susan Weisselberg and husband Nick were in the Bay Area in January and had dinner with **Frederic Knapp** and his husband, Donald. She says it was “great to see them!”

John Muro, who works full time as a senior vice president in the fields of conservation and environmental stewardship, continues to pursue his passion for poetry. John recently received his third nomination for the Pushcart Prize in as many years, and he has been nominated for a Best of the Net Award. In 2023, John received a 2023 Grantchester Award, and he was invited recently to perform a reading of his poems at The Mark Twain House in Hartford. John’s work has been published in literary journals including *Acumen*, *Barnstorm*, *Delmarva Review*, *Sky Island Journal*, and the *Valparaiso Poetry Review*. In addition, John has authored two volumes of poems—*In the Lilac Hour and Other Poems* and *Pastoral Suite*—in 2020 and 2022, respectively, and both were published by Antrim House. The books are available on Amazon and elsewhere.

From **Jody Scala**: “At this time last year, I was bicycling cross-country from San Diego to St. Augustine after retiring from an emergency medicine/urgent care career.

It was a fantastic way to see the country and an incredible experience, fulfilling a long-standing dream (what was I thinking?). With the celebration of Title IX and Trinity’s Bicentennial, it has been wonderful to see many of my classmates in Hartford, especially those from crew (including **Cuyler Overholt**, **Debbie Packer**, **Catherine Clark**, and **Lisa Learned**), and hopefully more will be in touch! This winter, I’m doing an easier challenge and taking ‘Italian 101’ at a local college. Being a student has definitely changed since we went to school! Would love to hear from classmates!”

Jack Orrick retired after 44 years of practicing law in April. He and **Margie Johnson-Orrick** have begun ramping up their travel adventures, having taken a road trip in May to Asheville, North Carolina; Nashville, Tennessee; and Louisville, Kentucky, to visit high school friends and to enjoy seeing live music and bourbon tasting. In late June, they leave for a trip to the Galapagos Islands. They also have planned trips to visit their daughter and grandson in Minneapolis, trips to their beach home in Rehoboth Beach, Delaware, and attending Jack’s nephew’s wedding in Lisbon, Portugal, in the fall.

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We have lots of active correspondents this month!

Leading off with **Sophie B. Ayres**, who tells us that “on January 20, about 40 of us gathered at Koepfel rink to dedicate the hockey scoreboard to **Ted Judson**. It was an incredible celebration of Judson’s life and impact on Trinity hockey and lax. His coach, John Dunham, spoke, and there were teammates and old friends from multiple classes in attendance as well as his widow, two of Ted’s brothers, and friends from Taft. It was a blast connecting with old friends and working on the fundraising for this project with **Tim Ghriskey**, **John McKenna**, Clint Brown ’79, and Jeff Kelter ’76, and our thanks to all who supported the effort. Attending from the Class of ’77 were the three of us plus **Sandy Weedon**, **Gil Childers**, **Marian** and **David Beers**, **Moose Stroud**, and **David Murphy** in addition to another 30 alumni who gathered to celebrate Ted. **John McKenna** put together a great Allman Brothers playlist (Ted’s favorite band), and the game was dedicated to Judson

(Bants were victorious). Hope you will stop by and see the scoreboards when you are next on campus!” Sophie, thanks for sending that detailed report. We all appreciate it.

From **Andy Friedman**: “Fifteen years ago, I founded the Washington Update to help investors and financial advisers understand how developments in Washington are likely to affect the markets, investments, and taxes. At the end of 2022, with our younger daughter leaving for college, I made the tough decision to retire. My wife, Susan, and I have eased into empty-nest life with travel: Ireland this summer, France this fall, and Costa Rica this Christmas. In my free time, I volunteer as a mediator for small claims court cases. I’m looking forward to seeing everyone at our 50th! Take care.”

Good to hear from **Eric Luskin**: “I am loving life in retirement! Now that I have time, I am dabbling in the industry where I could never have earned a living, music composition and publishing, while still doing some consulting in the PBS space. Meanwhile, my wife, Terry, and I are in the process of a major home renovation so we can (theoretically) age in place. And we’re spending lots of time with our soon-to-be 5-year-old granddaughter. If all goes well, we hope to do some traveling in 2024.”

And from **Jason Jacobson**: “Michele and I had an eventful 2023 planning for and attending our family’s first wedding. My daughter got married in her current hometown of Eugene, Oregon, in late July. We headed to the West Coast in mid-July to attend the final Dead and Company shows in San Francisco, which also included a wonderful dinner at the home of friend and former classmate **Michael Osur** and his wife, Eva. We then made our way to Eugene to help with final preparations for the wedding. October brought my 50th high school reunion in Mamaroneck, New York, for which I was part of the planning team organized by **Mike Diefenbach**, another Trinity classmate. Finally, our first trip to Hawaii in December with daughter, one son, and their partners! Such a beautiful place. Although it may sound like it, I am not yet retired, and the company I work with opened a new apartment project in Davie, Florida, in July with construction finishing a few months later. Business looks a little more challenging in 2024. Staying generally healthy. Hope others are, too!”

Laurie Blair Ernst writes from Maine: “Happy New Year! We moved permanently to Maine in November 2022 since

our son and two grandchildren are here.” (Secretary’s note: Laurie routinely posts the most gorgeous photos of Maine on her Facebook page.)

And from just down the New England coast, **Pete Switchenko** writes, “My wife, Pat, and I continue to live on Cape Cod, keeping ourselves busy with part-time employment (Pat) and technical tutoring (me). Golf is an integral part of my life from March to November, and we’re active in local politics. We enjoy visiting our two children (Jersey City and Atlanta) and three grandchildren.”

And last but surely not least, **Polly Lyman** tells us, “Well, some fellow classmates may chuckle if they read that I am moving yet again. But this time, after a couple truly magical decades job-hopping from Paris to Virginia to San Francisco to New York to Newport to North Carolina to Woods Hole, I am setting down roots in my little red house in Kinderhook, New York, to be near grandchildren (what else?) and to enjoy the rich cultural and natural bounty of the region. Still not retired; loving independent fundraising, writing, and translation in this next chapter! And look forward to seeing pals when they are in the Columbia County, New York/Berkshires area.”

Thanks to all who wrote to kick off 2024!

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Phil Ebersole shares, “My wife and son and I have been living in Silver Spring, Maryland, these past 20 years. I taught high school history in Montgomery County before retiring. Starting last August, I have been tutoring language arts four days a week at a public high school in Washington, D.C. My son is a freshman in college this year, and we’ve tried, for all of our sakes, to do a bit of traveling over the years. In March 2023, we all traveled to India, Israel, Morocco, and Istanbul for about a month, staying in a variety of hostels and hiking all over the place. We also did some camel riding and desert camping outside of Marrakesh during the trip, which really was memorable. I would guess that’s about as much as anyone would want to know about me, unless you are one of my creditors in which case none of the above is true and I have no idea of **Phil Ebersole**’s whereabouts or what he’s up to these days. Otherwise, hope

everyone is doing well and enjoying themselves. Take care, Phil”

Jory Lockwood states, “I have moved home to Stamford, Connecticut, after decades of exile in the beautiful and bucolic Wilton, Connecticut. I am closer to friends and work and the trains into the city. We moved two weeks ago, but I believe that I will still be unpacking boxes when our 50th Reunion rolls around. I saw Audra McDonald perform her Broadway show book concert at Westport Country Playhouse. If you see this concert posted on her performance list, go see it. It was amazing.”

Kathy Maye-Maggio, our current class president, writes, “Hello, classmates! I am writing this on February 9. On this day 60 years ago, 73.7 million people tuned in to CBS to see four lads from Liverpool, England—the Beatles—perform on *The Ed Sullivan Show*. Where were you on that day? My Italian grandmother called me downstairs to the family room to watch. Even she was impressed! That was the first time I ever remember dancing to the music on TV. I can’t believe that that was 60 years ago!

“On September 16, I joined the Friends of Crow (Alpha Chi Rho) tailgate at the Hansen lot for the Trinity-Tufts football game, which we handily won, 44–19! Go Bantams! Coach Miller was honored at halftime for his 90th birthday. I got to visit with classmates and alums **John K. Doldoorian, Marc and Debbie Montini, Jim Smith, Rand Pearsall, Karl Herbst, Mike Daven, Mike Leverone ’77, Scott Ramsey ’79, Jim Davis ’79, Mike Foye ’79, Mike Daly ’79, and Bill Irvine ’79.**

“On September 27, I attended the Women’s Leadership Council’s Annual Garden Party, held at the Trinity Chapel courtyard. It was a wonderful event, and I reconnected with many alumnae, including **Melissa Bronzino Regan ’87, Carmen Leslie-Rourke ’82, Pearl Rourke ’21, Claudia Baio ’86, Yarel Silverio Marshall ’96, and Kristen Noone M’07.** It was a beautiful day, and a great time was had by all!

“I also attended the Trinity Club of Hartford Holiday Party and Person of the Year Celebration, where **Melissa Bronzino Regan ’87** was honored as our person of the year and the baton was passed from **Carmen Leslie-Rourke ’82** to **Susan Zibell ’97** as club president. Another very enjoyable evening visiting with many fellow alums!

“And I attended an 1823 reception following athletic contests, commemorating a legacy of sportsmanship on our historic campus. As part of the 1823 Series—Bicentennial

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events that were free and open to all—each varsity team designated one game throughout the year and hosted a reception in honor of the Bicentennial.

“Enjoy your springtime! Hope to see you at some future events! Until next time . . .”

Randy Pearsall shares, “**George Smith** and I attended Trinity’s men’s basketball victory over Amherst on January 27 and enjoyed visiting with George’s daughter Brenna (who works for the Athletic Department), Mike Daly ’79, and former Athletic Director Rick Hazelton. At the time, the undefeated Bantams were ranked No. 5 in the nation but recently lost their first game at Williams by one point. After the Amherst game, we visited First and Last for a great dinner.” Ah, Randy, First and Last. That’s a classic.

Thank you to everyone who submitted a note. Please feel free to email me anytime with your notes. Your class secretary, Jory

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This issue marks the 30th time that **Diane Molleson, Jim Cropsey, and Ken Crowe** have pulled together Class Notes for the Class of 1979 for *The Trinity Reporter*. That’s three issues annually over the last decade since our 35th Class Reunion. Before we touch a little more on that, let’s get to some notes.

Ted Almy writes that he flew from Savannah, Georgia, and kicked off his 45th Reunion year by returning to campus for the annual alumni hockey game and new scoreboard dedication to teammate Ted Judson ’77. While he didn’t lace ’em up for the game, he did bench coach the cooler and winning blue squad over the grays. He got to see former teammates and ’79ers **Clint Brown** and **George Brickley** and former coach John Dunham and wife Susan and caught up with many others he played with during his four years, some of whom, hard to believe, he hadn’t seen since graduation. Ted and wife Maura have four granddaughters, also hard to believe and amazing at the same time.

George Brickley and Cindy Higgins Brickley ’80 also attended the annual Trinity alumni hockey game and were there for the moving ceremony to dedicate the rink’s scoreboard in memory of Judson, a standout

goaltender at Trinity in both hockey and lacrosse, who passed away in early 2022. “Ted was a class act both on and off the ice.” George notes. “He will be sorely missed.” George said classmate **Sam Gray** also attended.

In his role as president of the Albany Newspaper Guild, **Ken Crowe** has been lobbying the New York State legislature to pass the Local Journalism Sustainability Act. Working with the New York News Publishers Association, a rare combination of labor and management pressing for the same bill, Ken has been in and out of state senators’ and assembly members’ offices and has even ventured into Governor Kathy Hochul’s executive chamber to meet with her budget director.

Eric Fossom has received Trinity’s newest honor. On February 28, Eric received the College’s inaugural President’s Medal for Science and Innovation during the Bicentennial Spring Symposium: Reflection and Action. Eric received an honorary degree from the College in 2014 and was a member of Trinity’s board, serving alongside classmates **Kevin Maloney** and **Nancy Davis**.

Among Eric’s many contributions after majoring in engineering and physics is the patent that led to your ability to take pictures on your cell phone. As the College noted, Eric invented the “CMOS image sensor ‘camera on a chip’ used in almost all smartphones and webcams, as well as in medical imaging and more.” He is the John H. Krehbiel Sr. Professor for Emerging Technologies in the Thayer School of Engineering at Dartmouth College, where he also serves as director of Thayer’s Ph.D. Innovation Program and vice provost for entrepreneurship and technology transfer. Eric’s many awards include the Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering. He received that from then-Prince Charles, now King Charles III, in 2017. At the time, Eric shared with our Class Notes the news of this prize, which is considered to be the Nobel Prize for engineering. For a more detailed look at Eric’s accomplishments, please visit his website at www.ericfossom.com.

This edition of our Class Notes appears near our 45th Reunion. Let’s take a chance to thank the Reunion Committee for their work. Members included **Bruce Somerstein, Jeff Seibert, Cindy Flanagan Goss, David Rosenblatt, Jim Cropsey, Eric Samuelson, Bill Hagan, Susan Tananbaum, Barlow Peelle, George Brickley, Holly Singer, Jane Abraham, and Ken Crowe**. If we missed someone, please forgive. Also, note that Holly, Barlow, and Susan have done great work as class officers.

We are back to the beginning when we noted that this is our 30th edition of the Class of 1979 notes. We always have a mad rush to meet the filing deadline set by the College. That’s fine. It’s our contribution for what is Trinity’s best class in 200 years. That’s based on an unscientific opinion poll. Our adventures into the world of Class Notes began at our 35th Reunion, when Holly asked Ken to fill the vacant class secretary position. That’s what happens when you’re eating lunch on the quad and work as a newspaper reporter. Ken recruited Diane and Jim to assist. All of these notes have been a collaborative effort. Generally, we exceed the 1,000-word limit for the Class Notes and have to furiously edit. Then there are times where we are under the cap. But where else would you read about a world-renowned inventor, a royal family member, a foursome of outstanding college hockey players, college trustees, the Guinness World Records, Reunions, lobbying, and the volunteer efforts of our classmates to host our 45th Reunion? The Class of 1979 is definitely at the top.

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Thank you for responding to my requests for information to share with classmates. I was not able to make the big squash weekend in February, but I understand Trinity had a wonderful tribute to friends of all winter sports as part of our Bicentennial celebration. **Carol Goldberg, John Burchenal, Cynthia Ballantyne, Peter DeRose ’82, and Page Lansdale** watched the men’s and women’s squash teams battle Princeton and Penn to victory. Coming into the men’s match, Penn and Trinity had the same record, so much was on the line. Great weekend for the Bants.

Beth Nichols writes that she and her husband left Baltimore and moved to Stonington, Connecticut, in 2022. They love the area and have grandchildren nearby. They have not retired but have more flexibility because of hybrid work. She keeps in touch with several Trinity friends, including **Janice Meagher Trojan, Wendy Jennings Hall, Beth Thrasher, and Karyn Webb Campbell**. They try to meet once a year in various locations. They have been to Charlottesville, Virginia; Hilton Head,

South Carolina; and Mystic, Connecticut, in recent years.

Nick Noble retired from teaching after 35 years in Worcester Public Schools, alongside his wife of 36 years, Janice, herself a three-decade veteran of Worcester Public Schools as a special ed teacher and administrator. He is still writing, having published seven books. He is in his 17th year as host of *The Folk Revival*, a weekly three-hour program on Worcester Public Radio featuring a broad range of folk music. This has led him to host stages at the Newport, New Bedford, North Shore, and Portsmouth Maritime folk festivals. For the past five years, he has hosted the open mic at the Newport Folk Festival. Since 2017, he has run the annual Do Do's Garden Callender Avenue Mini-Faux Folk Festival (DDGCAMFFF), first in Newport, Rhode Island and now in Old Saybrook, Connecticut, and continues to sing with his faux folk band Wolfpen. Not bad for an old Trinity Pipe. Speaking of old Trinity Pipes, he often sings with rusty Pipe Eric Luskin '77. Eric has appeared regularly on *The Folk Revival*, as has rusty Pipe Paul Loether '75. Both have made repeat appearances at DDGCAMFFF. Nick seems very happy with retirement.

Edith Graves reports that she remains busy with her art advisory business and had several art shows, including exhibits for two Trinity alumni she represents, **Catherine Linder Spencer** and Andrew Faulkner '84. You can follow her art events and news on Instagram @EdithGravesArt.

Sue Proctor wrote not knowing I had included her in the winter issue's notes. She sent some pictures from last fall's Hall of Fame dinner and wrote: "I would like to thank Trinity College and the rowing program (especially the Trinity women's rowing program) for a wonderful weekend this past fall, where I was so honored to be inducted into the 2023 Hall of Fame class. It was so special to see and visit with my rowing friends, coaches, and other alumni rowers. I have retired from my position as department chair at an Army Research Laboratory (as of the end of 2021) and now split my time between New Hampshire and my house in Maine."

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James Shapiro writes, "I finally got that bucket list thing and became a grandfather in December. Ari Xingyu Gao Shapiro (Trinity Class of 2046!) was born on December 10, 2023, about three weeks early, 6 pounds, 5 ounces. He is now a strapping 11-pounder!"

Robert Aiello still practices law in New York City and does some real estate on the side. He sees **Faraj Saghri**, **Tom Roche**, **Peter Whalen**, **Tony Docal**, and **Kenny Savino** on a somewhat regular basis. On a recent trip to St. Maarten, he visited with Faraj and Tony. Last winter, he went skiing in Vermont with **Peter W.**, **Peter Pfister**, **Ken Savino**, **Roger Knight**, and **Justin Maccarone**. "It has been great to stay in touch with old friends."

Tabitha Zane writes, "After working for 43 years, I am thrilled to finally retire. My plans are to travel, try new hobbies, and spend time reading a wide assortment of novels without feeling guilty that other things need to be done."

Sue Walsh Ober writes that she recently enjoyed a girls' trip hosted by **Isabel Lerman** at her glorious apartment slope side in Steamboat Springs. Sue and Izzy reconnected several years ago and live near each other in Morris County, New Jersey. Izzy is a psychologist, and Sue recently retired from the mortgage industry.

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A memorable event in November 2023 brought alumni and faculty together in New York City. The evening, in Gotham Hall's magnificent elliptical banking room, was beautifully orchestrated and truly inspiring. **Ellin Carpenter Smith** enjoyed sharing the experience with classmates **Scott Cassie** and **Steve Elmendorf** and several hundred other Trinity alumni. She and Scott ran into classmate **Henry DePhillips's** father, Henry DePhillips, Vernon K. Kriebel Professor of Chemistry, Emeritus, who let us know that Hank is doing well.

Speaking of inspiration, the latest update from our class agents—**Tom Mathews**, **Patty Hooper Kelley**, **Bill Talbot**, and **Carmen Leslie-Rourke**—is encouraging. "At the start of the fiscal year, we set a goal to raise \$250,000 for the Trinity College Fund and to reach

46 percent participation. As of January 16, our class has raised \$223,992 in unrestricted gifts and pledges, and our participation rate stands at 28 percent. We are on our way, and we cannot do it without you! All the best, and go Bantams!" Kudos to Tom, Patty, Bill, and Carmen, and thanks to all of those who have given or will be adding gifts to our class contribution.

As more and more of us are moving into new stages of life, we enjoy hearing about new career pursuits and weddings. For some, these milestones are happening on parallel tracks. **Scott Cassie** shared news that the wedding bells will be ringing in Sonoma County, California, for son Rob. As for Scott, he retired as of December. "I was most recently with Fitch Ratings, having created and then led their North American Relationship Management Team for eight years. No plans yet for my next chapter except for lots of cycling time . . . and no commuting. Oh, and my dog is ecstatic that I will be home full time! Earlier in February, I had a full knee replacement that has been life-changing. However, it has done nothing to improve my golf game, as witnessed by my fellow '82s **Jim Dod**, **Tom Tarca**, and **Tom Mathews** in Myrtle Beach in October. The many bottles of wine, great food, and lots of laughs were the best rehab."

Sandy Frazier Connelly writes that she is keeping busy as the humanities curriculum supervisor for the Haverford Township School District outside Philadelphia. She provides professional development to teachers about the science of reading and leads a team of teachers as they audit the K-12 curriculum for English language arts and consider how a "knowledge-building curriculum" will help integrate ideas and build content knowledge for students. She and George began knocking locations off of their bucket list with a trip to Montreal and Quebec City over New Year's. Sandy loved flexing her language-speaking skills and trying out some French! They look forward to having time for more travel in the future.

Last year was quite a year of transition for **Andy Fox** and his wife. They closed their two businesses of 35-plus years in Syracuse, New York, in June. Then they decided to sell their home in Syracuse in October and move to the warmth of Houston, Texas, to be near two of their four grandchildren. "Now that we have settled into our 55-plus community, we are trying to adapt from our longtime 24/7 lifestyle as business owners to one of retirement since we have not determined if

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we want to find new jobs in Texas. We are hoping to take up pickleball and develop a few more hobbies as we determine the next steps in life's journey."

Matt Smith continues to develop and moderate the Trinity Club of Hartford-sponsored Speaker Series webinars. Alumni are Zooming in from all across the country. Recent topics have featured Associate Professor of Legal and Policy Studies Renny Fulco offering insightful analysis of the 2022 midterm elections and Connecticut Supreme Court Justice Richard Palmer '72 discussing *stare decisis* and the Roberts Court. These insightful and timely offerings are a collaborative effort by the Trinity Club of Hartford Executive Committee, which includes past presidents and classmates **Carmen Leslie-Rourke** and **Francesca Borges Gordon**.

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Keith Gallagher and wife **Debbie** headed way south in February, starting with a visit in Miami with **Tim Martin**, who is a permanent Floridian. Then it was on to Santiago, Chile, for some sailing, horseback riding, and good eats. At the time of his update, the two had just embarked for a three-week cruise with their adult kids that will take them "around the Horn" and will end up in Buenos Aires. Along the way, they will be passing the Chilean fjords and viewing glaciers, with a stop in Punta Arenas for a catamaran journey to look at some penguins. South America was the last continent Keith had on his bucket list to visit, and it sounds as if he and Debbie are doing it in style.

Janet Bollinger Huley and husband **Joe** vacationed in May with daughter **Laura** in Italy, visiting Rome, Florence, and Venice. Then in October, they walked the last 100 miles of the Camino de Santiago in Spain with **Fresco Tours**. It was the rainy season, but they had a wonderful experience with just a few blisters. The two walked nine to 14 miles per day and explored ancient routes, monasteries, and churches in the scenic countryside while staying in manor houses and feasting on local specialties.

In October, **Al Strickland** and wife also hit Florence for a week, staying with friends and enjoying the amazing mecca of art while downing delicious food. Thanksgiving and

Christmas brought all three of their young adult kids home for meaningful family time. **Al's** youngest daughter will be graduating from the University of Virginia this spring, so an early congratulations.

Jacob Edwards recounts how much he enjoyed the 40th Reunion, especially performing in stellar fashion with **Glass Bullet** and his fellow bandmates. He writes of recently retiring after a 40-year human services career that included social work, clinical work, teaching, and being a middle school principal. **Jacob** now has a handy-man business that he enjoys and with wife **Tammie** has a pretty full nest with three daughters and three stepchildren to keep them happy from dawn to dusk. Lastly, he promises that **Glass Bullet** will be back to rock the campus again at our 45th.

I heard from **Tim Yasui**, who's staying very busy in Hollywood. He recently produced a new horror/comedy feature film called *Cocaine Wolf* and put out a few new musical tracks, some of which will be distributed worldwide by Sony. He says to check out **Hollywood After Dark** on your favorite music platform this summer.

On our perennial hunt to see outstanding sports events, **Tom Merrill** and I traveled to Lawrence, Kansas, in early December to watch a great game between UConn and KU.

Tim Clark writes that his and **John Swain's** family got together for Christmas as the two classmates joked and reminisced of old times.

This final and sad item just missed the last *Reporter*, but **Ben Howe** wrote that our classmate **Todd Clark** died on June 10. Poignantly, this was the Saturday of our 40th Reunion. **Todd** is remembered by **Ben** and those close to him for his written and verbal prose, which he delivered with his awesome Boston accent and peppered with great humor and sarcasm. **Todd** was acknowledged by all who knew him as a fierce competitor from sports to his successful career on Wall Street, but most of all as a loving and good man. We all join **Ben** in offering our sincere condolences to **Todd's** wife, **Lisa**, and their two children, **Samantha** and **Tucker**.

That's all from the Class of 1983!

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A quick note from **Nick Deppen** reveals he "is contemplating retirement, maintaining connections in Seattle while spending a lot

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more time at the house on Cape Cod. Thank you, COVID."

Lorraine Saunders White shares, "I'm living in Pelham, New York, just trying to get through winter. Heading to the Bahamas for two weeks, so I plan on being warmer and happier! Daughter **Maddie** graduated from **Bowdoin** in May 2023, working in investment banking in N.Y.C. Identical twin sons are sophomores in college, **Ohio Wesleyan** and **Bucknell**." She recently caught up with **Amy Snyder Forman**, **Michele Rosner Saunders** (yes, she married **Lorraine's** younger brother!), **Nancy Katz Aresu**, **Linda Kapnek Rosner**, and **Dale Sindell** at **Dale's** condo in Florida.

Jane Melvin says, "Greetings from Fort Wayne, Indiana. We moved here during COVID so I could be closer to my ballroom studio. It's weird to be living in a place not near a major airport, and whenever I find myself having to drive to O'Hare, I slightly question our relocation decision, but I love our home, and I'm really trying to find my tribe. 2024. Hmmm. Our son graduates from the University of Minnesota with a degree in computer science, and I will graduate with my second master's the same week, this one from Purdue. Still running my consulting practice. Still unpacking boxes from three moves ago. Still dancing as much as my knees allow. The world changes around us, and I find myself in yet another congressional district that needs a massive upgrade, but I'm determined to get democracy back and find myself thinking often about **Clyde McKee**. We'll see how it all unfolds. I was recently plowing through a box of stuff from my mom's attic and found a kazoo mounted on a piece of wood that said Trinity 1984. Those were the days."

Cathy Villano Bery explains, "Unfortunately, I can't make it to Reunion since our best friend's son is getting married on June

8 and then our daughter is getting married in Vermont on June 22! She is our oldest daughter and the first wedding for us, so it's a bit stressful. The good news is that we will have some Trinity alumni attending! In addition to my husband, Dave '83, my two best friends from college will be there, **Maria DiBella Kiley** and Ami Clymer Maron '83, who are traveling from Long Island and Seattle, respectively. It will be a mini-reunion in addition to a wedding. Wishing everyone a great time at our 40th!"

Blythe Bachmann Everett shares, "I'm still working. I guess by the time this issue comes out, I will have concluded my sixth year as head of school at Marvelwood School, a small boarding school in rural Kent, Connecticut. The work is challenging and constant but deeply rewarding. I've been at the school since 1990, after starting as an English and French teacher and working my way through the various administrative positions to the top of the heap! After 34 years in education, I admit to imagining joining my husband in retirement and wondering what that will look like a bit more frequently these days. Both of my children are working in—surprise!—education. One is doing college admissions, and the other is in boarding school administration. I guess it's in the blood! I keep in pretty regular touch with fellow Trinity choir alto and my old Jones roommate **Sarah Adams**, who is a pediatrics specialist in North Carolina, and enjoyed meeting with **Bob Flynn** several times while he was between European jaunts over the past two years. While I live in Connecticut, I'm still 50-plus miles from Trinity; the closest I've come to being back on campus in many years is driving by on I-84 en route to some conference or other. Nonetheless, I have great memories of the school, the people, the opportunities, and, of course, the lights coming on along the Long Walk at sunset."

Susan Thomas Schlett writes, "I can tell you that here in southeastern Wisconsin, we had snow for Halloween and then absolutely no snow in December (warmest on record), but we finally got winter in January! I am not able to attend Reunion, but I hope my classmates have a fantastic 40th! My last of three children graduated high school, and I hope to get the second and third child through college within the next couple of years."

Bob Flynn shares, "Greetings from Trinity College Dublin! I've survived the first semester, amazingly since I had forgotten what the inside of a library looked like. Not only have

the academics been an eye opener but also being in a class with an average age of 25 has taught me a few lessons! I like to think it's keeping me young and sharp, but then again, maybe it's simply teaching me how to foster illusions. LOL. No snow, in the 40s or low single digits for these Europeans. Still, I took the opportunity to take a week in the Canary Islands and enjoy the sun. Hope to attend the festivities in June. Really looking forward to catching up with everyone."

Lastly, **Elizabeth Davis** chimes in a day past the deadline and admits, "Anyone who remembers me at all will either be well into eye-rolling or chuckling (who was a champion puller of all-nighters and pleader for deadline extensions?). Holy cow! Forty years have both flashed by and moved apace with molasses. How did we get here? As my father never tired of saying, 'She went north to Trinity and never moved more than a few blocks away.' And he spoke the truth. Not only that, gobsmackingly, I am still employed by Hartford Public Library, the one place I landed off campus for a work-study job. Someone took Connecticut's state motto too seriously. Oy. To conclude: **Peter Stinson**, if you don't show up, I will haunt you for 1,984 times 40 years. Seriously. Why haven't you signed up? May all be holding their own."

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Hello, everyone. I will start with what might be a first-ever update from **Michele Sensale**. Since 2019, Michele and Rita Scuris '88 have hosted *Two Punk Divas*, a radio show on WRTC-FM. It is an expanded reboot of their radio shows when they were students, an eclectic and often nostalgic mix of punk, post punk, goth, ska, reggae, and synth-pop. Catch their show on Monday nights from 7:30 to 10:30 ET at www.wrtcfm.com, or check out their Two Punk Divas Facebook page for mixes and music news content. She also is the communications manager/blogger at My House Radio FM and co-owner of Liquid Sol Entertainment, engaged in house music party planning and promotions. "We are always looking to hook up with corporate sponsors!" she writes. More on

Michele comes from the Alumni Office: The Connecticut Bar Foundation (CBF) recently announced she was elected a 2024 Fellow of CBF's James W. Cooper Fellows Program. Fellows are nominated by their peers based on their outstanding service to the profession and larger community and are elected by the CBF Board of Directors. Michele, of East Berlin, Connecticut, is a research attorney for Judge Support Services in the State of Connecticut Judicial Branch; she previously worked in the Office of Chief Disciplinary Counsel in the Judicial Branch. She earned a J.D. from Pace University's law school in 1991. She also was appointed a justice of the peace in 2018. Michele is an active member of the CBF History of Attorneys of Color Committee.

Brooke Southall also makes a reappearance in this section. He founded RIABiz, an online publication for registered investment advisers, 15 years ago and has lived on a houseboat in California for the last 24 years. Despite being a New Englander for most of his first 37 years, Brooke said he likes California life but returns to Maine in the summers. He reflected that he missed rowing practices on the Connecticut River, but when I pressed, he acknowledged, "The further removed I get from the hour, the cold, and the semi-congealed state of my rowing shorts, the better I remember it."

Adam Streisand lives in Los Angeles and Paris. He is a trial lawyer focused on inheritance and succession battles "involving the very rich and often famous." He and second wife Sofia, a Russian musical theater producer and director, have a 3-year old son, Pierre. Adam also has two grown daughters from his first marriage, Lena, a lawyer in Los Angeles, and Olivia, a documentary filmmaker in New York. He has loved Paris since spending junior year there and plans to retire there. Pierre is attending Le Lycée Français in Los Angeles, and ultimately, he will be educated in Paris. "My wife's work is in Russia and Europe, so it also makes sense to be where we've always belonged," he says.

Sam Reid is the presiding officer of the Fraternity of Delta Psi, St. Anthony Hall for the next year. There are 11 chapters and more than 400 undergraduate members. "As Trinity's chapter of St. A's is currently closed, there is a great deal of work ahead to bring it back stronger than ever," Sam writes.

Sandy Monaghan, Bill Doyle, and Doug Burbank were on campus last fall for Homecoming Weekend.

Michael Thomas Duffy '85

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Although I was born in N.Y.C., I spent most of my childhood living in Florida never seeing snow. Freshman year I remember the night of the first snowfall and grabbing my friend and neighbor in Jarvis, Mark Viklund, getting a tray from the cafeteria, running out to the quad, and sledding down the hill next to the Chapel. I also cherish the memory of beating my friends Chris Doyle, John Molner, and Lou Shipley at the board game of Risk during the final week of senior year.

What is the GO Foundation? The GO Foundation is a nonprofit organization with a mission to provide students with access to a quality education through high-dosage tutoring. At the GO Foundation, we recruit, train, and support a corps of caring adults who are placed in partner schools, where they intensively tutor students as a part of the federal AmeriCorps program. A select group of these tutors are chosen to enter GO's residency program and get trained to use their time tutoring as an apprenticeship to become effective classroom teachers.

Why did you start it? In seventh grade, after bombing a placement test, I was put in the remedial math class at my middle school. At the end of that academic year, convinced that I was capable of doing more challenging work, my mom and dad successfully pestered the middle school's administrators to let me into the eighth-grade algebra class. They hired a private tutor—I still remember his name, Mr. Cooper—during the summer between seventh and eighth grade to help fill in the gaps in my math knowledge. I ended up acing that eighth-grade algebra class, opening up advanced classes for me in high school, which in turn led me to Trinity and then to Harvard. That seemingly small intervention provided by Mr. Cooper changed my life. It's why the GO Foundation has a vision of America where every child has access to a tutor to realize their full human potential.

What are your biggest challenges? Hands down the biggest challenge right now is recruiting the tutors we need to meet the demand we are seeing from schools. The job market, particularly for entry-level positions, is the tightest it's been in our lifetime, making it hard to find people to serve as tutors. If you are reading this and you know of a recent college grad (maybe your own kids?) looking for something worthwhile to do for a year before they start their career or head to grad school, have them apply at GOFellows.org. We are looking for 300-plus tutors to go to urban schools throughout the Northeast for a one-year fellowship beginning in summer 2024.

Did you have a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? Professor Andrew Gold taught a class on urban economics that I really enjoyed. He was the one who told me about Harvard's



public policy program at the Kennedy School. I likely would have gone to law school without his guidance and encouragement. Diane Zannoni brought a lot of joy to her macroeconomics classroom, which isn't easy for a discipline often called "the dismal science." Alden Gordon's art history course gave me an understanding of the basics of contemporary art and instilled in me a lifelong love of painting—I'm currently the chair of the board of the Lyme Academy of Fine Arts in Old Lyme, Connecticut. I also loved Howard DeLong's logic course and Edmond Cherbonnier's class called "Reason and Emotion," which he taught in the evenings at the Religion Department building, with a fire going in the fireplace. Roger Shoemaker's theater course, Dick Scheuch's "Econ 101," and Gerald Gunderson's class in entrepreneurship . . . I had so many professors at Trinity who influenced me and helped make me who I am today.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? I took Clyde McKee's freshman seminar, "Politics and Oral Communication." In addition to introducing me to lifelong friends like Jane Melvin, the course TA, and Lee Coffin and Paul Newman, my classmates, it was a blast for me from the start. We used *Roberts Rules of Order* to run the class, and I've put my knowledge of them to good use on the many boards I've since served on. My sophomore year, I became the TA for the course and had Professor McKee add the book *Advise and Consent* to the reading list. One of the plot points for the book dealt with a character's hidden sexual orientation. Looking back on it, that represented a moment in my own coming out as a gay man.

Jeff Kise is preparing to race his 28-foot sailboat from San Francisco to Oahu in July, checking off a lifetime bucket list item. At this writing, he was gearing up for the biennial Pacific Cup Yacht race. He expressed deep gratitude for the many people who step up to offer advice and support. “Getting to the starting line is quite a journey,” he says. “Fair winds.”

Chris Elliott and wife Mary-Beth moved from the suburbs back into Boston as they became empty nesters a few years back. In his free time, he’s been active singing and playing the trombone, and he is a regular Harvard Stadium stair climber with November Project. After 35 years in the medical device industry, he’s enjoyed some glimpses of retirement but was casting his sights on the next (and possibly last!) interesting opportunity.

Sonia Plumb recently moved back to her hometown in Vermont to be nearer family and to help care for her aging parents. “I am straddling doing business between Hartford, New York City, and Vermont. Not one to slow down, in fact, I need to keep moving,” she writes. A dancer and entrepreneur, her newest project, *The Sound of Migration*, is set to premiere in 2025. Check out the newly launched website at www.soniaplumbdance.org.

Prudy Horne writes from rain-soaked California to say **Ann Malabre, Jeanine Lunghamer, Erica Merrill, and Laura Higgs Furber** surprised **Donna Gilbert** and her wife, Grace, for a gathering in Sonoma to celebrate Donna’s 60th. It featured four “hilarious and action-packed days” in the wine country. “We rocked the party bus with an enthusiastic performance of ‘Thunder Road,’ with the hope Bruce will see us on YouTube and we will be touring with him soon enough,” she writes.

Finally, **Nancy McKeown Aboyan** shares the sad news that **Victoria Arvanitis Jenks** passed away on November 13, 2023, at her home in Paso Robles, California. Toria valiantly fought a 2½-year battle with pancreatic cancer. **Bonnie Adams Connors, Louise Williams Senopoulos,** and Nancy were with her for her final weekend. “Thanks to Trinity, we were all friends for over 40 years. We spent her last few days reminiscing over our many adventures, laughs, and embarrassing stories and shared some lovely pictures of us from the 1980s. She was surrounded by her family when she passed. Toria was a loyal friend to many and a tremendous mother to three children. She was a good one,” Nancy writes.

Indeed, a dear person with a great spirit. Rest in peace.

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Greetings, Class of ’86. Hoping everyone is well.

Lori Laub writes, “After 35 years in N.Y.C., my husband and I are enjoying the snowbird experience of spending winters in Delray Beach, Florida. The advances in technology since our freshman year (when we used the computer room stations and/or memory typewriters) make hybrid work a fabulous gift. Who knew then that our handheld phones would do more than the entire 1982 Trinity computer lab? Hard also not to like playing tennis outside and walking on the beach in February. I just purchased a case of golf balls to improve my handicap while learning how to avoid the numerous water hazards. I heard from fellow classmates **Amy McDonnell MacKethan, Ann Alford,** and **Sarah Oman Horne,** and they all are doing well in Michigan, Vermont, and New Jersey, respectively.”

Doreen Rice writes, “Life is a joy. In 2023, I accepted a call to a large and dynamic Episcopal church in Topeka, Kansas. I lost both parents. (My dad was a Trinity alumnus, Class of ’56.) I married my best friend. And our family celebrated the birth of our first grandchild. As a priest, I am frequently with people at their deaths. Being present at the birth of our grandchild was the experience of a lifetime. I sit on two not-for-profit boards, fighting for Medicare expansion, LGBTQ+ rights, and strong public schools in the state and against human trafficking, violence against women, and racism locally and nationally.”

Lynn Snyder Seay sent a great pic from a trip this past October. The roommates spent six days together in Elbow Cay. On the trip with Lynn were **Karina Fabi Walker,** Susan Khantzian Wall ’87, **Christine Pastore Rhodes,** and **Karin Bennett Micheletti.** I’m sure it was a low-key week.

Feel free to pass along any news you want to share.

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Welcome to this round of Class Notes! **Bob Edmunds** shares that he, **Dave Stedt,** and **Ross Buchmueller** “had a fun roommate reunion at the Bicentennial festivities last summer. It was great to catch up with our classmates and those from ’88. Our fourth High Rise roommate, **Tim Burbank,** was sorely missed, but we were able to raise a glass to him in absentia.”

Taking a virtual road trip south, the next two updates come from Baltimore: **Robin Scullin** has worked at the Johns Hopkins Bloomberg School of Public Health in Baltimore for seven years; she recently was promoted to senior director of media and stakeholder engagement in the Office of External Affairs. She lives in Annapolis with significant other Brent Matherly and stepson Jim, who is studying mechanical engineering in his junior year abroad in Madrid. Their older son, Tom, works as a biochemist in New Jersey and recently got engaged. They enjoy gardening, sailing, hiking, and walking their dog, Sammy. They often visit family in Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania; Vero Beach, Florida; and Martha’s Vineyard, Massachusetts. Robin and Brent recently bought a 100-year-old cottage in Litchfield County, Connecticut; Robin writes, “It’s nice to be back in Connecticut during the summers.”

Lisa Van Riper writes, “We have finally settled into Baltimore. I love it; I’ve been catching up with some old high school friends who live here and whom I haven’t seen in 40 years.” Lisa plans to begin the M.F.A. in creative nonfiction degree program at Goucher College (where she is vice president of marketing and communications) this fall: “Never too late to get a master’s degree. And my daughter, Lily, is doing very well as a first-year student at Goucher.”

Continuing the virtual road trip, **David Rubinger** checks in from Atlanta, where he “just celebrated my eighth anniversary as market president and publisher of *Atlanta Business Chronicle* and 32 years married to the amazing Hedy Rubinger.” Their daughter, Jill, became engaged last December and is planning a spring 2025 wedding in Atlanta; Jill and her fiancé live in New York City, as does her brother Scott. “Twins Adam and Eric graduate UT Austin and UGA this May on the same day and start their finance careers this summer!”

The next stop on this virtual road trip is all the way across the country in Colorado:

Cary Lyford retired in October 2023 after 24 years with Aon; her retirement kicked off with a send-off from the Aon London office and a retirement party in Denver. Her plans include “skiing, mountain biking, golf, travel, repeat.” Cary writes, “I may not have been top of the academic class at Trinity, but I am summa cum laude in retirement. **John Self** is still enjoying working at Wells Fargo, so he is missing all the good powder days and apparently enjoys ski lift lines on Saturday. Our oldest son, Kellen, lives in Winter Park, working remotely for Fidelity and recently became engaged at the top of Berthoud Pass, Colorado, to a girl originally from Connecticut who attended Colorado College. Winter ski wedding is planned for 2025 in Steamboat. Our younger son lives in Denver and is working for an insurance brokerage firm downtown; great to have them both in Colorado.”

A second stop in Colorado brings a check-in with **Jennifer Nahas**, who writes that she is “enjoying my winter at Telluride as a ski instructor. Any alumni should hit me up if they come to the mountains!”

Maureen Neylon sent a jam-packed update from Chicago that made it to my inbox in the nick of time. “Greetings from Chicago! I was able to reconnect with a few Trinity friends in 2023. Not always easy living in the Midwest, but this year was a good one for a few get-togethers! I spent a fun-filled weekend in New York in July celebrating **Chris Smith**’s son’s beautiful wedding. The festivities kicked off on Friday night when Chris and his wife, Kelly, hosted a rooftop welcome party in New York City on a perfect summer evening. I got to catch up on decades worth of news with **Dave Smith** and **Lisa Trocki Smith** ’88. On Saturday, **Lincoln** and **Nancy Purdy** joined the fun, along with **Jim Rossman** (who is as funny as ever) and his wife, Lisa. I was recovering from knee surgery so couldn’t hit the dance floor, but we all spent the night out on the patio overlooking the New York skyline talking, laughing at old memories, and enjoying being back together. (Note: See a photo of the gathering in the winter *Reporter*.) In September, **Jen Nahas** came for a visit, and we headed to the country in Galena, Illinois, for several days. We managed to fit in some hikes, goat yoga, a zip line, a winery, a brewery, and some shopping. But mostly we returned to our 18-year-old selves and stayed up late on the deck every night telling tales and laughing until we cried (literally). Jen is living her best life and is spending the winter as a

ski instructor out in Telluride, Colorado.” Maureen returned “home” and attended her 40th reunion at Lowell (Massachusetts) High School and “got to catch up with **Danny Tighe**. He’s exactly the same as he was in both high school and college years, happy, and on the verge of empty nesting soon!” She hopes that “2024 brings more opportunities to reconnect with some Bantams!”

Last but not least, Class President **Douglas Kim** writes, “On a brisk Saturday morning in early February, **David Banta** and I bonded over coffee in Chappaqua, New York, as classmates but also as fellow ad agency copywriters. It was a treat to share our favorite memories (and a few war stories) from years in the trenches in agencies all over the country. Next time, we must invite **Tim Leavitt**, who chose this same profession that was, at the time, unusual for Trinity students.”

Thanks for joining me on this virtual road trip! Send me your news today!

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Greetings! I hope all of you are well. Winter is full-on at the time of this writing, but I am hoping sunshine greets you this summer as you read this issue of the *Reporter*. Lots new at the College, and we are nearing the end of our Bicentennial celebrations! I hope many of you were able to participate in or read about the happenings on campus this past year. Some very special events have been held, in particular, the fabulous fireworks over the quad at last summer’s all-alumni Reunion. Everyone is still talking about that night! Two hundred years! So much history behind us and still more history to make!

Lisa Alvarez-Calderón has moved back to the East Coast. “After 3½ years living in Seattle, Washington, my husband, Kevin, and I decided to move permanently to our ‘happy place’ in Chincoteague, Virginia. We spent seven months road-tripping, visiting national parks and family before arriving in Chincoteague in time for Christmas with our sons, Oliver and Cooper. I am really enjoying my new work life as an executive coach and leadership development consultant. P.S. Our 35th Reunion was a blast!”

Mark Jamilkowski writes to let us know he has joined the literary world. “While I am

still co-founder and CFO of the health insurance start-up Evry Health, I also recently published my first novel. *The Road to Moresco* is a historical fiction and biographical novel covering about 150 years ending in 2021. It follows the harrowing and traumatic lives of two very inspiring women and how they persevered during the tumultuous 20th-century Europe and immigration to the United States. The book recently won the Literary Titan Gold Book Award and is rated five stars by OnlineBookClub.org, among others.” Congratulations, Mark!

Holly Davoren shares that in December, she and a few other Trinity classmates could not resist the opportunity to see Madonna in Brooklyn! “Singing and dancing their hearts out to the Queen of Pop were **Karen Tufankjian Aharonian**, **Annie Mongillo McRavey**, **Lisa Godek**, **Corinne Coppola**, and me. Just 24 hours later, **Liz Cahn Goodman** and **Jessica Brownstein Prestegaard** joined us for an amazing dinner in Chelsea and an old-fashioned sleepover. Happy times will continue as my son, Bobby, will marry his high school sweetheart in June in Portland, Maine!”

Maine is calling! **Karen Tufankjian Aharonian** sends news that her “daughter, Alyssa, will be married on a farm near Portland in August of this summer.” Those coastal and country winds are magical in the summer. Congratulations!

Well, that’s the news for this issue. Remember you can send submissions to me anytime, and I will include them in the next issue. Also, join and stay tuned to our Facebook page, Trinity College Class of 1988. Look forward to hearing from you and seeing more of you again at Homecoming this fall.

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Startling news that ended well came in from **Rob Cummings**. “In November, I had a heart attack and was rushed to the emergency room thanks to quick action by **Ciorsdan Conran** and the good folks at our local volunteer ambulance corps who were woken up before dawn by the call. At the ER, they discovered a 100 percent blockage of my LAD artery and placed a stent to open it back up. I encourage everyone to get a cardio screening as soon as you can. I didn’t have high

cholesterol readings, but I should have paid closer attention to my family history, which my new cardiologist says is a more accurate predictor of heart attacks. If you know about heart attacks, this one is nicknamed ‘the widomaker’ because of the poor odds. I am grateful I am able to write this update. In better news, our son Orion recently started a new job at General Dynamics in Groton, Connecticut. Before helping him move into his new apartment, we stayed overnight in early December with **Matt Maginniss** and his wife, Marilyn, at their beautiful waterfront house right on Long Island Sound. Later that month, we attended a holiday gathering hosted by **Liz Osterhus Fleurette** at her new place in New Canaan. **Samantha Koster**, **Jennifer Kehl**, David Lowey ’90, **Emily Blumenfeld**, and **Katie Sherr Blanque** and her husband, Frederic, attended and feasted on a fantastic holiday spread.” So glad you’re well, Rob!

Maria Walsh writes, “Today is my six-year anniversary with Save the Children. I am on the impact communications team and find it very rewarding to steward our wonderful donors. My son is a junior at Brown, and my daughter is a freshman at Tulane, so we are empty nesters enjoying work, weekends, and our dog, Lucy.”

Regular contributor **Becky Holt** (bless you, Becky) sends some quick news. “We renovated our kitchen in our 1915 house!” Well done; we’re looking forward to tales of culinary co-creations with your son, Gabe.

Michelle McEttrick has been catching up with fellow Bants. “Spent the weekend in Dublin two weeks ago with Mike Davis ’90. We were in Dublin for work so arrived early for a good catch-up over Guinness and seafood. My husband, Mike, and I had dinner with **Marianne McLaren Mowat** last Saturday. Marianne was in London to drop her daughter Lucie for a semester at Central Saint Martin’s. Marianne is an extreme sports junkie and regaled us with tales of endurance all over the world.” Marianne, please send us your news! We want to be regaled, too.

I had a quick update from my new pen pal and former New Dorm next-door neighbor, **Kristin Bennett**. In addition to her recently having had lunch with **Bart Coughlin**, she writes, “I have nothing exciting to report except my German goddaughter Luzie turned 16 and I got to visit her in Berlin, and Choey (my Maine coon cat) passed his test with his cardiologist. KB Science is in our 16th year of feeling the nanosciences of love in the time of vibrational anisotropy

among the atoms of glory.” I had to use the dictionary to fully understand the science part; suffice it to say, she is doing amazing things. In addition to sharing a wall in our senior-year dorm, it was fun to learn Kristen and I have German godchildren. I am the proud godfather of Daniel, the son of Dave Copland ’90.

Mark Eller reports that he recently escaped the snow in his hometown of Boulder, Colorado, and traveled to Tempe, Arizona, for a sculling camp led by Trinity’s current head men’s rowing coach Kevin MacDermott. “It was a thoroughly enjoyable experience, and MacDermott impressed with top-notch coaching and an impressive display of juggling tennis balls while standing in a one-person rowing shell.”

And another great update comes from **Sean Dougherty**. “Julie and I had quite the adventure in 2023, visiting Hartford hero Mark Twain’s office in Virginia City, Nevada, where he got his start as a journalist; visiting Montreal for the fireworks and Just for Laughs festivals in July; spending quality family time in New England in August; and then spending September–November in Italy before returning home for the holidays. We visited Matthew Letellier and his aunt Chris and found them thriving, with Matthew making varsity basketball as a freshman.

Gina Letellier would be so proud. I won my first ball hockey championship since 1988 in Waterbury, this time with the Goonies of the Henderson Ball Hockey League. Then as now, I relied on the other guys to get that done, but am in the picture!”

Tracy Miano Chartier sent a wonderfully long note, but word limits prevent me from including it all. Like many of us, she’s been caring for aging parents. She recently lost her mother and is preparing the family home for sale. “I have learned to take nothing for granted and enjoy the small moments. While having COVID for the third time in 2023, I spent Christmas Eve alone cooking for the holiday in my parents’ kitchen. Fortunately, I finally tested negative on Christmas morning! That was truly a gift!” Both of her children—a chemical engineer son and a daughter in law enforcement—graduated from the University of Maine. And she is a grandmother! Her son and his wife “have blessed us with an absolutely precious granddaughter, Willow, who is 8 months old today. Being a grandparent is the best thing in the entire world!” She continues to work as a teacher and is dedicated to improving the lives of the children in her community.

She also skis regularly with her family. She and her husband are eyeing retirement in a few years. “Our plan is to do a lot of traveling and spend more time with our family and friends.” Best wishes for a blissful retirement when it comes, Tracy.

And with that, I hope to see all of you at our upcoming 35th Reunion.

From the Alumni Office: Robinson+Cole is pleased to announce the addition of **Patrick J. Trostle** to the firm’s Bankruptcy + Reorganizations Group in the Hartford, Connecticut, office. Trostle has 30 years of experience representing clients in a wide variety of high-profile transactional matters, including bankruptcy, restructuring, and litigation. He joins from the New York office of a major international law firm.

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

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Hello, 1991 Bantams! It’s been a few years since we were all together ‘neath the elms, but sometimes it feels like yesterday, and hearing from an old roommate, a study buddy, or a Pong partner is priceless. Keep the news coming!

My hubby, Jack, and I are still in Andover, Massachusetts, with our oldest, Charlie, at the U.S. Coast Guard Academy and our daughter Molly a junior in high school. Strange to think we’ll be empty nesters in less than two years!

I get to catch up here and there with **Joanne Fredell Bagan**, Kaitlin McDermott ’90, **Molly Whelahan Ducker**, and **Jen Tesoro Reese**, but definitely not enough. **Kara Molway Russell** never ceases to make me

Katharine Brown '98

DEGREES:

B.S. in biology; M.Ed. in curriculum and instruction, Keene State College

JOB TITLES:

Venue owner; flower farmer/florist; science teacher

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The great thing about Trinity was not only the wonderful education but also the countless memories made with people along the way. I am lucky to be still making memories with them 30 years later!

What was your path to your current positions?

I met George Brown at Trinity, also Class of 1998, from Honesdale, Pennsylvania. Our circuitous path postgraduation eventually led us back to Honesdale, and we bought his father's farm. My passion for gardening extended into maternity leave from teaching seventh-grade science, and I joined the local Master Gardener chapter. I then began selling floral arrangements at local farmers' markets, which led to garden design and wedding florals, and one of the brides asked if she could get married on our farm. The wedding business "organically" bloomed here at what was named Fox Hill Farm. Years later, I saw the inside of a historic brick warehouse in Honesdale that had been abandoned since its last life as a furniture-making business. I have a passion for restoring and repurposing old things, and this was the biggest project yet. We named it 6th and River, and it joins Fox Hill Farm as one of our wedding and event venues. It has been a beautiful journey on life's rollercoaster!

What do you do in your role? I run the partnership between our farm and the restored warehouse venue. Sales, marketing, social media, tours, and overseeing our small team and the events themselves are all part of the job. We also grow and maintain the perennial, annual, and shrub gardens throughout the property. But it all started with using the products of that labor in floral arrangements for all types of events, which we still do for the venues. Lastly, teaching has always been a part of my life in one form or another. I am excited to be getting back in the classroom!

How long have you been away from teaching, and when will you be back in that role? Since I left my seventh-grade science position, I've been teaching in various capacities, but it's been 15 years since I left the traditional classroom. I am currently a permanent substitute in the agriculture program in our local high school and hope to be a permanent teacher by the next school year.

What do you enjoy most about teaching seventh-grade science? First and foremost, I adore the age group. One has the opportunity to harness their energy, and they accept the weird and wacky and still want to learn and have fun . . . all of which is how I like to teach.



What do you enjoy most about your work at the venues? I absolutely love creating floral arrangements fresh off the farm, and being a part of a couple's love story is an absolute joy.

How do you juggle so many different roles? I get asked that question quite often. Much of it is having a good team. Though we are small, we are mighty! All of the women have been working with me for a long time. I feel very lucky to have such great people who have stuck with me through thick and thin. My husband and children are part of the team as well, and I could not do it without their help.

What do you enjoy most about life in a small town? I grew up in a small town, so I knew what it would be like to live in Honesdale. But raising my own children and starting my business in a small town is another thing! It has been such an amazing experience to start my business here. The support has been unparalleled. George and I have been involved in quite a few community efforts and feel as though we were a part of making a difference. The geography of Honesdale is great, too; we can be in a lot of different places in very little time. I wouldn't change it for the world.

How did Trinity prepare you for the work you do now? The opportunities afforded me at Trinity were incomparable: challenging classes with amazing professors, labs, late-night studies, clubs, travels abroad, and the best people with whom I shared it all. Most importantly, my husband and best friends—all from Trinity—have supported me from day one.

What was your most memorable academic experience at Trinity? The Guided Studies program, now the Humanities Gateway Program, was an absolutely fascinating journey through religion, history, philosophy, and art.

chuckle with her witty quips on social media (and her love of Billy Joel, but that's another story for another day). **Camille Carida** was doing press recently for her latest movie, *Lissa's Trip*. It doesn't seem too long ago that she was performing in *Three Sisters* at Trinity.

Laura Gaines Semler writes, "Michael and I are in West Palm Beach, Florida, and loving it! Even though all three kids are out of the house, being a Realtor down here keeps me very busy. I hope that if anyone comes this way, they reach out; we love to show off our town!" Seeing that as of this writing we are expecting a foot of snow in the Boston area, Florida sounds perfect, Laura!

Lawrence Kolin sends greetings from sunny Florida, too, with the fantastic news that he "was named to the national panel of the American Arbitration Association as a member of the mediator and arbitrator rosters for resolving commercial disputes." Very cool!

Speaking of the law, **John Claud** recently was recognized when he appeared in front of the House Committee on Energy and Commerce's Subcommittee on FDA Foreign Inspections, providing expert testimony. Go, John!

Our class president, **Liz Bakulski Peterson**, shares, "It's been great being able to attend Bicentennial events on campus. The Bicentennial Kickoff last May had a carnival theme and was a lot of fun. I really liked being at an event with the current students in attendance! The Alumni Bicentennial Celebration over Reunion Weekend last June with the Bantam Birthday Bash on Saturday night was a blast. I'm looking forward to the Bicentennial Gala this coming May 11 and hope to see many classmates there!"

Heather Watkins Walsh is "happy to report that my doubles partner and I won the 55 (!) doubles at the USTA Wilson World Tennis Classic Level 2 in Palm Desert, California! I first played against Jen Beindorf while at Trinity; she played at Smith. We reunited at a national tournament two years ago and vowed to bring NESAC domination to the senior tennis tour the year we turned 55. In the tennis tournament world, you look forward to turning older so you can be the youngest in the new age division. Yes, I still have a day job—26 years at IBM. Can't wait to see some classmates this year to celebrate another milestone birthday!" Hard to believe we are coming up on "those birthdays," but if we can all be as awesome as Heather winning that tournament, it's all good.

George Logan gave a family update, "My son, Hunter, 24, recently moved from Boston to N.Y.C. (Brooklyn). He (Emerson '21) is working to find a good gig in publishing. Daughter Tracey recently graduated from college (Iona '23) and is looking to kick off her career in communications or marketing. My wife, Lisa, recently retired from a great career as an R.N. Lastly, I am running for Congress (again). Be well everyone!" Good luck, George!

Pat McCabe sends his best and says, "My son Kieran is a sophomore at Trinity and loving it. He is playing soccer and living [with teammates] on Allen Place. Most of the sports teams have a house it seems, and it's a slight upgrade on his quad from last year. I'm fortunate to get to see most games. I can assure you that Cave pizza is not what it used to be. The food trucks on Summit Street are nice additions. It seems the last several months I keep running into Trinity classmates. I often see **John Ramsey**, as he lives down the street from me, as well as neighbor Jason Hicks '90, who is a few doors down. **Rob Delena** and I see each other quite often at the gym; he is an author and wrote an uplifting book, *Without Restraint*, with his son Ryan, an expert skier. Definitely worth your time! Rob has run Legal Staffing Solutions for years and is a leader in this space. I bumped into **Rick Campbell** at Logan Airport and had a great chat. He was returning from a squash match at Harvard to see his son, who is playing for Dartmouth. I had a chance to tailgate with **Dan Alter** at the BC-Miami game. Dan is still in South Florida and enjoying a fine legal career. He has two daughters in college, at Wisconsin and UCF. Our soccer agency has been acquired twice in the last three years. I'm now running North America for CAA Stellar. Twenty-five years in the business, and no end in sight."

That's all for now but a big thank-you to all who sent updates. Looking forward to the next edition of Class Notes in the *Reporter* to catch up with even more classmates. Be well, everyone!

From the Alumni Office: Duane Morris LLP has named partner **Stephen H. Sutro** as co-chair of the firm's Trial Practice Group.

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Ron Irwin is senior lecturer in media studies at the University of Cape Town (UCT) in Cape Town, South Africa. His new novel, *My Side of the Ocean*, is being considered by Netflix for film. His first novel, *Flat Water Tuesday*, is in preproduction for film and was based partly upon his experience rowing in a four-man shell at Trinity. He has two daughters who study at UCT. He is in regular email contact with classmates **Brendan Kennedy**, **Scott Hoerle**, **Drew Kemalian**, **Eric Holtzman**, **Kate Mortimer**, and Audrey Brashich '93. They are all doing well. Find out more about Ron's work and planned films at www.ronirwin.com.

Dawn Amore is based in Washington, D.C., and has been in the nation's capital since 1994. She owns and runs Volanno, an intelligent transportation company focused on program management, software development, and data analytics for transportation agencies. The firm tracks FAA planes and Amtrak trains nationwide, along with managing technology upgrade projects for Washington Metro. Dawn recently went to Cape Canaveral, where a commercial space launch carried her mom's ashes into deep space, along with several cast members from the *Star Trek* original series. The ashes will be in a deep space orbit beyond the James Webb Space Telescope. Dawn has been keeping in touch with classmates **Melissa Moss** and **Julienne Coe Cassarino**, who live in Connecticut.

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Hey, team! Quick update from me: I had a beer with **Brian Oliver** and visited with his amazing family in Boston over the Christmas holiday.

Nick Neonakis checks in from Coral Gables. "Our boys, Max and Alex, are 16 and 17 and are getting ready for college. Daughter is an entrepreneur and purchased a franchise in Miami. We recently opened a hotel in Spain, a 16th-century castle west of Valencia called Hotel De La Villa, and we would love to host anyone from the Trin family if they're headed over. My franchise services business, The Franchise Consulting Company, has grown over the years, and we recently opened



Several members of the Class of 1995 enjoy the beach in Mexico in February 2023 to celebrate their 50th birthdays. After dinner, they held the finals of the “blue-gold Olympics.”

offices in Cairo, Egypt; Auckland, New Zealand, and Cork, Ireland. Lots of fun, family, and work. If anyone is headed to Miami in the future, I'd love to hear from you!"

From **Doug Rausch**: “**Justin Grigg** and I, along with our families, met at the New Jersey Shore for a couple of days this past summer in Bradley Beach. It was fun to hang at the beach, to catch up on post-Reunion news, and to relax with longtime friends. After a few years of doing this, it is starting to turn into an annual tradition!”

Finally, **Ran Barton** shares, “In October, we visited Trinity with Kate, my youngest, who was applying this fall. We had a great tour and a lovely visit with Professor Adrienne Fulco. After we left Hartford, we visited with **Britt Stockton Lee**, **Tony Canata**, and Steve Safran '90 and had a great time catching up and hearing about Tony's new book. Kate has been accepted at Trinity and will be matriculating as a [first-year] this fall, which makes me very happy. I am hopeful she will have as much fun there as I did, and I suspect she will be a better student. Other recent visits include **Audrey Brashich Sjöholm** and her family, and **Fell Herdeg**, all of whom are well.”

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Hope everyone had a great holiday and new year!

Emelie East writes, “This last fall, my husband and I took short sabbaticals and sailed a 48-foot Balance catamaran more than 3,500 nautical miles from Cape Town, South

Africa, to Fernando de Noronha, Brazil, crossing the Atlantic Ocean, with one short stopover on the island of St. Helena. It was challenging, at times exhilarating, and altogether a pretty big accomplishment. Most importantly, it prepared us for future world cruising plans on our own sailboat.”

Ash Altschuler shares, “I will be at the Class of 1994 Trinity 30th Reunion in June and look forward to celebrating with you! I am the managing partner of the Delaware office of McDermott Will & Emery, enjoying a growing office in Wilmington (since 2019). We recently celebrated the holidays in N.Y.C. with '94 Bantams **Steve Lari**, **Carter McNabb**, **Rob Weber**, **Mike Robinson**, **Keil Merrick**, **Carter Meyer Wilcox**, **Kim Flaster**, and **Amanda Pitman**. I visit with **Sanji Fernando** and **Graham Schelter** in Boston because my son is a freshman at Middlesex School. I also see **Dan Herbert** (New Jersey), **Bethany Patten** (Chattanooga), **Braxton Jones** (Kentucky), **Lindsey Davison Page** (Pennsylvania), **Whitney Cranis** (San Fran), and **Joe Stein** (San Fran). All of our Bantams are doing well and still thriving!”

Jeff Almeida writes, “I had a chance to go to the Lincoln to see the Eagles beat the Bills in OT with **Tom Corderman**. It was a great game, and Tom is doing really well. He was really moved by the crisis in our oceans as plastic continues to clog our seas. He worked with a few nonprofits on the issue and learned we have an equally dire issue in our golf courses around the world. These courses often have water hazards that play a key role in the wetland ecosystem but are increasingly clogged with lost golf balls.

To address the issue, Tom started a new company to create an AI-powered robot to automatically clean ponds and streams of errant golf balls. He's been training his AI on

his own experience trying to retrieve a golf ball from a water hazard but admits he does not have a ton of experience as he rarely hits a ball out of bounds. Hopefully we will see the TomGPT robot at a course soon!”

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Greetings, Class of 1995! It was a pleasure to hear from **Ryel Kestelbaum Kestano**, who reports: “I've spent the last dozen or so years deeply immersed in a conscious relationship practice called Authentic Relating, and my book on the subject was recently published. It's the complete repository of everything I've learned about this completely life-changing practice, which supports people to have better conversations, interactions, and relationships with everyone in their lives. The book is called *Authentic Relating: A Guide to Rich, Meaningful, Nourishing Relationships* and is available on Amazon and other outlets. I've also spent the last seven years building and running what is now one of the largest relationship training organizations in the world, ART International. It offers courses in person and online and teaches people the skills and tools of authentic relating.”

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Tamara Nicol Medina moved last summer from Pennsylvania to Atlanta: “My husband and I love our new jobs as professors in the Psychology Department at Emory University, and our kids have done an amazing job of transitioning to eighth and 10th grades in new schools. While it's been hard to leave friends and family in the Northeast, we are enjoying the mild winter here and are having fun getting to know a new city and making new friends.”

Terri LoMonte Dalmer has been working in energy the past 15 years and took on a new role as director of sales at NextEra Energy with a focus on connecting large commercial energy consumers with renewable options.

She lives in Westchester County, New York, with her husband and two children, the elder of which started college this past fall. She often finds herself in the Boston area and enjoys seeing **Laurie Small Key**, **Julie Dunn Swasey**, and **Brecky Beard Peabody**. She also saw **Stephanie Bovee Anixt** in New York City in December; she was in town for a case on behalf of the Federal Trade Commission.

Sophie Yang lives in Philadelphia with David Daniels '93 and their two high-school-aged daughters. Sophie is general counsel for Bel Canto Asset Growth Fund and Forty2 Property Management, and David is an architect with AOS Architects. While they love Philly, they miss the crisp winter air of Connecticut.

Anne Chick Goodrich shares, "Still living in Winchester, outside of Boston. Working at Optum (12 long years!). I live across town from **Sarah Hinkle Slubowski**. She has a high schooler and a kindergartner keeping her busy. She teaches at Acera, a school for gifted children in Greater Boston. Craig Muse '97 lives down the street, so he and my husband get in trouble together once in a while, and I hang with his wife, Renee. My middle son, Emmett, started at Middlesex, and I ran into **BoJay Taylor** at Parents Weekend! He and wife Robin '95 have twin seniors there, a boy and girl who are star athletes. **Whitney Vail Bodurtha** and **Tory Haskell Whitlock** have seniors who were accepted early admission to BC and Fairfield! **Michael Schnitman's** oldest son, Caden, eighth grade, was on the local news, being interviewed for his snowmaking system that allows him to practice ski jumps in his Wellesley front yard. We visit with **Sam Brickley Schweizer** a bunch because her oldest daughter just started at Northeastern University, so she comes up from Atlanta to visit. **Melissa Elting** left Manhattan for Palm Springs, California. She's perfecting her golf game and loves it there!"

Jon Goldstein says he saw **Micaela Heekin** and husband Chris in Santa Fe over Thanksgiving. He also was in Connecticut for work last summer and visited campus and the Wadsworth: "Both looked great. All the chairs were set up on the quad for graduation, which brought back a lot of great memories." Jon lives in Colorado and works for the Environmental Defense Fund. He was in D.C. recently to testify before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on the Biden administration's efforts to address climate change.

Adam Naylor and family live beachside in Hull, Massachusetts. He is the leader of

performance psychology for Deloitte, wife Elizabeth dispatches 911 for the South Shore, and their teen daughter enjoys school, year-round sailing, and Brazilian jiu-jitsu. Adam says he sees **Thomas Appleton**, who lives in Brookline, and stays in touch with **Paige Fairman** (New Hampshire) and **Jim Moodie** (just outside Boston).

From **Amy Nelson**: "My husband and I have started our lives as empty nesters. Our daughter Olivia is a senior studying nursing at Case Western Reserve University, and our youngest, Cole, left for freshman year at Washington University in St. Louis. Fearing I would be sad and empty without them, I have jumped back into college myself and am a full-time nursing student at Vermont State University. Tom and I still own and operate our children's resale store in Brattleboro, Vermont (Whippersnappers), but I've taken a step back from the store to dive into school. Nursing school is no joke; it makes my days at Trinity feel like a walk in the park! But I'm looking forward to this new adventure."

Clay Siegert writes from Belmont, Massachusetts, where he lives with wife Deirde and three daughters, Ruth, Ellie, and Mary. "I work in commercial solar development. I stay busy with that and coaching my kids in basketball and lacrosse. I am in touch with **Mike Ranieri**, **Jono Lenzer**, **Kenny Pouch**, **Tiger Reardon**, **John Dugan**, **Jon Golas**, **Anthony Ruocco**, and **Ryan Hankard**."

Alex Johnston is director of The DiMenna Center for Classical Music at Orchestra of St. Luke's. He regularly sees Stuart Wolferman '97 and Mark Craig '98 and says it was great to see Jay Paramsothy '97, who flew from Chicago to New York City to hang out and see Yo La Tengo.

Michael Schnitman lives in Wellesley, Massachusetts, and both of his children attend Dedham Country Day School. Wife Laurel works in child life at Mass General Hospital. Michael recently joined SLC Management, a \$275 billion alternative asset manager, as senior managing director. He is establishing and leading a new global high-net-worth alternative investment business. He also recently joined the Board of Advisors at The Greater Boston Food Bank.

Jono Lenzer recently represented the FBI on the federal law enforcement panel at the Department of Justice Violent Crime Reduction Summit in Indianapolis. Meeting with more than 1,000 local, state, and federal leaders, the panel focused on intelligence-driven investigations and impactful

outreach and prevention efforts to support communities throughout the country.

Hilary Spivack Chandler had a milestone birthday dinner in Park City, Utah, joined by **Amanda Dwyer Savage**. Hilary writes from El Pescadero, Baja California Sur, Mexico, where she and her family run vacation rentals and volunteer with the local firefighters and ambulance service: "I'm on the board, and my husband is a volunteer paramedic. We are always looking for sponsors, donations, and volunteers, so if anyone has a love of EMS and Mexico and wants to help an incredibly dedicated volunteer team that has very little resources yet a high volume of calls, let me know!" Hilary's older son is at Evergreen State University, and her younger son is a rising senior at a small high school in Pescadero.

From the Alumni Office: RTX named **Christopher Calio** as CEO, and he has been elected to the company's Board of Directors.

1997 President: **Tanya Jones** • Vice President: **Courtney Zwirn** • Secretary: **Raymond Jones**, raymond.jones.1997@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Cathy Sharick Clammer**, **Amily Dunlap**, **Jim Gilbert**, **Ronaldo Gonzalez**, **Ashley Hammarth**, **Melissa Prober**, **Ben Russo**, **Sue Church Zibell** • [f/groups/897545883615307](https://www.facebook.com/groups/897545883615307)

1998 President: **Levi D. Litman** • Vice President: **Regan Farrar Cucinell** • Secretary: **Jessica Lockhart Vincent**, jessica.vincent.1998@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Erin Blakeley**, **Regan Farrar Cucinell**, **Levi D. Litman**, **Jim Rodrigues**, **Jessica Lockhart Vincent**, **Geoffrey Zampiello** Congratulations to **Yvette Young**, who won a Connecticut Children's Alliance Hero Award in May 2023 at the annual Response to Recovery: A Child Abuse Conference for her work within the human trafficking movement and her focused attention on the intersection of race, racism, and human trafficking. Yvette also is a TEDx speaker on the topic of human trafficking.

Kera Weaber Aronson is celebrating her 25th year as a diplomat! She's been challenged by the work, an understatement to say the least. She looks forward to her next overseas assignment but is not sure where it will be. In summer 2023, she traveled with family to her grandfather's home- stead in the Netherlands to honor his epic life of 99 years. The trip also took them to Belgium and France, where they attempted to practice French and ate all the baked

Pernell T. Reid, M.D., '03

DEGREES:

B.S. in neuroscience; M.H.A., Suffolk University; M.S. in biomedical science, Tufts University School of Medicine; M.D., St. Martinus University, Faculty of Medicine

JOB TITLE:

Senior vice president, Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery, Mass Eye and Ear (member hospital of Mass General Brigham)

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TRINITY MEMORY:

Joining St. Anthony Hall. It's truly a special place. My time there provided an incredibly memorable experience and lifelong friends.

What do you do in your role? In my role as senior vice president, I have both department and hospital responsibilities. In partnership with both the chair of otolaryngology and hospital president, I lead all business and administrative operations in clinical care, biomedical research, and education for the Department of Otolaryngology—Head and Neck Surgery. I'm also a member of the hospital's Executive Leadership Council, charged with setting hospital-wide strategies, goals, and policies.

What was your path to your position? I have always known I wanted a role in health care, but it wasn't until I began the journey that I could better understand more specifically what position I wanted to pursue. I started my career in health care as an administrator working in different clinical settings and specialties before deciding to go to medical school. After medical school, I realized I missed the "business" of health care, and I returned to the operations side. I assumed more responsibility with each successive role, ultimately landing my current job as senior vice president.

Why do you prefer the operations side of health care? I love the operations side of health care because I have the opportunity to influence every aspect of the patient experience and improve it. From the moment a patient calls to schedule an appointment to when they walk out of the hospital's door after receiving cutting-edge treatment, I want their entire journey to be seamless.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I very much appreciate the opportunity to support the delivery of world-class care. I work alongside the brightest, most talented, and dedicated group of individuals at one of the world's best hospitals. The work environment is full of variability and unpredictability, so I thoroughly enjoy that no two days are ever the same. I also really like that a large part of my work involves problem-solving and big-picture strategy.

What are the biggest challenges you face? Like most of the health care industry, I see the three biggest challenges right now to be in workforce availability, health care access, and disparities. There is a growing physician shortage, especially in primary care, neurology, and psychiatry. The trend is the same in



nursing. Estimates put the number of uninsured in the United States somewhere between 10 and 15 percent. These individuals are less likely to utilize health care services including preventative screenings for cancer, diabetes, and heart disease. In addition, there are barriers that limit or prevent access to health care services beyond insurance. Social determinants such as race, socioeconomic status, education, and geographic location all impact health.

Was there a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential? David Winer. I met Dr. Winer when I was a student in his "Psychology 101" class. I wasn't the strongest student in the class, but he took a personal interest in me and really wanted me to succeed not only in his class but also throughout my academic career at Trinity.

Were there any activities beside St. Anthony Hall at Trinity that you particularly enjoyed? Playing intramural basketball was a lot of fun. I'm very competitive, so having the opportunity to play in an organized league with minimal commitment was great. I also was a residential coordinator and enjoyed serving as a liaison between the residents of Ogilby and the College administration.

What advice would you give current students interested in a career in medicine, especially the operations side? There are endless ways to pursue a career in medicine: being part of a clinical care team, medical education, biomedical research, and, of course, hospital operations, to name a few. Find opportunities to learn more; internships are a great example. Network as much as you can and reach out to alumni in roles like mine to better understand their journey. Trinity graduates are doing a lot of impressive things—ask for their help.

goods they could! Kera virtually attended a Trinity 200th celebration event and loves hearing from Class of '98 Bantams, especially roomie **Dari Sylvester Tran**. Reach out to Kera on Facebook or Instagram if you want to reconnect.

Stephanie '99 and **Doug McAdams** are happy to share that their daughter, Anna, will be starting at Trinity this fall as part of the Class of 2028.

1999 President: **William M. Mahoney** • Secretary: **Alyssa Daigle Schoenfeld**, alyssa.daigle.1999@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Carolyn Stone Berndt**, **Allison Lanzetta**, **Amie Margolis Haddad**, **Ben Rohn** • [f/groups/TrinColl1999](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinColl1999)

Greetings! I hope this message finds you all making your respective plans and arrangements for our 25th(!) Reunion! As a reminder, Reunion Weekend is June 6–9, and now that I think about it, it will probably have already happened by the time you read this. Hopefully I will have seen you all there, and we will have had a fantastic weekend at Trin! If you haven't already, please join us in our Class Facebook group, Trinity College Class of 1999 Alumni. Here's some news from your classmates:

It's always great to hear from **Mike York** and to see his core group of '99ers continuing to get together year after year! He writes, "This past summer, I got together with **Mike Ingrassia**, **Scott Rousseau**, Sarah Jubitz Rousseau '97, **Alexis Gallisa**, **Jason Chapman**, and Dan Krook '00 at Dan's home in Fairfield, Connecticut." As it turns out, I am typing to you on a plane bound for Salt Lake City from Boston, and Utah is a happy place Mike York and I share. Hope you had some spectacular ski days this season, Mike. I can't wait to get there!

Last June, I was lucky enough to spend some time with some of my Trinity pals at the Jersey Shore. For the past few years, **Karyn Meyer Johnson** has been the gracious host, and we love meeting at her beach house on Long Beach Island to kick off summer! Last year's crew consisted of Karyn, myself, **Heidi Notman Muccifori**, **Emma Uehlein Hanratty**, and **Beth Bronzino Deegan**, as well as our favorite Class of '98ers, Amy Cardello '98 and Tristin Crotty '98. We also were lucky enough to pull off an end-of-summer gathering again last year in August at my house in New Hampshire and were joined by **Kathleen Fulton** and **Sarah Walker Kossayda**.

Robert Goldsmith always has fun travels to report, and this time he writes, "I wanted to let you know that I went on a two-week trip to South Africa in October, and I was lucky enough to catch up with Loua Coetzee '01 while in Cape Town. I also got a chance to go to El Salvador again with the Global Smile Foundation to do dental work on children born with cleft lips and palates. I am also going to Japan for vacation this October." (Secretary's note: Full disclosure: South Africa was October 2022, and Japan October 2023. Apologies, I have been a little behind in my *Reporter* duties as of late, but for those following along at home, I have been doing my best to keep the momentum going since our 5th Reunion—20 years of *Reporter* notes! Yikes!)

Those are the deets for now. Until next time, be well, and have fun. Time is flying!

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Friends, Romans . . . nope. Wrong letter. Classmates, I hope that 2024 has nothing but good omens for all of you. My year may have peaked with Roberta Smith (*New York Times* co-chief art critic) liking an Instagram comment that I made about Cycladic folded arm figures in early February. Only time will tell.

Pete Nesbit writes that he was able to get a crew of classmates out to the Army-Navy game in December at Gillette Stadium. "Fun to get the old band back together! We were able to get a picture of **Chuck Kalender**, Matt Dorn '02, Jimmy Brett '02, **Jeff Hill**, and **Pete Nesbit** (not pictured but also with us were **Jay Civetti** and **Chris Arouca** '02). **Neil Ballotte** was supposed to be there, but he had a hair appointment or something and couldn't make it, and we forgot to invite Pete Hammond! Getting old. All are doing great!"



Tim Herbst '02 and **Jacqueline D'Auria** were married in October 2023 in Branford, Connecticut.

2002 Secretary: **Ellen Zarchin**, ellen.zarchin.2002@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Shakira Ramos Crespo**, **Dave Kayiatos**, **Nhung My Thi Lam**, **Ellen Zarchin**

Hello! I hope this issue of *The Trinity Reporter* finds you all basking in the sunshine of spring wherever you may be! Do you all remember when the first day of spring would hit Trinity, and the windows would open on the Long Walk; beach towels, laptops and Frisbees would be scattered on the quad; and suddenly there was no pressing concern or worry to your day? I wish you one of those kinds of days.

Tim Herbst writes from Connecticut, announcing the news of his marriage to **Jacqueline D'Auria** at St. Mary Church in Branford on October 21, 2023. Trinity alumni in attendance were **Lauren** and **Charlie Russo**, **Joseph Villani**, and **Francesco Maratta** '01. Congratulations, Tim and Jacqueline!

Please send me an update for our next issue (ellenzarchin@hotmail.com). Thank you. Until next time . . .

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Amy Laurenza (me!) is the class secretary and is excited to receive your Class Notes submissions. Send any updates to amylaurenza@gmail.com. I still live in New Orleans and work at Booker T. Washington High School as an assistant principal. I also am happy to report I got engaged over the holidays and am excited to start wedding planning.

Sarah Litman Rendell and Doug Rendell still live in Stamford, Connecticut, with their two kids, Abby, 8, and Asher, 6. In his 18th year at Greenwich Academy, Doug recently changed roles and now teaches computer science. He continues to enjoy being the director of the school's robotics program and its award-winning teams! Sarah expanded her psychology private practice and loves working with local children and families. They connect often with Trinity friends. Last summer, Andrea Leverant Minor and her family came for a visit, and their children all became fast friends. Abby and Lucy continue to write monthly pen pal letters. They also get together with Stacy Jankauskas Chandna and her family for hikes and meals all around Connecticut and Will Roble (who also teaches at GA) and his family locally. And they have biyearly vacations with Lindsey Sheldon Stepp and her family in the Berkshires over New Year's and at lakes all over the East Coast each summer.

2006 President: Victoria Hamilton McCarthy • Vice President: Kyle J. Cox • Secretary: Timothy Y. Fox, timothy.fox.2006@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Nicole Tssemelis Cea, Kyle J. Cox, James McCarthy, Victoria Hamilton McCarthy, Virginia Adair McCarthy, Kim Galloway McHale, Gabriel L.P. Rotman

Jake Isbrandtsen had a great end to 2023 ringing in his 40th birthday in November with Trinity friends in Darien. Jake's wife, Carolyn, set up a surprise dinner with Brian and Cara Quinan, Chad Burdette and wife Courtney, Dan Arestia and wife Amanda, and Nick Isbrandtsen '10 and wife Lauren all in

attendance. The party continued at Ernie's until they realized they were 40 and had to head home.

In spring 2023, David Sterling Brown, Ph.D., earned tenure and was promoted to associate professor of English at Trinity. In fall 2023, he published his first book, *Shakespeare's White Others*, which has a virtual-reality complement that is accessible through his website, www.DavidSterlingBrown.com. In February 2024, Tantor Media will release the audiobook book version of *Shakespeare's White Others*, narrated by David. Throughout 2024, he will be doing an international book tour.

Jessi Streib is a sociology professor at Duke University. She's published a new book, *The Accidental Equalizer: How Luck Determines Pay after College*. The book describes how college graduates from unequal class backgrounds receive equal earnings, despite students from more advantaged class backgrounds tending to have more connections, higher grades, and more internships.

Tim and Jamie Szal are thrilled to introduce their newest: Vivienne Nickerson Szal arrived October 22. She joins big sister Charlotte in being enthusiastic supporters of the Bantam sports teams that make it up to their neck of the woods in Maine.

In March 2023, Teagan Henwood Allen accepted a position as counsel for high exposure, U.S. East, at Uber. As in-house counsel, she oversees litigation for the most sensitive matters in the region, including catastrophic injury, wrongful death, and survivorship claims. She is based in New York City. She may be able to find your lost wallet.

Last year was a big year for Colin Levy. He published his first book, *The Legal Tech Ecosystem*, which introduces the reader to the world of legal technology. This year may prove bigger: he has begun an exciting opportunity as a "Top Voice" on LinkedIn for his efforts to use the platform to inform and inspire others. Levy also continues his role as director of legal for a tech start-up in the contracting space called Malbek.

2007 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Joey Butler, Jenny Carson, Devon Lawrence, Samuel J. Rednor • [f/groups/TrinityClassof2007](https://www.facebook.com/groups/TrinityClassof2007)

The class secretary position for the Class of 2007 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

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Hi, everyone. I'm back with more exciting announcements from our classmates. As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at rmherrigel@gmail.com if you have any news you'd like to share.

Katie Lazares and Paulina Borrego (Bowdoin '12) recently celebrated their first anniversary. They were married on December 31, 2022, at The Tower in Boston and had many Trinity alumni in attendance.

Lydia and Justin Nicholson are delighted to share the arrival of their first child, Eleanor, in 2023, hopefully a fourth generation Bantam! Lydia earned an M.B.A. from the University of Maryland College Park in 2023.

In November 2023, Brittany Price and her husband welcomed their second daughter, Emma, to the world. Brittany lives in the



Katie Lazares '10 and Paulina Borrego were married on December 31, 2022, at The Tower in Boston. Front row: Kate Barton '10, Kate Coughlin '10, Paulina Borrego, Katie Lazares '10, Allie Burstein Kutnick '10, Lacey Rose '10; back row: Alana Tabacco Kontos '09, Nina Mayfield '09, Jill Richard MacIntosh '10, Carly Bernstein Rose '13, Nick P. Lazares '08, Nick W. Lazares '73, John Lingos-Webb '09, Nayt Maggiotto '10, Matthew Prince '96

D.C. area and works at the U.S. Department of Energy.

Alex Salvato and wife Gaby welcomed their second child, Charles, on January 10, 2024. Their first son, Theodore, was thrilled to meet his baby brother!

Gabriela Romero, with home bases in western Massachusetts and in her native Ecuador, serves as president for Biocorredores Amazonicos and director of operations for Andes Amazon Conservancy, sibling NGOs serving communities in the Ecuadorian rainforest. Gabriela designs the processes needed to bridge between Indigenous collaborators and the western nonprofit paradigm. Harvesting and leading from her native Cañari roots and Trinity learnings, she is grateful and happy to be in service to those who steward the earth.

2011 President: Catherine E. Marinello • Secretary: Remi Evans Dolan, remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Michael A. Magdelinskas-Vazquez, Rachel L. Meddar, Abigail A. Smitka Two updates for the Class of 2011 this season: First, big congratulations to **Michael H. Dewberry**, who founded the Pride Museum of Texas, an institution that preserves and promotes the history, visual culture, and contributions of the LGBTQ+ community. As the museum prepares for its capital campaign, it's presenting pop-up exhibitions dedicated to queer history and creative expression. The

largest exhibition to date, focusing on the history of drag in the Lone Star State, is set to open in the fall. Good luck, Michael!

Second, **Alex Canet** and wife Charlotte Ross Canet '10 "live in Palm Beach, Florida, with our two kids, Nico, 3, and Sophie, 1. We hope you are all enjoying some sunshine for the rest of us this winter."

As always, I am looking forward to hearing more updates from you all next season!

From the Alumni Office: Nutter promoted **Portia Keady** to partner in its Corporate Department. She represents clients in all aspects of corporate and securities law, including mergers and acquisitions, venture-backed financing, corporate governance, licensing, escrow agreements, and due diligence. Keady counsels early-stage and mature companies on corporate strategy, organization, and succession planning in a broad range of industries, including food and beverage, food service and hospitality, manufacturing, technology, software, and professional services. She is a member of the Youth Villages Leadership Council, the Concord-Carlisle Community Chest, and the Executive Committee for Lawyers Have Heart, an affiliate of the American Heart Association. She is recognized on *The Best Lawyers in America* "Ones to Watch" list. Keady earned a J.D., cum laude, from Boston University School of Law and a B.A., Phi Beta Kappa, from Trinity.



Hannah Kaneck '12 and Alex Lerma III '11 were married in 2023 in Amsterdam.

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Last year was a big one for **Hannah Kaneck** and her family. She married her college sweetheart, Alex Lerma III '11, in Amsterdam, and their sweet boy, Leonel, turned 1.

Julie Pesta and **Cory DiBenedetto** welcomed baby George Winston DiBenedetto on November 14, 2023.

From the Alumni Office: Peckar & Abramson is pleased to announce that **Mark Snyder** of the firm's New York office has been promoted to partner. Mark represents contractors in developing and litigating claims on complex commercial projects, in disputes against owners, subcontractors, and designers involving construction inefficiencies, delays, differing site conditions, design errors and omissions, extra work, and wrongful termination on projects in New York, New Jersey, and Pennsylvania. He is a member of the American Bar Association, the New Jersey State Bar Association, the New York Bar Association, and the New York City Bar Association-Construction Law Section and has been named to *The Best Lawyers in America* "Ones to Watch" list. He earned a J.D. from Seton Hall Law School and a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he played four years of varsity football.

2013 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Lauren Aber, Perin Adams, Caroline Brewster, Kevin Clark, Malcolm X. Evans, Emily Howe Gianis



Tori Larson '16 and Chuck Packard '16 were married on November 11, 2023, in San Juan Capistrano, California. Fellow Bantams joining the couple were Harrison Quarls '17, Brian Love '16, Ben Cerel '17, Michael Batista '16, Molly Belsky '16, Nick Boekell '17, Phil Oxnard '16, Andrew Fishman '16, Dom Quade '17, Greg Convertito '16, Joy Kim '17, Lior Azariya '16, and Kirsten Mayer '17.



Ivan Su '16 and Gloria Zheng were married on April 15, 2023, in Hong Kong. Bantams joining the bride and groom were Ann Qin '19, Maggie Zhang '19, Sha Li '16, Yisheng Cai '16, Robin Chen '16, Steven Yee '16, and groomsman Yinghuan Wang '18.

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

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From the Alumni Office: Ali Caless has been promoted from associate to partner, effective January 1, at top-ranked intellectual property law firm Cantor Colburn. Ali is an attorney in the firm's Trademark and Copyright Practice, ranked No. 8 of all trademark law firms in the United States.

2015 President: John A. Kandarian • Vice President: Aysen S. Muderrisoglu • Secretary: Shaina N. Lo, shaina.lo.2015@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Stephan "Mac" Morse, Peter J. Ragosta Jr., Stephen Sample, Marie Christner Stansfield, Sarah Wolcott, Robert Zindman

Carolyn Kimmick Roche and Robert Roche of Cheshire, Connecticut, welcomed baby boy Robert Adam "Bo" Roche on October 28, 2023. He weighed 8 pounds, 3 ounces. Tatine Schwab Kimmick '85 and Adam Kimmick '86 are proud grandparents! And Julie Roche '21 is a happy auntie.

Haley Wodenshek and Alexander Hermsen were engaged on January 4, 2024. Despite being in the same graduating class, having several mutual friends, and working on

their respective theses in nearby carrels in the library, Haley and Alex never met in college. They met at a Trinity College ski team reunion Halloween party in D.C. in 2017. Haley was dressed as a piece of pizza, and Alex was dressed as Zac Efron from *Baywatch*. Their relationship status became official in January 2018 while dating long distance, with Haley living in Austin, Texas, and Alex in South Boston, Massachusetts. Unable to stay away, Haley moved to Boston in June 2018. The rest is history.

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

Tori Larson and Chuck Packard were married on November 11, 2023, in San Juan Capistrano, California.

Kaitlyn Sprague eloped to Hamilton, Bermuda, with Natalicio Serrano. The two are expecting their first baby in April.

From the Alumni Office: Ivan Su writes, "I was reading *The Trinity Reporter* and saw some really cute wedding pictures from other Bantams. Inspired by this, I am delighted to share a snapshot from my own special day. My wedding took place on April 15, 2023, in the vibrant city of Hong Kong. Enclosed with this message is a photo that captures a moment of joy surrounded by dear friends, all connected through our time at Trinity. We hope this photo finds a place in the hearts and pages of *The Trinity Reporter*, serving as a testament to the

lifelong friendships fostered at our beloved alma mater."

2017 President: Ryan Miller • Vice President: Sebastien Broustra • Secretary: Alexandra Chalfin, alexandra.chalfin.2017@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Alec Buffamonte, Daniel A. Garcia, Clare Knowlton, Kaitlin Lewis, Julianna Maisano, Ryan Miller, Kiley Nygren, Jennifer Tran • [f/groups/Trinity2017](https://www.facebook.com/groups/Trinity2017)

From the Alumni Office: Maura Griffith earned a Ph.D. in bioarchaeology from UCL's Institute of Archaeology (London, England). Her first postdoctoral project is funded by the Cambrian Archaeological Association; she is the co-PI (with Katie Hemer, UCL) investigating birth trauma in an early medieval skeletal assemblage from Pembrokeshire, Wales. She gives special thanks to Trinity professors Lisa Anne Foster, Gary Reger, and Craig Schneider.

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Many thanks to all who have provided notes for this issue of the *Reporter*. I know that some of you were at the wonderful reception and kickoff for leadership and giving as part of the All In campaign in November in Manhattan. The event left all who attended buoyed with enthusiasm for the final fundraising push for Trinity's campaign and for all that the Bicentennial has had to offer us. I also was pleased to be on hand for Trinity's Festival of Lessons and Carols in December in the Chapel; it always brings good tidings to the start of the Christmas season. In future news, I hope that many of you will endeavor to travel to Hartford in May for the Bicentennial Gala as we bid farewell to Trinity's Bicentennial and proceed onward to the future.

As always, please share your updates with me; this is so crucial to keeping our class connected, and, with our fifth-year Reunion only a few years away, many of your fellow classmates will welcome hearing from you. Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email (brendanwclark@outlook.com) or telephone (610-781-8446). Please continue to follow our class Instagram page for updates and developments on future class events: [@trincoll21](https://www.instagram.com/trincoll21).

I, **Brendan W. Clark**, your class secretary, will graduate from William & Mary Law School in May. After the bar exam, I will start as an associate with Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A. This spring, I have been working with the minority staff on the U.S. Senate's Committee on Rules and Administration in Washington, D.C.

Claire Grigglesstone completed a master's in chemical and molecular sciences at the University of Zurich in July 2024. In September, she began work on a Ph.D. in chemistry at the University of Zurich in the Hartrampf Lab studying peptide synthesis.

Arianna O'Brien will graduate from Suffolk University Law School in May. Following her

graduation and the bar exam, she will join Feinberg, Dumont & Brennan as an associate to begin her practice in labor law.

Frankie Brown is working as a human resources and diversity, equity, and inclusion manager for a natural food cooperative. She continues to use her education in music to produce her own music. Frankie also is the owner of an art distribution company that provides art for professional and personal spaces (The Divine Artist). The company was established in August 2023 and aims to begin distribution by August 2025.

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The class secretary position for the Class of 2023 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu.

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From **Keith Joseph IDP'19**: "A moment of gratitude. Three years have gone by in a flash. It seems like it was yesterday when I applied to Yale Divinity School. As I near the completion of my graduate program at Yale, I reflect upon the importance of a liberal arts education. I remember that at Trinity, our seminar classes always encouraged student participation through discussions and papers. Back then, I did not realize the importance of such undertakings. However, when I started my studies at Yale, it all came full circle. I never faced impediments either in class discussions or writing term papers. Trinity prepared me very well. After graduation, I am going to start my ordination process within the Episcopal Church to work in refugee ministry."

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

Crisanne Colgan M'74 writes, "I enjoyed two special programs sponsored by the Women's Leadership Council (WLC). The first event, held virtually on January 11, celebrated the historic day 55 years ago when the Board of Trustees voted to allow women to matriculate at Trinity. The celebration of coeducation also honored Renny Fulco, associate professor of legal and policy studies and director of the Public Policy and Law Program, for her 40 years of service to the College and more recently to the WLC. Then, on January 18, I joined WLC members in a private tour of the Wadsworth Atheneum Museum of Art in Hartford. The Wadsworth is the oldest continuously operating public art museum in the country. Following the tour, several of us enjoyed dinner in downtown Hartford. For those of you who aren't familiar with the WLC, this organization provides opportunities for alumnae, such as networking, mentoring undergraduates, and supporting the College through volunteerism and philanthropy. Contact Margaret Vaughan M'18 in the Alumni Office for more information."

Con O'Leary M'75 shares, "As an alum and friend of football coach Jeff Devaney, I participate each year in his 'Career Day,' which is on a Saturday in the winter. It's a chance to meet members of the football team and discuss one's career choices and history with these young men who are searching for direction in a field that may possibly interest them. It's a fun experience and a chance to meet some very fine people who are also our future."

Greg DeManche M'77 writes, "In January 2021, I earned Connecticut Bar Association board certification as a residential real estate law specialist as part of the inaugural class of nine attorneys. Now only 14 attorneys in Connecticut have this honorable designation and only two are in Hartford County."

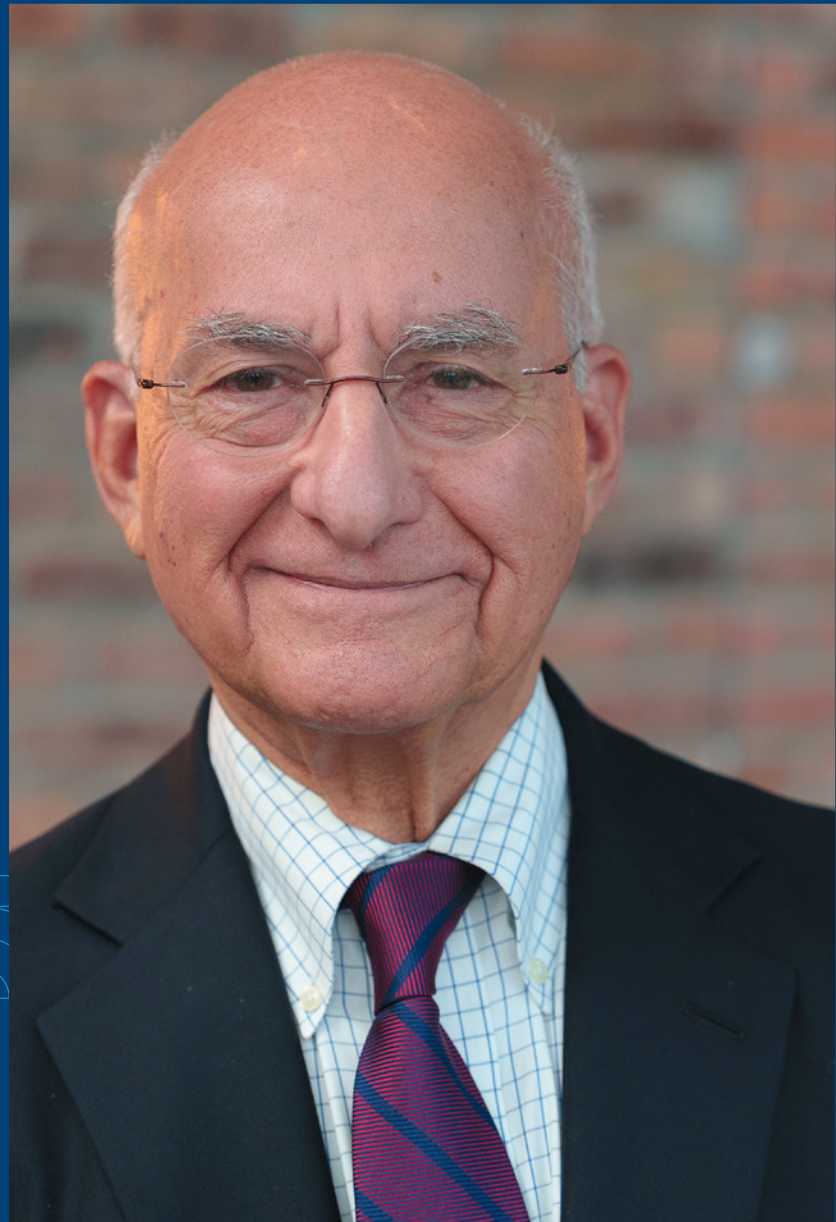
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'GIVING TO TRINITY FEELS GOOD'

Growing up in a close-knit immigrant community in Boston, **Ern Haddad '60** knew few who had attended college. His parents had to quit school at young ages to help support their families—his father at 12 and his mother at 16—but they insisted that he and his brother pursue the educations that had not been available to them. When Ern arrived at Trinity, he entered a world he “never knew existed,” one that challenged him socially and academically. He unexpectedly found his way to law school and later an extremely fulfilling career in legal education and as general counsel of one of the nation’s largest and most highly regarded academic medical centers. And he credits Trinity for opening doors for him along the way.

For more than 60 years, Ern has made annual contributions to support the college that gave him his start. “I give because I want other people with backgrounds like mine to be able experience a wonderful new world at Trinity. A colleague once advised me to give until it feels good. To me, giving to Trinity feels good.”



Ernest M. Haddad '60



LONG WALK SOCIETIES



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1948 Kenneth C. Ferris, 103, of Malakoff, Texas, died on November 26, 2023.

Ferris served in the U.S. Army during World War II before earning a B.A. He worked for First National Bank, the defense industry, and Bell Helicopter.

1949 Richard D. Sherman, 100, of Falmouth, Massachusetts, died on October 7, 2023.

Sherman served in the U.S. Navy during World War II before earning a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon. He went on to reenlist during the Korean War. Sherman later served as a partner in King Gage Engineering for 35 years.

Sherman is survived by children Lee Wainwright, Richard D. Sherman Jr., and Jeffrey Fuller; five grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

1950 John G. Grill Jr., 95, of Topeka, Kansas, died on December 18, 2023.

Grill earned a B.S., studying engineering and geology. He was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the football, swimming, and tennis teams. Grill served for two decades in the U.S. Army, in Korea and Vietnam. He later worked for BellAtlantic.

Grill is survived by wife Patricia and children Cynthia Condore and Jeff Grill.

1950 Gerald B. "Rory" O'Connor, 94, of Pittsfield, Massachusetts, died on November 15, 2023.

O'Connor earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod* and played lacrosse. He managed his family's dairy farm before working in public relations and later as a reporter; he retired from *The Berkshire*

Eagle after more than 30 years.

O'Connor is survived by his wife of 70 years, Claire; children Douglas (Nancy Fisher), Robert (Magalie Danier), Rory, and Sharon O'Connor (Tom Honigford); and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by a grandson and sister Elizabeth McGurk (Patrick).

1951 Trubee G. Racioppi, 93, of Covington, Louisiana, died on December 29, 2023.

Racioppi earned a B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon, the Glee Club, and the soccer team. He went on to a career as a retail executive with Sears.

Racioppi is survived by his wife of 64 years, Margaret; son Gib Racioppi Jr. (Julie); son-in-law John Dericks; five grandchildren; a great-granddaughter; and sister Anita Craven (Bob). He was predeceased by daughter Susan Dericks.

1951 Sidney S. Whelan Jr., 94, of Essex, Connecticut, died on January 27, 2024.

Whelan earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and played lacrosse. He went on to earn a law degree from Fordham University School of Law. Whelan served in the U.S. Navy during the Korean War before working as vice president of the American Museum of Natural History and vice president of the New York Community Trust.

Whelan is survived by wife Patsy McCook; children Tensie (Russell Wild), Lora (Edward French), and Sidney (Lisa Waller); three grandchildren; and brother-in-law Jim McCook.

1952 Antony Mason, 93, of New York City, died on January 17, 2024.

Mason earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and served as captain of the swimming team. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he worked for *Vision* magazine and then as an investment adviser.

Mason is survived by children Katherine Modeliste (Joseph), Jennifer Mason, Alane Mason (Clive Priddle), and Antony Mason Jr.; two grandsons; and partner Patricia Ewert. He was predeceased by first wife Fredricka, second wife Margaret, and brother Phillip.

1952 Edmund C. Morrissey Jr., 94, of Maryville, Tennessee, died on November 7, 2023.

Morrissey earned an interdisciplinary B.A., studying history and education. He was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force and in the Air National Guard in Connecticut, Colorado, and Texas; he later served as commander of the IG Brown Training and Education Center.

Morrissey is survived by his wife of 41 years, Pauline; son John Morrissey; stepdaughter Cindy Reynolds (James); two grandsons; two step-grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and one step-great-grandchild.

1952 Paul S. Norman, 93, of Manchester, Connecticut, died on October 21, 2023.

Norman earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to earn an M.D. from Tufts University School of Medicine and to have a private practice in otolaryngology. Norman also served in the U.S. Army.

Norman is survived by children David Norman (Joann), Tom Norman (MaryBeth), and

Emily Bernard and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Arlene, and his brother, Michael Norman.

1952 James A. Van Sant, 92, of Palm Springs, California, and Santa Fe, New Mexico, died on November 29, 2023.

Van Sant earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he served as editor of *The Trinity Review* and worked on staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War before earning an M.A. in English from Washington University, studying at the University of London, and graduating from an advanced management program at Harvard Business School. Van Sant worked in public relations before joining General Steel Industries, where he rose to president and CEO. The dedicated alumnus served as a Trinity trustee for several years.

Van Sant is survived by his partner of 39 years, William Hoadley; sons Thomas Van Sant and Jacob Van Sant; and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by sisters Mary Katherine Conniff and Frances Green and former spouse Jeffrey.

1953, M.A. 1963 Joseph N. Basile, 92, of Bristol, Connecticut, died on December 27, 2023.

Basile earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to earn a master's in educational studies from the College in 1963 and a sixth-year certificate in educational administration from the University of Hartford. After serving in the U.S. Army during the Korean War, Basile worked for 36 years in the Bristol Public Schools as a teacher, coach, guidance counselor, and administrator.

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Basile is survived by children Joseph Basile Jr. (Julie), John Basile (Caelah), and Mary Beth Chopas (James) and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of nearly 59 years, Angela, and his brother, Anthony Basile.

1953 Donald T. Burns, 91, of Wyomissing, Pennsylvania, died on October 29, 2023.

Burns earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi. He earned an M.D. from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps. Burns had an ophthalmology practice and served as chair of the Department of Ophthalmology at Reading Hospital.

Burns is survived by wife Carol; children Susan Chamberlain (Sherman), Donald (Maribeth), and Christopher '91 (Lynne); three grandchildren; and three step-grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Albert Burns Jr.

1954 Sheldon M. Berlow, 90, of Buffalo, New York, died on January 12, 2023.

Berlow earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi, the Jesters, and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*; served as manager of the soccer team; and participated in ROTC. After serving in the U.S. Air Force, he went on to a career in real estate.

Berlow is survived by wife Mary; children Eric Berlow (Jenn), Alexa Berlow '86, Carrington Clark (Caitlin), and Susan LaVersa; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by his first wife, Nadine.

1954, M.A. 1963 John H. Bloodgood, 91, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, died on February 23, 2024.

Bloodgood graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in economics. He was a member of Sigma

Nu and the band, served as treasurer of the Senate, played baseball, and took part in ROTC. Bloodgood served in the U.S. Air Force before working as a vice president at Travelers Insurance, earning an M.A. in economics from his alma mater, and attending Harvard University's Advanced Management Program. The loyal Trinity alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Bloodgood is survived by his wife of 64 years, Melinda "Linda"; daughters Lisa Weedon, Sara Brawley, and Martha Ridgewell; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Frank Bloodgood III '50 and stepsister Carolyn Roberts. His father, Frank Bloodgood Jr. '27, also attended Trinity.

1954 Douglas S. Green, 92, of Nellysford, Virginia, died on December 17, 2023.

Green earned a B.A. in music and studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Pipes, and the Glee Club. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War and then became an architect, first specializing in hospital design and later opening his own firm for residential work.

Green is survived by his wife of 56 years, Betty; children Emily and Douglas Jr.; and two grandchildren.

1956 Bruce F. Anderson, 88, of Norfolk, Connecticut, died on December 8, 2023.

Anderson graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in educational studies from Trinity, where he worked on the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to earn a B.D. from Yale Divinity School. Anderson served as a pastor of churches in Connecticut, including at The Church of Christ, Congregational in Norfolk for nearly three decades.

Anderson is survived by his wife of 66 years, MaryAnn; sons

Eric (Susan), Jon (Beth), Bob '85 (Dianne), and Tim '87 (Sandy); and eight grandchildren.

1956 Edward E. Henrie, 88, of Plymouth, Michigan, died on December 17, 2023.

Henrie earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu. He went on to earn an M.A. in finance from the University of Oregon. After serving in the U.S. Army, Henrie worked with Ford Motor Company, Chrysler, and Chrysler Canada before teaching in the business school at the University of Windsor.

Henrie is survived by his wife of nearly 60 years, Nancy; children Laura Veit (Douglas) and Steve Henrie (Beth Nelles); five grandchildren; and brother C. William "Bill" Henrie Jr. (Linda).

1956 Gordon R. Wood, 89, of Sullivan, Illinois, died on October 29, 2023.

Wood earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and the football team. He served in the U.S. Air Force and worked in the real estate and life insurance industries, retiring from Wood Insurance Agency.

Wood is survived by children Gordon Wood Jr. (Lisa), Laura Martin (Phil), and Gerald Wood (Beth); eight grandchildren; and 14 great-grandchildren.

1957 F. Earle Fox, 87, of Phoenix, died on December 31, 2022.

Fox graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in philosophy. He went on to graduate from the General Theological Seminary and was ordained an Episcopal priest. Fox later became a member of the Anglican Church in America and served as a rector.

Fox's survivors include sons Ben and Brad.

1957 Douglas J. Kimber, 88, of Hennepin, Illinois, died on December 7, 2023.

Kimber earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He went on to careers as an engineer and as a millwright.

Kimber is survived by children Lynn Smith (John) and Bill Kimber; four grandsons; three great-grandchildren; and sister Barbara Kacsel. He was predeceased by wife Ann and sisters June Gerrard and Edna McManus.

1957 Philip H. Kylander Jr., 88, of West Newton, Massachusetts, died on November 20, 2023.

Kylander earned a B.A. in German from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Protestant Fellowship and played the carillon. He earned divinity degrees from the Lutheran School of Theology and served as a minister in the Lutheran Church for more than six decades.

1959 Donald A. Cables, 86, of Lithia, Florida, died on December 1, 2023.

Cables earned a B.S. in aeronautical engineering through Trinity's joint program with Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute. He was active in the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. Cables went on to earn an M.B.A. from the University of Hartford. He worked as an environmental engineer, retiring from Vulcan Materials.

Cables is survived by wife Meg; children Paul Cables (Denise), Kathryn Dawson, and Karen Senich; stepchildren John Pflasterer (Shirley) and Paula Burchenal (Edward); five grandchildren; and brother Robert Cables (Patricia). He was predeceased by first wife Jeanne, son Edward, a grandchild, and siblings Linda and Charlie.

1960 Eugene W. Curry, 85, of Sarasota, Florida, died on November 29, 2023.

Curry earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where the

Illinois Scholar was a member of the Engineering Society. He went on to a career as a managing editor, first for American Hospital Publishing and later for the American College of Physician Executives.

Curry is survived by daughter Lisa MacBlane (Kevin), five grandchildren, five great-grandchildren, and brother David Curry '64. He was predeceased by wife Joanne.

1960 Richard D. Hanelius, 85, of Bass Harbor, Maine, died on December 18, 2023.

Hanelius earned a B.S. in educational studies from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the Newman Club. He taught math at Farmington High School for many years.

Hanelius is survived by partner Mary Ann Hale; children Kim Silverman (Adam) and Jeff Hanelius (Dyanne); stepdaughters Laila Dekkaki, Nawal Dekkaki, and Jessica Azmi; four grandchildren; nine step-grandchildren; one great-grandson; siblings Bill Hanelius (Betsy) and Gail Nord (Leif); and the mother of his children, Gail Sheridan.

1962 Eric H. Broudy, 83, of Amherst, Massachusetts, died on January 19, 2024.

Broudy earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters, the band, and the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. After serving in the Peace Corps, he worked in the publishing industry. He went on to work in public relations at Yale New Haven Hospital and at Brown University.

Broudy is survived by his wife of 58 years, Daisy; children Rachel and Oliver; and three grandchildren.

1962 William M. Duncan II, 84, of Southport, Connecticut, died on January 23, 2024.

Duncan earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He

went on to a career in banking, later serving as chairman and CEO of First American Bank of New York and then as president of the New Jersey subsidiary of JPMorgan Chase.

Duncan is survived by wife Peggy; children Joby Koren (Michael), H. Park Duncan (Whitney), and William Duncan Jr. (Annie); stepdaughter Korinne Munson; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by siblings Mary "Dundo" Olmstead and John Duncan III.

1963 Robert K. "Kim" Dickson Jr., 82, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on February 18, 2024.

Dickson graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. in mathematics. He was a member of Phi Kappa Psi. Dickson went on to a career in insurance, rising to executive vice president at Connecticut Mutual Life. He then joined FSC Securities, where he started an insurance and investment practice.

Dickson is survived by his wife of more than 60 years, Carol; sons Rob and Jeff; daughters-in-law Kyoung-Hi and Jeanine; and six grandchildren.

1963 Richard W. Ulbrich, 82, of Weston, Massachusetts, died on January 12, 2024.

After earning a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu, Ulbrich served in the U.S. Navy. He went on to dental school at the University of Pennsylvania and worked in private practice orthodontics.

Ulbrich is survived by wife Dede; daughters Kristen and Heidi; son-in-law Mike; stepsons Scott, Brian, and Colin; 11 grandchildren; and sister Heidi.

1964 Henry W. Haslach Jr., 81, of Greenbelt, Maryland, died on June 15, 2023.

Haslach earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta

Phi. He went on to earn an M.S. in mathematics from the University of Chicago and an M.S. in engineering mechanics and a Ph.D. in mathematics from the University of Wisconsin-Madison (UW). Haslach's career included time on the faculty of UW; the University of Maryland, Baltimore County; and the University of Maryland.

Haslach is survived by wife Nicole de Marait and brother Stephen. He was predeceased by brother Robert. Haslach's father, Henry W. Haslach '40, also attended Trinity.

1964 Barry J. Leghorn, 81, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on November 6, 2023.

Leghorn earned a B.A. in classics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and the basketball team. His notable accomplishments on the court included becoming the first Trinity player to score 1,000 points. Leghorn went on to work for Aetna and Hartford Insurance Group. He also served in the U.S. Air Force Reserve. The dedicated Trinity alumnus was involved with the Trinity Club of Hartford.

Leghorn is survived by sons Sean, Jeremy, Brendan, and Kevin; daughters-in-law Vanessa and Erin; two granddaughters; siblings Janice Gump (Gary), Claire Lovell (Tom), Dennis (Sandy), Wayne (Garra), and Glen (Sherri); and sister-in-law Margaret "Peggy" Judd. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Helen, and sister Joyce Jensen.

1967 Bernard L. Maguire III, 78, of Plymouth Meeting, Pennsylvania, died on August 9, 2023.

After earning a B.A. in history, Maguire earned an M.Div. from Episcopal Divinity School. He went on to serve as a priest in Rhode Island, Pennsylvania, and New Jersey. The dedicated alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Maguire is survived by sister Joann McCarthy (Michael) and sister-in-law Michele Sylvester. He was predeceased by brother Donald Maguire.

1968 J. Peter Melrose, 80, of Fort Mill, South Carolina, died on July 1, 2023.

Melrose earned a B.A. in music from Trinity, where he participated in band and orchestra. He went on to a 40-year career as a chief information officer at hospital systems and as a health care IT consultant; he also worked on developing health care tools to enhance patient safety.

Melrose is survived by wife Joan; children J. William "Bill" Melrose (Lisa) and Sarah Noonan (Mike); four grandchildren; siblings Paul Melrose (Sue), Pamela Meding (Mike), and Polly Howard (Chuck); and sister-in-law and brother-in-law Ginny and Vince Mastrianni.

1969 Michael D. Cleary, 76, of Perth Amboy, New Jersey, died on December 30, 2023.

Cleary earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and the football team. Cleary served in the U.S. Army during the Vietnam War; he was awarded a Bronze Star Medal. His career included time with the Juvenile Justice Commission.

Cleary is survived by wife Nancy Kessler; sons Tim (Elizabeth), Andy (Sienna), and Matt Kessler-Cleary (Jayneé); three grandchildren; brother Bob; and brother-in-law Dan.

1969 Victor R. Levine, 75, of Fitchburg, Wisconsin, died on October 18, 2023.

Levine earned a B.S. in mathematics from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi and the hockey and baseball teams. He went on to earn an M.S. in math education from the University of Wisconsin-Madison and to teach math and

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coach ice hockey at Madison Memorial High School.

Levine is survived by wife Judy, children Bekah (Chris Lugo) and Adam (Jen), four grandchildren, and siblings Patti Klein and Mark. He was predeceased by brother Paul.

1970 John A. Willoughby Jr., 74, of North Haven, Connecticut, died on July 14, 2023.

Willoughby earned a B.A. in economics. His professional life included time as an insurance company executive.

Willoughby is survived by his wife of 37 years, Kathryn Broyles-Willoughby; children Katelyn (Ben), Emily, and Sean (Emilie Rose); four grandchildren; sister Bebe (Charles); and brother-in-law Bruce.

1973 C. Gray Hurd Jr., 74, of Leland, North Carolina, died on December 6, 2023.

Hurd earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the baseball team. He went on to a career as a restaurateur.

Hurd is survived by wife Carrie, children William Hurd and Laura Hurd, and siblings John Hurd and Susan Hoff.

1974 Carla "Cali" Williamson, 71, of Portland, Maine, died on September 16, 2023.

Williamson graduated Phi Beta Kappa from Trinity with a B.A. in French and psychology. She went on to earn an M.S. in education from the University of Southern Maine and to work as a counselor for nearly 40 years.

1975 J. Michael Getz Sr., 70, of Grosse Pointe Farms, Michigan, died on November 30, 2023.

Getz earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and the baseball team. He earned an M.B.A. from the University of Michigan School of Business Administration and worked in the family business, Detroit

Oxygen & Medical Equipment, which was founded by his father.

Getz is survived by his wife of 47 years, Kathy; children Allison Sullivan '01 (Kevin), John Michael Getz Jr. '03 (Sabrina), Molly Sheldon (Oliver), and Max Getz (Eliza); 10 grandchildren; and brothers Arthur Getz Jr. (Betsy) and Charles Getz (Marna).

1975 Ann E. Hess, 60, of Cincinnati, died on November 8, 2023.

Hess earned a B.A. in music and went on to earn a master's in library science from Southern Connecticut State University, a master's in management information systems from the University of Cincinnati, and a bachelor's in interior design.

Hess is survived by husband Wolfgang Marcus; children Amanda, David, and Sara; and siblings Marthe and Paul.

1989 Kenneth B. Rosso II, 56, of Concord, New Hampshire, died on February 9, 2024.

Rosso earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu. He went on to earn a J.D. from Syracuse University College of Law. Rosso's career included time in private practice and as a clerk to the New York Court of Appeals. He worked in the Office of the Onondaga County District Attorney before retiring.

Rosso is survived by his wife of 29 years, Jeanna Walsh, and his daughter, Evelyn.

1992 Edward T. "Ted" O'Connor, 54, of Cohasset, Massachusetts, died on January 31, 2024.

O'Connor earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon and the football team. His career included time in insurance.

O'Connor is survived by daughters Scout and Campbell, brother Robert O'Connor Jr., and Kristen Scott, the mother of his children.

1996 Gregory M. Ripka, 51, of Fairfield, Connecticut, died on November 23, 2023.

Ripka earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he played football and lacrosse and participated in crew and wrestling. He worked as a research analyst, most recently as director of corporate credit research at Genworth Financial. The dedicated alumnus served as an admissions volunteer.

Ripka is survived by his wife of 22 years, Kimberly Massa; daughter Abby; parents John and Bernadine Ripka; and siblings Mark Ripka (Kate) and Brett Ripka (Kristen).

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1991 Eileen S. Griffin, 76, of Willington, Connecticut, died on November 5, 2023.

Griffin worked for the University of Connecticut before continuing her education at Manchester Community College and then at Trinity, where she earned a B.A. in sociology. She went on to earn an M.S.W. from UConn and to a career as a licensed social worker.

Griffin is survived by her husband of 56 years, Gary Griffin; children Michael (Kimberly) and Jennifer Eldridge; former son-in-law Douglas Eldridge; two granddaughters; and siblings Carla Kelly, Barry Stearns (Kathy), and Peter Stearns (Robert Elkinson). She was predeceased by sister Cynthia Reeves and grandson Jared Griffin.

1997 Hermina "Mina" Santomenno, 83, of Glastonbury, Connecticut, died on December 25, 2023.

Santomenno earned a B.S. in psychology and went on to work in health care.

Santomenno is survived by her husband of 58 years, Tony, and children Donna Hetzler and Anthony Santomenno.

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1961 Lillian N. Kezerian, 92, of Hartford, Connecticut, died on February 6, 2024.

Kezerian earned a B.A. from Wheaton College and an M.A. from Trinity, both in English. She worked in a senior corporate communications leadership role at Connecticut General.

Kezerian is survived by many relatives.

1961 Lucy Elmer Townsend, 95, of Wellesley, Massachusetts, died on December 23, 2023.

Townsend earned a B.A. from Smith College and an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She taught elementary school in New York City and later served as director of development and public relations at Connecticut Community Care.

Townsend is survived by children and stepchildren Judy Westerlund (Berndt), David Sidell, Jennifer Ellis (Bob), Richard Sidell, Roger Townsend (Jette), Margot Johns (Ed), Gary Townsend (Holly), Lisa Bridge (Flint), and Mark Townsend (Maureen); sons-in-law Ken and Wim; 20 grandchildren; and many great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by husbands John Balise, Philip Sidell, and George Townsend Jr.; children and stepchildren Ann Sidwell, Caroline Nijenberg, and Mark Sidell; daughter-in-law Charlotte; and five siblings.

1964 Marcia H. Miner, 94, of Fairfield, Connecticut, died on November 15, 2023.

Miner earned a B.A. from the University of Bridgeport and later an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She taught elementary school in Connecticut, military children at Pearl Harbor in Hawaii, and American literature at the University of Sheffield in England. Miner went on to work as a photographer, writer, and blogger.

Miner was predeceased by longtime partner Trudy Renggli.

1968 John C. Macko, 80, of Hopkinton, Massachusetts, died on December 17, 2023.

Macko earned a B.S. in chemical engineering from Worcester Polytechnic Institute and later an M.A. in economics from Trinity. After 20-year career at Pratt & Whitney, he became an R.N. and spent the next 22 years as a medical surgical nurse at Framingham Union Hospital.

Macko is survived by his wife of 40 years, Ann, and siblings Marianne Shwert (Wally) and Peter Macko (Nan).

1970 R. Peter Landon, 86, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, died on January 27, 2023.

After a year at the University of Massachusetts, Landon served as a pilot in the U.S. Air Force. While serving in the Air National Guard, he earned an undergraduate degree in business from American International University. Landon had a 36-year career at Valley Bank, during which he earned an M.A. in economics from Trinity.

Landon is survived by his wife of 61 years, Peg; sons Jeffrey (Maria), Thomas (Mary), and Matthew (Lisa); daughter-in-law Gabrielle; 12 grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and brother-in-law Robert Kubicek.

1974 Richard H. Lugli, 87, of Farmington, Connecticut, died on November 11, 2023.

Lugli served in the U.S. Marine Corps during the Korean War before earning a B.A. from Central Connecticut State University and an M.A. in history from Trinity. He taught history at Conard High School and then for more than three decades at Hillyer College at the University of Hartford, where he also served as chair of the Social Science Department and director of the summer program.

Lugli is survived by children Michael (Maura), Tara Green, and Rick (Nicole); four grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Deanna “Dee.”

1974 James A. Urner, 84, of Vero Beach, Florida, died on November 14, 2023.

Urner earned a B.A. from Grove City College and later an M.A. in economics from Trinity. He spent his career in life insurance marketing and sales support, retiring as vice president at Phoenix Mutual Life Insurance.

Urner is survived by his wife of 61 years, Sherrerd; children Nancy Urner-Berry (Scott), James A. Urner Jr. (Jill), and Katherine Schott (Jared); eight grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; brother Stephen Urner (Jane); and step-brothers Nathaniel, Sherman, and Gordon Gifford.

1975 William A. Elrick, 75, of Enfield, Connecticut, died on February 2, 2024.

Elrick earned a B.A. from Bates College and an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. He had a 50-year career as an educator, teaching social studies and language arts at Windsor Locks High School, human service courses at Asnuntuck Community College, and reading at South Elementary School.

Elrick is survived by his wife of 53 years, Carlene; children Andrew Elrick and Jeffrey Elrick (Kelly); and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by sister Mary Pope.

1976 Melinda J. Lazor, 79, of Simsbury, Connecticut, died on November 19, 2023.

After attending Beloit College, Lazor earned a B.A. from the University of Connecticut and later an M.A. in English from Trinity. Her career in insurance—at Aetna and The Hartford—spanned 36 years.

Lazor is survived by children Melinda Grunert (Paul), Amy Rintoul, and Peter Lazor (Rebecca); six grandchildren; and sisters Sara Hein and Hannah Meredith. She was predeceased by husband Stephan and two grandsons.

CURRENT FACULTY

Johannes Evelein, 59, of Bloomfield, Connecticut, professor of language and culture studies, died on January 2, 2024.

Originally from the Netherlands, Evelein earned an M.A. in Scandinavian literature from the Rijksuniversiteit Groningen and a Ph.D. in German literature from the University at Albany, SUNY. He also received an Erasmus+ grant for graduate studies in German literature and language at Universität Oldenburg in Germany and a Norwegian Government Study Abroad grant for graduate studies in Norwegian language and literature at Universitetet i Oslo in Norway. In 1997, after serving as a visiting assistant professor of Germanic languages and literatures at Brigham Young University, he joined the Trinity faculty; he was promoted to associate professor in 2003 and to full professor in 2014. During his time at the College, his involvement included co-directing Trinity’s Institute for Interdisciplinary Studies, co-chairing the Campus Climate Advisory Committee, and chairing the Sustainability Subcommittee of Trinity’s Bicentennial Planning Committee. He also served as department chair for many years and led the department’s German studies section. Evelein authored several publications, including book chapters, journal articles, and the monographs *Literary Exiles from Nazi Germany: Exemplarity and the Search for Meaning* (2014) and *August Strindberg und das expressionistische*

Stationendrama: eine Formstudie (1996).

Evelein’s survivors include wife Isabel, children Thomas and Alice, and a grandson.

FORMER FACULTY

Francis J. “Frank” Egan, 81, recently of Melbourne, Australia, professor of economics, emeritus, died on March 2, 2024.

Egan earned a B.A. in economics from Providence College and an M.A. and Ph.D. in economics from Fordham University. Egan started at Trinity in 1967 as instructor in economics and was appointed to assistant professor after earning a Ph.D. in 1973. Three years later, he was promoted to associate professor. Egan taught core courses, environmental economics, energy economics, and the economics of sports. He also taught several terms at the College’s Rome Campus. During his lengthy Trinity career, Egan served as department chair and on numerous faculty committees. He also served for two years on the Global Education Advisory Committee, which reconfigured, advised, guided, and worked to improve Trinity’s study-away programs, and acted as department coordinator for the approval of study-away plans for economics majors. He retired from Trinity in 2014.

Egan is survived by his wife of 39 years, Suzanne Delany, and his sister, Maureen Nagle (Peter). He was predeceased by siblings Geraldine Niedermeyer (Jack) and Richard (Linda).

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James A. Van Sant ’52; see p. 73.

DEATH NOTICES

1950 Charles A. Balchunas

1969 James S. Lusby

1970 Hugh M. Elder

1977 Peter K. Phinney

1983 Todd Clark

2006 Sean M. Callahan

2010 John A. Love

Alumni Events



**1. Faculty Regional Reception
Chicago, Illinois
October 24, 2023**

**2. Faculty Regional Reception
San Francisco, California
November 1, 2023**

**3. B-PSI Alumni Gathering
On Campus
November 4, 2023**

**4. Faculty Regional Reception
Boston, Massachusetts
November 15, 2023**

**5. Dolls of our Lives Book Talk
On Campus
November 28, 2023**
Allison Horrocks '09, Mary Mahoney '09, and Professor of History Jennifer Regan-Lefebvre

**6. Trinity Club of Hartford
Holiday Party and Person of the Year Celebration
On Campus**

December 1, 2023
Chelsea Regan, Person of the Year Melissa Bronzino Regan '87, Professor Emeritus Joe Bronzino P'84, '87, GP'25, Tom Regan '87, Colin Regan

**7. Winter Alumni Gathering
Boston, Massachusetts
January 31, 2024**
Graham Schelter '94 and Sanji Fernando '94

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Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



The neurodiverse workforce is an untapped talent pool that has yet to receive fair opportunity.

COLIN CUNNINGHAM '24, public policy and law major, on a failed Connecticut General Assembly bill that would have established incentives for certain businesses and organizations to hire workers with intellectual disabilities; *CT Mirror*, February 19, 2024

We found evidence for a negative effect on sleep when co-sleeping with dogs but no evidence for a negative effect on sleep when co-sleeping with cats.

BRIAN N. CHIN, assistant professor of psychology, on sleeping with pets; *Discover*, April 4, 2024



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When academic freedom is viewed simply as an entitlement, we overlook its real purpose: to ensure the pursuit of knowledge and learning.

SONIA CARDENAS, dean of the faculty and vice president for academic affairs and Scott M. Johnson '97 Distinguished Professor of Political Science, in a letter to the editor; *The New York Times*, February 26, 2024

Among other things, his collection highlights the legacy of Black doctors, legislators, and actors from Hartford and the state.

BRENDA MILLER M'07, executive director of culture and communications for the Hartford Public Library, on the collection of John E. Rogers, whose family donated to the HPL what's been called "the largest private collection of African American materials in New England"; *CT Insider*, February 25, 2024

This investment can change the fabric of our schools. With full bellies at every desk, all students can excel.

LILY RYAN '24, public policy and law and sociology major, on universal free meal programs; *CT Mirror*, December 15, 2023

It is imperative that youth vote as a bloc, supporting candidates who prioritize climate change in their platforms. The recent rise in youth voter turnout since 2017 underscores the collective power we possess.

MALIAH RYAN '25, in a letter to the editor; *The Hartford Courant*, April 1, 2024

COMPASS Youth Collaborative is relentless in providing the youth in our program with the support and opportunities they need to succeed. We are asking the state to make the same commitment.

JACQUELYN SANTIAGO NAZARIO '00, CEO of COMPASS Youth Collaborative, on being part of a coalition asking the state to make comprehensive, immediate, and long-term action on youth employment; *The Hartford Courant*, January 31, 2024



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