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President Joanne Berger-Sweeney

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President Joanne Berger-Sweeney presents The Eigenbrodt Cup to Francisco “Frank” Borges '74, H'20 during Reunion Weekend in June 2024. For more on Berger-Sweeney as she embarks on her 11th and final year leading the College, please see page 18. For more on Reunion, please see pages 14 and 78.

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# 'Hartford is our home'

The liberal arts with an urban pulse

Mark Twain, once a proud resident of Hartford, described Connecticut's capital city by saying, "Of all the beautiful towns it has been my fortune to see, this is the chief." His admiration for Hartford resonates with my own appreciation of the city's role in shaping the Trinity experience. His words echo the sentiments of my own journey over the last 10 years as a private resident and neighbor.

I often am asked what makes our institution unique, what makes it special. The Trinity community, of course, comes to mind first. But then I acknowledge our beautiful place in a capital city and how we are a proud liberal arts college with an urban pulse. In 2014, when I took office as Trinity's 22nd president, I made a goal not only to reestablish our bond with Hartford but also to celebrate it. And as a community, we have done so.

Hartford is more than just a backdrop to our beautiful and historic campus. It is an integral part of our identity and our mission and has been for two centuries. This was manifest at the Bicentennial Gala when we raised more than \$625,000 for financial aid to support talented Hartford students to attend Trinity, aligning with our goal of providing a transformative liberal arts education to deserving students, starting at home.

As our relationship with the city has grown over the last decade, so has the city itself. Our alumni hold important positions in local and state government. The ongoing revitalization of downtown Hartford includes the establishment of Trinity's Innovation Hub and the Liberal Arts Action Lab.

Trinity infuses more than \$300 million annually into the regional economy. We strongly invest in the Boys & Girls Clubs of Hartford, Southside Institutions Neighborhood Alliance, and the neighborhood's Trinity College Community Child Center. These are in addition to supporting Hartford Magnet Trinity College Academy and the many programs of the Center for Hartford Engagement and Research. Our partnership with Hartford HealthCare provides high-quality health care, counseling, wellness, sports medicine, and athletic training services to our students.

Our innovative Trinity Plus curriculum has taken advantage of our unique location with community learning and engagement. The vibrancy, diversity, and cultural richness of Hartford infuse our academic environment with energy, creativity, and opportunity. Our faculty and students benefit from the dynamic interplay between campus life and the broader, urban environment, gaining invaluable experiences that prepare them to thrive in complex, dynamic, and diverse cities around the world. We're able to foster urban-based research and to benefit from collaborations with global businesses. We also leverage local partnerships to gain practical, real-world experiences, such as our long-standing Legislative Internship Program at the State Capitol.

Hartford is our home. As such, it's in our best interest to be deeply committed to honoring and nurturing our relationship with the city and its residents. It's a testament to the power of collaboration between educational



JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

institutions and their neighbors, and I view the city not only as a place of residence but also as an essential partner in our educational mission.

As I reflect on my presidency, my story cannot be written without a chapter dedicated to Hartford's influence on my life and our distinguished institution. This is where my children became adults, and the memories I've made here 'neath the elms have filled my heart with joy and with friendships to last a lifetime. This also is where I experienced the most rewarding years of my professional career, as well as the most challenging ones. I've witnessed Trinity's impressive "spiral up" through our strategic plan, Summit, and I've grown fond of this city's spirit and grit and how it's reflected in our own resolve as a community determined to change the world for the better.

I'll always be rooting for Hartford's success, and, of course, Trinity's. The success of one is essential for the success of the other. We are inextricably linked in partnership. The future for Trinity in its third century is remarkably bright, and I'm excited to see the possibilities that lie ahead as the College, America's preeminent liberal arts college in an urban setting, continues to deepen its ties with this remarkable capital city.



# Along the Walk



## Commencement



For more on Commencement, including videos from the day, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Commencement2024](http://trincollreporter.online/Commencement2024).

“What could possibly go right?”

That’s the question that award-winning restaurateur Danny Meyer ’80, P’20 recommended members of the Trinity College Class of 2024 ask when considering new opportunities. “Rather than focusing only on the potential downsides . . . try hard to let yourself be open to the upsides,” Meyer advised during his speech at Trinity’s 198th Commencement on Sunday, May 19, on the Main Quad. >>

PHOTOS: (LEFT) GINNY KEMP; (RIGHT) NICK CAITO

## Along the Walk

In all, 559 students earned their degrees. Among the undergraduates, 336 received bachelor of arts degrees, and 209 were awarded bachelor of science degrees. Five of the undergraduate degree recipients were Individualized Degree Program (IDP) students. Fourteen graduate students received master's degrees.

Trinity bestowed an honorary doctor of humane letters degree on Meyer—an author, entrepreneur, and the founder of Union Square Hospitality Group and Shake Shack—in recognition of his investment in and dedication to hospitality and to serving others, his community, and the College.

Trinity also awarded honorary doctor of laws degrees to former Hartford Mayor Luke A. Bronin, in recognition of his influence in service to Hartford and the nation and the care with which he led the city, and to his wife, professor and policy-maker Sara C. Bronin, in recognition of her contributions to the greater good as a public servant, academician, and attorney.

Student speaker Aarti Carolina Lamberg '24 asked everyone to slow down and to not rely too heavily on technology as a replacement for human emotions and interactions. “I ask that you allow yourselves a few moments every day to breathe and to make sure you’re doing what you can to spread love and positivity,” she said. “We can choose to return to our inner humanity, to look up from our devices, and to see one another as fellow people.”

In her charge to the graduates, Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney implored them to never stop learning or seeking answers and to embrace the unknown. “You hold the power to use this incredible tool of a liberal arts education to make your community a better place, wherever you go,” she said.



1. **Aarti Carolina Lamberg '24**, who served as student speaker
2. **Commencement speaker Danny Meyer '80, P'20**
3. **President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and graduates**
4. **YY Wang '24**
5. **John Li '24 and Daisy Li '24**
6. **The traditional cap toss**
7. **Maggie Amaral '24 and Lola Davis '24**
8. **Valedictorian Henry Shapiro '24**
9. **Salutatorian Hannah Lorenzo '24**



“[T]ry hard to let yourself be open to the upsides.”

DANNY MEYER '80, P'20



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Henry Shapiro, of New York, who earned a B.S., summa cum laude, with honors in computer science and an additional major in mathematics, was named valedictorian. Hannah Lorenzo, of Arizona, who earned a B.A., summa cum laude, with honors in international studies: global studies and a minor in rhetoric, writing, and media studies, was named salutatorian.

At the end of the ceremony—but just before Trinity graduates tossed their mortar boards into the air—Trinity College Alumni Association President Jorge Eduardo Rodriguez '91 welcomed the graduates into the company of Trinity alumni, numbering approximately 30,000 around the world.

ACCOLADES

**Trustee Award for Faculty Excellence:** Gregory G. Mario '87 Associate Professor of Chemistry **Michelle L. Kovarik**, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies **Garth A. Myers**; **Staff Excellence:** Administrative Assistant for Physics, Environmental Science, Public Policy and Law, and Philosophy **Elizabeth Landell-Simon**; **Student Excellence:** **Aarti Carolina Lamberg '24**, **Bernardo F. Simões '24**

**The Thomas Church Brownell Prize for Teaching Excellence:** Professor of Mathematics **David Mauro**

**The Dean Arthur H. Hughes Award for Achievement in Teaching:** Assistant Professor of Economics **Ibrahim K. Shikaki**, Assistant Professor of International Studies and Women, Gender, and Sexuality **Shunyuan Zhang**

# Fulbright for Syta

Trinity College Associate Professor of Computer Science Ewa Syta received a prestigious Fulbright U.S. Scholar award for 2024–25 to conduct research in her native country of Poland.

The Fulbright Program—led by the U.S. government in partnership with more than 160 countries—offers international educational and cultural exchange programs for accomplished students, scholars, artists, teachers, and professionals of all backgrounds to study, teach, or pursue important research and professional projects.

In collaboration with researchers at Poland’s National Research Institute (NASK) under the supervision of the Ministry of Digital Affairs, Syta plans to develop a long-term strategy for the implementation of a digital identity wallet for Poland. “This is a critical component of the EU’s initiative to create a universal digital identity ecosystem, where electronic transactions can have the same legal validity as traditional paper-based transactions,” Syta said.

In 2014, the European Union introduced the Electronic Identification, Authentication and Trust Services (eIDAS) regulation, aiming for secure and seamless electronic interactions between businesses, individuals, and public authorities. “Digital identities are one of the major challenges of the digital age; when transacting online, trust matters, but it is hard to establish,” Syta said. The new eIDAS 2.0 regulation is a sweeping overhaul of eIDAS, promising to create a universal digital identity ecosystem for the EU.

The EUDI wallet, under the control of its user, would “hold” the identity and entitlements composed of verified information from different sources, Syta said. “With an EUDI wallet, a user could securely prove their age without revealing any other information included in their ID, such as their precise date of birth, photo, address, etc.,” she said. While the concept of an EUDI wallet has clear benefits, Syta said it also has privacy implications, so the legislation’s security, privacy, and compliance requirements put the control of personal information in the hands of the individual.

The development of this tool could have a tangible impact on society. “It’s powerful to take research work and apply it in practice. As a professor, I often write and publish papers, but this gives me the added ability to bring the results to the public,” she said. “The long-term objective of my research is to bring cutting-edge cryptographic techniques to real-world applications to shape tomorrow’s digital world.”



## Six new trustees

**Diane “Dede” DePatie Consoli ’88, P’19, ’22**, owner of interior design firm *Boxtree Interiors*

**James W. Cuminale ’75, P’09**, senior advisor at *PJT Partners*

**Charity Elder ’00**, instructor in *Fordham University’s Department of Communication and Media Studies*, journalist, and media executive

**Amanda Kauff Jacobson ’94**, leader in nonprofits, holding posts on several boards

**Joshua P. Newsome ’95**, a managing director at *Goldman Sachs*

**Joanna Scott ’82, H’09**, *Roswell Smith Burrows Professor of English at the University of Rochester*

**For more on these individuals and bios of all Trinity trustees, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Trustees](https://trincollreporter.online/Trustees).**



## NEW TENURE-TRACK FACULTY

### Lucius Couloute

*Assistant Professor of Sociology*  
Ph.D., M.A., B.A., *University of Massachusetts Amherst*

### Nadja Eisenberg-Guyot

*Assistant Professor of Anthropology*  
Ph.D., M.A., *CUNY-The Graduate Center*  
B.A., *University of Pennsylvania*

### Shane A. Gleason

*Associate Professor of Public Policy and Law*  
Ph.D., *Southern Illinois University*  
B.A., *Cleveland State University*

### Sidra Hamidi

*Assistant Professor of Political Science*  
Ph.D., *Northwestern University*  
M.A., *University of Chicago*  
B.A., *North Central College*

### Robbert J. Langwerden

*Assistant Professor of Psychology*  
Ph.D., M.S., B.S., *Radboud University*

### Betül Mutlugün

*Assistant Professor of Economics*  
Ph.D., M.Sc., B.A., *Istanbul University*

### Eyal Schwartz

*Assistant Professor of Physics*  
Ph.D., M.Sc., B.A., *Israel Institute of Technology*

All began their appointments on July 1, 2024.



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# Around Hartford

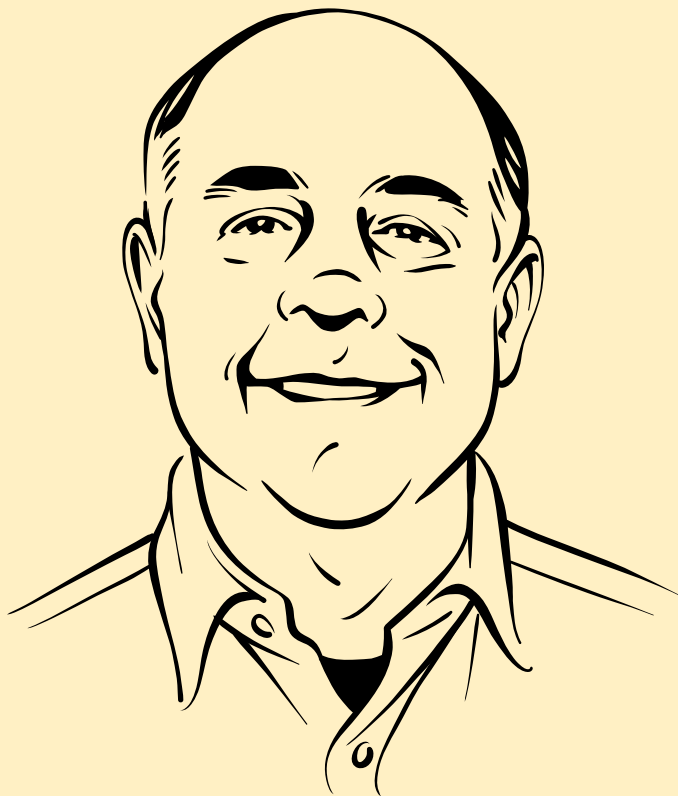
## Training routes for distance runners

Trinity's distance runners—those who constitute the cross country and indoor and outdoor track teams—are a rare breed, says John Michael Mason '12, M'14, assistant professor of physical education and director of cross country and track and field. "They're in season all year long," he says. "It's a privilege, but it's also hard." Mason, himself a former Bantam runner, says that the student-athletes compete in cross country in the fall, indoor track in the winter, and then outdoor track the spring. Throughout the seasons, even in the winter if it's mild enough, the distance runners turn Hartford and its neighboring towns into their training sites. Mason says a favorite loop goes down Fairfield Avenue, into Wethersfield and then Old Wethersfield. Another goes through downtown Hartford to the Connecticut River. Other courses take their names from the streets the runners encounter, including the Nott and Goff routes named after Wethersfield thoroughfares. Nearby West Hartford and Manchester provide off-road trails in their reservoirs, with the latter also the site of the teams' home course of Wickham Park. The Vernon Rails to Trails project is another popular training spot, says Mason, with Bantams often finding themselves running among the Huskies of the University of Connecticut and athletes from other institutions. Strength and speed-form training complement daily runs, Mason says, noting that he's a "big believer in overall athleticism." He adds that he sees a bright future for distance runners at Trinity. "We try to keep a rising tide mentality: If we can get people to perform their best, their rising tide will raise all ships for our team."



To see some of the Bantam courses, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Run](http://trincollreporter.online/Run).

# Volunteer Spotlight



## Mike Gilman '76, P'05

Sometimes rain can spoil a first impression. Not for Mike Gilman '76, P'05. When he visited Trinity College as a high school senior, it poured all day. "I still loved it," he says. "The beauty of the campus but also the liveliness. It just seemed like a place where people enjoyed being."

Gilman grew up on Long Island. He was a social kid who loved sports and did well enough in school but says he wasn't always the most industrious student. That changed at Trinity. "It was this combination of great learning and feeling excited by studying with accessible professors in small classes," Gilman says. "I didn't have that as much in high school. I had some advanced classes where I felt challenged and a few good teachers, but at Trinity it was really consistent."

He majored in psychology and economics, discovering his aptitude for the latter through an introductory course with the late Frank Egan. Egan became his adviser, and they kept in touch after Gilman graduated and started working with a leading quantitative economic consulting firm. At one point, Egan invited Gilman back to campus to teach students about econometrics.

The exceptional academic experience is just one driver of Gilman's enduring gratitude for Trinity. He made lifelong friendships through intramural sports and did play-by-play commentary for football and basketball games on WRTC. "That was great," he recalls fondly. "I actually thought about a career in broadcasting, but I was a pretty good economics student."

During his sophomore year, Gilman got involved with AIESEC, a nonprofit that gives students business exposure by having them pitch local companies on creating internships for international students. He remembers meeting with the chairman of Heublein, the food and beverage conglomerate whose portfolio included Smirnoff Vodka and Kentucky Fried Chicken. Gilman credits such opportunities—along with his internship at Banca Monte dei Paschi di Siena after his junior year in Italy—as playing a critical role in developing the interpersonal skills that he relied on throughout his 35-year career in institutional sales.

Gilman, who is now retired, spent most of his career working for Wall Street firms while living in Los Angeles. He has been a proud and active Trinity ambassador from the moment he landed on the West Coast. As a volunteer for the Admissions Office, he has interviewed scores of prospective students. As a class agent, he has supported fundraising efforts by connecting with fellow alumni. "As far as I'm concerned, he's been 'Mr. Trinity in Los Angeles' since the '80s," says classmate Elaine Feldman Patterson '76.

Gilman is the long-standing president of the Trinity Club of Los Angeles. In this capacity, he has organized countless events on behalf of the College. From memorable nights at Dodger Stadium to community service projects to meet-and-greets for incoming first-years, he has worked tirelessly to bring California Bantams together. "I don't think anyone understands how much work it is to make those events happen, even with support from the College," says Patterson. "Heaven knows how many venues he had to check out, negotiate with, and then 'market' those events to others."

In addition to leading the club, Gilman has served on the Executive Committee of the Trinity College Alumni Association and has frequently been part of his class's Reunion Committee. When asked about the breadth of his volunteer efforts, Gilman responds with modesty. "I do a little bit of a lot of things," he says. "I don't know how great I am at anything, but I've been involved in a lot of different ways because I love Trinity." He is proud to have passed this love down to his daughter, Sara, who graduated from the College in 2005.

"I love Trinity and what it's given to me for so many reasons," Gilman says. "For the skills that helped me in my career and for helping me become the person I am today."

—Elliott Grover

# Newman Civic Fellow

Anna Grant-Bolton '25 has received a 2024–25 Newman Civic Fellowship from Campus Compact, a national coalition of colleges and universities working to advance the public purposes of higher education. The fellowship, which was set to start in September, is a yearlong program that recognizes students for their leadership potential and commitment to creating positive change in communities.

Campus Compact provides fellows with programming that emphasizes personal, professional, and civic growth. The cornerstone of the fellowship is the Annual Convening of Newman Civic Fellows, which offers intensive in-person skill-building and networking over three days. Fellows also may apply for exclusive opportunities, including mini grants to help fund scholarships and postgraduate opportunities.

Grant-Bolton, a leader of multiple service and advocacy groups at Trinity, is pursuing majors in human rights and public policy and law, with a minor in community action.

“I’m excited to connect with and learn from other students who are engaged in social justice work on their own campuses,” Grant-Bolton said. “I think this experience will be essential in helping me to become a better student leader and activist.”

Internships at a legal aid clinic in her hometown of Evanston, Illinois, and through the Northwestern Prison Education Program inspired Grant-Bolton to learn about ways to address issues of mass incarceration in the criminal justice system. After graduating from Trinity next spring, Grant-Bolton tentatively plans to pursue a master’s degree in social work, focused on policy or political advocacy, along with a master’s in public policy. “I’d eventually like to join a grassroots community organization, ideally in an advocacy, organizing, or policy role,” she said.

Grant-Bolton already has experience leading service and advocacy groups. After helping during high school to create the Evanston Community Fridges project—through which residents can share food with neighbors in need—she became involved with restarting Trinity’s food recovery program. Working with the Trinity Homelessness Project, student volunteers pick up leftover food from Chartwells and deliver it to ImmaCare, a Hartford homeless shelter near Trinity. In addition, she co-founded Students Against Mass Incarceration and co-launched TrinDivests, and she also is active in Trinity’s Center for Hartford and Engagement and Research (CHER), which works to strengthen and evaluate academic and co-curricular partnerships between Hartford’s diverse communities and students, staff, and faculty at Trinity.

Grant-Bolton added that receiving the Newman Civic Fellowship feels like a testament to the power of grassroots social change. “Being honored with this reminds me that the work we’re doing is meaningful and it’s powerful, even when it’s slow and I don’t see results immediately,” she said. “It’s a reminder to keep on going.”



## TENURE, PROMOTIONS

The Trinity College Board of Trustees voted to award tenure and to promote to the rank of associate professor the following faculty members: Lindsey A. Hanson, chemistry; Mareike Koertner, religious studies; Kirsti A. Kuenzel, mathematics; Rebecca K. Pappas, theater and dance; and Gerardo Ruiz Sánchez, economics. Also awarded tenure and promoted to associate professor, effective for the spring 2024 semester, was Michael J. Hatch, fine arts.

Those promoted to full professor were Shane M. Ewegen, philosophy; Andrew Flibbert, political science; and Michelle Kovarik, chemistry.

Faculty members awarded emeritus/a status were Wendy C. Bartlett, professor of physical education; 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; Anthony M. Messina, John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science; John Platoff, professor of music; Richard V. Prigodich, Scovill Professor of Chemistry; Miguel D. Ramirez, Ward S. Curran Distinguished Professor of Economics; and Paula A. Russo, associate professor of mathematics.

The faculty promotions and status changes went into effect on July 1, 2024, unless otherwise noted.

# Letters

**Get in touch!** *The Trinity Reporter* welcomes letters related to items published in recent issues. In addition, we'd like to showcase photos of you reading the magazine wherever your travels may take you. Please send remarks and/or high-resolution photos to the editor at [sonya.adams@trincoll.edu](mailto:sonya.adams@trincoll.edu) or Sonya Storch Adams, Office of Communications and Marketing, Trinity College, 300 Summit Street, Hartford, CT 06106.

## Student quote in 'Last Words'

I was dismayed that the *Reporter* chose to repeat what Maliah Ryan '25 wrote in a letter to *The Hartford Courant* as something reflecting current student thought.

Her call for youth to “vote as a bloc” represents the epitome of “groupthink,” submission to peer pressure, and the rejection of free thought and expression. My impression has been that the liberal arts exist to promote intellectual exploration and independent analysis. Promoting diversity of complexion, ethnicity, and sexual identity isn't worth much if accompanied by a rejection of diversity in outlook and belief.

**Jan C. Gimar '73**

*Hutchinson, Kansas*

## Memories etched in stone

I feel compelled to share my gratitude for *The Trinity Reporter*, especially the winter 2024 issue. My father, Theodore R. Blakeslee II, was an associate professor in engineering and computer science. I have so many fond memories of Trinity, from many moments in Hallden, eating lunch at the Cave or Faculty Dining Hall, attending football games while my dad sold tickets, walking along the Long Walk, doing research for high school projects at the library, attending graduations 'neath the elms, and spreading a blanket in that spot to enjoy carillon concerts. Sadly, both my parents' funerals (Virginia A. Blakeslee) were in the Chapel, but those services were special because we were surrounded by so many friends and family and memories.

Back to the *Reporter*, I was particularly fascinated by “Etched in

Stone” by Elliott Grover. We almost always went to Trinity up the hill formed by those very rocks. I took the hill for granted, maybe occasionally wondering why Trinity's landscape was so different. Now I know!

I always appreciate and enjoy reading the varied articles and memories shared by alumni. I was touched by the published entries regarding “What is your favorite place on campus?” That prompted me to share mine with you, above.

Thank you again for all you do and for bringing me joy.

**Meg (Marguerite)**

**Blakeslee Summey**

*Burlington, North Carolina*

## Ferris flahbacks

I hope this finds you well. It was phenomenal to see a picture of the Ferris weight room on the back cover of the latest *Reporter*. I spent many, many hours in that exercise room while a student from 1989–93. It was aesthetically abysmal, but it was what was available. When I think about the facilities available on college campuses now, it makes me laugh. Palaces!

I have many memories from that exercise room. Meeting classmates who would later become roommates. Equipment breaking. I used to bring a boom box (yup, that was a thing), and I remember the music we would play . . . on cassette tapes! Employees and, I believe, community members could use the room, and I remember making friends with some of them. One of them brought an amazing contraption that he could hang over a pull-up bar and do upside-down crunches. It was pretty colorful in there. Never expected to see a photo of the place.



My other favorite memory from Ferris is my Class of 1993 classmates and I acted as the practice squad for the women's basketball team. I don't remember everyone, but I know Josh Bruno, Mike Giardi, and Tim Richman were on this practice squad with me. It was a lot of fun. I am not sure how much better we made them at the game of basketball, but we appreciated the chance to try.

Thanks for the chance to reminisce.

**Justin Grigg '93**

*Alfred, New York*

*Editor's note: We received several emails identifying the two students in the Ferris Athletic Center photo on the back cover of the spring 2024 issue. Interestingly, though, we received six different IDs for the two subjects, sparking a bit of a fun mystery. After confirming with multiple people, we've determined that Eric Holtzman '92 correctly identified the individuals as Anne Weeks '92 and Miriam Wolfe "Mimi" Strouse '92. He writes, "I knew instantly. Anne is one of my dearest friends from Trinity, and I'd know a pic of her anywhere. And while I can't recall what I had for lunch just yesterday, I know Anne and Mimi would work out together 36 years ago—LOL."*

# Trinity Treasure

## The Underground Coffeehouse



Tucked away in the basement of Mather Hall is the Underground Coffeehouse, a student-run shop perfect for studying, hanging out with friends, and enjoying entertainment. A handful of student managers handle all aspects of the business, including hiring and supervising staff, overseeing inventory and budget, and running events. The menu features customizable offerings including iced coffees and teas and hot chocolate, specialty drinks, and limited-edition beverages such as Rosie's Delight, a strawberry rose and pomegranate lemonade with frozen strawberries for Valentine's Day. The space, with its art-filled walls, also is home to numerous events, including open-mic nights and listening parties. With the exact date of the coffeehouse's founding not documented, the *Reporter* is seeking information from alumni about their involvement in the shop's early days, thought to be in the 1980s. Did you frequent or work at the Underground, and would you be willing to share your memories? If so, please email [sonya.adams@trincoll.edu](mailto:sonya.adams@trincoll.edu).



To read Q&As with four of the Underground's recently graduated student managers, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Underground](http://trincollreporter.online/Underground).

# Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame

Director of Athletics Drew Galbraith announced the 2024 Trinity College Athletics Hall of Fame class, listed below. The group, along with three individuals who deferred prior inductions—Marcus Cowie (Hall of Fame Class of 2021), Kathy Ennis Young (2022), and Leanne LeBrun Dineen (2023)—will be officially inducted into the Hall of Fame at an on-campus ceremony during Homecoming Weekend on October 26.

### **Hannah Brickley '14 (women's basketball)**

Brickley was member of the women's volleyball program for four seasons and the women's basketball program for two. She was a two-time American Volleyball Coaches Association All-New England selection, a three-time New England Women's Volleyball Association All-New England selection, and a three-time All-New England Small College Athletic Conference (NESCAC) selection. Brickley is one of four players in volleyball program history to amass 1,000 kills and 1,000 digs. At the time of induction, Brickley ranked second all-time in kills (1,257), fifth all-time in digs (1,212), and sixth all-time in attack percentage (.216). In basketball, she averaged 10.5 points per game. Off the court, Brickley was a 2013 CoSIDA Academic All-American and a two-time CoSIDA Academic All-District selection.

### **Lanier Drew '80 (women's cross country, basketball, swimming and diving, softball, track and field)**

Drew was a pioneer for Trinity women's athletics as a member of five programs. She assisted with the creation of the women's swimming and diving, cross country, and softball teams. Drew captained and swam for the inaugural swimming and diving team in 1976-77 and served as co-captain of Trinity's first varsity squad in 1978-79. In 1977, she started the women's cross country program as the only woman running with the men's team and won her only meet over the U.S. Coast Guard Academy, Eastern Connecticut State University, and Connecticut College with a time of 18.44 on the three-mile course. Drew ran on Trinity's first women's track and field team in 1979, and during her senior season, she broke the school record for the mile run just days after racing in the Boston Marathon.

### **Bea Gratry '05 (women's lacrosse)**

Gratry burst onto the women's lacrosse scene as a first-year, claiming National Rookie of the Year honors in 2002. She earned All-American status in 2004 and 2005, along with All-Region status three times. Gratry was the 2002 NESCAC Rookie of the Year and a three-time All-NESCAC selection. At the time of induction, she is

the program leader in career points (287), career goals (233), career points per game (4.86), and career goals per game (3.95). Gratry owns the single-season record for points per game (5.73) and goals per game (4.80), both set during the 2005 season. During her lone season as a member of the field hockey team, Gratry delivered the sixth-most goals per game, averaging 0.64 during the 2001 season.

### **Ryan Martin '92 (men's lacrosse)**

Martin achieved All-American status in 1992, along with an All-NESCAC team selection. At the time of induction, he is the program leader in career points (217), career goals (137), and career assists (80). In 1992, Martin, team captain, registered the second-most points (72), goals (43), and assists (39) in a single season.

### **Pat McNamara '80 (football)**

During the 1978 season, McNamara set single-season records for receptions (67), receiving yards (1,024), and receiving touchdowns (11), which stood for 45 years. McNamara earned Kodak Little All-American status in 1978 after leading small colleges in receptions and helping guide the Bantams to a NESCAC title. At the time of induction, McNamara ranks fourth in career receptions per game (5.88), fifth in career receiving yards (2,280), fifth in career

touchdowns (20), and sixth in career receptions (141).

### **Dan Jessee (head football coach, head baseball coach)**

Jessee served as head football coach for 35 years (1932-66), registering a record of 150-76-7. Under his watch, the Bantams had four undefeated seasons, including back-to-back perfect campaigns (1954 and 1955). He served as head baseball coach at Trinity (1935-61, 1963-67), establishing a record of 239-170-5. Jessee also served as president of the National Collegiate Coaches Association and the American College Football Coaches Association. He played in one game for the Cleveland Indians (now the Guardians) during the 1929 season, serving as a pinch runner. Jessee also co-authored the textbook *Baseball* in the late 1930s and conducted baseball and football clinics for U.S. servicemen around the globe during World War II.

### **Ray Oosting (administrator, men's basketball coach)**

In addition to serving as head men's basketball coach (1924-40, 1942-57), Oosting served as track and field head coach, cross country coach, and director of athletics. He led the men's basketball program to a 253-194 record. Oosting owns the second-most wins in program history and the fourth-highest winning percentage (.569) over his time as coach. Known as the "dean of New England basketball coaches," he was first coach from a small college to become president of the National Association of Basketball Coaches, assuming the role in 1956. Oosting retired in 1966 and served as professor of physical education, emeritus.





# SMART Scholarship

Amanda Verga '24—a recent Trinity graduate from Gloucester, Massachusetts, who majored in mathematics—has received a Science, Mathematics, and Research for Transformation (SMART) Scholarship from the U.S. Department of Defense (DoD) to pursue a master’s degree.

The scholarship-for-service program is a combined educational and workforce development opportunity for STEM students at the undergraduate, master’s, and doctoral levels. Scholarship recipients receive full tuition, annual stipends, internships at DoD facilities, and guaranteed employment with the DoD after graduation.

Verga began a graduate program in applied mathematics and statistics this fall at Johns Hopkins University’s Whiting School of Engineering. After her first year there, she will have a summer internship in Florida with the Naval Surface Warfare Center-Panama City Division in the Subsea and Seabed Warfare and Maritime Operations Department. Verga then will continue working at that naval research facility for two years after she completes her degree, which the scholarship funds.

“I was interested in a scholarship that would allow me to prioritize my academics and also start my career,” Verga said. “I have always been open to working in the government, and I knew I wanted to work as a researcher. With this scholarship, once I start working, I’ll be in a research position where I’m actively solving problems that are of interest to the nation.”

Verga said she chose to study math because she sees it as the foundation of many different subjects. “In any other science or STEM field, you need to use math,” she said. “I wanted to gain a deeper understanding of what was going on in the background of all these other areas.”

After initially attending Lawrence University in Wisconsin, Verga transferred to Trinity for her junior and senior years. “I transferred for the academic freedom and to be part of a collaborative community,” Verga said. “I was able to work directly with professors who’ve helped shape my research interests.”

After she completes her master’s degree and the work related to the SMART Scholarship, Verga said, she would consider continuing her career in the DoD as a researcher. “I love problem-solving when conducting research and want to continue working in a similar environment,” she said.



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# Reunion

Reunion Weekend on June 6–9, 2024, was full of friends, memories, and renewed connections as Bantams from around the world flocked back to the Trinity campus. The programming included talks by alumni, musical performances, and a cookout on the Main Quad.

- 1. A group of alumnae pose for a photo at the Fuller Arch at Northam Towers.**
- 2. Several people take part in the Alumni Row.**
- 3. The BIPOC Alumni Brunch draws a crowd.**
- 4. The Very Reverend Marcus George Halley, College chaplain and dean of spiritual and religious life, helps alumni create memorial lanterns.**
- 5. Rhoden Monrose '09, Ella Wechsler-Matthaei '14, Alyssa Daigle Schoenfeld '99, and John Howard '74 present at "Disruption and Doggedness: Entrepreneurial Tales and Learnings."**
- 6. Members of the Class of 1974 dance at their 50th Reunion Dinner.**
- 7. Eric Fossum '79, H'14 and Ewa Syta, associate professor of computer science, present at "Reflections on Engineering and Technology."**
- 8. Arne Englehart '59 spends time with the Bantam.**
- 9. Kathryn Harkless Groves '94 and Amanda Johnson Kennedy '94 share a hug.**
- 10. Members of the Class of 1994 celebrate at their 30th Reunion Dinner.**



For more on Reunion, please visit [trincollreporter.online/Reunion2024](http://trincollreporter.online/Reunion2024).







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Congratulations to the 2024 Reunion award winners!

THE EIGENBRODT CUP  
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THE GARY MCQUAID AWARD  
**Jawanza "Joe" Gross '94, P'12**

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**Aimee Brown '74**

Bicentennial Gala  
co-chairs Themis  
Klarides '87 and  
Shawn Wooden '91



## Bicentennial wrap-up

During the course of the past year, more than 11,000 attendees participated in 47 Bicentennial events. Several of these events served to tie a bow on the celebrations.

At the Bicentennial Gala on May 11, Trinity deepened its commitment to the city that its founders selected 200 years ago by raising more than \$625,000 for scholarships for Hartford students to establish the Bicentennial Hartford Scholarship. In addition, Board of Trustees Chair Lisa Bisaccia '78 announced the establishment of the Anthony J. and Carole Foley Bisaccia Scholarship, which she and her husband, Robert P. Naparstek, established in honor of her parents as part of the All In campaign.

The gala brought together more than 750 faculty, staff, students, alumni, elected officials, and other local leaders at the Connecticut Convention Center. The evening included live and silent auctions, dinner, and dancing. Emmy Award-winning local television journalists Dennis House

and Kara Sundlun hosted the ceremony that included remarks by Trinity President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Hartford Mayor Arunan Arulampalam, and Senator Richard Blumenthal, as well as a special video message from Senator Chris Murphy.

A community concert the following day featured Grammy-nominated band Plena Libre, which also performed the previous evening at the gala. Crowds packed the Koeppel Community Sports Center for an afternoon of music mixing traditional Puerto Rican rhythms with modern Afro-Caribbean influences. Attendees also enjoyed food trucks and Mother's Day activities.

On May 16—Charter Day—it was announced that Trinity's most iconic structures were recently added to the National Register of Historic Places. The National Park Service designated an 11.4-acre rectangular area anchored by the Long Walk and Chapel as the Trinity College Long Walk Historic District with national importance.

"Being listed on the National Register of Historic Places is a profound acknowledgment of the enduring significance of our past and the importance of Trinity's architecture to American history and society today," said Berger-Sweeney. "This serves as another example of how we can celebrate our College's identity and ensure that future generations of Bantams can connect with the richness of our proud history."

Connecticut Governor Ned Lamont officially proclaimed May 16 as "Trinity College Day" and celebrated by raising the College's Bicentennial flag at the Connecticut State Capitol, where the College was founded. Hereafter, it will fly over the State Capitol each year on Charter Day.

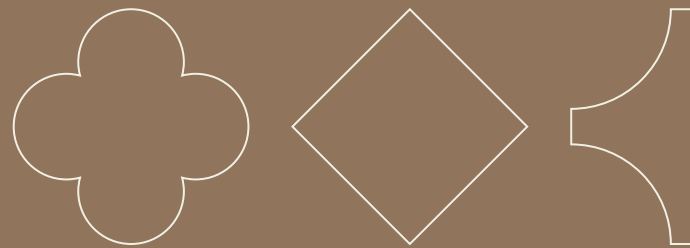
Berger-Sweeney noted in an email to the community, "I hope this community feels a tremendous sense of pride and honor on this Charter Day. Onward to the next 200 years!"



## Thank you to the sponsors who made the Bicentennial Gala a resounding success!

Capping off our yearlong celebration, the gala—held on May 11 at the Connecticut Convention Center—helped to raise funds for a new Bicentennial Hartford Scholarship that will provide support for students from Hartford who seek an exceptional education at Trinity College.

We are grateful to our sponsors for their generosity and for making the event one to remember.



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# A



# conversation with the president

**Joanne Berger-Sweeney**

shares insights on Trinity, her  
time at the College, and more

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**NICK CAITO**

A little more than a decade ago, in July 2014, Joanne Berger-Sweeney became the 22nd president of Trinity College. Not long after, the two of us met in her office in Williams Memorial to talk about her plans and her hopes for her time 'neath the elms. And now, as Berger-Sweeney prepares to embark on her 11th and final year at Trinity's helm, I'm in her office once again, this time seeking her thoughts as she looks back on her tenure and what she sees possible in the College's future.

**What were some of your proudest moments at Trinity?** Commencements are the culmination of the academic year and signify so much about what's important in our community: recognizing the achievements of our students. All the people who made the student experience possible—including faculty, staff, and families—are there for this joyous celebration. Commencements really are pure joy.

**What do you consider your most significant achievements as president?** First and foremost, we have more engaged students who are stronger in so many ways. A larger percentage of our students are stronger academically. Our students are more civic-minded and engaged. I like to use the example of looking at voting rates of our students in the presidential elections in 2016 and 2020; the rates almost doubled, and that to me is a sign of an engaged student body. The students are more diverse around virtually every metric that you can think of. There are more international students. Our population is a little more racially and ethnically diverse than it was when I walked in the door. The socioeconomic diversity is greater, and once again, that's providing access to a Trinity education for a wider variety of students. We have stronger academic and co-curricular experiences that meet our more engaged students. This is the heart and soul of our mission, and I am exceedingly proud of this, as well as our successes with our strategic plan, Summit.

President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, overlooking Hartford



Second is the greater engagement of the full Trinity community with one another and the College; that was on full display during our Bicentennial. To have a Bicentennial for a campus that has about 3,000 campus members and to have engaged more than 11,000 attendees in our Bicentennial activities just underscores the sense of community that we have, and that community includes alums, trustees, faculty, staff, students, and those in our neighborhood. It was a wonderful opportunity to see our connected community on display.

Third is our stronger connection with Hartford. Over 200 years, the relationship between Trinity and Hartford has waxed and waned. Since I've been here, it has been strong, probably the strongest in recent history. I have been very connected to the Greater Hartford



community, and I've watched so much amazing development, from Trinity's Innovation Hub downtown, to the Liberal Arts Action Lab, to my involvement with Hartford HealthCare. It's just been a glorious opportunity to underscore that Trinity is and of Hartford.

**What is your favorite place on campus?** I do believe my favorite spot is the Chapel. I love the architecture. I love the sense of solace that you have going in. Even though people might equate it with a church, I truly see it as a multifaith place to be on campus where different traditions and cultures are welcomed. And then you add the Austin organ into the mix, and you realize that you have a truly unique place. The Chapel connects our past and traditions with our hope and aspirations for the future. You look around

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JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY



**Berger-Sweeney**  
on the Long Walk

the building, and you see the history. But then you notice some of the new things going in, including the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship that was dedicated by the Class of 1963 just two years ago—it wasn't just an homage to the past, it's what they hope is enduring to the future, which is friendship—and the first African American chaplain leading us into a pluralistic third century.

**What are some memories you think will stay with you forever?** One of my earliest and best memories was my inauguration. It was simply outstanding, and I still remember well the samba band that ushered me in. I remember “America the Beautiful” being sung by this choir of differently trained voices. Hartford-area college and university presidents came to support me, along with my friends and family members from different generations of my life. I remember looking out to a sea of faces that were just so welcoming and hopeful. I remember all the officials; the mayor came, the governor came and spoke, the different representatives of constituent groups all wishing me well with such joy and anticipation. Who wouldn't want to come into that community with that on display? I will carry that with me forever.

**What will you miss the most about Trinity?** There's no doubt I will miss the people, but with Zoom, with telephones, there are ways to keep in contact with people. I will miss the place. I will miss being able to walk out of my front door and be in a 100-hundred-acre arboretum, in a National Historic District. The physical beauty of the space and the importance of aesthetics in your life cannot be underestimated. [We have] green in the middle of the city. There's something quite special about this combination we have here.

**What were some of the biggest challenges you faced, and how did you navigate them?**

There were so many challenges, and I don't know where to start on which of them was the most significant because each and every one of them in that time felt all-consuming. I think I have one of the strongest administrative teams in higher education, and we collectively figured it out. It wasn't any one individual; it was groups coming together, assembling, reassembling into different groups depending on what the particular crisis was. The team was composed of smart people who cared passionately—and still care—about Trinity. We stood together as a team, both my administrative team and so often the Board of Trustees. We wanted what was best for Trinity and its future and never lost sight of the goal. We just kept moving the institution forward, and we will continue to do so in the future.

**What do you hope people will remember about you and your time at Trinity?** I do hope they recognize that I care deeply about Trinity and trying to make it a stronger institution, that fundamentally I want to leave the place better than it was when I came. It isn't about me; it is about a better Trinity and my hopes for higher education being better and stronger for the country.



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JOANNE BERGER-SWEENEY

**How have you changed as a person during your time at Trinity?** I have had to learn to be more flexible. I love to use the analogy that as president, you need to be more like a willow tree than an oak tree. A willow is deeply rooted but is able to navigate storms better and more often than the big, strong oak. I had to learn that flexibility as a leader, knowing what to fight for and what I cared mostly deeply about as well as what I had to let pass and roll off of me. I learned as president that you can't control everything, that you don't control as much as some may think because people behave the way they're going to behave. Especially with 18- to 22-year-olds, you have to figure out how to set boundaries and also how to be empathetic, sympathetic, and forgiving because learning is so often about giving people just one more chance to get it right.

**What are your goals for your last year as president?** There are many projects that are close to fruition but are not done yet. Very high on my list is completing our comprehensive campaign. It's why I decided to stay the additional year, after my 10-year contract, knowing that the campaign had been set back by COVID and various other issues. We also have some shared governance projects that I would like to see through to completion, and we have some financial goals for the College—investing in admissions, the academic program, the student experience, and advancement—that I would like to see on sure footing before I leave. And of course, I want to see one more beautiful graduating class and a smooth transition to the next leader.

**What do you envision for Trinity's future?** Trinity's future is incredibly bright. We have amazing students who turn into amazing alums. The connectedness and stickiness of this community is as strong as I have ever seen anywhere in higher education. When people care for others, how can the future not be bright? I also see a strengthening of the City of Hartford that will be an even better neighbor to Trinity. I see so many sparks of light in the city, and so often we say, “Hartford goes as Trinity goes, and Trinity goes as Hartford goes.” Since I have been here, I have seen continually strong leadership at the local, regional, and state level. And I think a place gets better not simply because of one good leader

but by one good leader who follows another good leader. And I think Hartford and Connecticut have that pattern now, and Trinity will benefit from that. You can see the amazing renovations and building projects going on downtown and in the hospital district just a block away, and to have that kind of development will indeed strengthen the entire neighborhood in which Trinity is situated. There will be more amenities close by, there will be more people, more activity, more economic development. If we continue to be connected to the city and the city grows strong, it is absolutely a winning combination.

**What advice would you give the incoming president?** Hang in there! The Trinity community can be a little tough at first. It feels like a community that requires you to prove yourself. But once you do, the kind of support that you will get is phenomenal. Continue to try to build and instill pride in Trinity as an organization. It still can go through pangs of insecurity, which in my mind are unfounded. The new president is going to have to remind people of what an incredible place this is and has been for more than 200 years.

**Anyone who has listened to any of your speeches knows you like to talk about books you've read. What's on your reading list?** I'm going to take a different angle to that. When people ask me what I would like to do when I retire, I have said that one of my dreams is to take courses in creative writing. So maybe it isn't what I will read; it's what I will try to write myself. ●✕◆



# Public Policy & Law

Celebrating 20 years and a vision brought to life

BY ANDREW J. CONCATELLI



**IT WAS A WINDOW IN TIME AT TRINITY** when there was a lot of innovation going on,” Renny Fulco says of the early 2000s, when the College’s Public Policy and Law Program—now marking its 20th anniversary—began to take shape.

Fulco, who joined the Trinity faculty in 1983 and retired this spring as associate professor of legal and policy studies, emerita, was part of the team tapped by then-President Evan S. Dobbelle H’01 and the late W. Miller Brown, professor of philosophy, emeritus, and former dean of the faculty, to review and reenvision the small public policy major, which focused on economics.

She worked alongside Andrew J. Gold, professor of economics and public policy, emeritus, who was then director of the public policy program, and the late Edward “Ned” Cabot, former adjunct professor of public policy and law, to design the new program, which gained official approval in 2004.

“We realized a lot of students who were interested in policy were also interested in law. And Ned said, ‘You can’t study public policy if you don’t know about the law,’ so we added that component,” says Fulco, who served as director of the program from its inception until 2023. “I think there were eight or nine students in the major at the beginning, and we now have about 125. Clearly, we did something right.”

**A GATHERING ON CAMPUS** in April 2024 celebrated both Fulco’s career and the program’s milestone anniversary. Alumni Ethan Cantor ’16 and Brendan W. Clark ’21 organized the occasion, which included tributes from current and former faculty members, as well as panel discussions with current students and with alumni working in the fields of public policy or law. The event was a surprise to Fulco, who was touched by the outpouring of memories and thanks she received and by the continued donations to the Fulco-Cabot Fund [see sidebar on page 27].

Stefanie Chambers, John R. Reitemeyer Term Professor of Political Science and interim director of the Public Policy and Law Program, notes, “While the major has grown in terms of numbers of students, the curriculum that Ned and Renny devised remains largely unchanged because it was so unique and forward-looking.”

Grounded in the liberal arts, the program provides students with the tools of analysis in social science, law, and the humanities needed

to understand the substance of public policy concerns. Chambers says that key distinctions of the curriculum are its dual focus on policy and law, its multidisciplinary approach, and its focus on applied and experiential learning through the incorporation of practitioner faculty and required student internships.

As one way to focus on the law, Cabot developed the course “Law, Argument, and Public Policy,” which today is taught by Glenn W. Falk, professor of the practice in public policy and law. “Students not only study legal reasoning and cases but also engage in exciting collaborative work,” Fulco says.

David Kimball-Stanley ’09, an associate at the law firm of Clarick Gueron Reisbaum in New York City, says he probably wouldn’t have seriously considered going to law school without the Public Policy and Law Program. “When I was a first-year student, Professor Cabot’s seminar was a crash course in famous Supreme Court cases. The second half of the semester, students would hold oral arguments for certain historic cases, with students assigned a side and others acting as judges,” he says. “It was some of the most fun I’ve ever had in a classroom.”

Students in the major may choose a concentration in educational policy, environmental policy, health policy, human rights and international policy, law and society, policy analysis, or urban policy. Fulco says that three foundational courses are required, and then students draw from related classes within Public Policy and Law or across a broad range of departments to complete major requirements. “I think students value the exposure to similar concepts but from different perspectives,” she says.

Each student pursuing the major is required to complete an internship. “Our goal,” Fulco says, “is that you bring what you learn in the classroom to your internship, and then you return with a new set of skills that you acquired from that internship.” Trinity’s location in the capital city of Hartford offers students access to state, regional, and local governments, as well as to lobbyists and numerous nonprofit and advocacy organizations involved in the making of law and policy.

Brooke LePage ’19, a policy analyst on the Democratic staff of the Congressional Joint Economic Committee in Washington, D.C., said that the curriculum shaped her policy interests and prepared her for graduate studies. “The courses that grabbed my attention in the program were





Center: Renny Fulco, associate professor of legal and policy studies, emerita, with alumni at an April 2024 gathering; inset: Fulco in 2002

those focused on education policy and gender equity—issues that have been a thread through my career,” she said.

Event co-organizer Cantor, a trial attorney for the U.S. Department of Justice in Washington, D.C., says, “The program introduced me to several faculty members in multiple departments who challenged me to think about policy issues through the lenses of their respective disciplines.” He adds, “The program also featured a wonderful group of adjunct faculty members, including several judges and attorneys, who were tremendous resources for students interested in becoming lawyers.”

Youlan Xiu ’15, a litigation associate at Latham & Watkins LLP in New York City, is a first-generation American who didn’t know a single lawyer or what practicing law might look like until she came to Trinity. “The skills I developed in this program made me that much more competitive in law school and still serve as the foundation for the work I do every day as a commercial litigator,” she says.

The lessons and experiences that form the core of this program remain as relevant today as ever, according to Fulco. “We teach critical thinking skills, including getting students to

## THE FULCO-CABOT FUND

In 2013, the Alumni Advisory Board for Trinity’s Public Policy and Law Program established an endowed fund at the College in honor of Renny Fulco and in memory of Ned Cabot. The fund supports public policy and law majors in pursuing research, internships, and other learning opportunities, especially when financial need would otherwise present an obstacle. The fund also supports the Fulco-Cabot Public Policy and Law Book Prize, which was established in 2004 and is awarded at Trinity’s Honors Day each spring to the student who writes the best paper in the area of public policy and law, as judged by the program faculty. “Alumni created the fund to support students, which is part of why this program is so special,” Fulco says. “This is how they are giving back to the program.” The total endowment of the fund now stands at more than \$250,000.

evaluate the sources they’re studying,” she says. “We encourage students to look at issues from all sides. Ned used to say, ‘You can’t give your best argument until you understand your opponent’s best argument.’”

For all the credit others give to her, Fulco says the program has always been a group effort, supported by faculty partners including Adam J. Grossberg, professor of economics, emeritus;





Former faculty member Ned Cabot with a student in 2003

Garth A. Myers, Paul E. Raether Distinguished Professor of Urban International Studies and director of the Center for Urban and Global Studies; Katharine G. Power, associate professor of theater and dance, emerita; Mark R. Silk, professor of religion in public life, emeritus; and Maurice L. Wade, professor of philosophy, emeritus, among others.

As one recent addition to the program, the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life is housed jointly in the Public Policy and Law Program and the Religious Studies Department. Fulco says, “The collaboration is a way of offering even more hands-on experience and of bringing speakers to campus who will provide students with further opportunities to think about the integration of what they do in the classroom with the real world.”

Fulco believes the program will continue to grow under the leadership of Chambers and Abigail Fisher Williamson, associate professor of political science and public policy and law, who is currently on sabbatical but will resume

leading the program in January 2025. “It’s in very capable hands,” Fulco says.

Chambers notes that the program has been and continues to be a community. “Our faculty are dedicated teacher-scholars, and our students are enthusiastic and connected to the program, allowing us to continue to build on Renny’s lasting legacy,” she says.

To Fulco, the 20-year milestone celebrates a realized vision. “We wanted to create an academic home for students at Trinity, and we worked hard to develop enduring relationships,” she says. “What I didn’t imagine is that we would have such an amazing alumni network. The alumni want to stay connected to Trinity, to the program, and to one another, and they want to give back. That was always central to our vision—that you go out in the world and do good. Now I see alumni mentoring our current students, and it brings tears to my eyes. It’s something I’m so proud of.” ●✕◆



For more about the Public Policy and Law Program and the Fulco-Cabot Fund, please visit [trincollreporter.online/PPL](https://trincollreporter.online/PPL).

# Perspectives of the program



## Ethan Cantor '16

Major: Public Policy and Law; Minor: History  
*J.D., Georgetown University Law Center  
Trial Attorney for the U.S. Department of  
Justice, Washington, D.C.*

“The Mock Trial Team, which was and continues to be supported by the Public Policy and Law Program, played an important role in my Trinity experience. Not only did it introduce me to some of my favorite classmates and help me think through how an attorney tries a case, but it also helped me build confidence to advance my public speaking skills. The public policy and law professors were always quick to introduce me to alumni and others they thought I should connect with, provide advice, write recommendation letters, and encourage me to follow my passions. Professor Fulco exuded a passion for teaching and ensuring that her students appreciated the importance and implications of the issues studied in her classes.”

## Nichola Clark '12

Majors: Public Policy and Law, English;  
Minor: Environmental Science  
*Master of Environmental Management  
(M.E.M.), Duke University's Nicholas School  
of the Environment  
Senior Officer at The Pew Charitable Trusts,  
Washington, D.C.*

“While at Trinity, I discovered my passion for ocean policy and was able to start to explore that passion through the environmental policy concentration. That set me up for success in my master's program and a fellowship with the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA). The Public Policy and Law Program provided an incredible foundation for learning more about how law and policy are made, and it's served me well in my career shaping international ocean law and policy. Professor Cabot's lessons on logic and identifying the *raison d'être* at the heart of a case or law or argument sharpened my own legal analytical skills that still serve me well today. But of course, it was Professor Fulco who really set the tone for not only the program but what public policy and law is all about. So much of public policy is about how we resolve questions about how to fairly 'cut the pie,' but in Professor Fulco's case, she enjoyed a metaphor about cutting the carrot cake! These professors worked hard to

build a sense of camaraderie (and perhaps some friendly competition) amongst the public policy cohort, and my appreciation for the attention that went into building that community has only grown with time.”

## Taylor Denson '13

Major: Public Policy and Law; Minor: Medieval and Renaissance Studies  
*J.D., Georgetown University Law Center  
Senior Vice President, Associate General  
Counsel (Strategic Transactions) at LPL  
Financial, San Diego, California*

“I think the critical thinking and analytical skills fostered by the Public Policy and Law Program were more helpful in my development as a lawyer than most of my law school education, not to mention the wisdom and knowledge passed along by Professor Fulco. She was the single-most impactful person affecting my education and growth as a young adult, and, in hindsight, the foundation she laid for me to become a successful individual personally and professionally is quite overwhelming. Her expertise and passion for teaching were on constant display in the classroom, and her mentorship as an adviser was unmatched. Professor Fulco drew intellectually curious, ambitious students into her circle. Whether through impassioned conversations regarding Supreme Court precedent in one of her seminars or a talk in her office, it was clear that her goal was to prepare students to be successful adults and critical thinkers.”

## David Kimball-Stanley '09

Major: Public Policy and Law; Minor:  
Performing Arts  
*J.D., Harvard Law School  
Associate at Clarick Gueron Reisbaum,  
New York City*

“Professor Cabot was a lot of fun to be around. I worked for a semester as his research assistant and was exposed to his infectious love of legal history. I was also lucky to have Professor Fulco as both a teacher and an adviser. My first-year seminar with her, on the interplay between national security and civil liberties, was one of the best classes I had at Trinity. Professor Fulco exemplified what made Trinity such a worthwhile experience for me. She gave everyone in the program individualized attention and advice. As I've gotten further from Trinity, I've appreciated how few

people get that kind of mentorship from their college experience.”

## Brooke LePage '19

Major: Public Policy and Law  
*Master of Public Policy (M.P.P.), Georgetown  
University's McCourt School of Public Policy  
Policy Analyst on the Democratic Staff of the  
Congressional Joint Economic Committee,  
Washington, D.C.*

“Professor Fulco and her Title IX course—perfectly at the intersection of education policy and gender equity—inspired my entire career trajectory. I think most fondly of the meetings Professor Fulco and I had in her office while she was advising my thesis. She is someone who cares for her students as people, pushes back on their ideas in order to help them grow, and works alongside them on their projects. The Public Policy and Law Program is the reason I applied Early Decision to Trinity. I knew the program was a good fit based on the course list, but I wasn't aware of its magic until I met Professor Fulco and the other professors and students. I feel fortunate to have been a part of the program and look forward to continuing to support it—and its magic—in the years to come so other students can experience it.”

## Youlan Xiu '15

Majors: Public Policy and Law, English  
*J.D., The George Washington University  
Law School  
Litigation Associate at Latham & Watkins  
LLP, New York City*

“Professor Ned Cabot taught me how to read and brief cases in his 'Constitutional Law 201' class, and Professor Renny Fulco taught me how to write persuasively as my senior honors thesis adviser. Equally as important as these tactical skills was the encouragement I received from both Ned and Renny to be confident and ambitious in the classroom—qualities that were vital to me during my time at Trinity and in the years that followed. Renny was a champion for me, and I am grateful for her continued mentorship, guidance, and friendship. I am very happy to be one of many, many former Public Policy and Law students whose successes are a humble part of her continuing legacy.”

# PIECING TOGETHER THE FACTS

Two alumni  
cross paths  
in advancing  
social justice

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**ANDREW J. CONCATELLI**

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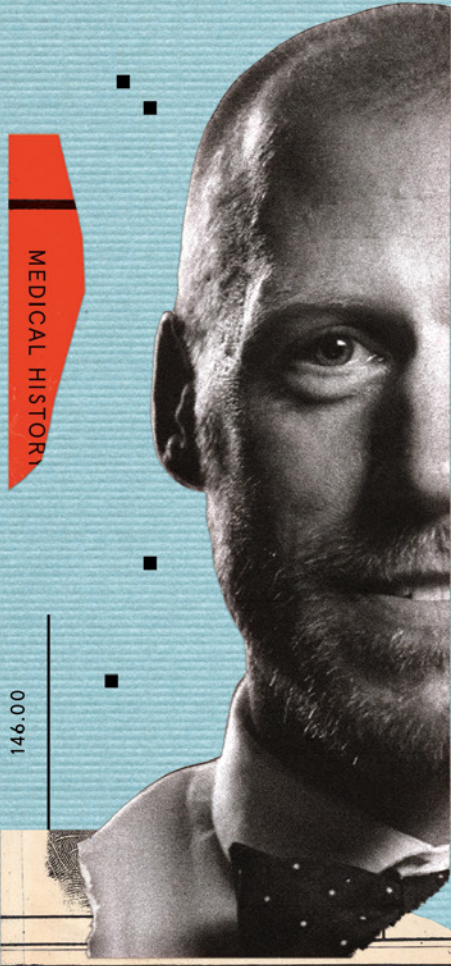
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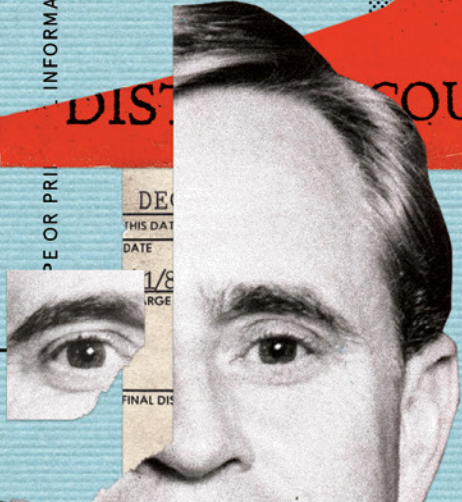
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Although they work on opposite sides of the country in vastly different fields, James Kessler '94 and Noah Cox '02 share a desire to improve people's lives. It was that drive that brought them together on a project documented in the Clio Award-winning short film *Forgiving Johnny*.

The film, directed by two-time Academy Award-winner Ben Proudfoot and released by his Breakwater Studios in 2023, recounts the story of how Cox, a deputy public defender in Los Angeles County, leveraged digital records to navigate a complex legal archives system and to successfully defend a client with developmental disabilities.

Kessler is a senior vice president at Publicis Sapient, the Boston-based digital consultancy that spent about five years creating that digital client case management system with the Los Angeles County Public Defender's Office (LACPDO), where Cox is on the Neurocognitive Disorders Team.

"L.A. has the oldest and largest public defender's office in the world," Kessler says. "Before this digitization, they had stacks and boxes of paper everywhere and a warehouse that looked like the scene from the end of *Raiders of the Lost Ark*."

Cox says it was difficult and time-consuming to research, assemble, and carry around stacks of files, all while providing extra support to clients who need it most. The new cloud-based system can retrieve a warehouse full of data from a laptop, freeing up Cox to meet with clients and to collaborate with social workers and health care providers to build defenses and to create treatment plans.

"Anything that gives us more time to focus on the actual work of assisting people contributes to us being able to do a better job, leading to better outcomes," Cox says.

Kessler notes that the system offers more than efficiency. "Now you can analyze and mine data for patterns, using AI to help find things you didn't even think to ask for," he says. "The insights that are possible with digitization of data arm public defenders with strategies to help them provide a more balanced defense for their clients. It really is a game changer."

While they collaborated for several years, the two Trinity alumni didn't learn of their college connection until after the bulk of the project was complete and the film had been made about its impact. Their time on campus did not overlap, but both Cox and Kessler say they benefited

from the liberal arts education that has been provided to Trinity students for more than 200 years.

"In order to be a successful public defender or a consultant and work on these big issues, you need the kind of strong foundation that you get from the Trinity experience," Kessler says. "It sets you up so that you can have an impact on real people in the real world."

## 'MY MISSION FOR YEARS'

Cox traces his interest in public defense to his parents. "The idea of working with people who needed help was something they instilled in me," says Cox, who began working in the LACPDO in 2007. "I realized how many people in the justice system had severe cognitive disorders that made their lives difficult. If you have a condition that affects your ability to learn, control emotional responses, or hold a stable job, it's hard to benefit from the traditional criminal justice model."

As part of a specialized team, Cox represents clients suspected of having cognitive deficits and also consults on cases with colleagues. "I really enjoy blending the worlds of law, psychology, and technology and figuring out how we can use those seemingly completely different fields to help somebody be more successful in life," he says. "A liberal arts background is really good for that because you get varying perspectives and can explore different areas of knowledge."

Cox says that majoring in English at Trinity prepared him for law school at the University of Miami and for his career through textual analyses and careful consideration of the meanings of words. "I remember reading 19th-century British poetry by Charles Darwin with [the late Professor of English] Dirk Kuyk. Working with him was a life-altering experience," he recalls. "When I think about how Trinity influenced me and what I'm doing now, I think about the way he integrated fields in literature. We do that on my team, which I don't think I'd be a part of without having those experiences with Trinity and with Professor Kuyk specifically."

When LACPDO Chief Information Officer Mohammed Al Rawi asked Cox and Proudfoot to generate ideas for a film presenting the human impact of the office's new technology, they selected Cox's case with Johnny as a success story to highlight, yet Cox didn't know that he himself would ultimately become the lead figure of the film.



James Kessler '94

“I thought I would be much more ancillary to the film,” he says. “While I’m not extremely comfortable in a public broadcast, I am strongly concerned about my clients who are vulnerable, historically ignored, and set up to fail. If they don’t get the right treatment, they’re likely to have the same problems reoccur. Supporting them has been my mission for years, so I did the film for these goals and to be true to who I am. The reward I get for what I do is to see people who are succeeding.”

As Kessler notes, Cox is pursuing one of the hardest jobs in law and one that requires selfless dedication. “What he has chosen to do speaks volumes about who he is as a person,” Kessler says. “You don’t set out to be a public defender working in the neurocognitive unit because you want to be a movie star.”

## SOLVING PROBLEMS FOR PEOPLE

Kessler—whose older brother Nat ’93 also went to Trinity, where they both met their wives (Hattie [Dane] Kessler ’92 and Caty [Campbell] Kessler ’93, respectively)—majored in engineering with a concentration in electrical engineering and studied digital signal processing with Professor of Engineering Taikang Ning. He and classmates in his band, Red House, performed around campus at the time when music began to transition from analog to digital, in a foreshadowing of Kessler’s later consulting work in digital business transformation.

“As I studied engineering at Trinity, then got my master’s in electrical engineering at Brown University, I began to realize I didn’t want to be a practicing engineer in the traditional sense,” Kessler says. “What I wanted to do was solve problems for people, and for me the best way to do that was through consulting. I excelled at speaking to clients, building relationships, and understanding and reframing their problems as impact opportunities.”

He has spent 28 years working at Sapient, first as a consultant in the energy industry, then financial services, and now leading the state and local public sector business unit, which advises and collaborates with state and local governments across the country. “What I use from Trinity are my abilities to read, write, speak, tell stories, relate to current events, and relate to other people in a wide range of circumstances,” Kessler says. “The ability to have a direct impact on human beings through my chosen

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JAMES KESSLER '94

craft of consulting and through my education as an engineer at a liberal arts college has led me to the holy grail of my career. Having an impact on people through your work is addictive.”

Cox says Kessler has brought energy, enthusiasm, and positivity to their partnership. “He has been so encouraging,” Cox says. “I really look forward to any time we’re going to be in the same room together. He is so motivated by and invested in this project and committed to pushing it forward in whatever way he can.”

Through their shared past at Trinity and their shared goals, Kessler and Cox found a connection that goes beyond majors and job titles. “If you didn’t know specifics about what we’re doing and just looked at our résumés, you’d say these people have nothing in common,” Cox says. “But then when you look at this example of how Johnny’s life went because of this case and how integral of a role technology played, you see how interconnected our lives can be.” ●✦◆



To see *Forgiving Johnny*, please visit [trincollreporter.online/ForgivingJohnny](http://trincollreporter.online/ForgivingJohnny).



Noah Cox '02



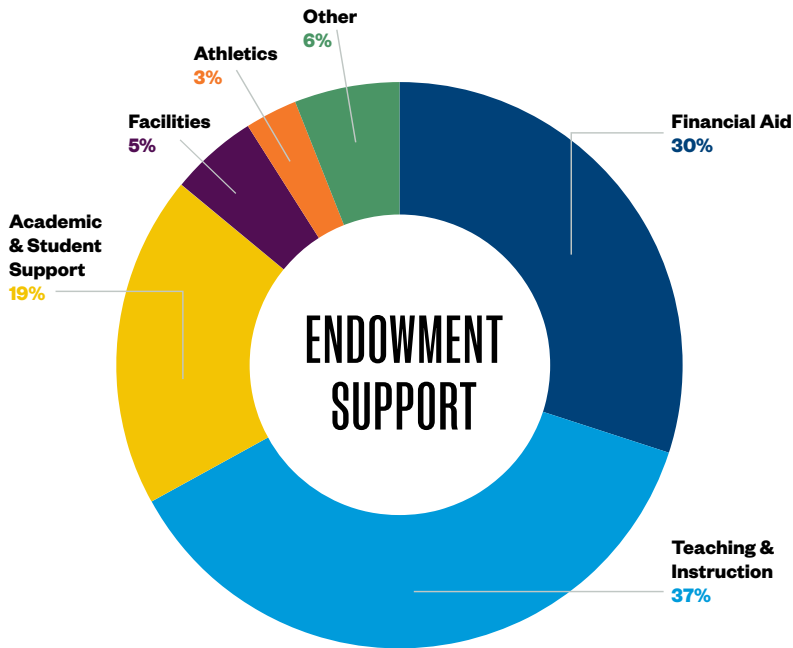
# Trinity's endowment

**Financial  
strength  
for the  
long term**

Increasing Trinity's endowment is a key goal of the All In comprehensive campaign. But what exactly is an endowment? How does it differ from the Trinity College Fund and other avenues of giving? *The Trinity Reporter* asked these questions and more of alumnus Tim Yates '94, of Commonfund, which manages the College's endowment. Read on to learn more.

### What is an endowment?

When people talk about a college's endowment, they often envision a single pool of money, like a bank account, which a college may use for any purpose. In reality, colleges don't have a single endowment and aren't free to use endowed funds as they like. Rather a college's endowment is most typically composed of hundreds, if not thousands, of individual endowments or gifts that usually are restricted for a particular purpose by the donor, such as for financial aid, and intended to provide financial support in perpetuity. In the case of Trinity College, the endowment is made up of more than 1,000 individual endowments that provide critical support to the College.



### What is the purpose of an endowment?

For most colleges, the cost of educating its students is not fully covered by the net tuition revenue they receive from those enrolled. As such, colleges rely on the generosity of their donors to supplement tuition revenue. This support comes in two general forms: annual or current gifts, which provide funds for current fiscal year support, and endowment gifts, which are intended to provide support forever. An endowment's purpose is to support the institution this fiscal year and every fiscal year for generations to come. At Trinity, we consider the overarching

objective of the endowment to be maintaining "intergenerational equity," or preserving the purchasing power of the endowment, in real terms or adjusted for inflation, across all generations of Bantams.

### What is the difference between annual Trinity College Fund gifts and endowment gifts?

Let's start by acknowledging that both forms of charitable activity are mission-critical and are essential to providing excellence across the student experience. Let's also recognize that most successful higher ed institutions maximize both. That said, some simple math will help illustrate the difference between current gifts and endowment gifts. Imagine a generous donor has \$1 million to give to the College. If given to the College as an annual gift, the \$1 million will be used, usually at the discretion of the College, on all the important areas of need in a given fiscal year. In contrast, if given to the College as an endowed gift, the \$1 million will be invested and a portion of earnings from the gift, normally between 4 and 5 percent of the market value of that gift, will be used every fiscal year in perpetuity. As discussed, the use of these endowed funds usually is designated by the donor.

### How much has been added to the endowment through the All In campaign?

Since the All In campaign started in 2016, \$93.7 million has been committed in endowment gifts supporting financial aid, academic programs, and student life activities. During the campaign, alumni and parents also have put Trinity in their estate plans for a total of \$84.8 million, some of which eventually will be added to the endowment.

**\$93.7 MILLION**

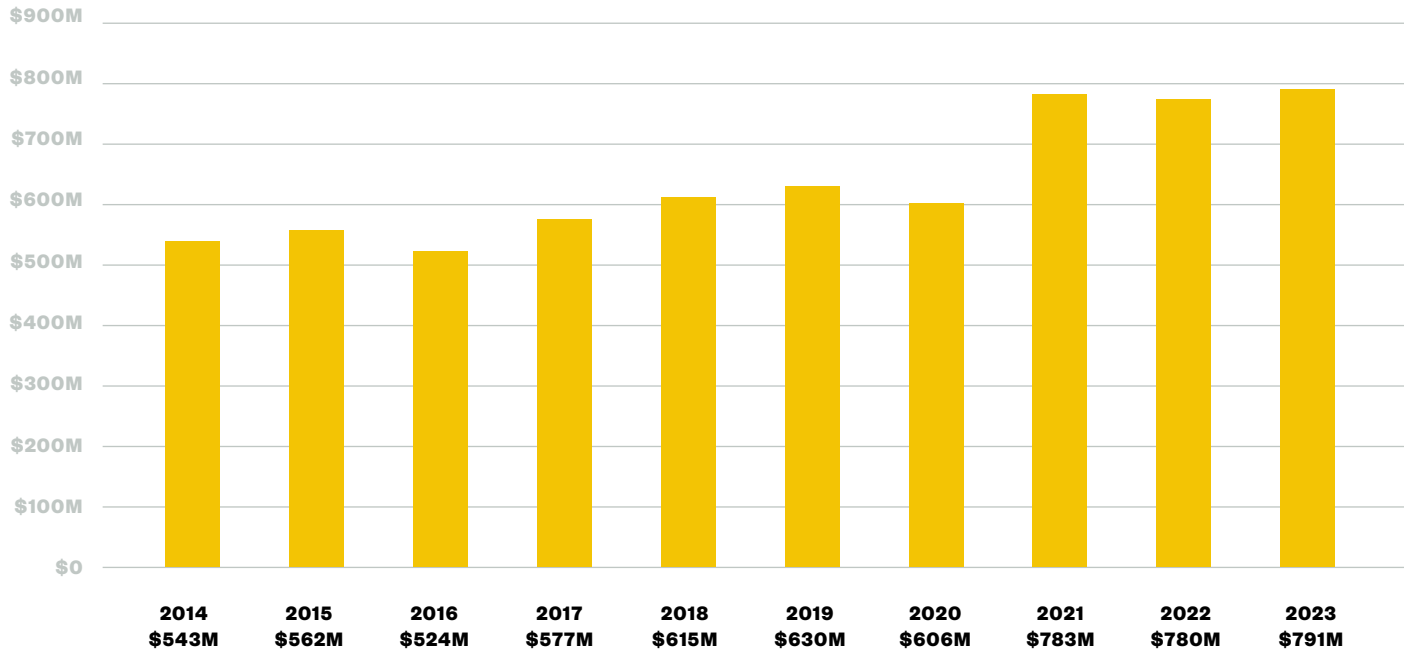
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# ENDOWMENT MARKET VALUE



10 YEARS THROUGH FY 2023

**\$791 MILLION**

Trinity's endowment as of June 30, 2023.

Trinity has roughly

**\$347,000**

of endowment wealth per student, and

**21%**

of the College's total operating budget is supported by the roughly

**\$35 MILLION**

annual endowment spend.

## How big is Trinity's endowment?

As of June 30, 2023, Trinity's endowment stood at \$791 million. During President Joanne Berger-Sweeney's tenure, the endowment has grown at a compounded annual growth rate (CAGR) of 3 percent, rising from \$543 million in 2013 to today's value. This growth has come from a combination of investment returns and contributions/gifts to the endowment. Importantly, this growth has come on top of the annual spending or withdrawals that are taken out to fund the operating budget and other purposes.

The nominal value of the endowment is an interesting—but only one—measure of Trinity's financial strength. Two other important measures are endowment per student and how much of the College's operating budget is supported by the draw, or spending, from the endowment. In the case of the former, Trinity has roughly \$347,000 of endowment wealth per student, and, in the case of the latter, 21 percent of the College's total operating budget is supported by the roughly \$35 million annual endowment spend.



Tim Yates '94, second from right, meets with Pedro Mateo '25, Kylie Taylor '24, and Nicole Balbuena Gutierrez '26.

## Trinity College Investment Subcommittee

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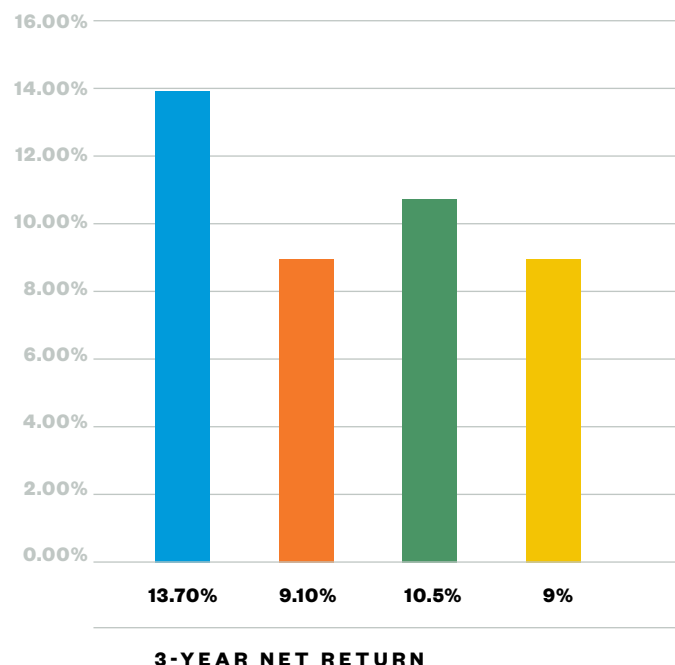
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Broadreach Capital Partners,  
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## NET INVESTMENT PERFORMANCE



### How is Trinity's endowment managed?

Trinity College's Board of Trustees has designated a subcommittee of the board to oversee the management of the endowment. The Investment Subcommittee is composed of a group of highly talented professionals who volunteer their time and talent. They are tasked with shouldering the fiduciary duty in ensuring the endowment is managed in a way that continually grows and improves its ability to support the College in perpetuity. The Investment Subcommittee has outsourced the day-to-day management of the endowment to Commonfund, a Connecticut-based nonprofit investment firm that has been managing college endowments for more than 50 years. Working with the Commonfund team that I lead, the Investment Subcommittee sets the long-term strategic policies for the endowment, including a target asset allocation. Commonfund then uses its resources to select independent, third-party investment managers who are experts in particular asset classes and strategies to implement the policy asset allocation.



For updated information, please visit the College's new website on the endowment at [trincoll.edu/Endowment](http://trincoll.edu/Endowment).





**KEY**

- Trinity College
- Total Institutions Median (688)
- \$501 million to \$1 billion Median (77 Institutions)
- HEPI+ 5%

**How has the endowment performed?**

Trinity’s endowment has performed very well, with its long-term return placing it well into the upper quartile of all college and universities. As of June 30, 2023, Trinity’s 10-year net return of 9 percent outperformed the long-term investment objective of inflation plus spending, as measured by the HEPI +5 percent, by 1.1 percent and the median college endowment by 1 percent. (HEPI—the Higher Education Price Index—is an inflation index designed to track the main cost drivers of colleges and universities in the United States.)

**How can alumni and friends of the College get involved?** For more information on the All In campaign and how you can contribute to Trinity’s endowment and other fundraising priorities, please contact Caitlin Gasiorski at [caitlin.gasiorski@trincoll.edu](mailto:caitlin.gasiorski@trincoll.edu).

*Source: 2023 NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments. The NACUBO-Commonfund Study of Endowments (NCSE) is an analysis of financial, investment, and governance policies at endowed institutions of higher learning. All rights reserved. For fiscal year 2023, 688 institutions representing \$839 billion in endowment assets participated. For additional information on the NCSE, please go to [www.nacubo.org/Research/2023/NACUBO-Commonfund-Study-of-Endowments](http://www.nacubo.org/Research/2023/NACUBO-Commonfund-Study-of-Endowments).*

**MORE ON TIM YATES '94**

*Timothy T. Yates Jr. '94, president and CEO of Commonfund OCIO, leads a team of professionals who advise, implement, and monitor custom investment solutions for nonprofit institutions with total assets under management of more than \$15 billion. After graduating from Trinity with a B.A. in modern languages, he earned an M.B.A. in finance with a designation in international business from Fordham University. Yates also has served on Trinity’s Board of Fellows.*

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As of June 30, 2023

# Are you **ALL IN** for Trinity?

The All In campaign, which closes in June 2025, will enhance Trinity's campus and programs through immediate-use designations, perpetual endowment draws, and future estate gifts. Together, these three channels of support will strengthen the College, now and for years to come.

In just the past 12 months, alumni and parents have made bequest provisions that total more than \$20 million. We invite you to join them by including the College in your estate plans. At every amount, these planned gifts will ensure a solid financial future for Trinity. It's easy to create your legacy. Let us show you how.

The time is now to be **ALL IN** for Trinity.

  
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To share your plans or to learn more, contact Beth Cahill, assistant vice president for advancement, at 860-297-5315 or [elizabeth.cahill@trincoll.edu](mailto:elizabeth.cahill@trincoll.edu). Please also visit our website at [legacy.trincoll.edu](http://legacy.trincoll.edu).



# Class Notes

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

**1953** President: John A. North Jr. • Secretary: 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

**REUNION • JUNE 5-8, 2025**

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

Writing this Class Notes issue in June 2024, we are drawn to see June 2025 in our future and generating our Class of 1955 plans for our 70th Reunion celebration. Admittedly, with all of us over 90, this will be a challenging endeavor. However, [based on] a recent phone discussion on this subject with **Lou Magelaner**, he and I believe we can establish a two-day event worth the effort for those who can physically make the Reunion, and they will be the beneficiaries of a happy event.

Your class secretary has organized a Reunion Committee that will plan the Reunion program and complete extensive phoning to encourage all to be involved if able and to participate in a planned Zoom event during the weekend to include those not physically present. All of us involved also will encourage one another to make our Reunion gift giving something special that collectively will result in a total we can all be proud of. As of this writing, our committee includes Lou and yours truly, plus **Dick Ferraro, Bill Gardiner, Charlie Gardner, Warren Gelman, Craig Mehdau, and Irwin Meiselman**.

From information gathered during my phone calls, I can report that Lou is spending significant time on the Cape with a daughter, which is softening the loss of

his wife, Beverly. He reports he continues to be active on the tennis court. Craig is in the throes of the difficult process of losing his wife, Annette, but he also is assisted by a daughter. Irwin remains quite active with his barbershop singing group and enjoys extensive fishing trips. Charlie plays the vital role of caregiver, as his wife, Amy, needs his supportive assistance. Bill had a fall and is still going through the healing process but feels quite confident he will be on campus next June. Warren continues to play golf but limits his activity to nine holes. He continues to stay in touch with **Hank Scheinberg**.

Earlier this year, I had a wonderful long phone visit with **Ken Wildrick**, but my June call resulted in his wife, Nancy, advising he had died this past April from a stroke while he was in the hospital after a fall.

Looking forward to being in touch with many of you as we plan our June '25 70th Reunion.

**1956** President: Henry Zachs • Vice President: David Taylor • Secretary: Bruce N. Macdonald, bruce.macdonald.1956@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Dick Abbott, Ned Montgomery, Phillip Stiles, David Taylor, Henry Zachs

**Rodney Smith** reports from his winter home in Park Desert, California, and says that while the temperature was unbearable in high summer, it is nice now. Rodney, as I stated earlier, showed keen interest and skill in pickleball, placing second in a hard-fought tournament in nearby Indian Wells, California. Very impressive, and we are proud of him.

**Carl "Bunny" Meister** called me in April when he was in the area (near me in Lexington, Virginia), but we couldn't arrange it. He told me that he had retired from competitive riding (steeplechase and other difficult point-to-point races).

**David Taylor** wrote me in February to pass on the information that his daughter Ruth visited in Hawaii for several days before moving on to see her sister (David's other daughter) in Southern California. He joined her, and they toured some of the sights in the area, including Joshua Tree National Park. A great trip, all together and in a beautiful area. David also reported a

conversation about student days and the swim team that he had with **Bob Holmstrom**, who lives in a town house with a view of the river from Leesburg, Virginia.

**Ken Weisburger** continues to shotgun humor out to his long list, including me and, I assume, several other classmates, and they are good, sometimes visual jokes (funny road signs), sometimes thoughtful ("words of wisdom"). Kenny has neuropathy, which can be painful and debilitating. He says he walks with a walker but is coping. Keep it up, Kenny!

**David Hoare** reports on a snowy day in March from Camillus, New York. He says that he is still driving, carefully, seldom at night, and only when he knows the territory. Smart move; we all have that problem now.

**Roger Martin** is proud to report that he turned 90 in June, an achievement, of course, but wrapped in challenges. Another achievement, Roger earned a doctorate from Vanderbilt University. He loved Nashville and found it a great place to spend time, especially at the Grand Ole Opry. He had many careers, all impressive: General Electric, Stanley Works, insurance with Aetna, and finally teaching at Keene State.

**Dale Nelson** and wife Cynthia have received high honors from Indiana University. She was elected to the Presidents Circle and he to become president of the men's faculty club.

**David Taylor** spoke to **Dick Phillips** in June. He and his wife took a trip in June to Georgetown, Texas, fell in love with the city, and moved there from Michigan. Both are healthy and happy.

Finally, news from **Henry Zachs**, always colorful and impressive. First, I learned that he plays tennis weekly with another Trinity alumnus, Dick Levitt, who is 100 years old (Class of '45)! Topping that, Henry received an honorary doctorate from Goodwin University in Hartford this May. Bravo to you, Henry.

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• Secretary: Vacant • Class  
Agents: **Joseph J. Repole Jr., Edward B. Speno**  
The class secretary position for the Class of  
1958 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.

**1959** President: **Robert  
D. Coykendall** • Vice  
President: **William R. Abeles Sr.** • Secretary:  
**Robert L. Harnish; robert.harnish.1959@  
trincoll.edu** • Class Agent: **Robert D.  
Coykendall**  
Reflecting on our 65th Trinity College  
Reunion, Shep writes, “Class of ’59 Reunion  
commenced on June 6. Of our entering  
class of about 250, 88 remain alive, and 12  
returned for this Reunion. They were: **Bill  
Abeles, Arne Englehart, Paul Kardon, Jon  
Widing, Herb Moorin, Mike Palmer, Charlie  
Nichols, Karl Scheibe, Charlie Beristain,  
Bob Coykendall, Shep Scheinberg, and Bob  
Harnish.** Several stayed in Jarvis and shared  
memories. Saturday, a memorial service,  
planned by Jon and Shep, was held in the  
Chapel, where the names of deceased class-  
mates were read. Following the service, we  
met for reflections on retirement, organized  
by **Charlie Nichols**, and we were joined  
via Zoom by **Jack Foster** and **Dave Rovno**.  
Saturday evening, we enjoyed a sumptuous  
class dinner in the Grand Room of the Borges  
Admissions Center. Our speaker was Borden  
Painter ’58, former interim president of the  
College. The campus has changed dramati-  
cally since 1959, with many more buildings  
and outstanding attention to the landscape  
and plantings. The quad remains the same,  
however, with Bishop Brownell still giving his  
blessing to all who stroll by.”

**Alan “the Goodge” Miller** was missing from  
the Reunion but is still kicking. He and his  
new bride were enjoying Italy and Portugal.

**Charlie Nichols** writes about a busy year:  
first great-grandson, granddaughter gradu-  
ating from Bucknell with honors and captain  
of the tennis team, grandson wedding at  
Mount Desert Island, and granddaughter  
wedding at Tanglewood . . . the joys and  
challenges that come with age.

And from **Paul Kardon**: “Spending several  
days at the College was eye-opening. The  
campus beyond the quad, Chapel, and Long  
Walk has an entirely different feel. Some  
buildings are gone, and you will see a great  
diversity in the student body. The area  
surrounding campus is less appealing (but  
the College has expanded onto Vernon Street  
and beyond). A visit to campus during the  
school year would likely be very interesting.”

And from me, I could not attend the 50th  
Reunion but was very glad to be on campus  
for the 65th. Campus tours by golf cart were  
given by students. Many other students  
were available to answer questions and give  
directions. These students were informed,  
smiling, eager to help, and without exception  
loved being at Trinity. There are many new  
buildings plus construction underway on a  
huge addition to the athletic complex.

Class President **Bob Coykendall** writes:  
“A major feature of the Reunion was simply  
being with our classmates. I am grateful to  
the team at the checkout desk who helped  
track down my cane and for the kindness  
of **Bill Abeles’s** son, David, who lessened the  
inconvenience of my reduced mobility. We  
all enjoyed the beauty of the campus . . . and  
without homework.”

For the winter edition of the *Reporter*,  
please send me your news, ways you are  
giving back to your community, or perhaps  
mention a course you wish you had taken  
while at Trinity or your thoughts on aging,  
etc. rharnish24@gmail.com

REUNION - JUNE 5-8, 2025

**1960** President: **George P. Kroh**  
• Vice President: **Murray H.  
Morse Jr.** • Secretary: **Edward M. Cimilluca,**  
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Agent: **Charles J. Middleton**

The Class of ’60 continues to defy the shack-  
les of old age, staying active and doing fun  
things. Prime example is **Matt Levine**, who  
just finished a monthlong jaunt to Portugal  
and Spain. Highlights were the cities of  
Porto, San Sebastian, Ronda (Spain), and, of  
course, Barcelona.

Got a nice note from **Ed Seifert**, a retired  
lawyer with three children and five grand-  
children, all scattered throughout the United

States and abroad. Ed is a widower after  
losing his wife of 60 years in what I am told  
was a wonderful relationship.

**Bob Johnson** reports that his grandson  
earned MVP honors in high school lacrosse  
as well as being named co-captain. He’ll be  
attending Hobart College, which plays a  
Division I lacrosse schedule.

**Jack Mason**, who spent most of his adult  
life raising kids in Chicago and then 30  
years in Florida, is moving this summer to  
Princeton, New Jersey, to be nearer his son  
Chris (New York City) and daughter Julie  
Mason ’93 (Washington, D.C.).

**Kenny Lyons** continues to be a dynamo  
and a great Trinity alum who has just wel-  
comed his first great-grandson. Kenny stays  
in touch with **Barry Royden**, who he says is  
doing well.

**Marv Peterson** has had an up-and-down  
winter and spring as unfortunately his wife,  
Sarah, had a fall in January and subsequent  
hip replacement, which required a lot of  
physical therapy. Marv has submitted several  
articles to the Trinity Bicentennial collec-  
tion of letters notably covering his time as a  
College trustee.

Received notes from **Tony Phillips, John  
Flynn, and Bud Anderson**, all of whom  
continue to soldier on and downplay any  
discussion of old age.

**Tim Baum**, our class poet laureate, con-  
tinues to write poetry very on point and  
meaningful to our classmates, including  
“Getting Older”: It certainly could be worse  
/ (I’ll always prefer a Honda / To a hearse; or  
most wives / Or girlfriends to a nurse). / So;  
realistically speaking / (And well worth a big  
“high five”) / It’s still very nice to be alive.

Tim continues to be very active in the art  
world, recently putting together an exhibi-  
tion with the Pace Gallery.

Last March, **Bud Anderson, Ken Lyons,**  
**Jack LaMothe,** Doug Tansill ’61, Bill Scully  
’61, and I had a wonderful lunch in Vero  
Beach. Lots of war stories and reminisces  
about Trin Coll Sanc. On a more somber  
note, there was a wonderful celebration of  
life for our great classmate **Dick Stockton**  
in Vero Beach at the Orchid Island Golf  
and Beach Club put together by Dick’s kids,  
Rick ’91, Bob ’94, and Sallie, and overseen  
by the wonderful Barbara Stockton. **Jack  
LaMothe,** Bill Scully ’61, Doug Tansill ’61, and  
I attended.

Finally, our good friend **Ern Haddad**  
continues to receive accolades in addition to  
his title of general counsel emeritus at Mass  
General Brigham and associate dean retired



**Shep Scheinberg '59 and Karl Scheibe '59 chat during Reunion 2024.**

at Boston University School of Law. The BU School of Law has established the Ernest M. Haddad Faculty Support Fund, whose purpose is to provide funding for research into human rights and to recruit faculty to do research in that area. Ern spent six decades associated with BU Law, and to read the endorsements, he was a legend.

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

**Bill Cressey** serves as president of Bayside Arts, an organization he helped found in 2016. “We provide a summer program of entertainment events to our little summer community in Mid-Coast Maine.”

**Bob Woodward** has been inducted into the Fountain Valley School’s Athletic Hall of Fame for his career covering and competing in outdoor sports.

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

Well, here we are past the summer! **John Densem** here, hoping that yours was as satisfying as mine was. Some of this content is a carry-over, as we have a 1,000-word limit per column.

**Jim Whitters’s** news has two parts, one from September 2023 and an update from late May 2024. Adding to his Harvard involvement (reported in the spring ’23 column), he writes to say he also is participating in the Scholars at Risk Program. He mentored Sahar Aryaee, a young women’s rights advocate, who escaped from Taliban-dominated Afghanistan in fall 2022. Jim assisted her in writing a paper that discusses her life experiences under Taliban rule in the current government since August 2021, as well as assisting her as she seeks to live and work in the United States on completion of the abovementioned program. Jim says he has facilitated her socialization in the Boston area with like-minded and similarly aged women, in addition to seeking to secure speaking engagements to further her delivery of her messages. Aryaee left the program at the end of 2023 and married an Afghan who is a recent U.S. citizen and a rocket scientist; they live in Seattle, where her husband is participating in the Bezos private rocket program. Jim had her contact **Ted Wagner** in Seattle, who advises on the law.

**Chuck Hoffman**, class president, organized a virtual class meeting on May 15, 2024. Much of the discussion centered around the attributes of a new College president, including a strong financial sense of running the College, a strategy to change the College’s competitive position, a capacity to increase the endowment, and a plan to renovate some of the College’s buildings. **Peter Bundy’s** newsletter, the *Hermit Herald*, has been highly successful and can be received virtually on Amazon.com. **Jack Baker** lives near his daughter in Orinda, California, and works with inmates in California jails, using his psychiatric background. **Frank Cummings** spoke of his volunteer work attempting to keep older people in their homes. **Bill Polk** reports that he lives in a retirement community outside of Boston and continues as a tutor in the Harvard education school. **Baird Morgan** says he is involved in a new career called “saving our democracy.” (Secretary: like many of us.) **Doug Anderson** says he had a stent installed, exercises more, and is in full recovery.

**Dennis Rodgers** notes that classmate **Bruce Leddy** died peacefully on April 1, after surviving a stroke and surgery about a year earlier, which was compounded by diagnosed brain cancer.

**Don Pine** writes to say that he and his wife moved into a senior living facility in St. Paul, Minnesota, in early 2023. He says he’s impressed with the wide range of activities

offered there, especially the exercise sessions. He has authored a narrative essay in a medical journal about his experiences in his church’s social hours.

**Ross Hall** writes of his main hobby since childhood: trains. He says the model train hobby really exploded in the late 20th century, with the emergence of “brass steam locos, laser-cut structures, (and) digital control systems.” But, since real “railroads no longer command the prominence that they previously had, the hobby has contracted as well.” On Cape Cod, Ross notes the continuation of the Mass Coastal Railroad (freight) and the Cape Cod Central Railroad (passenger), where he served as a brakeman and conductor from 2007–13. He also serves as a docent at a notable railroad museum in Chatham. (Secretary: If you’re in or near Harwich Port and have the “train gene,” I’m sure Ross would love to visit with you. He’s reachable at [rosshall@comcast.net](mailto:rosshall@comcast.net).)

**Bill Chase** is reported to be playing Santa Claus in full costume!

No one else had any recent travel experiences to share, except **John Densem**, who made another attempt to cross Australia by train, this time from west to east, from Perth (on the Indian Ocean) to Sydney (on the Pacific Ocean). The rail journey aborted due to a once-a-century rain event on Nullarbor Plain just east of Perth, some 77,000 square miles in size! Two days before the trip, the event dumped a year’s worth of rain in just 36 hours, making the rail right-of-way flooded and impassable. In late June 2024, he visited a namesake/distant relative in England near Crewe for a family event where he met about a dozen Densems. A highlight was playing with his namesake’s “garden railway” that has as one of its working steam engines the engine that appeared in the movie *The King’s Speech*. Another try at Oceania next year, he says. John further notes that he moved into a retirement community in Ripon, California, in early 2024 but still lives independently, and he has a very active travel schedule that he hopes to continue “until he can’t anymore.” Australia and New Zealand beckon again in March.

Finally, a few words about the College’s lost alumni project. Our class’s list has six names on it. The College recognizes that some alumni don’t wish to have any further connection to the College. But, for the record, there may be a few on our list that the College has just lost contact with. If you have any information about the following names, and either you or they wish



Members of the Class of 1963 gather at their 60th Reunion in June 2023.

to update the College about their status, please consider responding. The names are: **Robert Field Jr., Charles Johns, Hin Seak Leng, Richard Mac Graw, Albert Rudis Jr., and William Sauter.**

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

A few updates from class members:

From **Mike Leinbach**: “Having blown my assurances to **Ted Raff** that I would send a note last time, I thought I’d better show up this time. But not much more to report; just hanging out here in the SF Bay area, spending some time on our sailboat (mostly in the slip). I’ve found that the energy needed to sail on San Francisco Bay is a bit more than I can muster. Health, at my (our) age is usually an issue, but despite kidney and heart concerns, I seem to be clanking along at a reasonable rate. I did cleverly marry my wife, who is 19 years younger than I, so should the need arise, I have a ready, live-in caregiver. I was sad to see **John Simzik** (Szumczyk) died, as did **Bill Fox** some years ago, both my roommates freshman year. But so it goes. My best to one and all.”

From **Steve Perreault**: “This past April, Jean and I witnessed the total eclipse of the sun together. We rose before dawn that morning to beat the anticipated event

traffic to the totality area, then drove five hours north from Hartford, eventually stopping to watch the eclipse in the tiny northernmost New Hampshire town of Pittsburg, along the Canadian border. We found it to be an exhilarating experience as an eerie chill and darkness enveloped a few hundred spectators on the town square. This reminded me how much our world is so solar dependent despite all our present-day conveniences and that we are only a very small part of something much greater than ourselves. All the best, Steve”

From **Scott Reynolds**: “Peggy and I are still working on our bucket list. We finally saw the Rolling Stones. They are still pretty amazing. When we were in Florida, we went on a Jimmy Buffett Margaritaville cruise to the Bahamas. Next will be Norway’s fjords in September with time in Copenhagen and Stockholm. This plus our usual time at the shore and a family reunion cruise to Bermuda will be greatly helped by my new pacemaker. I was surprised, first that one was needed and next how fast and simple the process was.”

From **Rick Ashworth**: “Last fall I finally made it to the Arctic Ocean in my Roadtrek camper van, now with over 166,000 miles. My trip took me through Alberta, British Columbia, Yukon Territory, and finally the Northwest Territories. Other than the road (a truck route) to Prudhoe Bay, Alaska, only one road reaches the Arctic Ocean, and that is through the Northwest Territories.

My trip took me 6,153 miles, 24 days, and 464 gallons of gas; I am readying for the next long road trip, which I haven’t picked out yet, but Saskatchewan has piqued my interest.”

From **Richard Birney-Smith**: “I recently published the first volume of my memoirs: *Recollections & Reflections*. Its 356 pages cover 1941–81 and include four reflections (i.e., personal essays) and eight pages of black-and-white and color photographs.” Ten percent of the book is devoted to his Trinity years, from application in 1959 through his marriage to Thalia in the College Chapel in 1963. The book is available in hardcover or paperback at Amazon.com.

From **Walter Burinskas**: “Living the dream, Tom, here in Panama City Beach, Florida. Granddaughter cousins visiting in a few weeks. Very excited.”

From **Eli Karson**: “Since last report, I have had a couple of visitors track me down in the desert. Judy and **Kim Waterhouse** were in town, and we got together for dinner. Additionally, **Hunter Marvel** was in Tucson and came out to the hacienda for a visit and lunch at the local watering hole. On a more dramatic note, I managed to survive a crash hit from an unlicensed 20-year-old, but my car didn’t. Anyway, I have new wheels. I am flying to Denver to do a Wyoming road trip with Dan Strammliello ’64 and planning a summer return to New England and a fall trip to Greece. Otherwise, still hanging around. All the best, Eli”

From **Ihor Zachary**: “I am saddened to read as more and more of our classmates are departing from us. It does point out the fact that we are all approaching this ‘middle age’ and that these notices will become more frequent—unfortunately! However, it is nice to read some of the positive comments from some of our classmates that they may have ‘better’ genes. I for one am thankful for the wonderful life that I have had and that I am still alive, active, and enjoying my family. I have survived two cancers and am still on treatment but am doing well. I retired early (at age 81, two years ago) but am keeping busy with my three kids and seven grandkids all within 15 minutes of my house. Since my kids all married very late, my grandkids range from 13 to 3 (just getting out of diapers!). One of the reasons for my ‘early’ retirement was the fact that my daughter developed metastatic lung cancer and is undergoing various treatments. In addition, as I explained at some of our meetings, I am very involved with providing medical help and supplies to the countless victims of the Putin/Russian invasion of the country of my birth.”

From **David Holroyd**: “It is a joyful thing indeed to feel fully reconnected with Trinity after a few lapses over the years! Reconnecting began with participating in the dedication of the Chapel of the Perfect Friendship two years ago followed by last year’s Bicentennial and 60th Reunion and then Homecoming in the fall. My deepest thanks to all classmates who have reached out to me after the death of my spouse, Snookie, last year and for welcoming me back into your midst. I am enjoying a new phase of retirement after 56 years of ordained ministry in the Episcopal Church and 53 years of marriage to the same woman! Bless you all!”

From your secretary, **Tom Calabrese**: A bit of old news but quite important: we have won the award for highest attendance at a 60th Reunion, with 35 returning ‘63ers.

## 1964 Secretary: Robert A. Spencer; robert.

spencer.1964@trincoll.edu • Class

Agents: Steven R. Bralove, Robert Spencer

A small cadre of your classmates gathered on campus for our 60th Reunion June 6–9. The group included **Dave Ahlgren, Steve Bralove, Chuck Klotz, Peter Kinzler, Bill Burnham, Bruce Stevens, Dave Woolman, Frank Kirkpatrick, and Bob Spencer**. The campus was a lush springtime green, festive

and bustling with activity. Student-driven golf carts plied the campus, giving alumni (especially your octogenarian classmates) rides to venues that were unknown during our era. Though Reunion turnout was light, our class nevertheless excelled at Reunion giving. We raised \$160,000 for the Trinity College Fund, beating the goal we had set of \$130,000. Seventy-six classmates contributed, up from 68 the year before. As of this writing (June 25), we have yet to reach our goal of 80 donors, but with a week to go in the fiscal year, we may succeed. Importantly, we won the Reunion Weekend Battle of the Classes. It was a nip-and-tuck race up to the last minute with the Class of 1959, but 1964 came out on top with a giving participation rate of 56 percent, besting 1959 by two percentage points!

**Peter Kinzler** reports (apropos of a Reunion breakfast discussion about his work on no-fault auto insurance) that an article he wrote on the subject appeared in the first quarter 2024 edition of the *Milken Institute Review*: “No-fault Auto Insurance: Third Time the Charm?” (Google the title). The article is based on his book, *Highway Robbery: The Two-Decade Battle to Reform America’s Automobile Insurance System*.

**Jim de Vou** writes: “My fellow Bantams, I ‘know’ that my years at Trinity were good ones, but in the spring of 1965, I had a traumatic brain injury resulting in a three-day coma. The trauma was unrelated to my six months in Vietnam a year later, but it erased most of the details of what I had experienced at Trinity. So, my friends, please email me (jimdevou@comcast.net) or call me (847-780-4337) so we can rekindle our friendships, and you can fill me in on any erased Trinity experiences. Through it all, I am glad to be in good health, with a good divorce 10 years ago, and blessed to have a 26-year-old son, Corey, with the right attitude and now in the U.S. Navy. Take care classmates. I will be happy to hear from you.”

**Vin Fiordalis** writes: “No excuse for not staying in touch with good old friends, fraternity brothers, and classmates, too.” He cites an article from *The Plain Dealer* of Cleveland in which two journalists who had not been in touch for decades reconnected. One complained that the other had not called him. That latter chided that the telephone works both ways. The friendship was instantly renewed!

So as your class secretary, I encourage all of us to keep one another posted by whatever means possible. Class Notes in

*The Trinity Reporter* is one such way. Keep me posted, and I will do my best to pass your communications on to classmates three times a year.

## REUNION - JUNE 5-8, 2025

# 1965

President: David O. Williams

Vice President: Jon D.

Simonian • Secretary: Vacant • Class

Agent: Robert H. Mason

The class secretary position for the Class of 1965 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.

# 1966

President: Randolph M.

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It’s been so good to hear from some members of our class who have not connected in a while. Keep the news coming!

**Rod van Sciver** tells us that, in an effort to avoid the dreary New England winters, he and Nancy bought a condo in Vail several years ago where every day is either sunny or snowing. The added advantage is that their son and family are in Denver and their daughter is in Jackson Hole. He notes, “We will be back in New Hampshire for the summer.” This fall they plan a “bike trip in France and then head to Kenya to work on our education nonprofit where we support 800 high school and university students and have another 200 graduates out in the workforce. We are now meeting the kids of some of our early students. This could mean we are getting old. Nah, just mature.”

**Dennis Dix** reports, “Recent back surgery has implanted enough hardware for me to open my own Home Depot and be assured of a quick trip to a TSA windowless room. We split to North Carolina for July–August to escape the human barbecue of summer in South Florida. Two grandchildren escaped the clutches of high school this weekend with one going full scholarship to UGA and the other, who knows. The ever-encircling siege of advancing senility keeps creeping up as various body parts reach the end of their useful life with no warranty for renewal, but thankfully, nothing near terminal yet.”

**George Boyd** sends greetings from New Jersey. He tells us he is spending a good amount of time watching athletic events with his seven grandchildren after 45 years as an attorney and municipal court judge (full retirement in 2022). Like most of

us, he was shocked by the passing of **Dave Charlesworth**, his freshman roommate and fraternity (AXP) brother. George opines that the record should reflect that Dave, before becoming a member of Medusa and after Trinity becoming a well-respected physician, in the fall of 1962 attempted to “borrow” the Coast Guard Academy touch-down cannon from the regularly scheduled football game in New London. He was only partially successful, and as the Trinity radio station reported, he was “overtaken by the corps of cadets.” George says, “I can testify to his proud, crazy injuries and his lifetime devotion to Trinity. He will be missed by many.”

**Jeff** and **Jane Witherwax** continue to travel as much as possible from their base in Florida. They see **Mike Moonves** regularly. Jeff writes, “Last year we traveled to the Caribbean and England and Scotland. This year the Riviera, Corsica, Sardinia, and Italy. Son Rob and wife Cate (both Trinity ’98) are in Brooklyn, he an attorney, she in real estate. Granddaughter Cate is a rising senior at Rhode Island School of Design.”

We also heard from **Rich Rissel**: “Kathy and I recently did a river trip in France, starting in Paris and sailing down the Seine. We went with an old grammar school pal of mine and his wife. He and I wound up in the same platoon in OCS and went through flight training together until he went rotary and I went fixed wing. Many stops along the way including Giverny, but most memorable was visiting the Normandy beaches.”

**Bob Stepto** has finally retired! He tells us that “a major piece of my family news is that on March 9, CBS News New York presented ‘Brooklyn music therapist helps dementia patients bridge the past to the present.’ Our son Rafe is the music therapist featured and indeed praised in that news story! He is a therapist at the Brooklyn Conservatory of Music. His 9-year-old son Kai is part of the orchestra there! Kai’s big news also includes receiving second prize in his elementary school’s science fair. Imagine a third-grader coming in second while competing with kids in the higher grades. Like many of us in Trinity ’66, I am retired. In all, I did 45 years as a professor at Yale and 30 summers at the Vermont campus of Bread Loaf School of English. New activities arrive now and then. For example, I helped plan a December ’23 concert given by the Greater New Haven Community Chorus. The concert included poetry readings, and I was one of the readers.”

I had a good conversation with **King Hurlock**, who apologized for not having contributed to these notes for quite some time. After leaving Trinity, King spent several years with investment and banking companies in Pennsylvania and Boston and pursuing graduate studies before returning to Baltimore in 1977 and earning a C.F.A. and establishing his own wealth management firm in 1987. After 31 years, King sold his company to spend more time with his wife, two daughters, and five grandchildren; however, those plans were shredded when Sherry passed away suddenly after being together for 57 years. King then resurrected his old firm. So much for retirement. In addition, he runs a nonprofit providing housing to low-income seniors in Baltimore and trains two dogs for agility competitions. King hopes to join us at our 60th Reunion in 2026 and suggested that, as a class, we plan an activity or discussion forum on what has changed since we graduated, significant world events, or some other engaging topic. Given recent controversies regarding activities on college campuses, it should not be hard to come up with something of interest that would bring us together for something other than a class dinner. If there is any interest, let me know, and I’ll try to get it going!

**1967** **President: Charles Kurz II**  
**• Vice President: Alan S. Weinstein • Secretary: James L. O’Connor,**  
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**Class Agents: Alex Levi, James H. Oliver •**  
**i/groups/trinman1967**

From the Alumni Office: **Bill Block** writes, “Since I left full-time employment as chairman of Block Communications Inc. in 2004, I moved from Toledo to Pittsburgh and in 2016 from Pittsburgh to The Villages in Florida. My first wife died (from Alzheimer’s), and in 2020, I remarried. I have three daughters (all Yale grads) and six grandchildren, who are all going to help me celebrate my 80th birthday in Belize at the end of this year. I enjoy music, old movies, pool, pottery, Bordeaux wine, reading, and travel. Last summer I bought a used car, a 2015 white Corvette, which I am also enjoying thoroughly.”

**1968** **President: Paul H. Jones •**  
**Vice President: Michael Lestz • Secretary: Daniel L. Goldberg,**  
**daniel.goldberg.1968.trincoll.edu • President Emeritus: Lawrence Roberts • Class Agent:**  
**Barry Bedrick • Class Ambassadors: Emil Angelica, George Barrows, Ken Button,**

**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**  
 For many of our class, the campus protests around the country in the spring brought to mind those we were part of during our senior year. Moving forward from the beanie protests of our freshman year, there were anti-war marches as well as the effort to induce more financial aid to students of color by barricading the trustees in their meeting room above the Downes Arch. There also was the aftermath of that protest when the trustees overruled the disciplinary recommendations of the Student-Faculty Disciplinary Committee as not being harsh enough. Our late classmate **Sam Elkin** and your secretary served as the student members of that committee (the other five members of Medusa—**Mike Floyd, David Chanin, Gerry Pryor, Malcolm Hayward, and Denny Farber**—had participated in the barricade and hence could not serve). Sam and I and three faculty members interviewed all the students who participated in the demonstration before arriving at our recommendations, which were designed to advance the underlying goals of the protests. Peter Knapp’s *Trinity College in the Twentieth Century: A History* has a fairly complete description of those times, along with extensive footnotes that detail that 168 students (14 percent of the student population) participated in the barricade. Our own **Kim Miles** did a statistical analysis of the participants in June 1968, a copy of which, along with the report of the Student-Faculty Committee, is in the College Archives. Be sure to spend time in the archives on you next campus visit!

The Zoom class meeting in the spring with three of our matriculating ’68 Scholars—**Julia Cheeseman ’24, Anupam Khargharia ’26, and Jamila Hussaini ’27**—and moderated by **Michael Lestz** was very well received. As **Lew Goverman** wrote after seeing it: “It was a terrific show. Michael was well in charge of the process, the students were responsive and articulate, and it was great to see my classmates adding their thoughts at the end.” Lew, who has been a significant contributor to our ’68 Scholarship Fund, concluded that this was “money well spent” after seeing our scholars. You can check out the Zoom on our class website. By the way, Julia Cheeseman graduated in May summa cum laude, with honors in environmental science, and is a



fellow at the University of Fairbanks, working on the Arctic Coastal Mapping Project. Her achievements continue the remarkably impressive record of our scholars. Money well spent, indeed.

Our impresario **Peter Alsop** continues his nationally renowned songwriting and performance career. Among his latest songs, which he performs as Uncle Sam, is an appeal to Justice Clarence Thomas and is called “Small Bribes.” The song suggests, with wonderful humor, that the justice consider only taking small bribes since they draw less attention. You can take a look on Peter’s podcast *Songs to Chew* or catch it on YouTube by searching **Peter Alsop**, Small Bribes.

Baseball was in the air. **David Chanin** circulated to a number of our classmates the appendix to a book he read comparing Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle, *Mickey and Willie* by Allen Barra. The appendix is a detailed comparison of their statistics in an effort to determine if they answer the question of who was better. It’s a fascinating discussion. I’ll leave the conclusion unstated here as an inducement to read the book or at least the appendix. I’ll say I have my own conflicts on the issue: Mickey was my childhood idol, but my oldest son was Willie’s ophthalmologist during Willie’s last decade.

And further on baseball, if you get a chance to see the musical *Toni Stone*, take it. Toni was the first woman to play professional baseball, succeeding Hank Aaron after he left the Indianapolis Clowns of the Negro Leagues (having been recruited to MLB by the Boston Braves). After I saw the show, I recommended it to one of our baseball gurus, **Walt Harrison**. Quite a coincidence: Walt had not only seen it but also participated in a panel discussion after the show to discuss Stone and the history of Black baseball with George Springer Jr. (father of the Toronto Blue Jay), Doug Glanville of ESPN (former MLB player), Diana Paulin (American studies and English professor at Trinity), and baseball historian Pete Ross.

Keep those email updates coming!

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Twenty-one members of the Class of 1969 put in an appearance on campus at some point over the two days of our 55th Reunion



Members of the Class of 1969 gather at their 55th Reunion in June 2024.

in June. Not everyone was present for the 2024 class photo, but outgoing president **Nat Prentice**’s list includes **Ted Cook**, incoming class president; **Bill Marimow** and Diane; **Brian Titus**; **Don Johnson** and Liz; **Jim Jones**; **Joe Hessenthaler** and Kathy; **Michael Michigami** and Sharon; **Alden Gordon** and Jean; **Peter “Mac” Miller**, **Peter Maxson** and Jack Taylor; **Russ Brooks**, **Nat Prentice** and Anita; **Barry Sheckley** and Susan, **Bill Corder** and Karyn, **Doug Gregor**; **Michael Beautyman** and Holly with Michael Jr.; **Graham McDonald**; **Alan Mendelson**; **Mike Peck**; **David Beatty**; and **John Levy** and Gail.

The intellectual highlight of the weekend was **Bill Marimow**’s panel “Dissecting Today’s News: How to Detect and Debunk ‘Fake News.’” Bill was joined by two fellow members of the board of The Fund for Investigative Journalism, Vernon Loeb and Ellen Weiss, and classmate **John Levy**. My own takeaway from the session is that there is not such a failing by professional journalists so much as an uncontrolled inundation of unedited content on the internet disseminated by non-news sites. The problem, Loeb asserts, will only get worse with the uncontrolled use of “whole language” artificial intelligence indiscriminately scraping the internet for untraceable and unverifiable content that is then redistributed by social media rather than by edited news sources. **Bill Marimow** sends his thanks “to our friend and classmate **John Levy**, (who) participated in the program on detecting ‘fake news’ and gave three seasoned journalists, including me, a lot to think about with his incisive critique of modern media. The audience in

the Goodwin Theater clearly liked the panel because almost the entire crowd stayed for the entire 75-minute program.”

**Nat Prentice** observed: “Having attended most, if not all, of our Reunions, I was struck at the 55th by the depth of our support for each other. I think that we become better listeners at each succeeding Reunion and as a result learn many new things about our talented class. For example, I didn’t know that **Doug Gregor** (whom like many of our classmates I met for the first time at a Reunion rather than during our time as undergraduates) has generated over \$50 million in grant support for his community as mayor of Aurora, Minnesota, a town of 1,700 residents. We had a couple great days together celebrating each other, acknowledging the special talents of **Bill Marimow** (who organized and presided over the Reunion Weekend’s keynote panel discussion on ‘fake news’) and **Michael Beautyman** (who was awarded the Paul E. Raether ’68 Alumni Achievement Award), kicking off the class presidency of **Ted Cook**, and reminiscing, particularly as we watched and listened to the 1969 class video, which a team of our classmates coordinated by **Barry Sheckley** produced to our great lasting benefit. We are also fortunate and thankful to be completed by a wonderful group of ‘willing to come time and time again’ wives and husbands, who joined in our celebration.”

We all join **Bill Marimow** in saying, “The video that **Barry Sheckley** produced for our class through countless hours of hard labor and untold revisions is one that all our classmates will enjoy. Looking at some of the

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home movies from 1969 was an unexpected delight. Once the Trinity website has posted it on the archive, I would urge everyone to take a look.”

The 1969 class video, created by **Barry Sheckley** and his team, is hosted as part of the Trinity College Digital Archives overseen by **Amanda Matava**, the College’s digital archivist. By the time you read this in the fall 2024 *Trinity Reporter*, I will have sent an email blast to the entire class via **Julie Cloutier** in the Alumni Relations Office relaying **Barry’s** instructions on how to find and gain access to the link for the video.

We were on hand at the class dinner to hear **Nat Prentice**, acting for the Trinity College Alumni Association, award the Paul E. Raether ’68 Alumni Achievement Award to **Michael Beautyman**. Michael and his family traveled over the weekend to Newport, Rhode Island, where Michael was inducted into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame.

Incoming Class President **Ted Cook** sends this message: “Thank you all for a magnificent weekend and an amazing infusion of joy and energy into bringing us all together and spreading the spirit of what I hope we will continue to build as we go forward into the future. . . . Reunion was for me the chance to reunite with friends in person. . . . I could go on and on about the many meaningful conversations and flashbacks to our days. . . . I want to thank you for allowing me to become alumni president of our class (2025–29). I will begin that role right now by hoping to see all who came in 2024 (and everyone else who may read this note) on the Long Walk in 2029. Did everyone know that the Trinity College Long Walk and Main Quadrangle have been officially entered in the National Register of Historic Places? [It’s] about time! Just one more reason to come back ’neath the elms.”

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**Alex Belida** writes that he “so enjoyed” my note in the spring 2024 *Reporter* regarding my time in Uganda at Makerere University for Trinity wherein I mentioned fleeing Idi Amin’s violence by boat across Lake Victoria to make my way back home via a safer Kenya. He says it reminded him of his years in East and Southern Africa and his trips into Uganda, including one to Arua up near the Sudan border in 1993. He was on a UNHCR-organized journalist trip to see Sudanese refugees who had fled into northern Uganda. It was Amin’s hometown, and it was, of course, sadly but intentionally neglected by the rulers who succeeded him as punishment. Interestingly, I remember reading articles about it when I was studying in Kampala, Uganda’s capital. The British colonialists had given education and government jobs to the groups in and around Kampala with whom they collaborated; unfortunately, they made the mistake of impressing many northern groups into the military and police positions. Playing one group off another as a colonial master worked well until the master said bye-bye. Then all hell broke loose. Poor administrative planning. Idi Amin had gotten some training in Scotland with the military there before his coup; that is why he was dubbed the king of Scotland in an amazing movie that was produced describing his takeover and the misery that ensued.

While he was “way up in the bush,” as they say there, Alex had to stay in the White Rhino Hotel, which was lacking in the basics, such as running water or keys for the room door. At dinner, everyone was asked if they wished chicken or goat, the two entrées of the day. Everyone chose chicken, whereupon they were told by the waiter that it was all gone so they had to have goat. Across the street, he could see the remains of the then-local British colonial golf course with no more grass. A real shame. Years prior, in Kampala, I remember being invited to the British ex-pat club for a gracious dinner dance where I met a lovely young woman from somewhere in England. I put on as much Trinity charm as I could muster. It helped that she was fed up with most of the Brits who ended up there and who had “most unattractive and annoying local accents.”

Hers was so soft and endearing, obviously from the “right place and station”; I was swept off my feet on the dance floor. It was a kind of a Bogart encounter for me that has caused me to often wonder what would’ve happened had I had the wherewithal to get contact information to pursue things other than hastily traveling away from the political and societal whirlwind fomenting around us. Where is she now? Whatever happened to her life?

Alex and I continued trading stories. He worked for the Voice of America and had amazing encounters and interviews, even with the successor president (for life?) of Uganda, Yoweri Museveni. At one point in southern Sudan across the northern border from Uganda, he had to sleep in a bomb shelter, with a crocodile lurking in the corner, to escape periodic bombings during the raids that occurred as a result of the civil war. He can regale us with many “Bert and I” encounters trying to ascertain where he was located, getting responses like “Ayah, you just can’t get there from heah!” but with the local inflection and attitude overlay. Nevertheless, we found our way throughout our lifelong travels along with all of the rest of us in our class, and here we are reminiscing.

Perhaps Alex and I can arrange a travel storytelling session with anyone who wants to join us at our next combined Reunion with the Classes of ’71 and ’72. We need to think of unique possibilities for the format. Another thought I have is a Van Cliburn-like piano competition for us to enjoy and judge. We might have to get some additional players from The Hartt School or Wesleyan and UConn to make it more exciting and competitive. Just a thought. We are getting a bit beyond the battle of the bands. Please get us as many ideas as you can as we plan during the next year.

Trinity’s Bicentennial Gala in downtown Hartford was enjoyable. Ernie was there with **Andy Shaw** at his table. I had the privilege of sitting with **Billy Peelle**. When we were able to communicate over the din of Connecticut politicians, live and remote, attempting to say meaningful things and obliquely apologizing for not being Trinity grads or the most vociferous auctioneer this side of Des Moines, we managed to have a fascinating conversation concerning Billy’s significant efforts at organizing, improving, and developing the Wadsworth Atheneum in Hartford, America’s oldest continuously operating public art museum. Our conversation reminded me how much I enjoy reading *Wall Street*

*Journal* art reviews by Mary Tompkins Lewis, who taught art history at Trinity for many years. She is a spectacular writer with a true gift for bringing one right into the middle of an exciting art show at a national gallery. She recently wrote an art review on The Phillips Collection in Washington exhibiting two freshly conserved Cézanne paintings. Remember how we learned that Cézanne promoted his theories of advancing and receding color in his remarkable Impressionist works? [He was] one of my favorite artists and praised by Phillips as a “towering genius.”

Trinity has so many unique and wonderful professors such as Mary Tompkins Lewis. One of the best things about the Bicentennial bash was I was able to meet a few of the young additions to the faculty and listen to their descriptions of their courses. I wish I could take them all over again. Oh well, we shall have to stay connected as best we can and perhaps get a reverie from our memories at our next Reunion.

From the Alumni Office: See a note about judges **Tom Ewing** and James Shapiro '81 under the 1981 Class Notes on page 55.

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**Class Agents: Robert Muller, Clinton Vince Lowen Hankin** writes, “Living in Manhattan with my wife, Jane. Both kids live in N.Y.C. area, and we have four fabulous healthy grandkids. Still working, but spending winters in Palm Beach. Feeling lucky!”

**Greg Cherneff** writes, “I retired from IBM a few years ago and am living in Westport, Massachusetts, enjoying cycling, fishing, and volunteering on the trail team of the local conservation trust. My email is [greg.cherneff@verizon.net](mailto:greg.cherneff@verizon.net), and I welcome contact.”

**Bob Towner** writes, “Dr. Bob’ Towner returned to the pulpit at St. Andrew’s Episcopal Church in Carbondale, Illinois, after 10 years of retirement. Still play with metaphors. Celebrated 50 years with Helen and 45 years without Wild Turkey. Peace, love, and rock n’ roll. Robert Towner, 2038 Kevin Drive, Cape Girardeau, MO 63701; [robinart49@gmail.com](mailto:robinart49@gmail.com)”

**Bill Reynolds** writes, “I am moving back to West Hartford in July. Will spend more time in the Berkshires with my Main

Street Hospitality group as well. And, still on the board of The Writer’s Center in Bethesda—25 years this year, originally thanks to classmate **Clint Vince!**”

**David Sample** writes, “I am pleased to report that we will be having a multi-class reunion in June 2025. The Classes of ’70, ’71, and ’72 will join together for a weekend to celebrate our times at Trinity. A formal announcement will come in the fall, and, if you are interested in helping make the event a big success, please let me know ([dsample@aol.com](mailto:dsample@aol.com)).”

**Lou Slocum** writes, “**Bill Reynolds, Peter Moore**, and I met for a most satisfying brunch in Oceanside, California, in early May. Many past memories of working at WRTC (along with some very old photos of ourselves as younger men) were shared. I’m writing you from Bora Bora, where Sandi and I are enjoying a 17-day cruise to the many islands and atolls around Tahiti. There is no shortage of pearl farms and jewelry stores on these spits of land, and Sandi is loving a few samples of this irritant of the oyster. Best wishes to all for a great summer, and fair winds from the tropics!”

**Robert Muller** writes, “Finally, have jump-started retirement in Rhode Island. A few highlights worth noting. I am officially a tour guide for the Newport Historical Society. I am active in our local Osher program at URI and recently was added to the program committee. Although this will be published after June, I set up a photo exhibit at our local library on the hurricanes of 1938 and will be delivering a lecture on June 24 on the hurricane history of Southern Rhode Island. Lots of interest apparently. Lastly, I am a volunteer at the local food bank. All to the good plus two young grandkids.”

**Lee Barstow** writes, “How incredibly long it has been. And yet it sometimes feels like yesterday. A number of years after Trinity, I returned to being called Lee, my childhood nickname, as compared to Bev, my father’s nickname, which I had carried for long enough. I am retired after 27 years of leading a software development team for Amherst College Advancement, though I still serve as pastor of Leverett Congregational Church. My wife, Cynthia, and I have three children and two grandchildren in Portland, Maine. I will plan to join the class next June! June has been a big month for us lately: Two Junes ago, we walked the Camino Frances, and last June, the Camino Portuguese. Soon we head for Paris seeking surviving joie de vivre that may still exist in the crucible of western culture.”

**Bruce Colman** writes that in April, he visited Ostia and Pompeii, in Italy, for the first time since the Rome Campus summer of 1970. Other-half-of-his-heartbeat Margaret Sheehan was with him. “I was surprised. Nothing looked familiar,” he says.

The following classmates send “thumbs up” emoji so you can connect with them: **Tom DiBenedetto** (75 and still kicking), **Cliff Cutler, William Sartorelli, Dave Sample, Philip Khoury** (75 in four months), **William Reynolds** (double thumbs up and a smiley face with sunglasses), **Ralph Morini** (making a remarkable fight against cancer, using among other things Eastern medical thoughts, and outliving prognosis by years), **Jim Graves**, and **Howie Greenblatt**.

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**Ralph Dickman** writes, “I live in Sacramento, California, where I moved to be close to my daughter, her husband, and our newly minted first grandchild. Previously, I spent 40 years in the San Francisco Bay area pursuing first a career in tech and then in financial services. My introduction to tech came in the Boston area. Silicon Valley offered far more opportunities than the Route 128 circle, and the Boston weather was a disincentive to my staying on the East Coast. My tech career consisted of product management and product development team leadership in the disk-drive industry; it ended with the bursting of the dot-com bubble. Moving to financial services, I worked as a private wealth adviser until retiring six years ago. I then spent three years as a part-time fundraiser for a non-profit that supports the health and hospital system of Santa Clara County.

“In San Jose, I met and married Patty, with whom I celebrated 40 years of marriage in June. Our daughter, Rachel, arrived in 1986. . . . Rachel led me to involvement in the local youth soccer league, where I coached her traveling team for 10 years and served on its board. Additionally, I participated on multiple nonprofit boards focused on health care. During my years in Boston, I fell in love with the mountains, spending every free weekend hiking in New Hampshire, until I discovered rock climbing, which utterly consumed me for many years. My hiking adventures were shared with **Sumner Smith** (with whom I enjoy monthly FaceTime calls). . . .

# John Seager '72

## DEGREE:

**B.A. in political science**

## JOB TITLE:

**President, Population Connection in Washington, D.C.**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**If there was a typical pathway, I didn't follow it. While I was intellectually prepared for college, I lacked the necessary maturity. I dropped out halfway through my sophomore year and soon discovered the world didn't have much use for an unformed 19-year-old. Following a brief interlude, I returned to Trinity as a grown-up and worked off campus full time while taking a full course load. That taught me discipline and focus. Trinity provides extraordinary opportunities, but each student bears a personal responsibility to take advantage of them. Time is too valuable to waste at any age.**

### **What is Population Connection, and what do you do in your role?**

Population Connection is America's largest grassroots population organization, which trains more than 10,000 K-12 educators annually and is the leading U.S. advocate for voluntary international family planning. We seek to advance full reproductive autonomy for everyone everywhere. I lead this national nonprofit organization with 40,000 members and a staff of 40.

### **What was your path to your current position?**

It was a bit circuitous. Following graduation, I decided to become a carpenter. Four years later, I found myself managing what turned out to be a successful congressional campaign and eventually became chief of staff for that progressive Democratic member of Congress from Pennsylvania. After a brief stint at the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, the same by-then former member of Congress asked me to join him at Zero Population Growth, now Population Connection. I've been in charge of the organization for almost 20 years now.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** It's a perfect job for a liberal arts major because it entails making connections between diverse disciplines in a complex and confounding world. F. Scott Fitzgerald's words ring true: "The test of a first-rate intelligence is the ability to hold two opposed ideas in the mind at the same time and still retain the ability to function." It's an extraordinary opportunity to listen and to learn and to translate ideas into effective action.

**What challenges do you face?** In today's digital maelstrom, it can be very challenging to separate the signal from the noise. Doing so requires a sense of history and an awareness of cultural differences as well as the ability to analyze data and put it into a useful context. World population has increased eightfold since 1800 and continues to grow rapidly, which puts extreme stress on both fragile ecosystems and the world's most vulnerable people. It's an honor to carry this work forward as part of a great team supported by wonderful members of our organization.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your work?** I have to admit that I was that annoying person in class who would take professors off on various tangents. I've always been curious about everything and fascinated by seeming contradictions. To this



day, I still enjoy and benefit from the kind of vigorous give-and-take that is a vital part of campus life. My time at Trinity helped me recognize the importance of scholarly research and the need to avoid assertions unsupported by evidence while never claiming omniscience.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** There were several. Samuel Hendel's class on current issues was a platform for vigorous debates about issues that are still very much in the news. Clyde McKee provided a great introduction to practical politics. And Gary Jacobson (noted below) introduced me to the "science" in political science.

**Did you have a professor who was particularly influential?** When I was at Trinity, I was one of several students elected to participate in Political Science Department meetings. As part of that responsibility, one of the applicants for a faculty position whom I interviewed and whom Trinity hired was Gary Jacobson, who is now distinguished emeritus professor of political science at the University of California San Diego, where I have lectured frequently (I have lectured at more than 80 colleges and universities, including Trinity). A great teacher, he is recognized as one of the most respected experts in his field. I'm proud to say he is also a friend as well as a longtime member of Population Connection.

Climbing took me all over New England, as well as Southern Germany, the North Tyrol, Yosemite, and the Canadian Rockies. After nearly three years in Sacramento, I am looking for opportunities in the nonprofit sector while trying to improve a cranky golf game and helping with the care of our grandson. It has been and continues to be a wonderful and fulfilling journey.”

**Kirk Kubicek** writes, “Just got back from DelFest in Cumberland, Maryland, a bluegrass, roots, and country festival hosted by the legendary Del McCoury and his family of musicians . . . truly historic and epic all at once. The show was fabulous, and Mal and I were there courtesy of Kirk Jr., who has worked at the festival for 10 years. Our daughter Harper, her husband, Matt, and our two grandsons, Mo and Miles, were also on hand. . . . Best festival atmosphere anywhere in the U.S.A., and they raise money to help folks in rural Allegheny County who need a lift in life. . . . Mal is busy with real estate helping Harper and Matt sell one home and find another! The pool is open here in Sykesville. Stop by for a dip if you are in the area, and we will fire up the grill.”

**Mary Asbury** writes, “I was sorry to miss the 50th. I have been working as a Legal Aid lawyer since graduating from Boston University Law School in 1975, first at Greater Boston Legal Services and for the past 45 years with Legal Aid Society of Greater Cincinnati, where I am executive director. The rest of my immediate family are also lawyers: husband Bob, a civil rights lawyer, and daughter Liza, who does employment and labor law. This all started when I worked for the Connecticut Civil Liberties Union during senior year at Trinity; we visited a juvenile detention facility for girls, and I figured that was the kind of bad situation I could do something about with a law degree. I have been very lucky.”

**Peter Griesinger**, fellow freshman-year inmate of Elton Hall, reminded me of “our infamous trip to Montreal, climbing the Mount Royal Cross at night in an altered state, as was customary . . . an all-time Trinity memory!” Peter is a documentary filmmaker; he started honing his craft at Trinity “taking Larry Stires’s excellent, but cobbled together, Super 8 filmmaking course with classmate **Steve Gyllenhaal**.” He writes, “On the 50th anniversary of shooting my first 16mm documentary film, *Almost Heaven, Grafton, West Virginia*, I’ve redone my website ([www.griesingerfilms.com](http://www.griesingerfilms.com)) to put a selection of my films/videos on

YouTube. . . . [Y]’all can read a short essay as to why these docs are still relevant and then, free of charge, check them out, with all that free time in your lives these days.”

**Michael Zimmerman** writes, “It’s kind of ‘same old, same old’ with me. Like all of us, I want to think of myself as timeless, but it’s the growth of children and grandchildren that gives me away. Other than some significant vision issues, I’m in fine shape physically. I’m still working, but edging ever closer to actually retiring. I’m lucky to be doing some interesting things, with a bit less intensity than in the past. While Brooklyn remains home base, we also spend time in Northwest Connecticut and Palm Beach. We (recently) returned from a few weeks in Japan, my first time beyond Tokyo. Fascinating culture and geography, and I recommend the trip to everyone. Stay well.”

**Jack Nelson** reports, “**Al Winrow, Harvey Zendt**, and I took a nice bike ride along Narragansett Bay in early June. . . . Harvey and Louisa completed their move to South Kingston, Rhode Island, last fall from Maryland’s Eastern Shore to be closer to their three children and five grandchildren. They’re happily ensconced in their new home on the scenic Narrow River, equidistant between son Peter in Greater Boston and Rebecca and Christy on Block Island. Harvey’s still helping the girls with projects at their two inns, The Darius and Summer Hill, as well as occasional babysitting. It gets complicated: ‘Dad, we’re putting Maeve on the 3:30 ferry. Can you take her to band practice?’ but Harvey’s relishing all the attention and close family ties. Al and Noreen are even more surrounded by offspring. They’re still in the house they bought in the mid-’80s, where they raised their four sons. All have moved back to Massachusetts, within 12 miles of Al and Noreen, who count eight grandkids. While Al and Noreen enjoy babysitting, their sons are ‘very respectful and considerate about asking us.’ I think Al and Harvey should host a Trinity seminar: ‘How to Raise Successful and Loyal Kids.’

“As for me, I recently enjoyed a poetry reading, organized by my daughter at her church in Providence, where she’s finished her residency/indentured servitude and works as a primary care physician at a federally qualified health center, exactly what she’s wanted to do since high school. She and Tommy, a fine young psychologist, are engaged and have bought their first home. Big thresholds and a very gratified dad as well.

“Harvey, Al, and I are looking forward to getting together more in the coming years, so anyone interested in biking, hiking, sailing, surfing, or just hanging out, give one of us a shout. We’d love to have more Trinsters join us!”

**Michael Nobbs**, another who couldn’t make Reunion, shares, “It’s been quite a journey! I got a break from Citicorp in London after graduating . . . that led me back to N.Y.C. . . . and later opening new Cit offices in L.A. Twenty years in harness was enough, which brought me to the Tishman Family, the New York real estate conglomerate, with whom I worked from L.A. until retiring early in 2002. I then fell into being an independent public company director for the next 15 years, serving all over the place in the energy sectors. My luckiest break was not to get married until some 24 years after Trinity, and, when I did, Donna and I got it right, with two boys . . . 30 great years and counting. Two of my greatest friends are godparents, **Norman Bardeen** and John Lehr ’74, which I think only serves to prove what a unique and fabulous time we shared back in the day. We finally got chased out of L.A. fully retired to Truckee in Northern California, where we live a life of sports, skiing, and the outdoors in a cabin high in the Sierras with our three dogs. Just to prove once again the value of Trinity, since COVID, a group of about 15 of us, all Trinity grads, hold a Zoom call five or six times a year, just to stay connected. It’s been so rewarding: the humor, the beautiful friendships . . . I just cannot think why we didn’t start this up so long ago.”

A teaser for the next issue: In the last *Reporter*, **Bob Ellis** told of us a short tale of derring-do from the fall of ’23, fishing with **Peter Blum** on the Delaware River. Bob has informed me that this same duo “have scheduled a rematch with the Upper Delaware River trout. Hope to have some good news and photos.” We wait with bated/baited breath.

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From the Alumni Office: **Ray Fahrner** reports that his composition for solo cello, “Becoming,” will be performed in the Weill Recital Hall at Carnegie Hall on September 28, 2024, by cellist Ovidiu Marinescu.

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The Class of '74 celebrated its 50th Reunion in June with more than 70 classmates enjoying perfect weather, great food, numerous activities, and live dance music on the quad late into the night!

With more than 54 percent of us making contributions, our class set a 50th Reunion record for financial contributions. The previous mark had been set by the Class of '68.

Three noteworthy alumni awards were presented by President Joanne Berger-Sweeney to '74 class members. **Frank Borges** was presented the The Eigenbrodt Cup, one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a Trinity alum. Classmate **Terrie Rouse-Rosario** received the Kathleen O'Connor Boelhouwer '85 Alumni Initiative Award. And **Aimee Brown** received the Michael A. Schulenberg '63 Alumni Fellowship Award, which was presented by Michael Schulenberg, who drove with his wife and daughter from Upstate New York to present his namesake award in person.

Reunion activities included the kickoff dinner at the Mark Twain House; breakfast gatherings in Hamlin Hall, with Athletic Director Drew Galbraith in attendance on Friday to speak about the successful Trinity athletics program; and a well-attended, beautiful, and moving memorial service for deceased class members in the Chapel. Many thanks to **Elizabeth Ross-Norman** and **Jim Finkelstein** for arranging the Chapel program and for the very moving songs sung by Elizabeth during the ceremony. The Half-Century Club Induction Luncheon was highlighted by a talk by President Berger-Sweeney, and all enjoyed the cocktail dinner dance on Saturday night.

Two Saturday roundtables, on the media and “fake news” and on entrepreneurship, were well attended and well received. Special shout-out to classmate **John Howard** as moderator for the entrepreneurship roundtable, providing his in-depth personal journey as a successful entrepreneur.

Our 50th Reunion was quite the success, as evidenced by many classmates who attended.

**Rebecca “Becki” Adams**: “It was terrific to spend time with friends I knew in the '70s

now that we are in our 70s! For me, our 50th was a welcome opportunity for life review and self-reflection. We were so lucky to be at Trinity during such an interesting period of history. What an amazing bunch we were and have become.”

**Terrie S. Rouse-Rosario**: “To paraphrase President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, ‘The Class of 1974 is very cohesive,’ which I took to mean we are cool, interesting, and all-around dynamic.”

**Robert Starkey**: “It certainly was an enriching full-circle experience reconnecting. Dusting off old memories with friends and roommates made for a timeless joy. The smiles were energizing, while the spontaneous laughter came from the well of deep appreciation and comfort. And the hand-some campus on the ‘cliffs.’”

**John C. Warfel**: “I thoroughly enjoyed our 50th Reunion cocktail hour and dinner. My wife and I toured the campus before dinner and were extremely impressed with the many changes that have been made. By far the best experience at the Reunion was seeing and speaking with our classmates. Like most of us, I have kept in close contact with a few of our classmates, and it was even more special to be able to spend some quality time with those I have not seen or spoken to recently. In many instances, even though I may not have spoken to them in 50 years, it was as if we had seen each other last week. The Reunion also afforded the opportunity to speak to classmates that may not have been close friends during our Trinity years and find out how they have spent the last 50 years. All in all, it was a wonderful experience, and the Alumni Office and the Reunion Committee deserves credit for all the work that was done to make it so memorable.”

**Barry O'Brien**: “Our Reunion showed once again that the Trinity bonds of friendship developed over 50 years ago remain strong! Go '74 Bants!”

**Charles U. Shreve**: “My 50th Reunion memories: 1) I was truly impressed with how well the campus looked with its new landscape and new housing units. 2) I was amazed and proud about the success of many of my classmates and especially our coed sisters. They have succeeded during a time when there were many hurdles to climb. 3) The event itself was excellent, and we had plenty of time to visit, roam, and take in the college experience a little bit once again! We had so much fun, I want to come back next year! 4) It was a truly rare

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time for us that weekend, and in almost all cases, we were eager to reacquaint ourselves and catch up. 5) I was humbled by the memorial event in the Chapel and can only hope to be there again in '29.”

**David Sylvestro**: “Go figure that 50 years after graduating from Trinity, the school would provide one of my/our most memorable experiences ever! Starting with the most thorough, thoughtful, informative, and beautifully presented yearbook and finishing with breakfast at Mather with old pals, the Reunion Committee provided a weekend filled with the warmth of old friendships and the joy of many new connections with classmates. To be in the Washington Room for the celebration lunch honoring the truly extraordinary accomplishments of many of our classmates was a rare experience for us, and not just because we were inspired by Joanne Berger-Sweeney’s extolling the impressive deeds of Frank, Aimee, Terri, Carrie, Ted, and others. The seamless blending of fellow 1974s from a variety of contexts in that room—fellow Mather Hall kitchen workers, teammates, dormmates, Rome Campus partners, Zip’s and Corner Tap frequenters—felt like such a rare and wonder-filled gathering of family, absent, like, the friction and stuff. I am ready for 2029!”

And from **Ted Stehle**, our 50th Reunion chairman: “Our 50th Reunion was a huge success and could not have been accomplished without the unyielding effort and commitment of the 50th Reunion Committee. Special thanks to **Carrie Pelzel**, chair of the Fundraising Committee with her team of **Frank Borges, Chuck Shreve, Peter Kraus, Margie Huoppi, Ron Waters, and John Howard**; to **Terrie Rouse-Rosario**, chair of the Programming Committee and her team of **Becki Adams** and **Glenn Preminger**; and to Yearbook Committee members **Robert Starkey, Lise Gescheidt, Aimee Brown, Allan Stark, and Barry O'Brien**.

“And my lasting thanks to the Trinity administration, Theresa Kidd, Julie Cloutier, and Michelle Deluse for managing all the details needed to run a successful and vibrant 50th Reunion.

“And a most special thanks to Margie Palladino of Reunions Reinvented for coordinating and producing a terrific 50th Reunion Yearbook.”

Let us know what is going on in your life. Send your updates to co-class secretaries **Ted Stehle** (frstehle@gmail.com) or **Allan Stark** (allanbstark@gmail.com).

### REUNION • JUNE 5-8, 2025

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Classmates, mark your calendars for our Class of '75 50th Reunion, June 5-8, 2025. Reunion Committees are in place, and our goal is to break the 50th Reunion record of 100 attendees. Details of the Reunion Weekend will be forthcoming.

Not much to report other than **Chris Mooney**, class co-secretary, opening a new real estate chapter in Linville, North Carolina, in July 2024 with a mountain house. Four bedrooms await any Trin friends on their way to parts unknown. We are there June to Christmas, though under 183 days by design. Cheers!

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**Leslie Hyde** writes, “I am living in Yarmouth, Maine. My daughter, who is a naturopathic doctor, has moved to Maine with her two children, ages 5 and 2. It is a treat to see them so often as they used to live in New Mexico. I am still the chaplain for the Yarmouth Police Department, assisting with death notifications and bereaved families. I also am the



**Rich Lovering '76** represents Trinity at the April 2024 inauguration of a new president at Kenyon College.

director of Riverside Cemetery. It is a good fit for me as an ordained interfaith chaplain. I host wellness groups focused on emotional resilience in our town and do some grief counseling. Life is good.”

**Arlene Kanter** writes, “After 37 years as a professor at Syracuse University College of Law, I have retired and moved full time to our home on Cape Cod with my husband, Steven Kepnes, who also retired as a professor from Colgate University.”

**Rebecca Dunn Reinmann** writes, “We visited Patagonia in March, all cold weather except in Buenos Aires, Argentina, and Santiago, Chile. Next, Paul and I are off to visit my first cousin in Chaing Mai, Thailand, where he’s taking us on the Mekong for a small river cruise where I’ll celebrate my 70th birthday. Prior to that, we have a river cruise planned in Laos, Vietnam, and Cambodia. It’s odd to consider a Vietnam visit particularly since our time at Trinity was during a time when travel to Vietnam was avoided. It should be most interesting to see.”

From the Alumni Office: **Rich Lovering** represented Trinity at the inauguration of President Julie Kornfeld at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio, April 13, 2024.

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Thanks for writing, everyone!

**Bill Clark** writes that he “enjoyed a recent trip to Las Vegas for a tech convention, Kaseya Connect. Lots of upselling, very little time for lady luck. Stayed at MGM Grand, but did get out to see the Shark Reef Aquarium at Mandalay Bay, a unique view seeing those sharks swimming above you. Still running a one-person IT shop at Cedarcrest Center in Keene, New Hampshire; the staff are simply angels who care for 25 disabled children. Lots of important tech. Have been rediscovering Tolstoy during my commute. Congratulations on Trinity’s 200th anniversary. Wife and I will be celebrating No. 45 by the time this gets published. Tempus fugit.”

And from **Brian Abery**: “I continue to serve as faculty in the Special Education and Child Development Programs at the University of Minnesota and as co-director of the Research and Training Program on HCBS Outcome Measurement and National Center for College Students with Disabilities at the University’s Institute on Community Integration. With both children married and grandchildren a bit more self-sufficient, I’ve had more time for writing, recently serving as a contributor and co-editor of *The Dignity of Work: The Value of Employment for People with Disabilities Around the World*, R. Tichá, B.H. Abery, & J. Šiška, eds. (Cambridge Scholars Press, 2024). My colleagues and I recently completed two cross-cultural research projects with faculty from the University of Tokyo and Hiroshima University. The first centered on better understanding the transition of students with disabilities from school to work and the second on the use of assistive-service robotics to support the employment of people with disabilities. I continue to try to stay active through coaching the cross-country ski teams of four high schools in the Minneapolis-St. Paul Minnesota area (in spite of last year providing us with no natural snow) and was pleased to hear that one of our alumni was recently named to the U.S. national biathlon team.”

From **Lynn Gray**: “I have lived in Kent, Connecticut, (northwest part of the state) for the past five years on 4½ acres of woodland and wetland. I volunteer at Sharon Audubon as an admin assistant to the naturalist and volunteer coordinator and dote on a fish crow for whom I have cared for four years. I grow shiitake and oyster mushrooms at home on logs. I have been working on eliminating invasive plants from



Legendary Trinity football coach Don Miller, seated, meets with Chris Mosca '79 and Tom Johnson '79 during Reunion Weekend.



At the Class of 1979 45th Reunion Dinner on June 8, 2024, Bruce Somerstein '79 and outgoing Class President Holly Singer '79, right, honor Ken Crowe '79, longtime class co-secretary, for his work for the class.



David Rosenblatt '79 stands outside New York City's AMT Theater on June 8, 2024, by the poster for the musical *David*, for which his mother, Martha Rosenblatt, co-wrote the lyrics and book.

my woods and replanting with native flowers and bushes that support birds and insects to support birds and wildlife. I have painted with Edward DeVoe at the Washington Art Association for about six years. I am in touch regularly with **Tim Ghriskey**, my trustee and financial adviser. We were also classmates at Greenwich Country Day School and have been friends forever. Other than that, I have my fifth German shepherd dog, had them for 44 years, and love the wildlife, including bear, turkeys, and deer that visit the property. In July 2016, my only, beloved daughter, Joy, died from contracting flesh-eating bacteria at a hospital in San Diego. I was present, four days after giving birth to her son. It was traumatic, and unthinkable, and I have been working on my grief and trying to live a productive life, often seemingly opposed or coexistent tragedy and beauty of life. I miss Bill Puka (philosophy professor) and George Chaplin (art department head) . . . they influenced my life in great ways, and I still think of them."

**Phil Studwell** writes: "I'm retired for many years from a career in social work. Finally built my dream home on the coast of Maine in Brunswick, Maine, with my wife, Patsy Oehl. Pam Bugosh '78, my wife of 30 years, passed away from cancer in 2009. Patsy and I are immersed in nonprofit volunteer work at a local day center for the homeless and at our church in town."

**Polly Lyman** writes from Kinderhook, New York: "Anyone coming to the Hudson Valley and/or Berkshires should give a holler; I'd love to see you. I am not far from my daughter and her family, who have a house in a village nearby, and I can see my grandsons a lot. Retirement? Pas moi! I have started a position as director of philanthropy at Becket-Chimney Corners, a century-old summer camp in Becket, Massachusetts. There is a Trinity pennant hanging in the camp library, so there must be some Camp Becket alums who also attended Camp Trin-Trin!"

From **Deb Flower**, always a font of fun: "Who has time to send you notes? We are too busy traveling and having fun in retirement. I returned last week from a trip to Lisbon and two of the Azores and leave tomorrow to go to Sausalito for my daughter's baby shower. After that, my life returns to its normal boring level of gardening and day trips in New England." (Secretary's note: Deb has a gorgeous garden.)

And finally, from **Pete Switchenko**: "I'm currently spending 10 days playing

golf in Scotland, including playing the Old Course at St Andrew's. In my free time, I'm visiting many historical sites in the country."

Thanks again to all who wrote!

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**Deborah Buck** writes, "I am excited to announce that I am now represented by Jennifer Baahng Gallery in New York City. I currently have a one-person show that goes until June 29 there and then will be having another solo exhibition in Venice in September. I'll also be included in a show at The Church in Sag Harbor (Hamptons) in a group show called *Are You Joking? Women and Humor*, which I'm thrilled about. It's been a whirlwind of the last couple of years with four solo exhibitions and a variety of group shows. Great to finally have a large audience, but the point is to just keep making art! That's it. Cheers! DB"

**Jory Lockwood** (your humble class secretary) adds, "I was at a track meet at Trinity to root on a former student of mine who attends Wesleyan. Wow. Very split loyalties there! I had lunch with Professor Milla Riggio, which rounded out the day nicely."

**Rand Pearsall** shares, "**Rand** and **Josanne Pearsall** welcomed our first grandchild on May 30. Everett Taylor Pearsall, Trinity Class of 2046?" Congratulations!

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We saw 35 classmates attend our 45th Reunion on campus during June. We reached the goal the College alumni staff said they would like to see for attendance. We can work on a record turnout for our 50th Reunion in 2029.

Outgoing Class President **Holly Singer** stepped in to lead us through the presentations at our class dinner. Holly's done



a spectacular job for two terms as class president. She was joined at the podium at various times by **Bruce Somerstein** and **Jeff Seibert**. After a decade in office, Holly is handing off the class to **David Rosenblatt**, our new president.

Holly writes, “Our 45th Reunion was a wonderful experience. I found the weekend—amid gorgeous June weather—chock full of nostalgia, memorable opportunities to reconnect and catch up with many classmates, explore Trinity’s scenic campus, and learn from our highly accomplished classmate **Eric Fossum**. Our Reunion Committee collectively pulled off some great program features, including a well-deserved special award for our fearless class secretary **Ken Crowe**. It has been my pleasure to serve as class president for 10 years and also to pass the reins to highly qualified **David Rosenblatt**.”

David was set to be at Reunion but at the last moment had the most unusual event pop up that he couldn’t miss. David was in New York City for the off-Broadway debut of his mom’s musical, *David*, at the AMT Theater. No, it’s not about our David. It’s a play about King David for which his late mother Martha Rosenblatt co-wrote the lyrics and book. “I hope you had as much fun as I did,” David wrote from the show.

David will lead a returning group of class officers. **Barlow Peelle** and **Susan Tananbaum** are continuing as class agents. **Ken Crowe** is back as co-secretary, along with **Jim Cropsey** and **Diane Molleson**. **Cindy Flanagan Goss** has volunteered to help with the Class Notes, giving our class its own Fab Four for keeping us updated. We have an opening for class vice president.

The class was kind enough to present Ken with an inscribed glass bowl for his work as class secretary over the last decade. Trinity also recognized him as the outstanding class secretary at Reunion. The class presentation, Ken says, “meant more to me. It was an emotional time.”

**Lisa Gillette** was saluted for the longest journey to reach Reunion, traveling from Jackson Hole, Wyoming, to Hartford.

Reunion is a time for surprises. **Tom Johnson** and **Chris Mosca** thought they’d get a few minutes with legendary Trinity football coach Don Miller. They were happily surprised to each have lengthy conversations with him and his sharp recollection of them playing for him.

**Bill Irvine**, by the way, is still playing softball. Bill says he’s on the diamond twice

a week, and his body feels it on the days he’s not batting and fielding.

**Mike Daly** says he’s retired but not by much as he works as a judicial magistrate, mostly handling cases related to family law.

Somehow **Tom Izard** attended not just one reunion but two during the weekend. He made it to his high school reunion and then peeled off to hustle over to campus to join our Reunion.

**Sarah Neal Wright** made it to Reunion after being in Europe. She writes, “It was great to see a number of you at our 45th Reunion in June. We have a big one coming up in five years, and I hope that even more of us can attend. My husband, David, and I have just returned from a trip to France and England. A highlight in France was tracing the footsteps of my grandmother as she sketched her way through France as an art student. She would then make etchings of the scenes when she returned home to Massachusetts. Favorite sites were Le Mont-Saint-Michel in Normandy and Quimper in Brittany. We also had the sobering opportunity to visit the beaches of Normandy where the World War II Allied forces landed 80 years ago, as well as the Normandy American Cemetery. After a stop on the island of Guernsey, we flew to London for a few days in Southern England.”

**Tami Voudouris Preston** says we should aim for 75 classmates at our 50th Reunion.

Barlow and **Ron Kaufman** were unable to be at our 45th; their schedules had them across the Atlantic in Europe. **George Brickley** also missed out as he had to go to a long-planned church event. George’s constant appearance in Class Notes had **Bill McCandless** asking how George did it. The answer is to just write us.

As a member of the Reunion Committee, **Bill Hagan** was busy contacting classmates to get them to Reunion but at the last moment was unable to attend.

**Andrew Walsh** battled through his recovery from knee surgery to walk into our Reunion dinner at the Raether Library and Information Technology Center, Joslin Family 1823 Room (Level 2), which is a long way of saying the library.

It was **Kevin Maloney**’s first Reunion dinner since leaving the College’s Board of Trustees.

The Reunion Committee members involved in making our gathering a success included **Jane Terry Abraham**, George, Jim, Ken, Cindy, Bill, Barlow, David, **Eric Samuelson**, Jeff, Holly, Bruce, and Susan. Ken’s twin niece and nephew, Marisa Hattler, Northwestern 2020, and Cole Hattler, asked

him for advice about their upcoming five-year reunions. Cole, a 2020 Duke grad, is on his reunion committee.

Classmates who attended besides those above included **Jean Blackmar-Adams**, **Ted Almy**, **Lynne Bachofner**, **Anne Fickling Brainard**, **Scott Claman**, **Michael Foye**, **Laura McCanless Gakos**, **Judy Feinberg McGhee**, **Michael Preston**, **Bruce Shea**, **Nancy Albis Shea**, **Don Silk**, and **Fran Dobbin Thayer**.

On a sad note, we report that **Jon Zonderman** passed away on February 29. Several of our classmates attended Jon’s memorial service. He was a journalist, author, and journalism instructor. In addition to attending Trinity, Jon received a master’s degree in journalism from Columbia Journalism School.

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From the Alumni Office: **James Shapiro** and Tom Ewing ’70 were part of a delegation from the Illinois Judges Association that traveled to Poland in April to meet in Warsaw with the Polish chief justice at the Polish Supreme Court, visit the Constitutional Tribunal of Poland, attend a conference on refugees at the Rzeszów University Law School, and visit the District Court in Rzeszów. The group then traveled to Krakow and toured Auschwitz-Birkenau. While in Warsaw, the judges met with U.S. Ambassador Mark Brzezinski at the ambassador’s residence and discussed the U.S.-Polish relationship and the war in Ukraine.

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As the College wrapped up its Bicentennial celebration, several classmates gathered with hundreds of other Trinity students, staff, and alumni for a gala to honor our partnership with Hartford and to raise scholarship funds for financial aid to support students from the capital city. Our class was represented by **Francesca Borges Gordon, Carmen Leslie-Rourke, and Matt and Ellin Smith.**

While we are on the subject of raising money to support our alma mater, we want to acknowledge our class agent **Bill Talbot**, who has done an outstanding job leading the way. As of June 17, 2024, the Class of 1982 has raised more than \$250,000 in gifts and pledges through the Trinity College Fund, as well as more than \$240,000 in gifts and pledges to restricted purposes; 106 members of the class have made a gift or pledge so far.

**Tom Mathews** checked in to share news of a recent bucket-list trip. He spent two weeks touring Egypt's antiquities, including the Pyramids of Giza, Abu Simbel, Cairo, Alexandria, and temples along the Nile. "I took my 83-year-old mother on her lifetime bucket-list trip. We always felt safe, and tourism was at 25 percent of normal, so nothing was crowded. Weather was perfect, and it was a glorious trip and a blessing to spend the time with Mom!"

**Minnie Mahoney Hickes** also has been traveling the world. She just got back from visits to India and Kenya representing The Catholic University of America. "This journey was an incredible opportunity to connect with students and their families . . . and gain valuable insights into the evolving global education landscape. These experiences have truly enriched

my understanding of our global student community and their cultures."

Back in this hemisphere, **Ellen Lasch** shared news of a Jones Hall reunion that took place this past fall on Whidbey Island in the Puget Sound. The group included **Robin Ehrlich Pence, Natalie Hogg Roche, Janice Kunin Castle, Ellen Lasch, Brodie Bain, Khooshe Adib-Samii Aiken, Patty Bave, Lisa Donahue Chizmar, Sharon Day, Julie Eckhardt Allen, and Joan Shriver Janov.** On the career front, Ellen loves her new role at Stand Together, a large Arlington, Virginia-based philanthropic network dedicated to solving core American problems. "Our mission is to help America's boldest change makers tackle the root causes of our country's biggest issues, ranging from education and the economy to broken communities and toxic division. It's incredibly heartwarming to see so many people, from local leaders addressing local challenges to successful Silicon Valley tech entrepreneurs lending their talents and resources to improve lives across the country. In my role, I am running a national advertising campaign. A wonderful bonus is that our younger daughter works a few blocks away! While I primarily work remotely from my Westchester dining room, I enjoy having dinner with Caroline a few times a month. In other news, we are excited that our elder daughter, Katie Sadé '18, is engaged and marrying Brian Sachs '16 next June."

Speaking of the next generation of Trinity graduates, **Ellin Smith** traveled to Austin, Texas, to hear daughter Diana Rose Smith '19 perform in Chorus Austin's annual Pops Concert. Her solo of "She Used to be Mine" from the Broadway musical *Waitress* was an encore performance of sorts. As a first-year at Trinity, Diana Rose chose this song for her InterArts seminar recital. "We've had so much fun listening to her sing, whether with the Trinity Pipes or The Chapel Singers or in theater performances. It's currently a bit more challenging having to travel nearly 2,000 miles across the country, but she's well worth it."

A little closer to home, due northeast in Boston, **Andy Stephenson** got together with **Dan Bradshaw, Ellen Soffin Coffey '83, and Andy Aiken '83** to watch Trinity's varsity women beat Bates and come in second to a very strong Radcliffe crew. "After the races, we had a chance to share a meal and catch up on all our latest news." Andy S. lives in Downeast Maine. Andy A. and Ellen are in Connecticut, and Dan is in Tennessee.

And we are pleased to share some exciting entertainment news from **Douglas Brooks** about his "role" in the recent Disney/FX series *Sbôgun*. Earlier Class Notes have shared his work in the area of Japanese boat building. Apparently, word of his talent reached Hollywood, and he was tapped to serve as the Japanese boat consultant for the series. The bulk of his consulting involved working with the property master on authentic boat designs for their fleet of boats and Japanese warships. "A number of boat ideas were run past me, which I convinced them to drop because they were inaccurate given the time period." Douglas spent a week on set working long days to help train 30 extras how to use the Japanese sculling oar. He also helped broker the purchase of two Japanese boats his students at Bates College built in 2019. "The most fascinating place was the property master's warehouse, where over \$1 million worth of props were either purchased or fabricated. Craftspeople built authentic bamboo arrows by the hundreds, next to fake rubber muskets (standard Hollywood; guns have to be light so extras can carry them on set all day), next to handmade (and expensive) medieval Japanese falconry equipment. The property master paid thousands for an authentic pair of samurai stirrups and then gave them to a Vancouver 3D-print fabricator and had him make 300 copies. When it was all over and just before the series aired, I received an email telling me I was officially listed in the credits. I believe this is just on a list somewhere; I did not see it in the series's credits." Thank you, Douglas, for sharing this fascinating update of how creativity and craftsmanship make stories (and movies) come to life.

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**Ed Sharp** has written for the first time in a while. Going back a spell, Ed transitioned from being a history professor at North Carolina to being a civil litigator representing low-income citizens. He did that by attending law school at Wake Forest. After raising two sons, he and his wife relocated to West Virginia a year ago. She is director of the West Virginia University School of Music, and he works for Legal Aid of West Virginia. Ed says he's on the lookout for any

Trinity graduates in the Mountaineer state. If you know of anyone, send them over.

The last 18 months have been full for **Jane Klapper Sykes**. She and her husband went to India for the birth of their first grandchild and son's wedding. Jane did have a brush with cancer that hopefully was eliminated with surgery. And recently, after 20 years in California, she has relocated cross-country to McLean, Virginia. Now on the East Coast, she's been able to connect with more of her Trinity friends.

**Todd Beati's** daughter Samantha, a Trinity 2017 graduate, was married in April at The Wauwinet resort on Nantucket. The officiant was Norris Maxwell Beati. The happy couple honeymooned in Japan and are doing a "friends wedding ceremony" in Paris this September.

**Janet Huley** had a 40th anniversary at work and was applauded by her co-workers in person and online. She shared that her daughter Laura got married in January. Laura has lived in Japan for several years but did make it back to Connecticut for the Christmas holidays with her spouse.

**Mark Bronsky** attended the celebration of life ceremony in the Trinity Chapel for J.E. Simmons, his former biology professor with whom he had stayed close since graduation. The ceremony was attended by many colleagues, friends, and former students. Mark, like the rest of us, greatly appreciates those professors who helped make us who we are today.

Sitting on a runway about to take off for a Scotland and Ireland trip, **Al Strickler** writes of his youngest son's graduation from the University of Virginia. Al has big plans to connect with other '83ers this summer on Martha's Vineyard. Among those he will be seeing are **Tim Clarke** and **John Swain**, who celebrated their birthdays together with wives by hitting the museums at Yale. That's why you go to a liberal arts college.

**Tom Merrill** and his wife are retired and traveling as much as they can. In May, they spent three wonderful weeks in Japan and Korea. They got back in time to attend the wedding of **Bruce Zawodniak's** oldest son, Alex. And prior to the trip east, he met up with **Ron Carroll** in Providence for a UConn basketball game. Ron's son Andrew is a freshman at PC, so according to Tom, they were rooting for the losing team.

Despite the end of COVID lockdowns, **Marissa Ocasio** writes that she and her Trinity chums have continued their Zoom

calls to catch up remotely. The group includes **Sasha Opel, Agi Sardi, Wendy Schon, Margot Blattmann, Cara Bachenheimer, Tina Tricarichi, Ami Maron, Wendy Tayer,** and **Jane Sykes**. She still talks to **Laurie Fredrickson**, who remains a practicing psychiatrist in Manhattan. Marissa also met up with **Jamie Dooley** in the city, where she told him about the newly renovated WRTC studio where he was once host of a jazz show.

That's all from the Class of '83.

## 1984 Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Sal Anzalotti III, Sue Green • [f/groups/trincoll84](#)

The class secretary position for the Class of 1984 is vacant. If you would like to serve as class secretary, please contact Julie Cloutier in the Alumni Office at 860-297-2403 or [julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

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**Laura Higgs Furber** and husband Tom retired to Southport, Maine, last year. She's reconnected with **Judy Avioli Adelman** and, in the summertime, with **Prudy Horne**. Indeed, Prudy replied to my request for news in June, noting she had just gotten off the tennis court with Laura. Prudy's summer travels also took her to Portugal and Spain. "Yes, I love crowds, and I love heat. Nothing makes me happier than seeing lines of people waiting to get into museums," Prudy says. In addition to teaching at community colleges and painting for a new show, Prudy says she is looking forward to our 40th Reunion in June and says a "super fun committee" that includes her, **Andrew Merrill**, Brad Pitt, Tiger Woods, and Madonna have some great things planned! If they don't come through, **Rick Cleary** suggests a revival of the successful TED Talk-inspired reflections he championed for our 25th. Probably a better bet. Time to save the date and start thinking of ways to mark this milestone!

**Michael Jacobson** was in Frankfurt, Germany, on a "personal pilgrimage" to pay his respects to his great uncle who was executed by the Nazis for "racial mixing" or miscegenation. There has been a lot of



**Carey Cochran McGee '86, Martha Bonneville Bacigalupo '85, Ann Proctor O'Keeffe '85, and Sue Proctor '80** visit the Trinity campus on a rainy day in March 2023.

interest in understanding the legal issues in his case as well as his personal story, and a museum in Kassel included his uncle's story in a new exhibit. Mike journeyed there to give a talk and to visit some of the places in his life. He also donated a large family archive to the United States Holocaust Memorial Museum last year.

After 30-plus years teaching literature and writing mostly in New York City independent schools, **Martha Erskine** retired and lives in the mid-Hudson Valley on a small horse farm. She recently visited the Barbieri Center in Rome, reconnected with friends, and relived great memories from the days in Rome with folks such as **Maria Ritter, Marc Pinto, Daphne Vandenhoeck**, Martha Belcher '84, and the many "dear" instructors. "Grazie, Roma!"

**Ken Festa** still works at Google, living in New York City, having a great time, getting ready for his 23rd New York City marathon. His younger son had just graduated from SUNY New Paltz and started work in Pittsburgh as a programmer for PNC bank. "My older son has about 18 months to go to finish up his doctorate in physical therapy



Ellen Garrity '87 and Mario Aguero '86 were married on April 27, 2024, in Washington, D.C. Trinity alumni joining the bride and groom included Ken Jurish '87, Eleanor "Ellie" Harper '28, Jamie Harper '87, Mei-wa Cheng Brouillard '86, Melissa Moore Janes '88, Douglas Kim '87, Lucius Palmer '87, Rick Cleary '85, Bill Manger '87, Alex Boyle '85, Claude Brouillard '87, Debra Liang-Fenton '87, and Charlie Ingersoll '83 (not pictured: Robin Scullin '87).

at the University of Delaware. I'm the last person in the world to brag about my kids, but he's there on a full-ride, merit-based scholarship," Ken writes. Brag away, Ken!

**Martha Bonneville Bacigalupo** celebrated her daughter's graduation from college and her son's graduation from high school in June. In addition to enjoying work and city life in downtown Boston for the past few years, she has engaged with the Trinity women's rowing program as a supporter and career coach to help rowers transition from student-athlete to career or graduate school. Last March, Martha and friends brought "a cohort of accomplished, kick-ass alumnae" to Trinity for some training, mentoring, and networking. In addition to the annual Reach the Beach Relay, a two-day relay run through the White Mountains, Martha was gearing up to compete in this fall's Head of the Charles in a Trinity women's alumni 40+/50+/60+ boat. "Hope to see many of you along the Charles or in the city," she writes.

**Peter Eisler** is an investigative reporter at Reuters and still lives in D.C. with wife Mimi Hall '86. He has spent most of the past few years working on projects examining political violence and extremism. (Fresh reporting opportunities might be just a few weeks away, Pete!) He still plays occasional guitar gigs and catches up with old Trinity pals, including a fun ski weekend in New Hampshire last March with **Steve Duggan**, Pete Reavey '86, and Dave Warren '83. Pete also enjoyed a nice visit with old roommate

**Tony Schwartz** and wife Vira Mamchur Schwartz '87.

Finally, I note the passing of our classmate **Matt George**. Matt and I went to high school together. He was a lead in musicals, a great soccer player, and an Eagle Scout. When he graduated from Trinity with a degree in religion, he embarked on an authentic journey that included specialized painting and restoration of churches and other structures, serving as a corrections officer, outdoor adventures, penning short stories and a novel, and writing and performing original music for guitar, harmonica, and voice. He lived off the grid in a rustic cabin near a roaring brook nestled on 67 acres he owned at the foot of Mount Cardigan in New Hampshire. I paid him a visit just weeks before he died from complications of ALS in late April. He was serenely strong, spiritual, and eccentric as ever. Rest in peace, Matt.

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Greetings! I hope everyone is well.

**Rob Goner** writes, "I own a USPHL Junior Hockey Team, the Brooklyn Aviators." Maybe send one of the players up to Hartford for the next shot at the Division III National Championship.

As always, pass along any news you want to share.

**1987** President: **Douglas Kim** • Vice President: **Catherine Young** • Secretary: **Ellen Garrity**, ellen.garrity.1987@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Bob Edmunds**, **John Self**, **Bryant Zanko** • [f/groups/trin1987](#)

Hello, everyone! I will start this installment with my exciting news: Mario Aguero '86 and I were married on Saturday, April 27, on a rainy Saturday afternoon in Washington, D.C. I wore the pair of earrings (they still fit!) that I had purchased at the now-defunct G. Fox & Co. in downtown Hartford for our first date at the Monday Night Club Formal in Hamlin Hall in December 1985! The Class of 1987 was well represented; classmates present included **Claude Brouillard**, **Jamie Harper**, **Ken Jurish**, **Douglas Kim**, **Debra Liang-Fenton**, **Bill Manger**, **Lucius Palmer**, and **Robin Scullin** as well as Alex Boyle '85, Mei-wa Cheng Brouillard '86, Rick Cleary '85, Eleanor "Ellie" Harper '28 (Jamie's daughter), Charlie Ingersoll '83, and Melissa Moore Janes '88. Jamie and Douglas were readers during the ceremony, and both gave delightful and sentimental toasts at the reception, as did Mei-wa and Melissa. All of their toasts were filled with references to Trinity, and Jamie talked about the lasting strength of college friendships. The day would not have been the success that it was without the superb planning and coordination efforts of Melissa and Debbie. **Tom Swiers** joined the guys (Lucius, Doug, Claude, and Mario) for brunch the next day. A non-Trinity friend wrote me afterward that "your college must have been really special"; I am confident that many of our classmates would agree with this.

**Kathy Wholean Gray** writes, "Two years ago, I accepted the position of specialist, grants and contract, at the College of the Environment and Life Sciences at the University of Rhode Island. Since then, I have been immensely enjoying being blinded by science on a regular basis! (By the way, the shark guy says enough already with the great white shark; there's no great, it's just a white shark! And remember when LBJ said that the one who rules the weather rules the world? Well, Google the words cloud seeding!) Throughout the years, I have enjoyed many a nice lunch and more with **Michele Amendola**. Of late, other than the 'ellos' to my Trinity social media friends, I have caught up with Trinity peeps at

get-togethers hosted by **Alex Stein** and his lovely wife, Maryann. Kids are all good, and I love beyond compare spending time with my grandson, Noah!" Thanks for this fun update, Kathy!

I look forward to receiving your news!

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Hello! I hope you are all well! As I sit to write this note, there is ridiculously hot weather here in D.C. Knowing this edition will reach you in early fall has me looking forward to leaves falling, cool breezes, and seeing many of you at Homecoming/Family Weekend. Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 26!

A new "neighbor" to the D.C. crowd, **Lisa Alvarez-Calderon** writes that she and husband Kevin "are truly enjoying our transition to tiny beach town living [in Chincoteague, Virginia]. I am also loving my work as an executive coach and leadership adviser through the practice I'm building called Shine Consulting. In May, several of us '88ers—**Lisa Godek, Wendy Goldstein Pierce, Bill Carroll, and Mark Palladino**—joined **Christine Quinn** for her organization WIN's annual gala fundraising event. WIN is the largest provider of shelter and family support services for homeless women and children in New York City. It was so exciting to watch Chris's leadership in action, and of course, to stay connected with some of our dear classmates. It has been wonderful to be back on the East Coast to see Trinity friends like you, too, Tara! Hanging out in D.C. in January and celebrating Trinity's Hartford Bicentennial Gala with you in May have been real highlights." Always great to see you, Lisa! Looking forward to more now that you are back East!

The Bicentennial Gala in Hartford in May was a wonderful event celebrating Trinity's history and its future. Several classmates and their spouses attended this special evening at the Connecticut Convention Center. **Lisa Alvarez-Calderon, Dede DePatie Consoli** and husband Vic Consoli '87, **Dean Andrews, Kori Johanson**, and I were there that night to celebrate our alma mater. Special thanks to Dean for his service on the Gala Committee! It was a special night!

So great to hear from another D.C. area classmate: **Sandy Thomas** writes, "All good here—better than I deserve. My wife, Bridget, and I live in Alexandria, Virginia, and spend lots of time together floating beautiful rivers chasing trout. Our kids, Caroline, 28, and Liam, 25, are fun, interesting, employed, and local; we see them all the time. I retired from private law practice a couple years ago and am chief legal officer for a wonderful nonprofit, KIND, which delivers pro bono legal services to unaccompanied migrant children." Congratulations on your "retirement" and your new chapter of legal work, Sandy!

**Dave Lloyd** writes from Rhode Island, "So from the Lloyd family, I am glad to report that DH Junior (Trinity '23) is working for an algorithmic trading firm in Brickell, Miami, having taken zero programming at Trinity and focusing on the liberal arts curriculum and his major, English. His dad, who tried to talk him out of hedge funds (having been at one for years) reflects on the nature of a good education: it's about learning to learn. Specializing in something you really like is the right thing when you're an undergraduate. You can specialize in business, science, law, art, history, medicine, or public service later!" A great testament to a Trinity College liberal arts education! Best of luck to your son and fellow Bantam!

From Connecticut, I heard from **Mark Sommaruga** about his most recent publication. "The only thing that I have noteworthy to report is the sixth edition of my book on the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act (tastefully/aply titled *Understanding the Connecticut Freedom of Information Act*) was released at the end of 2023. While there was some publicity, including a *Hartford Courant* story in which I was labeled an 'FOIA nerd,' I am not quitting my day job as an attorney." Congratulations on the book!

News from our class president, **Dede DePatie Consoli**, who writes, "I wanted to let you know I have recently been appointed a charter member of the Board of Trustees serving a four-year term. Having been on the Board of Fellows and the National Alumni Association as well as the Parent Council among other volunteer roles, I look forward to having this opportunity to serve the College. I will continue as vice chair of the Trinity College Fund for one more year as well. Victor '87 and our daughters, Olivia '19 and Grace '22, are excited to have our family represented as a second-generation trustee

of the College; my father, Tom DePatie '52, served in the early 1980s. Our class is well represented, with **Jen Blum** and **Lisa Alvarez-Calderon** also on our board." Congratulations, Dede! I know that your decades of serving our class and the College in many capacities, in addition to being a Trin parent, have provided you with unique insight and experience that will guide your role on the board. Thank you for continued commitment to current students, the alumni, and the future of Trinity College!

As we wind down Trinity's Bicentennial year, it has been wonderful to have many opportunities for us to gather, reconnect, and celebrate. And true to form, the Class of '88 stepped up at Reunion, Homecoming/Family Weekend, campus and area club events, and the Bicentennial Gala. The Great '88!

Look forward to seeing many and more of you soon. Don't forget, Homecoming is on October 26! See you there! Stay in touch via email or our Trinity College Class of 1988 Facebook page. Until next time!

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**Allyn Magrino's** firm was named to *The Observer's* Public Relations Power List for 2024—their 10th year in a row! *The Observer* Power Lists are the most coveted and sought-after recognitions in the PR industry! The Magrino agency is a leading full-channel communications agency based in New York City. Congratulations, Allyn!

**Jay Flemma** writes, "I moved to Boise having taken a new job as director of litigation and managing attorney for all the Legal Aid offices in the state. I'll be handling constitutional law cases exclusively. One of my first cases is taking me back to the U.S. Supreme Court for the third time. I'm 1-1 there and hoping to make that a winning record."

**Craig Mellor** checks in from Bentonville: "Been in Arkansas for last 12 years after Michigan for 10 years. Been working for Kellanova (formerly Kellogg) for last 17 years, currently leading the supply-chain team servicing Walmart. Over the years have been in contact with lots of the old AD boys, but actual meetups have been few and far between, sadly. Did get together with **Mike**

# Brooke Raymond '90

## DEGREES:

**B.A. in English;**  
**M.L.S. (master of library science),**  
**Southern Connecticut State University**

## JOB TITLE:

**Senior research analyst at the New York Law Institute in New York City**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**Hanging out with friends on the quad listening to the band The English Beat on someone's boom box. I learned, laughed, loved, and grew up on campus.**

**What do you do in your role?** The New York Law Institute (NYLI) is the oldest circulating legal collection in New York City. We are a membership law library that has been serving the legal community continuously since 1828—we even provided uninterrupted service during the COVID-19 pandemic. I answer members' legal research questions together with my colleague on the reference desk. I also evaluate new digital and print resources as well as historic titles as lead on the acquisitions team for possible inclusion in NYLI's permanent collection.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** Finding the “impossible” for our end users (the member law librarians, attorneys, and ultimately their clients), who are always so appreciative!

**Would you tell us about your efforts to build a library in Cambodia?** I started becoming involved with the New York chapter of Room to Read in May 2013 after reading John Wood's *Leaving Microsoft to Change the World: An Entrepreneur's Odyssey to Educate the World's Children* and *Creating Room to Read: A Story of Hope in the Battle for Global Literacy*. These two inspirational books had a profound impact on me. Wood talks about the power and wonder of the human mind and how education and literacy are basic skills that yield the most dramatic impact and positive return on investment available on the planet. The pandemic really forced me to slow down and reevaluate things. I decided I wanted to take my participation in Room to Read to the next level and felt the desire to fund something permanent. I soon joined forces with the New Jersey chapter of Room to Read and fundraised \$35,000 for the creation, construction, and outfitting of the Raymond Library—at the Thorm Kiri Primary School in Kampong Speu, Cambodia—with bookshelves, desks, tables, and, of course, books.

**Why was this project important to you?** This is my legacy. I participated with Literacy Volunteers while at Trinity. If you can read, you can learn anything.

**How did your time at Trinity prepare you for your career?** Being a student at Trinity reinforced my sense of curiosity and wonder at how much there is to know and, having grown up fairly sheltered, how little I had been exposed to up to that point. I developed the ability to ask pertinent, relevant questions and to think



critically through analyzing results and findings. It's important to push back: Who or what is the source of this information? Are they credible?

**Did you have a professor at Trinity who was particularly influential?** Professor Barbara Benedict, my adviser, was fascinating. She made 18th-century English literature come alive by placing writings, authors, and characters in historical context. I even had dinner with her and her husband in London during my junior year abroad in France. Trinity professors care about students and can be incredibly influential, helpful, and accessible.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** That would have to be “Othello” during the spring semester of senior year. Professor Milla Riggio and visiting actor Charles Keating helped us stage a full reading, with many memorized passages, of Shakespeare's *Othello*. It was an incredible experience to watch the play come to life and to enter into that dark psychology of jealousy, paranoia, alleged cuckoldry, and revenge.

**Did you have any other formative experiences as a student at Trinity?** Serving as the Austin Arts Center publicist for a semester allowed me to see wonderful performances, work with the artists' publicists, and write advance articles in *The Trinity Tripod* to encourage student attendance. I also studied abroad via a partner program with Davidson College in Montpellier, France. I had a friend there, a Ph.D. student in economics, who originally hailed from Morocco. We visited his family during Ramadan. My friend's mother was of Berber descent, and his father was a factory worker who could not read or write. I'll never forget that. Being able to experience such a different world at a young age allowed me to develop a broader, more liberal perspective that influences me to this day.

**Vitale** not too long ago for a great dinner with him and his family.” Craig added that he and wife Julie have three amazing daughters, two living in Denver and the third a senior at University of Arkansas; “Go Hogs!” Splitting their time between Arkansas and Colorado, he’s looking to retirement not far off. “Hope all Bantams are well, and someday will make it back East for a Reunion.”

**Jonathan Cox** says, “I’m still in Houston with JPMorgan co-running energy, power, renewables, and mining IB, and I’m in New York City often. Oldest daughter is at Hopkins for grad school, son graduated from Rice, and our youngest daughter is on her way to Vanderbilt. We’re headed to Greece this summer. Lots to be thankful for. Would always love to reconnect with Trinity friends.”

**Kristin Bennett** wrote to say she had reconnected recently with **Helene de Baubigny**, and they were arranging a meetup in Boston after not seeing each other for 35 years.

**Sean Dougherty** continues to play ball hockey in Las Vegas, and he attended a comedy festival in Los Angeles in May but missed seeing **Doug Macdonald**, who was away on business. He adds, “I had a great time at Reunion catching up with so many old friends and was glad to add messages to the memorial lanterns for **Gina Letellier** and **Patty Marciano**. The party isn’t over as I am visiting **Bob Markee** in Cleveland following the Reunion Weekend.”

**Bob Markee** confirmed Sean’s visit. “Recently I got together with some old Trinity friends at a charming location in the Northeast. Among those I saw were **Andrew Walker** and about 100 other people. List available upon request. After this nice weekend, **Sean Dougherty** and his wife drove back to Cleveland with me, which makes me concerned about his ability to make good life choices.”

**Shelley Mathews Huestis** submitted her first update! “I live in North Bend, Washington, at the foothills of the Cascade Mountains (30 miles east of Seattle) with my Southeast Alaska commercial salmon fisherman and our three kids. I am a special education teacher in our school district, and I travel east each summer to see family. Please reach out if you find yourself in the Seattle area. I’d love to reconnect. shelleyhuestis@gmail.com; 425-283-6007”

**Stephen Francis** writes, “Seems like **Rob Cummings** is missing the 20-year-old ‘Class of 1989’ Reunion sign. I smell a conspiracy between Rob and **Yuichi** and **Yani Kwee Lee**

to make me the caretaker of an item with almost as much significance as the lemon squeezer. I am not sure I can handle the pressure, but fortunately my love pet and oh-so-patient wife, **Elizabeth Rosano-Francis**, will be my backup.” He went on to thank **Margaret Coughlin Romaniello** for hosting them for Reunion and to remark on how great it was to reconnect with dear friends, including **Sue Curley**, **Deirdre Ives Johnson**, **Chantal Bade**, **Jason Manske**, **Kathy Ellis**, and the aforementioned Lees.

From **Andy Warren**, “With our kids mostly launched, maybe getting more nostalgic. Became a ‘saba’ (grandpa) last year thanks to our oldest (well, and his lovely wife) in Israel. Also, our first experience as parents of a soldier at war—definitely some new gray hairs. Aside from work, folks succeed with their various senior needs in keeping us very busy. Hope to make time to see old friends before next Reunion.”

**Jason Manske** says, “After 30 years in financial services, I left MetLife at the end of 2019 and have been doing some consulting work, lots of volunteer work, and a ton of cooking.” Jason also has co-founded a company focusing on older-adult employment called Jivan. It has an ambitious goal of placing 100,000 older adults within five years. He and wife Stephanie are empty nesters, with a daughter finishing at Vassar and starting as a research analyst at Mass General and a son working for the Philadelphia Union (MLS).

**Laura (Thomas) Standard** writes, “I’m an elementary school counselor in Burlington, Vermont, and very excited to have the summer off because working in public schools post-pandemic can be crazy pants. Our son graduated from UVM last year, and our daughter will be a junior at the University of Colorado Boulder this fall. I had so much fun at our 35th Reunion in June ‘neath the elms with **Michelle Monti**, **Barbara Scudder**, **Becky Holt**, and a bunch of other folks (some of whom I hadn’t even known as an undergrad). To those of you who couldn’t make it, get out your calendars because I highly recommend getting to our next one in 2029.”

Any finally, Reunion co-organizer **Ciorsdan Conran** is “happy to report that our 35th Reunion was a lot of fun. It was a wonderful group of ‘89ers and so easy to strike up a conversation with folks after five, 10, 15 . . . 35 years. I encourage anyone who hasn’t been to Reunion to give it a try; a huge shout-out to our Alumni Office coordinators, Michelle and Ellen, who made the weekend special and run smoothly.”

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Earlier this year, our class lost one of our own—**Guy Oksehendler**—a wonderful father and brilliant attorney. Rest in peace, Guy. We will miss you.

**Dave and Toby Bates** reportedly hiked the Great Glen Way in Scotland: a “beautiful 85-mile walk.”

**Dave Copland** resides in Germany, working as a U.S. trademark lawyer with his own practice and offering counsel to a German firm based in Berlin.

**Robin Silver Grace** writes, “I have been fortunate to have had quality time with several Bantams, including **Gina Tarallo Ribaudo** at Colby Parents Weekend! I had a wonderful lunch with Trina Pew Gandal ‘88 while in Massachusetts. **Lisa Banks**, **Karyn Farquhar Packard**, **Kathy Ennis Britton**, **Leanne Lebrun Dineen** ‘89, and I took a memorable trip to Phoenix. We still laugh at the same jokes from 34 years ago! **Deb Glew Young**, who resides in Portland, Maine, has cheered on the sidelines of my son’s Colby baseball games. I am planning to attend Homecoming Weekend in October, when Kathy and Leanne will be inducted into the Trinity Athletics Hall of Fame, while also honoring Wendy Bartlett, as she is retiring after 40 years at the helm of women’s squash.”

**Greg “Gretzky” Johnson** works for Chenery Compliance, a small boutique investment compliance firm. “Love the job, and the location is five minutes from home. My wife, Laurie, and oldest daughter, Lindsay, work for Booz Allen. Lauren, my middle, graduated from James Madison and is working on getting her Pennsylvania teacher’s license. Mikey, my bookend, will be playing DI lacrosse at Hobart in fall 2025.”

**Greg Milbourne** reports from Tbilisi, where he was able to reconnect with George Okribelashvili, a visiting student junior year. “My son Aidan accompanied me to explore this fabulous country over 30 years after my last visit and the end of Soviet occupation. I’m currently a psychologist in private practice. My kids chose Ursinus College and are doing well, as is my wife, Mary Susan.”

**Susan Monaco** has lived in Valencia, Spain, for the past three years but soon will move back to London. Her daughter, Silvie, is 14



**Gabin Rubin '90 and several friends from the Classes of 1990 through 1992 celebrate at her son Asher's bar mitzvah in New York City in September 2023.**

and entering high school. I am hoping to catch up with her, **Lisa Tomlinson**, **Jennifer Schultz Gilbert**, and **Gabin Rubin** in the Hamptons over the summer.

**Alexis Brashich Morledge** shares that she is enjoying her new position as the executive director of The Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New York. She and LJ have traveled recently, savoring the Loire Valley and Barcelona. Sons Louis and Sasha graduated from UPenn and are pursuing advanced degrees: J.D./M.B.A. and med school.

**Jim Murphy** recently dined with **Jim Dormer**, **Andrew "AK" Katz**, and **John Greenspan**. Jim D. has a senior role with Jane Street, the global trading platform, and recently moved back to Connecticut from London. AK is the chief marketing officer for Athletic Brewing Company and has the best job imaginable. **John Greenspan** is busy doing commercial real estate deals with David Adam Realty. Jim M. is in touch with **Mike Cavanaugh** and **Robin Halpern Cavanaugh '91**, whose sons, Charles and Aiden, also attended Trinity.

**Chris Pouncey**, who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, and works at the University of Virginia, reports: "We will be empty nesters this fall as our daughter, Eliza, will be a freshman at Amherst."

**Gabin Rubin** reports: "My wife, Samantha, and I celebrated our son's bar mitzvah in New York City with lifelong Trinity friends, [including] **Gina Tarallo Ribaldo**, **Jennifer Schultz Gilbert**, **Lisa Tomlinson**, **Suzanne Gouveia Bruno '91**, **Ann Newman Selvitelli**

'91, and **Katie Kwak Gavin '92**. Groovin' Rubin came out of retirement for the event to dance the night away."

**Elya Schwartzman** writes, "In 2020, I co-founded BondBloxx, a company specializing in fixed income ETFs. Regarding my three sons, Nathan is nearby and works as a professional architect, Jonah is pursuing a master's in computer science at WashU, and Gabriel finished his freshman year at NYU. Susan and I continue to enjoy the outdoors and the wine in Northern California."

**Suzanne Davidson Talbot** writes, "I finished my 31st year as a school psychologist. Dave and I are taking a river cruise and hope to connect with **Liz Flammia Rosato** in Budapest. Ran into **Marie Dempsey** at Trinity for a Board of Fellows meeting. Marie resides in London and travels the world for work and pleasure. **Mary Sabatini Rametta '89** and I also attended the Greek Festival in Hartford, where we enjoyed some gyros and ouzo."

**Neil Walsh** writes that he lives in Newbury, Massachusetts, with wife Anne and four kids. "Three will be in college and one in high school this year. Professionally, I have a management consulting and executive coaching practice and am also a part-time lobster boat captain for my son's business.

**Tim Boylan** and I are trying to find ways to work together, and I get together every year with **Ed Troiano**, **Jim Murphy**, **Paul Diaz**, **Ray Hannan**, and **Jeff Proulx**. Ed is launching a commercial oyster/tour venture in Rhode Island that focuses on a Narragansett Bay cruise and enjoying freshly harvested

oysters. Tim is CEO of OPS360, a BPO company with the esteemed **Steve Kemler** on his board. Jeff is in Minnesota working as corporate counsel for Target. Jim is in Darien, Connecticut, running Bernstein's Private Wealth Management Connecticut office. **Paul** and **Ana Carvajal** are traveling everywhere now that they have an empty nest. Ray is in New Jersey and has a big job at Westfield Specialty Insurance."

**Heidi Wisbach**, in New York City doing business and digital transformation consulting, writes, "I recently connected for research with **Matt Welton**, **Alec Schall**, and **Pat McCabe '91**. I'm living in the Flatiron District with a great view of the Empire State Building, sharing an apartment with my boyfriend, Arnon Siegel. We attended the Bicentennial Celebration, where **Lisa Banks** and **Stephanie Ritz** impressed on panels, and **George Will '62** was classic."

As for me, I am at Bank of America in product delivery and looking forward to retirement. (**Jen Schultz Gilbert** and I are starting a Trinity retirement community in South Carolina if anyone wants in!) When not working, I'm a gym rat and boating down the river to Newburyport. Next month, we plan to meet up with **Ron Goodman** and his wife, Marie, at their new home in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Mike and I have enjoyed watching our kids fly the coop—our boys are almost out of college, and our daughter finished freshman year at Colby. Thanks to all who wrote, either about themselves or their friends. I loved hearing from each of you! **Gina Tarallo Ribaldo** (gmribaldo1@comcast.net or gina.m.ribaldo@bofa.com)

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Hello, classmates!

Being class secretary has proven to be so fun catching up with everyone, but I'm not gonna lie, the thought of taking over this position from **Heather Watkins Walsh** was daunting. I made myself feel better knowing that at least I didn't have to play her in tennis! Now, if I can figure out how she got everybody to send in updates . . .



But **Ashleigh Zachar Jevons** and a bunch more of our classmates have stepped up to the plate. Ashleigh tells us that she “left Miami 20 years ago to do a three-year work stint in Switzerland, and today I find myself living in London with my British husband, 14-year-old daughter Olive, and 12-year-old son Philip! Never a dull moment on this side of the pond! Please reach out if London is calling!”

Word has it that **Billy Cerveny**, after serving as a pastor in the Presbyterian Church for the past 10 years in Nashville, recently relocated to Jacksonville, Florida, where he transferred his ordination into the Episcopal Church. It has been a huge blessing for Billy and his family and no doubt to his parishioners! Of note, not only is Billy’s proud father a leader in the Episcopal Church, but he also is a Trinity alumnus.

**Chris** and **Tracy Goodridge** report that they spent Commencement weekend watching their son Jonathan (B.A. in political science) become the sixth (amazing!) generation of Goodridges to graduate from Trinity (he also is a second-generation Pike)! Chris shares, “We enjoyed the ceremony, the Commencement address by Danny Meyer ’80 (‘What could possibly go right?’), and celebrating with friends and family at the hospitality tents (wish we had had these when we graduated!). The other highlight of the weekend was seeing old friends, including Scott Brown ’92, whose son Jack graduated with Jonathan (and also is a second-generation Pike brother); **Mark Haddad**, who celebrated his son Brendo’s graduation; and ‘the-always-great-to-hang-out-with’ **Jorge Rodriguez**. Finally, we are also especially grateful that we were able to spend time with our close friend **Eric Estes** (including lunch at First and Last Tavern for his favorite shrimp scampi pizza), who fulfilled his trustee duties with grace and good humor. [Eric,] we will miss your fantastic sense of humor, friendship, and spot-on candor.” Many of us feel the same way, Chris.

**Robin Halpern Cavanaugh** reports, “Hello, everyone! Mike and I were back on campus in April for the Pat and Charlie McGill ’63 annual international studies lecture. We’ve been in touch with **Pat McCabe**, who reached out to Mike when his son Kieran ’26 became an AD brother. He was questioning his parenting skills that led Kieran to join our sons Charlie ’23 and Aidan ’23 at 122 Vernon Street. Homecomings will be especially fun now! We enjoyed a fun night with many ’91 classmates at the Bicentennial Gala in May.

It was great to see **Shawn Wooden** (co-chair of the event), **Ann Newman Selvitelli**, **Jorge Rodriguez**, **Peyton Tansill Muldoon**, **Liz Bakulski Peterson**, **George Logan**, **Kelson Etienne-Modeste**, **Amy Williams Matthews**, and **Margaret Lukaszyc**. Later in May, our youngest son, Michael, graduated from Holy Cross. For a family of Bantams, we could not have asked for a more amazing college experience for him! Uncle **Andrew Halpern** was able to join us for the graduation festivities and again for a fun trip on MDI [Mount Desert Island, Maine] in June. Like many of our classmates, I was shocked to hear the news of **Eric Estes**’s passing. What a great man and amazing friend he was to so many of us. I connected with **Eve Applebaum Knapp**, **Tracy Young Goodridge**, and **Lawrence Kolin** once I heard the news. Eric will definitely be missed by the whole Bantam community.”

News from **Anita Joshi**, a physician, tells us that not only is she smart but she also is politically savvy. She was elected to the City Council of Carmel, Indiana, in November and began serving her first term as the only elected Democrat on January 1. Congrats on both, Anita!

**Patrick McCabe** reports, “I had a chance to catch up with some soccer teammates recently, including **William Rosselli Del Turco**, **John Ramsey**, John Twichell ’92, Dr. Peter Alegi ’92 (a.k.a. the ‘Soccer Dr.’ in his field of history at MSU), and **Scott Zoltowski**. We are already planning for World Cup ’26 reunion. I saw **Dan Alter** briefly in Miami, and Dan is still working wonders in the legal world. He has two daughters, both in college. I’ve happened upon **The Tucker Carlson Podcast**, and I have to say it’s different and thought-provoking. I will be waiting for my invite, Tucker!” Speaking of **Tucker Carlson**, he has certainly been making the rounds! He conducted an epic interview with Vladimir Putin (among others) this year and is on a global speaking tour as of this writing.

In other big 1991 news, classmate **Mary McCormack** co-authored a new book, *What’s Next: A Backstage Pass to The West Wing, Its Cast and Crew, and Its Enduring Legacy of Service*. Allison Janney remarked, “Mary and Melissa succeed so brilliantly in capturing what it was like to be part of *The West Wing*. From the casting process to the table reads to our final night of filming, *What’s Next* is packed full of details, anecdotes, and secrets from behind the scenes. This is the book *The West Wing* deserves.”

A huge thank-you to those classmates who were able to send updates this time

and another thank-you in advance to those who promised that they “for sure, no doubt, definitely will not forget” to send them for the next issue. I’ll be waiting by my mailbox! Take care all, and be well, Mary

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Hey 1993ers! Hope everyone is doing well; delivering a few updates here. From moi, I did my quarterly breakfast with **Peter Knight**. He’s doing really well. I’m sure he won’t mind if I brag for him. His latest writing gig is on the TV show *Ted*. I was on campus in April for a tour with my son. The place looks beautiful. I get an occasional email from **Prescott Stewart**. He’s always traveling somewhere, says he’s spending some time in Windsor, Connecticut, this summer. So maybe he’ll get to campus to visit.

**Ran Barton** writes, “I’m at the same job with the same wonderful wife in the same house, so no news in that regard, but I am delighted to say that my youngest, Kate, received early admission to Trinity and will be joining the Class of 2028 this fall. It was a lot of fun to be up at campus and see how fancy and polished the sales job has become, compared to the ‘we hope you come here’ pitch I received back in the day.” Another Bantam!

**Rachel Schewe** checks in, “Things are good with the Schewe family. Our oldest, Emme, graduated from Duke last spring and is coming back to Boston this fall to start a nurse practitioner master’s program; we are so looking forward to having her back after her time in North Carolina and Texas last year. Our middle daughter, Kate, finished her sophomore year at Syracuse, and our youngest, Gretel, will be a senior in the fall. Time is flying by. We have had some great times with Trinity friends this year, too! In February, **Angela DeNicola Player** and her husband,



**Matt Longcore '94, Clare Schneider Robinson '94, and Andrew Levine '94 get together at Reunion 2024.**



**Pike brothers from the Class of 1994—Graham Johnston, Kenneth Thress, Justin Oliver, Chris Foley, Thomas Socha, and John Prendergast—meet at Reunion 2024.**

Sam, were here to visit their daughter at Tufts, and we had so much fun with Sandy and **Mike Giardi** and **Denise Tsiumus Gibbons** and her husband, Craig. Later in February, Denise, Sandy, and I went to London to visit Sandy's daughter Tessa, a junior at Lafayette, who was studying there this spring. We had a ball! And this past weekend, **Joanna Polio Onorato** was moving her daughter Ava, a senior in the fall at Wake Forest, up to the Boston area for a summer internship, and we had a fabulous wine-infused dinner at our house with Sandy, Denise, Ava, and our daughters Kate and Gretel. It's been a busy spring and looking forward to a great summer in the Boston area if anyone is in town." Busy!

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Dear Class of 1994, It is my honor and privilege to serve as the new secretary for the Class of 1994. In the months ahead, please send all Class Notes to **matthew.longcore@yale.edu**. I would like to thank our classmate **Sanji Fernando** for his excellent service in this role over the past two years. I also would like to thank **Rachel Brumberg** for appointing me as the new secretary. Congratulations to our class co-presidents, **Molly Thiele Farrell** and **Deb Watts Povinelli**.

For those of you who were able to join us in June at our 30th Reunion, the event was a blast. We had perfect weather, and the gatherings on the quad and on Vernon Street

were as memorable as ever. According to the Alumni Office, there were 72 attendees from '94, which is about 20 percent of our class. Well done, everyone!

There were so many classmates that I personally enjoyed reconnecting with, including **Andrew Levine** and **Clare Schneider Robinson**, as well as **Graham Johnston, Kenneth Thress, Justin Oliver, Chris Foley, Thomas Socha, and John Prendergast**. It also was great to see old friends, including **John Viener, Jennifer Hitchcock Sikernitsky, Patrick Gingras, Jay Sarzen, Kathryn Harkless Groves, Molly Thiele Farrell, Rachel Brumberg, Brian Burnim, Peter Friedman, and Adam Kreisel** (the one based in D.C.).

Can't wait for our next Reunion! Cheers, **Matthew Longcore**.

From the Alumni Office: Stinson LLP is pleased to welcome **Richard J.L. Lomuscio** to the firm's New York office as a partner in the Financial Services and Class Action Practice Division. He has more than 20 years of experience handling complex financial litigation and specializes in commercial and regulatory disputes concerning securities, intricate financial instruments, mortgage securitizations, cryptocurrency, fund formation, and corporate governance matters.

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of Oxford in the U.K. and feeling more and more settled. Turns out, time is all you need when you move to a new country during lockdown! Well, time and activities. In May, I was in Dublin on my annual Fenwick sibling trip. It was such a pleasure to catch up with **Trish Haneman Cox**, fellow ski team and Kappa friend, who was there on a trip with colleagues and students for two weeks! Trish and I had a quick coffee before my siblings and I headed out for an Irish Sea swim, more like a dip! There have been some fun London Trinity events, and I look forward to attending more."

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**Gaia DiLoreto** writes with an update from Brooklyn, where she recently has taken on the role of executive director of Brooklyn Made Stores (Sunset Park and downtown Brooklyn) at the Brooklyn Chamber of Commerce. "This exciting opportunity allows me to return to my entrepreneurial roots, supporting local makers and artisans, much like I did when I owned the internationally renowned gift shop By Brooklyn." Congratulations, Gaia!

Always fun when classmates write with updates for the very first time, as is the case here for **Mathew Glazier**: "Our daughter, Alexandra, graduated from Tulane this past

May and is pursuing a career in sports marketing. Our son, Charlie, finished his junior year at Berkshire, where he was a member of the varsity hockey and baseball teams. Lara and I are enjoying life as empty nesters and look forward to celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary this fall. I wish the best to my fellow classmates!”

**Dawn Laney** still enjoys her work at Emory teaching, seeing genetic patients, and running clinical trials: “The crazy thing is that right now I’m also doing college tours with my kid. Weren’t we just looking at Trinity? How can I be doing this as a parent now? I know I’m not alone, though, because **Cliff Segil** swung by Emory with his lovely daughter for a college tour, and I’m enjoying the updates from **Becky McElroy Mendoza** and **Jessica Davidson**, who also have boys on this schedule. **Laura Paulick Moodie** isn’t quite there yet, but I’m looking forward to celebrating our February milestone birthday with her and all you other half-century achievers this year.”

Best of luck to the many classmates facing the exciting (terrifying) milestone of sending kids off to college. I imagine this journey leads to some reminiscing about our Trinity days and wondering if our kids will do the same stupid things we did. Fortunately, I have seven more years before I need to face this with my own child. Till next time! Bee

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**Kate Brierley Swiader '98, Corinne Tuccillo King '98, Kate Reid Butterly '98, Morgan Rissel Tarr '98, and Regan Farrar Cucinell '98 enjoy Charleston, South Carolina, during a recent trip.**

donations primarily through an annual relay marathon team at the Colfax Marathon in Denver. They were back at it for year 14 this past May. Mike gave special thanks to those Trinity alums who continue to contribute year over year: **Jim Heneghan, Levi Litman, and Pete Mangione** (also a run participant).

From the Alumni Office: **Corinne Tuccillo King** writes: “**Kate Brierley Swiader, Kate Reid Butterly, Morgan Rissel Tarr, Regan Farrar Cucinell**, and I had a great reunion in Charleston, South Carolina, with **Bridget Janairo Best, and Nell Daly**. Other local Charleston ladies, **Emily Calcagno Williams** and **Mary Kent Hearon '97**, joined us for some of the fun.”

**1999** President: William M. Mahoney • Vice President: Michael J. York • 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)

Hello, friends! It is still so hard to believe another *five* years have passed and another Trinity Reunion happened . . . and what a weekend it was. I, for one, had a blast. The weather was terrific, the campus looks great, and, as always, the food and drinks were flowing on the quad all weekend long. It was a pretty “authentic” Trinity experience in a lot of ways, from spending a good portion of Friday evening at the Tap drinking pitchers of beer (FYI, Narragansett is apparently the draft of choice at the ‘ol Tap these days), to ending the weekend with proper late-night festivities in our town house. OK, so “late night” was more of a semi-late night, and the

town houses are more like hotels than dorms, but we did have a beer-pong table and lots of fun until it was time to retire! Thanks to **Chris Lane** for keeping our glasses filled at the tap and to **Karyn Meyer Johnson** for bringing her portable pong table. I was convinced it would not get used, but I stand wholly corrected!

It was so much fun to stay on Crescent Street again this year, and wow—central AC? Not in our day! For those who haven’t seen them, here’s what ours looked like: nine single bedrooms over three floors, a full kitchen, living/dining area, and three full baths that you actually don’t feel the need to wear flip flops in when you shower (but did you even go to college if you didn’t have shower flips?). Unclear. However, it does make for one heck of a lodging situation for Reunion! I shared these palatial digs with Karyn, **Allison Lanzetta, Beth Bronzino** and **Bob Deegan, Heidi Notman Muccifori, Bill Mahoney, Scott Rousseau** and Sarah Jubitz ’97, and **Courtney McKenna Armstrong**. The late-night crowd also included **Mike York, Jason Chapman, Mike Ingrassia, Chris Newhall, Meg Fowler Peterson, Amy Ramalho Mahery, Chris Devanney, Andy Reilly, Alexis Gallisa, Eric Crawford, Andy Tarrant, Rob McLean, Emily Seung, and Carolyn Stone Berndt**. I had not seen many of these characters in ages, and it was so much fun to catch up!

Throughout the weekend, it was great to see so many classmates and their spouses on the quad, including **Jen Garritt** and **Jon Erensen, Stephanie Corbett McAdams** and Doug McAdams ’98, **Christie Walsh Rishworth** and Corey Rishworth ’97, **Adam Schlichtmann** and Gabbie Rappolt

# Andrew Malick '00

## DEGREES:

**B.A. in engineering; master's in architecture, master's in urban design, Washington University in St. Louis; master's in real estate development (for architects), Woodbury University**

## JOB TITLE:

**Founder and CEO of Malick Infill Development in San Diego, founded in 2015**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**My senior year, all of the engineering students were grouped into teams and tasked to create a device that could allow a human to walk on water. Each team then had to compete against each other side by side in the pool to determine the most effective device. I was elected to be the pilot of my team's machine. It was the best test of what we learned in the engineering school. A way to apply mathematics and engineering principles into an, albeit ridiculous, real-world application. It was challenging and really fun. Thanks, Dr. Peattie.**

**Why did you found your company?** I did not have ambitions to become a real estate developer. After Trinity, I worked for a corporate general contractor building high-rise office buildings. Construction was exciting, but I became bored with it after five years. I decided to study urban design because there was a growing body of research that correlated our postwar land development patterns with many social ills. Public health problems like obesity and depression were tied to suburbanization but so too was climate change.

I didn't know how I wanted to use my degree, but land-use planning and design seemed a very interesting and fulfilling area of study. My timing was terrible. When I finished my degree, it was 2009. The market had crashed, and there weren't any design jobs. Construction had halted in San Diego much like everywhere else, but there were a select few who had figured how to build during the downturn. This group claimed the common moniker of architect-developer. After learning more about the scene, I saw that these architects hadn't merely figured out a formula to build when no others were but they also were doing really different and precedent-setting projects. In effect, they were implementing the good urban design principles I'd studied in school, but they didn't have to convince a developer of their progressive ideas to implement them because they were the developer.

I worked for a couple of these architect-developers before being encouraged to start my own firm. My first project was won by competition. The municipality that hosted the competition was looking for a catalyst project to revitalize a dying main street. Our solution was titled "downtown in one building," and the ideas in it were the culmination of everything I had learned to date. I used to cringe when people referred to me as a developer. Our society has a notoriously poor opinion of the profession. But recently I've tried to embrace the title and explain the difference between what I do as an infill developer. We try to balance social equity, environmental responsibility, and economic viability. The infill developer is the good developer.

**What do you do in your role?** Since the founding of my company, I've split my time pretty equally between advocating for better land-use policy and running a boutique development company. I knew going in that 70 years of jumbled legislation had effectively made multifamily housing illegal, so policy work was essential to carving a place for my



business to exist. Fortunately, as suburban housing was becoming more difficult to build because of strict environmental laws and the threats of wildfire, policymakers were eager to find new ways to solve our extreme lack of housing.

**What do you enjoy most about your work?** I get to design and develop really cool places for people.

### **What are the biggest challenges you face?**

Skilled-labor shortages in the construction industry. We have talent shortages in all rungs of the ladder from upper management to laborer. If we are going to keep up with housing demand, we're either going to need to figure out how to do it with fewer people or encourage more to work construction jobs.

**What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity?** "Calculus II." It was so memorable, I took it twice.

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

The late Miller Brown was very influential. He taught me in an intro to philosophy course, but more than that he taught me how to reason. After receiving a bad grade on my first paper, I visited him during his office hours to seek help. He was so kind and patient. The methods he taught me I still use to this day.

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Schlichtmann '97, Sarah McGowan, Yndia Lorick-Wilmot, Robert Goldsmith, Greg Tirrell, Lindsay Cotter Sullivan, Kira Zaiger Pearlman, Betsy Wood Keller, Sue Kemalian, Laura Blackwell, Laila Forster, Michelle Kennedy Russell, Mikael Schad, Kyra Bateman Slawski, Robin Mack, Courtney Glenn de Kanter, Meredith Tarbell McCabe, Alyssa Stewart Merrifield, Alison Odell Bricker, Colleen Kirby O'Donnell, and Kelly Flaman Roberts.

Our class dinner took place in another new space—the library. It was impressive and a very unexpected spot for a meal, but it also was really cool, and surprisingly, worked very well!

**Bill Mahoney** was reelected as class president and yours truly as class secretary. Sidenote: I know how coveted this role is (not), so thank you from the bottom of my heart for “electing” me to continue—LOL! It's been 20 years for me, yet here I am, still writing my little brains out to the best of my abilities! We also pulled **Mike York** into the mix as vice president. Welcome to the party, Yorkie! Many thanks are due to the Reunion Committee and class agents, including **Amelia Margolis Haddad**, **Caroline Olmstead Wallach**, **Allison Lanzetta**, **Carolyn Stone Berndt**, and **Christie Walsh Rishworth**, for all of their efforts leading up to Reunion Weekend—a fun and memorable time was had by all who attended. And between the paragraphs above, I think I managed to list every classmate who was there. If I missed anyone, my apologies, it was definitely not intentional. Thanks also to all the Trinity staff in the Alumni Office who work tirelessly to pull this weekend off every year.

If you haven't been to a Reunion or haven't been in a while, please consider joining us for the next one. It really is a situation of the more the merrier. I have been to all of them so far, and I highly recommend the

Trinity Reunion experience! We really do have a class of awesome people, and I leave with a full, happy heart each and every time. Quite frankly, I am looking forward to our 30th already. In the meantime, enjoy the next five years, stay happy and healthy, and please—for the love of all that is good—write to me once in a while with some *Reporter* juice! Cheers, Niners!

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Friends and classmates, another issue of *The Trinity Reporter* is here! As you are aware, Trinity celebrated its 200th anniversary this year. A pretty huge accomplishment.

**Alice (Wisniewski) Vautour**, **Shana Grannan Russell**, and **Shannon McGill** attended Trinity's Bicentennial Gala in May. They had a lovely evening celebrating our alma mater.

**Phoebe DePree** launched a cannabis edibles brand in Ohio called Goddess Growers, and “it's going really well. We are opening in Illinois dispensaries later this year.”

It's been a wild few months for your class secretary (**Susanna Kise**). In early May, I left storm-prone Houston for fire-prone Los Angeles. I have a new job focused on commercial real estate partnership tax and a new apartment right by Runyon Canyon. At the end of May, I was able to meet up with **Carla Boecklin** and her husband when they were briefly in town for work. I'm looking forward to reconnecting with other classmates out here and to seeing my brother (**Jeff Kise '85**) more often.

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**Andy Schiavetti '00** holds daughter **Josephine**, whom he and partner **Sandy** welcomed in late January 2024.



**Shana Grannan Russell '01**, **Alice (Wisniewski) Vautour '01**, and **Shannon McGill '01** enjoy Trinity's Bicentennial Gala in May 2024.

Greetings from Larchmont! ‘Tis the season for June weekends on the road shuttling kids to various lacrosse tournaments up and down 95. This past weekend in Allentown, New Jersey, I watched **Samantha Staffier Burman's** daughter's lacrosse team play at Lax for the Cure. Unfortunately, I didn't get to see Samantha, but there's always the next tournament! Please let me know if your children are playing lacrosse and attending tournaments. I'll make sure to look out for you.

Checking in from the West Coast (more like me asking dear friends to contribute notes—thanks, Kara, for helping a girl out!), **Kara Klenk** reports that her podcast, *That's Messed Up: An SVU Pod*, will be touring in October and then amping it up in 2025. Kara and Liza Treyger are comedians and amateur detectives who break down episodes of *Law & Order: SVU* and interview cast members.



**Jonathan Chesney '05, wife Ali, and children Maisie Marie, Georgi, and Malcolm Arthur spend time at home in Memphis, Tennessee, in January 2024.**

Follow Kara and *That's Messed Up* at @thats-messeduppod. She has more than 37,000 followers! Kara didn't share that info, but I will because that's incredible!

Thank you also to **Andy Robinson**, who shares that his children ages 12 and 14 have reached the sweet spot for traveling, and they have been taking advantage of it! Andy reports that fall and spring breaks were "twin whirlwind trips around California—San Francisco, Los Angeles, Monterey, Yosemite, and Palm Springs. Shout-out to **Eric Brown** and **Katie Brooks Bennett!** June is a family reunion near Port Washington, Connecticut, and our 14-year-old daughter is in full *Gilmore Girls* mode so she is in seventh heaven. On our way through N.Y.C., we will miss **Dana Betterton Wolfe** and **Taylor Wolfe**, as they are heading up to Maine. July holds a trip to Rocky Mountain National Park in Colorado, and maybe we could stop by and see Haley Ford '01 along the way. October has a trip planned to Ireland, and we may go visit the original TrinColl." Andy, your trips sound amazing!

**Patrick Roman** and I have called Larchmont, New York, home for 10 years. We will have two kids in middle school next year (Luke, 13, and Eliza, 11), and Anna (almost 10) will enjoy one year as the only Roman kid at the local elementary school. We think she's looking forward to the spotlight! We aren't looking forward to two middle school kids with cell phones; one child with a cell phone was challenging enough!

Please send me your updates (ellen-zarchin@hotmail.com) for the next edition of *The Trinity Reporter*. Thank you!

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Greetings to the Class of 2003! After a long hiatus for our Class Notes, we're excited to be back. Please keep the updates coming.

During a recent visit to the Brooks School as my oldest daughter kicked off her prep school search, I had the pleasure of running into **Joe Giallanella** and **Dave Pope**, who were at Brooks to celebrate their 25th reunion. I'm also looking forward to catching up with **Mark Hurley** and **Gavin O'Reilly** later this summer on Cape Cod.

**Brian Dutt** and wife Vanessa welcomed their first child, Isabela, in March. Isabela is excited to follow in dad's footsteps as the Class Day speaker for Trinity's Class of 2046!

**Lauren Jacobs** reports she finished listening to our classmate **Lisa Phu's** documentary podcast, *Before Me*, for the second time! *Before Me* tells the story of Lisa's family history and her mom's heart-wrenching journey from Cambodia to America, surviving the Cambodian genocide. Lauren is excited to be getting together with Lisa and other Trin Trin friends and their families this summer!

**Elisha Augustine Costigan** has been embracing the charm of the Jersey Shore since relocating back there with her family four years ago. The changing seasons along the coast have provided a beautiful backdrop for her bustling household, which includes

three energetic children and the recent addition of an adorable puppy. Amid the chaos, the Costigan family is planning a family trip to Ireland, where they look forward to reconnecting with her husband's family and exploring their heritage.

**2004** President: **Matthew W. Glasz** • Vice President: **Meredith A. MacKinnon** • Secretary: **Jake Schneider**, jacob.schneider.2004@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Lori Evans Alderin, Bret Boudreaux, Matt Glasz, Mimi MacKinnon, Jake Schneider** • [f/groups/485669531523501](#) **Jared Carillo** and wife Morgan crossed 15 years of marriage. They and their girls (14, 11, and 10) continue to spend time with several Trinity alums and occasionally get away on vacations with a few! His business is keeping him busy and traveling a bit, but it's been exciting to watch it grow.

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**2005** President: **Erin E. Kinney** • Vice President: **Rebecca M. Bell** • Secretary: **Amy Laurenza**, amy.laurenza.2005@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: **Eileen Flynn, Devin Malay, Andrea Leverant Minor, Liz Hanusovsky Patterson** • [f/groups/trinitycollegeclassof2005](#) **Jonathan Chesney** writes, "My wife, Ali, gave birth to our twins, Maisie Marie and Malcolm Arthur, in July 2023, a bit prematurely, but after a stay in the NICU, both are at home and healthy and well. Along with our 3-year-old daughter, Georgi, life is very full (and very exhausting), but very wonderful."

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

From the Alumni Office: **Dana Monique** reports, "I am a freelance gallery artist and a curator for Windsor Art Center. I served on the board as well. It is a small world as Kristin Triff, a professor at Trinity, is on the board. I have been doing this for two years, and in those two years, I have taken part in over 20 exhibits from Connecticut, New Jersey, and New York. In my first show in New Jersey, I won the People's Choice Award, and I even made it into a national juried exhibition last year. Recently, I made it into the Mixmaster Juried Exhibition at

Mattatuck Museum in Waterbury, all with no professional art experience!”

**2007** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Joey Butler, Jenny Carson, Devon Lawrence, Samuel J. Rednor • [f/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](mailto:julie.cloutier@trincoll.edu).

**2008** President: Cory Edmonds • Vice President: Alex Goldberg • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Nadia Zahran Anderson, Sasha C. Kravetz

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**2009** President: Danae G. McKenzie • Secretary: Caitlin M. Brisson, [caitlin.brisson.2009@trincoll.edu](mailto:caitlin.brisson.2009@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Danae G. McKenzie, Kumud Nepal, Alexandra Klestadt Patack, Alexandra Purdie Wueger

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**2010** President: Jordyn Sims Pierce • Vice President: Stephanie E. Apstein • Secretary: Rebecca M. Herrigel, [rebecca.herrigel.2010@trincoll.edu](mailto:rebecca.herrigel.2010@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: James Bancroft, Justin Barrett, Raquasheva Ramirez Darcy, Adam Dawson, Emilia Gagnon Lamb, Amye Waterhouse • [f/groups/777318939001542](#)

Hi, everyone, hope you had a wonderful summer! As always, please don't hesitate to reach out to me at [rmherrigel@gmail.com](mailto:rmherrigel@gmail.com) if you have any news you'd like to share for the winter 2025 issue. And with that, here are some exciting updates from two of the Class of 2010's finest!

**Kristen Liska** and Peter Valente were married on May 18, 2024, at the White Cliffs Country Club in Plymouth, Massachusetts. No rain during the ceremony could dampen the spirits of this fun, loving wedding! Kristen's Clemens 302 roommates, **Elizabeth O'Connell** and **Rebecca Herrigel**, were in attendance. The couple plan to take a Mediterranean cruise for their honeymoon in July.

**Sam Newman** and Pini Zomer were married in an intimate ceremony surrounded by close friends and family this spring in



**Kristen Liska '10** and Peter Valente were married on May 18, 2024, at the White Cliffs Country Club in Plymouth, Massachusetts. Elizabeth O'Connell '10, left, and Rebecca Herrigel '10, second from right, joined the bride and groom.



**Sam Newman '10** and Pini Zomer were married in spring 2024 in Rochester, New York.



**Kevin Sciarra '14** and Caitlyn Flynn were married on May 31, 2024, in South Salem, New York, with many Bantams in attendance.

Rochester, New York. They are planning a larger celebration in Tel Aviv next fall, with the hopes that the current hostage and humanitarian crises are resolved.

a very thorough article about me that included Dr. DePhillips, my Trinity mentor.” Google **Carolyn Carta** AWIS Chicago to read the article.

**2011** President: Catherine E. Marinello • Secretary: Remi Evans Dolan, [remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu](mailto:remi.evans.2011@trincoll.edu)

• Class Agents: Michael A. Magdelinkas-Vazquez, Rachel L. Meddar, Abigail A. Smitka From the Alumni Office: **Carolyn Carta** writes, “I was named Scientist of the Month through American Women in Science-Chicago Chapter and was interviewed by a graduate student who wrote

**2012** President: John Michael Mason • Vice President: Andrew J. Koris • Secretary: Mary Kate Morr, [mary.morr.2012@trincoll.edu](mailto:mary.morr.2012@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: James J. Armillay, Naomi Sobelson Mashburn, John Michael Mason, Charles McConnell, Mary Kate Morr, Michael Schlesinger • [f/groups/trincoll2012](#)

# Cyemone Douglas '11

## DEGREES:

**B.A. in educational studies; master's in curriculum and instruction, Concordia University; Connecticut Teacher Residency Program**

## JOB TITLE:

**Fourth-grade teacher at CREC Museum Academy in Bloomfield, Connecticut**

## FAVORITE

### TRINITY MEMORY:

**My absolute favorite memories were movie nights with one of my closest friends at Trinity. We could've stayed in our dorms to watch movies, but we loved to go to the Raether Center. We reserved spaces that had the big-screen TVs. I cherished those moments and the friendship we developed.**

### What was your path to your current position?

My path to becoming a teacher was not a typical one. I was certain that Trinity would be the foundation I needed to help me one day stand in an operating room performing open heart surgery. Many of my fondest memories include taking science courses. I remember being a lab TA for "Organic Chemistry" and a conversation I had with Professor Tim Curran that gave me the encouragement I needed to continue to believe in myself. His words helped me to embrace my presence at Trinity.

While continuing to pursue the sciences, I decided to take "EDUC 200: Analyzing Schools." As a Hartford native, I felt a sense of obligation to learn more about the school system. After taking that course, my plans began to shift. The more education courses I took, the more I wanted to pursue education. It wasn't until later in life that I realized my dream may have changed, but my purpose was revealed.

**What do you enjoy most about teaching?** Each day I go to work, I have the opportunity to "do life" with my kiddos. Once I became a teacher, I learned pretty quickly that a teacher is more than a person who gives information regarding various content. I enjoy preparing students to become lifelong learners, critical thinkers, and problem solvers. I enjoy taking part in building the foundation to prepare my scholars with the skills needed to become active citizens in society. I enjoy preparing students for fifth grade. I absolutely love greeting my students in the morning. I enjoy the relationship I build with my students; even after they leave my classroom, they embrace me with excitement.

**What is the biggest challenge you face?** The ability to meet the needs of every single one of my students. [Abraham] Maslow's hierarchy of needs suggests that there are five levels of needs and that our behavior is motivated by those needs. At the very bottom of this hierarchy are the physiological needs, followed by safety and security, next love and belonging, then self-esteem, and lastly self-actualization. On any given day, I may have students who need some or all of the aforementioned needs met.

**What is the goal of your motivational talks for young girls?** Between 2015–19, I was privileged to become part of My Daughters Can We Talk, a



nonprofit with a mission to empower girls to develop life skills to become leaders and productive citizens. I served as the group leader for the Connecticut chapter. I treasured building relationships with girls who looked like me because I understand the importance of representation. Although my tenure there ended once I finished my master's, the work continued with my students. In addition, I serve in my local church to continue to empower youth with the life skills necessary to be anything but ordinary. My goal is for my students and the youth I work with to understand that there is a purpose for each of their lives, and they never have to settle for less than the best.

Also, every year my school celebrates College Day as one of the Spirit Days. I asked if I could invite successful people who grew up in Hartford or attended schools in Hartford. I want students to see people who look like them, people who lived in their neighborhoods and were able to become a positive member of society. This year, I invited Channon Miller ['11, Trinity assistant professor of American studies and history].

**How did Trinity help prepare you for what you do now?** Over the years, I have attributed my ability to think critically and analytically to Trinity. As an ed studies major, we analyzed what worked well and what needed improvement. Most times the discussion ended with how we can learn from the past to make better decisions for the future. When presented with problems, I realize that it is not enough to complain but that I need to think of solutions.



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

From the Alumni Office: Julian Brown and Ginger Mills '12 were married in September 2023 at Springside Chestnut Hill Academy in Philadelphia.

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**2014** President: Mark Yanagisawa • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Carl Barreto, Benjamin Plumer, Victoria C. Trentacoste

Kevin Sciarra and Caitlyn Flynn were married on May 31, 2024, in South Salem, New York. Twenty-seven fellow Bantams representing eight graduating classes joined in the celebration.

The class secretary position for the Class of 2014 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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**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](#)

**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](#)

**2018** President: Justin Fortier • Vice President: Jack Stallman • Secretary: Lauren Ollerhead Fries, lauren.ollerhead.2018@trincoll.edu • Class



Dana Engle '15 and Casey Tanner '15 celebrate their special day in September 2022 with fellow Bantams in Narragansett, Rhode Island.



Jessica Donovan '15 and Will Hering '15 were married on April 6, 2024, in New York City. Bantams joining the couple included Kyle McGuire '15, AJ Jones '14, Peter Donovan '75, Joe Gerish '15, Brendan Bader '14, John Kitchen '77, Joe Diaz '15, JP Morales '15, Emily Kauls '15, Victoria Kapovic '15, Libby Jessep '15, Noah Gitta '15, Liz Driscoll '15, and Michael Budness '15.

Agents: Winston Brewer, Justin Fortier, Lauren Ollerhead Fries, Michael Fries, MacKenzie S. Levy, Timothy McDermott, Molly Nichols

**2019** President: William J. Duggan III • Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Rachel Brigham, Emma Godi, Talia La Schiazza, Molly McGonigle, Simran Sheth, Stephanie Velarde

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**2020** Secretary: Natalie Bruno, natalie.bruno.2020@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Luke M. Blough, Samantha Feenstra, Burabari P. Kabari, Anna Kate Luddy, Elizabeth McCauley, Morgan McKeown

Congratulations to Kristina Kurker, who graduated from the University of Virginia School of Medicine this May, earning an M.D.! She will begin her neurosurgical residency training at the University of Illinois Chicago (UIC) this summer.



Samantha Beati '17 and Matthew Szaro (Hopkins '14) were married on April 24, 2024, at The Wauwinet resort in Nantucket, Massachusetts. Father of the bride Todd Beati '83 and maid of honor Caoimhe Hartnett (Trinity Dublin '17) join the couple, who have planned a larger wedding for September 2024 in Paris.

**2021** President: Jaymie D. Bianca  
 • Vice President: Giovanni A. Jones • Secretary: Brendan W. Clark, [brendan.clark.2021@trincoll.edu](mailto:brendan.clark.2021@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Brendan W. Clark, Lindsey Fortin, Jessica Jones, Pearl Rourke, Hadley Smith

As we recover from a most momentous year and prepare to look ahead to 2025, many changes are afoot at Trinity. As you have surely heard by now, the search for a new president of our beloved College is well underway, with an announcement expected early next year. We also saw the conclusion of the College's Bicentennial celebrations. I was pleased to attend the Bicentennial Gala in May and remain optimistic about the future of Trinity, especially with all the exciting changes underway.

As always, I ask that you share your experiences, updates, and milestones with me. Do not hesitate to drop me a line via email ([brendanwclark@outlook.com](mailto:brendanwclark@outlook.com)) or via telephone (610-781-8446). Soon (yes, very soon—in just two years!) we will have our first Reunion to mark five years since we graduated from Trinity. I hope you block out early June 2026 in your calendars.

From your secretary: **Brendan W. Clark** graduated from William & Mary Law School in May with a J.D. He began work in September as an associate attorney at Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., a corporate litigation firm in Wilmington, Delaware.

Brendan resides in Wilmington, Delaware, and always welcomes his fellow mid-Atlantic Bantams for cocktails and conversation and has recently become an engaged supporter of Winterthur, the premier museum of American decorative arts in Delaware, among other causes.

Four of our classmates—**Dayna Vadala**, **Matthew "Mateo" Vazquez**, **Caitlin Keefe**, and **Arianna O'Brien**—graduated from Suffolk University Law School in Boston in May with J.D.s and will be off to the races as attorneys. **Pearl Rourke** graduated from the University of Connecticut School of Law in Hartford in May with a J.D. and a certificate in insurance law and regulation. In the fall, Pearl will serve as a law clerk of the Superior Court in Connecticut.

A note from your secretary: if the Class of 2021 needs legal representation, you have many qualified classmates from whom you can seek counsel!

**Macie Bridge** graduated from Yale Divinity School with an M.A. in religion in May. Macie will remain in New Haven, working with the team at the Yale Center for Faith & Culture.

**Kyle Fields** is halfway through an M.A. program in law and diplomacy at the Fletcher School at Tufts University in Medford, Massachusetts. He will graduate in May 2025. For the fall semester, he is studying in Geneva, Switzerland, through

an exchange program with the Geneva Graduate Institute. Luckily, his wife, Pauline Choquet '19, and their cat, Épice, were able to come along for the semester in Geneva.

**2022** Co-President: Nayantara Ghosh • Co-President: Shawn Olstein • Co-Secretary: Alexandra C. Chambers, [alexandra.chambers.2022@trincoll.edu](mailto:alexandra.chambers.2022@trincoll.edu); Co-Secretary: Hannah M. Lynch, [hannah.lynych.2022@trincoll.edu](mailto:hannah.lynych.2022@trincoll.edu) • Class Agents: Mia Conte, Ishaan Madhok, Matthew Solomon, Alexander Sowinski

**2023** Secretary: Vacant • Class Agents: Peter Doyle, Zoë Sylvester-Chin, Casey Habegger

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

Greetings from your scribe, co-secretary **Crisanne Colgan M'74**! Thank you to all who shared updates. As for me, I enjoyed a busy spring of celebrations at our alma mater. In April, I attended the 10th Anniversary Gala of the Elizabeth Elting Foundation Venture Program. Venture is a three-day summer conference that promotes women's leadership development. In May, I enjoyed the Bicentennial Gala, the culminating event of Trinity's Bicentennial year. The gala honored the Trinity-Hartford connection and raised financial aid for Hartford students attending Trinity. In June, I joined the Class of 1974's 50th Reunion and celebrated earning my master's in French that year. I am officially a member of the Half-Century Club! Another highlight of the weekend was

the Class of 1974's reception and dinner. Many thanks to our Reunion Committee for all of their hard work!

Exciting news: In May, the National Park Service designated an 11.4-acre rectangular area anchored by the Long Walk and Chapel as the Trinity College Long Walk Historic District with national importance. President Berger-Sweeney wrote: "Being listed on the National Register of Historic Places is a profound acknowledgment of the enduring significance of our past and the importance of Trinity's architecture to American history and society today."

**Greg Mesniaeff M'89** shares that he graduated (once again) from the University of Virginia with the Class of 2024, earning a master of public safety (M.P.S.) degree in cybersecurity management. Greg's first master's degree (from Trinity) is in economics.

**Kelsey E. Moore Buckley M'17** works as director of communications and engagement for Island Readers & Writers (IRW), a nonprofit that promotes literacy and increases access to books for children living in remote and rural areas of Maine. She is the lead organizer of "Dear Teacher: A Celebration of Literacy & Rural Education," a regional conference for educators and librarians, and is pursuing a certificate in nonprofit management. In September 2021, Kelsey married Matthew Buckley.

## NEW TCAA EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEMBERS

**Gwendolyn Kiley Grimm '14** earned a B.S. in neuroscience from Trinity. Upon earning an M.B.A. with honors from the University of Chicago Booth School of Business, she joined Bain & Company as a management consultant and recently joined Liberty Mutual's internal consulting team. As a student at Trinity, Grimm was a coxswain on the women's rowing team, and she remains an active member of the alumnae community. As a leader in Friends of Trinity Rowing, she works with co-lead Elizabeth Guernsey '06 to bring alumnae back to campus to support current athletes and to foster connections among alumnae across the 50-plus years of women's rowing at Trinity. As of 2024 and since she and Guernsey took on their roles in 2020, the endowment for the women's program has more tripled in size and annual fundraising for the women's program has more than doubled. Grimm resides in Boston with her husband, Duncan Grimm '15.

**Edward W. Huntley '73** is a retired trial lawyer with more than 40 years of experience. His career stretches from service as a prosecutor in the late 1970s to supervising litigation and general legal services for the Illinois Department of Corrections from 2005 to the end of 2016. The bulk of Huntley's time as a lawyer, though, was the 25 years he spent as a civil trial lawyer in private practice. Since 2012, he has been president of Scholarships for Illinois Residents Inc., an alumni foundation that during the past 75 years has provided scholarships to select Trinity students who are residents of Illinois.

**Tanya D. Jones '97** is a certified professional coach and a seasoned executive producer with expertise in producing shows for TV, streaming, and digital media audiences. Since 2020, she has served as founder and executive producer of Mama Bear Media Group LLC, a media company producing original programming and partner content from docu-style to scripted. Jones has partnered with studios and clients such as A&E, Magnolia Network, Goalsetter, Opera on Tap, Next Millennium Productions, All of Us Films, and a host of talent agencies. Previously, she spent 12 years at Meredith Corporation, serving as head of production for branded video. During this time, she also participated in a nine-month training program with Leadership That Works and today continues to coach clients in areas of career, relationships, and self-empowerment.

**Jacquelyn Santiago Nazario '00** has been an advocate for underserved youth in her community for nearly 30 years. Since 2019, she has been the CEO of COMPASS Youth Collaborative, an organization that interrupts violence in the city of Hartford by building transformative relationships with youth at the center of the violence. In this capacity, Santiago Nazario has played an important role in creating and developing after-school programs, comprehensive school-day supports for schools, and impactful outreach and crisis intervention programs for youth at risk. Among her many accomplishments, she secured more than \$12 million in new funding for COMPASS in her five years as CEO. Santiago Nazario began her career as an education organizer at Hartford Areas Rally Together before joining COMPASS in 2001. She is a leader in the violence interruption community, serving on Governor Ned Lamont's Commission on Community Gun Violence Intervention and Prevention and the Governor's Workforce Council. Santiago Nazario also is a human relations commissioner for the City of Hartford and co-chaired Hartford Mayor Arunun Arulampalam's Quality of Life and Public Safety Transition Committee.

**David O. Williams '65** has had a career in cardiology for more than 50 years. He is a senior physician and cardiovascular medicine specialist at Brigham and Women's Hospital. In addition, he is professor of medicine, emeritus, at Harvard Medical School. Williams was one of the first physicians in the world to perform coronary angioplasty. During his medical career, he has served as physician-in-charge of the Division of Cardiology and director of the Cardiac Catheterization Laboratory at Rhode Island Hospital. He has chaired or served on several national committees for the National Institutes of Health, the American Heart Association, and the American College of Cardiology. Williams has authored more than 230 peer-reviewed publications and received research funding from the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute. He also served as senior associate editor of *Circulation: Cardiovascular Interventions* and associate editor of *Circulation* and the *Journal of the American College of Cardiology: Cardiovascular Interventions*, all peer-reviewed scientific journals.

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Zoë Sylvester-Chin '23

**“Giving back is not just a ‘thank-you’ to the school; it’s about helping Trinity’s next generation of students have a great experience.”**

Looking back at her time at Trinity, Zoë says it was, in many ways, home to her—a home that offered countless opportunities for leadership and engagement. Well prepared by her major in economics and minor in formal organizations, Zoë went from the Long Walk to New York City and a career in investment banking. Her trajectory has reinforced her firm belief in the importance of giving back to the College, knowing that alumni giving helped make her favorite Trinity memories possible.

Zoë first joined the Long Walk Societies during her senior year and renewed her membership as an alumna. She is committed to supporting financial aid, recognizing the transformative power of education and the need to make it accessible to future students. Zoë also gives her time and talent as a class agent for the Class of 2023. She encourages all alumni to give, to volunteer, and to make an impact!



To join the Long Walk Societies or to learn more, visit [www.trincollink.com/LongWalkSocieties](http://www.trincollink.com/LongWalkSocieties).



# In Memory

**1947 Franklin W. Eichacker**, 98, of Manchester, Connecticut, died on January 16, 2024.

Eichacker earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu. He also attended Hofstra and Columbia Universities and earned an A.A. from Manchester Community College. Eichacker worked for the State of Connecticut as an industrial hygienist.

Eichacker is survived by daughters Orrie Eichacker and Anne Reinisch (Gerd). He was predeceased by wife Elizabeth "Betty" and siblings Henry and Walter.

**1951 Sherman L. Rogers Jr.**, 95, of Wethersfield, Connecticut, died on October 20, 2023.

Rogers earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club. He went on to be an engineer.

Rogers is survived by daughters Virginia Klesseck, Susan Ladny (Thomas), and Carolyn Lamoureux (Walter); seven grandchildren; and seven great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 70 years, Ann, and son-in-law Roger Klesseck.

**1951 Albert Sheary**, 95, of New Britain, Connecticut, died on April 8, 2024.

Sheary earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. After graduating from the University of Connecticut School of Law, he served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. Sheary worked in state government, rising to assistant commissioner of revenue services, a position he held until his 1992 retirement.

Sheary is survived by children

Julianne Macdonald (John), Michael Sheary (Linda), and Peter Sheary (Lisa); eight grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by wife Mary Lou and children Ann Marie and Timothy.

**1954 Ralph A. Howard Jr.**, 93, of Washington, D.C., died on February 29, 2024.

Howard earned a B.A. in political science, taking time away from his studies to serve in the Connecticut National Guard. He went on to a 40-year career with the federal government, including time with the Office of Economic Opportunity, the Office of Management and Budget, and the Federal Drug Administration.

Howard is survived by his wife of 68 years, Susan; children Mark Howard and Melissa Slattery (Damian); and two grandchildren.

**1955 Alvan Fisher Jr.**, 90, of San Diego, died on February 11, 2024.

Fisher earned a B.S. in geology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho. He served in the U.S. Navy before earning an M.S. in physical oceanography from New York University and working for the Naval Oceanographic Office. The loyal alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Fisher is survived by children John Fisher and Andrea Pattalock; two grandchildren; and sisters Sue Seeger and Florence Krejci.

**1955, HON. 1985 Kenyon J. Wildrick**, 90, of Gillette, New Jersey, died on April 21, 2024.

Wildrick earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he served as president of Delta Phi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn an M.Div. and M.Th.

from Princeton Theological Seminary. Wildrick served the Community Congregational Church in Short Hills, New Jersey, for 23 years and then served another decade at a church he started, the Pilgrim Congregational Church in Warren, New Jersey. In 1985, Wildrick received an honorary doctor of divinity degree from Trinity.

Wildrick is survived by his wife of 65 years, Nancy; children Catherine Bladt, Margaret Thomas, and Kenyon D. Wildrick; and four grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother Stanley Wildrick.

**1958 G. Vance Moser Jr.**, 87, of Leland, North Carolina, died on April 18, 2024.

Moser earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Glee Club, and the band. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he earned an M.B.A. from Rutgers University. Moser began his career as a benefit consultant, working for companies including Coopers & Lybrand. He later worked for Dartmouth Hitchcock Medical Center.

Moser is survived by daughters Jennifer Hunter (David) and Martha Moser, three grandchildren, and brother John Moser. He was predeceased by his wife of 55 years, Carol.

**1958 Robert H. VandeStadt**, 89, of Rocky Hill, Connecticut, died on May 14, 2024.

VandeStadt studied engineering at Trinity before joining the U.S. Army. He went on to work as a cartographer and engineer during a 33-year career with the Connecticut Department of Transportation.

VandeStadt is survived by his wife of 65 years, Ingrid; daughter

Carrie VandeStadt (Grant Lauer); and two granddaughters. He was predeceased by sisters Eva Mason and Marion Brown.

**1959 Stephen Kellogg**, 86, of Buffalo, New York, died on March 7, 2024.

Kellogg earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and worked at WRTC. He went on to earn a J.D. from SUNY Purchase College and to work as an attorney.

Kellogg is survived by wife Carolyn; children Carolyn Darby (John) and Justin Kellogg (Leslie); daughter-in-law Annie Griffenberg '88; 11 grandchildren, including Case Darby '25; and brothers Durrant and Brian. He was predeceased by sons Stephen Kellogg Jr. and Loren Kellogg.

**1959 L. Barry Shechtman**, 87, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on April 28, 2024.

Shechtman earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of the football, swimming, and baseball teams. He went on to own and operate Springfield Mack, a commercial truck distributorship, for 50 years. Shechtman also served in the U.S. Army.

Shechtman is survived by his wife of 56 years, Joyce; son Alan Shechtman '94; brothers Richard Shechtman '62 (Sheila) and Ronald Shechtman (Lynne); and sisters-in-law Elaine and Diane Halloran.

**1960 Charles A. Bridley**, 85, of Pleasanton, California, died on October 8, 2023.

Bridley earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the Glee Club and took part in ROTC. He served 21

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years in the U.S. Air Force, and during that time, he earned an M.A. in management from the University of Nebraska. Shortly after joining Lockheed Martin (LM), Bridley managed LM Logistics on the International Space Station.

Bridley is survived by his sister. He was predeceased by his wife and daughter.

**1960 Edward R. "Ned" Chalker II**, 85, of Cobb Island, Maryland, died on April 21, 2024.

Chalker earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he ran track. After serving in the Peace Corps in Colombia, he started a Job Corps program at Westinghouse Consultants in Missouri and then moved to Washington, D.C., to work for what became the Department of Education. The loyal alumnus was a member of the Elms Society.

Chalker is survived by his wife of 46 years, Beverly; son David Chalker; stepchildren Martin Baumgart (Martine) and Kirsten Turner (David); and four grandchildren.

**1960 David K. FitzSimons**, 85, of Harbor Springs, Michigan, and Vero Beach, Florida, died on May 16, 2024.

FitzSimons earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. His career included time as president of FitzSimons Manufacturing and of Copper and Brass Sales. FitzSimons also served in the U.S. Army.

FitzSimons is survived by his companion of 11 years, Eleanor Naess; children Kerry Wilson (Charles '79), David FitzSimons (Holly), William FitzSimons (Lisa), and Allison LaFramboise (John); 10 grandchildren; and siblings Joan Smith and Michael FitzSimons '67 (Margie). He was predeceased by siblings Julie FitzSimons, Sherman FitzSimons III, Suzanne Reynolds, and Fay Buhl.

**1960 Robert S. Lockwood**, 85, of Stuart, Florida, died on April 19, 2024.

Lockwood attended Trinity before transferring to Columbia University, where he earned a B.S. in engineering. He spent a year at the Sorbonne and then earned an LL.B. from New York University School of Law and a Ph.D. from the George Washington University. Lockwood, who served in the U.S. Army in Vietnam, had a career in public service, including serving as counsel to the U.S. Judiciary Committee. He also taught at several institutions, including West Point, and later wrote 10 novels.

Lockwood is survived by companion Diana Brennan; children Robert Lockwood (Kristin), Katharine Merrill (John), and Elizabeth Roberts (Brian); six grandchildren; and brother Raymond. He was predeceased by wife Katharine.

**1960 Michael P. Rhodes**, 86, of Georgetown, Texas, died on May 19, 2024.

Rhodes earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Jesters, and the Senate; ran track; and took part in ROTC. He went on to earn an M.P.A. from Golden Gate University and to graduate from Air Command and Staff College and the Air War College. The highly decorated Rhodes served in the U.S. Air Force for 28 years, retiring as a colonel.

Rhodes is survived by wife Jan; former wife Patricia and their children, Scott Rhodes (Ellen Schooler) and Susan Anthony (Brian); and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by former wife Anne.

**1962 Bruce E. Leddy**, 85, of Fort Myers, Florida, died on April 1, 2024.

Leddy earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi and

the soccer, squash, and tennis teams. He went on to earn a J.D. from Boston University School of Law and to a career at the law firm now known as Perkins Thompson.

Leddy is survived by his wife of more than four decades, Helen; children Kate Dodge (Jonathan), Alec, and Will (Bettina); stepchildren Jill Goodrich (Kevin O'Connell) and Victor Goodrich; nine grandchildren; and brothers John and Sam.

**1963, M.A. 1972 Rowland Ricketts Jr.**, 84, of Collingswood, New Jersey, died on April 16, 2024.

Ricketts earned a B.A. in history before launching a career in life insurance, rising to senior vice president at General American. He later earned an M.A. in history from Trinity and an M.B.A. from the Olin Business School at Washington University in St. Louis.

Ricketts is survived by his wife of 61 years, Mary-Lynn; children Rachel Adams (Lee) and Rowland Ricketts III (Chinami); five grandchildren; and sister Jean Ricketts. He was predeceased by sister Mary Ricketts.

**1963 John A. Simzik**, 83, of Peachtree Corners, Georgia, died on June 1, 2024.

Simzik earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Newman Club, and the football and track teams. After being drafted by the Chicago Bears and playing semipro football, he earned an M.B.A. from Columbia University and had a consulting career at Coopers & Lybrand.

Simzik is survived by wife Margit and sister Helen Szabo. He was predeceased by son Matthew.

**1964 Michael W. Ingram**, 81, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on March 11, 2024.

Ingram earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where

he ran track. He spent his career with Aetna Life and Casualty as a software developer and systems engineer.

Ingram is survived by his wife of 59 years, Marie; sister Ginni Soja; and sisters-in-law Fran Olesen and Jan Cashman (Michael).

**1964 Edward P. "Robo" Roberts Jr.**, 81, of Tampa, Florida, died on September 20, 2023.

Roberts earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Psi Upsilon, rowed crew, and worked on the staffs of *The Trinity Tripod* and the *Ivy*. After serving in the U.S. Army Reserve, he worked in advertising and then in commercial real estate.

Roberts is survived by wife Susie McIntosh, son Ned (Michelle), stepsons Forgan McIntosh (Jessa) and Henry and Nelson Schniewind, five grandchildren, and siblings Joe, Alice Dietrich, and Polly Roberts.

**1966 John F. Alves Jr.**, 80, of Honolulu, died in January 2024.

Alves earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Trinity Pipes, and the Jesters. He went on to earn an M.A. from the University of Connecticut. Alves worked in several fields in Hawaii, including restaurant supply and real estate, before serving in leadership roles at Honolulu Publishing Company and AIO Hawaii.

Alves is survived by wife Cheryl and siblings Judy Levine and Jeffrey (Ann Kutaka).

**1973 Daniel P. Russo**, 72, of Middletown, Connecticut, died on February 19, 2024.

Russo earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi. He went on to earn a J.D. from Suffolk University Law School, an LL.M. in taxation from Boston University School of Law, and an M.S. in management and an M.S.

in financial services from The American College. He worked for many years as counsel for the Knights of Columbus. His father, Joseph Russo II '41, and brother, Joseph Russo III '68, also attended Trinity.

Russo was predeceased by his wife of 30 years, Judy.

**1979 Jon H. Zonderman**, 67, of Orange, Connecticut, died on February 29, 2024.

Zonderman earned a B.A. in American studies from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and served as editor-in-chief of *The Trinity Tripod*. He went on to earn an M.S. in journalism from Columbia University. Zonderman wrote for numerous publications, including *The New York Times Magazine*, and taught journalism at Southern Connecticut State University.

Zonderman is survived by wife Laurel Shader, children Anna (Jake) and Jacob, and one grandson.

**1985 Matthew B. George**, 61, of Grafton, New Hampshire, died on April 27, 2024.

George earned a B.A. in religion from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. After working at his father's painting and decorating company, specializing in the restoration of churches, he had a career as a corrections officer for the State of Vermont. He also was a Hatha yoga instructor for those in corrections facilities and for those with ALS.

George is survived by his mother, Helen, and siblings Claudia, Daniel (Christine), and Justin (Alison).

**1990 Guy M. Oksenhendler**, 55, of Queens, New York, died on February 7, 2024.

Oksenhendler earned a B.A. in political science from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi. He went on to earn a J.D. from Brooklyn Law School.

Oksenhendler was an attorney for more than three decades, specializing in criminal defense work in the federal and state courts of New York.

Oksenhendler's survivors include children Ava and Vivian.

**1991 Eric S. Estes**, 55, of Providence, Rhode Island, died on June 4, 2024.

Estes earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha and the swimming and water polo teams. He went on to earn an M.A. and a Ph.D., both in history, from Syracuse University.

Estes had a deep commitment to higher education. At Brown University, where he was serving as vice president for campus life at the time of his passing, he was credited with strengthening residential life, health services, and identity and cultural centers, among many other accomplishments. Prior to his time at Brown, he worked at Oberlin College and Conservatory for 12 years, the last five of which were as vice president and dean of students. Before Oberlin, he also held faculty and administrative positions at Duke University and at Syracuse. The dedicated alumna was a current member of Trinity's Board of Trustees and a past president of the Trinity College Alumni Association. He also was a member of the Elms Society.

Estes is survived by his mother, Angela, and his brother, Christopher.

#### IDP

**1993 William M. Pedace**, 62, of Mashpee, Massachusetts, died on March 3, 2024.

Pedace earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was on the track and swimming teams. He went on to run an accounting business in Florida.

Pedace is survived by his father and stepmother, William and Donna Pedace, and sisters Cheryl Zamzes and Lee Pedace.

**2000 Claudia L. Keeley**, 74, of Windsor, Connecticut, died on April 20, 2024.

After working in the family business, Laughing Coyote Kaleidoscopes, Keeley earned a B.A. in sociology. She went on to work as a social worker for many years.

Keeley is survived by her husband of 25 years, David; children Jennifer Torres, Jason Lee (Caitlyn), and Benjamin Lee (Kara); eight grandchildren; and sisters Deborah Adams and Holly Davison.

#### MASTER'S

**1962 Victor Meyers**, 92, of Kailua, Hawaii, died on September 10, 2023.

Meyers earned an undergraduate degree from Williams College before serving in the U.S. Army. He later earned an M.S. in mathematics from Trinity. Meyers worked in independent schools and later taught computer science at Hawaii Pacific University.

Meyers is survived by wife Pat.

**1968 Norma P. Marcellino**, 81, of Brewster, Massachusetts, died on March 29, 2024.

Marcellino earned a B.A. in mathematics and teaching from Albertus Magnus College before earning an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity. She served as a high school math teacher in Hartford, Newington, and then Windsor, Connecticut.

Marcellino is survived by children David Marcellino and Sara Marcellino, two grandchildren, son-in-law Doug Johnson, sister and brother-in-law Paula and John Quigley, and former husband Joseph Marcellino. She was predeceased by brother Philip.

**2002 Joseph Avitable**, 47, of Wallingford, Connecticut, died on February 16, 2024.

Avitable earned a B.A. from Central Connecticut State University and an M.A. in history from Trinity. He went on to

earn a Ph.D. from the University of Rochester. Avitable's teaching career included time at Quinnipiac University.

Avitable is survived by son Jake Avitable, mother Angelina Cable, and brothers Anthony Avitable Jr. (Kirstin) and Michael Avitable.

#### HONORARY DOCTORATES

**1985 Kenyon J. Wildrick '55**; please see page 75.

#### CURRENT TRUSTEES

**Eric S. Estes '91**; please see column 2 on this page.

#### CURRENT STAFF

**Jorge Lugo**, 54, of Hartford, Connecticut, office assistant in Campus Safety, died on April 20, 2024.

A longtime resident of Hartford, Lugo worked at Trinity for more than 33 years. Before moving to Campus Safety, he worked in accounts payable. Lugo served three times as chair of the Non-Exempt Staff Council; he also served as a member of the Planning and Budget Council. Prior to Trinity, Lugo worked at The Bushnell Center for the Performing Arts.

Lugo is survived by his twin brother, Edgardo, and his younger brother, Jose.

#### DEATH NOTICES

**1951 Rodney W. Crittenden**

**1959, M.A. 1964 Joseph H. Casello**

**HON. 1990 Barbara C. Harris**

#### IN MEMORY GUIDELINES

We will not announce the death of a community member without first confirming with a previously published obituary or direct notification from a relative.

# Alumni Events



**1. Faculty Regional Reception  
Fairfield, Connecticut  
March 6, 2024**

**Reunion—On Campus, June 6–9, 2024**

**2. Alumni—and the Bantam—  
on the Main Quad**

**7. Members of the Class of 1959  
and Borden Painter '58, H'95,  
second from right**

**3. Terrie Rouse-Rosario '74  
with her 50th Yearbook**

**8. Lucas Knight '14, James  
Geisler '14, and Mark  
Yanagisawa '14**

**4. Eva Lauer '14, Avery Dwyer  
'14, and Bach Nguyen '14**

**5. David Seltzer '74 and  
Aimee Brown '74**

**9. Bill Marimow '69, H'16, Ellen  
Weiss, President Joanne  
Berger-Sweeney, Vernon Loeb,  
and John Levy '69**

**6. Cathy Caruso '84 in  
the Raether Library and  
Information Technology Center**





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Voices of the Trinity College community in the media



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**JORGE ESPINOZA-GONZALEZ '26**, on media consumption habits; *CT Mirror*, May 10, 2024



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For today's college students, their first or second job may not even exist yet. Employers want to hire people who know how to think, and I believe that Trinity students know how to think because of our curriculum. What our students are doing post-Trinity is a testament to that.

**JOE CATRINO**, executive director of career and life design, on the first-destinations survey of 2023 Trinity graduates; [www.trincoll.edu](http://www.trincoll.edu), May 2, 2024

A friend congratulated me on being indicted. I said 'that's not quite the word!'

**MICHAEL BEAUTYMAN '69**, on his recent induction into the New England Tennis Hall of Fame; *The Palm Beach Post*, June 15, 2024

To borrow a quote from another time and context, polarization is 'like the bubble in a carpenter's level.' If the bubble veers too far to either side, something is askew.

**KEVIN MCMAHON**, John R. Reitemeyer Professor of Political Science, on polarization in politics; *The Seattle Post-Intelligencer*, June 24, 2024

For an industry that is trying to become more inclusive, having a frank view of history is a necessary step.

**JENNIFER REGAN-LEFEBVRE**, professor of history, on the history of wine; *New Pittsburgh Courier*, July 13, 2024

Prospective memory is a skill that can be practiced, making it more likely that someone can remember an appointment or meet a deadline.

**SARAH RASKIN**, Charles A. Dana Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience, on improving memory; *Scientific American*, June 9, 2024

In 2018, my high school, Marjory Stoneman Douglas, experienced a horrific tragedy in the form of a school shooting. Since then, I have helped co-found a nonprofit organization called ShineMSD designed to help individuals heal from traumatic events through the arts and music therapy.

**ALEX MOSCOU '24**, on corporate social responsibility; *CT Mirror*, May 30, 2024



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