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Trinity College is a key partner of the Hartford/East Hartford Innovation Places Planning Team, one of four groups selected on June 6 to receive a share of $30 million in state funding. The grant is part of a statewide Innovation Places competition run by CTNext, a subsidiary of Connecticut Innovations, the state’s venture capital firm.

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One soon-to-be graduate shows class pride from head to toe at Commencement 2017. For more on the big day, turn the page.

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ALONG THE WALK
“We must protect freedom of speech. Let people speak their minds, but then do not hesitate to criticize them for spreading falsehoods,” philosopher, writer, and cognitive scientist Daniel C. Dennett said to the 615 graduates at Trinity College’s 191st Commencement on Sunday, May 21.

Dennett, co-director of Tufts University’s Center for Cognitive Studies, as well as University Professor and Austin B. Fletcher Professor of Philosophy at Tufts, spoke to Trinity’s largest graduating class ever, with 581 undergraduates. Thirty-four graduate students also received their master’s degrees.

In recognition of his distinguished career and of his enormous contributions to the world of thought, Dennett was awarded an honorary doctor of humane letters degree. Trinity alumnus D. David Dershaw ’70, founding director of the Breast Imaging Service at Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center, received an honorary doctor of science degree, and LaTanya Langley ’97, vice president and general counsel of BIC International Company, received an honorary doctor of laws degree.

Douglas Barrett Curtin, chosen as the Class of 2017 student speaker, talked about how the simple act of saying hello to someone can lead to life-changing interactions. “I said hello to a homeless man outside my internship one day. That man, Jake, ended up inspiring me to start a Food Recovery Network chapter at Trinity, which has led to more than 4,000 pounds of food being donated from Mather Dining Hall [to McKinney Shelter in Hartford],” said Curtin, a double major in political science and educational studies from Wayland, Massachusetts.

Phong Kim Quach of Vietnam was named valedictorian. He graduated summa cum laude with majors in biology and chemistry, both with honors. The salutatorian was Jessica Yetta Chotiner of North Carolina. She earned a B.S. summa cum laude with honors in her major of biology. She also minored in Italian language.

Trinity College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney said in her charge to the graduates, “Your education is not only good for you, it is for the good of society. My charge to you, in turn, is not only to use your good Trinity education, but to go out and show the world what it means to do — and to be — Trinity good.”

For more Commencement photos and a video of the ceremony, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/reporter.
Construction is well under way at 10 Constitution Plaza, where the College plans to open, by December 2017, the first of its two Constitution Plaza spaces. In doing so, Trinity will join a growing presence of higher education institutions with students, faculty, and staff who have become part of the central business district community, helping Hartford evolve into a true “college town.”

Trinity’s Constitution Plaza Planning Committee, co-chaired by Sue Aber, vice president for information services and chief information officer, and Stefanie Chambers, professor of political science, has been working since fall 2016 to guide the design process leading to the launch of the downtown space at 10 Constitution Plaza and the third floor of One Constitution Plaza, an adjacent office tower. This past summer, the focus was on transforming 10 Constitution Plaza, which was previously home to a cable television network. The planning committee has been working closely with JCJ Architecture and Enterprise Builders to design space that will be easy to modify as different programs take shape.

A signature program for 10 Constitution Plaza, a freestanding, low-rise building, will be the Liberal Arts Action Lab (LAAL), which will bring together faculty and students from Trinity and Capital Community College to collaborate in researching and addressing local challenges, using a liberal arts lens to solve real-world problems. An LAAL Programming/Planning Committee, chaired by Trinity Dean of the Faculty and Vice President for Academic Affairs Tim Cresswell, has been working concurrently with the Constitution Plaza Planning Committee to develop a program that will mobilize liberal arts-based skills and knowledge about Hartford to drive social innovation and deepen civic engagement.

Describing how the LAAL will work, Cresswell said, “At the outset, there will be 10 Trinity students and 10 Capital Community College students, broken up into groups of the appropriate size for the specific problems to be addressed. The students will receive academic credit, and it’s possible they’ll work within themes — for example, we might look at the social determinants of health in the city.”

Cresswell said that LAAL teams will partner with neighborhood organizations, city government, small businesses, faculty members already engaged in community research, and others to define and prioritize the challenges to be tackled. A guiding principle will be that true civic engagement means recognizing that the LAAL teams and community partners possess a range of skills, knowledge, and expertise; by working together, they will greatly enhance opportunities to address significant concerns.

Cresswell noted that Capital Community College is an ideal partner for this project. Since its move to Main Street in 2002, Capital has steadily increased its footprint in Hartford through a variety of programs, including social work service-learning projects, nursing and health career clinical placements in hospitals, and business apprenticeships with area corporations.

Professor of Educational Studies Jack Dougherty was named the inaugural faculty director of the LAAL. Megan Brown, the full-time director of the LAAL, began in August, joining Trinity from the University of Washington, where she has undertaken a doctorate in geography.

Space at 10 Constitution Plaza also will serve as a base for Trinity students engaged in internships downtown and may be used during the orientation program for J-Starts, a new cohort of incoming first-year students who will begin their Trinity studies in January.

Entrepreneurial track programs and events hosted by the College’s Center for Caribbean Studies also are anticipated for 10 Constitution Plaza. Graduate studies and certificate programs are planned for One Constitution Plaza. Trinity expects to move forward with plans for occupying the One Constitution Plaza space approximately one year after 10 Constitution Plaza opens.

The establishment of a campus in downtown Hartford has been a Trinity goal for several years. A significant step came in 2014, when the College purchased 200 Constitution Plaza, the former Travelers Education Center, for $2.1 million. As Trinity began developing plans for the building — which would have meant becoming a landlord since the building had more square footage than Trinity could use — the College received offers from potential buyers. In 2016, Trinity struck a deal with LHR Group and BHN Properties to sell 200 Constitution Plaza and to lease about 21,000 square feet at 10 and One Constitution Plaza.
“The original goal was to provide a space at Trinity College for positive, healthy, and fun interaction between Trinity students and Hartford youth,” says Magee McIlvaine ’06, who, with Jason Azevedo ’08, created the Trinity International Hip-Hop Festival in 2006. Since its founding, the festival has continued to grow thanks to the dedication of Trinity students working behind the scenes. Each year, the Trinity chapter of the Temple of Hip Hop, with the support of faculty adviser Seth Markle, associate professor of history and international studies, collaborates with Nomadic Wax and World Hip Hop Market, two companies devoted to international hip-hop and social change, to make the event a reality. The support of Khaiim “Self Suffice the RapOet” Kelly ’03, Jasmin Agosto ’10, and Taris “MachineGun Poptart” Clemons also is key, says Markle.

The 2017 festival — the 12th annual — took place in April featuring the theme “U.N.I.T.Y.: Unifying Gender, Race, and Class through Hip-Hop” and offering more than 20 events, going far beyond music with lectures and panel discussions, photo exhibitions, and master dance classes. Hip-hop pioneer MC Lyte, the first female hip-hop artist to perform in the White House, was the headliner; past years have featured Brother Ali, Talib Kweli, Rakim, and K’Naan, among other artists from around the world. Camryn Clarke ’17, a lead organizer for the 2017 event, notes that Hartford has a thriving hip-hop community, affording a learning experience for all involved. “We provide a space to engage with it [hip-hop] for four days,” she says. “The fest allowed me to become more connected with Hartford and has shown me the pedagogical importance of hip-hop.”
Francisco Goldman, Allan K. Smith Professor of English Language and Literature at Trinity College, in April was named one of 228 newly elected members of the American Academy of Arts and Sciences (AAAS). That same month, he received the 2017 Premio Metropolis Azul for his book *The Interior Circuit*, and in March, he won the Poets & Writers 2017 Barnes & Noble Writers for Writers Award in recognition of his role as a champion of other writers.

AAAS members include some of the world's most accomplished scholars, scientists, writers, and artists, as well as civic, business, and philanthropic leaders. In addition to Goldman, honorees who constitute the AAAS's 237th class include singer-songwriter John Legend, award-winning actress Carol Burnett, and mathematician Maryam Mirzakhani. The new class will be inducted at a ceremony in October in Cambridge, Massachusetts.

“Benjamin Franklin, John Legend, and Francisco Goldman—I’m sure there’s never been any reason to speak those three names in the same sentence before,” quipped Goldman. “Needless to say, I am very honored.”

The Premio Metropolis Azul awards ceremony was part of the annual Blue Metropolis Montreal International Literary Festival. *The Interior Circuit* is an account of Goldman’s attempt “to live in Mexico City without Aura,” his wife, who died in a surfing accident in 2007. “Writers write about what matters to them,” Goldman said. “Aura’s death was the most important, staggeringly difficult thing that’s ever happened to me, but the years of being with her were incredibly important as well.”

Goldman earned the Writers for Writers Award in recognition of the honor he established in 2009 in memory of his late wife, the Aura Estrada Prize, bestowed every two years on emerging female writers in Latin America.

A Trinity faculty member since 2002, Goldman is the author of four novels and one work of nonfiction. His most recent novel, *Say Her Name*, won the 2011 Prix Femina Etranger. Goldman has held fellowships from the Guggenheim Foundation, the Cullman Center at the New York Public Library, and the American Academy in Berlin. His fiction, journalism, and essays have appeared in many publications, including *The New Yorker*, *The New York Times Magazine*, Harper’s, and *The Believer*.
Trinity College’s Alumni Reunion welcomed back more than 1,000 alumni and their friends and families to campus for Reunion 2017, held June 8–11.

This year’s celebration — particularly for those in class years ending in 2s and 7s — featured more than 75 events, including a traditional New England-style clam-bake, a 5K fun run, a scavenger hunt, and alumni- and faculty-led presentations. New this year were a photo safari and campus stroll, a flag football challenge with the 5th–20th Reunion classes, morning yoga sessions, and the LGBTQ and Friends Reception.

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2017 REUNION AWARD WINNERS

THE ALUMNI MEDAL
FOR EXCELLENCE
Eric R. Fossum ’79, H’14
Francesca Borges Gordon ’82
Cynthia Mohr Wolcott ’77, P’15
Bryant S. Zanko ’87, P’17

THE EIGENBRODT CUP
Thomas L. Safran ’67

THE ALUMNI ACHIEVEMENT AWARD
Nicole Moretti Hockley ’92

THE KATHLEEN O’CONNOR BOELHOUWER ALUMNAE INITIATIVE AWARD
The Hon. Jane M. Swift ’87

THE GARY W. MCQUAID AWARD
Elizabeth Elting ’87

THE OUTSTANDING CLASS SECRETARY AWARD
Frederick M. Tobin ’57, P’92

BOARD OF FELLOWS AWARD
Class of 1997

JEROME KOHN AWARD
Class of 1967

GEORGE C. CAPEN TROPHY
Trinity Club of Boston

/1/ Adam Katcher ’12, guest Johanna Kinsler, Mary Kate Morr ’12, guest Thomas Bryenton, and Anson McCook ’12 reminisce. /2/ Scott Reynolds ’63, P’92 reads a plaque at 79 Vernon Street, one of two former Theta Xi fraternity house sites. /3/ Class President Ian Findlay ’92 presents College President Joanne Berger-Sweeney and Peter Espy ’00, outgoing president of the National Alumni Association, with a gift on behalf of the Class of 1992. /4/ William Polk ’62, Robert Hunt ’62, and Charlie Johns ’62 reconnect at the New England-style clambake. /5/ Ashley Hammarth ’97, Tanya Jones ’97, Shaakirrah Sanders ’97, and Alice McCartney Auth ’97 gather on the Main Quad after receiving the Board of Fellows Award for the class with the most Bantam spirit. /6/ The Trinity College Chapel is the perfect backdrop for several signature events on the Main Quad. /7/ Current Trinity students announce the cumulative, multiyear gift total presented to the College by all Reunion 2017 classes. /8/ James Oliver ’67, Sheryl Ruckert, Ted Ruckert ’67, Marlene Fox P’95, ’09, and Jeff Fox ’67, P’95, ’09 gather at the Parade of Classes. /9/ Colleen Curran ’92, Brett Cullinan ’12, and Ward Curran ’51, H’12, P’92, GP’12 — representing three generations of Trinity graduates — participate in the Photo Opportunity for Multigenerational Bantam Families.
Tara Lichtenfels Gans ’88, P’20

For Tara Lichtenfels Gans ’88, P’20, giving back to her alma mater is a natural outcome of her gratitude for the education she received. “Trinity gave me a strong academic foundation,” she says. “My course of study challenged me to hone critical and analytical thinking skills.”

Since 2015, Gans has been co-chair of the College’s Long Walk Societies Committee. In that role, she helps raise unrestricted gifts from her fellow alumni at the leadership level. “Trinity has such a diverse, talented, and generous national alumni community,” says Gans, who considers it a privilege to serve on the committee and to work with the Advancement Office to strengthen alumni giving. “For Trinity to remain academically dynamic, it needs strong alumni support.”

Exceptional academics and class sizes are what drew the West Hartford native to Trinity. A political science major with a concentration in international affairs, Gans knew early on that she wanted a career in government. She found classes with international relations expert Albert Gastmann particularly inspiring. “My experience with Professor Gastmann highlighted the importance of the interdependence of governments and political relations around the world,” she says.

After graduation, she took a position as a legislative aide to U.S. Rep. Barbara Kennelly M’71 (D-CT). In Gans’s nine years in government, she served as a senior adviser to the congresswoman, the Office of the Deputy Majority Whip, and the Democratic Caucus. “It was an exciting time to be part of the leadership team on the Hill,” says Gans, who was involved in the implementation of the North American Free Trade Agreement (NAFTA) and the U.S. accession to the World Trade Organization. In addition to her work around international trade, she has specialized experience in national security and defense, as well as education issues.

In 1997, Gans left Capitol Hill for a position as director of federal affairs with the Pharmaceutical Research and Manufacturers of America, where she was responsible for developing and implementing industry-related legislative strategies before Congress and federal agencies.

When she left her high-powered career to spend more time with her young family, Gans found the shift in pace provided new opportunities. “I was able to be more engaged in other organizations, especially my children’s schools,” she says.

Gans served in several capacities, including chair of an annual fund, and discovered that the skills she developed in politics were invaluable in fundraising. “Developing working relationships creates trust and a sense of partnership. That was inherent in my work in government affairs. In much the same way, fundraising is about creating relationships and commitments to shared common goals,” she says.

In addition to serving on the Long Walk Societies Committee, Gans recently joined the College’s Board of Fellows. She also is a member of Trinity’s Women’s Leadership Council, which encourages alumnae to help shape Trinity’s future and to be responsive to the needs of female undergraduates.

This work is particularly close to Gans, as her daughter, Mara, joined Trinity’s Class of 2020 last fall. “It’s so important that we alumni continue to give back to Trinity to ensure current and future students have access to the opportunities we had.”

Melissa Bronzino Regan ’87, associate director of alumni relations and staff liaison to the Women’s Leadership Council, says, “Tara believes so strongly in the importance of a liberal arts education. Her love of Trinity is behind everything she does as an alumna, parent, and volunteer.”
AROUND HARTFORD

THE GOODWIN’s landmark terra cotta façade, preserved to look as it did when constructed as an apartment building in 1881 by brothers James J. Goodwin and the Rev. Francis Goodwin, belies the eight-month transformation that took place inside after RMS Companies and Greenwich Hospitality Group took ownership in 2016. This grand hotel in the heart of downtown Hartford reopened in May 2017 with 124 guest rooms (including suites and duplexes), more than 5,000 square feet of event space, and two dining options — Harlan Brasserie and Side Bar — that provide all-day dining and offer catering services. The hotel’s brochure promises that this “one-of-a-kind boutique hotel is focused entirely on providing exceptional guest experiences.”
FULBRIGHT WINNERS

Two Trinity College alumnae recently were awarded U.S. Student Fulbright research grants. Taniqua Huguley ’15, M’17 will go to The University of the West Indies in October for her project, “A Wider Lens: Understanding Girls and the Juvenile Justice System in Trinidad and Tobago.” Lauren Davidson ’16 started research in September at the Ludwig Maximilian University in Munich, Germany, on “Bioremediation of Environmental Bisphenol A Contamination Using Innovative Model Enzymes.”

Huguley earned a B.A. in sociology with a minor in legal studies and an M.A. in public policy. While working on her master’s, she served as one of Trinity’s Bantam Network Transition Fellows, helping first-years transition to college (see feature story on page 14).

Huguley’s 10-month Fulbright project is the natural progression of her work at Trinity. Her final undergraduate sociology project explored the labeling of black and Latino girls in schools, and research for her master’s focused on the school disciplinary system in Hartford.

Huguley’s long-term goals include establishing community centers in her hometown of Long Island City, Queens, to give students access to the same kinds of opportunities that she experienced. “I grew up in Queensbridge Houses, the biggest housing project in North America, and I had no idea what Trinity was,” she said. “I enrolled in a program called Legal Outreach, which is a college-bound program with a focus on law.” A visit with that group to Trinity during high school made her work even harder on preparing for college, where she was a Posse Scholar.

Davidson, of Yorba Linda, California, majored in chemistry and German studies, minored in environmental science, and spent her junior year in Germany. Davidson came to Trinity as a part of the Interdisciplinary Science Program with a desire to study environmental science; her interest in chemistry developed when she took her first courses in the subject.

For her 10-month Fulbright project, Davidson is working to synthetically create a model of the enzyme laccase, which is produced naturally by white-rot fungi and which scientists have discovered can partially break down bisphenol A (BPA), an industrial chemical used to make certain plastics. “BPA is an endocrine disruptor, which means that it can act in place of your hormones and mess with the healthy functioning of your whole body. If you could make a model of laccase in large quantities and use it to treat water, it could make water much safer for people to drink,” Davidson said. She also is working with Munich’s Rachel Carson Center for Environment and Society, which helps translate scientific research for the community at large. Davidson plans to seek a Ph.D. following her Fulbright project.
**FILM BASED ON KASSOW BOOK WINS GRANT**

Katahdin Productions, a nonprofit documentary production company that is adapting for the screen a book by Samuel D. Kassow ’66, Charles H. Northam Professor of History at Trinity College, recently announced that it has received a $250,000 National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) production grant for the project.

Kassow has garnered many accolades for his 2007 book, *Who Will Write Our History? Emanuel Ringelblum, the Warsaw Ghetto, and the Oyneg Shabes Archive* (Indiana University Press), including a review by the *New Republic* magazine that observed, “This may well be the most important book about history that anyone will ever read.”

Roberta Grossman, writer and director of the documentary, said that a January 2018 release date is anticipated for the 90-minute film. Nancy Spielberg, sister of famed director Steven Spielberg, is the documentary’s executive producer.

*Who Will Write Our History?* tells the story of Emanuel Ringelblum and his resistance to Nazi oppression in the Warsaw Ghetto. In 1940, Ringelblum established Oyneg Shabes, a clandestine organization chartered to document all facets of Jewish life under Hitler and to preserve a historical record for an unknown audience in an uncertain future. Though decimated by murders and deportations, the group persevered in its work into the spring of 1943. Before Ringelblum and his family perished in March 1944, he managed to hide thousands of the Oyneg Shabes documents in milk cans and tin boxes. In 1946, the first of the buried time capsules was discovered, followed by a second capsule in 1950.

“The Ringelblum archive in the Warsaw Ghetto is a stirring reminder that one could resist the Nazis with pen and paper as well as guns,” Kassow said. “Of the 60 men and women in the Ringelblum team, only three survived the war. But their collective heroism was not in vain. The ‘time capsules’ they buried sent a message that the doomed Polish Jews were not faceless, anonymous victims but real people, members of a proud and resilient nation.”

**NEW V.P. FOR COLLEGE ADVANCEMENT**

Michael T. Casey joined Trinity as vice president for College advancement in June. Reporting to President Joanne Berger-Sweeney, Casey took over leadership of the Advancement Division — including development, alumni relations, and advancement information services — from Jack Fracasso, who retired that same month.

Casey comes to Trinity from Skidmore College in Saratoga Springs, New York, where he served as the Collyer Vice President for Advancement. In an announcement to the Trinity campus community about Casey’s appointment, Berger-Sweeney said, “Michael has spent nearly three decades in advancement, the majority of that at three liberal arts colleges: Franklin & Marshall, Wesleyan University, and Skidmore. He has played leadership roles in three major institutional planning efforts and planned four successful capital/comprehensive fundraising campaigns, all of which set new highs for their respective institutions.”

Berger-Sweeney noted that members of the search committee reported that Casey conveyed eloquently how his own liberal arts education and experience as a first-generation college student transformed his life and continue to motivate his work building support to enable others to have a transformative liberal arts experience.

Casey said, “I am tremendously excited to be joining the Trinity community at this auspicious moment in its history and to work with President Berger-Sweeney and the rest of the cabinet and staff to realize the College’s hopes and ambitions. Trinity is a remarkable institution, and I hope that I can do my part to continue its tradition of excellence and achievement.”

Casey is a 1981 graduate of Harvard University, where he earned a B.A. cum laude in Irish history and literature. At Skidmore, he was active in community and civic efforts, including serving as a member of the boards of the Waldorf School of Saratoga Springs, the Saratoga Regional YMCA, and the Saratoga Convention and Tourism Bureau.
Jervon Adams ’20, Hamna Tariq ’20, Transition Fellow Chanel Erasmus ’15, M’17, and Charlotte Robbins ’20 gather in their residence hall common space.
Consuelo Pedro ’15 enjoyed an idyllic undergraduate experience living with a small community of fellow Trinity College students who supported her when she was new to college life and to the country. “I lived in a tiny residence hall, and we all just pulled together,” says Pedro, an alumna from Trinidad and Tobago. “There were all types of students, and we all got along.”
Knowing that not everyone formed such immediate connections to the College and their classmates on their own, Pedro wanted to help forge these strong bonds for others when she became part of Trinity’s Bantam Network, the mentoring program for first-year students that launched in fall 2015. “I thought, ‘I had such a great first-year experience. If I could reproduce that, it would be amazing,’” she says.

Pedro was among the first group of Trinsition Fellows — along with Alex Conaway ’15, M’17, Chanel Erasmus ’15, M’17, Taniqua Huguley ’15, M’17, and Bates College and American University graduate Meredith Friedman — who each oversaw two “nests” of 45 to 70 first-year students and helped students successfully transition to college life.

From their offices in the residence halls they serve, the fellows have a unique opportunity to build personal relationships and engage in honest conversations with students. As they learn about a particular student’s questions or struggles, the fellows can address those needs directly. “The fellows are like a compass,” Pedro says. “We don’t know everything, but we can guide the students in the right direction. Every student will have a different combination of needs, and what we do is plug them into the right resources.”

The Bantam Network traces its origin to a Mentoring Network Design Challenge issued by President Joanne Berger-Sweeney in 2014, months after she arrived at Trinity. Molly Thoms ’17, leader of the team that proposed the Bantam Network’s original design, says it was shaped partly by what she wished had been in place during her own first year. “It’s really that feeling of having a family when you get to campus and having a default network that you can fall back on,” Thoms says.

The network’s design, Thoms adds, called attention to the fact that Trinity already offered all the resources first-year students needed to succeed and channeled them through the Trinsition Fellows to increase their visibility and access. “Aside from the fellows, the Bantam Network didn’t necessarily add a lot to Trinity; it just put everything together,” Thoms says.

The opening of the renovated common spaces in first-year residence halls coincided with the start of the Bantam Network. With full kitchens, dining areas, televisions, and couches, the common spaces have become popular gathering spots for nest events hosted by the fellows. First-year students and their mentors often meet for home-cooked meals, game nights, and discussions of current events.

Joseph Di Christina, dean of campus life and vice president for student affairs, says the fellows are the foundation of the Bantam Network’s success. Having recent college graduates on the staff, he says, because they understand the culture, the resources, and the pathways to academic success. “If you moved to a new neighborhood, you’d want somebody who could walk you around to other houses and give you a chance to meet people. That’s what the fellows do,” Di Christina says. “They get to know the students individually and can help them tap into the resources to get students connected to the right place.” Those resources can include the Registrar’s Office, the Career Development Center, the Counseling Center, and dozens of departments, student activities, clubs, and organizations.

Di Christina says he believes that the Bantam Network has helped to raise levels of student satisfaction at Trinity, as measured by a survey given to first-year students. Students who arrived after the Bantam Network was initiated are more likely to report that they feel that Trinity is becoming their home and that they felt welcomed to Trinity during Orientation. “Fellows are working with individual students to help them through personal, academic, and social challenges. As a result, fellows are able to be an important resource for students prior to an issue becoming unmanageable for the student,” Di Christina says. “Individual support for students plays a significant role in retention and student satisfaction. Most of us need some kind of guidance — a touchstone to go back to — and that’s what the Bantam Network provides.”

Erasmus came to Trinity as a January recruit for the women’s squash team after graduating from high school in South Africa just a month earlier and struggled with the abrupt transition. “I wasn’t sure if this was a place for me,” says Erasmus. “I relate to students who are falling through the cracks and are very good at hiding that they are struggling because I was one of those.”

Erasmus says that her own challenging first-year experience made her want to help create a smooth entry into college life for
other students. “If you had a great experience, you want them to have the same experience, and if you didn’t have such a great experience, you want to make it better for them,” she says of what motivates the fellows. As staff members who have no academic or disciplinary oversight, the fellows can offer students personalized, pressure-free support. “The fellows know what it takes to meet students where they are,” Erasmus says.

Madalyn Farrar ’19 was part of the initial class of first-year students who took part in the Bantam Network. “Having a nest made it easy to meet new people, make friends, and get acquainted with the campus and its resources. It opened up a lot of opportunities,” Farrar says. “The nest would have events with the Study Away Office and the Writing Center and have professors come and speak about helpful things that we, as first-years, hadn’t explored yet.”

Friedman says she enjoyed being a source of information for students while providing them with a sense of stability. “There’s always a person there for you if you have a question,” she says of the role of the fellows.

Each nest’s designated faculty mentor — who oversees other faculty members teaching first-year seminars associated with that nest — encourages students and faculty to attend nest events. Faculty mentor Irene Papoulis, principal lecturer in the Allan K. Smith Center for Writing and Rhetoric, says that most students come to college looking for intellectual engagement. “They find it in their classes, and as a faculty member, I am interested in how the nests provide academic occasions for interactions beyond the classroom,” she says.

In addition to engaging with faculty members in academic discussions, first-year students have opportunities to interact with professors in more informal settings and to form bonds by going on outings together. “The feeling of being connected to a group, known by all for one’s uniqueness, is invaluable for students’ academic as well as social success,” she says. “The nests engage students at all levels.”

Faculty mentor Bill Church, associate professor of chemistry and neuroscience, says that his favorite experiences with first-year students include a chocolate baking competition, a table tennis tournament, and a trip to watch a Yard Goats baseball game at the new stadium in Hartford. “I think that having a faculty mentor in each nest helps the students to view the faculty differently. It allows them to get a perspective of the ‘person’ behind the faculty member,” he says. “The thing that has impacted me the most is seeing how challenging it is for the students to balance the demands of the classroom and the need for nonacademic activity and growth.”

With the idea that regular trips to downtown Hartford help first-year students achieve that balance while learning about their new home city, Pedro led weekly Friday afternoon outings to museums, cultural events, and restaurants. The fellows also benefit from the Bantam Network by receiving professional development in the field of higher education through assignments in College offices. DiChristina plans to position the assignments of the incoming fellows to focus on campus projects that address the first-year experience, such as coordinating the Bantam Beginnings pre-orientation programs, to maximize the impact of their work.

While Pedro’s two-year fellowship ended in the spring of 2017, the Bantam Network continues to grow and evolve. The new Trinsition Fellows — Maria Dyane ’17, Sheila Njau ’17, Monica Mhina ’17, and Thalia Giraldo — will lead the network through the 2018–19 academic year.

Pedro says she believes the next Trinsition Fellows will continue to improve the first-year experience at Trinity and build on the sense of community that is being fostered through the Bantam Network. “I believe in the community of this institution,” she says. “This is family to me.” [10]
Knowing that not everyone formed such immediate connections to the College and their classmates on their own, Pedro wanted to help forge these strong bonds for others when she became part of Trinity’s Bantam Network, the mentoring program for first-year students that launched in fall 2015. “I thought, ‘I had such a great first-year experience. If I could reproduce that, it would be amazing,’ ” she says.

Pedro was among the first group of Trinsition Fellows — along with Alex Conaway ’15, M’17, Chanel Erasmus ’15, M’17, Taniqua Huguley ’15, M’17, and Bates College and American University graduate Meredith Friedman — who each oversaw two “nests” of 45 to 70 first-year students and helped students successfully transition to college life.

From their offices in the residence halls they serve, the fellows have a unique opportunity to build personal relationships and engage in honest conversations with students. As they learn about a particular student’s questions or struggles, the fellows can address those needs directly. “The fellows are like a compass,” Pedro says. “We don’t know everything, but we can guide the students in the right direction. Every student will have a different combination of needs, and what we do is plug them into the right resources.”

The Bantam Network traces its origin to a Mentoring Network Design Challenge issued by President Joanne Berger-Sweeney in 2014, months after she arrived at Trinity. Molly Thoms ’17, leader of the team that proposed the Bantam Network’s original design, says it was shaped partly by what she wished had been in place during her own first year. “It’s really that feeling of having a family when you get to campus and having a default network that you can fall back on,” Thoms says.

The network’s design, Thoms adds, called attention to the fact that Trinity already offered all the resources first-year students needed to succeed and channeled them through the Trinsition Fellows to increase their visibility and access. “Aside from the fellows, the Bantam Network didn’t necessarily add a lot to Trinity; it just put everything together,” Thoms says.

The opening of the renovated common spaces in first-year residence halls coincided with the start of the Bantam Network. With full kitchens, dining areas, televisions, and couches, the common spaces have become popular gathering spots for nest events hosted by the fellows. First-year students and their mentors often meet for home-cooked meals, game nights, and discussions of current events.

Joseph DiChristina, dean of campus life and vice president for student affairs, says the fellows are the foundation of the Bantam Network’s success. Having recent college graduates on the staff, he says, because they understand the culture, the resources, and the pathways to academic success. “If you moved to a new neighborhood, you’d want somebody who could walk you around to other houses and give you a chance to meet people.

That’s what the fellows do,” DiChristina says. “They get to know the students individually and can help them tap into the resources to get students connected to the right place.” Those resources can include the Registrar’s Office, the Career Development Center, the Counseling Center, and dozens of departments, student activities, clubs, and organizations.

DiChristina says he believes that the Bantam Network has helped to raise levels of student satisfaction at Trinity, as measured by a survey given to first-year students. Students who arrived after the Bantam Network was initiated are more likely to report that they feel that Trinity is becoming their home and that they felt welcomed to Trinity during Orientation. “Fellows are working with individual students to help them through personal, academic, and social challenges. As a result, fellows are able to be an important resource for students prior to an issue becoming unmanageable for the student,” DiChristina says. “Individual support for students plays a significant role in retention and student satisfaction. Most of us need some kind of guidance — a touchstone to go back to — and that’s what the Bantam Network provides.”

Erasmus came to Trinity as a January recruit for the women’s squash team after graduating from high school in South Africa just a month earlier and struggled with the abrupt transition. “I wasn’t sure if this was a place for me,” says Erasmus. “I relate to students who are falling through the cracks and are very good at hiding that they are struggling because I was one of those.”

Erasmus says that her own challenging first-year experience made her want to help to create a smooth entry into college life for...
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BY MARY HOWARD

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IMAGINE A HARTFORD where people are solving big problems and inventing cutting-edge technologies; where residents, students, and visitors meet on sidewalks and in cafés to share ideas; where thriving businesses fill once-empty storefronts; and where art and music events abound.
This is a vision President Joanne Berger-Sweeney has articulated since her arrival in 2014. “The capital city’s small size creates an environment for stakeholders — Trinity College chief among them — to make a big impact on the health and vitality of Hartford’s neighborhoods, schools, and economy,” she says. Thanks to a grant from CTNext, a state-funded program to boost economic growth and innovation, Trinity’s faculty, staff, and students will be part of making this vision a reality.

The College is a key partner of the Hartford/East Hartford Innovation Places Planning Team, one of four groups selected on June 6 to receive a share of $30 million in state funding. In fiscal year 2018, the team will receive up to $2 million in implementation grant funds to begin the process. This will be the first of up to five years of renewable funding.

The grant is part of a statewide Innovation Places competition run by CTNext, a subsidiary of Connecticut Innovations, the state’s venture capital firm. Competition was fierce among a dozen communities across the state, and the announcement ended an eight-month planning process that began last summer and included a site visit and presentation to a panel of experts from the business and entrepreneurial worlds. Other winners are New Haven, New London-Groton, and Stamford.

What does this mean for Trinity? For starters, the team has plans to develop a thriving live/learn/work destination in the area around Trinity and Hartford Hospital. A retail assessment matching program will connect entrepreneurs and small businesses with available space and the financial support to create new ventures. And small business grants will allow local restaurants and retailers to improve the quality and attractiveness of their physical spaces.

“We envision a hub of activity in a walkable area,” says team member Amy Brough, Trinity’s director of institutional support. “Imagine a student leaving her dorm room to walk to an internship at Hartford HealthCare and then a meeting at the public library.”

Placemaking — building on the community’s assets to create public spaces that promote residents’ health, happiness, and well-being — is a focus of the initiative. “The health and vibrancy of the neighborhood has direct impacts on the experiences that faculty, staff, and students have at Trinity,” says team member Jason Rojas M’12, who is chief of staff to Berger-Sweeney and the College’s director of community relations. “We want our entire campus community to take advantage of the incredible resources that our neighborhood has to offer.”

The cornerstones of this initiative are connections, destinations, and opportunities for innovators and entrepreneurs, says team member Jamie Calabrese Britt ’05, the City of Hartford’s director of planning & economic development. “In the Trinity area in the near term, you’ll see more activations, such as pop-up food truck events and retail.”

The area around Trinity and Hartford Hospital will be deemed a medical technology innovation (“MedTech”) district. Outside the Innovation Places grant, Trinity and the hospital have formal partnerships in neuroscience research and through the College’s Health Fellows Program, among other initiatives.

“Trinity and Hartford HealthCare’s providers, especially Hartford Hospital and Institute of Living, have long-standing partnerships, and Innovation Places will build upon those existing relationships to increase engagement between our institutions and our faculty, staff, and students,” says Berger-Sweeney.

Plans for this MedTech district include establishing a biomedical innovation institute to fast-track new product and technology development and commercialization. A digital health technology program will help attract and support companies specializing in health care analytics, biomedical informatics, and other emerging health care fields, creating a hub of medical technology companies in the area.

“The continued evolution of the MedTech sector strengthens the region’s push for industry-changing innovation,” says Elliot Joseph, chief executive officer of Hartford HealthCare. “It will equip both institutions with differentiating capabilities to help lead future industry disruptors in the domains of biomedical
engineering, digital health, Internet of things, and advanced analytics.”

The MedTech district is one of three zones of innovation in the Hartford/East Hartford plan. The InsurTech hub will work to bring next-generation insurance companies to Downtown Hartford, and an aerospace/advanced manufacturing hub will aim to help local manufacturers and entrepreneurs increase innovation within the aerospace industry, particularly in East Hartford.

The area already was one of the region’s most robust economic centers because of its strong presence in the insurance, health care, aerospace, and advanced manufacturing industries, and the new plan builds on that. “We are excited to see the impressive leadership team bring together its existing resources and assets, many of which have been underutilized to this point, and take the Hartford/East Hartford communities to the next level,” says Glendowlyn Thames, executive director of CTNext.

By attracting entrepreneurs and industry to the area, more cutting-edge research, internship, and job opportunities will exist for Trinity students and graduates. “If a student’s first internship is in Boston or New York, that’s where they are headed after they graduate,” says Berger-Sweeney. “We want to create opportunities and the relative conditions that encourage students to stay in Connecticut, in general, and Hartford, in particular.”

By increasing jobs and internships, the planning team hopes to retain more talented college graduates. This is a goal shared by the Connecticut Higher Education Innovation & Entrepreneurship Working Group, a consortium of presidents of higher education institutions in Connecticut that is co-chaired by Berger-Sweeney. The group worked on a timetable parallel to that of the Innovation Places planning team to develop a plan to create a statewide, higher education entrepreneurial ecosystem.

Retaining college graduates in the city also will address the needs of the region’s employers, large and small, says Rojas. “Our goals are focused on attracting and growing technology-based businesses as well as developing and retaining talent who are graduating from Trinity and our partner institutions,” he adds. Workforce development through partnerships and programs for high school and college students — like Trinity’s robotics competition — also will help fuel the pipeline of skilled workers and entrepreneurs.

The Hartford/East Hartford Innovation Places Implementation Team comprises leaders from more than 20 organizations — including Trinity, the University of Connecticut, the University of Hartford, Hartford HealthCare, and insurance companies including Travelers, The Hartford, and Cigna — along with several entrepreneurs. Each of these community stakeholders will play a role in executing the team’s strategy and in making Hartford and East Hartford visible centers of entrepreneurship and innovation.

Brough and Rojas — along with planning team members Gerald Gunderson, Shelby Cullom Davis Professor of American Business and Economic Enterprise, and Ellen Hart, assistant director of institutional support — are ready to roll up their sleeves to support Trinity’s role in implementation. The next steps will target infrastructure, including putting together a board of directors and hiring a manager to assist team director Michelle Cote, managing director of the Connecticut Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation at UConn.

“We have an incredible opportunity to move Hartford forward by building on the city’s and the region’s economic engines,” says Rojas. “Continued collaboration and active communications will be key to moving into this next phase.”

While there are challenges in working with such a diverse group of organizations, each with its own interests, Rojas says, the process of creating the plan broke down silos and built relationships. “Ultimately this is about what is best for the city.”
STUDENTS IN TRINITY’S HEALTH FELLOWS PROGRAM GAIN VALUABLE INSIGHT INTO WHAT IT REALLY TAKES TO BE A PHYSICIAN

An INSIDE Track

BY ABE LOOMIS
Lucy Honeycutt '18, right, and her Health Fellows Program mentor, Duarte Machado, M.D., '01
Lucy Honeycutt’s interest in medicine started with a jolt.

An avid equestrian, the member of Trinity’s Class of 2018 was just 7 years old when a horse in her family’s barn in rural Maryland kicked her, breaking her jaw. She spent days in a local hospital and never forgot how safe she felt in the care of her doctors and nurses.

“I remember thinking, ‘This is so cool. There are all these people here who are able to fix me!’” she says. “And I wanted to help other people in that way, to help other people feel safe.”
Small wonder, then, that her placement through Trinity’s Health Fellows Program with Dr. Duarte Machado ’01 — a co-director of Hartford HealthCare’s Chase Family Movement Disorders Center who also holds an assistant clinical professorship at Yale School of Medicine and who is the first Health Fellows alumnus to become a Health Fellows mentor — has been such a good match. Of Machado’s manner with his patients, Honeycutt says, “He really listens, and he’s always friendly. He always starts with an overarching question, and I think that helps him get an understanding of how they’re feeling that isn’t just symptom specific.”

Connecting students with mentors in the health professions has been the business of the Health Fellows Program since 1999, when Priscilla Kehoe, a founder of Trinity’s Neuroscience Program, and Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience Sarah Raskin saw an opportunity.

“We were aware that Hartford Hospital was just a few blocks away,” Raskin says, “and we were both trying to place our students in health care settings within our course work to give them that real-life experience, and so we were thinking about how we could expand that to make it more meaningful.”

Their thinking aligned with that of then-Dean of the Faculty Miller Brown, who also had been considering ways to connect Trinity with Hartford Hospital. Soon they were hard at work designing a curriculum.

“In the initial stages, we used as a template the Legislative Internship Program, which had already existed in the legislative offices in downtown Hartford for students who were interested in going into political work,” Raskin says. “We wanted to make a better experience for our students and also to make Trinity more attractive to students who were interested in health care. Being in a city and being near a medical center is something that Trinity has that most other small liberal arts colleges don’t.”

Essential to their plan — and differentiating it from many other medical internships or “shadowing” programs — was that it would combine a classroom seminar, clinical experience, and serious research. Students now in the Health Fellows Program — which is designed to accommodate about 15 students and this year enrolled a record 20 — read about and discuss the U.S. health care system and current topics in the field; they observe and work with a mentor; and they seek approval for a research project from Hartford Hospital’s Institutional Review Board (IRB), with the ultimate goal of presenting the results at a conference or publishing them in a medical journal.

“We sit with them and their health care mentor,” Raskin says, “and we help them design a research project that the student can do almost independently, something that is feasible within the setting and that will yield data that is, hopefully, useful to their mentor.” Some students have studied cancer cells. Others have worked with mentors at the Anxiety Disorders Center at Hartford Hospital’s Institute of Living.

“We’ve had students on neurosurgical units comparing the outcomes of different neurosurgical procedures,” Raskin says. “Or doing injury-prevention work with victims of domestic violence, or working in the schools with kids in teen-pregnancy prevention programs. It really runs the gamut.”

Honeycutt and Machado are collaborating on a study examining the effect of a multi-strain, high-potency probiotic on people with Parkinson’s disease. For both of them, studying movement disorders is deeply personal.

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Professor of Psychology and Neuroscience

Each had a grandparent who suffered from Parkinson’s, and, partly as a result, each decided to aspire to help people with movement disorders. The overlap in their interests led directly to the research they’re doing now.

“When I met with Lucy for the first time at the end of the fall term, she had been working on the use of a ketogenic diet in a preclinical model of Parkinson’s disease,” Machado says. “We discussed the use of probiotics in Parkinson’s disease and how probiotics are of great interest in the literature that is currently being published about how to modulate the gut flora in Parkinson’s disease.”

They outlined a project together, and then Honeycutt took the lead — developing the proposal, submitting it to the IRB at Hartford Hospital, designing survey
tools, and collecting data from patients who agreed to participate. Meanwhile, she was writing weekly papers for her seminar and spending hours in the clinic attending patients with Machado.

“I carry around a little notebook,” Honeycutt says. “I’ll notice the way that a patient’s talking and put a question mark — is this related to the condition they have? Or sometimes Dr. Machado and the patient will start talking and use new medical terminology, so I’ll write down the spelling as best I can and then Google it later to figure out what they were talking about. Or I’ll jot down anything I notice or questions that I have and then answer them when I talk to Dr. Machado.”

Alison Draper directs Trinity’s Interdisciplinary Science Center and teaches the Health Fellows seminar in alternate years opposite Raskin. For students like Honeycutt, Draper says, combining classroom study, clinical work, and research is the best preparation for their next challenge: applying to medical school.

“If we do it right, [the varied requirements of the program] feed into each other,” she says. “Medical schools want to know that students understand what they’re getting themselves into. If a student is naive about how health care actually works and the realities of life as a physician, then they’re not evaluated as strongly. So we try to help them walk in with their eyes open.”

This summer, while Honeycutt is busy with her applications, Machado — who signed up as a mentor because he loved his own experience as a Health Fellow — will move forward with their Parkinson’s project, working with another student to collect the number of participants needed to complete the study.

Machado says that by initiating the research, “in a sense, Lucy is also paying it forward — to the next student.”

Although Honeycutt has yet to settle on a specialty, her experience with Machado in Trinity’s Health Fellows Program has confirmed her desire to pursue medicine and the manner in which she hopes to do so.

“He’s really invested, and it’s inspirational,” she says. “That’s how I want to be.”

HARTFORD HOSPITAL-
TRINITY NEUROSCIENCE COLLABORATION

In a ceremony formalizing the relationship between the Ayer Neuroscience Institute at Hartford Hospital and the Neuroscience Program at Trinity College, officials from the College and Hartford HealthCare signed an agreement in May 2017 that will create far-reaching opportunities for up to 20 Trinity students a year interested in conducting research in neuroscience.

Under its terms, Trinity students interested in a vast number of the institute’s specialties — including strokes, Parkinson’s disease, epilepsy, movement disorders, neuropsychiatry, neurointervention, neurosurgery, and headaches — will be linked with physicians and researchers within those fields who are interested in working with Trinity students.

“The exciting thing about the institute is that it is the multidisciplinary approach needed to break down existing silos to make sure we have the resources to take proper care of patients,” said Mark Alberts, M.D., physician-in-chief of Hartford HealthCare’s Ayer Neuroscience Institute and chief of Hartford Hospital’s Department of Neurology.

Alberts and fellow neuroscientist Joanne Berger-Sweeney, president and Trinity College professor of neuroscience, agreed that an exciting facet of the collaboration is that Trinity will be able to integrate with Hartford HealthCare from a research perspective.

“Because we’re a liberal arts institution, we look for interesting connections,” said Berger-Sweeney. She pointed out that Trinity has implemented a five-year B.A./M.A. program in which one can earn a bachelor’s degree and with a fifth year earn a master’s degree in neuroscience by conducting research.

“On a national level, we cannot find enough good grads to go into the neurosciences,” said Alberts. “There is a shortage of bright, young minds to do this ... the need is huge because a lot of the diseases we treat are diseases of an aging population. With the baby boomers getting older, we need these young minds to provide care and to be on the next frontier of research. [Trinity’s] B.A./M.A. program is a fantastic idea.”

Sarah A. Raskin, professor of psychology and neuroscience at Trinity, said the College has researchers who are productive and who have published in conjunction with researchers from Hartford Hospital and The Institute of Living.

“We have 15 faculty members in the Neuroscience Program, including a neurochemist and a neurobiologist, people doing clinical work, an engineer, and a philosopher who is doing research on consciousness — a wide range of faculty members. We have tremendous neuroscience students who are bright, engaged, and active, some of whom started doing research in their first or second semester at Trinity. Many of them wind up doing research at Hartford Hospital because it’s only three blocks from our College campus,” Raskin said, adding that Trinity’s Neuroscience Program, which celebrated its 25th anniversary last year, is one of the oldest such programs in the country.

“Trinity is stimulating young minds to go into neuroscience,” said Berger-Sweeney. Of the collaboration, she added, “We want this to be the start of a very strong partnership that we can continue.” — James D. Battaglio
With a nine-foot, spiraling tusk jutting out from the front of its head, the narwhal looks like a sea creature from a fantasy world. As scientists studied the elusive whale, they discovered that the tusk is a massive tooth, which is what brings Martin Nweeia ’77 — a practicing dentist, marine mammal biologist, lecturer at the Harvard School of Dental Medicine, and clinical assistant professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Dental Medicine — to the icy waters of the Arctic Ocean to conduct research.
Nweeia graduated from Trinity College with majors in biology and English before attending dental school at Case Western Reserve. Now a member of the Vertebrate Zoology Department of the Smithsonian’s National Museum of Natural History (NMNH) and a research scientist with the National Science Foundation, he also is part of a team behind the Narwhal: Revealing an Arctic Legend exhibit at the NMNH that opened in August and runs for two years. The exhibit showcases Inuit perspectives on their connections to the narwhals and offers the most up-to-date scientific information about the animals.

Nweeia says that most of his work has been in the “field of dental anthropology, studying the migrations of people and disease based on teeth and looking for unusual examples in nature, such as elephants, walrus, and warthogs.” He was attracted to his current research with questions raised by the narwhal tooth, which seems to defy all evolutionary reason. “Much of the explanation didn’t make intuitive sense to me. I was inquisitive initially, and the more I read, the more I was,” he says. “It’s more fun as a scientist to look at the examples that don’t make sense.” That curiosity was enough to propel him to ask “What on earth is this marine mammal doing with this mythical tusk?”

“There’s no question that this animal has the most extraordinary tooth on the planet,” Nweeia says. “There’s more to this story that I felt needed to be told.”

The narwhal has captured the imagination of explorers, artists, and scientists alike. “A large percentage of the population doesn’t even realize these animals are on the planet, let alone that they wield this extraordinary tooth,” Nweeia says. Research has shown that the whale has the ability to form 12 other teeth that it genetically silences, leaving no teeth inside its mouth.

The narwhal tooth also is unusual in other ways. “We found that it is built very differently from other teeth. Our own teeth have a hard coating of enamel on the outside and are softer in the center, while in the narwhal it’s the exact opposite: soft and flexible on the outside, but the inside is like a steel shaft,” Nweeia says.

Conducting research on these animals, which live in the near-freezing Arctic water, presents its challenges. “The work is treasured because people know how difficult it is,” Nweeia says. “The environment is completely unpredictable, and the seasons are becoming blurred in ways that are difficult to predict. There’s a very narrow window of time in the first two weeks of August when we try to work. You get there by helicopter, Twin Otter plane, or boat, and the weather doesn’t always cooperate. If something goes wrong, no one’s coming to get you.”

It may be a long way from Hartford to the Arctic Circle, but Nweeia says that he still carries the influence of his Trinity education with him. “I think Trinity was instrumental in shaping my brain and my approach to science. [Charles A. Dana Professor of Biology] Craig Schneider taught me to think in an integrative and an intuitive way, as opposed to one based on memorization
of ideas and facts. In a final exam question — which I remember to this day — he said that a bat in the Amazon jungle was able to pollinate a certain kind of flower, and he wanted us to explain why this would occur. It’s that kind of question that makes you think beyond your own perimeter, and that’s what all the fundamental advances in science will be based on.”

Schneider says that Nweeia was the type of student who valued knowledge over grades. “Rather than judging himself on pluses and minuses, he judged himself on what he learned,” Schneider says of Nweeia. “He was curious, and he had a self-confidence that all of my students should have about their abilities. Curious people lead interesting lives.”

Nweeia’s inquisitive nature has helped him win numerous honors, including a National Geographic Explorer grant and a Fulbright. He also recently learned that he will be among those receiving a 2017 Lowell Thomas Award — given in recognition of extraordinary contributions to exploration and scientific research — from The Explorers Club, an international professional society.

Nweeia says he was happy to have the opportunity to give back to the Trinity community when he was invited to deliver a Science for the Greater Good lecture last year. “The thing that allowed me to become an expert in a specific field of study was seeded and nurtured at Trinity. Professors are really trying to open up minds,” he says.

Trinity’s Interdisciplinary Science Center (ISC), along with partners in Advancement and Career Development, sponsors the Science for the Greater Good lecture series, which aims to bring prominent Trinity science alumni back to campus to talk about their work and to mentor students. Alison Draper, director of the ISC, says that she is fascinated with how Nweeia pursues his scientific inquiry while also maintaining a dental practice in Sharon, Connecticut. “Dr. Nweeia is a great example of someone whose career hasn’t limited his curiosity,” Draper says. By speaking directly to students, Draper says, Nweeia helped to illustrate the advantages of a liberal arts education to those who wish to pursue careers in the sciences. “A scientist like Dr. Nweeia who is broadly educated and has learned to ask critical questions is a better scientist for that liberal arts foundation,” she says. “Dr. Nweeia, particularly, has incorporated much of what he learned in anthropology courses to further his research by recognizing the cultural knowledge among Arctic peoples about the narwhal.”

Nweeia points out that he learns as much from indigenous cultures as he does from his research. As he strives to answer questions about why the narwhal has evolved in its peculiar way, interviewing Inuit elders and hunters all over the planet has helped to expand his philosophical world view. “The thing I find most uniform is that indigenous people do not care about why things are the way they are. Their understanding of the planet is to work with it, not to say ‘Why is it?’”

Experiences like these reinforce Nweeia’s approach to science, which combines biology with anthropology and other fields. “Biological questions cannot be answered only by biologists,” he says. “In the world of science, the real insight, the real progress, the findings of significance are going to be found by integrative thinkers who wander freely between the perimeters of myriad disciplines.”

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Welcome to DREAM Camp established 1998.

Academic and mentoring program celebrates 20 years on campus.

By Maura King Scully

Photos: Defining Studios
In the mid-1990s,
Paul Raether ’68, H’14, P’93, ‘96, ‘01 had a dream: a tuition-free, academic summer program for underserved children in the Hartford area. More importantly, he had a plan. “To me, the key to breaking the cycle of poverty in tough neighborhoods is that the kids need to be educated,” says Raether, who served on Trinity College’s Board of Trustees for 25 years, including 12 years as chair. “If they have an opportunity, the vista opens up to them. Education is the key.”

From Raether’s dream came Dream Camp, a tuition-free, five-week summer program, funded through philanthropic investments, that couples academic support with mentoring throughout the school year. Given Trinity’s commitment to building bridges with the Hartford community, he thought it was ideal for the College to host the camp. To make it happen, he turned to a longtime friend, Michael Rouse, founder of ESF (Education, Sports, and Fun), an organization that provides a variety of camp experiences. “I called Michael and said, ‘Look, you run all of these camps. Have you ever done anything like this?’ Michael said no, but he would like to. He and I worked out a plan.”

Founded in 1998, Dream Camp is one of Trinity’s longest-running community programs benefiting Hartford children and their families. Now in its 20th season, the summer camp and academic-year mentoring program provides a fun, educational, and safe environment for participating students from elementary through high school age.

Campers — who come from more than 50 Hartford area schools — can join the program at age 6, 7, or 8 and then return every summer through age 16, when they are eligible to apply to serve as mentors in training (MITs). When they turn 17, they can participate in the Young Leaders Program (YLP), keeping them connected to Dream Camp’s goals while providing a means for acknowledging high-achieving alumni campers through employment as junior counselors. Among the camp’s chief goals are enhancing the out-of-school educational opportunities for Hartford’s children, building confidence and academic skills, and improving success in school. In addition to academic offerings, classes and activities include creative and performing arts, health and nutrition, and fitness.

The curriculum continues to evolve. In 2007, in collaboration with Trinity’s Engineering Department and with support from Versa Products, whose president is Jan Larsson ’77, P’18, a middle school robotics program was introduced. Through it, campers learn the importance of teamwork as they collaborate to build and program functional robots during the course of the summer. This year, due to the popularity of the robotics curriculum, the Boehringer Ingelheim Cares Foundation started funding an academic-year robotics program to complement summer robotics offerings. Through a partnership with the Athletics Department and a grant from the U.S. Tennis Association, a learn-to-play tennis program was introduced at Trinity’s Assiaante Tennis Center.

As campers enter high school and begin considering options for college, Dream Camp’s instruction focuses on issues that include college awareness, admissions, SAT prep, and navigating through college and financial aid applications.

More than just a summer or academic-year experience, Dream Camp is a community. Many students who apply to the program are struggling academically but have strong support from their families. “We are a partner with the parent or guardian,” says Rouse. “When our kids are successful, it’s not just Dream Camp. It’s a combination of the family and Dream Camp. We provide a platform to make their dreams successful.”

All Dream Campers are invited to participate in the school-year program (or a comparable, Dream Camp-approved program). The Monday through Thursday sessions take place at Trinity (round-trip transportation is provided). Students receive homework help, and there also is an emphasis on character development and mentoring. “Dream Camp is not just watching kids for the summer,” says Jared Jackson ‘16. “It celebrates everybody’s achievements and places education at the forefront of our lives.”
That well-nurtured partnership has paid off. According to the Dream Camp Foundation, among the 90 percent of campers who entered the program at age 6, 7, or 8 and returned every summer through high school, 100 percent have graduated from high school and more than 90 percent have gone to college, including six who have attended Trinity. The staff, including teachers and educators from across the country, are deeply committed to the program. The summer staff-to-student ratio is an impressive 1:3, and the academic year staff-to-student ratio is 1:6. Many Trinity students also have benefited by participating as counselors — they constitute nearly 25 percent of the camp’s 75 summer counselors and also provide tutoring and mentoring during the school year.

During the past 20 years, the camp has supported 4,850 enrollments in the tuition-free program, funded through nearly $11 million in private philanthropy and in-kind contributions from Trinity, including use of classrooms and athletic fields. The camp has attracted significant funding from major donors, including the Bank of America Foundation, Travelers, and the Hartford Foundation for Public Giving.

“At Bank of America, one of our goals is to see students in low- to moderate-income communities graduate from high school and go on to college,” says Dean Andrews ’88, senior vice president in the commercial banking group at Bank of America. Supporting Dream Camp is a “win-win,” he continues. “Not only are we helping students to succeed, but we’re also supporting Trinity and its invaluable role as an academic resource to youth in our community.”

The Hartford Foundation specifically supports Dream Camp’s MIT program. “There aren’t many summer opportunities for young people ages 12 to 16 and above as they age out of traditional programming,” says Judy McBride, the foundation’s director of grants and partnership investments. “They really need opportunities for academic enrichment and also the personal growth that needs to happen for young people, whether it’s building self-confidence or comfort around being independent and making good decisions. Dream Camp makes sure that young people have an opportunity to think about college and what they want. And there’s the added benefit of being on a campus, so they can see what college is like. It becomes part of their DNA that college is attainable.”

Having achieved so much in its first 20 years, Dream Camp is not resting on its laurels. “We’ve got lots of ideas, like an overnight experience for a week somewhere outside of Hartford. We’re continuing to explore opportunities for the future,” says Rouse. Raether, who would like to see a sixth week in the summer added, notes, “People say it’s changed their lives; looking back over the past two decades, that’s what we’re most proud of.”

PAST CAMPERS LOOK BACK:

JARED JACKSON ’16
“My experience was phenomenal,” says Jared Jackson, who is pursuing an M.F.A. at Columbia University. Jackson attended Dream Camp and served as a mentor in training and a counselor before later graduating from Trinity. “I looked forward to Dream Camp every summer. In terms of the academic component, it reinforced the lessons I was taught in school during the year. It exposed me to so many things and also taught us to understand how your actions influence the behaviors of other people.”

MATTHEW NOBLE ’13
Matthew Noble went through the entire Dream Camp program, including years as an MIT and as a counselor when he attended Trinity as an undergraduate. “I always recommend it for parents who are looking for places for their kids to go,” says Noble, now a tech underwriter for an insurance company based in Philadelphia. “It’s a safe environment. The counselors care about their campers, and the teacher expertise is tremendous.”

For more about Dream Camp, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.
TRINITY TRIUMPHS
ATHLETICS

GOLF
The Bantam golf team, coached by Matt Greason ’03 in his fourth season, finished tied for second at the NESCAC Championship Tournament in the spring after qualifying for the event as one of the top four teams in the fall’s league qualifying tournament. Bantam sophomore Will Rosenfield was named to the Ping Division III All-Northeast Region Team for the second year in a row.

SOFTWARE
Trinity’s softball team posted a 19–15 overall record and tied Tufts for second place in the NESCAC East with an 8–4 mark against division opponents. Trinity qualified for the NESCAC Championship Tournament for the seventh time and the second year in a row but fell 3–2 in nine innings to Williams at Bowdoin and 9–3 to Bowdoin at Colby in the team’s two postseason games. Bantam Head Coach Caitlin Hitchcock ’00, in her 15th season, repeated as the NESCAC Coach of the Year, while four Bantams were named to the All-NESCAC Team. First-year pitcher Lindsay Golia represented Trinity on the All-NESCAC First Team, while junior captain Michelle Treglia, who plays second base; sophomore shortstop Courtney Erickson; and sophomore catcher Nicole Towner graced the All-NESCAC Second Team.

BASEBALL
The Bantam baseball team, led by Head Coach Bryan Adamaki in his fourth season, finished with a 22–14 overall record and a 5–7 mark in NESCAC East Division play. Bantam first-year catcher Alex Rodriguez was named as the NESCAC Co-Rookie of the Year and to the All-NESCAC First Team, while senior utility man Nick DiBenedetto and sophomore pitcher Erik Mohl represented Trinity on the All-NESCAC Second Team.

WOMEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Trinity’s women’s outdoor track and field team, coached by George Suitor in his 25th season, finished a best-ever seventh in the NESCAC Championship Meet at Bowdoin College, tied for 13th in the New England Division III Championships at Williams College, and tied for 28th in the New England Open Championships at Williams. Bantam first-year Katie Marlow-Benedick was third in the 100- and 200-meter dashes, and fellow rookie Peace Kabari added a second-place heave of 40’07” in the shot put, as both were named to the All-NESCAC Team. Marlow-Benedick continued her success, placing fourth in the 200-meter dash and seventh in the

AWARDING EXCELLENCE

Several Trinity students and staff members received prestigious honors at the College’s annual athletics awards reception on May 3.

GEORGE SHELDON MCCOOK TROPHY
Senior Male Athlete of the Year
ED OGDENKO ‘17
MEN’S BASKETBALL

TRINITY CLUB OF HARTFORD TROPHY
Senior Female Athlete of the Year
SHEENA LANDY ’17
WOMEN’S BASKETBALL, WOMEN’S SOCCER

GEORGE SHELDON MCCOOK TROPHY
Senior Male Athlete of the Year
SAM JOHNSON ’17
MEN’S ICE HOCKEY

BOB HARRON AWARD
Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
DEVEN ROBERTS ’18
MEN’S INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

ECAC AWARD
Senior Male Scholar-Athlete of the Year
SAM JOHNSON ’17
MEN’S ICE HOCKEY
SUSAN E. MARTIN AWARD
Senior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year
KATIE TONAYAI ’17
WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY, WOMEN’S INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

BOARD OF FELLOWS AWARD
Junior Female Scholar-Athlete of the Year
JULIA PITINO ’18
WOMEN’S SOCCER

ROBERT R. BARTLETT AWARDS
Excellence in Athletics and Service to the Community
SOPHIE LONG ’17
WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY, WOMEN’S INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
DOUG CURTIN ’17
MEN’S SWIMMING AND DIVING

BANTAM AWARD
Non-Student Contribution to Athletics
KAREN PARKER
ASSISTANT BUSINESS MANAGER, ATHLETICS

SILVER AWARD
Student Non-Player Contribution to Athletics
KILEY NYGREN ’17
SPORTS MEDICINE

BLANKET AWARDS
Nine Varsity Letters Earned
SOPHIE LONG ’17
WOMEN’S CROSS COUNTRY, WOMEN’S INDOOR AND OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD

100-meter sprint to earn All-New England honors in both events. Sophomore Anna Barnes also turned in an All-New England performance with a 4:37.33 finals time in the 1,500-meter run, while the 4x100-meter relay team of Marlow-Benedick, senior captain Katie Tonyai, sophomore Morgan Hallow, and first-year Katie Lazur finished fifth, exactly one second behind the top foursome, to earn All-New England honors. Kabari continued her impressive campaign with a fourth-place finish in the shot put to give Trinity five All-New England Division III honorees. She added a sixth-place performance in the New England Open with a College-record-breaking toss of 43’04.25”, and the same four Bantam relay runners also collected All-New England Open recognition for their eighth-place effort in the 4x100-meter race.

MEN’S OUTDOOR TRACK AND FIELD
Trinity’s men’s outdoor track and field team, also coached by Suitor, finished ninth in the NESCAC Championship Meet at Bowdoin and 32nd in the New England Division III Championships at Williams. Bantam first-year Ace McAllister finished eighth in the 5,000-meter run to collect All-New England honors in the championship event at Williams.

MEN’S ROWING
The Trinity men’s rowing team, coached by Kevin MacDermott in his eighth season, posted a 4–2 record in varsity-eight dual races and finished 10th at the New England Rowing Championships and 13th at the National Invitational Rowing Championship (NIRC) Regatta. Bantam junior Jonathan Lemmon was named to the 2017 NIRCA All-Stewards Team, and senior co-captain Will Corban graced the All-NESCAC Second Team.

WOMEN’S ROWING
The Bantam women’s rowing team, coached by Heather Barney in her first season, finished 1-11 in dual races and placed 14th at the New England Rowing Championships and 16th at the NIRC. Junior co-captain Antonia Bowden was named to the All-NESCAC Second Team.
As I approach my 50th Reunion, I wanted to make a meaningful gift to Trinity College in appreciation for all it has contributed to my life, not the least of which are many deep and long-standing friendships and a significant broadening from my life in rural Virginia. Trinity’s charitable gift annuity option is an ideal way of giving back while also assuring a modest lifetime annual income for Wendy and me — much of it tax-free.

A charitable gift annuity allowed me to support the Class of 1968 Scholarship Fund at a higher level than I thought I could. I know firsthand how a Trinity education changes lives and am thankful that I could do my part to ensure that exceptional students in need will benefit in the future.”

– Keith “Kim” Miles ’68
B.A. in psychology

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Wendy and Keith “Kim” Miles ’68
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'39 Henry Hayden reports that he will be 99 years old this year and is in good health. He paints large watercolors in his studio every morning and afternoon. He completes about 150 paintings per year and has had numerous gallery shows. Additionally, he writes that he still preaches on Sundays at his retirement center chapel. He shared in a handwritten note that his love and gratitude to Trinity has never ceased!

'49 From the Alumni Office: Paul LaRocca ’62 shared some of his recollections of Robert Bowden, who passed away last November: “Bob Bowden was my firm and exacting Algebra teacher at East Hartford High School in the 1956–57 school year. In the 1970s, I returned to EHHS as a teacher, including math in summer school. Bob headed the summer program and was famous for rigid standards; to be a few minutes late for class (be you student or teacher) drew a forceful comment. On the other hand, Bob was famously fair handed, judging himself by the same standard he set for all. Underlying the impression of strength and discipline were his good humor and wry comments, as well as his drive to stress the importance of learning. Whenever we needed support, Bob was there to help. To me, he embodied everything that a model conservative might give to his community. I believe that Trinity has a real cross-section of alumni, which benefits all of us.

Norm Wack has been an active supporter of our Class of ’51. The following are some of his recent musings. “I am sitting here loving this music! What a time, the ’20s and ’30s. Our parents were so lucky to have enjoyed them. Even the stock market crash cannot compare to wars! World War I over and World War II on the distant horizon! Peace for 20 years plus! The USA was alive with music like this, and when before us was there a generation who could listen to music from 97 years ago? After these two decades, what did we get? World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Iraq, Afghanistan, Syria! God bless us all and the United States of America! Enjoy the music. To the younger generation, enjoy the music. These feelings came to me after our latest military strike; may there be no more, but don’t count on it!” Reading this really makes you think.

Checked on Stan Anderson, who is a bit frail. Nonetheless, he seems to be OK. We had a great talk that included politics, of course. I spoke to Charlie Barboni following up on my class notes for the spring 2017 issue of The Trinity Reporter. I had gotten several calls about him and wanted to be sure he was well. Indeed, he is, and we had another interesting conversation.

As for Cathy and me, we lately have been involved with our grandchildren’s weddings. We had three during the past couple of years, resulting in one great-grandson. As of this writing, we had another at Oberlin College Chapel and have another coming up in October, with kilts no less. How fortunate we are — a family of two boys and eight grandchildren, all straight shooters and able to discuss topics of importance and interest, even politics.


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I had an interesting talk with George Brewer, who turned out to be a very interesting fellow. He was a weatherman in World War II and the Korean War assigned to various weather stations in the United States. He was a salesman for several companies, retiring in 1962. He wrote adventure books and was an insurance agent with the Veterans Administration. He is an artist and a Trump supporter, and his health is “modest.” He managed to raise four children — three girls, one boy. I am told that his kids have great families. I believe that Trinity has a real cross-section of alumni, which benefits all of us.

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From Phi Trowbridge: “For me, the high point of this spring was our 65th Reunion at our alma mater, Trinity College, on June 9 and 10. The weather was summery. College students took us on tours of the campus in golf carts. We were amazed that the College extends from New Britain Avenue to Allen Place and from Summit Street to Broad Street. New dormitories look like town houses, and there are new sports fields for men and women. The scoreboard at the new baseball field has been named in memory of William J. Goralski. We had five class members attending the Reunion: Paul Norman, M.D., who practiced ENT in Manchester, Connecticut; Bob O’Brien, former teacher and coach at Kingswood School; the Rev. Finley Schaef and wife, Nancy, retired Methodist minister; Jack Taylor, insurance salesman and mountain climber; and me, Phil Trowbridge, M.D., and wife Fay, general surgeon and teacher of UConn and Dartmouth students. We had a class meeting with the above group and elected Phil Trowbridge to remain class president, Jack Taylor as vice president, and Finley Schaef as class secretary and future writer for our class in The Trinity Reporter. His e-mail address: schaef@hvc.rr.com. Ted Thomas, our previous class secretary, has developed serious medical issues that prevent him from continuing in that position. Speaking for our class, we pray for improvement in his health, and we are very grateful for his past good work keeping in touch with us and writing for our class in the magazine. At the Half-Century Luncheon, the black hat was successfully transferred to the 50th Reunion class. Friday afternoon was largely dedicated to the Theta Xi fraternity and its positive effects at Trinity. Plaques were placed at each of the fraternity’s locations on Vernon Street. On Saturday at 9:30 a.m. at the Trinity College Chapel Gathering for Thanksgiving and Remembrance, I read the names of 34 of our classmates who have died since our Reunion in 2012. It was difficult to realize how many we have lost, but it gave me an appreciation of how special each of them had been. Our thoughts and prayers for their families remain. After the above, our class led the parade in chauffeured golf carts along the Long Walk to the gathering’neath the elms in the center of campus. Classes were recognized for their class gifts (ours: $1,205,259) over the past five years. As an aside, thank you classmates for your generosity! Saturday night, the Class of 1982 invited our class to join them for dinner. We had a chance for each of us to share some of our history at Trinity and in our careers. Their enthusiasm and friendliness uplifted us and made a great conclusion to our 65th Reunion.”

From Ted Thomas: “Gentlemen of the Class of 1952, I’m so sorry I missed the 65th
and seeing all of your sun-wrinkled faces and hearing all of your worn-out stories, but the truth is I am unable to travel. But I did get out the class yearbook and reminisce about the ‘good old days.’ It is sad for me to report the passing of George Smith. I got to know George pretty well when we served in the Marine Corps. He was a dedicated Trinity alum. Phil Trowbridge summed it up in his message giving the count of classmates who have died. I want you to know I thoroughly enjoyed my short journey as your class correspondent. It is time, however, to hang it up and pass the torch on to younger guys. God bless. Ted”

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Once again, thanks for your continued support by communicating to me the tidbits of what is going on in your lives. This information sharing is not just exclusively by classmates but is an opportunity for wives, friends, and children of our classmates who might wish to share some remembrances of things past or present with us. This isn’t “alt” news to social media. Please contact me. It’s not getting any easier for any of us. Our ranks continue to diminish. Once again, I have a sort of cop-out on my duties as your Class of 1953 secretary for this deadline. Sal and I are celebrating our 50th wedding anniversary on June 11 in Chatham at Eastward Ho thanks to Joanne and Al Moses. So, not being at home in lil’ ol’ Houston with my computer, it makes it tough for me to meet our deadline of June 21. So I shall submit this early. Our next deadline is October 11, 2017, and hopefully I will be receiving your communications in the meantime. But, as I have said before, send me your thoughts at any time by phone at (713) 669-1830, and I will hold your communications till the next deadline.

Jack North wrote: “I’m scratching you off my Christmas card list. You well remember the turn onto Route 9 at the Brooks Hotel and traveling west through West Brattleboro. At that point, you’re only 3/4 miles from your fraternity brother’s house. You’ve embraced the communication age more than I have. You may have interrupted an afternoon nap, but you could have at least used an old-fashioned landline to tell me you were close by. Anyway, I’m disappointed! Lamentingly, Jack” Jack wrote again some time later: “Fantastic news! My youngest granddaughter, Grace Flynn, will graduate from St. Andrews School in Middletown, Delaware, in May and will enter as a first-year at Trinity in the fall. She selected Trinity above six other schools to which she had been accepted. How about that! (No pressure!) Hi to Sal! Best, Jack. From beautiful springtime in Vermont ...”

John Shigo, I understand, is living in a nursing home and left me a phone message. He wanted Joe Wollenberger’s phone number. So keep taking your vitamins and get some exercise every day, and hopefully we will see each other at Trin for Reunion, spring of 2018.

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Bill Creeson reports that he and Carolyn have moved to Omaha, Nebraska, to be near their daughter and son-in-law and to continue playing golf. Their new address is 509 S. 174th Plaza, Omaha, NE 68118.

Fred Searles also has moved. His wife, Pat, writes that they moved to Canandaigua, New York, in December after Fred was diagnosed with dementia. Fred is living in M. M. Ewing, a continuing care facility next door to the Canandaigua Hospital. His Trinity hat and banner fly on the wall of his room. His dementia has progressed, but he still talks about his classmates. Pat’s address is 3204 Hammersock Drive, Canandaigua, NY 14424, and Pat will take any mail to him.

Dave Mackay is doing very well, still taking opportunities to play and sing in Los Angeles. Melissa is taking a break from her show-biz career, but she is right there beside him.

Dave Kennedy has plans for the future to “climb Mount Everest, write the great American novel, swim with the great white sharks, and work out the contract to freeze my body after I die so I can be brought back and pester all my ‘Trinity College friends.’”

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Lots of enjoyable phone activity has made my life as class secretary most rewarding. While pulling my tax forms together this past April, I was prompted to contact Walter Blake (Błogosławski), who I have earlier reported is a highly successful financial options trader. He and partner Carole attend many Florida-based financial seminars and even occasionally take a cruise where the theme is financial education for the pros. So Walter is staying fully current within the industry.

As always, I continue to enjoy staying in touch with Hank Scheinberg (hankscheinberg@gmail.com), who finally hints he may have a retirement plan in the making. He continues to maintain a busy schedule with much younger professionals who undoubtedly want him to continue so they can benefit from his broad base of experience and his irreplaceable street smarts. Hank’s wife, Beki, still has a demanding life herself as a United senior flight attendant, generally flying long international itineraries. I had a long, catch-up phone visit with Bruce Whitman (brucewhitman@flightsafety.com), who has no plans to depart the challenging life of a CEO of a publicly traded company. Just following our call, Bruce was off to Hawaii for an industry meeting, and right after that, he was scheduled to be in Paris for the annual air show. Just about every year, another air/flight industry segment recognizes Bruce for leadership and industry accomplishment.

Cameron Hopper is finally considering pulling the curtain on a very successful legal career, and hopefully we will see him at our mini Florida reunion in February. He and Peggy have 11 grandchildren to enjoy, generated by five sons, all of whom attended the University of Richmond in Virginia. Cam advised me that his son, Forbes, is on the University of Richmond Alumni Association Board of Directors. Carol and I have a son-in-law Ph.D. professor at the University of Richmond, teaching in the M.B.A. program in the business school. He possibly will interact with Forbes as he often is active in an advisory role to the university in its strategic planning process.

Great phone visit with Bob Welsh (“Welshman”), prompted by my interest in this year’s America’s Cup competition. You might remember Welshman was part of the USA crew in the America’s Cup victory in 1962. Back then, they raced a real 72-foot sailboat with a skipper (Mosbacher) and a crew of 100. This year, it is a hydrofoil contraption with a skipper plus five grinders. Had an enjoyable phone contact with John Palshaw (palshaw@earthlink.net), but although the news about John and Judy’s new 1,863-square-foot retirement digs in Salinas, California, are positive, the challenge of a major health procedure for Judy has put a dark cloud over them. Prayers for Judy would be appreciated. Bobbi and Bill O’Hara are challenged health wise, but both are hanging in to share more time together. Prayers for them also are needed.

We were saddened to learn of the passing of Ed Rose and LanceVars. We were surprised by both events as there had been no warning about an ongoing illness. We heard from Ed’s wife, Jane, that Ed’s death was September 30, 2016. Following graduation and completing his ROTC program, Ed entered the U.S. Air Force and served in the Strategic Air Command for 10 years. He then attended Virginia Theological Seminary and served as a priest in the Episcopal Church for 30 years. He and Jane retired to Rockport, Texas, a small town on the Gulf of Mexico. They were married in the Trinity College Chapel on graduation weekend and lived a happy and busy 61 years with a family of five children, 11 grandchildren,
and two great-grandchildren. Lance truly was one of our class leaders, serving as president of the Senate, captain of the swimming team, and an officer of Theta Xi, and he was tapped for Medusa when that had significant importance on campus. Completing his ROTC program and achieving the position of cadet captain, he fulfilled his USAF service commitment and was discharged with the rank of captain. Lance returned to Rhode Island and participated in a family business. He and Beverly often came back to campus to join ’55 classmates in many special Reunions.

We are expecting another enjoyable gathering in Florida this coming February. If you want to join us, please contact Don Mountford (luramoun@msn.com) or your secretary (wadeclose@aol.com) to get the date of the event and details.

From the Alumni Office: Bruce Whitman, chairman, president, and CEO of Flight Safety International, has been chosen to serve as chairman of the Board of Directors of the USO of Metropolitan New York for a three-year term. The USO voted unanimously to elect Whitman, who has served as a director since 2010 and most recently as vice chairman.

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Another long-silent classmate, Hugh Crilly, recently opened up to David Taylor and John Limpitolaw. Here is his life story:

After graduation, Hugh went to the University of Hawaii to do chemical research, followed by a few years in Australia working for Warner Lambert and Nestlé as a chemical analyst. Next, he did a five-year stint in Vietnam with several contracts to analyze drinking water, soil, and finally aircraft supply (interesting mix). Next came Baltimore, where he ran into Trinity’s Mo Drabowski ’57, who played baseball for the Baltimore Orioles. At this point, the

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story trails off, but David thinks he is living in an apartment complex in Honolulu.

Alan Schaertel reports that he took an enjoyable trip to New Zealand and Australia last year and loved it. On the less happy side, he has had some back problems that prevent his golf games, yet he did go to his grandson’s high school graduation and lives near Washington, D.C.

Bill Gnichtel filled me in on the last 21 postretirement years of his life. After enduring many New England winters (Lincoln, Massachusetts), he and his wife have put their house on the market and plan to move south to a continuing care retirement community in New Jersey. They are looking forward to being closer to their son Ned, who is busy in New York creating the next tech sensation, and their grandchildren (ages 3 and 1). Prior to his retirement, he was corporate partner of a New York law firm, based in its New York and Middle East offices.

The Rev. Bruce Anderson reports that even though he is retired, he continues to serve his Congregational church in its activities and to sing in the choir with his wife.

Ken Weisberger writes that he continues to have back problems, despite a number of surgeries and now neuropathy. He must walk with a cane, which I am sure adds to his sex appeal (whatever that means at our age). His kids, Debbie and Douglas, are well, as are his four grandchildren, and he remains his usual upbeat self.

About three years ago, Michael Webber and his wife moved from their home in the Adirondacks (Paradox, New York) to a retirement community in Rexford, New York, essentially to be closer to medical services and a simpler life.

David Taylor just moved to a new two-bedroom, two-bath rental condo from his home of 15 years. Delightfully, he is close to the beach (he sent me a handsome color photo) and warns that moving one’s residence after the age of 80 is a challenge. I believe it.

John Ritter sent a note in his Christmas card assuring me that he and wife Edith are adjusting to mountain life well, and they enjoy having daughter Susan close by.

From the Alumni Office: Edward A. “Ned” Montgomery was among 32 people elected to membership in the American Philosophical Society (APS), the oldest learned society in the United States, at its spring 2017 meeting. Ned was recognized for his service as vice chair of the Curtis Institute of Music, chair of the Philadelphia Chamber Music Society, and honorary chair of the endowment campaign of the United Way of Greater Philadelphia and Southern New Jersey. The society offers membership in five classes: the Mathematical and Physical Sciences; Biological Sciences; Social Sciences; Humanities; and Arts, Professions, Leaders in Public and Private Affairs. Ned was one of eight — including former President Barack Obama — elected in the latter category. The APS was founded in 1743 by Benjamin Franklin for the purpose of “promoting useful knowledge.”

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Gentlemen (and you are just that ... gentlemen).

Here is my report on our 60th Reunion. In short, it was outstanding. I understand that the Class of 1956 had some 11 returnees for its 60th a year ago. We had 36 return, which I believe is a record for a 60th. On Thursday night, we returned to the Golf Club of Avon for a lovely reception with 50 in attendance. On Friday, many of us attended the Half-Century Luncheon in Mather honoring the Class of 1957 for its 50th. When the widow of a member of that class went up to receive her late husband’s pin, the members of that class gave her a thunderous ovation. It was very impressive. On Friday evening, we had the traditional lobster fest with all returning classes on the Main Quad. On Saturday morning, we had the reading of the names of the alumni who passed away in the past five years for each of the reuniting classes in the Chapel. That was followed by the Parade of the Classes along the Long Walk to the bishop’s statue. What was particularly touching was the fact that as we walked, the younger classes lined both sides of the Long Walk, clapping and cheering. After having lunch on the quad, we enjoyed lectures, particularly those presented by classmates. I shall elaborate on that in my next report. Finally, we had our Class Dinner on Saturday evening with 52 in attendance.

We are most grateful to our Class Reunion Committee and to those from the College who did so much to make this such a success.

Regards, Fred
and talking with Professor Renny Fulco’s students about careers in law and politics. Also, he was a guest lecturer in Professor Diana Evans’s seminar on state legislatures. He was impressed, firsthand, at the high quality of today’s students. They enjoyed a delightful dinner with Bordie and Anne Painter, who provided some snowstorm transportation. In early June, they traveled to South Africa, where they visited Cape Town, the Vineyards, Kruger National Park, and Victoria Falls. Their highlight was a multiday safari. Frank wrote, “We saw it all — elephants, lions, leopards, cheetahs, Cape buffalo, rhinos, hippos, crocodiles, giraffes, zebra, and a variety of antelope. Corny as the list may sound, seeing these creatures in the wild, natural habitat is impressive. These animals are seen by the people of the area as a great natural resource and the source of great pride. We heartily concur.”

Peter Lowenstein and Connie continue to enjoy winters in South Florida, where playing tennis and golf enrich his life. He continues to work, which further enriches his life, in a somewhat different way. Having six grandchildren and watching them grow means life is not boring. Peter reflects on how fast the years have gone by. He writes, “Seems like yesterday I was at Shirley and Jack Thompson’s wedding with Bordie Painter, Mike Zoob, and Professor George Cooper, who had smuggled a bottle of booze to the reception because he feared the Thompsons would have a dry ceremony. That was almost 60 years ago.”

As for the Thompsons, we continue to enjoy life in the intriguing Palm Beaches. Last spring, I enjoyed two delightful lunches with Charlie Sticks ’56 and with Mike Zoob on their way through town. For Charlie and me, this has become an annual event as he drives north meeting with teammates and classmates on what he calls his “bucket list drive.” We reminisce about some glorious and fond experiences playing football and baseball together with so many good men and fine athletes. As always, Mike’s busy and vigorous involvement of mind and body with contemporary issues enlivens our conversation and invigorates our long friendship. He still does good work on behalf of Road Scholar.

Hopefully, you read the Michael Campo obituary in the spring issue of The Reporter. In some fine print, it suggests that one could read Bordie Painter’s remarks at a memorial service for Professor Campo. They are a beautiful tribute to a special man, and it is quintessential Painter. Check it out at commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter.

Pete Smith reports a great summer at Twin Lakes (Salisbury, Connecticut) with visits from his California-based daughter Annika ’88 and son Erik ’86 from Lund, Sweden. Pete and his brother recently were inducted into their high school athletic Hall of Fame. Additionally, he was a guest lecturer to his alma mater history class on the subject of South East Asian geopolitics. In the plans are a Prague-to-Budapest Viking trip in September and a January family reunion in St. Martin.

From Bernie Moran. In response to the inquiry about what keeps us going at our advanced ages, Bernie writes, “Picklesball … right, Pickleball!” He says it’s a great game for seniors because you cannot get overwhelmed by powerful younger players as you can in tennis, squash, racquetball, and table tennis. Otherwise, he is hard at work on his sequel, Love and Treachery in Palm Beach 3, writing and acting in one-act improvisational plays, and traveling around the globe. Spiritually, he thinks classmates should be thanking god for every day we are above ground. He admits to not doing this but resolves to start.

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Per the spring 2017 Trinity Reporter, our Class of 1959 is diminished by the loss of Robert A. “Bobbie” Brian, who passed away on December 8, 2016, and Peter S. Dunning, who died on January 4, 2017. Both good men, and we will miss their presence.

Joseph Wassong, Jr. reported the annual Shirley G. Wassong Memorial Lecture was given by Paul Robinson, lawyer and professor at the University of Pennsylvania Law School. The topic: “Trigger Crimes and Social Reform.” Robinson is the author of several books, the presenter of many lectures in the United States and abroad, and a former federal prosecutor, and his lecture was well received. Approximately 50 people — Trinity staff, faculty, students, and others — attended the dinner in Hamlin Hall, and about 75 attended the lecture in McCook. About a dozen stayed for the reception afterward. The lecture honors the memory of Joe’s wife, Shirley, who attended many campus lectures and as a tai chi instructor. Charlie, thanks so much for this report.

Our president, George Graham, reports a lack of news from our classmates, but he has exchanged e-mails with Steve Kellogg, a retired attorney living in Buffalo, New York. Steve reports that most of the snow has melted, and he believes all will be gone by the Fourth of July. Steve and wife Carol are taking a “big trip” in October and unfortunately will be unable to attend this year’s “Banker’s” in Vero Beach celebrated by AD fraternity brothers.

From the fields of friendly strife, our classmate Bill Aabels was honored by the Trinity baseball team and invited to throw out the first pitch of the 2017 baseball season. Although there was a severe rainstorm, I was told Bill managed a blistering curve, which ultimately crossed the plate.

In closing, two years from now, in 2019, we will celebrate the Class of 1959’s 60th Reunion. In the year 2023, Trin Coll Sanc will celebrate 200 years! Best regards to you all, Jon

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This walking on,and on, this going and coming —/this morning/shines such lovely/light on/all of us./We’re home. — Robert Creeley
When writing the Class Notes, I always look forward to hearing from Bud Anderson. He and Gina are coming or going from somewhere special. This time, they recently returned from a Viking river cruise from Amsterdam to Basil in late May. “The tulips in Amsterdam were beautiful!” They also were able to take a side
trip to Lucerne and a train through the Alps to Interlaken. In April, they had dinner with the Ray Beech family in their home on Spring Island, South Carolina, which is just across the river from Bud’s home in Bluffton. Summers are spent playing a lot of golf on the Cape.

Jere Bacharach arrived back in Seattle after a 24-hour flight from Cairo. He will be in residence until mid-December.

Apologies to the Bud Bergmann family. Bud wrote to say that it was daughter Joslyn (not Susannah, as noted in the spring Reporter) who won a chef award while she was working for 1789 and Clyde’s in the Washington area. Joslyn also was a world-class soccer and rugby player. She played for the USA national women’s rugby team in two World Cup tournaments in Scotland and Holland.

In June, Bud and Jim Gavin came over to Martha’s Vineyard to visit Jules Worthington, who was recovering from an operation.

Reporting from Sicily, Sandy Bredine says he would love to fill everyone in on more details, but at the moment, he is on a bike. Hopefully, Sandy will catch us in the fall with the details.

At this stage in our lives, I am finding many who have retired are leading very active lives. Instead of saying they have retired, I think the word “transitioned” is more appropriate. As an example, Ned Chalker has transitioned from the legal profession to living on Cobb Island, Maryland, where he was elected president of the Cobb Island Citizens Association (CICA), “which is somewhat like a mayor.” In this capacity, he and his grandson recently pulled off Cobb Island Day and the 90th anniversary of CIC. Last year in the spring, he and Beverly, with an old Peace Corps friend and wife, traveled to Cuba. In the fall, a trip was taken down the St. Johns and Columbia Rivers on a stern-wheeler. This year, they plan to take the same stern-wheeler from Nashville to St. Louis and experience an eclipse along the way. His children are active, too. One son lives in LA, where he is finishing a film on Hugo Chavez. A daughter is working for Congresswoman Tulsi Gabbard in Hawaii, and his other son lives in Aldie, Virginia, and owns a horse farm, M&M Farm, where his two daughters, ages 10 and 12, are champion riders.

During the spring and summer, Ed Cimiulluca attend school graduations and a Trinity alumni cocktail reception in Narragansett. Alumni gatherings are a good time to catch up with Trinity happenings.

Dave Golas reports that he has transitioned to “employee” at the Golas, Golas & Golas law firm by his sons and daughter-in-law. The firm is managed by son David ’92, son Jon ’96, and daughter-in-law Danielle Maloney Golas ’96. Medical consultant is son Ben ’98. Ben is deputy chief of surgical oncology at Mount Sinai West in NYC. Ben’s wife, Alyssa, serves as medical consultant to the firm after completing her fellowship and joining the plastics surgical group at NYU. Collectively Dave and Olivia have four grandchildren who keep them busy.

The walking medical marvel, Charlie Hawes, continues to use church altars as support crutches to remain upright during services. Charlie reports, unfortunately, that wife Faith tripped over the living room rug and is on crutches. The good news is that Faith is making a fast recovery. They plan to meet up with his brother, Pete, in Asheville over the Fourth of July weekend. Son Jeremy and brood will join them. Then on to the coast to see daughter Kelly Love and son Adam and his family. They will round out the summer with a family wedding on Boston’s North Shore.

There is no transition for former San Jose Sharks executive Matt Levine; he is still in the game. His new endeavor is with 3Ball Association. The venture is being backed by Bay Area real estate mogul Tad Taube. This is one of the leagues being formed around the world to compete in 3-on-3 in basketball. The league’s founder and chief executive officer is sports marketing executive Michael Wranovics. Also involved is longtime MLB and NBA team executive Andy Dolich. The game has been approved for the Tokyo 2020 Olympics.

Congratulations to Ken Lyons and Judy on their 50th wedding anniversary this past summer. Ken was planning to see Barry Royned and Jim Gavin over the summer.

It has officially happened. Dr. Charles Middleton has retired, according to his latest e-mail from June 2017. Now, he is transitioned. “I’m blessed with good health and enjoyed my work and my job right up to the end. We are in the process of selling our place in South Carolina in order to downsize; may keep us busy here for a while.”

What fun Margy and I had hosting a Trinity alumni cocktail reception on Saturday, July 22, at our summer home on East Chop, Martha’s Vineyard. We enjoyed welcoming new members of the Class of 2021 and talking to various generations of Trinity alumni. Our two daughters, Merrill ’92 and Benagh ’95 (with her husband, Josh Newsome ’95), greatly assisted as co-hosts. In October, we had the opportunity to cruise the Greek islands and to visit Montenegro and Dubrovnik, Croatia. It was a memorable trip.

As always, remember to keep the Class of 1960 spirit alive!

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Three classmates, three varying views of the “R” word.

One of Curt Turner’s retirement passions is handicapping. He reports that he had a great day at the Preakness, having Cloud Computing across the board and in two exactas. This should have paid for his daughter’s wedding in July.

Not at all ready for retirement, Len Swatkiewicz followed decades in sales management and training with a new career as a driving instructor. “I can assure everyone that getting into a vehicle with someone who was never behind a wheel is going to be exciting.”

Gordon Pomeroy and wife Phyllis, “both completely retired,” have moved from Rock Hill, South Carolina, to Albany, New York, to be close to family and grandchildren.

Hardly retired from lunch are Guy Dove and Peter Kilborn, who broke bread recently in Washington, D.C.

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Greetings, Class of ’62!

Under the leadership of Doug Anderson, some 30 of us convened for our class’s 55th Reunion at Trinity in June. We were amazed at the new buildings and the beauty of the campus. Our class also has done a great job contributing to the College endowment, with donations of more than $3 million over the years.

On the riverboat cruise, Frank Cummings, Mike Creighton, Bill Folk, and Coenraad van der Schaff, among others, had a chance to connect. Coenraad took a few years off to serve in the military and returned to get his degree. He spent 30 years with the Navy, during which time he met future wife Lesley in Bahrain. They traveled widely, living in Alabama for some time. On retirement from the Navy and with a degree in engineering, Coenraad helped produce missiles at Boeing in Seattle until he semiretired as a consultant. The couple lives in Alexandria, Virginia.

Coenraad and Bill Wurts had much to talk about: Bill, too, became an engineer, working at United Technologies, developing rockets in the space program. Bill is proud to note that his son followed his path and also spent time at the same Florida launching complex.

Fred Pryor and wife Barbara enjoyed the boat trip; she cares for a beautiful rose garden while Fred manages his technology seminars. Later in the weekend, Bill McKnight shared his delight in seeing “a great looking gang of ’62ers — with wife No. 1 or 2!”. Bill retired from Citibank in 1999 but joined UBS in 2000, weathering the global storms as a financial adviser, a career he loves.
The weekend included an all-alumni Gathering for Thanksgiving and Remembrance, conducted by the College’s associate chaplain, the Right Rev. John L. Selders, Jr. The names of the deceased members of our class were read by classmate the Rev. Roger Nelson, an Episcopal priest, as are fellow attendees Mike Creighton and Chuck Hoffman. The recently widowed Roger is moving to New York City, where Bob Nelson has promised to help him get to know the Big Apple. Our Chapel was the setting of the remembrance, but, beautiful as the building is, the walls at the sides of the main altar show deteriorating plaster. Also, the flags of the fraternities are no longer displayed in the side chapel.

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The foursome of Bill Howland ’63, Tom Calabrese ’63, Carl Lundborg ’63, and guest Dale Phillippi had a great day of golf at the annual Trinity Football Golf Outing, held in May 2017 at the Wintonbury Hills Golf Club in Bloomfield, Connecticut.

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Thank you to all who responded this time to my request for news for The Reporter. Here is what came in:

From Scott Reynolds: “In February, Dick Gooden and I spoke at the gathering in Chicago to remember Roger Baum. Friends from kindergarten, high school, Citibank, and his years in Chicago participated. Roger made good friends wherever he went. Roger died in Italy, where he and Victoria had gone for the holidays. Then in March and April, Peggy and I were in Naples. We ran into Morrill Dunn at a Trinity Club luncheon and later had dinner with him and Karen. Morrill is mostly phased out of his legal practice but back in good shape after dealing with some medical problems.”

From Dick Gooden: “Receiving your request for Class of ’63 news, I had the opportunity to look back at our graduation from Trinity. I ran across the manuscript of my father’s address at our baccalaureate day. I tried to send the manuscript to all classmates; I hope you got them.” Thank you, Dick, for this kind and good effort to include us all in the fun of remembering our own graduation days!

In May, Bill Howland, Tom Calabrese, and Carl Lundborg made up three-fourths of a foursome playing in the annual Trinity Football Golf Outing at Wintonbury Hills Golf Club in Bloomfield. The picture above shows them all smiling, though they posted no scores for us.

Brent Davis writes, “In early May, my wife, Terri, and I returned from our fourth Viking River Cruise, this one from Amsterdam to Basel, Switzerland. After the cruise, we rented a car and went back into Germany and France, visiting the medieval cities of Tübingen and Colmar. No more cruises are planned at this time, just travel; golf, continued work on restoring the 1941 Chevy, and, of course, visiting the grandchildren.”

From Lloyd Reynolds: “Looks like we may be moving back to Maine to be closer to family, our marina, and finally deciding on a retirement community. Summers in Maine and winters in Florida make sense at this age, let alone eliminating property care, etc. Being closer to family (all in New England) will be an added bonus!”

From Eli Karson: “Nancy and I spent Christmas in Old San Juan, Puerto Rico, and then New Year’s with Fe and Bob Booth in New Smyrna Beach, Florida. From there, we drove to Sarasota to visit with my brother and his wife and then on to Nancy’s nephew’s place in Charlotte, then on to Tampa, and then home. We have another trip in the making for June, going cross-country to Connecticut via Roanoke, Virginia. We will allocate most of our time to my son and his family before returning home with a stop to see the Air Force Museum in Dayton, Ohio.”

Malcolm McGawn writes: “My latest issues have been eyes and legs: have had my cataract surgeries, plus procedures to improve circulation in my legs, impaired after 61 years of running. All successful! And, my take on this year’s Commencement speaker is that the Soviet Union failed because of its flawed founding premise: that man is primarily an economic animal. In truth, man is primarily a spiritual animal.”

And this about classmate Will Files: Will recently was honored as a recipient of the Rotary Service Above Self Award, given to only 150 out of 1.2 million members worldwide. Will’s main career was in education, but he also worked five years for Wien Alaska Airlines before moving to Homer, Alaska, where he started a computer business. He eventually sold this business to a fellow Rotarian and then began to follow a long-held passion to provide service to local and internationally oriented groups. He soon chaired Rotary’s Group Study Exchange Committee, leading a small group of professionals to other countries to learn from each other; became chair of the Health Education and Wellness Rotarian Action Group, which provides disease prevention and treatment programs around the world; and finally became chair of the District Grants Committee for the Future Vision Program. Will’s comment on all of this: “You never know
what unexpected events will come your way.”
Great, great kudos to you, Will!

And finally, a note from **Pete Sherin**:
Pete reports that several months ago, he had the opportunity to have lunch with **Steve Molinsky**. “Steve is like a good wine that has only gotten better. He is full of upbeat energy and humor with more to do than time allows.” Pete found the following on Steve’s online profile: “Dr. Molinsky is a Boston University professor with an M.A. and Ph.D. from Harvard. His primary interest is the development of innovative approaches to teaching English as a second language and English as a foreign language. He has taught methodology courses at Boston University for more than 30 years and has co-authored more than 100 books that are used throughout the world to teach people to communicate in English. He is the 1982 recipient of the Metcalf Award for Excellence in Teaching. Peter’s closing observation after their lunch together: “Obviously, the Class of 1963 has another member it can be proud to call its own! I wouldn’t have missed lunch with Steve for the world!”

That’s it for this report. Stay well. Keep in frequent contact with each other and make more memories for the next issue of *The Reporter*. Michael Schuilenberg, masschuilenberg@hotmail.com

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**David Woolman** and wife Ina enjoyed their family reunion in western Iowa in summer 2016, including a colorful Fourth of July parade and hand-churned ice cream. He has deposited his parents’ papers from Palestine and Egypt (1929–1932) at the Oriental Institute Research Archives at the University of Chicago and also is working on their memoirs of their years in the Middle East.

During summers, they also enjoy their camp in northern Vermont, swimming, kayaking, and mountain hiking, as well as side trips to the Thousand Islands, the Adirondacks, and Old Québec City. In the fall of 2016, David underwent successful open heart surgery and is looking forward to more enjoyment of outside activities and travel.

**Ron Brackett** wrote that **Bruce Frier**, a full professor of classics and Roman law at the University of Michigan, recently was honored by the law school’s Law Quadrangle with the headline “1483” in recognition of his completion of a three-volume edition of the *Corpus Juris Civilis of Emperor Justinian* (originally issued between 529 and 534).

**Michael Grossman** will retire from the Ph.D. program in economics at the City University of New York Graduate Center in August of 2017 after 45 years of teaching. He will continue to work at the National Bureau of Economic Research (50-year affiliation) and plans to maintain dual positions at the bureau as director of the New York office and director of the Health Economics Program. Time freed up from teaching will allow him and wife Ilene to spend more time in their vacation house in Ophelia on the Northern Neck of Virginia, surrounded on three sides by the Rappahannock River, the Potomac River, and Chesapeake Bay.

**Don McLagan** and wife Barbara celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by hiking in the north of Scotland.

**John Burton** has joined the ’75-and-older club this year. June found his family in Big Sky country to hike and fish, and August included the family’s annual trip to Hilton Head during sand flea season.

**David Curry** writes that one of his most recent poems, “A Morning in Our 36th Year Together,” has been accepted for publication in *The Gay & Lesbian Review/Worldwide*, the periodical founded in 1994 as *The Harvard Gay & Lesbian Review*.

**Charley Todd** is excited about his latest news, a theatrical production that will take him around the globe during the next three years. For the past decade, he has been the originator and promoter of the concept of a musical and multimedia production that has become Bangsokol: A Requiem for Cambodia. This production merges the classical western, Christian tradition of the requiem with Cambodian classical music and the Cambodian Buddhist tradition of bangsokol, a ceremony of grief for the dead and hope for the living. The production will tour some of the great opera and concert halls of the world beginning this fall, with dates in Melbourne, New York, Boston, Paris, and others before ending in Cambodia in January 2019 for the 40th anniversary of the fall of Pol Pot and the end of the Cambodian genocide. For more information or tickets, please contact Charley (charleytodd@gmail.com).

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‘65 **Class Secretary: Thomas A. Garson, 4345 Embassy Park Dr. NW, Washington, D.C. 20016-3625; thomas.garson.1965@trincoll.edu**

**Dick Gann** reports that following our 50th Reunion, he and Peter Kinzler (entered ’65, graduated ’64) reconnected and recently had a pleasant dinner with their wives in Washington, D.C. Dick added that he has entered the world of competitive squash. After competing in several tournaments in flights for those 70 and older, he is ranked 27th in the United States and first in the national capital area in this age group. For a “non-jock,” this is a victory for the combination of longevity and professional instruction. Dick retired four years ago from the federal government, where he was described as the dean of fire safety research. He’s still working part time on a combination of flammability issues and mentoring new scientists/engineers in the field.

**David Graybill** reports he and Susan continue their “quiet life in our Wilton, Connecticut, home for the last 28 years (over half our married life!). We’re both officially retired from our previous jobs (Susan in teaching and I in parish ministry for six and five years, respectively). Among her other responsibilities, Susan volunteers at the local library and is on a 50th Reunion Committee for her Yale Divinity School class. My own life includes substitute teaching in the local schools, taking care of gardens, reading, fixing stuff, and cooking. The other loves of our lives are our children. Daughter Elizabeth returns in July from her latest adventure in Africa: a seven-year humanitarian/women’s programming/empowerment stint in three countries. Son David, Jr. and his wife, Vicky, have been in Stratford, U.K., for five years. Vicky writes freelance for electronic medical journals. David is completing his Ph.D. in Shakespeare at the Shakespeare Institute and will submit his dissertation in July. Son Stephen lives in LA, doggedly pursuing his acting passion, helped economically by managing apartments and narrating audio books. We are blessed because we are relatively healthy, enjoy the beauty of each day, and are grateful for those who touch us with memories of a good past and present.”

**Phil Hopke** reports that he and Eleanor are moving to Rochester, New York, to more fully utilize Phil’s adjunct appointment in the Department of Public Health Sciences at the University of Rochester’s School of Medicine and Dentistry. “We have enjoyed our 28 years in Potsdam, New York, and the work at Clarkson University, but it will be nice to be close to an airport and an interstate highway.”

**Erie Lodge** writes that he and Suellen are fully retired and busier than ever. “We have eight grandchildren between us; ages are 15 to 1. Six of them live nearby; the other two are in the Bay Area. All are doing well, although the youngest was born with a rare form of leukemia. He has received a stem cell transplant (my son, David, was the donor), which seems to be taking hold. The signs are good now. Each spring for the past 12 years, we have enjoyed hiking and birding with Sam Earnshaw and his wife, Jo Ann. His sense of humor remains always!”

**Riess Potterveld** writes, “I will retire as president of the Graduate Theological Union in June 2018. That will mark five years here expanding the school to include Hindu, Jain, and Sikh studies and adding two fully endowed centers, one for theology and the natural sciences and the other religion and the arts. We also are launching an interreligious M.A. in sustainability studies (iMASS! Maybe Apple will fund us!) that will be offered largely online. Lots to keep me busy, but I am ready to...”
retire and explore some of my interests that have been neglected. Among those interests are: a return to my cello playing — I started late in life at age 65, but it has become a wonderful way to push new learning and explore the complexities that require both brain and muscles to solve. The other grand vista of activity is more time with seven grandchildren who constantly amaze me with their insights and energy.”

Peter Prentice is still retired, living in The Villages in Central Florida. He just returned from a trip to Israel, his fourth visit. “The politics and history of Israel are deep and worth being familiar with.” He is fascinated by the Canaanite Tunnel. It is 4,000 years old, predating Hezekiah’s Tunnel, but very close to it in Jerusalem. Peter recommends that visitors should bring pool shoes and do Hezekiah’s Tunnel, too.

Ousman Sallah advises that his book writing is progressing, but there is still more to go, even after completing 800 pages. His target is to complete the book by the end of the year. He has no doubt, however, that the editor will cut it to size.

Merrill Yavinsky writes: “Here we are, 37 years later, and we have finally decided to ‘downsize.’ In 1980, we bought our Potomac, Maryland, home, which was large enough to raise our four boys. In 2005, with Merrill, Mike, and Marc off and married, and Will, a lawyer living in D.C., we sold Potomac and moved to a larger home in D.C. that we expanded. That move was very easy since there was no reason to toss any of our belongings. This past spring, however, we purchased the Golf Stream, Florida, condo we had rented for the past seven seasons. The combination of wonderful neighbors in the small building and being adjacent to the golf club we joined three years ago made this an easy decision. The condo choice caused us to sell our D.C. home and downsize to apartment living in Bethesda, Maryland, where we will spend the ‘non-winter months.’ We are excited that our 13th grandchild is due soon to Will and Rachel in adjacent Chevy Chase. Our cell phones and e-mails will remain the same and are the best way to communicate.”

Read any good books lately? Your suggestions will be incorporated in future notes. For fascinating reading about Henry Flagler and his building of the railroad through southern Florida, your secretary recommends Les Standiford’s Last Train to Paradise.

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“It’s been a quiet week in Lake Wobegon.” Not much news to report.

Frank “Vinnie” Vincent did follow up. He writes, “We’ve finally settled in Newburyport, Massachusetts, and are really enjoying it! Had a very pleasant lunch recently with Scott Sutherland and his wife thanks to your alerting me about a classmate here. Hope to catch up with Joe Moore one of these days. My wife, Joan ’86, will be publishing a third book, her second children’s story, in July. (The Legend of the Lost Lilies, a wonderful tale about two sisters in a family that moves from Boston to rural New Hampshire. Quite an adjustment, in the course of which they unravel the mystery of why a memorial garden planted over a century ago has disappeared. Great reading for girls ages 7 to 11.) Health is fine ... life is good. Best to you and all of our classmates.”

Ellis Ratner is a regular correspondent. He reported on his lunch with Ron Diner and Rich Rothbard. “We picked things up like one half century hadn’t elapsed. Ron bikes 40 miles per day on a bike with 74 speeds that costs more than my car; Rich’s wife, Terry, turned out to be a talented restaurateur, and Rich spends time in Northern California, Mexico, and NYC; and I was glad my car didn’t break down between New Haven and NYC. The bonds formed at Trinity were astonishing. We picked up where we left off.” How true. We proved that at our 50th last year.

David Peake contacted me and was very enthusiastic about a new company that he is involved with called Asea. The company manufactures health products that improve “redox signaling in the body” thereby rejuvenating the body. He will be glad to discuss this product with you. Contact him by e-mail.

I heard from Professor Peter Koehn recently as well. He is a political science professor at the University of Montana and recently published his third book in the past three years, Universities and the Sustainable Development Future: Evaluating Higher-Education Contributions to the 2030 Agenda. In a press release from the University of Montana, he states that “it is time to step up and assess whether universities are making, and can make, a difference to the urgent sustainable-development challenges that the world faces, such as climate change.” Nice going, Peter. The rest of us are just happy to be able to e-mail our grandchildren.

Now for the important news. Joe Hourihan and Antoinette are on yet another cruise, but I don’t know where. And as is becoming a recurring event where one should have known better after the first time not to repeat it but doesn’t, Brian Grimes, Joe, and yours truly played in a foursome at the Trinity Football Golf Outing this spring in a scramble format. At no time was our best ball the best ball in 18 holes, but we did scramble a lot. As of this writing, Brian is organizing the second annual Summer Cape Cod Luncheon for the Class of 1966. Attending will be Ben Tribken, Nick Harris, Sandy Mason, and Bill Carlson, among others. Clam chowder never tastes better.

Well, that’s it. Like I said, a very quiet week in Lake Wobegon. Until the next time, be well.

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Classmates of the great Trinity Class of 1967, our 50th Reunion was, as all who attended agree, the greatest Reunion ever! Although rain originally had been in the Friday forecast, the weather was perfect. Blue skies every day. It was great to see so many ’67ers on campus. The final head count was 73. Among the highlights:

Tom Safran was the recipient of The Eigenbrodt Cup. Tom’s work developing affordable housing in Southern California is remarkable.

Alex Levi and Jim Oliver, our class agents, presented President Berger-Sweeney with the Class of 1967 gift, a check of $6,044,033.50.

The doctor’s panel on ED and other medical issues for our age group was very well attended. Alan Weinstein served as moderator, and Culley Carson, Phil Mayer, Bill Franklin, Robin Tassinari, Dave Gordon, and Alex Levi spoke briefly on their areas of expertise. Culley’s presentation on ED, complete with slides, deserved a standing ovation. Phil, who is a back surgeon (and has had three back surgeries), firmly believes that surgery should be a last resort. He believes surgery and opioids for pain are enormously overprescribed. Bill, a cardiologist who was equally outspoken, says we should all eat fish six days a week for good heart health. Bill practices what he preaches and eats fish at least 10 times a week. He says tuna salad sandwiches are just fine.

Another well-attended lecture was Dan Haden’s talk about the campus master plan. Dan’s firm, Bohlin Cywinski Jackson, created the plan and also designed the beautiful admissions building. Dan also spoke briefly about designing Bill Gates’s private...
home and all the Apple stores worldwide.

On Friday afternoon, members of Theta Xi, led by David Downes and Scott Reynolds ‘63, attended the unveiling of commemorative plaques at 76 and 79 Vernon Street. Both buildings served as TX house at one time. 76 Vernon is the Campus Safety office.

By now everyone should have received their “Trin Man” class pin, designed by Dan Haden. It is an accurate reproduction (but much smaller) of a 1967 Connecticut license plate. There will never be a class pin as cool as ours.

I had a chance to catch up with my old high school classmate, Ted Ruckert. He mentioned that his son, Tad, has recently joined Ted’s ob-gyn practice. Ted’s dad founded the practice, so this is the third generation there.

Our new class officers include Charley Kurz, president, and Alan Weinstein, vice president. Yours truly was reelected as secretary. (I offered to give the job back to Jeff Fox, but he declined).

I know that there will be much coverage of our Reunion in The Reporter. So it and our class yearbook will be dual keepsakes for years to come.

And don’t forget to keep those e-mails coming to oconnor.jim111@gmail.com with all the news fit to print in The Reporter (and some that’s not — I’ll decide).

/REUNION • JUNE 8-10, 2018/  
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Excitement is building for our 50th Reunion next June (June 7–10, 2018). If you have not done so yet, go on our class website, www.Trinity1968.org, log in, review the details, and get involved! Our class gift will be a scholarship fund for Class of 1968 Scholars, with a focus on those who have demonstrated strong character, curiosity, and scholastic excellence, as well as leadership and community service. Stay tuned for further details about our effort to create a community of Class of ’68 Scholars dedicated to improving the lives of others — one could, perhaps, rename this the “Pay It Forward” scholarship. So, not only will you be paying it forward, but we will be inducing our Class of ’68 Scholars to do the same. Your Reunion gift can be a pledge payable over five years, and there will be generous contribution matches that hopefully will induce broad-based giving and record-setting funding. More details to come.

Programming for our 50th Reunion also is under way. It will include a “Trinity Story Hour,” calling for the untold stories of your time on campus (or its impact on your life after graduation) and roughly based on the format of the NPR Moth Radio Hour. We also will have a group discussion on the “Seventh Inning Stretch” — ways that our classmates are planning for the final innings by stretching their life experiences. Stu Bluestone will join your secretary and others on a panel that will focus on the new adventures that lie ahead. In Stu’s case, having retired from the New Mexico attorney general’s office, this includes tutoring high school dropouts for the GED, providing pro bono immigration advice, and serving as a court-appointed special advocate for youth dealing with legal issues. We are sure that others have similar life-stretching activities or plans in the works. Let me hear from you as we fill out these panels.

It is always great to hear from those who have been out of the Trinity loop but are interested in reengaging. Jonathan Nareff has retired from Connecticut to Portland, Maine, after a career in the technology field, including serving as senior technology director at Bank of America and its predecessors. Jon reports visits from Rich Morris and Chris Klemm as they pass through Portland.

Planning to join Jonathan and numerous other classmates at our 50th Reunion, John Thibodeau reports that he has been playing so much golf in Florida that the resulting golf injuries caused him to pass up a golf junctet with Stu Bluestone, Bill Walsh, Bob King, and Rich Coyle. Curiously, I have heard no reports from that quartet bragging (or lying) about who was the winner. John continues with his private practice of clinical psychology in Orlando, having retreated to year-round golfing weather from a medical school faculty position in Albany, New York. He remains one of a dwindling member of non-retirees.

Speaking of weather influencing our behavior, Bob Price reports that May’s record-breaking heat and drought in Tampa led him to take a trip to the Pacific Northwest. Bob remains very active in Democratic political activities in Florida, which make it hot throughout the year.

As we all know, sometimes it is hard to complete a project, so particular kudos to Larry Roberts and Barry Bedrick, who completed their “Old Farts Baseball Tour” and have seen Major League Baseball games in all 30 Major League stadiums. Their finale was in Texas in April, where they added visiting the LBJ Presidential Library and the brewery that makes Shiner Beer, which Larry describes as the “hidden gem” of their trip. We trust they will be serving Shiner Beer at their Passionate Pursuits booth at Reunion.

A Theta Xi building dedication and reunion brought frat boys John Vail, George Fosque, Joe McKeigue, Rich Weingarten, and your secretary back to campus in June, with brothers from other classes. Plaques grace the two buildings that housed TX — one became the ROTC building in our years on campus; the other houses Campus Safety.

It is with great sadness that we learned of the passing of Denny Farber in the spring. Denny’s paintings and photographs hang in the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Baltimore Museum of Art, the Brooklyn Museum, and the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography, among others. As his obituary accurately recounted, “Very few could light up a room faster or bring a smile quicker, or, for that matter, capture an image better.” As a sign of the great affection his classmates had for him, dozens contributed to a GoFundMe campaign that eased the difficulties Denny faced in his final months.

Gerry Pryor has a number of Denny’s works of art and will show them at our 50th Reunion.

Mark your calendars: Homecoming is November 11. We always get a nucleus of classmates, and it will be another great gridiron season. And keep all those class agent applications coming — we need to fill the position!

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CLASS AGENT: Nathaniel S. Prentice

Mike Michigami and Nat Prentice continue to build the team and momentum for our 50th Reunion in June 2019. They held a mini-reunion at Homecoming in November 2016, where they cheered the Bantams and tailgated with Jim Jones, David Beatty, Jim Sturdevant (who flew out from San Francisco to be with his daughter), Barry Sheckley, Alan Mendelsohn, George McClelland ‘68 and wife Jacque, and Bill Cordiner.

Mike exhorts: “Putting together our Reunion is an enormous task that cannot be accomplished in the last months before we meet in June 2019. We are asking for your suggestions as to what events and activities might make our Reunion special. More importantly, we need everyone to reach out to your social and
athletic classmates, make plans to attend, and be sure that we have as much current contact information as possible. If you would like to volunteer to help with our Reunion or have suggestions, please contact Nat Prentice at natprentice@mac.com or Michael Michigami at michael@mmmbas.com."

Nat Prentice, our dauntless class president, sent this report on planning for our 50th Reunion: "The first of what 50th Reunion Co-Chair Michael Michigami and I hope will be a series of pre-reunion regional gatherings was held in Philadelphia on April 5. Accompanied by Linda Minoff and Caitlin Gasiorski from the College (both of whom will be working with us in planning the Reunion), Michael and I participated in a luncheon event generously hosted by Carl Fridy in his law firm’s beautiful conference rooms overlooking the city. The purpose of this gathering was to provide our Philly area classmates with an opportunity to reconnect, to recultivate an interest in Trinity, and to make plans to attend the 50th in June 2019. Bill Marimow and Graham McDonald took the lead in organizing this group, which included Jack Linville and John Gregg. Michael and I are hopeful that a few great classmates will step up over the course of the next year and organize a number of mini-reunion gatherings like the Philly event in various parts of the country. Michael is looking forward to doing one at his home in the Hartford area, and I am looking to do one at our house, which is close to New York City. If you are interested in hosting an event, contact Caitlin (caitlin.gasiorski@trincoll.edu), Michael (michael@mmmbas.com), or me (natprentice@mac.com). We also have formed a Cultivation Committee, the members of which will be reaching out to classmates by e-mail and phone to generate interest in attending the Reunion.

Carl Fridy says, in his own account of the meeting Nat recounted, “I offered to host the Greater Philadelphia effort in our offices. We all enjoyed the opportunity to catch up with each other as well as to learn more about the Reunion planning process and the input, not just monetary, that is solicited from each class.” Carl and Jean celebrated their birthdays by “embracing rather than fighting it. As a present to ourselves, we invited our four children (including Sarah ’93) and their spouses (but this time without grandchildren) for a long weekend trip to Bermuda.”

Scott Duncan, who lives in Charlottesville, Virginia, came back to campus in February. We got together, and Scott had an especially nice opportunity to reconnect with his engineering professor and thesis adviser from nearly 50 years ago, Dr. Joseph Bronzino. Scott’s visit to show Trinity to his niece and her family led him to send me this ruminations on his visit and on turning 70: “If you want to reflect on the passage of time, go to the campus and take a student-led tour. The tour high-lighted the Ferris Athletic Center, Cinestudio, the North Campus High Rise, and the Jacobs Life Sciences Center and made reference to computer sciences. When you include the fact that the first computer on campus was in the Engineering Department, all of these things were built or began operation during our days on campus. And now they are 50 years old! They and the Vietnam War are to my campus guides like World War I was to us. Tempus really fugit! As for me, about six years ago and being a self-employed consultant, I didn’t decide that I was retired but just stopped looking for work and didn’t start again. I have begun my 14th season maintaining nearly five miles of trail in Shenandoah National Park and am serving as treasurer and board member of the Rockfish Valley Community Center (Virginia) where I live. With my own long white hair and matching beard, this December will be my third year as Santa for Toy Lift, Charlottesville’s big toy collection charity. Living in the mountains inspired me to spend a few years taking banjo lessons (Scruggs style), an effort doomed to failure for this musically impaired student.” Scott and wife Marilyn are active with Scott’s Stanford graduate school class and lead the group hiking and wine tasting in the Blue Ridge.

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March 7 and that he saw it in *The Hartford Courant*. He recalled a dinner party attended by both of us at the spacious and memorable home of Dr. Cherbonnier on Prospect Avenue across from Elizabeth Park in the West End of Hartford. Rusty, as he was known then, was a religion major, and I was taking a religion course as a history major at the time. Rusty also mentioned how painful it is to keep getting gorgeous photos from Maui from our classmate, Steve Smith. I also have been subjected to such beautiful photos from Steve, and it is equally painful. Perhaps we somehow can organize a reunion at Steve Smith’s place and declare “payback time!” He also is receiving music reviews from Barry Bedrick ’68, who is a fellow retired headmaster and Red Sox fan as well. He keeps in touch with Chip Keyes ’71, Tom Weiner ’71, Scott Sutton, and Billy Lawrence. Hopefully Rusty will keep in contact with many people so that he can relate adventures to us. I am serious about that reunion in Maui. Perhaps we can link it with a visit to Bevo Biven in Honolulu. The pictures I receive from Bevo of his acting career are absolutely spectacular. Last was of him as King of Pellinore at the Diamond Head Theatre.

Steve Bauer has had some spectacular adventures traveling with his wife, Liz, and Toby, buckled in a smart gray harness in the backseat. He has been to Wyoming’s Wind River Range for backpacking trips after going there for their honeymoon 34 years ago. They camped in a number of well-known canyons. My recollection is that Steve is a literary genius, hence, it does not surprise me that he camped in a number of well-known canyons.

Pike fraternity brother John Tyler ’73 on the trail while hiking in the Agua Caliente Indian Reservation just outside of Palm Springs, California. John was wearing a Trinity T-shirt, which led to my approaching him on the trail and triggering our mini-reunion. Wear those T-shirts; it is easier to recognize each other in our senior years when wearing them!

Chris Evans has been accepted to St. Vladimir’s Orthodox Theological Seminary for an M.Div. program and will begin in late August.

Mike James shares: “I’m still living in Orange County about 30 miles southeast of L.A. Life has been quite good since retiring as sports editor of the *Los Angeles Times* almost three years ago. Turns out, although I was fairly good at my job, I’m much better at retirement. A lot of golf, skiing, and surfing, spending time with two kids and four granddaughters, doing quite a bit of freelance golf, travel, and profile writing for several magazines and the *Times*. I’ve seen Page Thompson ’73, a couple of years behind us, a few times in the last couple of years but haven’t been able to get back East terribly often. I’m heading to my 50th high school reunion in D.C. this November and thinking the 50th in Hartford would be a good idea as well, assuming I’m still ambulatory. I’ve seen Bill Reynolds and Phil Khoury a couple of times in recent years, but I’d love to reconnect with more of you. Cheers from La La Land.”

Cliff Cutler reports: “On May 25, the Cutlers gathered in Boston to see son Evan receive a master of science degree in mental health counseling from the University of Massachusetts Boston. Very proud.”

Hugh Woodruff and wife Sandi are in the process of changing “New” states — leaving New Jersey after living there the past 40 years and relocating to New Mexico, where they will be moving into a house with great views in Placitas, New Mexico, which is between Albuquerque and Santa Fe. They are looking forward to their move later this year.

Bob Muller shares: “I am still working in the public finance business as a managing director at JP Morgan. I recently celebrated my 36th year with Morgan. Next February will mark my 45th year in the business, and retirement is out there somewhere. The time has rarely been boring. I have served as a recognized research analyst and have helped a wide array of governments, hospitals, universities, and public infrastructure projects with their financings. My wife, Melony, continues to work as a Realtor, and my daughter, Lauryn, is the head dietitian for the bariatric surgery program at Walter Reed National Military Medical Center. Retirement is likely to start out from our second home near the beach in Narragansett, Rhode Island. Finally, Melony and I continue to support Trinity through funding The Muller Family Scholarship Fund.”

Bob Benjamin reports his life is good and full. His children are grown and well launched. He also enjoys the company of a couple of school-aged grandchildren. Bob left the financial services industry three years ago and now utilizes skills learned recruiting to empower teens and to prepare college-aged students for the interviewing process. In addition, Bob has returned to the river as part of Row New York’s Competitive Master’s program. He was somewhat surprised to learn how much his muscle memory had forgotten!

Finally, Bill Reynolds, Phil Khoury, Tom DiBenedetto, Warren Kalbacker, Sheldon Crosby, and David Sample report that they are looking forward to seeing many of you this fall at a Trinity home football game. On most home game Saturdays, they can be found in the Class of ’71 corner of the field.

Bruce Colman has left the Magic Theatre board (almost two years ago) but in ’17 has helped produce plays at San Francisco Playhouse (*Noises Off*) and Custom Made Theatre (a dramatization of *Mother Night*), as well as *Word for Word* (an acting out of the Alan Bennett novella *Smut: Two Unseemly Stories*). Don’t get too excited; in this case “producing” just means donating at a certain level. He continues to officiate track and field around the Bay Area and to play trombone with City Swing and the Awesöme Orchestra Collective.

From the Alumni Office: Connecticut Revenue Services Commissioner Kevin Sullivan has been elected president of the national...
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Federation of Tax Administrators (FTA) Board of Trustees. FTA represents tax and revenue agencies from each state, the District of Columbia, New York City, and Philadelphia.

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Since I was the last man standing at Reunion and passed first-year grammar, I’ve been conscripted as your class secretary for the next five years or until I lose my cognitive abilities, whichever may come first. I hope I can fulfill this honored mission to your satisfaction. Thanks, John Matulis, for your considerate efforts.

Reunion No. 45 was mindlessly hedonistic and deeply meaningful. Again, Outerspace Band played (www.outerspaceband.com), this time on the Mather patio for the benefit of all classes. And again they were hot and tight (as noted by better music ears than mine.) Thanks, guys! For video of OSB and photos of our shindig, go to the Trinity College Class of 1972’s new Facebook page.

As class prez (and longtime trustee) Peter Blum put it, “The magic of the Reunion, to me, was getting to hang with some of the same guys I’d always hung with, as if no time had passed, and also getting to spend time with guys I didn’t know as well … and now wish I’d known them better.” Meaningful, yes, and made more so by Peter’s very nice idea. He read the list of the 34 Class of 1972 members who have passed away. All in attendance were moved, believe me. Thanks, Peter. The list is posted to our FB page.

A request: please update your personal info in the Alumni Directory. Possibly only half of our e-mail addresses are correct, so please help our dear alma mater and yourselves. Go to www.trincoll.edu/Alumni, click on Online Community and Login. First-timers or if you’ve lost your password, you will need your secret personal code on the label of this Reporter, so please, do it now before you lose it (either this magazine or your remaining synapses). By the way, we want this info not so the College can hit you up for donations (though they certainly will) but so we can better stay in touch and get together. This writer has driven within 10 miles of a favored classmate’s home in Illinois without even knowing it. Just think, a dear, old friend may be longing to call or visit you, or better, wants to pay back that money he borrowed in 1970 — with interest!

Request No. 2. While we’re on the subject of money: At Reunion, class treasurer Arch Smith made an eloquent and brief plea to ... (shudder) donate to good old Trin Coll Sanc. Be assured, your money will be put to an outstanding purpose. Also, Arch reported that for Trinity to improve its standing on the various college ranking sites, alumni must have a high donation participation rate. So please, get online and give, even if a small amount. On the good news front, we’re ranked No. 4 in “colleges with best financial aid.” (Again, see article on our Facebook page.)

So what’s all this about Facebook? Facebook is for kids; I’m too old for this stuff. Well, try it folks. We’ve set up an exclusive Class of 1972 Facebook page, accessible only by us. You’ll be able to scan the site for current news about classmates and Trinity and photos and archives from the good old days, as well as events and online resources at Trinity. You’ll also be able to directly message classmates. This is somewhat experimental, and I’ve added a how-to page, but our highest priorities will be confidentiality and quality control. Log on to Facebook, and search Trinity College Class of 1972 or me using my e-mail address. Join our group, find your old friends, and, if you can, post news and upload photos, old or new. I hope you’ll find it entertaining and useful.

Now, for some real Class Notes: In late June, Mike Sooley hosted a get-together at his beautiful home in Santa Rosa, California, attended by good buddies Glenn Kenny, Al Winrow, Harvey Zendt, Bob Fass, Jeff Kupperman, all of their wives, and neighbor Mark DeMulenaire ’73 — kind of an alt-reunion, if you will. A good time was had by all with countless reminiscences, bragging about grandkids, and complaining about ailments. Afterward, Al and Mike took their biennial two-to-three week motorcycle cruise through the West (usually joined by Irv Price). Actually, a group of us has been getting together since 2006, for the most part, not having seen each other for 30 years. I remember the first reunion, rafting on the New River in West Virginia: a frenzy of anticipation; a long road trip; Harvey and Al to join with Bob Ellis, Mike Sooley, Dave Nichols, John Heppe, and Marci Brown; and a lot of catching up and sharing of life experiences … the ancient bonds of friendship forged in the crucibles of living, studying, and partying (and protesting!) with each other for four years were instantly reestablished, and, like Peter said, it was as if no time had passed. The experience — along with the many times we’ve gotten together since — was meaningful in a way that’s hard to articulate but definitely moving. And, did I say fun? (Again, see album on our FB page.)

“So, my fellow classmates: turn on, tune in, and drop ... oops, wrong era. Please update your contact info, join our FB group, and upload pictures, news, etc. Better yet, use the tools we have to get in touch and get together. The reconnections you make will be meaningful. One more example: at Reunion, I reported a classmate is fighting cancer. His previous roommate contacted him via Facebook, and now, after 45 years, they’re friends again. I know you all have experienced a lot since 1972. Go for more!

Any news or questions, contact me any time. I remain your humble correspondent, Jack Nelson.

From the Alumni Office: Peter Robinson was named a 2017 recipient of the Cranbrook Educational Community President’s Award for Excellence.

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Michael Battle writes, “After a long and blessed career, I am retired and loving it. As an academic, I held a variety of positions from university chaplain to seminary president. My service to the nation included 20 years as an Army Reserves chaplain and four years as a U.S. ambassador during the Obama administration. I am grateful to Trinity for the excellent academic foundation she provided. My most treasured title is grandfather.”

David Bargman is still headhunting for lawyers in NYC. “Susan and I live on the Upper East Side, fulfilling my childhood dream of living and working in Manhattan.”

From Stuart Corso: “Yes, it’s hard to believe it will be 45 years in May of 2018. I’m still practicing general dentistry in a small town in the Northeast Kingdom of Vermont. I have a younger partner and am looking toward slowing down in the future. Both of our children have graduated college. I continue with folk dancing and being part of a folk music band. Just recently I was elected deputy grand master of the Grand Lodge of Vermont Free and Accepted Masons. I said ‘yes’ too many times! Hope you and your respective families are all well.”

Patricia Fargnoli’s fifth book of poetry, Hallowed: New & Selected Poems, will be published September 1, 2017, by Tupelo Press. Patricia, who was the New Hampshire poet laureate from 2006–09, previously has published four award-winning books and three chapbooks.

From Nashville, Tennessee, Martha Wettmann writes, “Living here in the ‘It City’ has its advantages. There is always something to do — plenty of concerts, outdoor activities, plays, festivals, etc. And many bachelorette parties driving by in all kinds of unique vehicles: party barges, pedal taverns, homesteads, or barns on wheels, etc. We are truly a creative city. I continue to work in labor-market research for the State of Tennessee and on the academic front am working to do a dissertation to finish my Ph.D. in public
administration. There’s still a lot to learn in the area of workforce development! We enjoy visiting our daughter, son-in-law, and two grandchildren in ‘Chicagoland’ and are glad our son still resides in Nashville.”

Joyce Krinitsky sends her greetings and a request for everyone to put our Reunion on their calendars for next June. “I have been fortunate enough to have been in touch with several classmates over the last several months. As always, it makes me appreciate the bonds of friendship that Trinity fosters.”

John Gatsos reports, “As of today, my excursions and adventures are all driven by my sons. One that might be worth mentioning is that my son Sam will be rowing at Henley in about two weeks, albeit for Colgate and not Trinity, and that mom and dad are excited and are eagerly awaiting the chance to see him row at the regatta.”

Jan Gimar lets us know that “I have managed to turn retirement into a joke by assuming a number of different volunteer responsibilities; the difference is that I can walk away from them any time I want and most of my deadlines and goals are self-imposed! The most significant of these occurred just a couple months ago when the Boy Scout council from which I had retired as a professional six years ago ‘called me off the bench’ to be the volunteer chair of its annual popcorn sale. I’d run the sale as staff director nine times, so I guess they figured I could bring some experience to the job. My other continuing association with scouting is through the Philmont Staff Association, which harkens back to my summer job during college; I have been chair of its scholarship committee for the past four years. I finally managed to retire as church board chair after seven years but still teach youth Sunday school, assist with the youth fellowship, and am program chair for the men’s fellowship. For the past three years, I have had a part-time, seasonal job as a legislative staff assistant for two representatives in the New Mexico House. It’s only two to three months a year but gives me some ‘special occasion’ money and is a lot of fun watching the sausage made up close. I also continue as a vice chair of our county Republicans, which makes me program chair for those meetings as well. I’ve been taking at least one major travel vacation each year. In July, I’m taking a two-week trip to Australia. So if anybody out there is worried about me being bored, they can relax.”

Per Len Heinrich, after completing a six-month consulting assignment at Pearson Education, “I have moved on from management consulting back to residential real estate, full time. I am working in the Lexington/Concord, Massachusetts, and surrounding areas for Coldwell Banker, so if any alumni are in need of services to assist them with buying, selling, and/or relocation, please let me know. If your needs are outside the Boston area, I can provide referrals to top agents most anywhere in the United States. Just reach out to me at len.heinrich@nemoves.com or (617) 974-5001.”

Robin Rosenberg reports, “I just had my third spinal surgery last week and am hoping for enough of a recovery to get back on the water. With the support of Trinity friends like Dick Dreux, John Gatsos, and Drew Isaac, it should be a piece of cake. In my spare time, I also see patients and operate a busy colorectal surgery practice. Everybody needs a hobby. (scullermd@aol.com)”

Diane Fierri Brown enjoyed bumping into Danny Roswig at the June 9 celebration of Theta Xi (TX-XTX) on campus during Reunion Weekend. He happily reports that his youngest child, Lizzie, is a junior at Muhlenberg College and is keeping Ellie and him young. “If you tell the truth, you don’t have to remember anything.” — Mark Twain.

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Class Secretary: Stephen E. Hirsch, 11 Ricky Beth Ln., Old Greenwich, CT 06870-1013; steven.hirsch.1975@trincoll.edu • Co-Class Secretary: Ann Tulcin Kates reports, “My husband, Dave, and I are moving to Estero, Florida, at the end of June 2017. We are blessed our daughter and son and both of their families and my mom also are moving. We will all be living near each other, so we are looking forward to this new chapter in our lives! Best to all of my classmates and their families.”

’76 Class Secretary: Robert A. Gibson, 84 Colony Rd., New Haven, CT 06511-2812; robert.gibson.1976@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Philip J. Bieluch, Terry Michel Gumz, Harold A. Smullen, Jr.

Our class owes a great debt of gratitude to Scott Lewis for his five years of dedicated service as our class secretary. The baton has been passed to me, and I hope I will be able to match Scott’s outstanding efforts.

In the past few weeks, I have received communications from four of our classmates.

Rob Sweeney reports that he continues to serve as cinematographer on the ABC comedy Black-ish, starring Anthony Anderson and Tracee Ellis-Ross. Rob will be starting a new chapter in his career when he directs an episode of the popular program this season.

Roger Bowie, who lives in the San Francisco Bay area with his wife of 32 years, writes that he continues his work in wealth management at Wells Fargo’s Private Bank in Silicon Valley. He recently was in touch with Alani Golanski ’83, who is an attorney in New York City. As first-years, Roger, Alani, and your secretary lived in Jackson Hall.

Dwight Brown reports that he has retired as an Episcopal priest after 35 years in the Episcopal Diocese of Virginia. He has been married 35 years to Cathy. They have two grown children. Dwight and Cathy are “snowbirds” living between Moscow, Idaho, and Kealakekua, Hawaii, where he works part time at Christ Church.

Elaine Feldman Patterson writes that she is still working three days a week in human resources and organization development for Breitburn Energy in Los Angeles. Husband Gregg retired from his day job a little more than a year ago and now focuses on his speaking and writing business for the hospitality industry, mostly in private clubs but also some hotel groups. His job requires a lot of international travel, which gives them the opportunity to see the world. This year, they will travel to Scotland, Australia, and Vietnam. Earlier this year, they visited Italy. Elaine is beginning to think about retirement herself, mostly because she and her husband would like to take a four-to-six-week bicycling trip.

Jo (Jodi) Cohen reports, “I am happily living in West Hartford, where I still get to go to movies at Cinestudio. I’m an empty nester, my older son is in graduate school in Colorado, and my younger son is working as a business consultant in New Jersey. Although I spent most of my career as a practicing architect, I am working as assistant director of planning and space management at UConn Health, a large academic/research/health care complex. Prior to UConn, I worked in planning and
project management at Yale.”

This year, I, your secretary, Robert Gibson, celebrated my 35th wedding anniversary with my lovely wife, Sandra. I have been retired six years from my 35-year teaching career, but this year I began working part time for the superintendent of the New Haven Public Schools as district coordinator of high school student government. I recently entered the political arena by serving as the co-chair of the campaign of one of my former high school teachers who is running for re-election to the New Haven Board of Education. I enjoyed reading about my old friend and classmate, Margaret E. “Peggy” Smith, who was highlighted in the winter 2017 issue of The Trinity Reporter for her great work with students in the St. Louis Public Schools.

Three notes from the Alumni Office: On behalf of Trinity College and President Berger-Sweeney, Mike Gilman served as an inaugural delegate at the presidential inauguration at Scripps College in Claremont, California, this April.

Eric Gibson shared, “Just started my 19th year at The Wall Street Journal and am about to start my 15th as Arts in Review editor, in which capacity I’m in charge of all the criticts — art, movies, theater, opera, etc. When time permits, I’m one of them myself, reviewing art exhibitions like the one that just opened in Boston on Matisse. Sometime this year or next, depending on the publisher, I’ll be coming out with The Overexposed Museum, an anthology of essays and criticism culled from four decades’ work as a critic. This summer, I’ll be celebrating my 30th wedding anniversary to the longest-suffering woman on planet Earth. Our two children, John and Anne ’15, are out of college, thankfully, given what those places have turned into. Anne went to Trinity, and at her graduation two years ago, who should I run into but Jeff Kellor, now a trustee! Others I recently have seen are Jim Gregg ’78, Amanda ’78 and B.J. Megargel, and Hillary Bercovici ’77.”

Greg Potter writes, “As many of my classmates know, I was the writer of the Wonder Woman comic book in 1987. In recognition of my work, DC Comics and Warner Bros. invited me to the May 25 Hollywood premiere of the Wonder Woman movie. I also was invited to a pre-event dinner of DC Comics artists and writers and to an after party, where I got to mingle with the stars. I met and spoke to Gal Gadot (very gracious person) and, to my surprise, found that my name is in the movie credits (at the end, where it says ‘Special Thanks to’ and lists a number of DC creatives who’d been significant in developing the character). Last week, DC sent me a poster from the new American Library Association campaign.”

What a great time we had at the Class of 1977 Reunion! If you weren’t there, we missed you very much. It was so good to see everyone, including Did di Docal Burns and Greg Burns, Ann Levine Bradford and Phil Bradford, Laurie Grauel Herec and husband David, Bob Hilgendorn, Melodye Woods Marks and David Marks, Craig Shields, Mark Strickland, Marian Kuhn Browning, Cynthia Mohr Wolcott, Deb Flower, Craig Asche, Sophie Bell Ayers, David Beers, Peter Braman, Rob Buffum, Mike Diefenbach, Brian Donnell, Bill Ferguson, Bill Gadsden, Tim Ghriskey, Ken Grillo, Dave Coratti, Pat Heffernan, Gil Childers, Dave Weselcouch, Sarah Gordon DeGiovanni, Chris Jepson, Frank Judson, Steve Kayman, John Kitchen, Stuart Lovejoy, Polly Freeman Lyman, Doug McGrath, John McKenna, Paul Reinhardt, Conrad Siefert, Peter Stisser, Phil Studwell, Drew Tamoney, Sam Thayer, and Sandy Weeden.

Marian Kuhn Browning writes: “We had an amazing 40th Reunion with excellent class participation. I was co-chair of fundraising for our Reunion and did quite a bit of research on finding lost classmates, Sadly, I discovered that a very good friend of mine while at Trinity, Susan Budnick, died in Kiawah Island, South Carolina, on June 9, 2014, from ovarian cancer. We also heard at Reunion that Jim Chapin died recently. We will greatly miss these two classmates. I also would like to mention that many two-co-chairs, Cindy Mohr Wolcott and Sophie Bell Ayers, have been very active with Trinity in recent years. Cindy has been on the National Alumni Association Executive Committee and presided at the Reunion Convocation awards ceremony; she received the Alumni Medal for Excellence award. Sophie just finished serving as a Trinity trustee for the past nine years, during which time she made enormous contributions. In 2012, she received the Kathleen O’Connor Boelhouwer ‘85 Award.”

John Gillepsie’s report: “Next to me at dinner were Dave Coratti and his wife, Debbie; also sitting with us were Pat Heffernan, Gil Childers, Dave Weselcouch, Craig Shields, and Sarah Gordon DeGiovanni.”

In other notes, Gwynne MacColl Campbell writes, “I was sorry to miss the Reunion in June, but there were too many conflicts that day. It has been a big year for our family. We hit the trifecta: we sold our Darien home of 33 years and are currently renting a lovely home in Stamford, only four minutes from our old house. In addition, we welcomed our first grandchild, a daughter, Alma Camp- bell, born in Amman, Jordan, where my son and his wife have been living for the past several years. They are returning to D.C. in August. Our daughter married an Australian and lives in Melbourne, where she has been for the past seven years. And last, after 24 years of running the Sylvan Learning Center in Darien, I have finally retired and decided to close the center. It was a great run; we worked with thousands of students, but the market has changed, and running a small business in Connecticut these days is quite challenging! It is a good time to step back, and I look forward to not being on call six days a week. I will continue to do volunteer admissions work for Trinity by attending college fairs and coordinating Trinity Book Awards for high school juniors in lower Fairfield County.”

Please join me in thanking Polly Freeman Lyman and Craig Shields for serving as our excellent class secretaries these past years. I’m honored to be continuing in this role for you. That said, I can’t do it without your help. Again, please keep in touch! You haven’t written in, say, 39 years? Don’t worry! We’d love to hear from you. Please send me news, including your own notes from our recent Reunion, at mdpink@gmail.com. I’m also on Facebook and LinkedIn as Mary Desmond Pinkowish.

And, last but not least, the Class of 1977 has its own Facebook page: Trinity College (Hartford) Class of 1977 @TrinityCollege77. Let me know if you can’t find it, and I’ll send the link directly to you. Please feel free to post updates there as well. We have some great pictures from the Reunion, and feel free to add your own. Tell your Trinity friends about the page — let’s try to get to 50 followers by Labor Day.

From the Alumni Office: R. Clement Darling III was elected president of the Society for Vascular Surgery. He will serve until June 2018.

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it be any better? Carol and I naturally spend time going from house to house to see the kids and are happy four of the nine are within two hours. We did have four that were about two miles away in Wallingford, Connecticut, go to Georgia about four months ago. As Carol tells us our oldest granddaughter, Calleigh, we only cry every other day! We do miss those grandkids. Life is good, and we hope to continue to go see Trinity football and hockey games next year and hope to see many of our old friends! Tom and Carol!

Rachel “Robin” Pohl checks in with this: “News from the North Shore of Boston focuses on our boys pursuing some good passions: Our 26-year-old is the national marketing manager for Per Scholas, a NYC-based non-profit offering tech training and partnership in work advance around the country; Simon, 23, is working for the Yosemite Conservancy in the California national park. Spouse Mac continues leadership following his retirement from the U.S. National Park Service in Maine, Texas, Massachusetts, and Mongolia. And I stay involved consulting for health nonprofits engaged in health care redesign for upstream solutions and volunteering on the board of a health center. Would love to hear from any classmate in any of these interest areas and will try to get to one of the good Trinity gatherings in Boston in the coming year. Rachel (a.k.a. Robin)”

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Will Fornshell said he saw his youngest, Mary Kate, graduate ‘neath the elms in May. “Nice to be back on campus. Looking forward to some rounds of golf in Ireland this September, celebrating with the J-418 crew on reaching the big 6-0.” By the way, Will didn’t mention it, but Mary Kate graduated with honors in American studies. Also graduating was Jonathan D. Gates’ son Alexander, who earned a history degree.

Sarah (Alderks) Brown received the Kansas Bar Association’s Courageous Attorney Award, which recognizes “a lawyer who has displayed exceptional courage in the face of adversity.” Sarah noted she was honored for her work with survivors of clergy sexual abuse and those subject to harassment/discrimination in work and school settings. (Anyone who’s seen these cases unfold in court knows they’re challenging legally and emotionally. Kudos to Sarah!)

Back east, Jim Cropsey has flown to the top of Ducks Unlimited in New Hampshire. Jim’s conservation efforts with DU date back to our days at Trinity. He’s the Ducks Unlimited New Hampshire state trustee, New Hampshire national delegate, and New Hampshire Lakes Region zone chairman. He was at the national convention in San Antonio, Texas.

One thing that’s great about our class is the enduring friendships. Will’s not the only one seeing classmates.

Stapley Wonham Emberling, Cynthia Flanagan Goss, and Diane Molleson visited Barrie Andrian in Loch Tay, Scotland, where Barrie works as the executive director of the Scottish Crannog Centre (www.cranagog.co.uk). While there, they toured the Crannog Centre—a replica of an Iron Age lake dwelling—and enjoyed wonderful food, whiskey, and long walks across the lochows filled with sheep, rowan trees, and gorse. They also all traveled to Annecy, a medieval town on a lake in the French Alps, for a few days. It was a wonderful reunion with lifelong Trinity friends.

Back in New England, Holly Singer-Eland writes: “On a late April weekend, six alumni from Class of ’79 enjoyed an artsy and relaxing time together during a ladies reunion in Rhode Island. A wonderful glass-blowing experience in Providence enabled each of us to make our own colorful glass item of choice. As novices, we were grateful to the gallery owners who were professional artists patient enough to guide us and ensure there would be an attractive finished product for each of us! Thanks to our gracious host and reunion planner Lynne Bagdis Wilson, the weekend’s culinery arts experience also was a success, featuring an excellent and diverse dinner menu in which we all participated in some meaningful way. In addition to Lynne, our group included Jane Terry Abraham, Lynne Bachofner, Deborah Cushman, Sarah Wright Neal, and me.”

Mark Ravesloot lives in Bronxville, New
York, and has been blessed with the birth of his first grandchild, Olivia Cullen, to daughter Lindsey ’11 and son-in-law Sean. Olivia is reminding everyone how wondrous the world looks through the eyes of a baby! Luckily, Mark and his wife, Mariellen, and daughters Ashley ’15 and Kelsey get to see the new family often, as they moved to nearby Scarsdale.

Dave Linblatt wrote to say, “I am just finishing my 35th year at the same law firm in Boston that took me in as a young pup right out of law school, Burns & Levinson. I’ve served as the managing partner of the firm since 1998, making me the longest-serving managing partner of any large law firm (we have 130 lawyers) in Boston. It’s been quite an interesting ride! On a personal note, my oldest son has given me and wife Ellen two beautiful grandsons, ages 2 and 5 months. How did it all happen so fast?”

Bennett Wethered also is a grandfather. Bennett and wife Heidi became grandparents, as their older daughter Hannah Jinks gave birth to a boy, Nathaniel. Bennett continues to preach near Haymarket in northern Virginia and to direct the Machen Retreat and Conference Center (a Presbyterian ministry) west of Staunton, and in February, he became a member of The Society of the Cincinnati of Maryland, a venerable Revolutionary War group, whose first head was George Washington and which is populated now by descendants of officers, promoting the knowledge of the Revolutionary War and its ideals. “A good fit, as I’m a lover of history and the society’s goals. All is well!”

Lisa Gillette says she’s “still living in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, and loves opening the front door in the morning, looking both ways to make sure there are no moose in the yard before I let the dogs out. I plan meetings for a trade association in Washington, D.C. I’ve been with the organization since 2005 and just love it. This year, I pursued and was awarded a certificate in meeting management by Meeting Professionals International. Just got back from a short visit to Anchorage, Alaska. I would suggest you put viewing glaciers on your bucket list. They are pretty stunning to behold. I hiked up to Exit Glacier in Seward (this is the one Obama visited in 2015). The road up to the trailhead, and the trail itself, have markers that show the year the glacier was at that spot. Sobering to say the least. This year, I’m sure you’ve heard, there is a total solar eclipse happening on August 21 (which happens to be my birthday), and one of the best places to see it in the United States is — you guessed it — good ol’ Jackson Hole. Town is always busy in the summertime because it’s the gateway to Grand Teton and Yellowstone National Parks, but this year will be crazy!”

Ken Crowe was on campus with Lisa Morales in April and then downtown to catch one of the last performances of the Ringling Bros. and Barnum & Bailey Circus. Ken also saw the circus’s penultimate show on Long Island.

’80

Class Secretary: Peter S. Jongbloed, 536 Boston Post Rd., Madison, CT 06443-2930; peter.jongbloed.1980@trincoll.edu Class Agents: John Alexandrow, Scott A. Lesne, Esq., Harry J. Levenstein Congratulations to our classmates whose children graduated from Trinity this year. This includes Gary M. Abramson, Amy G. Bagan, Henry S. Fox, and Deborah Brown Murdock. For Deborah, this was her fourth Bantam graduate!

Please send me an e-mail at oldlilacs@comcast.net to share any noteworthy events about yourself or our classmates. Thank you.

From the Alumni Office: David Bazar was elected the 2017–18 treasurer of the Rhode Island Bar Association. His term runs through June 30, 2018.

’81

Co-Class Secretary: Susan Walsh Ober, 130 Skyline Dr., Millington, NJ 07946; susan.ober.1981@trincoll.edu Co-Class Secretary: Tabitha N. Zane, 1620 Keraley Cir., Lake Mary, FL 32746-1923; tabitha.zane.1981@trincoll.edu Class Agent: Peter J. Whalen Peter Hubbell: “I thought our classmates would be interested to hear that I founded a business practice that is dedicated to our generation and the notion of ‘positive aging.’ After a career working for some of the world’s leading advertising agencies, I left Saatchi & Saatchi in 2011 to found BoomAgers, an agency dedicated to the baby boomer generation and the aging of the world. In a day and age when most ad agencies focus on a general audience or some type of digital connection tactic, we have become the world’s leading experts in marketing to age. After all these years, I’m finally creating something the world needs, as we are committed to creating communications that inspire an aging world to help people get better with age. We’re working with our clients to change the way people of age are portrayed in media and entertainment and to serve the needs of people who are living longer and better lives than ever before. Along the way, I’ve published two books in my Age of Aging Series, The Old Rush: Marketing for Gold in the Age of Aging (foreword by Jane Pauley) and Getting Better with Age: Improving Marketing in the Age of Aging. I was remarried in 2005 to Caroline Jones, and we live in Bronxville, New York, with our son, Teddy, age 11.”

Sidnie White Crawford keeps quite busy, professionally and personally. She is finishing a year as the Kingdon Fellow at the Institute for Research in the Humanities at the University of Wisconsin-Madison, where she has been working on a book, Scribes, Scrolls, and Scripture: The Story of Qumran. In August, she returns to the University of Nebraska-Lincoln, where she is Willa Cather Professor of Classics and Religious Studies. She also serves as a member of the Council of the Society of Biblical Literature and as chair of the Board of Trustees of the W. F. Albright Institute of Archaeological Research in Jerusalem. In her spare (?) time, Sidnie serves as the priest associate at St. Mark’s on the campus in Lincoln. Personally, she assists husband Dan with his summer concert series, the Beacon Hill Concerts, at their summer home in the Pocono Mountains. They also keep up with their extended family, including Sidnie’s 90-year-old mother, three children, seven grandchildren, sister Deb White ’87, and assorted nieces and nephews. They also do a lot of traveling; last year it was England, Holland, and Sweden. Sidnie keeps up with Jeanne Kulewicz Penn ’81 and John Rose, John Rose College Organist-and-Directorship Distinguished Chair of Chapel Music at Trinity.

John Christopher Farmelo: “I have retired from my role as president and CEO of a boutique securities firm specializing in energy investments and relocated to Stonington, Connecticut, to resume my first career as a yacht broker with East Coast Yacht Sales. Stop by if you are in the area; you never know what sort of party might be happening!”

’82

Class Secretary: Ellin Carpenter Smith, 932 Windsor Ave., Windsor, CT 06095-3422; ellin.smith.1982@trincoll.edu Our 35th Reunion was blessed with glorious weather, from Friday evening’s clambake on the quad to Saturday’s procession down the Long Walk, the evening cocktail party, and late-dancing at the Cave Patio. Our Trinity College campus was looking and feeling as beautiful and vibrant as ever with alumni coming together to connect, engage, and learn. While we all may not have been able to be there in person, we certainly came together in the spirit of giving. On behalf of our class, Bailey Johnston Farrin presented an impressive check for $1,742,539. Classmate Francesca Borges Gordon received the Alumni Medal for Excellence, which is awarded annually to those who have made significant contributions to their professions, to their communities, and to Trinity College.

Margaret Evans Beers lifted our spirits with her lovely singing as we gathered in the Chapel to give thanks and remember those classmates who have passed.

Special thanks to our alma mater for creating so many opportunities for us to connect with each other and the Trinity community. These included sessions on topics such as what baby boomers and millennials can learn from each other and the evolving role of technology in news reporting. Our own Scott
Cassie led a photo scavenger hunt (check out some of these great pictures on our new class Facebook page). Ex-laxmen Ben Baron, John Josel, and Matt Smith reunited their winning senior defense line. But the highlight of the weekend was the class dinner. This year, we had the privilege of sharing the evening with our fellow alums from the Class of 1952. It was heartwarming to hear the stories they told of their days at Trinity, especially their fond memories of Matt’s dad, Dave Smith ’52, with whom several played basketball, football, and baseball, and their adventures in life as businessmen, lawyers, and even mountain climbers. We hope they all will be back with more stories on the occasion of our 40th and their 70th Reunions.

Seems like many of us are moving on to new phases in life. Matt and I recently moved from Fairfield County to Windsor and into a classic old Georgian colonial home. We were ready to downsize, and while we did succeed in terms of cost of living, this home is a bit grander than the typical empty nester requires. The good news is that we had plenty of room to welcome fellow alums for Reunion Weekend. My old roommate, Karen Miller Boudreau, traveled east from her new position as group vice president of enterprise care management and coordination with Providence St. Joseph Health in Seattle, Washington. Our friend Mark Modica drove up — in his Mustang convertible no less — from Reston, Virginia. What fun it was to celebrate this special weekend while living just 15 minutes from campus. We enjoyed playing host so much, we may be converting to a bed and breakfast to help fund the restoration efforts. We also enjoy being able to get together with other dear friends in the Hartford area, especially Chuck Walsh and Victoria Lonkei Scallon.

More news on the career front. Minnie Mahoney Hicks has just accepted a new post as executive director of graduate studies at Saint Joseph’s University in Philadelphia. I. Ellin Smith, am putting my years of experience in interior design and marketing consulting to use in a new position with Design Source Connecticut, the premier to-the-trade home furnishings showroom in central Connecticut.

Carl Rapp sent his regrets for missing our 35th but promises to make the 40th. His oldest daughter was graduating from high school. He’s still president of Philadelphia Gear, a group vice president for The Timken Company, and serving on various boards. Carl and wife Sandra are happily coming up on the 20th anniversary of both their marriage and living in the Philadelphia suburbs. He regularly meets alumni in Philadelphia, where Trinity is viewed as a top destination for many families.

Steven Pekock, too, sent his regrets and hopes for joining in the fun next time. He is living in Andover, Massachusetts, with his family. When not working as a senior philanthropy officer for the Lahey Health System or spending time involved with the family’s activities, he holds a minor office in town. “Reading about so many of our classmates becoming empty nesters has made me smile. I am on the other end of the journey — my wife Amy and I have two sons, 8 and 10 years old. They inspire us to remain childlike.” Steve also shared news of meeting with Larry Torres in Cambridge. Larry is an administrator in the Los Angeles school system and was recently voted onto the Pasadena Board of Education. Like many of us, he has recently joined the ranks of empty nesters: one daughter has graduated from college, and the other is studying music in England.

Throughout the years, many classmates have enjoyed the pleasure of becoming Trinity parents. When our daughter was considering Trinity, she benefited from valuable insights shared by then-student Anne Upton, (daughter of Joe and Suzanne Upton). And last year, Matt and I reconnected with Rob Leavitt when our girls arrived to join the Class of 2019. Our daughter, Diana Rose, is the third generation in the Smith clan to attend and the 15th member of our extended family. As a member of the Trinity Pipes and the Trinity College Chapel Singers, she is fully engaged in the College’s grand traditions. In fact, she just returned from a trip abroad beginning in Venice, Italy, where she and her fellow Chapel Singers performed at the Venice Music Festival and then proceeded to join friends for an “educational” trek through 12 more countries in 33 days. Oh, the joys of a liberal arts education.

Finally, as we pass into our mid-50s, it appears that some among us have been granted grandparent status. Susan Hoff Armstrong is posting adorable pictures of her twin grandbabies on Facebook. Lucida DeMaria DeLorenzo brought her 4-year-old grandson to Reunion. And Margaret Evans Beers told us that she was awaiting the arrival of her first grandchild this past summer.

In closing this, my first posting as class secretary, we give thanks to Joe Upton and Mark Thibault for the outstanding job they have done keeping us updated and entertained. Looking forward to helping us build on this great momentum. Keep the stories and pictures coming, whether it’s an update about family or career developments or simply news of a Trinity connection that you’ve made with a classmate or other alumni. We welcome all contributions.

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Thanks to all who answered the call for updates on your lives. We know when you receive The Trinity Reporter, the first thing you do is flip to the Class of ’83 notes. So without further ado, here we go.

Bert Banta summarizes, “Three daughters are college graduates (Holy Cross; Miami, Ohio; TCU), son is a junior at TCU (met up with Al Strickler at halftime at TCU football game in fall 2016). My auto and warehouse supply company is having its best year ever. I continue to enjoy my job and the challenges it brings. Not ready to retire quite yet. Purchased a second home in Hope Ranch, Santa Barbara, enjoying the ocean, mountains, and wine tasting. Hosting daughter’s wedding in September. Life is good — I’m very lucky.”

Tom McKeown and Tom Merrill went to the Ryder Cup in Hazeltine, Minnesota, last October and saw the United States triumph over Europe. While there, they tracked down and had dinner with long-lost classmate Jim Bolton. McKeown was planning to take his wife to the Bahamas this past summer for her 50th birthday with their 15- and 17-year-olds.


Hillary Mounter, who has not written in decades, shares, “I continue to work with my husband in the real estate business. We own one of the few remaining independent residential offices in Greenwich. Our daughter will be a senior at Amherst College. Our son will be in his first year at the University of Richmond, and our youngest is starting high school. My favorite activities are playing doubles squash, hiking mountains, and traveling. I just returned from Costa Rica, where I broke my ankle surfing, so unfortunately my summer will be passive. Hopefully my ankle surgery will bring me to new summits!”

Marlene Arling Kurban writes, “My 26-year-old daughter, Hillary, recently moved to Inverness, Florida, and opened HNR Gun Works, a firearms repair and sales store, with her fiancé. I am working as a freelance writer, specializing in Web content and grant writing for health care organizations. Looking forward to kayaking and bike riding this summer!”

Alex Banker shared that he had a gathering with the boys at Bandon, Oregon, with Charlie Ingersoll, John Simons, David
Guild, Todd Laviere, Townsend Ziebold ’84, David Walker, and Joe Reinenman ’82.

Marissa Ocasio shares wonderful news. “I just got my five-year clearance from cancer treatment … and I got married in January!” Way to go, girl!

Patricia Paddock shares, “Our older godson, Thomas Heck (son of Louise Bond Heck), completed his first year at University of Maryland’s Honors College (Go Terps!). Our younger godson, Michael Heck (also Louise’s son), was Baltimore athlete of the week this spring.” She recently connected with Louise.

Janet Bollinger Huley writes, “My son graduated from Trinity in 2015 with a math degree and is working near Wall Street as an actuary. I just celebrated my work anniversary of 33 years. Greenwich Associates has changed, and so has my job. I really value that Trinity education of learning to learn; it has really come in handy over my career. Our summer vacation plans include my husband and me returning for a week of building houses and holding summer camp in the South Dakota La Plant Reservation with www.SimplySmiles.org and a group from our church and the high school. I won round-trip airline tickets in a poetry contest at www.SimplySmiles.org and a group from our church and the high school. I won round-trip airline tickets in a poetry contest at

Weezie Mackey: “Both sons are in high school, one starting his senior year, so we’re doing the college thing soon. I’m still working at Rice University as a writer and editor in the business school. I love it. Nearly 10 years here and 10 years in Houston. Crazy to think it’s been that long. We moved down to help take care of my parents, who are in their 90s and are a year into a little independent living apartment. I’m able to see them constantly since they’re right near where I live and work. It’s a great thing. I see Laney Lynch Makin a bunch since her husband commutes down here for work. They took me to Houston’s rodeo (the world’s largest), and I got to see their daughter, Carter, who lives in San Francisco, that night, too. All of them are doing well. Laney and Rick also came for the Super Bowl, so I got to see her then as well. Anyway, we’re starting the steamy season here in Texas. We have a little place in Maine that we can slip off to every once in a while to cool down and hang out with jigsaw puzzles, board games, poker, fishing, and, for me, house painting, gardening, and a bit of writing here and there. Feels like I’m living a little bit of the charmed life. This coming fall, the gang is getting together for a girls’ weekend: Laney, Annie Mathiaesen Farquhar, Liz Lynch Valicenti, Lisa Sperry Lynch, Sue Rice Keenan, and Suzy Schwartz Symons. That’s always a great reunion.”

Laura Baird’s son, Walker, graduated from Cornell with a master’s in engineering. He’s heading off to Fort Worth, Texas, to start a job/three-year training program with Lockheed Martin.

Anne Gurin Tall: “Well, it’s official! Our fourth child is finally off to college this fall, and none of our kids picked Trinity (RIT, NYU, TCU, Clark). Oh well. We’re looking forward to becoming empty nesters and are in the process of buying our retirement home in New Hampshire. In the meantime, we celebrated our 30th wedding anniversary in Steve’s corporate suite at Fenway Park for the Dead & Company concert. If you knew Steve at Trinity, you are laughing because you know some things never change.”

Elizabeth Davis Randolph: “Some three or so years ago, Peter Stinson and I met for dinner at what was once Timothy’s Restaurant. My favorite part, besides exposure to his most eclectic brain, was his quite accurate rendition of his industrious 1980s self, serenading all and sundry, ‘Doughnuts, doughnuts, get your doughnuts here! Doughnuts ...’ And on I go with all and sundry in Hartford, working at the library downtown, ignoring the stuff that a true adult would do first and couch potatoing, and sometimes cooking and hanging about and otherwise perplexing. Or as Denise D’Agostino would say, ‘What’s it all about, Alife?’ “

Mark Bishop: “I returned to teaching at St. Albans School in Washington, D.C., where I am the Theater Department Chair after an eight-year hiatus in Connecticut. My wife is working at the Smithsonian Institution in the Office of Advancement. It has been a pretty busy spring for us. In the span of six weeks, we celebrated my daughter Rebecca’s wedding, my son’s fiancée graduated from Ramapo College, my daughter graduated from vet school at Tufts, son Jacob graduated from West Point, and we celebrated his wedding. Talk about checking off all the boxes at once! So, we’ve doubled the size of our family, our kids are well launched, and we settle into the home stretch of our careers. All is well in D.C.!”

Jon DiLuzio: “I met Dr. Peter Marcell., of the prestigious Lahey Hospital & Medical Center in the Boston area, in Seattle for dinner a few weeks back. Though we had not seen each since graduation 33 years ago, we were surprised to see that neither of us had aged a day! Yup, that’s what we said, ‘not a day.’ We connected by phone with Tom Hampton and Tim Nash. We agreed that they sounded like they had aged just a bit. Not too much though. And, bonus, I received a text message from Jack Gibbons. One text every 30 years or so is enough to keep a strong friendship alive. I’ll expect each of you — Peter, Tim, Tom, or Jack — to contact me whenever you are near Seattle. Dinner is on Peter!” Jon sent a second e-mail: “I realized that in my previous message, I neglected to mention that the only physical deficiencies Peter and I noted about each of us was our eyesight. Other than that, it’s like we walked right out of 1984 and into 2017 Seattle.” (Your secretary respectfully asks for photos to prove your alleged agelessness.)

And now for the reminder that you don’t have to wait for your tortured pleas to send me your updates and photos!

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As we all prepare to send our kids into a working world in which change and uncertainty will be the norm, some of our number bear witness to success through consistency. Greg Accetta reports he celebrated his 30th wedding anniversary last year and is marking 25 years at Bank of America in Rhode Island. Greg said his twins graduated from Villanova University and Northeastern University in May and his oldest graduated from Villanova in 2014. “Hard to believe that a philosophy major could produce two engineers and a physicist,” he commented. Regardless, the graduations mean a “new chapter” in life to embrace. Similarly, Michael Slad announced
he was just starting a new opportunity in global marketing at Mastercard. This comes after 24 years at Colgate-Palmolive, “helping people keep their teeth, dishes, clothes, and bodies clean.” (We couldn’t have done it without you, Mike!) His new position has the added benefit of a dramatically easier suburban commute. He and his family have lived in Darien, Connecticut, for a number of years. With only a high school junior at home, a new chapter on the home front also nears for him. His eldest graduated from Williams in May and was embarking on a two-year fellowship in the U.K. at Oxford studying health care public policy. His middle child is enjoying Dartmouth. He joked about “bringing the rear in family intelligence” but acknowledged he maintains his advantage in the Trivial Pursuit sports category.

Meanwhile, Peter Appleton continues to practice law in Hartford. He and his wife have two boys; one is a sophomore at UConn, and the other is a high school senior. Like Greg, Mike, and many of us, he sees “the end in sight.” He keeps up with John Picone, who is a litigator in California, specializing in IT and intellectual property cases.

Kris (Soltis) Warriner continues to love her job as comptroller at Vineyard Golf Club after 18 years. She and husband Stephen celebrated their 20th wedding anniversary last year. She said she “regularly sees Jean Walsh ‘83 both on the Vineyard and in NYC, where we still keep an apartment. All happy. Healthy, no kids, no tuitions! Livin’ the dream!” she summed up. She also reminded me of scaling the sides of Jarvis to get from room to room via windows our first year. Thank goodness there was plenty of gnarly, ant-infested ivy to hang onto!

Floyd Higgins and his wife of almost 30 years, Gretchen Collins, live in West Hartford. Their son, David, is a sophomore in college. Floyd remains devoted to music. When not working at Comcast, he has a part-time position with the Austin Organ Company in Hartford, designing pipe organs. Floyd also stays active in Trinity’s music scene and stood in for Gerald Moshell for a couple seasons as organist for John Rose a number of times as organist at various services, funerals, and weddings at the Chapel. “No experiences were more moving for me, though, than playing for both the wedding and funeral of our beloved Kathi O’Connor Boelhouwer,” he reflected. Floyd also expressed his appreciation for Moshell and Rose as they near retirement, saying, “It is important for me and I’m sure many others to recognize their great contributions to our lives as musicians.” He also sends his best to his fellow Pipes and other musical theater friends, saying, “I hope you are all continuing to enjoy the great blessing of making music with other people in your lives.”

Jane McDonough Bayer recently started a new job at HBK Engineering in Baltimore as project coordinator and office manager. HBK is headquartered in Chicago and has offices in Pennsylvania and Iowa and strategically decided to open an office in Baltimore to perform work in the water and wastewater sector resulting from the EPA consent decree issued in the city and surrounding counties in Maryland. She continues to be involved in the Chesapeake Water Environment Association and the Chesapeake American Water Works Association. Jane’s daughter, Jordan, graduated from Dickinson College in May 2017 and started at Vanguard in Valley Forge, Pennsylvania, as a client service specialist in the Flagship department for clients with wealth from $1 million to $5 million in assets. Jane and husband David are really empty nesters now!

Joy (Hayden) Newburn and family are in the Chicago suburbs after spending three years as missionaries in Cameroon. “It is a beautiful country, and the kids adapted well to the schools. I did counseling, teaching, and even had my own radio show. The culture shock was rough, but we love Batavia, our wonderful town,” she wrote. Her husband works for the Diocese of Joliet, and she works part time for Catholic Charities. “It is a beautiful country, and the kids adapted well to the schools. I did counseling, teaching, and even had my own radio show. The culture shock was rough, but we love Batavia, our wonderful town,” she wrote. Her husband works for the Diocese of Joliet, and she works part time for Catholic Charities when not serving as taxi driver for their three kids, Josh, 15, Jessica, 13, and Emily, 11. They are into sports, drama, youth group, and band. She still talks to Jane McDonough Bayer every week.

I will wrap up with the full text of a Prudence Horne e-mail that speaks for itself: “We put the ’p’ in party in Utah! Park City with Jeanine Lunghamer, Erica Merrill, and Anne Malabre was the perfect meeting place for a weekend blowout of endless fun. Jeanine, aka DJJ, had musical playlists that kept us singing and dancing on the tables all night. What is amazing about these women is that no matter how hard we laughed, partied, and shook our booties, they were up at the crack of dawn, OK, 8:00 a.m., to run a half marathon and swim — unreal athletes. On a more somber note, during an afternoon hike, we narrowly escaped a dreadful death by a huge and wildly aggressive rattlesnake! Erica, the leader of the pack, heard the rattle and jumped four feet in the air, thus confusing the vicious creature and allowing the three of us to back away. Anne and Erica bravely moved forward. Jeanine was game to continue, but being a lover of pavement, I was little harder to convince to continue on, and she hung by my side until it was clear that the snake had moved on to Colorado. Thankfully this was all the nature we witnessed, and we returned safely back to our disco, I mean hotel. Who knew Utah was so much fun? I am ready to go back!”

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Greetings, ’86ers,
Thanks to all of you who have sent updates. Lots of exciting developments for our classmates. First, a great missive from old friends Christine and Ben Rhodes, who undoubtedly get the “Best Bantams” award this quarter. Christine writes: “Ben Rhodes and Christine Pastore Rhodes, both Class of 1986, are truly #allinfortrin, as both of their children are also graduates of Trin Coll Sanc. Son Holden graduated in May 2017 with honors in political science and international relations. He will be moving to Washington, D.C., where he will be working in law, preparing to take the LSAT, and applying to law school. Daughter Samantha is a 2014 graduate of Trinity, with a degree in art history and classics, and is a regional manager for In The Pink, out of Boston, Cape Cod, and the Islands. Ben is working at The Hartford after 20 years at Hanover Insurance. Chris is an psychotherapist in private practice, specializing in trauma work and anxiety disorders. Chris also is consulting and providing education and training for HUD, mental health agencies, social service agencies, and other individuals new to clinical practice. Ben and Chris live in Providence, Rhode Island, and Simsbury, Connecticut. They enjoy cycling, squash, tennis, summer weekends in Chatham, Massachusetts, and as much international travel as they can find time for!”

I also got a wonderful and detailed update from my old AD brother Dan “The Cutter” Stanton, who appears to be living the (115 degree Fahrenheit) dream in Arizona. Space limits preclude me from including all of Dan’s “30-year update,” but quickly ... Dan joined the Peace Corps after graduation and met his future wife, Christy, while on assignment in Guatemala. After traveling extensively in South America inside and outside the Corps, they married and moved to Arizona in 1992 so Christy could pursue her master’s in social work at Arizona State University. I will let Dan pick it up from here. “So, we moved to Phoenix in August 1992 because I wanted to try out the dry heat. I did a little substitute teaching before I started working with the Arizona State University Libraries in February 1993.
How did you get involved in animation? My first job out of Trinity was working at a large Los Angeles law firm. I did deposition digesting and case organization, worked 300-hour months. I realized pretty quickly that I didn’t want to go to law school and become an attorney. I went to Art Center College of Design four nights a week for a year while working, then enrolled full time and got a B.F.A. in illustration/fine art, the closest thing to a traditional painting education. The galleries at the time were only showing abstract or conceptual art, so after I graduated, I taught art to kids, then worked as a colorist in comics. We were some of the first people painting with Photoshop on the computer. I worked as a trainee at a small animation studio that made commercials for about a year and a half. Then I heard about an open slot for a painter at Disney. The show was being painted with Photoshop on computers. I did a test painting and was hired and stayed there for almost a decade.

What do you do during a typical day of work? Drink black coffee and use Photoshop to paint on a Cintiq with a pressure-sensitive pen. I read scripts, storyboards and/or watch black and white animatics (the soundtrack synced to the storyboards). Sometimes I work straight from rough storyboards (as on The Ricky Gervais Show), but usually I work from layouts (line drawings of environments) and create finished paintings in the appropriate style for the show. Some shows are fully painted, some are flat colors with black lines, some are realistic, others are highly graphic and stylized. Currently I’m working on Wabbit at Warner Bros., and once or twice a week we’ll have a pitch of the latest episode where the show has been drawn out on Post-it notes stuck to the wall. Matt Craig [an actor and producer] will read through the episode (doing all the voices). On Fridays, we’ll watch four of the finished episodes during lunch. I also teach a couple of nights a week.

What are your favorite aspects of your work? Playing with color and texture to create mood and atmosphere. Storytelling. Watching scenes come to life.

What was your favorite animation project? I don’t have a favorite. I find something to like about each one. Wabbit has been fun. I’ve had a free hand with the style. I’ve worked with a lot of extremely talented people, which is always a pleasure. The Ricky Gervais Show, The Simpsons Movie, and the various projects with Alan Bodner were all great fun (development on Kim Possible, The Life and Times of Juniper Lee, and The Looney Tunes Show).

How did your life at Trinity help prepare you for what you do now? It didn’t, but I’m not sure that’s the point. My life has been enriched by a deeper understanding of literature, philosophy, history, economics, and political theory. Maybe I only use it when thinking or reading or writing or talking to friends or in online discussions. That’s OK. A good classical education is excellent fodder for seeing the humor in the world.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Probably Walker Connor’s course on the question of ethno-nationalism in Marxist-Leninist theory and practice when he predicted the reunification of Germany and precisely outlined many of the factors that have shaped the world for the last 30 years.
Over the next few years, I moved up as a staff person and took classes in Tucson at the University of Arizona for a master’s in library science. Christy got her master’s, we bought a house, and in February 1986, Luke was born, followed by Riley in May 1997. I got my first professional librarian position at ASU in 1989 and became a government information librarian in 2000. I got continuing appointment (tenure) in 2006 and have done a fair amount of work with professional library organizations, including becoming president of the Arizona Library Association in 2015. Last year, I got transferred out of government information and am currently a humanities and social sciences librarian covering the School for the Future of Innovation in Society; the Herberger Institute of Design and the Arts; the School of Film, Dance and Theatre; and the Hugh Downs School of Human Communication. I’m keeping fairly busy! I was just selected to spend a month in Chengdu, China, as part of librarian exchange with Sichuan University. Both boys go to ASU. Luke is a junior film major who is very active with ASU Comedy; he does stand-up, sketch comedy, and improv. I hope to ship him off to LA and leave him under the charge of Dr. Noise and Hogie! Riley is a Spanish and accounting major and is a brother in the Delta Sigma Phi fraternity. He’s a workout beast. Christy has been a licensed clinical social worker all these years, working mostly with early childhood education. She is a trainer for Zero to Three. She seems to be getting a great education there, so no complaints! Looking forward to the slow pace of summer.”

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As you know, we celebrated our 30th Reunion in June. Yes, it really has been 30 years since we walked ‘neath the elms at graduation. We had a good turnout with more than 70 classmates returning to campus to catch up on what everyone is doing and to reminisce about the old days (and, in some cases, try to relive the old days — with mixed results!). St. A’s, AD, and Psi U brothers and friends (e.g., Greg Keating, Vic Consoli, John Dalsheim, Bill Detwiler, Dave Jessup, Dave Steed, Geoff Greene, John Montgomery, Ed Meyercord, Scott Zoelner, Dave Banta, Mike Doyle, Erick Kuchar, Frank Newark, and Gabe Harris) commandeered adjacent Crescent Street Townhouses and held frat row gatherings late into the night, including Campus Pizza deliveries, which seemed like a good idea at the time but not so much later on. (If you have not been back to campus, the Crescent Street Townhouses are the newest housing area on campus and consist of numerous three-story units with eight or nine individual bedrooms, a living room, a dining room, and a full kitchen — a lot different from the “sophomore slums” that stood there in our day).

On Friday night, many ’87ers attended the cookout on the quad and the post-dinner gathering at Vernon Social (site of the former Crow house). Sigma Nu and friends had a strong showing with Ray Faltinsky, Jeff Muneses, John Maggioni, Steve Saltzman, Mark Casparino, and Jeff Concepcion attending, and they indicated that there was an alleged sighting of Mike Solomita in the Greater Hartford area off campus. I ran into Mo Neylon (living in Chicago and getting used to being an empty nester now that all her kids are off in college), Jen Nahas (living in Boston), and Chris Smith (working at Otis Elevator and living in Simsbury), all of whom are doing well.

On Saturday morning, an awards ceremony on the quad included nine individual awards, three of which were awarded to ’87ers, the most of any class! Liz Elting, a Trinity trustee and co-founder of TransPerfect, one of the world’s largest translation firms, was awarded the Gary McQuaid Award. Bryant Zanko, vice president of business development at Stryker Corp., won the Alumni Medal for Excellence. Jane Swift, CEO of Middlebury Interactive Languages and former governor of Massachusetts, captured the Kathleen O’Connor Boelhouwer Award.

Many ’87ers attended the luncheon on the quad, lingered thereafter with their coolers and Bluetooth music, and enjoyed the early summer weather, and some ventured down the hill to check out the new sports facilities: refurbished football stadium and new softball, baseball, and soccer fields/stadiums. I learned that Bryant Zanko’s daughter and Dan Tighe’s niece (Dan’s son defected to becoming a rising Middlebury sophomore student-hockey player) had just graduated on the quad a couple of weeks earlier, and the following classmates have children entering Trinity this fall: Kevin Smith, Skip DeCapua, Bill Cunningham (who is a current member of the Board of Trustees), and me. Erick Kuchar reconnected with Julie Kim Sanderson and Michelle Amendola as Julie married one of Erick’s high school classmates, and Michelle’s daughter and Erick’s son both attend Union College. Mike Doyle, Frank Newark, and Andrew Filler exchanged old hockey stories with former hockey coach Dunham.

On Saturday night, we held our class dinner at Hamlin Hall, where new class officers were announced: Lisa Cadette as president, Doug Kim as vice president, and yours truly as secretary. In addition, Phil Robertson was recognized as the class member who had traveled the farthest to Reunion as he came from Bangkok. We thanked our outgoing class officers — Jamie Harper (president), Bill Manger (vice president), and Doug Kim (secretary) — for their service.

Lastly, Bryant Zanko held a summer get-together/golf weekend at his Cape Cod house that included Frank Newark, Charlie McGann, Gabe Harris, and me, as well as Tom Fitzgerald ’88, Bill Markowitz ’86, and ’85 classmates Mike Tighe, Craig Tateronis, and Tony Constanzo. Bryant’s house is close to the site of the former garden of beloved late Professor Ted Mauch at Nauset Beach, whom you may recall used to till the soil every weekend and bring the vegetables back to Hartford for the students in his Bible I and II classes. The group made a late-night pilgrimage to the former garden, which is conservation land bearing a plaque in honor of Ted, where Gabe Harris held a remembrance moment for Ted under the Cape stars and also tried to channel a higher power through Ted to help his Philly ’76ers and New Jersey Devils make long-awaited playoff runs; Gabe is vice president of strategic development for the Devils.

Please e-mail me whatever information you have that I can include in our class news section in The Reporter, e.g., gatherings with other classmates or other interesting tidbits to share. Let’s hear from, or about, those long-lost souls who have fallen off the map… where are you Dan Monaghan, Sara Mayo, Tom Noguerola, and John Shiffman?

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Your diligent class secretaries are finishing up the summer edition of our class notes over a glass of wine at Rockefeller Center, under Jeff Koons’s Seated Ballerina (Nancy’s always the art history major) with Vikki Wenzel, Kori Johanson, and Julie Diez Berkowitz. We hope you all had a great summer filled with
Kori Johanson writes, “After doing some independent consulting and contemplating early retirement, I started a job at PURE Insurance in White Plains earlier this year. I had no idea when I was interviewing that one of the founders is also a Trinity alum and there are quite a few other alumni around the company! It has been a great experience so far. I keep an apartment in New York and travel back to Connecticut on the weekends. I will even get the chance to see Nancy soon in NYC now that I’m so close.”

Our honorary Chilean class secretary, Lisa Alvarez Calderon, reports, “My family and I have just celebrated one full year living in Santiago, Chile. Oliver, 16, and Cooper, 15, have just completed their final exams, so we will enjoy a quick visit back to the States before they start the new school year at the end of July, i.e. Chilean winter! I caught up with Corinne Coppola Krill, who still lives in the D.C. area with her three beautiful children (Nadine, her oldest, is home for summer break from college in California). Corinne was in Boston for a seminar and had the chance to make a quick visit with Anne Mongillo McRavey in Connecticut, then had a beautiful catch-up with Holly Davoren, Wendy Goldstein Pierce, Liz Cahn Goodman, Cindy Dokas Whipple, and Karen Tufankjian Aharonian.” Thanks, Lisa, for your amazing updates. We are booking our flights to Santiago!

Our 30th Reunion is coming up quickly, and we look forward to seeing our many classmates from around the globe there. The Class of ‘88 has a Facebook page, Trinity College Class of 1988. Please join!

Regina Lee reports: “I was a commuter to Trinity for four years since I lived in Hartford, but I still live nearby in Vernon, Connecticut, with my husband and children. I can visit the campus easily, and my four children can participate in some of the events that happen on campus. My son Michael graduated from Cornell and is getting a Ph.D. at Brown. My daughter Christiane is going to be a senior at Cornell and is getting a Ph.D. at Brown. My other daughter is knee-deep in her college selection process. We have been fortunate to keep in touch with many Trinity friends, and I hope to see all of you at our Reunion next June!”

In March, Jen Elwell O’Donnell, Michelle Boudreau, Tina Viglucci, and Nancy Barry spent a lovely weekend in Washington, D.C., with the hostess with the mostest, Dorothy Sales. Highlights included the opening ceremonies of the Cherry Blossom Festival, the National Postal Museum (way more interesting than it sounds; did you know that it has Amelia Earhart’s Flight suit?), the National Museum of American History, and the National Portrait Gallery. Of course, there was lots of catching up over fabulous food and cocktails.

We also spent Good Friday evening in Cambridge, Massachusetts, at a house party, and our classmate Liz Kehrl Salpoglu was in attendance. She looks fantastic as always and is still working in physical therapy but also working on a series of children’s books with her son, Brady. We received an advanced preview, and the books look sensational. We had a lot of laughs catching up over old photos.

Andrew Pitts wrote in: “I had the occasion to visit campus last fall with my older daughter during her senior year at high school. She ultimately opted for a bigger school, but we all were impressed with the developments on campus. Though North Campus and the AD House would still appear to be ‘acquired tastes’ (and excluded from the admissions tour I might add), everything else looked great. Needless to say, I exclude the building from which the porch had recently detached from this observation as I view Broad Street as off campus. Looking forward to the big 30 in 2018.”

Dede DePatie Consoli reports, “I wanted Trinity to know I have enjoyed my three years on the Board of Fellows and found it meaningful and a productive time at the College. We have a daughter who is a member of the Class of ’19. She is headed to the Rome Campus this fall as I did in the fall of ’86. Our other daughter is knee-deep in her college selection process. We have been fortunate to keep in touch with many Trinity friends, and I hope to see all of you at our Reunion next June!”
were born on November 11.) What did you do for your 50th? Please write and let me know! You can find me on Facebook or e-mail me at julelowry@yahoo.com

‘90

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Greetings, Class of 1990! I hope this issue of The Reporter finds you all well.

Stewart Manger writes, “I started my own interior design firm last year. This June will be the one-year anniversary of Stewart Manger Design, Inc., a New York-based design firm working on the East Coast as well as on residential projects in London, Paris, and St. Andrews, Scotland.”

David Weinstein shares, “Geraldine Munsayac Weinstein recently moved back to Connecticut, where she is an associate professor at the University of Connecticut School of Dental Medicine. She also just published a textbook titled The Dental Reference Manual: A Daily Guide for Students and Practitioners.”

Adam Kohlhepp writes, “I am amazed to relate the fact that we are coming to the end of our 16th year at Berkshire School, where our own children will be members of the 9th and 12th grades next year. Our 2016–17 highlight was a family trip to Italy to visit our daughter, who studied in Viterbo through School Year Abroad. We opened a new 10-court facility at Berkshire this year, so if you happen to know any smart, talented squash players looking for an amazing boarding experience…”

And Melissa Gold (whose children are the same age and gender as my own) writes, “My 16-year-old daughter, Sophie, has started driving. A whole new level of worrying as a parent! And my 13-year-old son, Benjamin, had his bar mitzvah, and not only is he a man, but he shot up about eight inches in the last 18 months and is taller than I am!”

Until next time … keep the news coming.

‘91

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‘92

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Hello from your new class secretary! It was so nice to see so many of you at our 25th Reunion in June. There were many people I had not seen in years, and I was so very glad that we could pick up right where we left off, be it five, 10, or even 25 years later. For those who could not make it, we missed you and hope to see you at the next one!

First, I would like to thank Allison Picott for her service these last five years as our class secretary. Allison, we are most grateful for you keeping us up-to-date with stories from our classmates. We appreciate the time and energy you dedicated to it. I am hoping to be able to offer the same.

And with that, I am happily able to offer the following news from a few ‘92ers: Allison Picott graciously offered the first bit of news. “As of August 31, my husband, Michael, and I will become empty nesters with all three of his kids (my stepchildren) in college. We are spending the summer getting our house in Concord, Massachusetts, ready to put on the market right after Labor Day and counting down the days until we move back to the South End in Boston. We will rent there for at least a year before we decide where to put down more permanent roots.” Allison also writes that she recently ran into Keith Mahoney at a fundraising gala for their local NPR affiliate, WBUR. “We spent a few minutes catching up with each other at the bar and discussing whether or not we would make the brave return to Trinity for our 25th Reunion. Clearly, we chickened out as neither of us made it back. Also, Indu Basaviah checked in with me right before the Reunion. She’s been living in Seattle about two years and reports that she’s enjoying her job at Amazon and contemplating home ownership.”

Laura Weintraub Beck writes, “I had a great time at the Reunion. It was wonderful to see so many people again and to reconnect. I am living in Fairfield, Connecticut, and working in Greenwich and would love to hang out with classmates more than once every five years, so I hope anyone living in or passing through Fairfield County will reach out.”

Kim Simmons and Craig Bramley write, “Our first daughter has graduated from high school and is off to Brown University in the fall. This transition brings back so many memories of our time at Trinity.” Kim continues to work on social justice projects and recently taught a “feminist activism workshop,” while Craig is managing partner at his law firm and is an avid bicyclist — not that different from 25 years ago!

Kathy Kimball Kadziolka writes, “Had a fantastic time catching up with everyone at the 25th! Hanging on the quad and at The Tap, Crescent Street, and Goodwin hotel felt like old times. We should not wait another 25 years to get the class back together. Now spending time touring other college campuses as our son just completed his junior year of high school. Trinity set the bar high, and I hope he finds a university/college where he can make friends and memories that last a lifetime. Miss everyone!”

Christina (Bee) Bennett, who also attended our 25th Reunion, writes that she recently saw Beth and Mike Allen and their children, Maya and James; Amy Chiodo and Rob Vasseg; and Matt Vaughn, wife Suzie ‘95, and daughter Claire at Cape Cod over the Fourth of July for their annual beach weekend. It’s nice to see that some classmates are able to get together more frequently than every 25 years.

And from me, Jacques Cattier ’93 and I and our two children and dog have recently moved a few blocks away on the Upper East Side. After 17 years in the same apartment, it was time for a change and more space. I am general counsel and CCO at Almanac Realty Investors, a real estate private equity firm. Our office is near Grand Central, so a pretty central location for getting together with other classmates. Please feel free to reach out.

And, to echo our classmates’ pleas from above, I would love to continue the dialogue more in real time. I am working on a closed Facebook page for our class so that we might be in touch more often. Be on the lookout for an invite, and please encourage others to join! I hope everyone has a wonderful summer, and I look forward to keeping alive those strong relationships we all forged ‘neath the elms. Sincerely, Jenn Cattier


Patrick Comins was named the Connecticut Audubon Society’s executive director this past summer.

‘93

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Hey, classmates, I heard from so many of you this time. Sorry for the guilt trips and threats, but they have paid off. I received many reports from the Class of ’92 Reunion. Sounds like they had a blast! Ours is next summer, get ready!

Nat Kessler chimes in about colleges, “I toured with my son a few weeks ago and felt old. Looking forward to rallying the troops for our 25th next year.”

From Audrey Brashich, “I’m still working as a journalist, covering pop culture, parenting, and lifestyle trends for outlets including The Washington Post, Yahoo, and LiveStrong.com. I’m also the communications director and social media manager for my husband’s new company, MashUp Machine, which has created a moviemaking platform/app where users can make and collaborate on animated short films. My boys, Oliver, 10, and Felix, 8, are on teams for soccer, swimming, track and
field, and ski racing. If anyone is heading out on a cruise to Alaska from Vancouver or skiing at Whistler next winter, please get in touch!"

These ladies see a lot of each other. Rachel Schewe updates us. “Last September, a big crew of us — Sandy Silliman Giardi, Sarah Friday Hellwege, Joanna Polio Onorato, Kiki Rainey Sizelove, Liz Sass Norton, Kitzia Skipsey Baxter, Angela Denicola Player, Denise Tsimis Gibbons, and Bisa Player Jones — spent the weekend on the Maryland shore. Lots of sun, swimming, tubing, and jet skiing. Everyone is doing great. In November, Angela and I ran the Philadelphia Marathon, and Kiki and Joanna cheered us on at the 17- and 22-mile marks. I’d send pictures of their signs, but they weren’t rated PG!”

Megan Meany everyone! “After more than 20 years working as a TV producer and on-air reporter/host, I sold out to corporate! This journey of reinvention has been amazing. I’m a global anchor for SAP – the largest business software company in the world. I am the face of the company, a creative director, and I do content strategy. I develop, produce, and star in digital video communications about the business. I also do content strategy. I develop, produce, and host, live on stage, customer-facing events all over the world. In just the last few months, I’ve worked in Venice, Barcelona, Dubai, and Berlin. I work from home most days and get to see my two boys after school. But SAP has new, swampy corporate digs in Hudson Yards, so going to the office doesn’t suck either! Other than that, I’m living on the Upper West Side with my two boys, Kellen and Grey, and it’s Roxbury, Connecticut, on the weekends.”

Congrats to you, Liza Baumgarten. She has a fun report: “All good here in ATL, and a fun update with pics from our wedding in Miami this February. While we didn’t have a Trinity banner to include in the pics, we had a solid crew to help celebrate our nuptials at The Raleigh Hotel.”

Liza Baumgarten ’93 and George Ordonez were married in February 2017 at The Raleigh Hotel in Miami. Trinity folks in attendance included John Harding ’93 and wife Sybil, Grace Cargin Heintz ’93, Will Carr ’93, Brian and Amy Cropp ’93, Lexi Rice Carr ’93, Nat ‘93 and Caty Kessler ’93, Pat ’95 and Ashley Ashe ’99, Liza Baumgarten ’93, George Ordonez, Susan ’93 and Jay Monahan ’93, and Jill ’93 and Zach Zehner ’95.

Greetings! There was so much Class of 1994 news that my curation and social media creeping skills were supremely tested. There’s lots of ground to cover, so let’s dive right into the notes!

Or, more aptly, let’s ride! Kudos to Marleigh Phillips Brown, who as of this writing (June 2017) is set to participate in the two-day Bike MS: Cape Cod Getaway 2017. It’s a cliffhanger since we’ll have to wait for the next Reporter update for the outcome, but I’m positive that Marleigh’s boundless enthusiasm and the support of her family and friends will help her pedal through those 150 miles!

Big congratulations to Julie Smith, who recently married Dinny FitzPatrick and is the mother of a baby boy! Happy first Mother’s Day and Father’s Day to the new parents!

In other new parent news (non-human edition), Kimberly Janczuk Dunn has two new additions to the family: a black Labrador puppy named Calvin and an Alaskan malamute who, as of this writing, is not yet named (another cliffhanger for the next Reporter!).

Lisa Whitney fulfilled a lifetime dream by adopting Remy, an 8-year-old thoroughbred gelding. Not to be outdone, Christopher Duskin’s son Hugh is the proud owner of a pet snake named Alicia Bobber Duskin.

Let’s keep the accolades rolling. Cheers to Jennifer Reagan McCleery, whose paper “A Profile of the Northampton Minority” was published in the Jonathan Edwards Studies journal at Yale University. Also of note: a shout-out to Peter Friedman on a Bill Simmons podcast for his encyclopedic knowledge of the Washington Wizards and to Matthew Simpson on his byline in the op-ed section of the Albuquerque Journal, an essay which easily outclassed 99 percent of what passes as the prevailing political punditry (alliteration all mine!).

More achievements worth celebrating: Marleigh’s new teacher’s aide position at her kids’ elementary school, Mike Spaeder’s new position (and a move slightly south) at the University of Virginia School of Medicine’s Pediatric Intensive Care Unit, Robin Adcock working with UCSF Benioff Children’s Hospital on the largest-ever pediatric acupuncture study treating oncology patients ages 5–21, Nicole Ray’s artwork on prominent display at the new Cream & Crumb bakery in Ypsilanti, Michigan, and Katie McWane Diecker’s latest credit as voice director on the new Netflix animated series Spirit Riding Free.

This massive easy could have been titled “Oh, the Places You’ll Go!” Many of us made spring-into-summer trips both near and far with family and friends. In fact, by the time you read these words, I will have thoroughly enjoyed my first visit to Vancouver, British Columbia.

Grand Canyon National Park also was a popular destination, both James Kessler and Tanya Russin Stevens visited with their respective families in 2017.

Heather Burnside commoved with nature in Salt Lake City, Utah, for a hike in Arches National Park and springtime skiing at Alta. Another spring ski trip: Garrison LaMothe, who not only “schussboomed” the slopes at Purgatory Resort in Colorado but also closed on a piece of property in the area for future seasons of perfect powder vacations with family and friends.

Let’s move to warmer climes: Walt Disney World was a hit with David Hetherington and Bonnie Stewart. Julie Baker Barnhill vacationed a bit farther south, relaxing in Key Largo with her family for spring break. Drift- ing south a bit to the Bahamas, you can see Ramsey Luhr and his family (via Facebook) enjoying the picture-postcard locale. South by southwest in Cozumel, Mexico, Karen Flannery Lund, husband Peter, and their two sons were certainly toastier than they would have been back home in Minnesota. And in St. Croix, U.S. Virgin Islands, Erik Schwartz and his family hit the sun/sand/surf trifecta at Rainbow and Cane Bay Beaches.

While staying near South America, we can put pins on the map marking additional Trinity grad getaways to Belize (Kimberly Dunn) and Bogota (John Viener).

Staying international and crossing the Atlantic, let’s mention A. J. Kamra, whose passport surely is maxed out with stamps from all over the world, and his trip to Pienza, Italy, for a friend’s wedding. Also in Italy: Rachel Brumberg, who took rowing lessons in the Venice canals and a one-week glass-working class at the Abate Zanetti School of Glass in Murano.

Mike Spaeder, Shannon Joyce Spaeder ’95, and their family visited Ireland in June 2017, mostly sticking to Galway and the area. Meanwhile, 2,796.6 miles north (I believe around the same time), Kelli Harrington Tomlinson was enjoying 20-plus hours of daylight while sightseeing in Reykjavik, Iceland.

Closer to home, New York City was a hub of impromptu Trinity class reunions. Brian Pitts, Jackie Pitts, and family met in the Big Apple for a blur of sightseeing with Dan Helmick, Eric Fox, and their brood.

There also was another Pipes mini-reunion, this time a spring break in NYC with Jamie Talbot, Molly Goggins Talbot ’93, Joanna Marsden Solfrian ’93, and Mike and Shannon Spaeder.

Finally, Rachel Brumberg was “Ship-wrecked” with Daniel Monks in Brooklyn — Shipwrecked being “a theatrical indoor 18-hole
Questions & Answers with
Audrey Stross Brady ’95

What does your job entail? Delivering Sikorsky’s commercial product line, mainly consisting of production and completions for the S-92A and S-76D helicopter lines for the VIP, search and rescue, utility, and emergency medical service markets.

What do you enjoy most about your work? Working with the best people in the business to design, procure, build, test, fly, certify, and deliver to the specifications of customers all over the world. It is incredibly special to rally with the team to satisfy customers. The greatest testimony to our work is the feedback we receive from our customers, days, months, even years later of how our helicopters save lives. It is incredibly satisfying. I recently earned my helicopter pilot’s license, which has given me an entirely new perspective and a profound appreciation for our products.

Why do you think it is important to get girls interested in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields? I understand the value of diversity in the workplace. I recently won an award for diversity and inclusion for making certain that we have an active Women’s Forum on site and other cultural employee resource groups so that we can all bring our full selves to work. This will attract and retain the best talent from all over the world. Women are 50 percent of the population, yet less than 18 percent are in engineering fields. It is so important to inspire young minds to encourage them to go into and remain in these fields. Valuing different ideas delivers the best products.

What is the Girls Exploring Tomorrow’s Technology (GETT) program in which you participate? GETT’s website explains that it is an annual event “for girls in grades 5 through 10 and their parents to learn about career opportunities in a broad scope of STEM-related industries. The day is filled with exciting, enlightening, and experiential workshops led by successful women in STEM fields.”

How did your experience at Trinity help prepare you for what you do now? Studying engineering in a liberal arts environment — in an ABET-accredited engineering program — and double majoring helped make me well-rounded. I learned leadership skills through being captain of the softball team, serving as co-chair of our SWE [Society of Women Engineers] chapter, and working as a TA. I also have worked as an expatriate in Poland and traveled the world for the company. Trinity exposed me to different cultures and made me appreciate cultural differences, making me curious to explore more.

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? I came into Trinity interested in physics and mathematics. Professor David Ahlgren, also engineering chair at the time, asked me what I liked about physics. I explained that I liked the physical, tangible, mechanical things about physics. Weights, pulleys, motion. He encouraged me to take “Mechanics I” and after that, I was hooked. I became a mechanical engineering major. Professor John Mertens, now chair, also was extremely influential in helping me go on to graduate school. Professor Paula Russo, recent mathematics chair, was a strong female influence and sound mentor. In male-dominated fields, it is important to have a strong female influence to encourage you to keep going when you most want to quit.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? “ENGL 101.” Writing I” with Professor Barbara Benedict. It was as if she sensed my fear and took me under her wing! Coming in as a mathematics and physics major, English was not my strong suit. As a matter of fact, since my SAT scores were so lopsided to math, I was asked if English was my second language. Since it was not, it was recommended that I take a full year of English to demonstrate proficiency. The first semester I did very well, getting an A, which waived the need to take a second semester. I chose to take an ethics course, which even further challenged the right half of my brain. These proved to help me to become well-rounded, propelling me further in my career.

For more information about GETT, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter or www.gettpa.org.
miniature golf experience like no other.”

As for my own NYC-related news flashes: I got to see Nicole Ray for a lightning-quick coffee klatch at a park bench in Washington Square Park on an unseasonably warm February day. I have been giggling at live storytelling events. My most recent story outing was for Take Two Storytelling’s queer-themed event in Brooklyn. In addition, my monthly live Match Game NYC bar night game show (or is it game show bar night?) is celebrating its two-year anniversary! I’ve been psyched to see regular Trinfolk in attendance supporting it, including Rachel Brumberg, Dan Monks, and Ethan Mason, and even a pre-election Eli Lake cameo last year!

I hope you enjoyed these thumbnail sketches of some fellow classmates. And metaphorically, I hope that you regard these scribbled tidbits as the shipwrecked miniature golf of The Trinity Reporter, namely, a theatrical class notes experience like no other! Until next time, I remain your humble class notes curator-in-chief!

’95
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Welcome to the baby edition of 1995’s notes. We may be approaching our 25th anniversary, but we still are a fecund bunch!

I saw Josh Weinstein in May at his parents’ home in Stamford, Connecticut, with wife Giulia and new baby Agostino, who was 6 months old at the time. They were visiting from Los Angeles and are thoroughly enjoying “Aggie.” Josh is the owner of Bar Bandini, a wine and beer bar in the Echo Park neighborhood of Los Angeles. In the spring, it was named to a Wall Street Journal list of the seven top wine bars in the country, as judged by wine professionals.

The news of the birth of my third daughter – Astrid Rose Sullivan, born May 22 – brought word from my old pal and London exile Kate (Kehoe) Dallas. “We are all good here,” she wrote. “I’m still out on maternity leave – don’t go back to work until September. God I love the Brits!” By the time she returns to Apple, she said she’ll have been off for 14 months. What a country, Britannia! Her son Will was 10 months old in May, “teething up a storm and trying to get walking.” She and her husband are in the process of buying a home in the Hammersmith section of London.

One of my other favorite Sullivans, Tim Sullivan, wrote with news of twins. “2016–17 has been a tumultuous year for the Sullivans of Dedham, Massachusetts,” he wrote. “Uncertainty gripped the nation between Brexit, Texas-ebola, the VW emissions scandal, and the presidential election. Never one to leave the future in the hands of others, my wife and I doubled down and had twins on March 14, 2017. Timothy Robert Sullivan was born at 12:05 a.m., followed four minutes later by his sister, Mairéad Shannon Sullivan. They are much adored by their older brother, Patrick.” Never one to shirk his responsibilities, he added, “Having witnessed the birth, I purchased a minivan. It was the least I could do.” He said he sees Bryan Satter and Jennifer Petrelli around Boston.

Leah Terranova wrote with a roundup about her adventures with friends and classmates. “Melinda (Leonard) Reed, Heather Dunbar, and I met up in NYC for a girls’ weekend,” she wrote. “Melinda brought her 5-year-old son, Jack, who is absolutely delicious and full of beans. We explored the city like a bunch of tourists, visited old haunts, and had a fantastic time catching up. Heather is in the process of moving to San Francisco — she’s a landscape architect — and Melinda is moving to Kosovo to join her husband, who started working there several months back.” Leah said she still loves working and living in Kansas, where she works at the University of Kansas School of Law. “I’ll be moving to New Zealand later this year with my husband and two kids, ages 10 and 13, for a seven-month sabbatical. Mostly, for me, that sabbatical will consist of exploring mountains and trying a lot of sauvignon blancs. Couldn’t. Be. More. Excited!”

Thank for the updates. Let’s keep producing children — or at least class notes!

’96
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As for my own NYC-related news flashes: I thought they must say that to all of the classes, but then they gave us the Best Class Spirit award at the Convocation! And it showed throughout the weekend: ’97ers dominated the flag football game (despite being the oldest class participating), and our parties were crashed by younger classes because they were clearly more fun than theirs! That’s surely due in large part to our own DJ Ray Jones, who set up at our after-dinner party on the Cave Patio and late night in one of the Crescent Street Townhouses. Staff and alumni were so impressed that I have it on good authority that he’s been hired for next year’s Reunion! Speaking of the Crescent Street Townhouses, we were very comfortable staying in them with their stainless appliances, central AC, and full-size beds. We all agreed that the current students are spoiled, but they are perfect for Reunion! Ben and I had our three boys with us in what I called the “kid townhouse,” along with Corey Rishworth and Christie Walsh Rishworth ’99 and their two kids, and Angus Jennings and his wife and daughter. The next generation of Bantams had fun together with their weekend housemates.

Other highlights included sitting out in front of the townhouses late night on Friday catching up with classmates; honoring those
who have passed away during a Gathering for Thanksgiving and Remembrance on Saturday morning; the Parade of Classes, in which Dan VanNierop represented in his 1997 T-shirt and Ray brought a tray of brunch; games and lunch on the quad on a gorgeous Saturday afternoon; our casual dinner in the Bistro that evening; and listening to After Dark alums Josh Ayers, Tyler Booth, Rob Cibotti, Jeff Pyle, Ryan Saulnier, and Harun Young singing some old favorites in the Chapel garden. In addition to Ray’s awesome late-night party at the town house, our class was well represented at The Tap both Friday and Saturday nights. I hadn’t attended the Saturday morning Convocation ceremony before but was very impressed listening to the awards that were presented, especially those to former Massachusetts Governor Jane Swift ’87 and co-founder of Sandy Hook Promise Nicole Hockley ’92.

Our new class officers were announced on Saturday evening. Future class notes will be written by new class secretary Rob Cibotti. Bill Bannon is our new vice president, and I, Courtney Zwirn, am honored to serve as your next class president (a race I know I won based purely on name recognition, since you’ve gotten e-mails from me four times a year for the last five years!). I am excited to plan a fantastic 25th time. What can I say, 40 hit me pretty hard — I’m getting old! But we’re back, so here’s the latest and greatest from your classmates as we all embark on our fifth decade of life. Happy 40th, everyone!

As it turns out, the Class of 1999 continues to contribute new little humans to the world as evidenced by the birth of two baby girls this month! Congratulations to Stephanie Corbett McAdams and husband Doug McAdams ’96 on the birth of their sixth baby, Catherine Marie! Stephanie writes: “Celebrating turning 40 this summer by welcoming a new baby girl in June, Catherine Marie. Her five older siblings are very excited about her. Our family is living in Norfolk, Virginia, where I’m homeschooling the kids and Doug is working at the local naval hospital.” At ages 13 and 11 respectively, older sisters Grace and Anna are not only enthusiastic siblings but also excellent babysitters, too, according to mom. Congratulations, McAdams family!

Congratulations also are in order for Meg Cleveland Stokenberry! Meg and husband Corby welcomed Celena “Ceny” Glenn Stokenberry on June 23. Ceny joins big brother Walker, who is reportedly “over the moon” about his new baby sister. So adorable! Congratulations, Meg, Corby, and Walker!

I wonder exactly how many humans our class has actually created? Any ideas? Deep thoughts...

In other 40th birthday news, Suzanne (Farrell) and Justin Smith are celebrating big with a new home and a fabulous vacation! Suzanne writes: “Justin and I are celebrating 40 by buying our first house! After years of apartment living, we’re moving to a house in Wilton, Connecticut, with our three boys: Sebastian, 5, and twins Josiah and Rafferty, 3. We’re also traveling to Tuscany for a week with other newly minted 40s to mark the milestone!” Congratulations on becoming homeowners! Between the new house and the trip to Tuscany, you have plenty of new favorite memories in the making. Happy 40th!

And to round things out, Emily Haring is celebrating 40 with a career move: “My update is that I am in a new job, Literacy Partners, in NYC, as director of development and communications. Literacy Partners works with low-income and immigrant New York City parents to develop English language skills through our English for parents approach and through providing libraries of books to their children. Lastly, we help New Yorkers work toward their high school equivalency. I am super excited about this new job, and everyone should check it out at www.literacypartners.org.” Congratulations and best of luck in your new position, Emily!

Thanks to everyone for writing. I’ll be checking in again in the fall for more updates and 40th b-day stories, so get busy getting your fun on so you can tell me all about it for the next Reporter! Also quick plug: two years to go until our 20th Reunion in June 2019 — get it on your calendars! This deserves a celebration! All the best, Alyssa

Congratulations, McAdams family! Why you’d like to kick off our notes this issue by welcoming Adrian Stafford-Browne back to the United States after a nine-month deployment in Kuwait. Adrian, we all appreciate your service and are glad you’ve returned home safely! Gordon also deserves congratulations for earning two promotions this year and for having a new baby on the way. He’s been made director at Public Financial Management, “where we help financially distressed cities find solutions to their problems that don’t overwhelm taxpayers or gut critical services,” and site editor at D3Hoops.com, “which covers NCAA Division III men’s and women’s basketball nationally, including our beloved Bants.” He writes that he and wife Sabrina are “doing well in the suburbs of Philadelphia. We have a beautiful little girl named Eliana and are expecting a little boy with a September due date.” Way to go, Gordon!

Out on the West Coast, Katie Walack has been named the first-ever recipient of the Nadia Bronson Ethical Leadership Memorial Scholarship, which is “specifically for enter-
tainment professionals seeking training and skills necessary to bring a moral compass and high standard to the industry.” Katie will be using her scholarship to attend graduate school at Claremont Lincoln University, where she will pursue a degree in ethical leadership. Congratulations on your award, Katie! I look forward to writing your graduation announcement!

That’s it for this issue, folks. If you feel like the column is too short and you’d like to read more about your classmates, reach out and contact me at virgquest@gmail.com or via the social media channel of your choice. I’ll take all the news that’s fit to print and then some. Can’t wait to hear from you!

‘01
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Hello, classmates! I don’t know about you, but 2017 is flying by. I’ve had my head buried in work, so your secretary doesn’t have anything exciting to report this go round, but others do.

Alan Miegel and wife Rachel added another Miegel last summer: Abigail. He also took a role on the leadership team with PayScale out of Seattle, so he is traveling every other week or so from their home in Alamo, California.

Melissa McViney writes, ‘Brian McViney and I have had a busy year! Our family moved back to the D.C. area after living in London for 2½ years, and next week, we are moving to the Boston area, where we hope to see and reconnect with some of our Trinity classmates upon our return. I’ve had the opportunity to see several of our classmates this year, including Carrie and Dan Kasper in Denver, Carla Boecklin in Park City, and Becca and Henry Capellan in New York City.”

Russell Fugett certainly is keeping busy. He writes, “My wife, Selah, and I welcomed our second daughter, Natalie Josephine, in April. My software development and digital agency Good Word Digital has already exceeded 2016 revenues. I’m putting the finishing touches on a book I plan to release this fall, a Christian devotional for entrepreneurs. In what free time I have, I look forward to catching an O’s game with fellow Bantam classmates Mike Carruci (who recently moved to Baltimore), Riad DeFreitas, and Dave Kieve. And, I will get to see Chelsea Theerman Adams next month when she and her family are in D.C.”

Suma Magee writes, “Since graduating from Trinity, I went on to do a year of research at UConn Health Center. I then got accepted to UConn medical school. Following medical school, I did a residency in internal medicine at Beth Israel Deaconess hospital in Boston, Massachusetts, and then did a fellowship in gastroenterology. I then met my husband, Venkat, and I moved back to Connecticut. I’m currently practicing at Norwalk Hospital. In 2015, I had my son, Abhiram!”

From the Alumni Office: Jessica Ritter, an attorney with Shipman & Goodwin in Hartford, Connecticut, was named to the Hartford Business Journals 2017 40 Under 40 list of the “top up-and-coming young professionals who are leading their respective organizations.”

‘02
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Shakira Ramos says, “It was so much fun seeing everyone at our 15th Reunion! I am so honored to serve as our class vice president. Special shout-out to Andy Robinson for representing our class in the flag football game! I just celebrated my 15-year work anniversary with Pratt and Whitney. I am still in the Hartford area, so if anyone is in the area and wants to get together, please let me know. Looking forward to seeing everyone at our 20th!”

James Cabot writes that he had a great time at Reunion, and his wife is grateful that he managed to find his car keys.

Nick Barquin also really enjoyed his time at the Reunion, and his reintegration to dorm life was seamless. He mentioned that Adrian Fadrhonc is as bad a roommate today as he was 15 years ago, and the snoring has not improved.

Adrian Fadrhonc lives just north of San Francisco with his wife, Keely, and three children, Charlie, 4, Ferris, 2, and George, 5 months. Adrian works in the investment management business and spends his free time trying to prevent his children from burning his house down. Adrian believes he is almost fully recovered from the 15th Reunion.

Since graduating, Michelle Barzallo obtained her M.H.S. as a pathologists’ assistant, married Darwin Barzallo, and had two beautiful daughters (who are 3 and 5 years old). She resides in Trumbull, Connecticut, and is taking time off to raise her girls and to focus on a couple of entrepreneurial endeavors.

Andy Robinson reports that in some time off between jobs saving energy in campus buildings (thanks to the Illinois budget), he worked on getting a new white roof and 81 solar panels installed on the Unitarian Universalist Church of Urbana-Champaign. This 24kW system will provide 80 percent of the annual electricity for the church through a power-purchase agreement or third-party ownership. He also has been busy promoting solar with the Champaign county group-buy program that had 81 installations and presented to more than 300 people in the last year. His 5- and 7-year-old kids are happy for him to be back at work on campus and not dragging them to endless solar meetings. Think about all the solar-ready roof space at Trinity, e.g., the new Mather roof. Visit www.tucc.uc.org/green-uu-solar-project for more information.

Darlene Lebron lives in the Bronx, New York, and is becoming a force to reckon with in the blogging world with her blog at www.suitesheelsandcurves.com. She is excited to announce that she is expecting her first child in January 2018!

It was sure great to see those who attended Reunion and to get so many updates. We look forward to hearing more from our classmates.

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From the Alumni Office: Joseph Giallanella and wife Lucia welcomed their second child, Sofia Vittoria Giallanella, in June. Joe, Lucia, Sofia, and big sister Angeline are all doing well and enjoying the summer together as a family in Burlington, Vermont, where Joe is
the senior brand manager of the personal care business at Seventh Generation.

‘04

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Sheree and Francisco Mamblio live in Maryland, just outside D.C. They have a 3-year-old, Isaac, and 1-year-old, Orson. Francisco is a software engineer at Leidos.

Hope Roth is working on control automation for sophisticated commercial lighting projects. Some of her work is for major sporting events. Think bigger (much bigger) than the Trinity vs. Tufts football game.

Matt Glaz and wife Christine welcomed twins — Matthew, Jr. and Charlotte — on April 27. They are exhausted but having fun getting to know two members of the Class of ‘39.

Jake Schneider and wife Claire welcomed Hope Faye Schneider on May 30. She already is sporting Trinity socks from her Aunt Rachel (Schneider) Mehta ‘95!

From the Alumni Office: Adwoa Dadzie, vice president of human resources at Comcast, located in Berlin, Connecticut, was named to the Hartford Business Journal’s 2017 40 Under 40 list of the “top up-and-coming young professionals who are leading their respective organizations.”

‘05

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Class of 2005 families are expanding to include new little Bantams!

Jesse Farrell and wife Melissa welcomed twins — Willis Lane Farrell on December 28, 2016. Willis joins 3½-year-old brother Owen.

Lindsay Hovanesian Harlow and husband Trevor welcomed Harold Pierson Harlow (who will go by Pierce) on March 18, 2017, weighing 8 pounds, 1 ounce. Pierce joins 3-year-old sister Emerson.

Mike O’Connell and wife Siobhan welcomed son Ford Ambrose O’Connell on April 19, 2017. Ford joins 3-year-old brother Welles.

Can you believe that we have a political candidate in our class? Jackie Katz is running for Massachusetts state senator in the 2018 election in the Norfolk/Bristol/Middlesex district. This district includes the towns of Millis, Norfolk, North Attleborough, Plainville, Sherborn, Wayland, and Wrentham, as well as parts of Attleboro, Franklin, Natick, Needham, and Wellesley. Jackie and husband Jerome moved to Norfolk, Massachusetts, a few years ago, and she has been working for more than a decade at Wellesley High School as a history teacher. Vote for Jackie!

Lastly, it seems as though Class of ‘06 secretary Tim Fox took credit for Bravo’s Summer House reality star Kyle Cooke as being a part of their class. I’d like to take him back as a member of the Class of ‘05 and remind you that he only needed an extra year to finish college thanks to a light run-in with the law. Kyle reports that [his] “years as an ’05 classmate were the most formative. I changed majors, pledged Psi U, helped half the class pass as over 21, got arrested by the FBI as a result, and was forced to spend a year at home watching Chappelle’s Show with my parents. But I also launched my first [legal] business during the ’05–’06 conversion: a house-painting franchise.” This past summer, he was planning to launch a nutrition coaching app (joinfenix.com) in conjunction with filming season two of Summer House. Is Summer House the natural evolution of the Psi U basement?

‘06

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Sarah Brownlee Bookwalter and Jonathan Ryan Hutchins were married on Saturday, June 3, 2017, at the Lodge at Mount Ida Farm in Charlottesville, Virginia. Many Trinity alumni attended, including Justin Wasy ’06, James Bookwalter ’05, Amy (Corvino) Beyer ’06, Teagan (Henwood) Allen ’06, Anna (Bookwalter) Hildreth ’01, Sarah Bookwalter ’06, Jonathan Hutchins, Timothy Fox ’06, Charlotte (Fouch) Fox ’06, Margaux (Morrison) Crabtree ’06, Courtney Howe ’06, Emily Sternfeld ’06, and Bryan Crabtree ’06.

Sarah Brownlee Bookwalter ’06 married Jonathan Ryan Hutchins on June 3, 2017, at the Lodge at Mount Ida Farm in Charlottesville, Virginia. Many Trinity alumni attended, including Justin Wasy ’06, James Bookwalter ’05, Amy (Corvino) Beyer ’06, Teagan (Henwood) Allen ’06, Anna (Bookwalter) Hildreth ’01, Sarah Bookwalter ’06, Jonathan Hutchins, Timothy Fox ’06, Charlotte (Fouch) Fox ’06, Margaux (Morrison) Crabtree ’06, Courtney Howe ’06, Emily Sternfeld ’06, and Bryan Crabtree ’06.

Ryan Sample ’06 and Sarah Tambascio were married on December 31, 2016, in Cambridge, Massachusetts. Those in attendance included Cameron Merrill ’06, Tripp Kyle ’06, David Sample ’07, Scott Sample ’09, Ryan Sample ’06, Sarah Tambascio (Fairfield ’08), Eric Butts ’06, Patrick Cahill ’06, Eric Feinstein ’06, Daniel Guttell ’06, Stephen Sample ’15, Joshua Feldman ’06, Alexander Beinfeld ’06, and Christopher Swanson ’06.

Corbin Woodhull ’07 and Giada Marchetti were married in Winter Park, Florida, on March 4, 2017. Many Bantams were in attendance, including John Barber ’07, Chris Walsh ’07, Curt Kahn ’07, James Foley ’07, Jonah Freelander ’08, Justin Taubman ’07, Alex White ’07, and Sam Fulton ’07.

‘07

What is Oxfam America? Oxfam is a global organization that is devoted to ending poverty and injustice. Oxfam responds to urgent humanitarian crises and supports long-term development through direct response, partnerships with local organizations, and targeted advocacy with leaders in the United States and around the world. Our U.S. headquarters are in Boston.

What does your job entail? My job is to work with my colleagues based where some of the worst humanitarian crises around the world are unfolding and to communicate to the media what they’re seeing and how Oxfam is responding. Our goal is to share our experiences and expertise with reporters so they are better able to report on these crises, how the United States is responding to them, and also how their audiences can learn more and get involved. I’m also able to travel to see our work and to meet with colleagues firsthand; during my three years with Oxfam, I’ve been able to travel to Haiti, El Salvador, Lebanon, Thailand, Nigeria, and South Sudan. I spent a month in South Sudan recently as part of our famine response — right now, 100,000 people there are in famine, and millions more families there and in Nigeria, Somalia, and Yemen are on the brink.

How did you get started in your field? It really began when I was growing up. My mom was very involved with community service projects with a global focus — she led the Trick-or-Treat for UNICEF and other initiatives in our town. I was always very involved in groups like Amnesty International, the group SUSHI (Students to Unite Science and Humanitarian Interests) at Trinity, and more. My first job after college was with a small nonprofit in NYC called Project Sunshine, where I worked in fundraising and communications. I then worked for the International Rescue Committee focusing on digital communications before moving to Boston and joining Oxfam.

What do you enjoy most about your position? I’m really lucky that I feel like I’m making a difference when I go to work. What I value most is the opportunity to work with Oxfam colleagues, local partners, and the communities we serve around the world. I am surrounded by different languages and accents and cultures every single day, which is a beautiful thing.

What are the biggest challenges you face? The biggest challenge I face is getting enough attention for the people who need urgent help. Especially in recent months, it’s hard to break through the fast-moving, politics-driven news cycle. So many of the problems we are facing feel so huge and so far away that it’s hard to convince people that they can fully understand them or make a difference. It’s our very difficult job to remind people that those in a place like South Sudan want and feel the same things as us — and that our attention, empathy, donations, and requests for our elected officials to act on their behalf can make a difference and save lives.

How did your experience at Trinity help prepare you for what you do now? My classes in human rights and international law were the perfect foundation for my degree at NYU and serve me well every day. The skills that were emphasized and honed during my years at Trinity are crucial to my work now. More importantly, success in my role relies on my ability to write and communicate clearly and compellingly with colleagues and the media — skills that were emphasized and honed during my years at Trinity. Office of Community Service and Civic Engagement also offered great opportunities to stay interested and engaged with these issues. Perhaps most importantly, success in my role relies on my ability to write and communicate clearly and compellingly with colleagues and the media — skills that were emphasized and honed during my years at Trinity.

For more information about Oxfam America, please visit commons.trincoll.edu/Reporter or www.oxfamamerica.org.
During Reunion Weekend this year, Trinity welcomed back the Class of 2007 with beautiful weather and the campus looking better than ever. While there wasn’t a huge contingent because of conflicting weddings and bachelor/bachelorette parties, those who did make their way back to Camp Trin-Trin had a really fun time. The weekend started out with a Friday night lobster bake on the quad with all returning classes. Saturday was when most of the class arrived and were welcomed by the Parade of Classes and a barbecue on the quad. After scarfing down some chicken and ribs, we headed to the football field for a game of touch football with the Classes of ’97, ’02, ’07, and ’12. Under the helm of player-coach Joe Clark, the ’07-’02 team put together a scrappy game plan to take on the much more experienced ’12-’’97 squad. In addition to Coach Joe, other ’07 players were John Cosgriiff, Saiying He, Ngoc Bich Thi Le, Rocky Montz, Tyler Simmons, and two spouses. While the final score ended in favor of the ’12-’97 squad, there were some highlights from both sides, specifically a leaping touchdown catch by Tyler Simmons on a beautiful spiral thrown by Joe Clark. The biggest highlight of all was the raucous support from the ’07 cheering section, which outnumbered fans from any other class. After that, we all deserved a beer!

After a lazy afternoon walking around campus, playing corn hole, and napping on the quad, we all gathered again for drinks on the Cave Patio and the class picture, followed by a gourmet mac and cheese class dinner, which fortunately had an open bar. We ate, drank, and caught up ‘neath the elms until the sun went down. Alison Powers, our fearless class president, ended the dinner with a rousing speech, and then people headed to the after party on the Cave Patio for a marathon dance session (we closed out the night and were the last on the dance floor) and to The Tap, where party on the Cave Patio for a marathon dance session (we closed out the night and were the last on the dance floor) and to The Tap, where

**’08**

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**Class Agent:** Sasha C. Krakvetz

Mark Nastri moved to the beach area of Fairfield, Connecticut, in May to be closer to his office. Mark is a certified financial planner at Merrill Lynch and enjoys helping his clients pursue their financial goals.

Kate Prendergast Baumgartner and Scott Baumgartner ’07 live in Silver Spring, Maryland. They welcomed son Grant John Baumgartner on March 14, 2017, and are having a great time watching him grow and introducing him to Bantam friends near and far! After nearly losing his foot to a rare fungal infection a few years ago, David McDonough decided to do something about the growing problem of bacteria in locker rooms. He left his job at Google, partnered with a research scientist from Stanford, and is proud to announce the launch of his new venture, CleenFeet.ly! The company is poised to revolutionize podiatric hygiene for fitness lovers across the country — new website launching soon!

Adam Hill and Piper Klemm ’09 were married on June 10 at Timberline Lodge in Oregon.

**’09**

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Whitney Merrill recently left the Federal Trade Commission for Electronic Arts, where she is privacy, e-commerce, and consumer protection counsel. In late July, she spoke at DEF CON, the largest hacker conference in the world, with FTC Commissioner Terrell McSweeney. She also was awarded Duo Security’s 2017 Women in Security Award and named one of the 2017 Top Women in Cybersecurity by CyberScoop.

John Coughlin and Brenna Coughlin recently moved from San Francisco to Boston. They also spent a few months traveling around Asia and Europe together.

**’10**

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Congratulations to Christopher Doval and wife Isabella, who were married on February 25, 2017, at Thalatta Estate in Miami, Florida.

Thomas Rogers is excited to marry Allie Fox ’12 this fall in Martha’s Vineyard. Thomas

For America, setting a national record in 2008. Thereafter, he went to business school, where he concurrently co-founded a social-venture accelerator (Worldplay Ventures), which he managed for five years as chief impact officer, working across departments and personally overseeing all partner and client deals, and the lead developer of several subsidiaries. In the past year, he’s also started a few sole props: Heirloom Bay; its sister organization, the Library of Life; and Heuris (coming soon).
and Allie live in New York City, where Thomas is the head of commodity sales-Americans at Bloomberg, and Allie is a research analyst at K2 Advisors.

Ryan Flynn got engaged to Janelle Werner, whom he met four years ago in Washington, D.C., where they both still live. They are avoiding wedding planning for as long as possible and forecast nuptials for sometime in 2018.

Kate Gibson Carey and husband Hugh L. Carey welcomed son Hugh Leo Carey III to the world on February 21, 2017. He weighed 7 pounds, 2 ounces and was 21 inches long. He looks forward to joining the Trinity Class of 2035!

Matt Sullivan ran the Boston Marathon in April for the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center neonatal intensive care unit in honor of daughter Rosalie Grace Sullivan, whom he and his wife lost in summer 2016 due to premature birth at 23 ½ weeks. Matt reports, “The team at Beth Israel NICU did such an amazing job taking care of her the six days that she was with us.”

Oliver Starnes graduated as a 2017 fellow from New Leaders Council—New Jersey. The ceremony was held at the Eagleton Institute of Politics in New Brunswick, New Jersey. The application process was highly competitive, and this year’s pool included nearly 150 candidates; 21 were selected to constitute the 2017 fellows’ class. Oliver plans to continue building local relations and community organizing in Morris County.

Jessica Ross successfully defended her doctoral dissertation titled “Peripheral Mechanisms of Ischemic Myalgia” on June 15 and graduated from the University of Cincinnati with a Ph.D. in neuroscience in August. She is on the hunt for a postdoctoral position in pain research.

Nate Kelly reports Four Plus Granola continues to expand throughout the Northeast and is sold in Whole Foods in all of Connecticut, New York, and New Jersey; King Kullen on Long Island; Star Markets around Boston; Big Y in Connecticut and Massachusetts; and dozens of other independent grocery stores. The list grows by the week, so follow on Instagram or Facebook to stay updated!

Amye Waterhouse is living in Thailand working as a divemaster and working on becoming a tech divemaster. She has been able to dive with friends and family on Koh Tao and reports being their divemaster has been a surreal experience! During her time off, she likes to travel around Southeast Asia and explore new places and new diving opportunities.

Sarah Thayer is enjoying life in Washington, D.C., where she’s involved with the Night for the Children gala as auction committee chair in support of local charities. For a related nonprofit, she was elected to the young professionals chapter board as vice president of communications. The rest of the time, Sarah works for a federal contractor and hangs out with the Trinity gang in D.C. She recently returned from a two-week trip through Kenya and Tanzania and continues to chip away at completing the Appalachian Trail.

Nick Isbrandtsen reports, “We kicked off the summer with Derek DeSvastich’s bachelor party in Montreal over Memorial Day weekend with Charlie Sigalur, Chris Grosse, Jim Martin, Alan Glass, Ian Malakoff, and Chris Birkhoffer. I was excited to celebrate the wedding of my fraternity brother, lacrosse teammate, and fellow U.S. Marine, Graham Fadden, in Montauk, Long Island. Harper Cullen fell off the grid for a few weeks and traveled the world in search of the perfect wave, and he found it in the Mentawai Islands in an area called Hollow Trees. We’re all very proud of Chris Grosse, who after a recent promotion at Bank of America decided to celebrate his 30th birthday on the rim of the Grand Canyon. The local legend of Denver, Rob Key, got engaged to Katie on a trip to Africa and has enjoyed going to heated flow yoga on Monday night and swimming laps Friday mornings, helping me prepare for my first mountain bike triathlon. As always, the summer of Ian Malakoff continues, and if you made it to Ditch Plains this summer, you probably saw the man bun bobbing in the waves, waiting on his set. We loved Stephe Apstein’s cover article on New York Yankees hit man Aaron Judge in Sports Illustrated.”

Thank you to everyone who submitted updates. Please continue to send us your news. We look forward to hearing from you!

\'11 Class Secretary: Mark J. LaVoie, 365 W. 52nd St., Apt. 5H, New York, NY 10019-6253; mark.lavoie.2011@trincoll.edu • Class Agents: Joshua Stuart Growney, Thomas B. Melly, Rebecca L. Savage, Clay Cicariello popped the question to longtime girlfriend Hilary Manchester this past winter at Black Sands Beach in Sausalito, California. The Instagram caption? “Best. Weekend. Ever.” They both recently moved back to Boston after living in San Francisco for several years after graduation. He did not go to Jared.

Sofia Melograno and Kevin Henrick were married in Santorini, Greece, in September 2016. Bantams in attendance included David Bazar ’80, Portia Keady ’11, Griffin Keady ’10, Alli Stein ’11, Jay Driscoll ’11, Geneva Gann ’10, Kelsey McDonough ’10, Esty Hirsh ’10, Elizabeth Anderson Keohane ’10, Kelly Coyne ’11, Jenna Michno ’11, Lindsey Ravesloot ’11, and Andrew Sigal ’76.

Jill’s roommate from Trinity, officiated the ceremony. Also in attendance were Portia Keady, Griffin Keady ’10, Alli Stein, Jay Driscoll, Geneva Gann ’10, Kelsey McDonough ’10, Esty Hirsh ’10, Elizabeth Anderson Keohane ’10, Kelly Coyne, Jenna Michno, Lindsey Ravesloot, and Andrew Sigal ’76.

Jillian Steckloff ’11 and James Evans were married on July 8, 2017, in Beverly, Massachusetts. Bantams in attendance included Brooke Teittinen ’11, Jessica Pellegrini Tobin ’11, Nicki Nardella ’11, Jillian Steckloff ’11, Emily Fink ’11, and Lisa Pierce ’11.

were Portia Keady, Griffin Keady ’10, Alli Stein, Jay Driscoll, Geneva Gann ’10, Kelsey McDonough ’10, Esty Hirsh ’10, Elizabeth Anderson Keohane ’10, Kelly Coyne, Jenna Michno, Lindsey Ravesloot, and Andrew Sigal ’76.

Jillian Steckloff and James Evans were married on July 8, 2017, in Beverly, Massachusetts. Nicki Nardella, Jill’s roommate from Trinity, officiated the ceremony. Also in attendance were Lisa Pierce, Emily Fink, Jessica Pellegrini Tobin, Brooke Teittinen, Connor Nolan, Loretta Cremins, and Max Alderman.
Paul & Daisy Soros Fellow

Lorenzo Rakesh Sewanan ’12, who is pursuing a Ph.D. in biomedical engineering and an M.D. in the joint degree medical scientist training program at the Yale School of Medicine, has been selected as a 2017 Paul & Daisy Soros Fellow. He is the first Trinity alumnus to receive the graduate school fellowship — which provides up to $90,000 in financial support over two years — for outstanding immigrants and children of immigrants in the United States. Thirty fellows were selected this year from 1,775 applicants.

Sewanan was born in Paramaribo, Suriname, to Indo-Caribbean parents who migrated there in the 1970s from Guyana. In 2008, the family left Suriname and moved to the United States. At Trinity, Sewanan was a QuestBridge College Match Scholar who majored in physics and mechanical engineering with a minor in writing and rhetoric. He studied abroad in Australia and Asia, engaged with the community through educational and public service initiatives, and conducted research on electric fish neuroethology with Trinity Professor of Biology Kent Dunlap. Under the guidance of Dunlap and Trinity Science Center Director Allison Draper, Sewanan was awarded the Barry Goldwater Scholarship for his research on intervertebral disk biomechanics in the lab of Nadeen Chahine at the Feinstein Institute for Medical Research.

Meanwhile, Jim Armillay and Amanda Sweat recently celebrated their engagement. The couple met while at Trinity and look forward to a September 2018 wedding at the Boston Public Library. Amanda graduated from Harvard Law School this May and began working with the New Hampshire Public Defender. Jim is clerking for the Honorable James A. Gibbons in Scranton, Pennsylvania. It’s exciting to think about what our class will accomplish during the next five years. Please continue to send updates to me at mary.morr.2012@trincoll.edu.

From the Alumni Office: Jeanika Browne-Springer shared that she was heading to Panama to teach/volunteer this past summer! Check her out at www.hartfordschools.org/more-than-200-connecticut-teachers-to-engage-the-world-this-summer-to-bring-experiences-back-to-the-classroom.

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Drew Littlefair welcomed Drew, Jr. into the world with wife Paige, and he’s growing up fast! The family is happily living in Newport Beach, California, where Drew is working in insurance and still trying to figure out how to hit a golf ball straight on the weekends. Diana Lestz is graduating magna cum laude from the University of Hartford with a master’s in accounting and taxation (M.S.A.T.) and will be moving to Chicago during the summer.

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Why did you want to be involved in education? My time at Trinity helped focus my passion for social justice through the prism of education as a transformative tool. This clicked for me while I was studying abroad through the Trinity in Vienna program. I spoke with a Teach For America recruiter over Skype from Trinity, and one year later, I was an applicant, and by graduation, a corps member. That was my initial foray into the work of educating young people. Serving back in my childhood community of Brooklyn was a further honor.

What do you enjoy most about your work? I enjoy most the bonds that I build with students. I often see reflections of my teenaged self through their journey toward collegiate scholarship. Whether you are in the classroom or working with students in a logistical capacity, I find that you are always a mentor and an example. The “bottom line” for organizations like Apple or Boeing is profit, a fuel that empowers them to continue to offer their services. In education, our “bottom line” is the scholastic success and socioemotional development of our scholars. This fuel empowers us to continue to provide equal access to an uncompromised education to provide various opportunities to get into and through a rigorous college of their choice. Charlene Taylor, a student in the Class of 2021, comes from my high school, Achievement First Brooklyn High School; of this I am particularly proud.

What are the biggest challenges you face? Many challenges of my work come from the added variables of the lived experiences of my students, many of whom are from socioeconomically and politically disadvantaged areas. Some folks conduct invaluable research quantifying the education achievement gap. They correlate history, sociology, and demographics to the current conditions of our schools and rates of success for the students they serve; however, once you are inside a school building, this research manifests in very tangible ways through the struggles of many scholars, and this can be particularly challenging in my work. Collating and distinguishing the marks of adolescence from the scars of historical and contemporary systems of oppression is difficult.

Was there a professor who was particularly influential? My short answer is no. There were too many professors who helped shape my intellectual journey. Is that not the beauty of education and the kind of liberal arts experience that Trinity offers? However, I would like to give a shout-out to a few professors. Professors [Todd] Ryan, [Maurice] Wade, [Donna-Dale] Marcano, [Erik] Vogt, [Drew] Hyland, and [W. Miller] Brown helped shape my philosophical understanding of many human social constructs, but classes with Professor J. [Johnny] Williams, [Stephen] Valocchi, [Benjamin] Carbonetti, [Sonia] Cardenas, and [Serena] Laws (among others) offered an even more varied understanding of how we operationalize these constructs in our daily, pragmatic lives. Those experiences inform the work I do every day. Every bridge built with a scholar unpacks social baggage that often impedes their success, and my time in Trinity’s halls provided tools with which to decipher that baggage to pull out solutions.

What was the most memorable course you took at Trinity? Given the previous question, I likewise struggle to pull out one classroom experience and a special highlight, though I will say that “Society, State and Power” with Professor Williams, “Human Rights: Philosophical Foundations” with Professor Wade, “Race, Racism & Philosophy” with Professor Marcano, “Philosophy of Religion” with Professor Ryan, “Introduction to Philosophy” with Professor Brown, and “Social Movements” with Professor Valocchi were all high points. While I can think of a half dozen other amazing experiences, these spurred levels of intellectual engagement and enjoyment that I try to instill in scholars every day.
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Duncan Grimm is in a new position in Washington, D.C., supporting the communications team at the Center for Global Development, a think tank. He writes, “While there is frustration with and between the executive branch and Congress, the best individuals and organizations are those recognizing that the issues facing the country and world transcend politics; they demand real, not rhetorical, solutions.”

Finally, I think we should congratulate Dean Christopher Card for his new position. He was an exceedingly positive force on campus and central to so many of our Trinity experiences. Lawrence University is lucky to have him.

Sonjay Singh is contemplating the practical and impractical aspects of his liberal arts education as he grapples with the realities of postgraduate life in New York. He also would like to advise our class that there is a diff

Happy fall!

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From the Alumni Office: Donald Yacovone M’77 is a permanent associate of the Hutchins Center for African & African American Research at Harvard University. He received the W. E. B. Du Bois Medal in 2013 when he retired as Henry Louis Gates, Jr.’s manager of research and program development at the center. Last November, he published Wendell Phillips, Social Justice and the Power of the Past with Louisiana State University Press, and he recently received a fellowship from the New England Regional Fellowship Consortium for his ninth book project: The Liberator’s Legacy: Memory, Abolitionism, and the Struggle for Civil Rights, 1865–1965.

Tiffany Krupa IDP ’07 completed an M.F.A. in poetry at Vermont College. Shortly after, her poems were published in Issue 18 of Antiphon poetry magazine and Issue 18 of Askew Poetry Journal. She also was the first prizewinner of the 2016 Toni Brown Memorial Scholarship for the Winter Poetry & Prose Getaway, presented by Murphy Writing at Stockton University. Tiffany continues to write and is working to complete her first full-length poetry manuscript.

From the Alumni Office: Karen Taylor IDP’15, program director of the Consortium on High Achievement and Success (CHAS) at Trinity, was named to the Hartford Business Journal’s 2017 40 Under 40 list of the “top up-and-coming young professionals who are leading their respective organizations.”

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1937  **Lawrence M. Baldwin**, 100, of Peabody, Massachusetts, died on November 11, 2016.

Baldwin earned a B.S. in mathematics and physics from Trinity, where he was treasurer of Delta Phi. He went on to hold a number of management positions with United Technologies from 1939 to 1979.

Baldwin is survived by his wife of 68 years, Joanne; children Pricilla Baldwin Moffitt, Betsy Baldwin Levick, and Ted Baldwin, as well as their spouses; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1940  **Keith J. Watson**, 100, of Fairfield, Ohio, died on March 3, 2017.

Watson earned a B.S. in physics and with honors in German. He went on to earn Chartered Property and Casualty Underwriter certification from Xavier University. Watson began his career with Aetna Insurance and joined Ohio Casualty in 1951. After retiring as the latter firm’s home office underwriting supervisor, he taught math in the Office of Learning Assistance at Miami University Hamilton.

Watson is survived by his daughter, Jeannie Estrada, and three grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Jeanne, and brother Renard Watson.


Feldman earned a B.A. in classics from Trinity, where he was valedictorian of his graduating class. He also was active in the Hillel Society and served in several positions on the staff of *The Trinity Tripod*. He remained at Trinity and earned an M.A. in classics before moving on to Harvard University, where he earned a Ph.D. in classical philology. In 1955, he joined Yeshiva University as an instructor in humanities and history. Eleven years later, he was named a full professor of classics and subsequently was named the Abraham Wouk Professor of Classics and Literature. The author of hundreds of scholarly articles and several books, Feldman was a renowned scholar of Hellenistic civilization. He received numerous awards and fellowships, including a Guggenheim. In 1998, he received an honorary doctor of humane letters degree from Trinity.

Feldman is survived by his wife of more than 50 years, Miriam, and children Moshe Feldman, Sara Reichman, and Leah Schachter.


Jacobs earned a B.A. in history. He then earned a law degree from the University of Connecticut School of Law, attending classes during the evenings while working at Aetna, and went on to earn an LL.M. from Boston University. Jacobs first worked at a firm, then in his own practice, and later became a partner in the Hartford firm of Daddario, Slitt, Jacobs and Sullivan, which eventually became Jacobs and Associates. In 2015, he retired after more than 60 years in the practice of law. Jacobs also was a U.S. Coast Guard veteran who served in the South Pacific.

Jacobs is survived by his wife of 69 years, Ruth; children Linda Jacobs (Joseph Manning), David Jacobs (Louise Akillian), and Mark; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; and siblings Leonard Jacobs and Barbara Gottesdiener.


Beattie earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of the Commons Club, the Trinity College Choir, and the Jesters. He also served as librarian of the Glee Club. Beattie went on to earn an M.Div. from the General Theological Seminary. He served as an Episcopal minister in New York and in Stamford, Connecticut, for many years.

Beattie is survived by his wife, Joan; children Richard Beattie and Elizabeth Caroe; daughter-in-law Margot Gibson-Beattie; a granddaughter; and a great-granddaughter. He was predeceased by brother Andrew Beattie ‘48.


Boyle earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, the Connecticut Leather Company, which later became Coleco Industries, the maker of Cabbage Patch Kids dolls and other toys. Greenberg had a second career as a real estate developer in Florida.

He also earned an M.A. in modern Jewish philosophy from the Jewish Theological Seminary. A proud Trinity alumnus, Greenberg served on the College’s Board of Trustees for nearly 20 years and endowed the Leonard E. Greenberg Center for the Study of Religion in Public Life. He received The Eigenbrodt Cup, one of the greatest honors that can be bestowed on a Trinity alumnus, in 1983 and an honorary doctor of humane letters degree in 1998. He and his wife were among the inaugural inductees to Trinity’s Wall of Honor in 2000.

Greenberg is survived by his wife of 66 years, Phyllis; children Ilene Greenberg (Michael Maynard) and Robert Greenberg; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; brother and sister-in-law Arnold and Beverly Greenberg; and brother-in-law and sister-in-law Charles and Ann Spivack.


Dougherty served in the U.S. Army Medical Corps in World War II. He earned a B.S. from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu, the Senate, and the Science Club, and went on to graduate from Albany Medical College and to complete postgraduate training at the University of Chicago Clinics. Dougherty was an orthopedic surgeon who served as an attending surgeon and chief of staff at Albany Medical Center and as professor emeritus at Albany Medical College; he also was on the boards of both institutions. In 1988, he was nominated to serve as the U.S. surgeon general under President George H. W. Bush.

Dougherty is survived by his children, Charles (Linda Wittzel), Janice Dougherty (Thomas), Carol Ann (Tracy Harris), Sheryl, Jonathan (Mary Jane Williams), and Christopher (Karen Levister); six grandchildren; and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by wives Marylyn and Rita, as well as son James.

1950  **James L. Jones**, 87, of Imperial Beach, California, died on November 21, 2016.

Jones earned a B.A. in economics and history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Newman Club. He also served as vice president of the Flying Club and as a member of the business board of the Ivy. Jones went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force for four years, attaining the rank of first lieutenant. He worked for Nalco Chemical Company and Ransom & Randolph before joining Remet Corporation, where he was vice president and interim president until his 1994 retirement.

Jones is survived by his wife of 34 years, Nancy Dayton; daughters Lucinda Jones, Robin Robertson, and Dee Jones; stepsons Bryan Robinson and Brent Robinson; four grandchildren; four step-grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.
1951  **RAYMOND P. MAHER, SR.**, 90, of Cape May, New Jersey, died on April 12, 2017. Maher served in the U.S. Navy before entering Trinity, where he earned a B.S. in physical sciences and was a member of Alpha Chi Rho, the Newman Club, and the Interfraternity Council. He went on to work for the Baltimore Sunpapers for 35 years before retiring as real estate advertising manager. Maher worked to promote civil rights and to end segregation, holding leadership roles in the New Democratic Club of Catonsville, Maryland, and serving on the Baltimore Board of Election Supervisors.

Maher is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joanne; children Jim Maher (Earl), Raymond Maher, Jr. (Lois), Trish Maher-Mediuchi, Josie Maher, Missy Beltran (Mario), David Maher, Don Maher (Mary), Meghan Dauldin (Drew), and Richard McClung (Hope); 10 grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; siblings Emma Gaines, Florence Cromwell, Mary Donna Anand (Mohan), P. Kenerick Maher (Paula), and Erney Maher (Margaret); and sister-in-law Patricia Conway. He was predeceased by brothers Thomas, Jamie, Donald, and Ronald.


McGaw earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi and business manager and advertising manager of *The Trinity Tripod*. He served in the U.S. Army in military intelligence. McGaw went on to a career in insurance, operating his own agency for 35 years. He also held the designation of Chartered Life Underwriter.

McGaw is survived by his wife, Elyce; and predeceased by brother David McGaw ’49.


Murray earned a B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and ran track and cross country. He also served in the Army National Guard. Murray worked for General Electric in Trinidad and later made Key Biscayne his home.

Murray is survived by his wife, Audrey; daughters Laura Watkins and Heather Nunez; stepsons Stephen Huggins and Mark Huggins; 11 grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

1951  **THOMAS H. NAUD, JR.**, 90, of West Hollywood, California, died on September 24, 2016.

Naud earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he played football, basketball, and baseball and was a member of Delta Kappa Epsilon. He served in the U.S. Army, earning a Bronze Star and a Purple Heart. Naud went on to a successful career in television and film, including a reporting stint on NBC’s *The Today Show* with Dave Garroway. He also produced television shows, including *The Tonight Show*, for the three major networks and created more than 22 original variety and game shows. Naud later purchased and developed Intravision, a film projection process that won him an Emmy and an Oscar.

1951  **MAX VON SCHRADER, JR.**, 87, of West Des Moines, Iowa, died on February 4, 2017.

Von Schrader earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he played golf. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1951 to 1955 before joining Union Bank and Trust Company, now part of U.S. Bank; he retired as CEO in 1980. A loyal alumnus, von Schrader was a member of the Elms Society.

Von Schrader is survived by his wife of 65 years, Mary; children Katy Hurley (Chris), Tom von Schrader, Amy Puelz (Bob), Mary Jean O’Hair (Mike), and Sarah von Schrader (Matt); nine grandchildren; and sister Julie Brinkema (Bruce).


Becker earned a B.A. in interdisciplinary studies from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi, Campus Chest, and the Jesters and worked at WRTC. Becker went on to serve as a medic in the U.S. Army before holding several management positions for companies in the office-products industry. He later founded his own company, Office Products Suppliers, Inc., in Burlingame, California.

Becker is survived by his wife of 37 years, Sybil; daughters Liz Foreman (Chris) and Tricia Ayers (Jim Schlauch); stepdaughter Jennifer McDevitt (John); brother Henry J. Becker, Jr. ’53; and many nieces and nephews.


Whitbread began his college career at Southern Connecticut State University, where he broke the basketball scoring record two years in a row. He transferred to Trinity, where he played basketball and served as president of Delta Kappa Epsilon. After earning a B.A. in history, Whitbread enlisted in the U.S. Army and spent three years in Germany as part of the Counter Intelligence Corps. In 1955, he was selected for the CIA and started a lifelong career serving the country. In 1982, Whitbread was named the narcotics intelligence coordinator with the Office of the Vice President under George H. W. Bush as part of Ronald Reagan’s war on drugs, and he was honored for his role. He later returned to the CIA, from which he retired in 2005.

Whitbread is survived by his children, Derek, Geoffrey, and Kristen; two grandchildren; and a great-grandson. He was predeceased by his wife of 54 years, Harriette Jane Failor.


Lauffer earned a B.S. in physical sciences from Trinity, where he served as president of Sigma Nu and was a member of the Senate and Medusa. He also played football and baseball, serving as the captain of the latter during his senior year. He took part in ROTC and went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force. Lauffer later was a vice president of Sedgwick James Insurance Brokerage.

Lauffer is survived by his wife of 64 years, Joan; children Nancy Anderson, John Lauffer, and Karen Lauffer; three granddaughters and a grandson-in-law; and a great-grandson. He was predeceased by two daughters-in-law and his sister, Jean Prina (Frank).

1953  **WILLIAM J. LESCURE III**, 86, of Bethesda, Maryland, died on June 3, 2017.

Lescure earned an interdisciplinary B.A. from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi. Lescure is survived by his wife.


Marden earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, the Jesters, and the Interfraternity Council. He also worked at WRTC as an announcer, actor, music director, and program director, and he played junior varsity basketball. Marden went on to serve as a special agent in the U.S. Army Counter-Intelligence Corps. He held several positions at CBS and in 1981 joined Columbia Pictures. Marden retired seven years later as senior vice president, labor relations, filmed entertainment for Columbia. He spent the next decade as an independent labor relations consultant. A dedicated alumnus, Marden was a member of the Elms Society.

Marden is survived by his wife of 40 years, Marilyn; daughters Jennifer Marden, Wende Simnaevel, Leslie Ragsdale, Melissa Novell, and Debra Fischer; and six grandchildren. He was predeceased by brother John Marden and grandson Joe.


Parker earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Theta Xi. He also participated in ROTC. Parker went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force, serving as a jet instructor and maintenance test pilot. He later worked as coordinator of station operations for United Air Lines. Parker is survived by his wife.


Griffith earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played freshman football. He went on to serve in the U.S. Army. Griffith then spent 40 years as a corporate executive in telecommunications for Phelps Dodge, Lucent Technologies, and Time Warner Cable before retiring in 1995.

Griffith is survived by sons James (Bob) and Glenn (Ellie) and two grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 52 years, Joyce.


Hibbs earned a B.A. in philosophy and classics and was honored with membership in Phi Gamma Mu, the international honor society in social sciences. He was ordained a priest in the Episcopal Church after graduating from the General Theological Seminary. Hibbs served on the faculty of St. Andrew’s Theological Seminary in the Philippines and the Seminary of the
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Southwest in Austin, Texas. He then held various church positions, including assistant rector of the Church of the Good Shepherd in Corpus Christi, Texas. He later served as bishop suffragan of the Episcopal Diocese of West Texas until his 2003 retirement.

Hibbs is survived by his wife of 59 years, Nancy; children David and Lisa (Charley White, Jr.); five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.


MacKenzie earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi and Medusa and served as secretary and treasurer of the Jesters and secretary of the Interfraternity Council. He also played varsity ice hockey and soccer. MacKenzie took part in ROTC and then served in the U.S. Air Force as an officer during the Korean War. He went on to work in sales for Quaker Oats Company before becoming a teacher and coach and then business administrator at Lake Forest Academy, which was his alma mater, and Lake Forest Country Day School. He and his wife also owned Red Rock Ranch in Kelly, Wyoming. In 1973, Trinity honored MacKenzie with a 50th Anniversary Award.

MacKenzie is survived by his children, Douglas MacKenzie, Marion Christoph (Roger), Carolyn Stimmel (Harley), and David MacKenzie (Casey), and 12 grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife, Deborah.

1956 MERRILL B. CALLEN, 83, of Mooresville, North Carolina, died on December 23, 2016.

Callen earned a B.S. in engineering from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Psi, the Engineering Club, the Corinthian Yacht Club, the soccer team, and the staff of The Trinity Tripod.

Most of his career was in the textile industry; he retired from Collins & Aikman Corp. Callen is survived by his wife, Margaret “Maggie”; daughters Elizabeth Callen and Victoria Denoncourt (Paul); two grandchildren; brothers Daniel Callen, Andrew Callen, and Brock Callen ’69; sister-in-law Lyn Callen; and brother-in-law Philip Driscoll. He was predeceased by brother John H. Callen, Jr. ’55. Callen’s father, John H. Callen ’21, also graduated from Trinity.


Karsky earned a B.A. in educational studies from Trinity, where he played basketball and football, earning All-Connecticut College Team and All-New England Team honors for the latter. He also ran track and was a member of the Spanish Club. Karsky went on to a 45-year career teaching and coaching at his alma mater, Hartford’s Bulkeley High School, where he was inducted into the Hall of Fame in October 2015. He also served as a member of the Connecticut General Assembly House of Representatives, chairing the joint Insurance and Real Estate Committee.

Karsky is survived by his wife, Edith; children Bradford Karsky (fiancée Phyllis Puckette) and Lori Karksy Horn (Douglas); stepchildren Sean Pollock, Brett Pollock, and Joshua Pollock (Naoko); Barbara Karsky; nine grandchildren; and his children’s mother, Anita Karsky; he was predeceased by siblings Walter Karsky, Andrew Karsky, Helen Bednarski, Josephine Redys, and Olga Wilcox.

1957 PHILIP R. FLEISHMAN, M.D., 81, of Holbrook, New York, died on May 25, 2016.

Fleishman graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club, the Chemistry Club, and the Hillel Society. He went on to earn an M.D. from the State University College of Medicine at New York City. Fleishman was a physician for more than 45 years; he was the former chief of medicine and president of the medical staff at Southside Hospital in Bay Shore, New York.

Fleishman is survived by his wife, Anita; children David Fleishman, Beth Fleishman, and Rachael and Tony Brownyard; and two grandchildren.

1957 B. GRAEME “TERRY” FRAZIER III, 82, of Blue Bell, Pennsylvania, died on March 18, 2017.

Frazier earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was president of Delta Psi and a member of the Senate and the Rifle Team. He also worked at WRTC and took part in ROTC. Frazier went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force, flying missions during the Cuban Missile Crisis. He later worked in the insurance industry, retiring in 1997 as president of The Hirshorn Company.

Frazier is survived by his wife of 57 years, Barbara; children Sandra Connelly ’82 (George) and B. Graeme Frazier IV ’84 (Elizabeth Spahr); and five grandchildren, including Quinton Graeme Frazier ’15. He was predeceased by sisters Audrey Whitby and Elaine Corey.

1957 ALBERT L. GEETTER, M.D., 81, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on July 17, 2016.

Geetter graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.S. in biology. He was a member of the Hillel Society, the Chemistry Club, and the Glee Club. Geetter went on to earn his medical degree from the University of Pennsylvania School of Medicine and to complete his internship and residency at Tufts University. He served in the U.S. Army as a surgeon in Vietnam and returned to Hartford to build his surgical practice. Geetter was a diplomate of British and Irish Colleges. He was a member of the fellowship of the American College of Surgeons and the American Association of Plastic and Reconstructive Surgery.

The Georgetown University School of Medicine honored Geetter with its Gold Medal, its highest honor, for his contributions to the field of plastic surgery.

Geetter is survived by his partner, Susannah Landis; the mother of his children, Mildred Geetter; children Joshua Geetter, Adam Geeter, and Thora Pomicter (Ed); two grandchildren; and siblings David ’55 (Joan), Thalia (Michael), Harold ’62 (Avra), and Suzanne (Norman). Other relatives who attended Trinity included father Isidore Geetter, M.D., ’25; uncle Israel Meranski, M.D., ’25; and cousin Philip Geetter, M.D., ’65.

1957 GEORGE J. KELLEHER, JR., 82, of Southwick, Massachusetts, died on May 12, 2017.

Kelleher earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of Sigma Nu and played football, basketball, and baseball. He served in the U.S. Army and then began a career as an educator in the Westfield, Massachusetts, public schools, teaching history, physical education, and driver’s education and coaching athletics.

Kelleher is survived by son Kyle Kelleher, daughter-in-law Cesira, and her son, as well as his companion, Chris Frappier, and his sister, Joann Farley.

1958 CARL R. PETERSON, 80, of Phippsburg, Maine, died on February 14, 2017.

Peterson earned a B.S. in interdisciplinary studies from Trinity, where he was a member of the Brownell Club and the Glee Club. After serving in the U.S. Army, he earned an M.B.A. from Suffolk University. Peterson had a successful career as a technical writer.

Peterson is survived by his wife, Karin; brother Robert Peterson; stepbrother Lennart Jacobson; and granddaughter Dakota. He was predeceased by his first wife, Patricia; son Carl A. Peterson; and brother William Peterson.


Freeman graduated Phi Beta Kappa with a B.A. in history and classics from Trinity, where he earned membership in Pi Gamma Mu, the international honor society in social sciences. He went on to graduate from the Episcopal Theological Seminary.

Freeman is survived by his children, Christopher, Randi, and Joanna, and five siblings.


Duval earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he participated in ROTC. He went on to serve in the U.S. Air Force for seven years and then worked at Aetna Life & Casualty for 17 years. Duval later pursued an M.Div. at the University of the South and was ordained to the Episcopal priesthood. He served churches in Trumbull and Hebron, Connecticut, until his retirement in 2003.

Duval is survived by his wife, Gloria; children Craig Duval and Lisa Steinagel (Edward); five grandchildren; and siblings Roger Duval (Elaine) and Dolores Noonan. He was predeceased by granddaughter Alyssa Duval, brother Albert Duval, and brother-in-law William Noonan.


Romig earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi and the Glee Club and worked at WRTC. He also was an organist in the Chapel. Romig served in the Army National Guard from 1961 to 1964, reaching the rank of lieutenant. He went into business with his father, later becoming owner and president of
Functional Communications Corp., a franchise of Muzak Corp. Romig also served as president of the International Planned Music Association.

Romig is survived by his wife of 50 years, Mary Anne; children John E. Romig, Jr. (Karen), Thursday: history and Latin and later a J.D. from Villanova University. After serving as a judge’s law clerk, he joined the law firm of朔。Much of McGowan’s career was spent in the institutional investment management industry. He founded ENRGM, LLC, a high-net-worth investment office. A loyal alumnus, McGowan was serving as a member of the College’s Board of Fellows at the time of his passing.

McGowan is survived by his wife, Mary; children Eily, Nora, Rose, Gavin, and Max; and brothers Robert, Stephen, and Brian and their families.

1951 Lawrence G. Steiner, 70, of Wayzata, Minnesota, died on March 21, 2017.

Steiner earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he was a member of the Jesters and the Pipes. He went on to serve as an officer in the U.S. Navy. Steiner then started his career with American Linen, now AmeriPride Services, and worked at the company for more than 50 years. At the time of his 2003 retirement, he was president and chairman of the board; he continued to serve on the board until his passing. Steiner also was active on the boards of the Boy Scouts of America and the Breck School. A loyal Trinity alumnus, Steiner recognized the value of education; he endowed the Steiner Family Scholarship for children of AmeriPride employees.

Steiner is survived by his children, Lawrence (Ginger) and Alexis Roland (Greg); six grandchildren; and sisters Georgia Wiester (John) and Bruce Steiner (Julie). He was predeceased by his wife, Joy, and his brother, Robin.

1962 Richard S. Gallagher, 76, of Middleton, Massachusetts, died on April 15, 2017.

Gallagher earned a B.A. in history from Trinity, where he was a member of the Glee Club and played varsity soccer. He also served in the U.S. Marine Corps for three years. Gallagher went on to a career in the hospitality industry representing companies including Woodside Travel, American Express, and Expiernt, an industry leader in the industry. He founded ENRGM, LLC, a high-net-worth investment office. A loyal alumnus, McGowan was serving as a member of the College’s Board of Fellows at the time of his passing.

McGowan is survived by his wife, Mary; children Eily, Nora, Rose, Gavin, and Max; and brothers Robert, Stephen, and Brian and their families.

1958 Dennis H. Farber, 71, of Lutherville, Maryland, died on May 8, 2017.

Farber earned a B.A. in studio arts from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Delta Phi, Cerberus, and Medusa. He went on to earn an M.F.A. from Claremont Graduate University. Early in his art career, he was a teacher at the Iolani School in Hawaii, the University of Hawaii, Claremont, and the University of New Mexico College of Fine Arts. He went on to serve as director of the Mount Royal Graduate School at the Maryland Institute College of Art (MICA); his paintings and photography have been included in major museum collections around the world, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York City, the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, and the Tokyo Metropolitan Museum of Photography. He retired from MICA in 2016.

Farber is survived by his partner of 15 years, Catherine Behrent, and siblings Martin Farber and Marlene Werman.

1969 John P. Gregg, 70, of Bryn Mawr, Pennsylvania, died on June 1, 2017.

Gregg earned a B.A. in English from Trinity, where he was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, the Athenaeum Debating Society, the Revitalization Corps, and the staff of the Ivy. He went on to earn a J.D. from Villanova University. After serving as a judge’s law clerk, he joined the law firm of High Swartz Roberts and Scidel in Norristown, Pennsylvania, where his grandfather had been a founding partner. He specialized in domestic relations and criminal law and also worked as an assistant public defender in Montgomery County.

Gregg is survived by his brother, William Gregg (Julie); three nieces and a nephew; and friend the Rev. David Adam.


Hagaman earned a B.S. in biology from Trinity, where he was a member of Delta Phi and the Pipes. He went on to earn an M.D. from Columbia University College of Physicians and Surgeons. Hagaman completed an internship and residency at the University of Michigan and then a cardiology fellowship at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill. He then went into private practice in Princeton.

Hagaman is survived by his wife of 42 years, Andrea Hyde, and sons Charles Hagaman and William Hagaman.


Ferrari earned a B.A. in philosophy from Trinity, where he was a member of the swimming team, the Trinity Band, and the staff of The Trinity Tripod. He also ran track. Ferrari went on to work in many restaurants. Ferrari is survived by his siblings, Frank Ferrari (Marianne) and Catherine Ferrari. He was predeceased by sister Mary Angela Ferrari.


McGowan earned a B.A. in economics and psychology from Trinity, where he was a member of Alpha Chi Rho and the Student Government Association and played varsity football and lacrosse. Much of McGowan’s career was spent in the institutional investment management industry. He founded ENRGM, LLC, a high-net-worth investment office. A loyal alumnus, McGowan was serving as a member of the College’s Board of Fellows at the time of his passing.

McGowan is survived by his wife, Mary; children Eily, Nora, Rose, Gavin, and Max; and brothers Robert, Stephen, and Brian and their families.


Smith earned a B.A. in history from Trinity. She went on to work at Miller, Anderson & Sherrerd investment management firm in West Conshohocken, Pennsylvania, where she earned the Chartered Financial Analyst designation.

Smith is survived by her children, Robert Hash, William Hash, George Hash, and Aubrey Hash; father Robert Smith (Mary); mother Ellen Cotts (Ron); and sisters Cathy Smith, Allison Smith, and Melissa Smith. She was predeceased by sister Debbie Smith.


Knickerbocker earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where she was a member of Cerberus. She worked for the Connecticut Department of Motor Vehicles and later as a pharmacy technician at Hancock Pharmacy.

Knickerbocker is survived by her husband of nearly 20 years, Jeffrey; children Bethany and Daniel; brother David Montefiore, his wife, Ann, and their two children; and her mother-in-law and father-in-law, Brenda and Roger Knickerbocker.


Nusbaum earned a B.A. in classics from Trinity, where he was a member of the swimming team, the Trinity Band, and the staff of The Trinity Tripod. He also ran track. Ferrari went on to work in many restaurants. Ferrari is survived by his siblings, Frank Ferrari (Marianne) and Catherine Ferrari. He was predeceased by sister Mary Angela Ferrari.


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John Gardner (Miriam) and Barbara Conklin Salisbury bear his name. Gardner also authored a physics lab and an annually awarded medal at his alma mater. He chaired the Science Department there for three years. Gardner went on to serve as director of admissions from 1976 to 1987. The Trinity Reporter / 88, of Branford, Connecticut, died on November 26, 2016. Piantek earned a B.S. in political science with a minor in legal studies from Trinity, where he played baseball. He was drafted by the Detroit Tigers and played in the minor leagues for two years. Piantek then went to Quinnipiac Law School, where he was selected to law review and earned highest honors. He was an attorney with Carmody Torrance Sandak & Hennessey, LLP, before beginning work to open his own practice.

Piantek is survived by his parents, William and Beryl Piantek; children Kelly Piantek and Kyle Piantek; brother Nicholas Piantek (Jennifer); and grandfather Harry Winther.

ROBERT S. GARDNER, 85, of Bolton, Connecticut, died on April 14, 2017. Cohan earned an undergraduate degree from the College of the Holy Cross before serving in the U.S. Marine Corps. He then came to Trinity, where he earned an M.A. in political science. Cohan started a lifelong career in insurance at Connecticut General Insurance Company. He later worked at Phoenix Mutual for more than two decades. In 1995, Cohan retired from LIMRA as a management consultant. He ended his career in 2003 as an independent pension consultant.

Cohans were awarded the Civitan Man of the Year Award and the Thomas Hooker Award. Cohan was also a member of a rock band that played in community service projects in Hartford.

MASTERS

1952, 1966 NELLIE A. AGOSTINO, 89, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on March 7, 2017. Agostino earned a B.A. from Saint Joseph College before earning an M.A. in educational studies in 1952 and then a M.A. in Latin in 1966, both from Trinity. She taught at East Hartford High School from 1950 to 1984 in subjects including Latin, Italian, Spanish, English, and algebra. In 1983, she received a Distinguished Alumna Award from Saint Joseph College. Agostino is survived by her brother, Sam Agostino (Barbara); two nephews; and a niece.

1957 ROBERT S. GARDNER, 88, of Brewster, New York, died on April 3, 2017. Gardner earned a B.A. from Wesleyan University, an M.A. in educational studies from Trinity, and a certificate of advanced study from Wesleyan. He also was a Klingenstein Fellow at Teachers College, Columbia University. Gardner went on to teach science and coach football and baseball at Salisbury School from 1952 to 1989. He also chaired the Science Department there for three decades and was Salisbury Summer School’s director of admissions from 1976 to 1987. The physics lab and an annually awarded medal at Salisbury bear his name. Gardner also authored more than 130 science books for young readers. Gardner is survived by his wife, Patsy; children John Gardner (Miriam) and Barbara Conklin (Alfred); sisters Shirley Peknik and Gladys McGuire; four grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. He was predeceased by his wife of 50 years, Natalie.

1959 JOEL C. COHAN, 85, of Bolton, Connecticut, died on April 14, 2017. Cohan graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College. She came to Trinity as administrative assistant to the College’s vice president of development and earned an M.A. in political science. Kraus then turned her attention to civic involvement before rejoining the private sector in the 1970s and founding her own career search firm. In 1979, she joined Hartford National Bank as head of its personnel department. By 1990, Kraus rose to become vice chairman of Shawmut National Corporation and president of Connecticut National Bank (formerly Hartford National Bank), the largest subsidiary of Shawmut, with responsibility for all consumer banking and marketing. She retained leadership roles after mergers with Fleet and BankBoston until her retirement from banking in 2004. Kraus served on the boards of several organizations, including Trinity College, Yale New Haven Hospital, Stanley Works, Kaman Corporation, and ConnecticutCare. She also served on the boards of many community organizations and received numerous honors, including being inducted into the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame in 2002. Kraus is survived by her husband of 56 years, Hal; children Janet Kraus (Jim Giebutowski) and Stephen Kraus (Sarah); four grandchildren; sister Madelyn Kligora (John); and a niece and a nephew.

1971 CLAYTON B. SPENCER, 79, of Litchfield, Connecticut, died on December 9, 2016. Spencer earned a B.A. in history from Yale University before serving in the U.S. Navy. He then came to Trinity, where he earned an M.A. in history. After a short stint at Hartford Bank & Trust, he moved to his high school alma mater, The Taft School, teaching history and working in admissions. He then became headmaster at McTernan in Waterbury, the all-boys school that merged with St. Margaret’s and is now known as Chase Collegiate School. After another stint in the business world, he returned to Taft as the director of planned giving, a position he held for more than a decade.

Spencer is survived by his wife of 38 years, Susan; children Jane, Jonathan, Oliver, and Jennie; five grandchildren; and sisters Carolyn Means, Ginny Giddens, and Franny Means.

1977 DOROTHY L. BOWEN, 85, of Eastford, Connecticut, died on April 9, 2017. Bowen earned a B.A. in English from the University of Connecticut. She later earned an M.A. in English from Trinity and an Ed.D. from Nova University. Bowen taught at Manchester Community College and Quinebaug Valley Community College, where she was head of the English Department. Following her retirement, she served on the Board of Trustees for the Connecticut Community College System. Bowen was also her husband’s partner as an innkeeper and restaurateur when they bought Eastford’s General Lyon Inn in 1975.

Bowen is survived by her children, John Bowen, James Bowen (Myna Garcia-Bowen), Richard Bowen (Helena), David Bowen (Rosario), and Bethany Brockmeyer (Oscar); seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; and brother Vincent Kalinauskas (Patricia).

1977 GENEVIEVE M. WOOLLEY, 92, of Hartford, Connecticut, and Block Island, Rhode Island, died on April 23, 2017. Woolley graduated from Cornell University with an R.N. in nursing. She earned a B.A. and an M.A.T. from the University of Hartford and an M.A. in French from Trinity, all with honors. Woolley went on to be the first school nurse at Northwest Catholic High School in West Hartford, Connecticut, before turning to a long-time career teaching in Hartford Public Schools.

Woolley is survived by her sons, Joseph Woolley (Danielle), Richard Woolley (Karen), Peter Woolley (Susan), Bruce Woolley (Margaret), and Christopher Woolley; five grandchildren; three great-grandchildren; and sister Carol-Ann King and family. She was predeceased by husband Joseph Woolley and siblings Harry McCue, Joseph McCue, and Rosalie Gormley.

1975 WILSON H. “BILL” FAUDE, 71, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on May 22, 2017. Faude earned a B.A. from Hobart College before serving in the U.S. Army. He then earned an M.A. in history from Trinity; his thesis was published by the Winterthur Museum. In 1971, Faude was hired as the first curator of the Mark Twain House. He also was a founding member of the group that saved the Old State House from demolition in 1975 and went on to serve as the landmark’s executive director. His numerous honors included the Civitan Man of the Year Award and the Thomas Hooker Award. Faude also authored several books, including Hidden History of Connecticut and Lost Hartford.

Faude is survived by his wife, Janet; children Sarah Hinsdale Faude (Dan Anderson) and Paul Bailey Faude; and sister Ann Faude Newbury.

CHRISTOPHER E. HALL, 28, of Montclair, New Jersey, died on June 11, 2017. Hall earned a B.A. in economics from Trinity, where he also studied computer science. He was a member of Pi Kappa Alpha, serving one year as its house manager and taking part in many community service projects in Hartford. Hall also was a member of a rock band that played several gigs at the College. He went on to work as a software developer at ADP.

Hall is survived by his partner, Valerie Trawinski; parents Gene and Beth Hall; siblings Mary Hall and John Hall; paternal grandparents Armand and Betty Hall; and maternal grandmother Marlene Whitney.

EILEEN S. KRAUS, 78, of West Hartford, Connecticut, died on July 1, 2017. Kraus graduated magna cum laude from Mount Holyoke College. She came to Trinity as administrative assistant to the College’s vice president of development and earned an M.A. in political science. Kraus then turned her attention to civic involvement before rejoining the private sector in the 1970s and founding her own career search firm. In 1979, she joined Hartford National Bank as head of its personnel department. By 1990, Kraus rose to become vice chairman of Shawmut National Corporation and president of Connecticut National Bank (formerly Hartford National Bank), the largest subsidiary of Shawmut, with responsibility for all consumer banking and marketing. She retained leadership roles after mergers with Fleet and BankBoston until her retirement from banking in 2004. Kraus served on the boards of several organizations, including Trinity College, Yale New Haven Hospital, Stanley Works, Kaman Corporation, and ConnecticutCare. She also served on the boards of many community organizations and received numerous honors, including being inducted into the Connecticut Women’s Hall of Fame in 2002. Kraus is survived by her husband of 56 years, Hal; children Janet Kraus (Jim Giebutowski) and Stephen Kraus (Sarah); four grandchildren; sister Madelyn Kligora (John); and a niece and a nephew.

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1901 JOHN A. SHEARER, JR., 64, of Beaver Falls, Pennsylvania, died on January 26, 2017. Shearer earned a B.A. in English from Westminster College and an M.L.S. from the University of Pittsburgh before coming to Trinity for an M.A. in English. He also later completed the course work for a Ph.D. in library and information science. Shearer spent most of his career in higher education as a librarian and English teacher.

Shearer is survived by his wife, Kathryn; daughter Allyson Gulish (Robert); two grandchildren; and siblings Kathryn Zini (Alido), Karen Ruth Leonhard (Howard), and James Shearer ( Judy).

NONGRADUATES

1946 B. DANTE "VINCE" DADDEO, 92, of Canton, Connecticut, died on April 21, 2017. At Trinity, D'Addeo was a member of Sigma Nu fraternity and vice president of his class. He also was a member of the Half-Century Club. D'Addeo attended the University of Hartford, where he was honored as a Golden Eagle. He went on to work as a senior buyer at the Einhart Corp. and later owned Metacom Real Estate.

D'Addeo is survived by his children, David D'Addeo (Kathleen) and Lisa D'Addeo Bohman '82 (William); sisters Lucia Harrison (Stewart), and Wendi Gilmour (Nick); sisters-in-law Stacy Rubinowitz and Randi (Sam). He was predeceased by brother John C. Williams '49, 92, of Fallsington, Pennsylvania, died on November 4, 2016.

Former Faculty


Weiser also attended the University of Minnesota before entering the ball-bearing business. He worked his way up to CEO of Minnesota Bearing Co. and later founded Air-Hydraulic Systems.

Weiser is survived by his wife, Jan; children Jayne Weiser, Elizabeth Buie (Steve), Robert Weiser (Shelly), and Donald Weiser; stepchildren Ron Vinsant (Nancy) and Diana Davis (Bol); and nine grandchildren. He was predeceased by stepdaughter Valerie Vinsant.


Gray also studied at The New School for Social Research before earning a B.A. in art history from Columbia University. He was an architectural historian and author who wrote the Streetscapes column in The New York Times. Before working at The Times, Gray wrote for Avenue and House & Garden magazines. He also penned several books and won numerous honors, including awards from the New York Landmarks Conservancy and the American Institute of Architects. In 1975, Gray established the Office for Metropolitan History, an organization that provides research on the history of New York City buildings.

Gray is survived by his wife of more than 35 years, Erin; children Peter Gray and Olivia Konrath; and sisters Andrew Stillman and Adrienne Hines.
Out & About

1/ Long Walk Societies Committee Spring Meeting
New York, New York
MARCH 1, 2017
Juliana Katrancha ’99, Abigail Smitka ’11, Andrew Koris ’12, Kathryn Van Sickle ’12, Tara Lichtenfels Gans ’88, P’20, and Michael Magdelinskas-Vazquez ’11

2/ Women’s Leadership Council Tour of the FOX 61 Studios Hartford, Connecticut
MARCH 8, 2017
Chanel Erasmus ’15, M’17 and Taniqua Huguley ’15, M’17

3/ Women’s Leadership Council Evening with Professor Fulco Concord, Massachusetts
MARCH 27, 2017

MARCH 29, 2017

5/ Trinity Night Boston, Massachusetts
MARCH 31, 2017
Mallory Hanig ’11, Rachel Estepa ’10, and Nader Golsorkhi ’07

6/ Trinity Night New York, New York
MARCH 31, 2017
Kierstie Clark Rucci ’97, Monetha Harris ’96, and Jim O’Hare ’97

7/ Women’s Leadership Council at the Harriet Beecher Stowe Center with Professor Hedrick Hartford, Connecticut
APRIL 7, 2017

8/ NYC Pride March New York, New York
JUNE 25, 2017
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Katy DeConti Duckworth-Schachter ’98
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Isabelle ’87 and Ian Loring ’88
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IN CONVERSATION

Newly elected National Alumni Association President Justin S. Maccarone, Jr. ’81, P’19 talks with President Joanne Berger-Sweeney about Trinity, its recent challenges, and its future

**JM:** I know the Board of Trustees is set to vote on a strategic plan for the College in October. Tell us the primary objectives of the strategic plan.

**JBS:** Our overarching goal is to build on what’s best and most distinctive about Trinity to continue to provide a rigorous liberal arts education and to set the course for an even brighter future. To do that, we will strengthen our commitment to an education that is both relevant and timeless, grounded in the liberal arts, and increasingly inclusive, collaborative, and experiential. Trinity will be more meaningfully connected to Hartford and to the world. As we work toward those goals, we will attend to the stability and sustainability — both financial and environmental — of our nearly 200-year-old college.

**JM:** I hear from some alumni who are worried that they soon won’t recognize Trinity, that it’s changing too much. What do you say to them?

**JBS:** Change has come to Trinity and to all colleges and universities. That change is a critical evolution that allows us to remain relevant to this generation of students and to be an institution of higher learning that serves the common good.

**JM:** What things won’t change?

**JBS:** Our values haven’t changed and won’t change. We provide an excellent liberal arts education on one of the most beautiful campuses in the world, in a capital city. The special relationship between faculty members and students will never change. Nor will our belief in educating the whole student, inside and outside the classroom, on our campus and around the globe. Those experiences imbue our students with analytical and practical skills that make them smart, flexible leaders and engaged global citizens.

**JM:** We’re coming out of a particularly difficult moment for Trinity, with the Campus Reform incident involving Professor Williams. How does Trinity move forward, and what are the lessons learned here?

**JBS:** Happily, we are past the most immediate effects of the crisis. One goal of Campus Reform and other such organizations is to disrupt college campuses. So, it’s important for us to move forward with as little disruption as possible. Through this incident, I think the entire community learned more about academic freedom — both its protections and its limitations — though I think it’s important for people to understand why academic freedom exists and why those protections are so essential. We certainly discovered how important it is to communicate openly and clearly in the face of a social media storm. What I hope we can learn from this experience is to be able to disagree without losing sight of our shared humanity. Our work this year will be to build upon the great momentum that we have started and that is embodied in our strategic plan while fostering an environment that’s inclusive and that welcomes difficult conversations.

**JM:** Is this kind of controversy among the biggest challenges facing higher education?

**JBS:** I think it’s one of many challenges that reveal the changing relationship between higher education and society. Our institutions are less trusted and less valued by the general public than they were a generation ago, and we’re looked at more as providers of a product than a societal good. We in higher education need to do a better job of conveying the value of what we provide — not just job placements and starting salaries but also personal growth, knowledge creation, and the advancement of society. Trinity’s amazing alumni can help with that. You’re living proof of the good that Trinity imparts to the world!

**JM:** People have asked about Hartford and Connecticut. Are you concerned about their financial state?

**JBS:** Yes, because we know that our future in many ways is linked to that of Hartford and Connecticut and because we care deeply about the strength of our hometown. We have close, productive relationships with the state and local governments and are taking an active role in being a part of Hartford’s success story. Winning an Innovation Places grant from the state [see page 18] and our coming presence downtown at Constitution Plaza [see page 5] are two pieces of that work that will have significant impact. As I shared recently in a New York Times letter to the editor, I think the future will be very bright for Connecticut, Hartford, and Trinity College.
Celebrating 25 Years of Leadership Giving

Charles H. McGill III ’63, P’94 founded the Long Walk Societies (LWS) in 1992 after attending a fundraising conference in New York City. A former member of the Trinity College Board of Trustees and the Board of Fellows, McGill wanted a way to recognize and encourage alumni philanthropy and to help build a foundation for a major fundraising campaign.

Twenty-five years later, the LWS continue to support Trinity in various initiatives, including academic programs and student scholarships.

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