

Dear Alumnae and Alumni, Family and Friends,

The Class of 2028 is in the house! In late August, Trinity's 2024-2025 academic year kicked off in grand style as we welcomed more than 550 new students into Trinity's many academic programs, including 300 new students entering the College of Arts and Sciences, our historic women's college. These students hail from more than 20 countries and speak a broad range of languages. They intend to major in nursing and health professions programs, education, psychology, business and global affairs, among others. Like Trinity students across the decades, our new students arrived with high hopes for outstanding academic experiences, opportunities to learn through internships all over Washington, and eagerness to become leaders in their communities and places of work with the power of their future Trinity degrees.

Our new students also arrived at the height of the presidential campaign season. On November fifth, Americans will once again choose a new president of the United States. The stakes are high, the issues profoundly important, the differences of opinion often sharp and unrelenting. Our students reflect the entire spectrum of political belief and choice, and they are activists and advocates for their candidates and the issues that mean so much to them and their families.

Alumnae and alumni returning to campus for reunion in October will have great opportunities to engage with our students and faculty through attending classes during Alumnae College on Thursday, October 24, and participating in the exciting symposium "Democracy on the Ballot" on Friday, October 25. On Saturday, October 26, we will celebrate with our seniors as they receive their caps and gowns, followed by the annual Alumnae Luncheon. On Saturday afternoon, the traditional Reunion Liturgy will also be the occasion to observe the 100th Anniversary of Notre Dame Chapel. This newsletter includes a more complete run-down of all of the great Reunion events!

You will find more information on our Reunion programs in this newsletter and on Trinity's website. All alumnae and alumni are welcome to join us on October 24, 25 and 26! Hope to see you at these events and other programs through the year. Thanks for your great support!

Gratefully,



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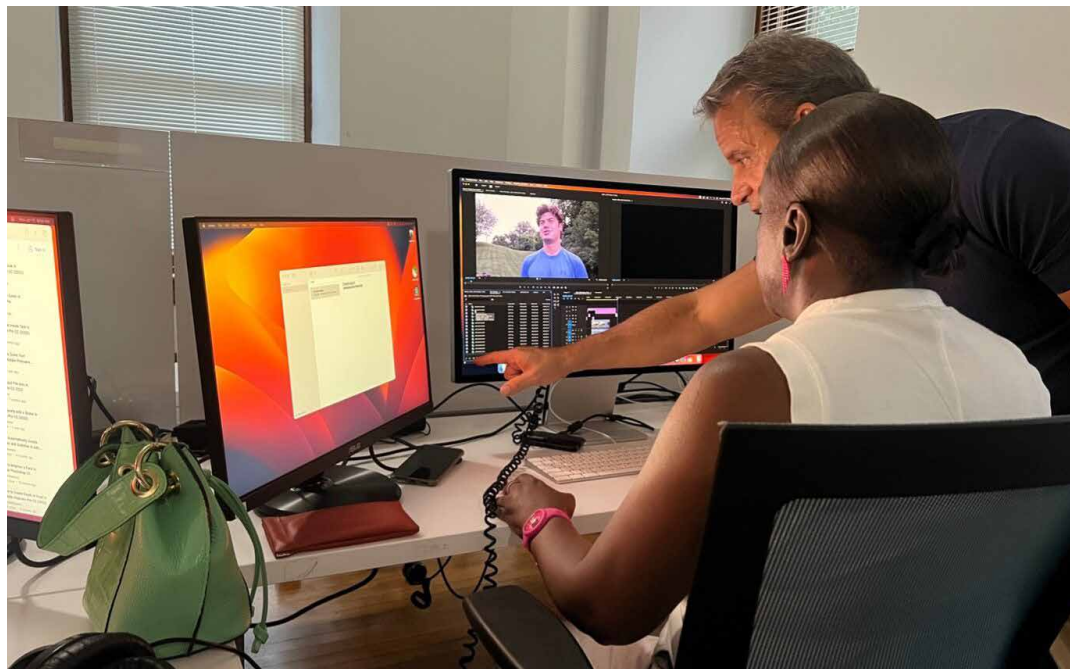
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Davis Foundation Grant Enables Newsroom Expansion

Trinity received a \$600,000 grant from the Evelyn Y. Davis Foundation, Bank of America, N.A., Trustee to expand our work on the newsroom and development of student talents in journalism and storytelling across all majors. This newest grant will support student scholarships and internships, faculty participation in the newsroom, and the ongoing equipment and infrastructure needs of the programs supported in the newsroom. With this grant, the foundation has invested a combined total of \$1 million to ensure our students, regardless of major, are receiving hands-on experience reporting newsworthy stories through online articles, video, photography and podcasts.



Trinity Times Faculty Advisor and Newsroom Director Chaz Muth works with award-winning student Janet Platt '23 on a video for Trinity Times articles in the expanding newsroom.

Trinity Times Wins Six Catholic Media Association Awards

As evidence of the tremendous opportunities that the creation of the Newsroom has fostered, our new online **Trinity Times** won six awards from the Catholic Media Association including **three** first place awards! The St. Juan Diego Awards of CMA recognize excellence in student and alumni media in Catholic colleges throughout North America. In this competition Trinity's journalists were up against some of the biggest names in Catholic higher education including Catholic University, DePaul, Fordham, Xavier and Loyola in New Orleans, St. Anselm's and others. Congratulations to our student awardees including first place winners Yesica Tumax '24, Waleed Waite '26, Nina Payne '24, Corey Best '26, and Janet Platt '23; second place winners Lindsay Washington '19 and Miriam Barcenas '23; and third place winners Kayla Higgs '24, Jasmine Marshall '25, and Johnkear Watts '26. Newsroom Director Chaz Muth, longstanding journalist with Catholic News Services, also won a first place honor for a video he created for the *National Catholic Reporter*.

Teagle Foundation Grant Supports Humanities for Justice

Dr. Rewa Burnham '05 and Dr. Jamey Piland collaborated on a proposal to secure a \$225,000 grant from the Teagle Foundation to implement the Humanities for Justice program. Trinity received a \$25,000 program planning grant last year. Through this program, Trinity will develop a university-wide emphasis to integrate Humanities considerations in all major pathways, including professional majors, to teach all incoming students the

historical, interpretive, and analytical thinking about the function of justice in their chosen career fields through exploration of a focused set of literary, philosophical, and historical transformative texts. According to the authors, a humanities program that emphasizes justice will be very attractive to Trinity students, as our students are actively involved in activities that promote social justice.

New Partnership with the Environmental Protection Agency



On August 22, **President McGuire** and **EPA Deputy Administrator Janet McCabe** signed an memorandum of understanding to open up a new partnership for student internships and research with the Environmental Protection Agency, with an emphasis on the Chesapeake Bay. Dr. Patrice Nielson, who leads Trinity's environmental justice program, spearheaded the creation of this relationship and Dr. Shizuka Hsieh of chemistry works closely with Dr. Nielson and the environmental program. At the ceremony, Deputy Administrator McCabe spoke with great admiration of Trinity's work on environmental education, and Senior Cecilia Rivas '25 gave an impassioned speech on her engagement with the environmental justice program.

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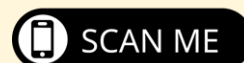
The achievements and opportunities celebrated within these pages were made possible by the generosity of alums, like you, who want to help our students shine! The Trinity Annual Fund supports the people and programs that allow Trinity students to excel.

The Trinity Annual Fund embodies the best of Trinity. Student success comes to life through:

- recruitment and retention of our exceptional faculty
- assessment and innovation of our academic program
- extensive internship, research, and mentorship opportunities for our students, and
- academic, financial, and physical and mental health support systems needed to empower them to succeed!

There is no more valuable gift than unrestricted annual support, providing the resources for all that goes into a Trinity education.

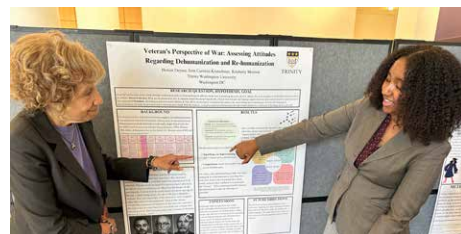
Empower student excellence with your gift to the Trinity Annual Fund today!



Alumnae, Student and Faculty Achievements

The Honorable Patricia A. Broderick '71, senior judge of the D.C. Superior Court has published “Reinventing the Wheel” about her remarkable journey from a devastating injury in her junior year at Trinity through rehabilitation, learning to triumph over the barriers she encountered as a person in a wheelchair, becoming a lawyer, prosecutor and judge. She has traveled to 66 countries around the world and enjoys skiing among her many endeavors. She will discuss her book at 3 pm on Thursday, October 24 at Trinity as part of Alumnae College.

Psychology senior **Hewan Deyass '25** is the recipient of a 2024 IGNITE Conference Travel Grant that will enable her to go to New York in November to participate in IGNITE, the research conference of Psi Chi, the Psychology Honor Society. Her research is on Veterans' Perspective of War: Assessing Attitudes Regarding Dehumanization and Rehumanization.



Hewan Deyass '25 presents her research at Fall Research Day

New Alumna **Onjali Mceachin '24** won a prestigious two-year Boeing scholarship to support her postgraduate study in the Masters in Engineering Program at Virginia Tech. A Math major at Trinity, Onjali was also a Clare Boothe Luce Scholar and a member of Phi Beta Kappa.



Cunneen Fellowship Recipients **Fernanda Avendano-Gomez '26** and **Arianna Camacho-Mendez '27** were named as Sister Seton Cunneen Fellows for the Summer of 2024. Arianna worked at St. Ann Center for Children and Families in DC, helping with child care while enhancing her understanding of developmental psychology, her major. Fernanda served with Pax Christi USA, lending her business major lens to assist with communicating the need for peace in our world. The fellowship included Friday reflections with Trinity's Director of Campus Ministry Sr. Ann Howard at various museums on the National Mall.

Dr. Nicole Betschman, Program Director for Trinity's Public Health and Health Services Programs, was named President of the D.C. Public Health Association (DCPHA). An affiliate of the American Public Health Association (APHA), DCPHA protects and promotes personal, public and environmental health; shares knowledge and expertise to resolve health problems; advocates for governmental action to meet health needs; and promotes continuing education for the allied health workforce. At Trinity, Dr. Betschman's students know her as a tireless advocate for health initiatives—she led the way in securing a Truth Initiative grant to eradicate smoking on campus. She has been a member of Mayor Bowser's Healthcare Workforce Task Force. She has built the Community Health Worker certificate and degree programs as well as the baccalaureate and master's programs in public health. She has joined forces with the D.C. Department of Employment Services to open more pathways for D.C. residents to earn credentials in healthcare, particularly in Wards 7 and 8.



Reunion

CELEBRATING TRINITY'S 125TH ANNIVERSARY

October 24 - 26, 2024

Please join us for three days of exciting intellectual, networking, social and celebratory events! Our All-Alumnae/i Reunion takes place on October 24, 25 and 26 with programming for many different interests. Highlights can be found below.

Full event details can be found at www.trinitydc.edu/reunion

Thursday, 9:00 am - Alumnae College: Experience Trinity academics today! You are invited to sit in on classes and engage with today's faculty and students across a range of disciplines.

Thursday, 3:00 pm - "Reinventing the Wheel: Hard Roads Can Lead to Beautiful Places": Judge Patricia A. Broderick, Trinity Class of 1971, will share her story of pain and prejudice and living a life full of hope and resilience.

Friday, 9:00 am: Symposium - "Democracy on the Ballot": Join Trinity faculty, students, and a fantastic roster of outside experts for a thought-provoking day of panel and roundtable discussions on the most important issues of the election. A highlight will be the Keynote Luncheon: International Religious Nationalism and Its Political Impact.

Friday, 4:30 pm - Welcome Reception

Saturday, 10:00 am - Cap & Gown Convocation in Notre Dame Chapel: Celebrate with our seniors and their families and participate in this grand Trinity tradition!

Saturday, Noon - All-Alumnae/i Luncheon: Join classmates and friends as we celebrate reunion and salute the 50th Reunion Class of 1974! Class photos, meetings, and the Well Sing follow.

Saturday, 2:30 pm - New Program Option! "Progress, Pivot, Pause": Whether advancing your career, navigating a change, or prioritizing wellness, learn and connect during engaging and lively discussions.

Saturday, 4:00 pm - Reunion Liturgy and Notre Dame Chapel's 100th Anniversary: The Paulist Fathers will preside.

Saturday, 5:00 pm - Farewell Reception

Register Now!



It's not too late to attend: scan the QR Code now! Limited day-of tickets will be available.





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A photograph of a campus scene. In the foreground, large, out-of-focus orange and red autumn leaves frame the left and top of the image. In the background, a large, white, domed building with a steeple is visible through the trees. The sky is clear blue. In the lower right, a group of people are playing soccer on a grassy field. The overall scene is bright and sunny, suggesting a clear day in autumn.

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