

# Alumnae Hall Renaissance

*A Campus Center for Trinity's Future*



## A Modern Campus Center for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century

Trinity has undertaken the renovation of Alumnae Hall, creating a comfortable, modern campus center for current and future generations of Trinity students. This \$55 million project will significantly impact campus life, providing a new dining experience, modern lounges and improved student residential rooms. The project includes new systems for heating and air conditioning,

greater accessibility including an entrance ramp, new elevators and refurbishment of the building's beautiful historic aesthetics. With this modernization, Alumnae Hall will become a thriving hub for campus activities as students and faculty traverse from the nearby Payden Academic Center to eat, study, meet up and enjoy events and entertainment.



Top: Artist's rendering of the refurbished dining hall

Bottom: Restoration of the basement student lounge once known as "the smoker"



## Preserving and Transforming a Historic Treasure

When Alumnae Hall opened in 1929, it was the height of elegant living for college women in that era. From the stately limestone façade to the soaring marble columns in the atrium opening to two impressive wood-paneled dining halls, the building clearly announced Trinity’s place as one of the leading colleges for women in the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

Nearly 100 years later, Alumnae Hall remains absolutely central to student life on Trinity’s campus, but the historic building now needs extensive renovation to meet the evolving demands of 21<sup>st</sup> Century dining and residence.

Modernizing Alumnae Hall will cost close to \$52,000,000 for all project costs and contingencies. Generous benefactors have already contributed more than \$40,000,000; Trinity aims to raise an additional \$12,000,000 so that the project will be fully funded through charitable gifts.

**Trinity’s outstanding partners for this project include:**

**Clark Construction** - *Design/Build Lead Partner*

**Page Architects** - *Design Services*

**Brailsford & Dunlavey** - *Project Management*

### ALUMNAE HALL MODERNIZATION COST ESTIMATES

Mechanical, Engineering & Plumbing	\$21,262,000	HVAC systems for each floor; pipe replacements throughout; electrical upgrades
Fire Protection	\$2,186,000	Sprinklers throughout
Elevators	\$3,230,000	New passenger elevator; new service elevator for kitchen and servery; widening of elevator shafts
Glazing	\$6,604,000	Replacement of all windows including the 36 large, arched windows in the dining halls as well as windows for student rooms and all others
Kitchen, Servery and Dining	\$5,811,000	New kitchen equipment: freezers, cold storage, ovens, stoves, hot and cold serving stations in the servery and main dining halls
Exterior Ramp	\$1,097,000	Stone ramps and reconfiguration of front steps to ensure main building access through the front door
Other Direct Costs and Contingencies	\$5,232,800	Cuvilly temporary dining build-out, other fees and contingencies
Owner’s Costs	\$6,540,000	Fees for permits, legal, furnishings, contingencies
<b>Total for Alumnae Hall Project</b>	<b>\$51,962,800</b>	<b>All estimated costs as of November 2025</b>



Artist's rendering of the beautified outdoor patio

## Key Elements of the Alumnae Hall Project

### All-New Mechanical, Electrical & Plumbing Systems

A primary goal of this project is to provide modern heating and air conditioning in Alumnae Hall. The HVAC design includes multiple systems tailored to the size and functionality of the spaces. The electrical system will have a full upgrade. Most interior plumbing will be replaced, and abatement will take place throughout as pipes and other fixtures are replaced.

### Fire and Life Safety

Another goal is to ensure the safety of the building, including installation of a sprinkler system and modern fire alarms. Access to the building and interior doors in the residential areas will occur through a modern access control system.

### Sustainability

This project must satisfy LEED certification requirements and Trinity's goal is at least LEED silver. New climate control systems and replacement of all windows will support this goal.

### Accessibility

Alumnae Hall will be fully accessible, and this includes creation of a stone ramp and automatic door opener at the front entrance, modern elevators with full accessibility, and accessible restrooms on each floor.

### Aesthetics and Comfort

Modernizing Alumnae Hall means new systems, but the historic beauty of the building remains. The design process is attentive to the historic aesthetic of the atrium and dining halls; lighting and furniture will be appropriate for the space. In the basement, the original student lounge will be restored in full, with comfortable furnishings for study and gatherings, and the outdoor patio will be refurbished for an attractive outdoor dining and study option.



### Temporary Relocation of Dining Services

In order to renovate Alumnae Hall, the kitchen, servery and dining halls need to vacate their existing space. The first floor of Cuvilly Hall, a residence hall, is undergoing renovation for the temporary kitchen and dining area that will be known as the "Cuvilly Café," pictured above in an artist's rendering.



# The Campaign for Alumnae Hall

Alumnae Hall is the heart of Trinity Washington University’s campus—a place where generations of women have discovered their voices and embarked upon their lives’ journey. Today, The Campaign for Alumnae Hall presents an opportunity to transform this historic building into a modern campus center for learning, leadership, and community—a campus center befitting our entire academic community.

Supporting Alumnae Hall is more than a capital investment. It is an investment in the lives and aspirations of Trinity’s students—future educators, nurses, advocates, innovators, and leaders. With your contribution, Trinity will continue to open doors, expand opportunities, and empower students to shape a more just and vibrant world. Your support will ensure that

Trinity’s students have the high-quality spaces and resources they need to thrive.

We invite you to participate in The Campaign for Alumnae Hall and help us to shape the future of an historic institution with an essential mission. Whether your gift celebrates your Trinity experience, honors an alumna, or recognizes Trinity’s powerful role in the community, each donor becomes part of a legacy that will endure for generations.

Commemorative, Memorial and Named Gift Opportunities are available. Please contact Patrick D. Kellogg, Vice President for Development and Alumnae Relations, at [kellogg@trinitydc.edu](mailto:kellogg@trinitydc.edu) or 202-884-9721 to learn more about gift opportunities and ways to donate to the Campaign.

**Construction work is anticipated to start in January 2026; the project will take two years, with Alumnae Hall reopening in January 2028.**

## ALUMNAE HALL MODERNIZATION KEY DATES

Cuvilly Hall Temporary Dining Construction	September through December 2025
Cuvilly Café Open for Campus Dining	Starting January 2026
Alumnae Hall Design Development	September 2025 through January 2026
Alumnae Hall Construction	January 2026 through September 2027
Alumnae Hall Ready for Service	October to November 2027
Alumnae Hall Reopening	December 2027 to January 2028