

Dear Alumnae and Alumni, Family and Friends,

I'm pleased to share exceptional achievements from across our Trinity community, from undergraduate research presented at national conferences and published in peer-reviewed journals, to a Spring 2025 alumna already shaping policy on Capitol Hill, along with faculty achievements gaining national recognition. Our Reunion 2025 symposium, "From Leo XIII to Leo XIV: A Century of Social Justice Shaping Trinity," further demonstrated Trinity's intellectual vigor as renowned Catholic scholars engaged in conversation with Trinity students, faculty, and alumnae.

Read on for progress on the \$55 million revitalization of Alumnae Hall, which will preserve this beloved building for future generations while transforming it into a modern campus center for the entire Trinity community—made possible by generous gifts from Trinity alumnae and friends.

Gratefully,

Patricia McGuire
President Patricia McGuire '74

Student Research on Display at National Public Health Conference

Trinity students shined at the November American Public Health Association (APHA) Annual Meeting in Washington, presenting cutting-edge research addressing critical health equity issues.

Five undergraduate students—Asiwome Agbleze, Josefina Rodriguez, Daniela Silva, Retina Christian, and Kaletra Arnold—played integral roles in groundbreaking research on food insecurity and cognitive function among women living with HIV. Working with Dr. Wairimu Mwangi, each student conducted focused literature reviews on specific psychosocial factors such as depression, anxiety, and social support.

"My student mentees' dedication and creativity were invaluable to our success at APHA, and their involvement at this national conference exemplifies the sophisticated, hands-on learning experiences Trinity provides," said Dr. Mwangi.

Health Services students A'Nya Vest and Jazmin Galan-Oliva, alongside alumna Kimberly Ortiz, M.P.H. '20, presented research on inclusive fitness programs for adults with intellectual disabilities—work born from Trinity's partnership with Special Olympics DC that embodies the university's commitment to social justice.



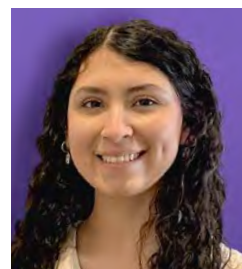
Research by Senior Lorena Mendoza-Perez Tackles Opioid Crisis

Biology and Chemistry double major Lorena Mendoza-Perez was selected for the highly competitive Summer Research Opportunity Program (SROP) at Michigan's Rackham Graduate School. There, she worked in the Department of Medicinal Chemistry on "Biosynthetic Diversification and Metabolic Engineering of Cyclopeptide Alkaloids"—a project she calls "a dream come true."

"I've always wanted to work with natural products to find solutions to addictive prescription drugs, an issue I saw firsthand in my small rural town," Lorena reflected. "I hold this project very dear to my heart."

Her research used advanced biosynthetic techniques to engineer naturally occurring compounds with pain-relieving and anti-anxiety properties. The work contributes directly to finding safer therapeutic options during the ongoing opioid crisis.

Already an accomplished researcher at Trinity studying virtual reality integration in science education, Lorena says the Michigan experience gave her "clarity and confidence" as she prepares to pursue pharmacy school to become a clinical pharmacist.



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Counseling Graduate Students Selected for Prestigious Emerging Leaders Program

Graduate students Kyras Lee and Morgyn Ogburn have been selected to participate in the prestigious Maryland Counseling Association (MCA) Emerging Leaders Program. The highly selective program accepts just 12 individuals annually. Kyras (pictured, left) and Morgyn (right), both pursuing their M.A. in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, for their exceptional leadership potential, willingness to serve the counseling profession, and passion for advancing mental health services.



“Their selection to the Emerging Leaders Program reflects not only their individual excellence but also their commitment to leadership and service in the mental health field,” said Dr.

LaNail R. Plummer, Director of the Counseling Program.

As Emerging Leaders, Kyras and Morgyn will receive mentorship from established MCA leaders, build leadership skills and professional networks, and gain exposure to the responsibilities of leadership within the counseling profession through opportunities to serve on committees and task forces.

“Kyras and Morgyn embody Trinity’s values of social justice, advocacy, and service,” noted Brigid Noonan, Dean of the

School of Nursing and Health Professions. “They are positioned to make meaningful contributions to the counseling profession and to serve diverse communities throughout their careers.”

Lakshmi Mosquera Herrera ’25 Shapes Federal Policy on Capitol Hill

Lakshmi Mosquera Herrera ’25 is making her mark in the halls of Congress, advocating for policies that impact millions of Americans. Selected from over 400 applicants for the highly competitive Congressional Hispanic Caucus Institute (CHCI) Public Policy Fellowship, Lakshmi now serves as a CHCI Public Policy Fellow in the U.S. House of Representatives.

Lakshmi graduated *magna cum laude* from Trinity with a B.A. in Global Affairs and a minor in Latin American Development Studies. “Trinity pushed me to sharpen the analytical and writing skills I rely on every day in my policy work,” she says. At Trinity, she co-founded the Debate Society, led the Model UN team, and served as vice president of both the Black Student Alliance and her graduating class. Her achievements earned her honors including the T-Pin Award, induction into Phi Beta Kappa, and the Mary Boyle McCrory

Award for excellence in writing.

Through internships with United We Dream and the American Friends Service Committee, Lakshmi tracked immigration



legislation, drafted policy briefs, and supported campaigns for immigrant protections. She deepened her global policy perspective through fellowships at the Center for Strategic and International Studies, where she co-authored policy recommendations on election security and artificial intelligence, and at Citizens for Global Solutions, where she represented the organization at the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women.

As a Public Policy Fellow, Lakshmi will expand her knowledge of immigration policy and advocate for equitable, community-informed solutions. Her long-term goal is to help shape a policymaking culture that centers the insights and experiences of immigrant and underrepresented communities.

Groundbreaking Program for Nursing Students Provides Unparalleled Support

Through a grant from the Bedford Falls Foundation, Trinity is leading the way in transforming nursing education through a pioneering partnership that’s drawing national attention.

The innovative Bedford Falls Pathway Pilot Program provides participating Trinity nursing students with 100% tuition coverage, books, uniforms, and comprehensive wraparound support including food assistance, childcare, and academic mentoring. Students earn paid positions at Unity Healthcare or Children’s National Hospital, receiving compensation for both work hours and educational activities.

Nursing student Velencia Bryant (pictured) extolled how the program is enabling her to pursue her degree, exclaiming, “I’m getting paid to work and learn at the same time; that in itself is amazing. This program looks at me as a whole, supporting me



with classes, books and supplies, but also with workshops on mental health and self-care, and classes on personal finance. I’m excited to see this program grow and more excited to see how I develop as a nurse with the support of the Bedford Falls Foundation.”

In September, Trinity hosted the program’s inaugural event, uniting eight organizations committed to creating sustainable pathways for aspiring nurses, including Capital Area Food Bank, Catholic Charities DC, Children’s National Hospital, So Others Might Eat (SOME), Unity Health Care, and research partner NORC of the University of Chicago.

“Trinity’s commitment to student access and success is special, even within a portfolio of 45 nursing schools,” said Kelly Brady Smith, Director of Partnership and Innovation at Bedford Falls Foundation. “Trinity shines.”

Alumnae Hall Renaissance

A Campus Center for Trinity's Future



A Modern Campus Center for the 21st 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 20th 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 21st 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
Total for Alumnae Hall Project	\$51,962,800	All estimated costs as of November 2025



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 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

What a Reunion! What a Symposium!



Alumnae and alumni discovered the magic of returning to campus during Reunion 2025. The three-day celebration kicked off with Thursday's Alumnae College and an enthralling book talk by Trinity Professor Dr. Jamal Watson. Friday's thought-provoking symposium (see below) was followed by professional development programs co-hosted by the Alumnae/i Board and facilitated by board member and faculty Sherron Washington, and an environmental campus tour by Dr. Patrice Nielson.

Saturday celebrated treasured traditions, including the Cap and Gown Convocation in the gloriously restored Notre Dame Chapel.



The festivities continued with the Reunion Luncheon where President McGuire and Alumnae/i Board President Treva Smith (pictured, left) presented the 50th Reunion Class of 1975 with their 50th reunion medals. class photos, class meetings, and the Well Sing followed.

Reunion concluded with the Reunion Liturgy in Notre Dame Chapel and the lovely Farewell Reception. We look forward to more exciting events and joyful celebrations at next year's Reunion - **save the date: October 22-24, 2026!**

Symposium: "From Leo XIII to Leo XIV: A Century of Social Justice Shaping Trinity"

Friday's symposium began with President McGuire recounting how Pope Leo XIII's vision launched 125 years of social justice at Trinity, setting the tone for a day of lively panels bringing together nationally recognized scholars and advocacy leaders with Trinity's own faculty and students. Alumna Nancy Pelosi '62, pictured below at the symposium with current Trinity students, participated in these deeply moving conversations, reminding us that Pope Paul IV taught that, "if you want peace, work for justice."

Morning sessions explored Catholic social justice imperatives in contemporary America, including a roundtable examining Catholic witness in today's public square, an analysis of Pope Leo XIV's vision for 21st-century social justice by author Christopher White, and Dr. Amelia Uelmen of Georgetown University Law Center examining Catholic mission in higher education amid evolving DEI policies. In the afternoon, speakers from the US Conference of Catholic Bishops, Catholic Charities, and Trinity's own Dreamer scholars explored urgent immigration challenges.

Watch video of the Symposium sessions: trinitydc.edu/symposium25



Nancy Pelosi '62 with current Trinity students at the Symposium

Trinity Faculty Gain National Recognition



Dr. Sita Ramamurti, Dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, published an op-ed in *The EDU Ledger* outlining Trinity's "Four Pillars" approach to student success as a model for institutions nationwide.



Dr. Jamal Watson, Associate Dean of Graduate Studies, discussed his new book *The Student Debt Crisis: America's Moral Urgency* with Rev. Al Sharpton on MSNBC, arguing that the \$1.7 trillion debt facing 45 million borrowers is a civil rights issue. He also gave a book talk at Reunion.



Dr. LaNail Plummer, Program Director for Counseling in the School of Nursing and Health Professions, published *The Essential Guide for Counseling Black Women*, offering clinicians culturally informed strategies for supporting Black women facing issues from trauma to mental health disorders.



Dr. Kimberly Monroe, Associate Professor of History & Africana Studies, received The Crossroads Project Fellowship from Princeton University for her research on how a Lake Charles church sustained its community through natural disasters and environmental racism.



Dr. Allen Pietrobon, Associate Professor of Global Affairs and program chair, lectured at Hiroshima University's Nuclear History Summer Camp, a nine-day seminar marking the 80th anniversary of the atomic bombing.



Dr. James Stocker, Assistant Professor of Global Affairs, had his lecture on the origins of U.S. involvement in the Arab-Israeli peace process featured on C-SPAN's Lectures in History series.



Professor Toni Scott, who teaches Arts and Movement in the Classroom in Trinity's Early Childhood Education program, was named one of the Top 50 Women Leaders of Baltimore for 2025 by Women We Admire for her work as Director of Early Learning Classrooms at Kennedy Krieger Institute.



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of Alumnae Hall

Reunion 2025 and Catholic Social
Justice Symposium Recap

New Partnership Provides Groundbreaking
Support for Nursing Students

Junior Millicent Okoro Co-Authors Published Research on Intimate Partner Violence and Traumatic Brain Injury

Millicent Okoro, a double major in Biochemistry and Public Health in Trinity's Honors program, has achieved what few undergraduates accomplish: co-authoring a peer-reviewed research paper in a major academic journal.

The paper, "Intimate Partner Violence and Traumatic Brain Injury: Leveraging Opportunities to Reimagine Interprofessional Collaboration," was published in the journal *Health & Social Work*. Millicent collaborated with Dr. Portia Cole, Director of Trinity's Social Work program, and Dr. Carrie O'Reilly, Associate Dean of Nursing.

"We examined the intersection of social work, nursing, and public health perspectives," Millicent explained, "and how they can come together to create a more welcoming setting for victims of intimate partner violence and better care in a clinical setting."

Integrating these three professional perspectives creates more sustainable recovery pathways for IPV survivors with TBI.

Previously, through Trinity's Summer Research program, Millicent investigated "The Epigenetic Regulation of Neural Genes: A Focus on DNA Methylation Across the Limbic System," exploring brain and memory functions.

"Millicent has an extraordinary work ethic and her impressive research contributions pave the way for future public health and social work collaborations," beamed Dr. Cole.

More phenomenal student research
and faculty accomplishments inside!