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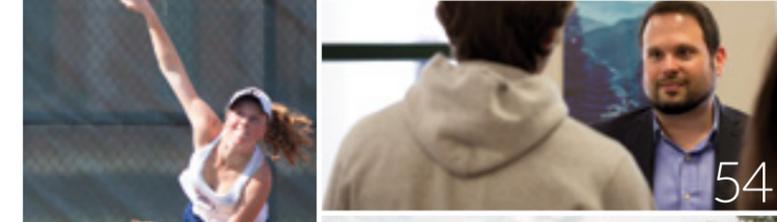
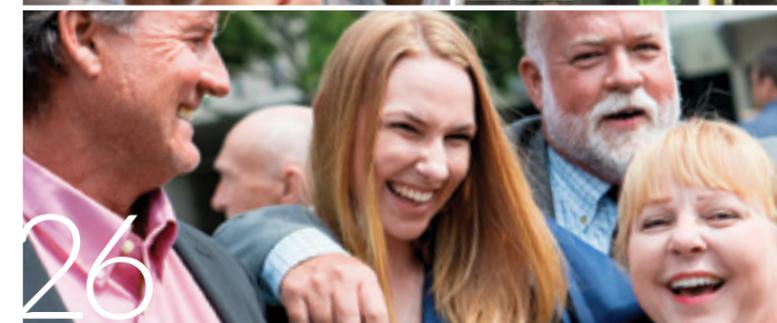
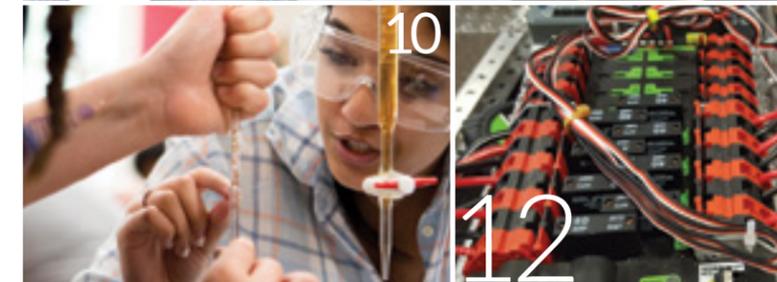
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ON THE COVER

Pictured is the electronic equipment controlling Trinity Prep's FRC team's robot, "Alfred." The on-site engineer from AT&T, Garth Waters, worked with 18 students on creating this board. The students do everything, from stripping wires and crimping connectors to testing the connections. Learn more about "Alfred" on page 16.





KIMBERLY TRAMMELL
Director of Alumni Relations

The close of the 2016-17 school year brings the end of

Byron Lawson Jr.'s first year as Trinity Prep's fifth head of school. During his first year, Byron met thousands of members of the Trinity family at events on campus and in the community in addition to the hundreds of alums he met across the United States.

The spring semester included a lot of exciting events, including alumni regional events in Austin, the District of Columbia, and Tallahassee; Grandparents' Day; the Trinity Prep Hot Havana Nights Auction; and Reunion Weekend, which included the annual Golden T Classic Golf Tournament. To say it has been a whirlwind of a year might be an understatement. Check out pictures from these events starting on page 8.

Our 875 students are continuing to make us proud by all they are accomplishing in and out of the classroom. One of our thespians won the Jimmy Award for Best Actor, our boys cross country team won states for the fourth year in a row, and

14 seniors were named National Merit Semifinalists. In June we welcomed 129 new graduates into the alumni ranks. The Class of 2017 has eight members who will continue to play their sports in college. You can read more about these and other student achievements starting on page 16.

Seven faculty members departed from Trinity Prep after a total of over 120 years of service to the school, including Sue Speicher, Deb Costello, Mary Jane Ambrico, Nicole Gonzalez, Paula Phillips, Dawn Ferguson and Mariann Torres. You can read more about their dedication to Trinity Prep and their memories of their time spent here on pages 68.

We are looking forward to an exciting 2017-18 school year as we roll out the strategic plan, work on the campus master plan and prepare for Trinity Prep's 50th Anniversary to be celebrated during the 2018-19 school year. ✨



BYRON M. LAWSON JR.
Head of School

Midsummer is here, Saints, and I hope you all have taken the time

to enjoy the longer days and warmer weather with your friends and family.

The 2016-17 school year has concluded, and I'm proud to write to you knowing that it was an exceptional year. We have had a Trinity Prep faculty member named one of Orlando Family Magazine's 2017 Teachers of the Year, and a student receiving the top prize from the prestigious Intel International Science and Engineering Fair. Our athletics held pace with our academics, winning their share of accolades. Our cross country team won its fourth consecutive state championship, the swimming team was designated as All-American Academic by the National Interscholastic Swim Coaches Association, and players on the Saints girls tennis team were state champions in singles and doubles! TPS students once again took our service mission out into the community this year. A team of students donated their time (and sweat!) to help complete our 18th Habitat for Humanity home. On the administrative front, we have compiled our strategic imperatives for the 2017-2022 strategic plan and look forward to sharing the plan with the entire community this fall.

It is exciting to be a part of the dynamism on our campus. TPS faculty spent the year discussing how we can strengthen our relationships with students. I look forward to continuing this discussion in the fall, with the outcomes to be signposts on our road to a healthy school culture. Taking the lessons from these dialogs can help to define what the next level of learning and teaching can look like at Trinity Prep.

Our present is amazing, and our future is bright. We are excited to welcome new faculty members joining the Trinity family this fall. This group of education professionals brings classroom expertise and significant talents in and outside of the classroom. Our youngest Saints, the sixth and seventh grade students, bring so much excitement and energy to the campus. It is thrilling to imagine how they will shape who we are as a school community.

Please enjoy the rest of your summer, and accept my thanks for being a continually engaged member of the Trinity family. GO SAINTS! ✨

OUR 875 STUDENTS ARE ONCE AGAIN PROVING WHAT MAKES TRINITY PREP SPECIAL

WE ARE EXCITED TO WELCOME NEW FACULTY MEMBERS JOINING THE TRINITY FAMILY THIS FALL





Alumni Advisory Board President **MIKE KOVALESKI '99** and his wife **LINDSEY VON WELLER KOVALESKI '99**

The past school year brought lots of change and excitement.

We welcomed our fifth Head of School, Byron Lawson Jr., and alums locally and nationally embraced his energy and passion for continuing to make Trinity Prep one of the best schools in the nation. Byron attended nearly every alumni event, giving many of us an opportunity to get to know him on a personal level and understand his vision for the future of Trinity Prep. His commitment to the alumni has been well received and has resulted in an increase in attendance at events and participation in giving to the Trinity Prep Fund.

Alumni donations to the Trinity Prep Fund and financial aid for the 2016-17 school year were historic. That's right. For the first time in recent years (or as long as anyone can remember), alumni participation hit double digits at just over 10%, putting us over the national

average for giving at schools like Trinity Prep. The alumni advisory board and I appreciate everyone who participated by making a donation of any size. Together we know that we can make a difference, and I'm proud of the the alums for stepping up to make this happen. A big thank you is owed to Kimberly Trammell for her year-round efforts with alumni engagement and giving.

The 2017-18 school year is bound to be another great year. We are looking forward to welcoming new members onto the alumni advisory board, visiting alums across the U.S. in cities including Boston, and seeing if we can make Trinity Prep Fund history again! Enjoy the rest of your summer, and I hope to see you at an upcoming alumni event. ✨

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Join us as we celebrate these milestone years: 1973, 1978, 1983, 1988, 1993, 1998, 2003, 2008, and 2013.



Good Morning

For those of you who don't know me, my name is Jimmy Toscano, and as this year's student body president, I have the pleasure of welcoming you all to this year's Grandparents' Day.

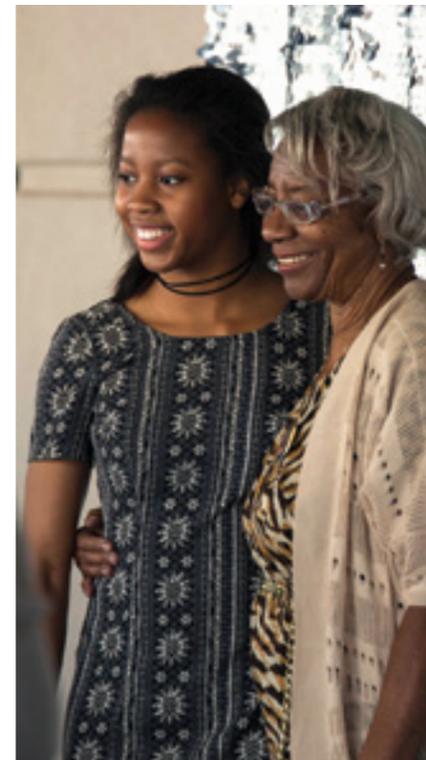
When I first came to Trinity Prep in the 9th grade, I was completely blown away by the warm and welcoming environment that it offered. It was unlike any other school I'd ever attended. I was amazed to discover that there weren't any of the strictly defined cliques I was expecting to encounter in high school. Maybe I had been watching a little too much TV, but I had worried about deciding whether I wanted to be a jock, nerd, artist, lax bro, or one of the other categories that high schoolers are typically sorted into. At Trinity Prep, I realized I didn't have to make that choice. So every lunch of my freshman year, I tried to sit with a different group of people and meet as many fellow students as I could, and I was always impressed by the people I met.

The second pleasant surprise waiting for me at Trinity Prep was the wealth of opportunities available to students. Whether you want to compete around the country on Trinity's nationally ranked speech and debate team, lead the boys cross country runners to their fifth state championship, or be the third Trinity student to place in the top two at the Intel Science fair and get a near-Earth object named after her, there truly is something for everyone.

Last but certainly not least, I wouldn't be able to talk about Grandparents' Day without sharing my own memories of this special day. My grandfather, who my toddler self decided was named "Boompa," was an army engineer who unfortunately had his

last Grandparents' Day during my sophomore year. I'll never forget how his eyes lit up as he saw the massive construction project that is now known as Brokaw Hall, and we both protected our eyes from the deadly "welder's arc."

Grandparents' Day has given me some of the happiest memories I have with my grandfather and grandmother, who I am happy to say is here with me today. With this in mind, I'd like to end my welcome with a bit of advice. Students: cherish every moment that you get to share with your grandparents today because they love you more than anyone could possibly deserve to be loved. Thank you, and have a wonderful Grandparents' Day. ✨



PAT MULLOY, DIRECTOR OF CURRICULUM

Trinity Prep knows that in the 21st century, students need to develop a diverse skill set to be successful professionals.

In addition to the interpersonal skills that Trinity Prep students strengthen on the athletic fields and on our stage, we know that there are many content areas that are of growing importance to our students' futures. In our 6-12 environment, all of our departments communicate vertically, building students knowledge base as they progress in our community. Our math and science departments focus on giving students opportunities to explore their interests.

In our middle school, the integrated science approach, where the 6th, 7th and 8th grade science classrooms build on each other, reinforces essential concepts that prepare them extremely well for both life and physical science pursuits in upper school. Sixth grade students spent time this year cultivating vegetables in our school's garden. They are able to take for-credit classes to learn computer programming languages and work on robots through the FTC program. Science students are able to hone their skills with more advanced offerings in the upper school as they go deeper into AP curricula and through courses such as Independent Research and Science Writing. Both of these courses allow students to receive mentoring on their own personal

projects and research. Understanding technology and utilizing it in meaningful ways is essential. In our Malone Online School Network classroom, students and Trinity Prep teachers connect virtually with peer classrooms and educators across the country every week while our world language classrooms have formed bonds with schools across the globe.

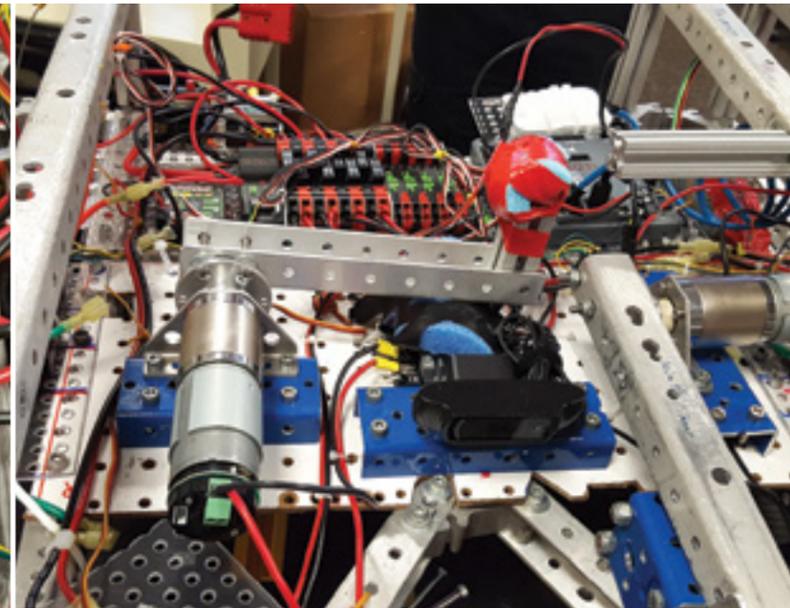
Trinity Prep also offers opportunities for students to take the science, technology and mathematical interests that they possess beyond the classroom. Students excel in robotics and competitive programming competitions. Middle and upper school students participate in the Science Olympiad team and individual

competitions, and our students have succeeded at local, regional and national science fairs. In our highest-level math courses, linear algebra and multivariable calculus, students have collaborated as a group outside of the classroom to compete in Moody's Megamath Challenge. Trinity Prep also works to form partnerships with local corporations and hospitals. Through internships and field trips, students can see professional opportunities that grow out of their scholarship.

Having opportunities that not only stretch from middle to upper school, but also stretch across math, science, and computer science departments, is the STEM experience that all Saints are able to experience at Trinity Prep. ✨



FIRST Robotics Competitions (FRC) Robotics club



The FIRST Robotics Competitions (FRC) Robotics club/class at Trinity Prep offers a unique hands-on experience to learn how machines work and design them.

The team was created in the fall of 2011 after the funding was secured from Disney. Senior vice-president Ken Potrock who met with Craig Maughan, Dennis Herron, and Susan Frederick to ensure Disney's continued support for our robotics program. The original team included Potrock's son, Griff Potrock

'14, an active member and captain of the team until he graduated; his picture is still on the wall in the robotics lab. He said, "Students competing in FIRST gain practical exposure to fields that no other courses at Trinity address, which is critical for preparing them for competitive engineering programs. The team was a huge part of my time at Trinity and played a big role in preparing me for the Electrical Engineering and Computer Science program at Berkeley."

The FRC club/class is open to students in the upper school at Trinity Prep. Classes include FRC I, FRC II, FRC III, and FRC IV, going from beginners who learn all of the part names and wiring specifics through advanced students who mentor new team members.

Students design and build a robot from scratch for a competition that occurs six

weeks each year after the FRC Kickoff. The rules for the competition change every year, so it is imperative for the team to be able to create new, functional designs in the short timeframe given. Teamwork is essential because the only way to get everything done on time is to divide the robot into sub-projects and have small groups working together to get each part of the robot built and working. During the six weeks, the team meets after school and during lunch multiple times a week and on the weekends to build the robot. To successfully compete, the team needs its members to specialize in mechanical engineering, electrical engineering, or programming. Each part is vital to the robot's operation, so it is truly a team competition. Engineers from AT&T, Disney, Siemens, and Lockheed Martin act as advisers and mentors during class time, in the evenings and on weekends.

In the FIRST Robotics Competition, Trinity Prep's team name is "The Jokers" and "Alfred" for the robot. They are team #4024, and this does not change from year to year. On the first Saturday in January, the challenge was streamed from NASA to students at the Orlando Science Center, where the

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teams received their kit of parts for the season. The Trinity Prep team returned to campus for the afternoon with their engineers, who led students through a brainstorming session. Would the robot be low profile or high profile? Should it have tank wheels or mecanum wheels? What type of manipulation devices should the robot have and where would they be placed? By the end of that first Saturday in January, "The Jokers" had a plan.

At that point, they had six weeks to complete the challenge and bag and tag the robot. A project plan was put into place so that engineers had a timeline for when to join the students for mechanical, electrical, and programming help. The students were geared towards teamwork knowing that would be the only way to complete the robot in the timeframe given. In mid-March, the team attended the

Orlando regional competition at the University of Central Florida. There, "Alfred" and his builders competed against 70 teams from around the world, staying in the mid-range, 35th place throughout the tournament. At one point they were ranked in the 20s, which was very exciting for a team in its early years.

Garth Waters, an AT&T engineer who worked alongside "The Jokers," said, "I am always amazed by the level of thought put into the robot by this group of students. I wish I had been given an opportunity to work with professionals when I was in school." Computer teacher Susan Frederick agrees: "Having the opportunity to work with such a creative and talented group of students is awesome!" ✨

Trinity Prep's Hot Havana Nights Auction

By all accounts Trinity Prep's Hot Havana Nights Auction and Gala was an unprecedented success.

Survey results showed overwhelming support for holding the event on campus, as well as sweeping support for the theme and execution. The event exceeded goals and broke records in guest attendance, patron sponsorships, and number of live and silent auction items. The net profit was \$130,720—with \$47,980 designated for board-allocated endowment and \$82,739 allocated to faculty wish-list items. This year, auction proceeds funded many wish-list items, such as significant auditorium sound and communication enhancements, library improvements and renovations, a reusable gym

floor covering, a biotechnology microcentrifuge and thermocycler, and much more. All items directly benefit the greatest number of students at Trinity Prep. After approval of all wish-list priorities, a remaining \$17,544 in auction proceeds was subsequently turned back over to the Board of Trustees for their discretion. We would like to thank the auction executive committee, all volunteers and the 450 attendees, who ultimately supported the event in auction purchases. The next auction will be held during the 2018-19 school year, when Trinity Prep will celebrate its 50th anniversary. ✨



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HEAD OF SCHOOL DAY

LEADERSHIP AND CAREER SPEAKER SERIES

Tyler Petresky

BY SAMANTHA DIMAIO '18



In March, Trinity Prep was lucky to have Tyler Petresky, co-founder of Limbitless Solutions, speak to our students in a leadership and career assembly. Petresky, age 21, is currently a senior at UCF who is studying engineering. He started

Limbitless Solutions his freshman year when he was 17 years old. His company is a not-for-profit organization that exists to give assistance to children everywhere by providing 3D printed solutions to real problems. Currently, the company is focusing on creating arm solutions and donating them to children in need, as well as dabbling in face-controlled wheelchairs. But these electronics are not just functional; they are aesthetic as well: they use various forms of art and design, and creativity is a major part of the organization. For example, they

make 3D printed arms for children, but with interesting themes such as Iron Man and princess. During the talk, the students listened to Petresky talk about his various projects and specific arms his company had worked on. At one point in the presentation, Petresky pulled up one of his own quotes: "I have no idea what I am doing." He emphasized to the students that your education is what you make it, and that it is okay to be uncertain in your path as long as you keep pushing forward and working hard. ✨



SENIOR RETREAT

Trinity Prep's Senior Retreat took place at Kalagua Retreat Center. During the retreat, the seniors participated in a wide range of activities, from team building to reading letters that they wrote to themselves as freshmen, to creating a personal mission statement. They had an opportunity to hear about the transition to college from Dr. Melissa Johnson, the Associate Director of the UF Honors Program, and a panel of UF students. Most importantly, the seniors had fun connecting with each other and TPS faculty. ✨



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Seniors **SAFIA CENTNER, MACKIE CLARKE, RAKHI PATEL,** and **SELENA ZHAO** have been offered National Merit Scholarships: three college-sponsored scholarships and one corporate-sponsored scholarship. Safia, Martha and Rakhi have each been offered college-sponsored scholarships from the University of Central Florida, Emory University, and the University

of Miami respectively; Selena has won the National Siemens Foundation Scholarship.

AMBER YANG '17 was named a Regeneron Science Talent Search Scholar. She's one of 300 students that have been recognized nation-wide. The Regeneron Science Talent Search is the nation's most prestigious pre-college science competition.

(1,2) DR. MICHAEL J. MASSIMINO, a professor at Columbia University and a former NASA astronaut, gave an inspiring STEM lecture and presentation to our students in January. Dr. Massimino is one of our generation's leading astronauts and public figures.

(3,4) LYNNE MATSON, author of the young adult series, NIL, visited campus

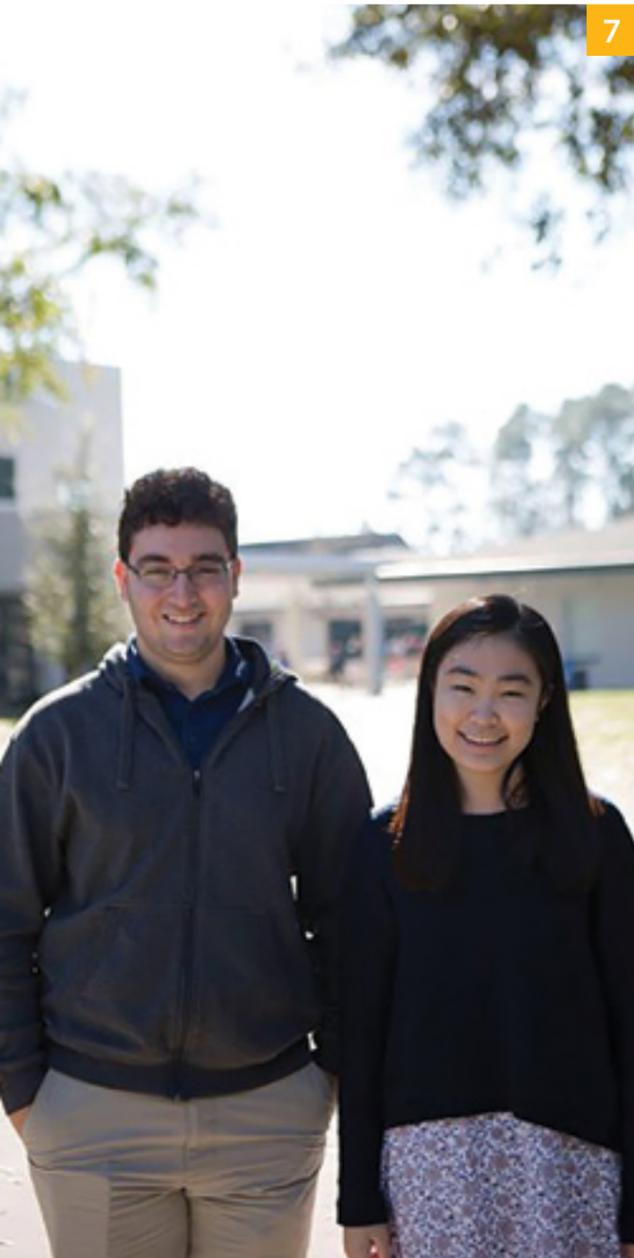
in January. She spoke with students throughout the day and signed copies of her books during lunch.

(5,6) SHELLEY LAUTEN, CEO of the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness, spoke to the PeaceJam club and other campus leaders, discussing the topic of homelessness in Central Florida and providing an update

on how the Central Florida Commission on Homelessness is helping the community Rethink Homelessness.

The **EURO CHALLENGE** regional competition took place in Miami over spring break. Teams made a presentation to a panel of European dignitaries and economists about a European country's economy and

potential solutions to that country's economic problems. Trinity Prep's team won the regional challenge and went on to the national competition in New York. This year's team members, **ALLEN PARK '19, ALISSA VUILLIER '19, BHRAJIT THAKUR '19, MATTHEW CASTRO '19, AND ELI FINKELSTEIN '19,** chose to represent Italy.



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(7) **BRADLEY VAN ALLEN '17** and **AMBER YANG '17** have been selected as candidates for the 2017 United States Presidential Scholars Program, one of the nation's highest honors for high school students. Bradley and Amber are among approximately 4,000 candidates nationwide invited to submit an application for the program competition that annually recognizes up to 161 Presidential Scholars for their accomplishments.

(8,9) **DAVID ROBINSON JR. '17** AND **JACOB SOAPES '17** were honored as Eagle Scouts by the Boy Scouts of America. Fewer than 4% of all Boy Scouts achieve this distinction, the highest rank advancement. Eagle Scouts exemplify the virtues of service, leadership, and duty to God, using their training and influence to better their communities and the world.

We are proud of all the Eagle Scouts we have as students.

(10) **MATHCOUNTS** - The Central Florida Chapter Competition was held in February. Thirty-seven schools from around Central Florida participated, competing in various rigorous problem-solving activities and tests. Five students from Trinity Prep participated:

MATTHEW MAPA '21, SARAH LIN '22, CARTER HENDERSON '23, AMY-RUTH GYANG '23, and SREEKAR NAGULAPALLI '23. Each student was new to the competition, handled the challenges throughout the day like pros and did an excellent job representing Trinity Prep. Carter Henderson was awarded a medal for having the 11th highest individual score out of over 330

6th, 7th, and 8th graders.

(11,12) **THE MIDDLE SCHOOL GREEN TEAM** members picked some fresh organic veggies from the Trinity Prep garden. Everything is growing really well!

(13) **KEY CLUB** packed 7,500 meals for Feeding Children Everywhere.

(14,15) **2017 SOUTH FLORIDA CHAMPIONSHIPS HISTORY BEE & BOWL**

(16) **CONGRÈS** - Twenty-six French students participated in the annual French state competition, CONGRÈS, and won 1st place in division 2A. Forty-six schools participated in this exciting event, in categories of poem



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recitation, impromptu speeches, reading comprehension, skits and plays, French Jeopardy, albums, and projects.

(17-21) **THE AUTHOR FESTIVAL** was a huge success. More than 200 people packed into the library to listen to 19 guest authors reading from their novels and discussing their creative processes.

(22) Congratulations to **LEVON TABIRIAN '20**, who represented TPS at the 2017 IEEE Junior Engineering and Science Conference in Big Sky, Missouri. The senior NASA engineers loved his paper, "Audio Transmission Using Free Space Optics and Electronic Lens Technology."

(23,24) **MITCH BLOOMER**, Education Director of the Holocaust Memorial

Resource and Education Center of Florida, spoke to our 10th grade world history, honors American history, and AP history classes and talked with students about the Holocaust.

(25) **THE TRINITY VOICE** won the American Scholastic Press Association's first place award among small private schools for its news coverage in the 2016-17 school year. The newspaper

and staff members also won numerous individual awards from the Florida Scholastic Press Association.

ASPEN BOMBARDO '17 earned her sixth gold medal on the National Latin Exam, meaning she has earned gold every year since 7th grade. Congratulations also to Madeline Myers '18 for earning her fourth gold medal on the exam.

(26,27) At the 2017 National Speech & Debate Tournament, **LALEE IBSSA '17** was named national champion for poetry interpretation. Trinity Prep also received a School of Honor Award in Debate which is given to the top 40 schools in the nation.

(28,29) **SERV PROJECT** - Fifty-three TPS volunteers helped plant 3,950 plants on the shorelines surrounding Trinity Prep with the Seminole Education, Restoration & Volunteer (SERV) Program on May 20th. These initiatives will protect the water quality and habitat for wildlife. ✨

Videogame Science – Volt and Jailbreak

BY: SAMANTHA DIMAIO '18

While some kids find joy in playing video games, Alex Balfanz '17 finds joy in creating video games. He currently has two games out on the market, Volt and Jailbreak, the latter currently breaking records. "I was inspired to make Jailbreak by another game, but I wanted to make my version a lot better because I saw how much potential there was in the market. I decided to drop one of my other projects and work on Jailbreak because I knew if I pulled it off, it would be a bigger success."

Alex started programming games when he was eight years old. He says, "When all my friends were playing video games, all I could think about was how I could make those games myself and how I could make them even better. It was more fun for me to brainstorm ideas like these than play the actual games. So I started researching, and nine years later I can pretty much make anything I want. I learned to program by looking at examples and open-sourced projects other people had created, and would make sure I understood every single line of code. I would start making changes to see what things did and reverse engineer the entire program until I could write it for myself. You need to make sure you're not memorizing as much as you are fundamentally understanding it."

Programming/coding is a way of telling a computer how it should work. A computer, at its core, is just a collection of switches called transistors. They

understand two states: on and off. This is binary. Any action or operation that a computer does is based on a unique combination of these transistors (some on, some off). It would be far too difficult to type the billions of 1's and 0's to control a computer, and there's no way you would be able to memorize all the unique combinations, so programmer languages were invented. Programming languages are higher level, easier to understand instructions that get translated into binary for the computer to run. They are in English rather than 1's and 0's. "The programming language Lua that I used for my game gets interpreted by a program written in a language called C, which gets compiled to a language called Assembly, which is turned into bytecode, which is turned into 1's and 0's. That's how pretty much every language works these days." Alex states, leaving my mind reeling.

In video games, programming is what allows you to actually see what you're doing, or interact with things. Any 3D object that you see on the screen (or even this webpage that you're reading right now) is just a bunch of vertex data which represents where things should be located relative to each other. Programming takes the numbers that represent those objects and draws them to the screen. For a web page, programming is what makes those words move up and down when you move your scroll wheel up and down. In a game, programming is what

makes a car have suspension, makes a helicopter fly, lets people move around, gives people joints that move, makes anything interact, makes the world look realistic with shadows, lets things have reflectance so the sun can shine on them, or anything. Programming lets you recreate the physical world on a computer, and then some.

Alex started working on Jailbreak at the beginning of January and released the game on April 21st. A total of seven people touched the development of the game. He programmed all of it (making everything move/interactable), and his main partner did all of the 3D modeling (the actual scenery and map). They also hired a music composer/audio engineer, artist, clothing designer, animator, and someone to come up with/simplify all the ideas he had into a coherent game. The game right now is over 20,000 lines of code. It is very successful and as of May 18th it was played 55 million times and had over 75,000 people playing at once on the weekend they launched.

Alex parts with great advice for anyone who is an aspiring coder or video game creator. "I would definitely say check out Roblox because it's a great platform to get started on, especially these days when there's so much documentation. It can be difficult to get into, and there's a learning curve, but the power you get is an incredible feeling. You can literally create anything you set your mind to." ✨



Alex Balfanz '17

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Congratulations

to our newest Trinity Prep alumni, the 129 graduates in the Class of 2017

GRADUATES

Giovanni Rocco Aceto
 Faraaz Ahmar
 Lauren Isabella Allende
 Bryce Daniel Altomare
 Brian Balaschak
 Alexander Kendall Balfanz

James Ivy Barron
 Aspen Jewel Bombardo
 Vikas L. Bommineni
 Alexandra Isabella Broner
 Chad Broome-Webster
 Austin Buholtz
 Calvin Joseph Burns

Tyler John Caggiano
 Antonio Grabert Camasmie
 Lauren Michelle Cameron
 Austin Harrison Campbell
 Hayley Abigail Canal
 Aliya Centner
 Safia Centner

Martha Anne Clarke
 Preston Sheffey Copenhaver
 Marielle Elizabeth Corkum
 Ian Patrick Costello
 Tyler Andrew Covington
 Peter Cowie
 Paul Curran

Jenna Raehn DeBell
 Sagar S Desai
 Mya Hope DeStefano
 Kianmehr Ebrahimzadehshirazi
 Natalie R. Farr
 Alexandra Marie Feld
 Jack Harris Fisher

Anthony James Frezza
 Antony Amin Fuleihan
 John Luke Gammichia
 Aletha Olivia Danielle Garnette
 Kathleen Marie Garvey
 Lydia Jane Gifford
 Lydia Anja Goetz



Eden Melissa Goldsmith
 Lindsey Grace Greenwood
 Alexander Guguchev
 Sarah Hameer
 Leah Wren Hardgrove
 Chase William Hodgson
 Natalie Nicole Hoeg
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 James Cove Hurley
 Sammy Hussein
 Lalee Ibssa
 Margarita Luisa M. Ilagan
 Andrew Michael Ilemsky
 Michaela Marie Isaacs

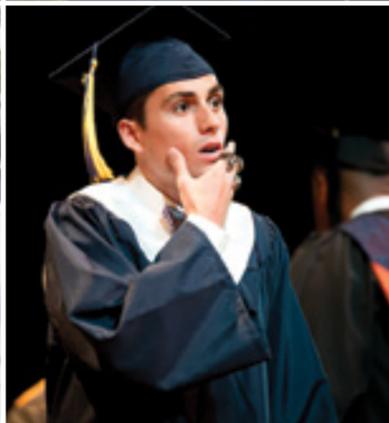
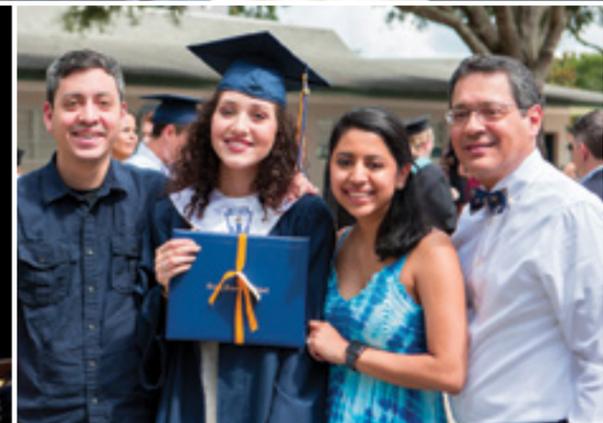
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 Sarina Kothari
 Matteo Gaioni Kypraios
 James Morris Lane
 Lillian Maria Langdon
 Melanie Lee Langdon
 Taylor Adeline Adams Langdon
 Jon Brian Lewis
 Stefano Federico Salas Lopez
 Amy Lowndes
 Michael Maher
 Claire Olivia Maiocco

Trenton Lloyd Mandato
 Connor Jay McArdle
 Alyssia Sapphire McDonald
 Benjamin Otto Miller
 Alexander Griffith Moll
 Antonio Luis Moreno
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 Hayley Anne Nash
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 Zachary Lewis Newman
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Rakhi Mira Patel
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 Lee Alexander Place
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 Cameron Qiao
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 Anna Heather Richardson
 Carson Allan Robbins

David Nathaniel Robinson
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 Timothy William Rotermund
 Patrick Antonio Salas
 Samantha Santini
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 Noah Joseph Senderowitz
 Rachel Robin Sharp
 Chase Anthony Silberbusch
 Yasmeen Antaya Siminou
 Jacob Sears Soapes
 Kenrick Anthony Spence
 Reed Elliott St. Vincent
 Thor Stead
 Thidarath Amy Sukserm

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 James Steven Toscano
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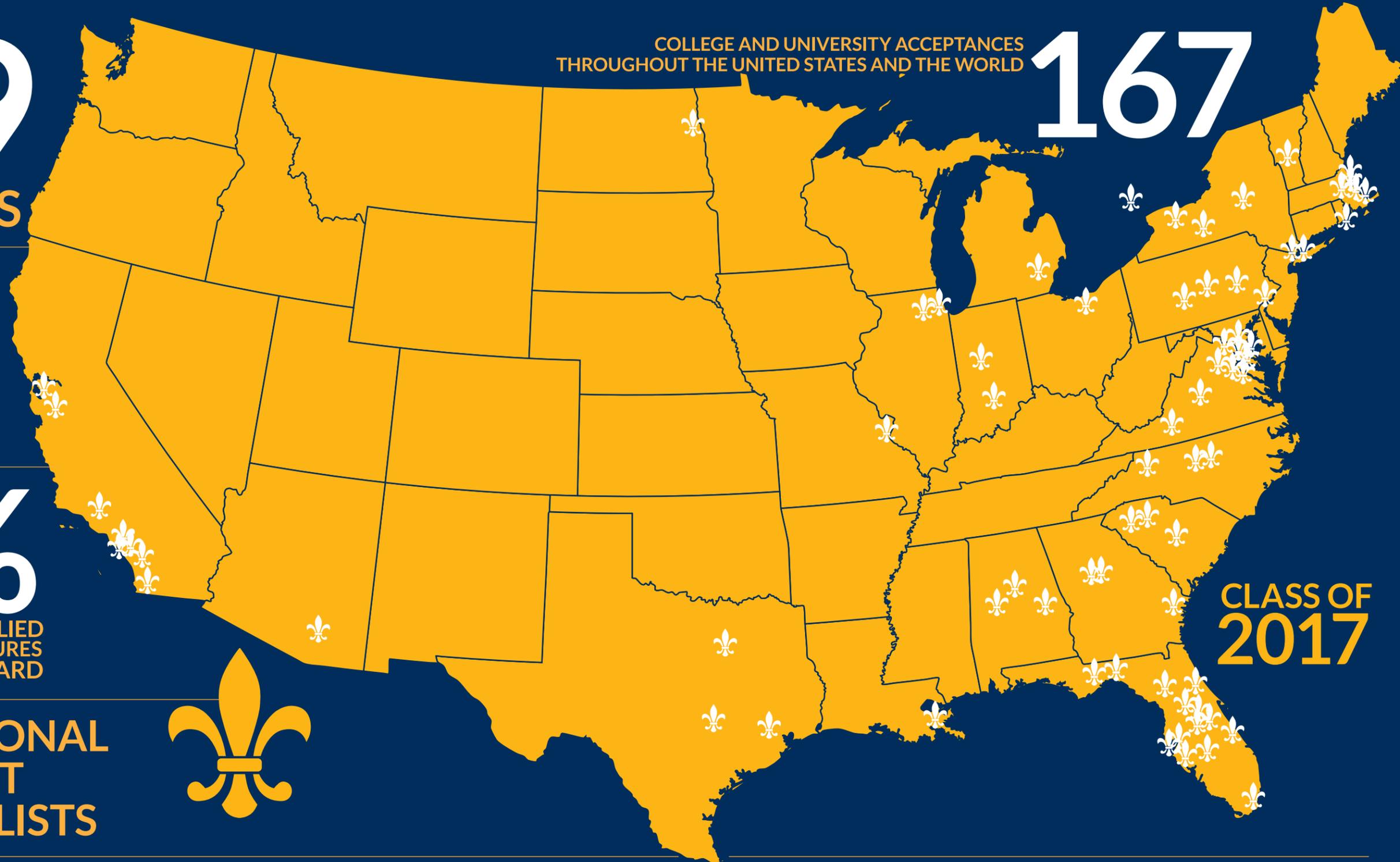
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14 NATIONAL
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COLLEGE AND UNIVERSITY ACCEPTANCES
THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES AND THE WORLD

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**CLASS OF
2017**

AMERICAN UNIVERSITY
APPALACHIAN STATE UNIVERSITY
AUBURN UNIVERSITY (5)
BOSTON UNIVERSITY (2)
BROWN UNIVERSITY (2)
CASE WESTERN RESERVE UNIVERSITY
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
CORNELL UNIVERSITY
DARTMOUTH COLLEGE
DUKE UNIVERSITY (2)
EMERSON COLLEGE (2)
EMORY UNIVERSITY (2)

FLORIDA A&M UNIVERSITY
FLORIDA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY (2)
FLORIDA SOUTHERN COLLEGE
FLORIDA STATE UNIVERSITY (6)
FURMAN UNIVERSITY (2)
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY (2)
GEORGETOWN UNIVERSITY (4)
GEORGIA INSTITUTE OF TECHNOLOGY
HAMILTON COLLEGE - NY
HIGH POINT UNIVERSITY
HOWARD UNIVERSITY
INDIANA UNIVERSITY AT BLOOMINGTON

JOHNS HOPKINS UNIVERSITY (2)
MASSACHUSETTS INSTITUTE
OF TECHNOLOGY
MUHLENBERG COLLEGE
NEW COLLEGE OF FLORIDA
NEW YORK UNIVERSITY (4)
NORTHEASTERN UNIVERSITY (2)
PENNSYLVANIA STATE UNIVERSITY
POMONA COLLEGE
PURDUE UNIVERSITY (2)
RICE UNIVERSITY (2)
ROLLINS COLLEGE (8)
SAMFORD UNIVERSITY

SAVANNAH COLLEGE OF
ART AND DESIGN
SEMINOLE STATE COLLEGE
SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
STANFORD UNIVERSITY
STETSON UNIVERSITY
THE CATHOLIC UNIVERSITY OF AMERICA
THE GEORGE WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY (2)
THE UNIVERSITY OF ALABAMA
THE UNIVERSITY OF ARIZONA
THE UNIVERSITY OF TAMPA (2)
THE UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS, AUSTIN (3)
TUFTS UNIVERSITY

TULANE UNIVERSITY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, IRVINE
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA,
LOS ANGELES
UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, SAN DIEGO
UNIVERSITY OF CENTRAL FLORIDA (6)
UNIVERSITY OF CHICAGO (2)
UNIVERSITY OF FLORIDA (9)
UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND,
COLLEGE PARK
UNIVERSITY OF MIAMI (5)
UNIVERSITY OF MICHIGAN

UNIVERSITY OF NORTH DAKOTA
UNIVERSITY OF PENNSYLVANIA
UNIVERSITY OF ROCHESTER
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH CAROLINA (2)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTH FLORIDA, TAMPA (2)
UNIVERSITY OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA
UNIVERSITY OF TORONTO
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA
VIRGINIA TECH (2)
WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY IN ST. LOUIS
WHEATON COLLEGE IL



BACH FESTIVAL SOCIETY CHORAL FESTIVAL

(1) Trinity Prep's Vocal Society was invited to participate in the Bach Festival Society Choral Festival on Friday, February 10. They are pictured

here with Dr. John V. Sinclair, one of the three adjudicating clinicians with whom they sang. He is the artistic director and conductor of the Bach Festival Society of Winter Park and the Chair, Director, and Professor of Music at Rollins College.

NYC THEATER TRIP

(2,3) Over Winter Break, Ms. Papin took a group of upper school students to New York for a theater trip. They saw four shows, including "Hamilton: An

American Musical" and "Natasha, Pierre, and the Great Comet of 1812," featuring Trinity Prep alumna Denee Benton '10, who was nominated for a Tony.

CHALK WALK

(4,5) **DIDEM ERBILEN '19** and **LOGAN ROGERS-POWSER '19** took first place at the Chalk Walk at the Albin Polasek Museum & Sculpture Gardens in Winter Park.

LEGENDARY CHORAL CONCERT

(6,7)



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**“OLIVER TWIST”
PERFORMANCE
BY THE MIDDLE
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**BIG RIVER
PERFORMANCE**
(12,13)

**PAINT THE
SAINTS 5K** (14-16)

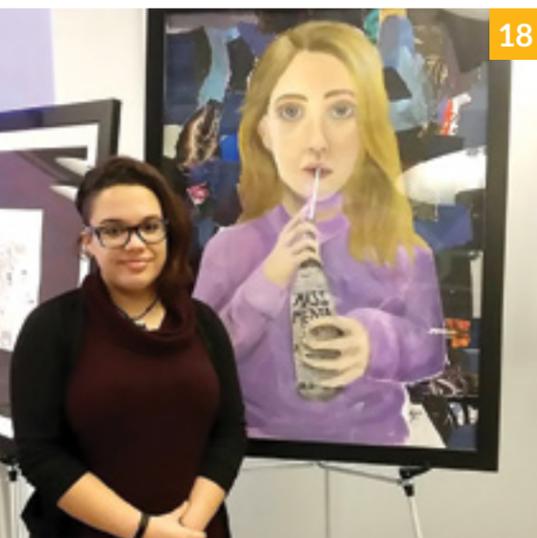
The first annual Paint the Saints 5K was held on Saturday, March 4. This event benefited the Junior Class. All members of the Trinity family were invited to participate in this color run through campus. Save the date for the second annual Paint the Saints 5K on January 13, 2018.

**ORCHESTRA IN
THE WINGS**

(17) The Trinity Preparatory School Chamber Orchestra has been selected as the 2017 Orlando Philharmonic

Orchestra High School Orchestra in the Wings. They were recognized on-stage at the Bob Carr Theater on Saturday, March 18 by Christopher Barton, Executive Director, and Dr. Mary Palmer, Vice President of

the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra board of directors. As part of this award, they receive special partnership opportunities from the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra in the coming year.



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EYE FOR BROADWAY

(18-20) Trinity Prep students showcased their work as part of the Eye for Broadway series at the Dr. Phillips Center for the Performing Arts from February 7 to 12. Thirty-four upper school 2D students and four Pottery II students participated. Trinity Prep students created artwork inspired by

the morbidly hilarious and entertaining musical "A Gentleman's Guide to Love and Murder." Each piece created reflected the theme "Pick Your Poison."

MCCORMICK MARIMBA FESTIVAL

(21) Trinity Prep's advanced percussion group performed at the McCormick

Marimba Festival. The festival was hosted by the University of South Florida and is recognized as one of the nation's premier university marimba festivals. Trinity Prep was honored to be invited and performed three pieces, one of which was the world premiere of an original composition titled "Chorevo" by composer Keith Larson.

NATIONAL ART HONORS SOCIETY

(22,23) Trinity Prep's National Art Honor Society (NAHS) induction ceremony was held on Thursday, Jan. 26. This is the third year Trinity Prep has had a chapter, and there are currently 26 members. The NAHS students join the 47,000+ members nationwide and show

their commitment to art as they engage in projects that promote art in the local and greater community.

FLORIDA ALL-STATE HIGH SCHOOL SYMPHONIC BAND

(24,25) Three Trinity Prep students earned their seats at the All-state

seating auditions in Tampa. **MOLLY POPE '21** earned first chair viola and **MAGGIE YUAN '21** earned second chair, second violin for the middle school orchestra. **LILI POPE '20** earned second chair cello for 9-10 concert orchestra. Five additional students earned their seating as they auditioned for all-state in the fall. **OLIVIA MILLER '19** earned a seat in the Sight Reading



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Choir, **ALEXANDRA RICK '18** earned a seat in the All-State Women's Choir, and **SEAN LEIDER '18** earned a seat in the All-State Men's Choir. **JENNA DEBELL '17** earned a position as a timpanist in the Florida All-State High School Symphonic Band.

THESPIAN TROUPE

(26,27) Thirty-one members of the Trinity Prep Thesians attended the State Festival in Tampa. Our troupe participated in six individual events that all were awarded either excellent or superior scores. Our large group musical was awarded a superior, **TYLER**

COVINGTON'S '17 solo musical was also awarded a superior; our small group musical, **ROBIN SHARP'S '17** monologues, **IAN COSTELLO '17** and **LYDIA GIFFORD'S '17** duet musical, and **JENNA DEBELL'S '17** and **RACHAEL PISARSKI'S '17** duet musical pieces all were awarded excellent ratings.

SPRING BAND CONCERT (28,29)

SPRING ORCHESTRA CONCERT (30,31)

MAN OF LA MANCHA (32-34) †

Arts Hall of Fame

**ANNE JUERGENS
WAS THE VERY
FOUNDATION UPON
WHICH OUR
PRESTIGIOUS DRAMA
PROGRAM HAS
BEEN BUILT**

ANNE JUERGENS:

Anne Juergens started working at Trinity Prep the year it opened in 1968. She taught here for just under 20 years and said, "It was a great, wonderful, and exciting time." Mrs. Juergens attended Bennington College, where she majored in theater. She taught, performed, and directed at Rollins College, where her husband, Dr. Robert Juergens, was the head of the theater department.

Through her connections to Rollins, she was not only able to bring theatrical resources onto the Trinity campus that were unavailable even at established local high schools, but she also was able to "pull off" putting on the first plays: "Christmas in the Marketplace" and "The Other Wise Man." More importantly, however, she brought a professional viewpoint and an expectation of excellence to the fledgling program

even though the facilities were, at best, primitive: a small room with about 80 seats at the end of the Stuart Building.

She molded actors, technical crews, and artists into competent, credible performers. Many of her students went on to study theater in college, and some took their talents to another (sometimes professional) level.

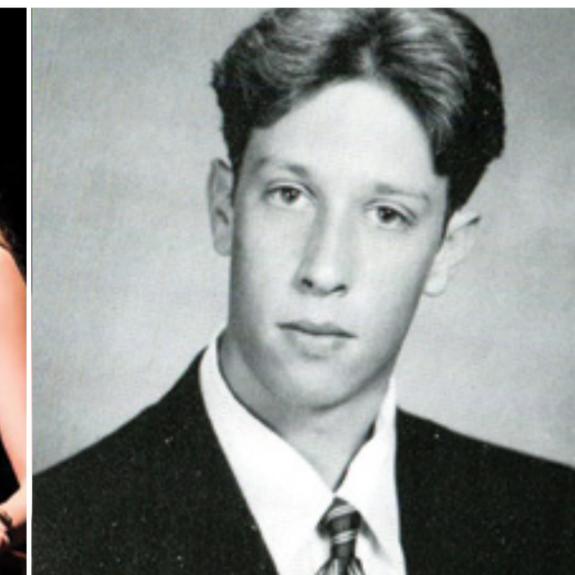
Under her tutelage, students learned to express themselves with greater confidence and poise, which not only showed in the arts, but paid dividends in other fields as well. She even found time to take her students to New York to see Broadway plays. For Trinity Prep, Anne Juergens was the very foundation upon which our prestigious drama program has been built. All four of her children graduated from Trinity Prep.

ANNE SANDEFUR '06:

Anne Sandefur, a professional dancer, is originally from Orlando and graduated from Trinity Prep in 2006. She then attended Duke University, where she received degrees in Social Psychology and Dance. She also received her J.D. from the Charleston School of Law. Her

formal training includes dancing with the Orlando Ballet School under the tutelage of Yan Chen and Peter Stark, and with the Orlando Ballet, directed by Fernando Bujones and Bruce Marks. At the finals of Youth America Grand Prix, she placed in the Top Twelve in New York City. She

has appeared in "The Lonely Whale," "Orange is the New Black," "Manhattan Love Story," "The Pajama Game," and "Three Movements." Recently, Anne debuted with the Suzanne Farrell Ballet, performing in "Stars and Stripes" and "Gounod Symphony."



JOSH SHADER '95:

Josh Shader is a talent-friendly independent producer focused on from-scratch development of feature film, television, and digital projects. Recently, Josh served as co-executive producer on Starz's first unscripted series, "The Chair." As part of the Television Critics Association and DGA Award winning show, Josh produced two feature films, "Hollidaysburg" and "Not Cool," both of which were based on a script he developed. He is currently working with series creator Chris Moore on financing season 2 of "The Chair" in China, exploring how different cultures tell stories. In addition, Josh is producing "Nude," a documentary feature film for Starz, and prepping the 10-episode limited television series "Black Dahlia," based on the best-selling nonfiction book

by John Gilmore about the investigation and murder of Elizabeth Short in 1947.

Previously, Josh was co-creator and executive producer of "Think Tank," A&E's first digital series. He also served as executive producer on the feature comedy "Flock of Dudes." Additionally, Josh was a producer on the Alec Baldwin and Kate Hudson comedy, "My Best Friend's Girl" for Lionsgate, as well as the Screen Gems comedy "Mardi Gras," starring Josh Gad. These projects were all developed from scratch by Josh, and on all, the original writers stayed on from start to finish.

Early in his career, Josh served as the associate producer on Universal's "American Wedding" and executive

producer on the documentary "American Pie: Revealed." In 2003, Josh partnered with Adam Herz (creator of the "American Pie" franchise) to form Terra Firma Films, a Universal-based production company. While at Terra Firma and since, Josh Shader has generated and sold projects to Fox, Universal, Paramount, Warner Bros, Sony, Lionsgate, Weinstein, MTV Films, A&E Network, Starz, and Goldenpeak Entertainment.

Josh is a native of Winter Park, and graduated from Trinity Prep in '95. He then went on to graduate from Northwestern University in '99. He now lives in Los Angeles with his wife and three sons. ✨





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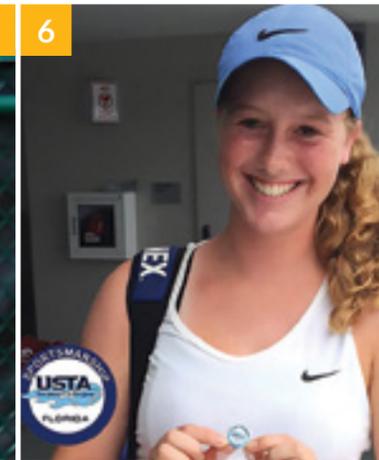
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GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING

(1) The girls weightlifting team, coach Erin Miller '00, and her staff won the district championship. Great job by our student-athletes as well as our coaching staff. This is the second year in a row they've won the district championship.

SPECTRUM SPORTS BREAKFAST OF CHAMPIONS

Orange County celebrates the Student-Athlete Honorees, **CLAIRE MAIOCCO '17** – Girls Swimming & Diving, Athlete of the Year and **TRENT MANDATO '17** – Boys Cross Country, Athlete of the Year.

ORLANDO SENTINEL VARSITY AWARD

(2) **CLAIRE MAIOCCO '17** won an Orlando Sentinel Varsity Award. Claire attended the 19th annual awards show at Camping World Stadium on June 14.

U.S. LACROSSE ALL-AMERICANS FROM CENTRAL FLORIDA

(3) Congratulations to **KATHLEEN GARVEY '17** and **TAYLOR KIENLE '17** for being named 2017 U.S. Lacrosse All-Americans from Central Florida.

TRINITY PREP ATHLETES OF THE YEAR

(4) Congratulations to **TRENT MANDATO '17**, **TAYLOR KIENLE '17** and **CLAIRE MAIOCCO '17** on being named 2016-17 Trinity Prep Athletes of the Year. This is the first year we have had a tie for female athlete of the year.

LETTERMAN OF THE YEAR

The Letterman of the Year Award is presented to both male and female athletes who have earned the most varsity letters in their high school careers. There was a tie between **TAYLOR KIENLE '17** and **LAUREN CAMERON '17** as Female Lettermen of the the Year; the Male Letterman of the Year was **AUSTIN CAMPBELL '17**

SCHOLAR-ATHLETE AWARD

The Scholar-Athlete Award is given to the athletes with the highest GPA. The Middle School Award went to **CONNOR RAFFA '21**. The upper school award was a three-way tie between **PARKER JOCHUM '18**, **OLIVIA DEMETRIADES '19**, and **ADEDE APPAH-SAMPONG '19**.

GEORGE AUSTIN MEMORIAL AWARD

The George Austin Memorial Award is given to a junior who has participated in at least one varsity sport and who, regardless of athletic accomplishments, exhibits the qualities of sportsmanship, interest, enthusiasm, spirit, and pride. This year's recipient was **JOSH NEMEC '18**.

U.S. ARMY SCHOLAR ATHLETE AWARD

U.S. Army Scholar Athlete Award goes to the male and female student-athletes with great academic honors, athletic honors, and extracurricular excellence. This year's awards were given to **TIM ROTERMUND '17** and **LEAH HARDGROVE '17**.

TENNIS STATE CHAMPIONS

(5) **SAM DIMAIO '18** and **LINDSEY GREENWOOD '17** won the doubles tennis state championship. Sam also won the singles state championship.

USTA FLORIDA

(6) **SAM DIMAIO '18** was recently awarded a pin and recognized by USTA Florida for her sportsmanship at the Jr. State Championships.

CROSS COUNTRY ATHLETE OF THE YEAR

(7) **TRENT MANDATO '17** was named the cross country athlete of the year for Orange County by Spectrum Sports Florida. Trent also won an Orlando Sentinel Varsity Award.

SAINTS BASEBALL

Congrats to **SLADE CECCONI '18** on being named by the Orlando Sentinel as one of the top Central Florida high school baseball players entering the 2017 season.

SAINTS BASKETBALL

Congrats to **JASON WEST '18** for receiving honorable mention on the Orlando Sentinel's 2016-17 All-Central Florida team.



BOYS VARSITY TENNIS

District Champs; Regional Champs

GIRLS VARSITY TENNIS

District Champs; Regional Semi-Final Champs; Singles State Champ - **SAM DIMAIO '18**; Doubles State Champs - **SAM DIMAIO '18** and **LINDSEY GREENWOOD '17**

BOYS VARSITY TRACK

District Champs; Regional Runner-Up

GIRLS VARSITY TRACK

District Champs; Regional Runner-Up

SPRING FOOTBALL:

(8-12) May 19 -Trinity Prep vs. Faith Christian Academy

UPCOMING 2017 FOOTBALL SCHEDULE:

AUG 19 - AWAY - 7 P.M. Pre-Season at Windermere Prep

AUG 25 - AWAY - 7 P.M. at Holy Trinity Episcopal Academy

SEP 1 - HOME - 7 P.M. vs. Cocoa Beach H.S.

SEP 8 - HOME - 7 P.M. vs. Jax Episcopal H.S.

SEP 15 - AWAY - 7 P.M. at Keswick Christian

SEP 22 - AWAY - 7 P.M. at Tavares H.S.

SEP 29 - HOME - 7 P.M. vs. Father Lopez

OCT 6 Bye Week

OCT 13 - AWAY - 7 P.M. at The First Academy

OCT 20 - AWAY - 7 P.M. at Deltona Trinity Christian

OCT 27 - HOMECOMING - 7 P.M. & SENIOR NIGHT vs. Halifax Academy

NOV 3 - AWAY - 7 P.M. at Space Coast H.S. ✨

TRINITY PREP'S CLASS OF 2017

Collegiate Athletic Commitments

ELLE ANDERSON
University of Alabama
Crew

LEAH HARDGROVE
Washington University
Track & Field

CHAD BROOME-WEBSTER
Brown University
Football

TAYLOR KIENLE
Rollins College
Lacrosse

LUKE GAMMICHIA
Wheaton College
Football

CLAIRE MAIOCCO
University of Michigan
Swimming

KATHLEEN GARVEY
Johns Hopkins University
Lacrosse

TRENT MANDATO
Furman University
Cross Country & Track

TIM ROTERMUND
Georgetown University
Golf





BILLY COOKE '14

Coastal Carolina
Centerfield (drafted in the 8th round of the
MLB draft by the Seattle Mariners)



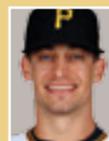
ELIOT SHAPLEIGH '13

Rollins
Left handed pitcher/outfield



RYAN OLENEK '15

Ole Miss
Infielder/Outfielder



MAX MOROFF '12

Pittsburgh Pirates
2nd baseman/shortstop



JACKSON FURSTACE '15

Lipscomb
Infielder



ROBYN STEENSTRA '16

Stetson
Left handed pitcher/outfield



KYLE CAVANAUGH '13

FSU
1st base



AUSTIN HALE '14

Stetson
Catcher



JARED HERRON '16

FSU
Catcher

In the spring of 2017,
Trinity Prep had nine
alums playing baseball at
the professional or collegiate
level. Our baseball program has
established itself as a premier
program in the state. ✨

**TRINITY PREP
HAS THE BASES
COVERED!**

The Science of Winning: Tennis

BY SAMANTHA DIMAIO '18

Gatorade. Protein bars. Enhanced shakes. So many tools are available in today's world to better the performance of athletes everywhere. Global studies of the human anatomy combine with new technology to make a race of superstars. A race of athletes. A race of winners.

Personally, I don't like to rely on outside enhancements to better my performance. While newer technology in the sphere of athletics appeals to up-and-coming stars, older methods have proven to be just as good, if not better. I am, of course, talking about the unadulterated human body and mind. Trinity Prep recently demonstrated this very concept in the FHSAA 1A Girls Varsity Individual State Tennis Championships in April. I can attest to this because I was the one who won singles, and, later in the day, doubles, along with my partner Lindsey Greenwood '17.

For the first time in Trinity Prep history, girls tennis has claimed a state title. In fact, two state titles: Individual Singles (me, Samantha DiMaio), and Individual Doubles (Lindsey and me). There are four sciences that we utilized (knowingly or not) to give us an edge and ultimately win: anatomy, physics, chemistry, and psychology.

ANATOMY

The first is quite obvious. Tennis requires you to use almost all the body's muscles, and one way to propel your game to the next level is to train the right ones.

Tennis players tend to have strong pectorals and deltoids on their dominant side. The rotator cuff, the muscles and tendons between the shoulder blade and arm bone, is important for hitting serves and forehands and for decelerating during follow-through. Simply playing tennis is not enough to strengthen those muscles, but working with weights can help strengthen them. The core, which consists of the abs and lower back, is also very important to a tennis player. I draw my power from my core by using a snapping rotation whenever I hit a groundstroke or a serve. The quads and hamstrings are also responsible for hitting powerful groundstrokes and for fast movement on the court. Complex motions such as the serve require a great deal. In the service motion, as the toss goes up, players press their feet against the court, using ground reaction forces to build up elastic potential energy by rotating their legs, hips, trunk and shoulders to produce maximum angular momentum. Exploding upward toward the ball, players exhibit extraordinary hand eye coordination to efficiently transfer forces from the legs, through the body segments, to the striking hand in what biomechanists call "the kinetic chain principle."

PHYSICS

During a rally, there is an amazing array of basic mechanical principles that affect the trajectory of the tennis ball. Gravity is a major component of tennis. Without gravity, the ball wouldn't come down and bounce in the court. A tennis ball is constantly undergoing an acceleration due to the force of gravity. Newton's three laws of motion also impact the movement of tennis balls. For example, whenever a tennis racquet hits a ball, Newton's Second Law, which relates the external force on an object

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NEGATIVE THINKING AFFECTS PLAYERS MUCH MORE THAN THEY ARE AWARE OF. IT AFFECTS ABILITIES AND CLOUDS JUDGMENT.

to the object's resulting acceleration, determines the acceleration of the ball due to the force of the racquet. Impulse and momentum affect the movement of the ball. When a tennis racquet hits a tennis ball, the force of the racquet on the ball delivers an impulse to the ball while the ball is in contact with the racquet. The magnitude of the force of the racquet on the ball varies with time, starting low at initial contact, then reaching a maximum when the ball compression and racquet string deformity reaches a maximum, before reducing back to zero as the ball leaves the racquet strings. When a ball flies through the air, it experiences a drag force that acts in the direction opposite to the motion of the ball, which slows it down. Rotational motion also plays a huge role in the game of tennis. The spin of a tennis ball affects its trajectory through the air, as well as how it bounces. Personally, I try to hit deep balls with heavy spin on them to make it harder for my opponent to return, possibly giving me a short ball that I can attack.

CHEMISTRY

No, I am not talking about the "periodic table" chemistry. Here, I am referring to the chemistry between two people,

in this case me and my doubles partner, Lindsey Greenwood. Tennis players work for years to perfect individual skills; then they have to take that skill and pair it with someone whose style might be completely different. That's the challenge high school and college tennis players face when they are paired with their doubles partners. The chemistry players develop with their partners can be crucial in determining if a team wins or loses. I have been playing with Lindsey for three years, and each year we grow stronger as a team. We have never lost a regular season match, and we have won the Line 1 Doubles districts title for three years in a row. It has gotten to the point where each can anticipate what the other person will do. If she hits a deep forehand lob over the net, I instinctively move to the center of the court, hoping for a volley, and she has me covered. While some doubles partners get angry at each other and self-destruct, Lindsey and I always see the good in a situation. If things are getting really tense, or if we are heading into a tiebreak, one of us is bound to make a really dumb joke that keeps us laughing and calms our nerves.

PSYCHOLOGY

When times get tough, it is very easy for people to lose their cool, smash their racquets, and let anger take over their game. None of this helps improve their game nor does it give them a better chance of winning. Negative thinking affects players much more than they are aware of. It affects abilities and clouds judgment. Personally, while I'm on the tennis court in a match, I manage to go into a state of mind where nothing can bother me. It's like the zen version of tennis, and I have no idea how I do it besides years of practice. For

example, in the Individual Singles State Championship Finals, I was playing a girl whom I had played in a State USTA tournament only two days before. It was a tough match with disputes about line calls, and I was a little off that day, losing in a third set tiebreak. I could have very easily freaked out when I found out I had to play her AGAIN, but I kept calm and in control and channeled my nerves and anger at losing into a positive energy that fueled me throughout the match, helping me to overcome her in my 7-6 (7-4), 6-2 victory.

As you can see, science is an integral part of tennis, whether we are cognizant of it or not. And while companies and consumers focus on gaining an edge from outside resources, I plan to focus and hone my natural abilities to a point where I dominate the competition. ✨

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Legacy Family: The Mahers

BY SAMANTHA DIMAIO '18

“OUR DECISION TO SEND OUR KIDS TO TRINITY WAS AN EASY ONE ... TRINITY OFFERS ITS STUDENTS THE BEST ACADEMIC EXPERIENCE AVAILABLE IN CENTRAL FLORIDA”

STEVE MAHER '79

In the summer of 2015, Trinity Prep Magazine introduced a new legacy family feature. A legacy family is one in which a parent is an alumnus of Trinity Prep and his or her child has attended or is currently attending Trinity Prep. In this legacy family feature, we share with you the story of the Maher Family.

In 1976, Steve Maher '79 began his career at Trinity Prep in the 10th grade. Throughout his time at TPS, Steve was involved in many activities, but most of his time was spent playing football. He was also involved in quite a few plays

with the Trinity Players, including “See How They Run” under director Anne Juergens, who was a 2016-17 inductee into the Trinity Prep Arts Hall of Fame. Steve recalls, “We used to have rehearsals in Julie Tuttle’s barn, and we all had a great time.”

In 1979 Steve continued his education at Loyola Marymount University in Los Angeles, where he graduated in 1984 with his Bachelor of Business Administration degree. He then went to law school at the University of Southern California and received his Juris Doctor

degree in 1987. Nine years later, he met his wife Wendy during a ski trip to Sun Valley, Idaho, where they were introduced by mutual friends. At the time, Wendy, who attended Boise State University (where she received her B.S. in 1995), lived in Boise, but she moved to Orlando in the summer of 1996. Steve and Wendy married a year later, and both of their children attend Trinity Prep. “Our decision to send our kids to Trinity was an easy one,” Steve says, “Trinity offers its students the best academic experience available in Central Florida.” Steve’s son, Michael, recently graduated from Trinity Prep in 2017, and his daughter, Ivie, is a current student in the class of 2019.

Steve has fond memories of his time at Trinity. “While the academic experience at Trinity has certainly

grown tremendously and has continued to improve over the 38 years since I graduated, I feel that the study habits that I learned at Trinity prepared me well for not only college and law school, but also my career.” Looking back, Steve credits one of his teachers in particular for influencing him. “The teacher at Trinity that I feel influenced me the most was Gloria Houghton. Her British Literature and Humanities classes planted the seed for my lifelong love of reading, theater and the arts.”

For the past 30 years, Steve has been a civil trial lawyer practicing plaintiff’s personal injury trial law. His firm, The Maher Law Firm, P.A., is based in Winter Park.

Obviously, Steve’s love for Trinity Prep has been passed down to his kids. When

his daughter, Ivie, was growing up, she didn’t really hear a lot about Trinity Prep until her brother started to go there in 6th grade. She says, “I started to learn more about the school. I never thought that I would attend because I started at another school but then decided that I wanted to go to Trinity because I heard good things about it. I’m really happy that I decided to go to Trinity!” Even though a lot has changed since Steve attended, such as the size of the school and the severity of the dress code, some things never change for the Trinity family. Ivie says, “I love going to Trinity because of the people. Everyone is so nice and welcoming. I really love how everyone is into different things and the school offers so many opportunities to figure out what you like to do.” ✨





SPRING NETWORKING SOCIAL @ NOVA



TALLAHASSEE REGIONAL EVENT



DC REGIONAL EVENT



LAW CAREER LUNCH

On February 2, Trinity Prep alumni Nadia Ahmad '98, Jason Zimmerman '03 and Jack Brennan '05 returned to their alma mater to talk to a group of juniors about careers in law. The panel spoke about their current and past professions, giving insight on teaching law, working for big-name companies, and long hours on the phone and in the office. They explained that even though the job demands a lot from them, if you have a passion for something, you should pursue it. Most important, they stressed that being a lawyer is nothing like what you see on TV! ✨

Trinity Prep's Distinguished Alumnus for 2017 is Marc Ambinder,

who graduated as valedictorian in 1997. He graduated from Harvard in 2001.

While on Trinity Prep's speech and debate team, Dean Rhoads recalls, "His most outstanding trait was his insatiable curiosity about how politics worked."



Today, Marc is a Leadership Fellow at the Annenberg School of Journalism at the University of Southern California. He spent 12 years in Washington, DC, as a White House correspondent, national security reporter and news analyst for television networks. He was politics editor at The Atlantic, helping the magazine transform into an innovative digital force for journalism. He has won the Silver Baton from Columbia University and many other awards for journalism and editorial research. Marc has been a guest on every national news network in the United States as well as the BBC and Al Shazira; he was a regular analyst with CBS news radio. His third book, about nuclear brinkmanship in the Reagan administration, will be published by Simon and Schuster this year.

In an address to the student body, Marc talked about the plasticity of the brain: "Your brain was not built to sit and listen to somebody speak; it was built to go out and do stuff. The consistency of your brain is not hard or calcified, as you might think, but it actually has the consistency of Jell-o. . . The reason why is that it's very plastic, particularly at your age, and it changes rapidly and rewires itself very easily. When you get to be my age in 20 years, it doesn't rewire itself so easily. I recently had the opportunity to take a course in coding. Whereas at Trinity I remember usually being the smartest kid in the class, I was the dumbest and the oldest kid in this class. I couldn't keep up. I didn't get it. The reason is not that I'm dumb, but at this time in my life, my brain is just not adapted to learning new things the way

it was." Therefore, he recommended, "If you want to learn how to play chess, if you want to become an actor, if you have an idea for an app, if you want to build something or you want to travel, do it now. Don't wait. Your brain will never be this primed to pick up new stuff." He even suggested that some people would do better by postponing college until later.

Like any good journalist, Marc takes the truth very seriously. He said, "You may learn that truth is a convention, a social structure, some artifact of power, that maybe we should just agree that everyone has their own truths. Don't accept that. Truth at its essence is the grammar of life. It's the underlying logic that sustains your relationship with your friends, the relationship you will

have with your employers. It's why we look at the blue curtain and say, 'Ah, yes, that's blue. We agree.' Truth is basically agreement between people that certain things are real, and that reality is real. So tell the truth, and value people who tell the truth. Reserve your anger for people who don't tell the truth or distort the truth or manipulate the truth in order to feed everyone's human insecurities. Go back to the image of your brain as a bit of jiggly, wiggly Jell-o. When you say something you know isn't true, you're squirting toxins and poisons of falsity into your brain. You're rewiring your own brain to make it easier to tell more untruths. You're making it easier to tolerate other people when they say things that aren't true. And then, collectively, you're rewiring society so that it becomes easier for society

to see things that aren't true as true. When that happens, it's easier to base powerful decisions on lies."

Marc concluded by praising the Trinity Voice, on which he once served as editor-in-chief, and singling out one writer. "Andrew Kwa '19 wrote about being up at 2 a.m., trying to figure out the next time he would ever use Avogadro's number--and I can tell you the answer. In 20 years, when you're giving some speech, is the next time you'll ever use Avogadro's number. I had three reactions. One: this guy is a heck of a writer. Two: it's 2 a.m.--go to sleep! And third: better to go through this in your mind now than at my age. So he was doing the right thing. But I don't want to keep you from your lunch, so I'll reset and sum up what I've told you.

Remember: brain=Jello. Travel now, take a lot of risks, and don't hurt anybody or yourself. Make your mistakes now. And just tell the damn truth." ✨

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MARC AMBINDER '97



CAPTAIN VOSE BENCH DEDICATION

Captain James Vose taught at Trinity Prep in its earliest days, and alumni from the 70s remember him as a calm, compassionate, and committed teacher. On the Friday of Reunion Weekend, members of the Trinity family gathered to commemorate Captain Vose and other Trinity Prep teachers who dedicated themselves to serving our country. ✨



2007 TRINITY PREP BASEBALL TEAM

The 2007 Trinity Prep baseball team was honored the Friday night of reunion weekend on the 10th anniversary of their historic season. The 2007 team was state runner-up, making it the most successful team in school history. ✨



WELCOME RECEPTION – FRIDAY NIGHT

Golden T Classic

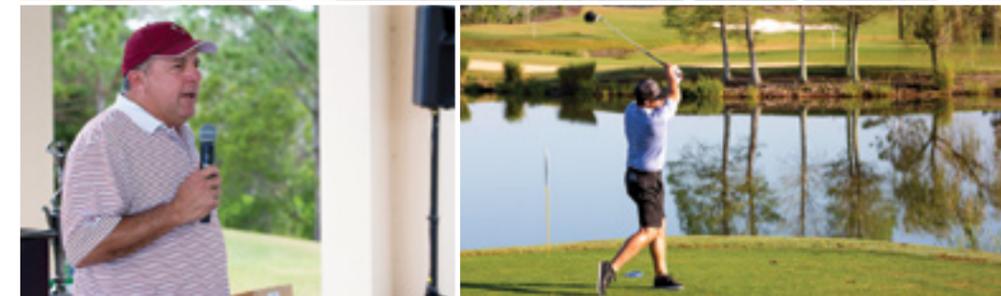
On April 22, golfers gathered at Rosen Shingle Creek golf course for the 36th Annual Golden T Classic Golf Tournament.

This was the first year the tournament was held on the Saturday during Reunion Weekend. Golfers enjoyed a four-player scramble followed by lunch and awards. Congratulations to our winning foursome of Burt von Weller, Ryan von Weller '97, Mike Kovaleski '99 and Chuck Kovaleski.

Over \$18,000 was raised during the annual event benefiting the Dr. Thomas C. Dickinson Endowed Scholarship Fund, which provides a partial scholarship to a qualified freshman with demonstrated need who is interested in the life sciences and service to others.

We would like to thank Massey Cadillac for sponsoring the tournament and hole-in-one, John and Katie Lehr for sponsoring the breakfast, Wells Fargo and Freshpoint for being Blue and Gold Sponsors and Public Trust Advisors, and LLC for being the gift sponsor. We also thank Wayne Densch, Inc., PDQ - Sanford, our prize sponsors, the tee sponsors, the steering committee and all the golfers for their contribution to the success of the day.

Make sure to save the date for the 37th Annual Golden T Classic which will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2018 at the Rosen Shingle Creek golf course. ✨





ALL ALUMNI REUNION – SATURDAY NIGHT



MILESTONE YEARS

come together to celebrate their 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35 and 40 year reunion!



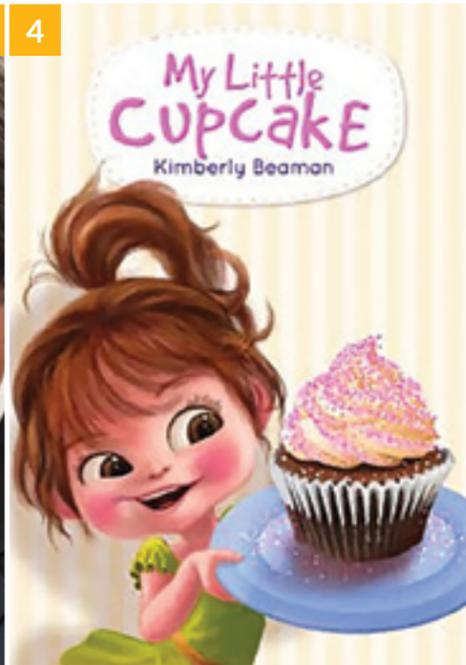
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KEVIN KILLIANY reports that after a variety of short-lived careers, he has settled down and spent some decades in public education, teaching elementary and high school and community college, and community mental health services (crisis intervention, support, and family preservation services) before becoming a full-time writer and editor in 2011. This wasn't a sudden choice; he'd been writing and editing part time for years. Until last year all of his published works had been media tie-in--stories and novels based in established "universes" like Star Trek, Doctor Who, and various role playing games. In 2016 "Down to Dirt"--the first novel in his young adult science fiction series--was published. The second volume, "Life on Dirt," was released in April 2017. He also returned to the classroom as an adjunct English instructor at Cape Fear Community College.

1973

(1) **N. DIANE HOLMES** was named to the American Cancer Society Leadership Board for a two-year term.

1977

(2) After a 20-year career with Coldwell Banker Real Estate, the last few years serving as global president and CEO in New Jersey, **BUDGE HUSKEY** and his wife Jill decided it was time for him to step away from a life on the road and return to the Sunshine State. So in October 2016, he announced his retirement and they moved to Naples, Florida where he assumed the role of president of Premier Sotheby's International Realty. It is a coming home of sorts, as Orlando is a market where his firm has four of their forty offices across Florida and North Carolina.

1979

(3) **STEVE MAHER** was named 2017 Plaintiff Personal Injury Lawyer of the Year for the Orlando area by Best Lawyers in America.

1993

USHA TEWARI was named a 2017 Fellow by the New Leaders Council-Orlando, an entrepreneurial leadership program for progressive young professionals.

PARDIS SABETI received the 2017 Richard Lounsbery Award from the National Academy of Sciences.

1998

MIKE AMBINDER was a keynote speaker for Otronicon, the Orlando Science Center's annual expo, which celebrates science, technology, engineering, the arts and mathematics through video games and computer

simulations. Mike is the senior experimental psychologist at Valve Software Corporation.

MELINDA WIMBISH is excited to report that she will be an elementary teacher with Seminole County Public Schools beginning in August 2017.

2000

(4) **KIMBERLY BEAMAN RIOS** published her first children's book in July. "My Little Cupcake" was written with accessibility in mind and uses multi-sensory learning--auditory, visual, and tactile--to increase absorption among all readers but specifically for children with dyslexia and other learning differences. This book fosters a love of reading and introduces children to the concepts of counting, color identification, sorting and sequencing.

2003

(5) **LAUREN BROWN ABBAS** and her husband Gayle welcomed their second

daughter, Sophia Corinne, in November 2016. They couldn't be happier or more in love. Two-year-old Victoria is a great big sister!

(6) **ASHLEY HURT SWEENEY** and Ray Sweeney welcomed their son, Charles Raymond Sweeney (Charlie), on September 10, 2016. The Sweeneys reside in Durham, NC. Ashley is a hospitalist physician assistant at the Durham VA Medical Center. Ray is a structural engineer with Skidmore, Owings and Merrill of New York City.

2004

DANIEL LUGASI is the Founder and Portfolio Manager of VL Capital Management. VL Capital invests primarily in the publicly traded equity of companies domiciled in the United States. The firm employs a proprietary algorithm that combines fundamental and quantitative analysis to create its active investment strategies. VL Capital was founded in 2013 and is based in Orlando.

2005

(7,8) **MADDY ZOLLO** married Nate Rusbosin on October 8 at St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church in Martha's Vineyard. Her bridesmaids included Joanna Shujman '05 and Dina Smither '05. Fellow classmates Matthew Zamore '05, Michelle (Balaguer) Olivero '05, Janeva (Waked) Morfaw '05 and Kate Tucker '05 were also in attendance. Fellow Trinity grad, Steve Van Arsdale '02 served as the best man.

2006

(9) **KIRRA HUGHES** is passionate about cultural exchange and engendering global connection. To date she has traveled to 42 countries and believes that travel is one of the best ways to learn about critical global issues and to break down stereotypes. She has two BA degrees in anthropology and comparative religions from the University of Florida. She received her master's degree in conflict transformation and



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international peacebuilding in 2013 from SIT Graduate Institute. Kirra is currently located in Cambodia, where she manages a database focused on collecting information about victims and perpetrators of human trafficking. The VCMS (Victim Case Management System) is aimed at collecting the data which will allow for policy decisions and actions meant to disrupt the environment in which trafficking occurs. In the near future, the VCMS will join forces with IOM and Polaris to create a global dataset. Prior to joining Liberty Asia, Kirra was an admissions counselor at a Vermont university. She spent six years working with nonprofits and program management, including environmental education in Oregon, traditional Tibetan medicine projects in Switzerland, and the women's movement in Nepal.

2007

(10) **JEAN-LOUIS BALAGUER** married Raquel Gorny on January 21, 2017 at

Hacienda Tekik de Regil outside Merida, Mexico. From left to right: Michelle Balaguer Olivero '05, Darshan Patel, DDS '07, Rudy Klapper '07, Kevin Lanza '07, Katie Seymour, former assistant director of admissions, Jean-Louis Balaguer '07 with bride Rachel Gordy, Abhishek Kannan, MD '07, Gaby Balaguer '14, Lisa Renee Fassett '08, and Will Matthews '07. Trinity parents who attended include the groom's parents, Dr. and Mrs. Juan Balaguer; Mr. Thad Seymour Jr, and Dr. and Mrs. Harry Shepherd.

(11,12) **DAVID MILLER** and his wife Liza welcomed twin girls, Madaline Kay Miller and Melody Joy Miller, on March 18.

(13) **AMANDA LAMOTTE**, who is performing in "Hello, Dolly!" on Broadway, was on stage when "Hello, Dolly!" accepted the Tony Award for Best Revival of a Musical.

2008

KELI MAZZA was the production secretary for the movie "Get Out," which was released earlier this year.

2009

TAE MIN KIM was featured in the Taiwan News for documenting his five-month journey in Taiwan on social media.

2010

(14) **DENEE BENTON** was nominated for a Tony Award for best performance by an actress in a leading role in a musical for her role as Natasha in "Natasha, Pierre and the Great Comet of 1812." She was also named to the 2017 Forbes Under 30 list for Hollywood & Entertainment.

2013

DYLAN MORRISSEY graduated from UF in December 2016 and, on the same day he graduated, was accepted to medical school at USF.

(15) **HANNAH PARKER** graduated from Florida State University with a degree in English Education.

MATT HOOD graduated from UF in December 2016 with a degree in accounting. He's been working in Winter Park as a tax accountant since then. He will be attending law school at Vanderbilt.

CONNOR DURHAM will graduate and receive both his bachelor's and master's degrees in accounting in May 2018 as part of a five-year master's program at the University of Florida. He also plans on taking the Certified Public Accountant examination to become a licensed CPA. He has an internship with Citibank in Tampa this summer in the finance and risk operations department.

2014

SYDNEY CARROLL is majoring in kinesiology/sports management and playing soccer at St. Edwards University.

CARSON COOPER graduated from UF this spring (a year early) and is attending Georgia Tech in the fall in the Master of City and Regional Planning program. She received a graduate assistantship and a full ride.

BILLY COOKE, who played baseball for Coastal Carolina, was named Sun Belt Player of the Year and to the third team Perfect Game/Rawlings All-American team. Billy was drafted in the eighth round of the MLB draft by the Seattle Mariners.

BRITT SHORTLE is spending the summer doing research in chemistry at Goucher and has been accepted to study abroad in Bali in the winter.

2016

(16) **JARED HERRON** and **KYLE CAVANAUGH '13** attended the College World Series as the Florida State Seminoles Baseball team punched their ticket with a win over Sam

Houston State. In the Super Regionals Kyle Cavanaugh hit a home run to score the Seminoles' 19th run of the game!

2017

(17) **TONY MORENO** was awarded Outstanding Actor in a Leading Role at the Dr. Phillips Center Applause Awards and was selected to represent Orlando at the Jimmy Awards in NYC this summer. At the Jimmy Awards, Tony was awarded the Best Actor for his performance as Don Quixote/Cervantes in *Man of La Mancha*.

(18) **JACOB SOAPES** will be attending Furman University in the fall and has accepted an opportunity with Furman's football team to be a manager. 🌟

This year, Trinity Prep said farewell

to three long-time teachers who retired after splendid, successful careers. Most of the alumni of the past 30 years remember at least one of them.



Mary Jane Ambrico



Nicole Gonzalez



Susan Speicher

Originally filling in as a substitute for a teacher who left mid-year, Mary Jane Ambrico stayed to teach Spanish at Trinity Prep for 21 years, mainly in the middle school; she chaired the World Languages department for the last 10. Her plans include spending more time with her three adult children and 11 grandchildren and caring for elderly parents.

Nicole Gonzalez taught Spanish at Trinity Prep for 16 years. She and her husband plan to travel and spend more time with family, as well as resuming Italian lessons, learning about woodworking and finance, joining a singing group, volunteering, remodeling her house, and relaxing, but just a little!

Susan Speicher, in 32 years at Trinity Prep, taught English in every grade from six to 11, initiated the AP English Language class, scored exams for the College Board, and was the first adviser

to the Trinity Voice. Whenever asked, she pinch-hit in classes of creative writing, music, and even the middle school art "wheel," as well as sponsoring prom, Habitat, and Quiz Bowl. She is retiring from teaching but continuing to share her editorial talents with Trinity Prep publications while traveling with her husband and dogs in their "big rig" RV.

Head of School Byron Lawson Jr. had dinner with the three in late May. He shares his impressions here.

You should have been there...

On a beautiful, sunset framed evening on the banks of Lake Killarney, for two hours, I was graced by charm, wit, and quickness; readily known characteristics of Nicole Gonzalez, Mary Jane Ambrico, and Sue Speicher. Together, we laughed our way down memory lane; some common memories, some not. Happily, I was along

for the ride. We ate, smiled, and laughed in a space that used to be a place with another name, but remembered as just the same in all of our thoughts. We drank sweetened tea, a bottle of Saratoga, tart lemonade, and iced coffee at a corner table mostly illuminated by darkness.

We ate well, of the sea.

Our goal for the evening was to converse, to celebrate their experiences and efforts in relative peace, if not quiet. But there were interlopers! A student from yesteryear, Zach, stopped by to introduce himself, and as he surveyed the entire table, he remembered Mrs. Ambrico, and stated, "Oh, I had you for Spanish! I use it now!" Shortly thereafter, Mrs. Speicher reminded him that she taught him as well. For a moment, the three of them shared smiles and a quick memory. He walked off with a whisper, and we returned to our meal as before. I experienced a new sense of clarity. I was the interloper, not Zach. I witnessed

Sue, Zach, and Mary Jane struggling to clarify their time together, to get right the days and weeks they shared with each other and no one else. This memory path, though freshly re-constructed for a forever instant, isolated those three from Mrs. Gonzalez and me. I was honored to be in the audience.

There was a synergy to Sue's, Mary Jane's, and Nicole's careers, often having taught the same kid at different developmental points. Each remembered fondly kids that graced their classrooms and families with whom they joined in the struggle to burst through tough times. Teachers rarely admit to having favorite students, but I saw love that night: a passion for progress, a belief that patience, persistence, and learning will engender wisdom.

The night progressed and there was, and still remained, the sweet glow of optimism, tempered by the collective wonder of how life's work will be remembered by those for whom they lost sleep, for whom they cried, and with whom they cried...

The will to care, to nurture, to discipline and improve was ever-present. As I watched the three of them bounce kids and families amongst each other, it was clear that they cherished every encounter with every student, while anticipating fully the next chapter in their lives.

At the end of our two hours together, it was clear...

They'll miss Trinity Prep...

And, Trinity Prep will miss them! †



Four long-time teachers,

Deb Costello, Paula Phillips, Dawn Ferguson, and Mariann Torres, are leaving Trinity Prep to move on with their careers. We posed six questions to them about their time at TPS: here are their responses.



Deb Costello



Paula Phillips



Dawn Ferguson



Mariann Torres

“KNIT YOURSELVES TOGETHER WITH KINDNESS. COLLECTIVELY, YOU HAVE A VERY BIG VOICE. IF YOU COMMUNICATE WITH AND SUPPORT ONE ANOTHER, YOU CAN HAVE A BIG IMPACT ON THE DIRECTION OF YOUR SCHOOL AND LIVES.”

DAWN FERGUSON

WHAT IS YOUR FAVORITE SPOT ON CAMPUS, AND WHY?

DEB COSTELLO: I park behind the Maughan Administration Building, and every morning I see a gorgeous sunrise over the lake. Witnessing such incredible beauty starts the day right. I also love the clear blue cool that is our pool, where I have spent many hours as a coach and swimmer. Some of my best photos were taken there.

PAULA PHILLIPS: By the lake behind the science building--it is both beautiful and calm, and I can see it through my classroom window during the day. If I am ever feeling overwhelmed or need a quick break, I can walk outside for a few minutes and feel refreshed and ready for the next challenge.

DAWN FERGUSON: I walk down the hallway behind the auditorium a dozen times a day, and each time, I hear musicians practicing, actors

rehearsing, and the best lunchtime silly conversations. An abundance of creativity is happening there every day.

MARIANN TORRES: My favorite spot on campus is the butterfly garden because it is peaceful, and you can observe the wildlife.

WHAT WAS YOUR FAVORITE SUBJECT/CLASS TO TEACH?

DEB COSTELLO: I am truly a math nerd at heart. The elegance and closure that calculus provides give me remarkable satisfaction.

PAULA PHILLIPS: I love all the science subjects, but AP Biology will always hold a special place in my heart.

DAWN FERGUSON: Sculpture.

MARIANN TORRES: Science.

“NEVER BE SATISFIED; FOREVER STRIVE TO BE BETTER AT WHAT YOU DO. SAY “YES” TO OPPORTUNITY, EVEN IF YOU ARE UNSURE, FOR EVEN IF YOU FAIL, YOU ALWAYS LEARN.”

DEB COSTELLO

WHAT WAS YOUR PROUDEST MOMENT AT TRINITY?

DEB COSTELLO: Every year at graduation, I am incredibly proud of the seniors, the journey they have completed and the adventures they are beginning. I am grateful for the opportunity to be part of these journeys and to help students become successful in school and in life.

PAULA PHILLIPS: Winning the award for biology Teacher of the Year.

DAWN FERGUSON: Handing my daughter her diploma.

MARIANN TORRES: A student that I taught left Trinity for a year and continued to reach out to me for help in a class. She still touches base with me now that she has graduated.

WHAT ADVICE WOULD YOU GIVE THE STUDENTS, FACULTY, AND/OR STAFF AT TRINITY?

DEB COSTELLO: Lou Holtz once said, “If what you did yesterday seems big, you haven’t done anything today.” Never be satisfied; forever strive to be better at what you do. Say “yes” to opportunity, even if you are unsure, for even if you fail, you always learn. The whole point of school is the learning, no matter which side of the desk you sit at.

PAULA PHILLIPS: Always live in the here and now: have fun, go on a trip, don’t be afraid to laugh at yourself.

DAWN FERGUSON: Knit yourselves together with kindness. Collectively, you have a very big voice. If you communicate with and support one another, you can have a big impact on the direction of your school and lives.

MARIANN TORRES: To students: Stop worrying so much about the grade you receive; focus on the content and the experiences you are having because they only happen once. To faculty and staff: Keep doing what you’re doing, because without any of you, students would not be able to grow and develop into the fine young men and women that they will be.

IF YOUR TRINITY CAREER WERE A MOVIE, WHAT WOULD YOU CALL IT, AND WHO WOULD PLAY YOU?

DEB COSTELLO: My movie would simply be called “Happiness.” The whole story of my movie is to do what you love and love what you do. Every day I get up and happily go to work. My work is play; my colleagues, friends; and my students, awesome. I would probably be played by the Cookie Monster. He’s a happy muppet, and he always has plenty of snacks.

PAULA PHILLIPS: “Transformation Lab.” Keri Russell (-).

DAWN FERGUSON: “Centered.” Melissa McCarthy.

MARIANN TORRES: “An Incredible Journey.” Kate Winslet.

WHAT ARE YOUR FUTURE PLANS?

DEB COSTELLO: I’ve accepted a position as math teacher at Deerfield Academy, a boarding school in Massachusetts, where I can watch Rory play football at Holy Cross and attend Ian’s shows at Emerson College. Orlando will still be our home, and I plan to return often.

PAULA PHILLIPS: I’ve accepted a position at The Hun School of Princeton in Princeton, NJ, as a science teacher and coach, as well as continuing my consulting work there for the Educational Testing Service and College Board.

DAWN FERGUSON: I’m moving to Virginia to be a resident artist at Libertytown Arts in Fredericksburg, serving on their advisory board and participating in a national group of women artists.

MARIANN TORRES: I plan to teach fourth grade at the Double-R School, which my daughters currently attend, and spending more time with my family. ✨



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(1-3) **MAUREEN MAY** was the prep conductor for John Williams when the Orlando Philharmonic Orchestra (OPO) performed at the “40 Years of Star Wars” convention. She got to play cello when John Williams was conducting. She is the artistic director of the Metropolitan Area Youth Symphony (MAYS), where she oversees 250 area students. On their final concert, she conducted several of our TPS students in the orchestra with the OPO music director, Eric Jacobsen, and the Cleveland Institute of Music cellist, Si-Yan Darren Li, in the Vivaldi

Double Concerto at Bob Carr. She will once again be a featured performer on August 7 with the Orlando Philharmonic Sounds of Summer series. You can also see her in the Pixar Live! orchestra at Hollywood Studios this summer. In July, she will be a clinician and performer at the Moravian Music Festival in North Carolina.

(4) **AMARYLIS HEARD** was named as one of Orlando Family Magazine’s 2017 Teachers of the Year.

NATHAN JOHNSTON was elected District Chair of the National Speech and Debate Association’s Florida Panther District and Secretary of the North Florida Catholic Forensics League.

In June, **JANINE PAPIN** performed in “Next to Normal” at Valencia College.

SUSAN FREDERICK will be involved in the UCF Visions program starting in June, studying and researching facial recognition software and other computer topics.

In July, English teacher **ERIN MILLER ’00** is participating in a week-long workshop by the National Endowment for the Humanities on Central Florida writer Zora Neale Hurston.

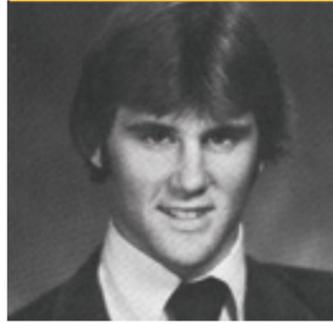
(5) **DENISE MUSSELWHITE**, Director of Technology, will present a two-day workshop in Chicago on July 13-14. The workshop, in partnership with the Association of Technology Leaders in Independent Schools, will focus on Cyber Security in Independent Schools and include leaders in the field from schools and companies across the United States.

DREW NEMEC has been named interim athletic director at Trinity Prep for the 2017-18 school year. Coach Nemec is entering his 19th year at Trinity and has served as the assistant athletic director throughout his time here. He has also coached many different sports, including football, track, weightlifting and tennis.

JENNIFER HENCKEN, Professional Development Coordinator, was a featured speaker at the Superior Tech For Teachers Conference in Clearwater on June 7-9. Her presentation involved an idea called BOGO: Bring One,

Get One, which focused on inspiring educators to share, network, and collaborate, both physically and virtually. She will also be a featured speaker at the Orlando Learning Summit at Park Maitland School in July, doing the same presentation with a strong focus on G Suite.

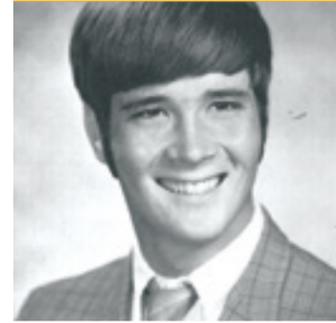
COACH MIKE HILL and **COACH KEN VINAL** were named the 2016 Boys High School Cross Country Coaches of the Year for the state of Florida by the United States Track & Field Cross Country Coaches Association. 🌟



MARK CLAYTON '81

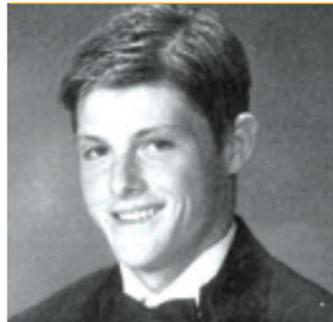
Alumnus
November 1, 1963 - March 24, 2017
Mark Alexander Clayton passed away on Friday, March 24, 2017. Mark was born on November 1, 1963 in Orlando to Malcolm and Mary-Damon Clayton. Mark was a third generation general contractor and real estate developer in Central Florida. In addition to his parents; Mark is survived by his loving wife Keli and their two children, Taylor and Tanner. He is also survived by his siblings; Ken (Joan) Clayton, Deedee (Bill) Warren, Craig (Barbara) Clayton, Carol (Phil) Sealy, and Brant (Yvonne) Clayton, along with numerous nieces,

nephews, cousins and friends. Mark grew up in Orlando, graduated from Trinity Preparatory School in 1981 and received a BBA from Mercer University in 1986. Mark loved the Lord and was a dedicated member of Faith Assembly. His artistic ability, talent and work ethic translated into the construction of many award-winning custom homes. He was a past member and president of the Master Custom Builder Council, a past board member of Mid-Florida Home Builders Association, and past chairman of Central Florida Parade of Homes. Mark was an active volunteer for the Coalition for the Homeless, constructing, with the MCBC, 17 villas for Give Kids the World, and was a member of the board of directors of the Boys and Girls Club of Eatonville. Mark loved any outdoor activity, including skiing, kayaking, surfing, sailing and fishing. He also enjoyed a fine cigar with a Perrier while playing his guitar. Mark will be greatly missed by all those who had the privilege of knowing him. ✨



WILLIAM (BILL) FOLK '70

Alumnus
August 26, 1952 - June 8, 2017
William (Bill) Folk passed away on June 8, 2017, after a brief illness. He was the son of the late Kenneth Steedly and Ann Durrance Folk. He graduated from Trinity Preparatory School in Winter Park and attended Florida State University. He was a self-employed piano technician. Survivors include his son, Charles Steedly Folk; daughter, Melissa Jean Folk; brother, Kenneth Steedly Folk, Jr; and niece, Julia Folk Zimmerman. ✨



MICHAEL CHRISTOPHER CANNELL '99

Alumnus
October 10, 1980 - June 17, 2017
Michael arrived at Trinity Prep in the fall of 1998 as a "Senior Surprise"! He was quickly welcomed as one of their own and played football and baseball, making friends for life. He enjoyed sports including snowboarding,

skateboarding, and fishing, and was known for his athletic abilities. He was full of life, always making people laugh and enjoying their time with him. He graduated with a Bachelor of Science in Chemical Engineering from the University of Florida in 2004 and spent much of his career working for Siemens Energy Inc. He is survived by his beloved parents Michael and Carol Cannell, sister Nicole Yates and her husband Ryan Yates. Michael loved adventure, the outdoors, his pets, and anything he could do to make life better for all those whom he came to know. He is loved and will be missed by many. ✨



ANDREW (DREW) CARTER '83

Alumnus
September 17, 1964 - March 25, 2017





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