A Festival of Women’s Genius

As Trinity College concludes its Centennial Era celebration, the impact of Trinity's first century and the successive changes that followed can be seen in recent graduates and active alumnae, in surrounding communities and neighborhoods, and in countless other people who have passed through these doors over the course of the past 100 years.

From strong foundations to new beginnings, the campus and climate has seen change, yet many facets remain intact. From the belief that women deserve an education when four female students first walked into Main Hall on November 3, 1900, to our most recent graduates pursuing careers and dreams in the world today, Trinity continues to challenge its students, to ask for their individual best, their group unity and their overall involvement in the world in which we live.

This commemorative issue of Trinity Magazine captures the highlights of “A Festival of Women’s Genius,” a celebration of the conclusion of Trinity’s Centennial Era. This three-year celebration, which began in 1997 with a series of events throughout the year to commemorate the founding of Trinity in 1897, concluded with “A Festival of Women’s Genius” to mark the historic moment in fall 1900 when students first arrived on campus and classes began. The Festival observed important events that took place that year a century ago, beginning with the first day the Sisters of Notre Dame moved onto campus on October 25, the first faculty meeting on October 27, and the first day of class on November 8.

As Trinity honored the past, we also celebrated the future, hosting the Washington Women of Genius Luncheon on November 3, in honor of the first day that Trinity students arrived on campus in 1900. A day later, groundbreaking occurred for the new Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports, a home to future athletes, a venue for future campus events, and a defining next chapter of Trinity’s compelling history.

Past traditions and future growth will always continue to define and shape Trinity College. We salute the Women of Genius from these early years and we applaud the future generations of Women of Genius. Each in her own right embodies the beliefs, the dreams and the realities of what truly can be achieved.
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President Patricia McGuire

2001: The very mention of this number conjures fantastic images of space and travel beyond the known world to places once unfathomable. But the fathoms seem less deep with the year now fast upon the human race, still persistently clinging to terra firma; space travel seems far less pressing an issue than whether to "go wireless" in the Year 2001. It's not that our imaginations are less fertile; but our realities today are more fantastic, in so many ways, than the science fiction writers could have known just a short time ago.

If we tend to laugh at the conventions of a movie about the future made in 1968 — before Neil Armstrong set foot on the moon, before personal computers were invented, before cell phones became indispensable, before the "wired" campus became a necessity in education — if we find the movie images of "Bell Telephone" and "Pan Am" quaint, then what about the images and customs and styles of a time before such modernity, a place founded in response to a need that no longer exists in quite the same way — a Catholic college for women established on the crest of the rising Industrial Revolution of the 19th Century now serving the educational needs of the 21st society of cyberspace and its New Economy?

Historic Mission, New Directions

Trinity College in 2001 is a place reaching back and moving forward, all at once, in a dynamic ballet of memory and prophecy, vision and retrospective. The Centennial Era that Trinity has observed for the last three years, marking the period from the founding in 1897 to the opening of school in 1900, has been a time for Trinity to affirm her historic mission while developing new directions and programs for the years ahead; to envision a future that embraces the dynamic changes in society and its educational needs while also planning the means and methods by which the College can transport its core beliefs and values into the brave new world of the 21st Century.

At the turn of the last century, when the Founders of Trinity College were pushing the stone masons and carpenters to get some part of Main Hall open in time for a fall semester in 1900, the idea of a higher education for women was largely a novelty. On November 3, 1900, when the first students moved into the thenunfinished South Hall of what would ultimately become Trinity's revered Main Hall, the great history of women's education was still largely unwritten, and institutions like Mt. Holyoke, Smith, Wellesley, Vassar and Bryn Mawr were just beginning to penetrate the public consciousness.

Dramatic Changes

What a difference 100 years makes! When the Trinity family gathered for the Centennial Festival from October 25 through November 8, 2000, we could look back with great awe and admiration on a century that saw the role of women in society change dramatically, in no small part as a result of the courage of our Founders and the accomplishments of women's colleges and their graduates. The brackets of one short century show dramatic changes: In 1900, women would still have to wait nearly 20 years to gain the right to vote. In 2000, the First Lady, herself a graduate of a women's college, won election to the United States Senate.
In 1900, women’s careers were largely circumscribed by the customs of the day to what was then considered to be ‘women’s work’ in teaching and nursing and home economics. In 2000, women can be found in virtually every career field, with only a few limitations; and women CEOs are growing in number. In 1900, there was a general concern that if women engaged in sports too vigorously, they might do physical harm to themselves, or even go mad. In 2000, women’s athletic feats dominated the Olympics. In the space of less than 100 years, the success of women’s colleges played a large role in convincing a once-skeptical world that women could learn and achieve at the highest levels in just about any field of endeavor. Indeed, so successful were women’s colleges in making the case for women’s abilities and potential that they nearly put themselves out of business entirely; from a high of nearly 300 women’s colleges in 1960, 75 continue today, 21 of which are the historic Catholic women’s colleges. What happened to the others? Of the roughly 200 institutions that once existed as women’s colleges but no longer, a number chose coeducation; some merged with universities; many more simply closed their doors. As recently as the Fall of 2000, three Catholic women’s colleges did just that: Emmanuel in Boston chose coeducation; Marymount Tarrytown has merged with Fordham; and, sadly, Trinity in Vermont closed.

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Declaration of Strength and Resilience

Against this reality, our Centennial celebration at Trinity College in Washington represents more than a nostalgic salute to a great past; Trinity’s Centennial Era has been a declaration of the strength and resilience of our alma mater through a time of great challenge and change in higher education, women’s colleges, Catholic colleges and the larger society. Trinity’s Centennial moment served as the platform to launch the second Trinity century, a time horizon stretching well beyond the range of our current vision, but whose foundation we must secure today in order to ensure Trinity’s durability through the next 100 years in the same way that our Founders secured the foundation for Trinity’s first century.

Trinity has chosen a different direction from those colleges mentioned above, a fourth option—the option to reaffirm what is most important and distinctive about our historic mission and values.
by engaging in the arduous task of radical institutional transformation. Trinity has chosen to remain a women’s college in the core undergraduate program, even as other degree levels and programs flourish for women and men of all ages, because Trinity believes that many women still learn best in a place that focuses on their success and advancement. In all of its programs, Trinity has embraced a broad diversity of students in order to live its mission not only as a woman-centered institution, but also as a Catholic college, faithfully seeking ways to make the power of education accessible to those who might not otherwise have this advantage. The choice has been life-giving for Trinity. In the Year 2001, Trinity is confident that the strategic directions embodied in the new strategic plan, Beyond Trinity 2000, will be the firm foundation to ensure a second century for Trinity at least as ambitious as the first.

Confidence in Our Future

Going forward into the first decade of the 21st Century, Trinity College is now a comprehensive university with three distinct academic schools: the historic women’s college is the undergraduate College of Arts and Sciences; the more recent Weekend College is now part of a larger, coeducational School of Professional Studies; the longstanding coeducational graduate programs in teacher education now form the School of Education. Trinity in the Year 2001 is on the move in many different directions: in just the last ten months, Trinity has received nearly $2.5 million in public and private grants for technology and workforce education, including a major partnership with America Online, as well as grants from the U.S. Department of Education and the Department of Labor. These grants will make it possible for Trinity to transform our classrooms and instructional environments, as well as our teacher preparation program, to ensure that Trinity’s curricula and pedagogy continue to meet the needs of the modern age. These grants are in addition to the nearly $8 million already in hand for the Centennial Campaign that supports the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports. These gifts and grants are evidence of the public confidence that Trinity has earned from friends and family alike.

Confidence in Trinity’s direction and future, and affirmation of Trinity’s critical mission in today’s society, were themes that echoed through the Centennial Festival from October 25 to November 8. Each day, we gathered in a special way to recall the work of the Founders and their first students and faculty. Even as we recalled their gifts of fortitude and courage, we felt inspired to press forward with our own ambitious plans for the new Trinity Century. So it was that, even as we remembered and honored the first day the Sisters of Notre Dame moved onto campus (October 25), the first faculty meeting (October 27), the first day that students arrived (November 3) and the first day of class (November 8), we also chose to honor that magnificent moment of 100 years ago by calling together new partners in the Washington Women of Genius Luncheon (November 3), and to build for the future through groundbreaking for the new Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports. In recalling the past, we reached for the future, following the example of our Founders.

We are profoundly grateful to all of the alumnae and alumni, spouses and parents and children, families and friends, corporate and civic leaders, and neighbors who made Trinity’s Centennial Festival a time of great joy, fond remembrance and enthusiastic renewal. Let us go forward with confidence and pride, preparing the way for a new century of achievement for Trinity Women, for all of our students, and for the families, cities and communities they will serve in generations to come.
Trinity Breaks Ground for the Center for Women and Girls in Sports

"Thank you, Trinity, for the extraordinary way in which you are developing this Women in Sports Center with outreach to Ward 5 and to the city, and to our public school programs. This is the way in which higher education has to be done today if it is to be successful."

CONGRESSWOMAN
ELEANOR HOLMES NORTON
D.C. Delegate to the U.S. Congress

From left to right: Jan Verhage, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital; Bea Rice, 2012 Olympic Coalition; Robin Campbell, Track & Field Olympian; Jair Lynch, Olympic Silver Medalist, gymnastics; Dan Kneze, 2012 Olympic Coalition; Melissa McFerrin, Washington Mystics; Lillian Greene-Chamberlain, Women's Sports Foundation; and Patricia McGuire, Trinity College President.

MORE THAN 400 ENTHUSIASTIC Trinity alumnae, students and families joined Olympic athletes, distinguished politicians, and friends for the ceremonial groundbreaking of the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports. The festivities on November 4, 2000, which brought a close to Trinity's three-year Centennial Celebration, marked the beginning of a new century of growth and progress for the College.

"The Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports is a symbol of the renaissance of Trinity College, and also of the renaissance of the District of Columbia," said President Patricia McGuire as she opened the ceremonies on a crisp fall day. "This building is so much more than an athletic center. This is a project that will secure the future of Trinity."

The Trinity Center, which will be built adjacent to Alumnae Hall, will house the first indoor athletic and recreational facil-
“As Trinity celebrates 100 years of brilliant women, we are here today to celebrate yet another aspect of that brilliance, and the excellence that comes when women develop, not only mind and spirit, but also body.”

**MELISSA MCFERRIN**
General Manager, Washington Mystics

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“As alumnæ, we know that this day symbolizes a whole new era in Trinity’s history and that is part of the huge excitement for us. We applaud this, and we applaud the vision and grit that has made this happen.”

**PEGGY HOFFMAN O’BRIEN ’69**
President of the Alumnæ Association of Trinity College

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“We are especially appreciative of the leadership of Trinity College in recognizing the psychological, sociological and physiological effects of sports participation for women and girls. Girls and women who play sports have higher levels of confidence and self-esteem.”

**DR. LILLIAN GREENE-CHAMBERLAIN**
Board of Trustees, Women’s Sports Foundation

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“Women’s sports have really taken center stage, and I can say for all of us that it’s about time! Today, we are also celebrating another great breakthrough in women’s and girl’s sports in the District of Columbia by the building of this great center.”

**DAN KNISE**
President, 2012 Olympic Coalition

Ities in the College’s history. This unique facility will provide athletic and academic enrichment opportunities for students, while expanding Trinity’s community outreach through partnerships with the Girl Scouts and other organizations.

Trinity’s connection to the community was clear as the ceremonies began with a festive parade that included a local Girl Scout troop, students from the DC SCORES soccer program at nearby Shady Elementary school, and youth participants from the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation. The Trinity Tiger, student athletes and student leaders joined the parade carrying class banners and state flags, marching to the tunes of the H.D. Woodson Senior High School Pep Band. Alumnæ, students and friends cheered the parade wearing painter’s caps and waving pennants in class colors.

The ceremonies took place on the athletic field behind Alumnæ Hall, at the future site of the entrance to the Trinity Center.

“What a way to celebrate the 100th anniversary of this extraordinary institution!” said D.C. Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton, to cheers. “It’s a celebration for Trinity College and all of the District of Columbia. What we initiate here today is the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports for Trinity women. But it will also be for the women and girls of this community and this city.”

Norton noted that “educational organizations have to follow the leadership of Trinity to become the heart and soul of the city.”

Several city leaders also expressed their support for Trinity’s new project, including Vincent Orange, council member from Ward 5, Advisory Neighborhood Commissioner Deborah Smith, and Virginia Williams, representing her son, D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams.

Jair Lynch, silver medalist and captain of the 1996 U.S. Men’s Gymnastics team, said, “The Trinity Center will be a place where
young people can participate in athletics, and understand the importance of determination and hard work, and see how they can apply those attributes to their work place, to their school work, and to their life endeavors." Lynch was joined at the podium by other sports leaders, including Olympic track and field athlete Robin Campbell; Lillian Greene-Chamberlain of the Women’s Sports Foundation; Melissa McFerrin, general manager of the women’s professional basketball team, the Washington Mystics; and Dan Knise, president of the 2012 Olympic Coalition, which is working to bring the 2012 Olympics to the Washington-Baltimore metropolitan area.

Speaking on behalf of Trinity’s benefactors, Barbara Jenemann Mack ’53, said, "This ceremony celebrates the true spirit of Trinity – the love of the past, joining hands with friends and benefactors to shape a future." Other members of the Trinity community who spoke at the ceremonies included President Emerita Sister Margaret Claydon ’45, S.N.D., Alumnae Association President Peggy Hoffman O'Brien, student leaders, and Sisters of Notre Dame.

To officially break ground for the Trinity Center, President McGuire was joined by Eleanor "Sis" McGue Millhiser ’41, and her husband Ross, whose $1 million challenge pledge launched Trinity’s Centennial Campaign for the building. Donning hard hats, with gold shovels in hand, they symbolically launched Trinity’s second century.

Alumnae, students, Sisters of Notre Dame and guests also took a turn at breaking ground for the new building. The day’s festivities continued with a celebratory luncheon, the annual student-alumnae soccer game (students won, 4-2), and a Grand Festival in Main Hall. 

“When we talk about a billion dollars of economic development taking place in Ward 5, part of that billion dollars is Trinity College and the $20 million facility that will be built here.”

The Honorable Vincent Orange
D.C. Council Member, Ward 5

“I’m grateful always to see so many people who want to do things that are positive for our young people and make them realize how important they are to us and to the community. I ask each and every one of you to go from this place and know that you have opened the door for a child, and that child will turn around and open the door for someone else.”

Mrs. Virginia Williams
On behalf of her son,
D.C. Mayor Anthony Williams

“When I came to Trinity as a freshman in 1941, I was here for about twenty minutes when I said, ‘Where’s the gym?’ And they all sort of looked at me and said, ‘Well we DO have a swimming pool!’ So for me, this is a dream that is 60 years old.”

Sister Margaret Claydon, S.N.D., ’45 President Emerita

“This groundbreaking is a moment to reflect on the dreams to come.”

Jair Lynch
1996 Olympic Silver Medalist
Captain, U.S. Men’s Gymnastics Team
The Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports

Mens sana in corpore sano — A healthy mind in a healthy body

From Trinity’s earliest days, the Sisters of Notre Dame recognized the importance of athletics in the education of a well-rounded woman. Physical fitness classes were required of students, and in the 1911 catalog, the stated needs of the College included a gymnasium.

In 1914, the alumnae established the “gym fund,” and enough money was raised to build the pool, which opened a year later in 1915. However, each time the Sisters of Notre Dame decided what to build next, the academic, residential and spiritual needs of the students took precedence.

As Trinity launches its second century, the need for indoor athletic facilities is greater than ever. College students today desire strong athletic programs as well as outstanding academic offerings.

The Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports will provide state-of-the-art athletic facilities for the campus community. Additionally, the facility will enable Trinity to expand after-school and summer programs for youth from the

With the existing Alumnae Hall on the right, this rendering shows the front entrance of the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports.
surrounding community, as well as offer seminars on topics such as health and wellness for adults.

Envisioned as the “heart” of the campus, the Trinity Center will be constructed adjacent to Alumnae Hall, echoing the architectural themes of this historic building.

While bringing vitality to the campus, the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports will achieve three important goals:

**PROVIDE INDOOR ATHLETIC FACILITIES**

For the first time, Trinity will have comprehensive facilities for intercollegiate and recreational athletics, and wellness and fitness, including: a swimming pool; a multi-use gymnasium for basketball, volleyball and special events; weight and exercise rooms; dance and aerobics studio; locker rooms and athletic offices.

**INCREASE ENROLLMENT ACROSS ALL ACADEMIC PROGRAMS AND ATTRACT MORE RESIDENTIAL STUDENTS**

Market studies show that providing excellent athletic facilities is essential to Trinity’s strategic plan for enrollment growth, which will enhance the College’s fiscal health and strengthen its academic programs.

**EXPAND TRINITY’S OUTREACH PROGRAMS FOR THE COMMUNITY**

Building on partnerships that the College has already established with the Girl Scouts, DC SCORES soccer program, D.C. Public Schools and the Washington Tennis and Education Foundation, the Trinity Center will offer structured after-school and summer programs for children and adolescent girls, including sports clinics, wellness programs, and activities that combine academic enrichment with sports and fitness.

The Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports is part of a larger project that will create a campus center in Alumnae Hall. Phase one of this project entails the building of the new athletic center, renovation of the basement of Alumnae Hall for a fitness center, and site work. As part of the site work, the project will build a new competition field and new tennis courts, and expand parking. The total cost of phase one is $20 million. Phase two of this project will include further renovation of Alumnae Hall, including the kitchen and dining hall facilities.

Trinity is working with the award-winning firms of Geier, Brown and Renfrow Architects (specialists in historic renovation) and the Hughes Group (athletic facilities experts). Site work is set to begin in spring 2001, and plans call for the Trinity Center to open in Fall 2002.

Trinity has launched the Centennial Campaign to support the financing of the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports. The Campaign seeks to raise $15 million to support the construction of the new athletic center and related site work. Trinity will reach the initial goal of $10 million in 2001, $12 million when the Trinity Center opens in Fall 2002, and $15 million by 2003.

The Campaign has been greeted with enthusiastic support from alumnae and friends, bringing the total to more than $8 million. Trinity's commitment to outreach, a trait that has characterized the College since its founding by the Sisters of Notre Dame a century ago, has held special appeal for a number of Washington foundations and corporations which have contributed nearly $1 million to date. These supporters include the Fannie Mae Foundation, Arcana Foundation, Eugene and Agnes E. Meyer Foundation, Philip L. Graham Fund, Deloitte & Touche, Horning Brothers, MBNA and Chevy Chase Bank.
Above – Alumnae Hall was full of energy as prominent Washington area women networked with Trinity students and faculty.

Pair more than 100 women of genius with 300 Trinity students and you get a networking buzz that cannot be believed! The “Washington Women of Genius” luncheon was an opportunity unparalleled for Trinity’s students, who networked with top women leaders in the Washington metropolitan area. The event took place on the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first students on Trinity’s campus on November 3, 1900.

“We thought there would be no more powerful way to mark our Centennial than by assembling this great gathering of Washington’s finest women here today, and providing our students with the opportunity to meet these dynamic leaders,” said President Patricia McGuire at the luncheon in Alumnae Hall. The women leaders who were honored represented a range of fields, including business, law, media, the arts and medicine.

Incredible Experience
First-year student Lesbern Lewis, who is studying to be an engineer in Trinity’s five-year program, shared a table with Belle Wheelan, president of Northern Virginia Community College and Brigadier General Wilma L. Vaught, USAF, Ret. “It was a wonderful, incredible experience,” Lewis said after the lunch with a broad smile.

“This was just amazing,” echoed Emily Anozie ’03.

“Every woman here was a president or a vice president. They inspired me to do that homework to get ahead. One president told me to call her about an internship next summer.”
Trinity Students Network with Women Leaders

Second-year student Chastity Hicks, a business administration major, said the "opportunity was great. We talked about their businesses and my goals and a lot of general topics, just to get to know each other."
100 Washington Women of Genius

Anne Allen
President, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

Katherine L. Alley, M.D.
Director, The Breast Center, Suburban Hospital Healthcare System, Inc.

Judith C. Areen
Executive Vice President, Dean and Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Pamela G. Bailey
President, Advanced Medical Technology Association

Constance U. Battle, M.D. '63
Executive Director, NIH Foundation

Susan J. Blumenthal, M.D.
U.S. Assistant Surgeon General, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

Brooksley Born
Partner, Arnold & Porter

Donella Brockington
Vice President of Company Operations, Lockheed Martin

Anne L. Bryant
Executive Director, National School Boards Association

Maureen Bunyan
News Anchor, WJLA-TV

Janine Burns
Principal, Atlantic Resource Group

Peggy Cooper Cafritz
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Nancy Duff Campbell
Co-president, National Women's Law Center

Michele Cavataio
Vice President of Corporate Relations, AOL Time Warner

Katherine Cook
Vice President, The Lukens Cook Company

Maadine Cooper
President, Greater Washington Urban League

Linda W. Cropp
Chairman, Council of the District of Columbia

Stacey H. Davis
President & CEO, Fannie Mae Foundation

Susan Davis
President & CEO, Susan Davis International

Jane Holmes Dixon
Suffragan Bishop of the Episcopal Diocese of Washington

Cari M. Dominguez
Principal, Dominguez & Associates

Betty Cole Dukert
Retired Executive Producer, “Meet the Press”

Maureen E. Dwyer
Partner, Shaw Pittman

Above - WJLA-TV news anchors Maureen Bunyan (left) and Kathleen Matthews (right) with President Patricia McGuire.

Left - “Women of Genius” in training.

Below - Sarah Danley '01 (left) with Roberta Sims, vice president, Washington Gas Company.
Marilyn M. Eaton
Retired Federal Administrative Judge

Janet Farrell
Senior Vice President, Allfirst Bank

Penelope Farthing
Partner, Patton Boggs

Kellyanne Fitzpatrick '89
President & Founder, The Polling Company

Penelope Collier Fletcher
Deputy Director, Pope John Paul II Cultural Center

Doreen Gentry
News Anchor, NBC-Channel 4

Hope Gleicher
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Joyce Hens Green
U.S. District Judge

Virginia D. Green
Chairman & President, Strategic Force

Marcia Greenberger
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Phyllis Greenberger
Executive Director, Society for Women's Health Research

Michele V. Hagans
President, Fort Lincoln New Town Corporation

Veronica A. Haggert
Corporate Vice President & Director, One Motorola Ventures

Artis Hampshire-Cowan
Vice President & Secretary, Howard University

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Vice President for Finance, Metropolitan Washington Airports Authority

Harriet Henges
Executive Vice President, United States Institute of Peace

Frankie Hewitt
Producing Artistic Director, Ford's Theatre

Rita Hofbauer
President, SOAR!

Wilhelmina Cole Holladay
Chair of the Board & Founder, National Museum of Women in the Arts

Mary Davis Holt
Senior Executive Vice President, Time Life, Inc.

Charlene Drew Jarvis, Ph.D.
President, Southeastern University

Marie C. Johns
President & CEO, Verizon – Washington, D.C., Inc.

Emma Coleman Jordan
Professor of Law, Georgetown University Law Center

Sister Carol Keenan
President & CEO, Providence Hospital

Claudia J. Kennedy
Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Retired, United States Army

Barbara Bailey Kennelly '58
Baker & Hostetler; former member of U.S. Congress

Teresa M. Klaassen
Founder & Executive Vice President, Sunrise Assisted Living

Maureen Talty Konschuh '70
Executive Vice President, Allfirst Financial, Inc.

Joelly R. Kress, FAIA
Director, Office of Zoning, District of Columbia
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Peggy A. Lewis ’77
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Children’s Defense Fund

Natalie Ludaway
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Louise Lynch
Chairman & CEO,
Corcus Associates

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WEST*GROUP

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Senior Vice President,
State Government Relations,
Bank of America

Kathleen Matthews
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Mara Mayor
Director, The Smithsonian Associates

Floretta Dukes McKenzie
Chairwoman, The McKenzie Group, Inc.

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Clear Channel Communications, Inc.

Annette Polan
Associate Professor & Artist,
Corcoran College of Art and Design

Margaret Milner Richardson
Partner, Ernst & Young

Delba Riddick
Executive Vice President,
Eureka Communities

Angelia Rodriguez
Executive Director,
D.C. College Access Program

Julie Rogers
President, Eugene and
Agnes E. Meyer Foundation

Pauline A. Schneider
Partner, Hunton & Williams

Carol Schwartz
Councilmember At-Large,
Council of the District of Columbia

Jadwiga Sebrechts
President, Women’s College Coalition

Roberta W. Sims
Vice President, Washington Gas

Molly D. Smith
Artistic Director, Arena Stage

Above – NBC Channel 4 news anchor Doreen Gentzler with N’mah Keita ’04 (left) and Karen Hines ’04.

Left – Kellyanne Fitzpatrick ’89, president and founder, The Polling Company (right) with Dr. Ira Reed, professor of political science, and Burnes Roberts-Boddie, registrar.

Below – Pauline Schneider, partner, Hunton & Williams; and Jan Verhage, executive director, Girl Scout Council of the Nation’s Capital.
Searetha Smith  
Associate Superintendent,  
D.C. Public Schools

Rynthia M. Sober  
Vice President, Public Affairs, GEICO

Dana B. Stebbins  
Partner, Wilkes, Artis, Hedrick & Lane

Bette Alexander Steiger  
President, Steiger Associates

Nancy Harvey Steorts  
President, Nancy Harvey Steorts International

Jill Stephens  
Secretary, AOL Time Warner Foundation

Ann S. Stock  
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Marna S. Tucker  
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Maria Tukeva  
Principal, Bell Multicultural High School

Wilma L. Vaught  
Brigadier General, Retired, U.S. Air Force; President, Women in Military Service Memorial Foundation

Jan A. Verhage  
Executive Director, Girl Scout Council of the Nation's Capital

Annice M. Wagner  
Chief Judge, D.C. Court of Appeals

Carol Cox Wait  
President, Committee for a Responsible Federal Budget; Carol Cox Associates

Anne Wexler  
Chairman, The Wexler Group

Belle Wheelan  
President, Northern Virginia Community College

Maggie Williams '77  
President, Fenton Communications

Joan Worthington  
Director, Internet Services Group, System Source

April L. Young  
Senior Vice President & Director, Imperial Bank

Kinney Zalesne  
Deputy Director & General Counsel, College Summit

Janice A. Zarro  
Vice President of Government Affairs Worldwide, Mallinckrodt, Inc.

Kathleen Zeifang '72  
Program Officer, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation

Above – Anne Allen, president, The Morris and Gwendolyn Cafritz Foundation (right) and Sarah Danley '01.

Below – Catherine Meloy, senior vice president of sales, Clear Channel Communications and Trinity trustee, with Leslie Hill '01.

To read more about the 100 Washington Women of Genius honored by Trinity College, visit Trinity’s website at www.trinitydc.edu and select the Festival of Women’s Genius logo. From there, choose “November 3: Women of Genius Luncheon,” then click on “Biographies.”
Sisters of Notre Dame: Pioneering Women of Genius

The two-week Festival of Women’s Genius began, appropriately, with a full day of celebration of the Sisters of Notre Dame de Namur, the founding order of Trinity College. The day, October 25, 2000, marked the 100th anniversary of the arrival of the first S.N.D. residents on Trinity’s campus. Alumnae, friends and members of the campus community gathered to pay tribute to the legacy and leadership of the Sisters of Notre Dame.

A Mass was celebrated in Notre Dame Chapel by the Very Rev. David O’Connell, president of The Catholic University of America, who said in his homily: “The world in the year 2000 is a very different one from that encountered by the first students and sisters one hundred years ago. And Trinity College is very different today than it was then, responding to each change and challenge, to the needs of its students over the years with the same energy and enthusiasm as its founders.”

Nestled in His Palm

Mass was followed by a luncheon in Social Hall and a panel featuring Sister Margaret Claydon ’45, president emerita; Sister Rosemary Bosler ’62, associate professor of education; Sister Bernadette Glodek ’60; and Sister Mary Hayes ’57, Trinity’s archivist and history professor. They tried to get this place ready to receive the students,” Sister Julia wrote. She also felt “nestled in the palm of God’s hands here in the grove of pines, cedars, and oaks, and maples.” That first night they were there, Sister Julia wrote they could “see the lights of the gypsies of Lincoln Road in their gay clothes and bright lanterns.”

Our Little Best

Sister Rosemarie said that establishing schools when the order was founded in France in 1804 by Sister Julie Billiart was not only a response to a national need, but to a religious one. “Sister Julie wrote, There is no one left in the world to do anything about Christian education. Let us do our little best to bring it to the few.”

Almost 200 years later, hundreds of thousands of students around the world have been recipients of the Sisters of Notre Dame’s “little best.” Today, the Sisters of Notre Dame run schools and ministries worldwide and throughout the United States.

The Sisters of Notre Dame who founded Trinity were truly women of genius, and their pioneer spirit continues to guide the mission and values of the College today.
Trinity Students Travel Through Time

To celebrate the 100th anniversary of the arrival of Trinity’s very first students on November 3, current students Odemaris Torres, Bridget Shanahan, Aisha McCrory, and Janita Love donned the garb of 1900 in a delightful re-enactment of the first day of class at Trinity College.

As turn-of-the-20th century students Mary McGorrisk of Des Moines, Iowa; Jessie Lee Johnson of Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Helen Scanlon of Hancock, Michigan; and Elsie Parsons of Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; they “time-traveled” ahead 100 years to talk to students of the 21st century. They were joined in a National Public Radio-style broadcast by Sister Maura Prendergast, S.N.D., ’61, portraying Sister Superior Lidwine, first president of the College, and Trinity’s current archivist, Sister Mary Hayes, S.N.D., ’57, who was delighted to have a chance to interview the women of the past.

Quite Intense

Discussing what the first day of class was like on November 8, 1900, Bridget Shanahan, as Jessie Lee Johnson, said, “We started with assembly and mathematics at 8:30 a.m., church history at 9:30 a.m., intermission at 10:30 a.m., Greek at 10:45 a.m. French was at 2:30 p.m. and German was at 3:15 p.m.” She continued recounting the grueling schedule, and finished with, “At 8 p.m., we studied in our rooms, and at 9:30 p.m., lights had to be out.”

“That sounds quite intense!” said the NPR reporter, played by Dean of Student Services, Kenya Ayers. “It was!” replied Helen Scanlon, portrayed by Janita Love ’01. “That’s why we students had our very first protest to the dean on Nov. 18!”

From left to right: Janita Love ’01, Odemaris Torres ’01, Aisha McCrory ’03 and Bridget Shanahan ’02 re-enact the first day of class at Trinity College – Nov. 8, 1900.

Sisters of Notre Dame enjoy the re-enactment. From left to right: Margaret Claydon ’45, Elizabeth Henry Bellmer ’59, Doris Gruber and Joan Mary Hill ’59.
Acknowledging Athletic Achievement

What do you get when you combine aspiring female high school athletes with accomplished champions in a variety of sports? A 300-person event hosted at Trinity College that included awards, autographs, excitement and much more!

Trinity College welcomed champion athletes and students alike on Feb. 6, 2001 at an awards ceremony kicking off the 15th annual celebration of National Girls and Women in Sports Day. The event included the presentation of Scholastic Sportsman of the Year Award to two area students who demonstrated athletic achievement and continued excellence in academics. Trinity was selected for the event because of the new Center for Women and Girls in Sports which will serve both students and the surrounding community.

Trinity also maintains an active partnership with the Women's Sports Foundation, sponsors of the awards ceremony and National Girls and Women in Sports Day. Founded in 1974 by Billie Jean King and based in Long Island, New York, the Women's Sports Foundation works to promote the lifelong participation of all girls and women in sports and fitness.

The event hosted at Trinity began with an autograph session where local students were able to speak with some of their personal heroes including soccer player Julie Foudy, Olympic gymnast Dominique Dawes, basketball player Lisa Leslie and Olympic diver Mary Ellen Clark. Many also took advantage of the opportunity to be photographed with the athletes, and as a result of the entire evening, several other students decided to apply to Trinity for fall admission.

Following the autograph session, the champion athletes presented awards to the high school students. The overall winners were India Patrick of Paul Laurence Dunbar Pre-Engineering High School and Bellanie Bachleda of the Model Secondary School for the Deaf. They were selected from among finalists representing 12 District of Columbia public and 10 private high schools, all of whom were recognized for their achievements.

Claudia Palacios, a 16-year-old sophomore at Theodore Roosevelt Senior High School and member of the U.S. national junior wheelchair team, was honored for the second consecutive year as the Washington Community Action Program Sportswoman of the Year for an Athlete with a Physical Disability.

Jody Moten, the softball and ski coach at Woodrow Wilson Senior High School, was honored as the Washington, D.C. Public School Coach of the Year.

Public and private school team awards went to the Dunbar High School girls track team and the National Cathedral School girls cross-country team.

Lisa Leslie (left) and Julie Foudy (right) present Claudia Palacios with an award.

Olympic Gold Medalist Dominique Dawes signs autographs.

Champion Athletes in Attendance

Cheri Beccera • Track & Field
Mary Ellen Clark • Diving
Dominique Dawes • Gymnastics
Krista Ford • Bobsled/Powerlifting
Julie Foudy • Soccer
Rusty Kanokogi • Judo
Jeanette Lee • Billiards
Lisa Leslie • Basketball
Stephanie Loebr • Soccer
Jenny Manz • Volleyball
Siri Mullinix • Soccer
Dawn Riley • Sailing