

GRADUATION ISSUE

Class of 2021

Trinity Bucket List

"beyond the pail"
• knocking a few
• extra things
• off of our
• bucket list

~~tower climb~~
~~birthday dunking~~
milk and cookies
~~nacho hour~~

~~Midnight Breakfast~~
~~welcome week concert~~
ThursBays
~~SPB's chocolate fest~~

next up:
Graduation!

Bonus: snow day
pandemic and
quarantine
snow week!



TRINITONIAN

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This is it: a final letter from the editor

Over the past four years, not only have I grown tremendously, I have also watched my friends and peers develop both academically and socially. I would be remiss not recognizing how much the Class of 2021 has been through. We began with the typical college search and beginning-of-college anxiety then hopped into the Trinity bubble (some with enthusiasm, others begrudgingly). Reflecting on experiences, it realized that extreme events act as bookends to our time at Trinity.

Perhaps you have blocked it out, but I remember how we started off our Welcome Week with Hurricane Harvey. I distinctly recall getting an email from Res Life advising that people living on the bottom levels of each dorm needed to get things off the floor! My roommate Delaney and I rolled up our rugs we had laid down just days before and followed instructions. What stands out to me is that any person could walk down the halls during this particular week, especially as we prepared for torrential rain, and be invited into strangers' dorm rooms for games and get to know one another. While we lost about a week's worth of class time, we pushed through our rigorous First Year Experience Classes. It was such an inviting time where we made many new friends, some that stuck around, and others that we'd

exchange smiles with each other as we pass afterwards.

After a couple more predictable years solidifying friendships and figuring out our majors, we experienced another series of events. The snow storm this past February, aka "Sno-pocalypse" or "Snow-vid," was pretty disastrous. People across Texas lost power and water, some of us were melting snow to drink and cook with, City Vista flooded, but it was a bonding experience. I, personally, sought refuge with friends, was invited by people I had never talked to before to sleep on their couch or take a hot shower, and had a blast playing games in the dark and building new friendships. Once again, we rallied and rose to the challenge.

To quote Administration's favorite word of the year, we have had "unprecedented" experiences, ones that challenged us and unified us. Due to my dual degree, I won't be graduating with you in May, but am so happy to watch my friends graduate and am enthusiastically awaiting to see where you all go. I'm looking forward to joining you on the other side of the stage in December—still a 2021 grad. We will face the world outside our beautiful Trinity bubble in solidarity and with zeal!

Genevieve Humphreys is a senior double majoring Business Administration (Marketing) and Art History.

Throughout this issue, we recognize the Class of 2021. Our Contributors Natalia Salas, Ethan Jones, Jolie Francis, Jordan Bruce, and Hunter Nardiello speak on their experience at Trinity. Brief memories and favorite experiences of other graduating seniors brighten the pages.

Thank you to those that shouted out your students, and thank you to Jessie de Arman and Sarah Tagarot for managing Advertising. And thank you to our readers. This is likely the last publication I will have worked on as a Trinity student.
-Genevieve

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*President & Mrs. Anderson
congratulate
you!*

CONGRATULATIONS, SENIORS!



- Max Genet
- Ethan Jones
- Mabel Lockman
- Natalia Salas
- Madison Semro
- Rylie Snell
- Chonghao Zhang
- Jordan Bruce
- Genevieve Humphreys
- Danielle Jahn

We miss you already!
You helped make Strategic Communications and Marketing an amazing place to work every day.

ANTHONY LIVA



Congratulations on your Engineering degree!
We are very proud of you!

Love you!
Mom, Dad, and Dana

A not-so-reckless positive decision



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For me, the decision to come to Trinity was made in a split second. If I am being completely honest, I initially had no intention of attending Trinity and had only applied after the encouragement of my grandfather. However, after receiving my latest letter telling me that I was once again waitlisted, I finally said “Screw it, I’m making my decision now” and accepted my offer to attend Trinity in the fall of 2017. In that instant, driven mostly by emotions, I set myself on the path that I now proudly take.

Now my decision wasn’t made with complete reckless abandonment. Younger me had just always pictured older me attending some big university that everyone knows the name of and could recognize right off the bat. Every time someone asked me senior year where I was going, I had to tell them “it’s in San Antonio” or “it’s a private university.” Then they would just walk away showing no signs of enthusiasm, no signs of encouragement, and no signs that I made the right decision. And it scared me. Did I make a mistake in that one split-second?

Four years later, as I’m gearing up for graduation just around the corner, I have an answer for 18-year-old Hunter. No. Absolutely not, and I never should have doubted myself. While it may not be exactly what I had pictured, it was likely exactly what I needed from a University. The small-school atmosphere allowed me to get specific help in subjects I needed it in like Biochemistry and Inorganic Chemistry. It allowed me to participate in extracurricular activities that I’ve grown to love over the years such as being in orchestra, part of the yearbook staff, and the occasional fencing club meeting. I got to take classes that had nothing to do with my major and would not have been accessible at larger universities such as Classics and Science Fiction and Introduction to Film Music. I’m leaving this school not only with a biochemistry degree, but with extensive knowledge in subjects pertaining to biology, music, journalism, philosophy, and of course rollerskating.

Naturally there were ups and downs. I too struggled in the usual classes (Organic II, I’m looking at you) as well as losing a semester due to the pandemic. But I still wouldn’t trade any of that for the positives I experienced along the way. I have made great friendships that I hope will last a lifetime. I’ve gotten to be a part of traditions such as Chocolate Fest and fountain dunking. I’ve gotten to attend the National Media Conference in 2019 and play in the pit orchestra for *The Mystery of Edwin Drood*. These wide varieties of opportunities and more probably

wouldn’t have happened at one of those larger universities younger me had always envisioned myself attending.

It feels a bit bittersweet as I wrap up this fun little column. This is likely the last thing I’ll ever write for the university after four years as a yearbookstaff member. My time as a student is getting closer to its end as a new chapter of my life is about to begin. I don’t know what is ahead of me at all, I haven’t put much time and thought into it yet. But I know I no longer fear whatever decision I make. The last split-second decision has gotten me to this point in my life and whatever that next decision is I’m sure it will work out just as well as the last.

Hunter Nardiello is a senior majoring in biochemistry.



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GABRIELLA GARRIGA



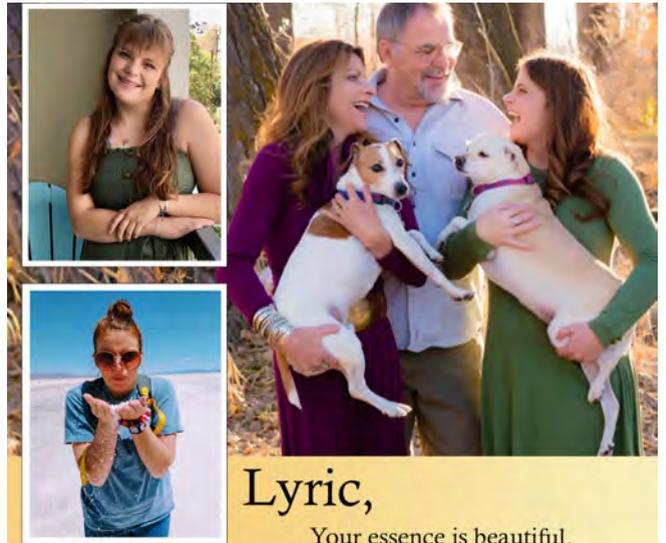
Gabriella, we have watched you grow from a kind, inquisitive and loving little girl into a focused, capable and determined young lady. Your desire to help others and make this world a better place is an inspiration to everyone who knows you and has the pleasure of being a part of your life. We know that your life will always have purpose and bring goodness to this world. We also know that the kindness and love that has filled your heart since you were a little girl will always guide you in the right direction. May God always bless you and give you wisdom, strength and peace to achieve all of your dreams. We are so proud of you!!

Love you so much, Mom, Dad and Isabella (and entire family).

**Congrats,
Seniors!**

Wishing you joy and celebration at this exciting time! We send our congratulations along with our affirmation of all you've accomplished!

from
the Division of
Student Life



Lyric,
Your essence is beautiful,
enchancing life forever.

Love,
Mama, Deeds, Jackie, Juliet,
Tina and Michael MacDowell and Family.

"Your calling isn't something that somebody can tell you about. It's what you feel. It's a part of your life force. It is the thing that gives you juice. The thing that you are supposed to do. And nobody can tell you what that is. You know it inside yourself." — Oprah Winfrey



Kiki,

We are so proud of you and know you are doing to go on to achieve great things.

Love you!



Congratulations, Gianna Nuckols, Trinity Class of 2021



We are so proud of you and your accomplishments!
Much love from Mom and Dad

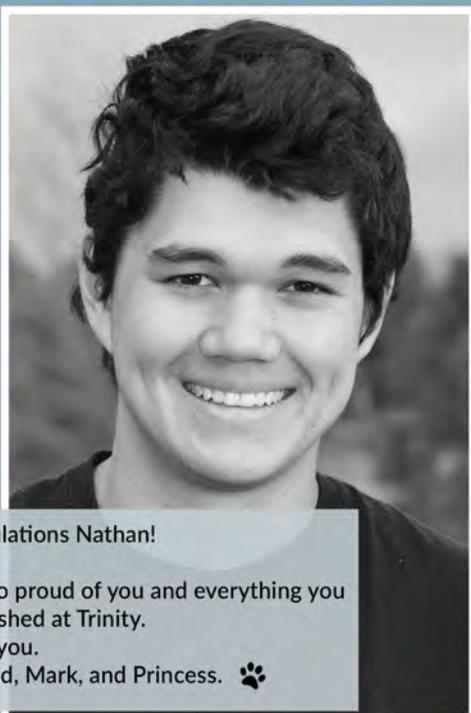


Anish, when you started your college experience, we had no idea what would be in store. You have not only successfully navigated your way through a challenging period of life, but also overcome external difficulties of COVID-19, infrastructural failure and a host of unimaginable obstacles. You did not falter, you persevered. Congratulations!

"Whether you think you can or you can't, you are right." - Henry Ford

Love you,
Mom, Dad and Nikhil

NATHANIEL KEPLINGER



Congratulations Nathan!

We are so proud of you and everything you accomplished at Trinity.
We love you.
Mom, Dad, Mark, and Princess. 🐾

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Congratulations Charlie! You have conquered the challenges of Trinity University academics from the study of birds to biology to business. You have mastered living through hurricanes, a pandemic and snowstorms. You can do anything! Nothing can stop you!

We love you,
Dad, Mom, and Jack



DON'T LEAVE!
**WITHOUT
YOUR
MEMORIES**

If you purchased a 2021 Mirage yearbook, pick it up on Prassel Lawn after graduation.

It's not too late to purchase a yearbook. Visit us on Prassel Lawn after graduation or go to cpstore.trinity.edu.



**Congratulations
Rachel!**

Class of 2021
Love Mom, Dad, and Aaron

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More
favorite
memories

Canoeing Big Bend or Rice Farm
movie nights and
storytelling"
-Jack DeGolier

Getting treated to
dinner for having the
fastest electric motor in
Dr. Pooley's class.
-Alex Love

I enjoyed playing in the snow
during my freshman and soph-
omore years with my friends!
-Mary Frances Lembke

IT'S SO HARD TO SAY GOODBYE!

The Faculty and Staff of the Department of Business Administration would like to congratulate Dr. Kim Robertson, Associate Professor, and Dr. Dominic G. Morais, Assistant Professor, on their upcoming departure from Trinity University.



After dedicating 37 years to Trinity University, Dr. Robertson will **retire** effective June 1, 2021. In his years at Trinity, he has taught Principles of Marketing, Consumer Behavior, and International Marketing, as well served as a member of the Faculty Senate, chair of the UCC, chair of the Department of Business Administration, and served as a member of the Commission on Promotion and Tenure.



Dr. Morais has dedicated 5 years to Sports Management and will be **pursuing other interests**. He has been a great and positive inspiration to each of his students, by teaching as a coach and motivational speaker. To quote Dr. Morais "I'm a coach in the classroom, I'm a mentor, I'm a guide. I feel like I'm a big brother to my students."

While it is with great sadness that we say, "so long", we are very excited of the new adventures awaiting them. Their dedication, accomplishments, and personal integrity made working with them a joy.

You both will be missed!

Finding friends in the campus basement

Not finding the original jbruce but finding recognition beyond my email



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To be a senior writing my last piece for the Trinitonian is a weird feeling, because going into college, I never thought this – any of this – would be my path through college. If you had told me, in the summer before coming to San Antonio for the start of my first semester at Trinity, that I would be graduating as a history and political science major, I would have laughed. This wasn't the plan, I would say. But after looking back on the last four years, I can confidently say that this was the better way.

When I was first hired by the Trinitonian in October of my first year, I almost wasn't. Due to my being the SECOND jbruce to attend Trinity, and not the first, the editors who were trying to hire me were emailing the wrong person. I went down to the newsroom, a place I had only been once before, and looked for

a face I recognized. I found Grace, and we realized the situation: I was jbruce2!

Jump to just a week later. I'm in the newsroom on my first production night, not knowing exactly what I had gotten myself into. People are hunched over computers working with the kind of infectious energy that you can feel when you walk into the room. And that night, sitting on the floor in the corner of a crowded, hot, stuffy room in the basement of an old, dark red brick building, I texted my mom at some time close to midnight: "Mom! I found my people!" People knew me as jbruce2; even my first Campus Publications friend knew of me exclusively as jbruce2 before I formally introduced myself.

Finding "my people" on campus was important to me, and I feel so fortunate that I was able to find so many of them during my time at TU. It's people like Brian, Genevieve, Kathleen, Kara, Julia, Soleil, Allison, Kmart, and so many others that made me feel at home on those late nights in the basement.

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Sara Kate Phelps

Greet the future with anticipation
Dream big and work hard
Remember your roots, manners, and the way home

We are so proud of you.
Mom and Dad

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I know it's cliché, but I could not have imagined the last eight semesters without the joy and adventures of Campus Publications.

Joy and adventure – I think those are the core messages of my time at Trinity. Seeking out the things that made me happy, even when things were hard. I feel lucky that I've had so many different opportunities to try new things. Building a scaffold, for example, then nearly breaking my arm with it. Operating a jumbotron. Running around taking pictures of people I want to be one day. Greeting hundreds of people on a random Saturday and telling them that yes, Mabee cookies are truly the best things on this planet. And, despite how mightily I would complain to anyone who would listen about writing my honors thesis, that brought me joy too (thank you, Dr. Turek, for getting me through that).

I'm not a sentimental person, really. I don't tend to get misty eyed, and I'm not big on emotional conclusions. But I think one is deserved here. My adventures at Trinity have made me a better person: I may still talk too fast, and I still have a bad habit of shifting my weight too much when delivering all of the facts about the Coates library. But as I prepare to cross the stage for the last time, I am reminded of those little imperfect adventures because my time at this little oasis of green grass and red brick at the heart of San Antonio is ending perfectly.

Jordan Bruce is a senior majoring in History and Political Science

“Wherever you go,
go with all
your heart.”

---Confucius



The faculty and staff of the
Department of Business Administration
congratulates all of our graduating
Majors & Minors
and their proud parents & families.



Student Government Association
Board of Campus Publications
Omega Phi

JACOB A. SANCHEZ



Son, we are so proud of you and all you have accomplished! Continue to aim high, reach for the stars and let the adventure begin... or shall we say continue! We love you!
Dad & Mom

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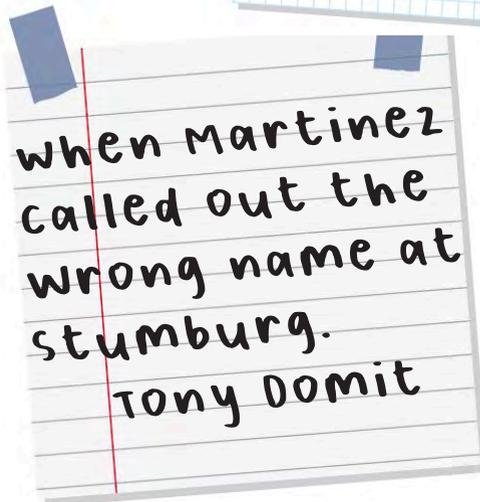
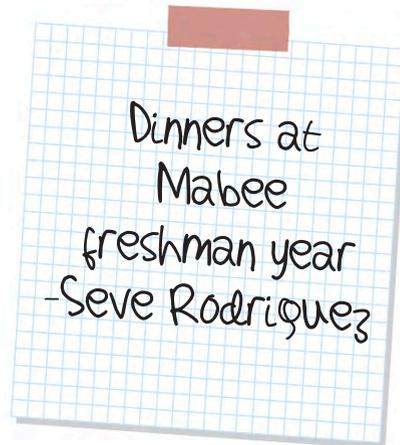
ANA SERRANO



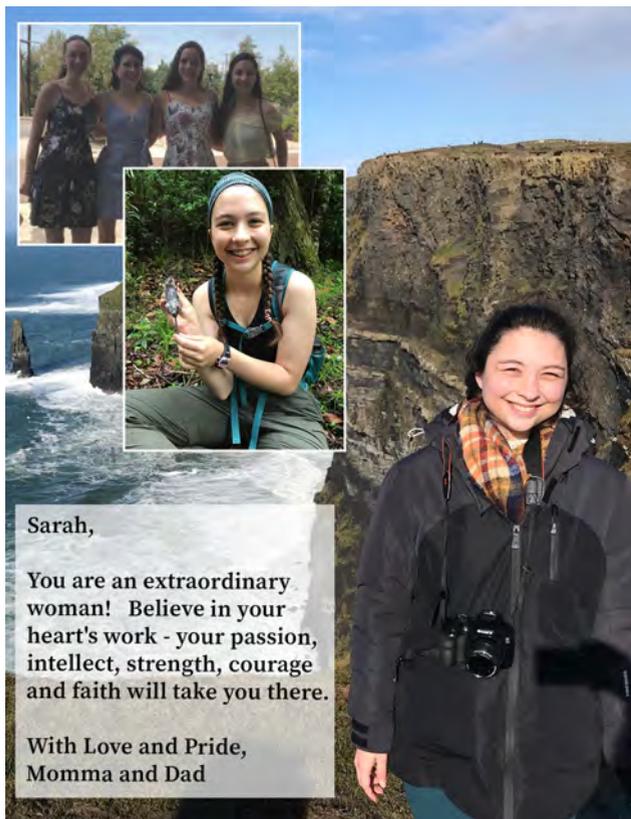
Ana Sofia,

Estamos muy orgullosos de ti. Eres una persona generosa, brillante y decidida. Estamos seguros de que tendrás mucho éxito. Sigue siendo quien siempre haz sido y recuerda que siempre te apoyaremos.

Te queremos mucho,
Mami y Papi



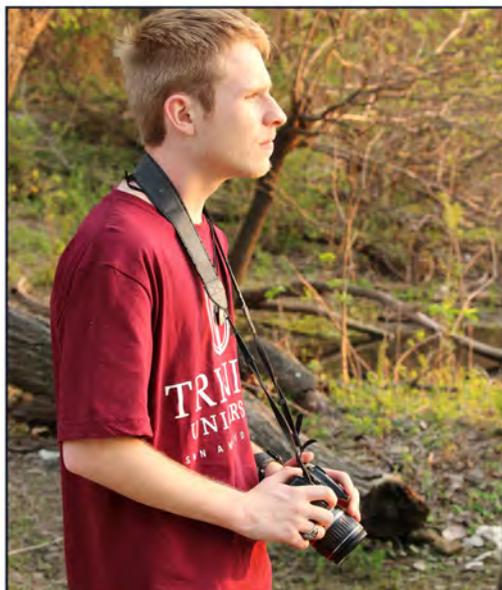
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Sarah,

You are an extraordinary woman! Believe in your heart's work - your passion, intellect, strength, courage and faith will take you there.

With Love and Pride,
Momma and Dad



Hunter, we are so proud of you! Your drive and determination will continue to bring you success. We love you and can't wait to see the amazing things you will accomplish.

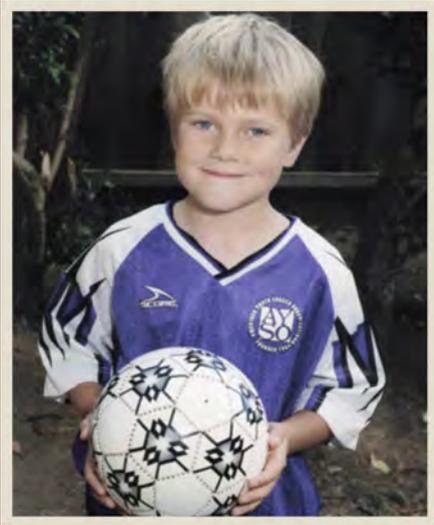
Love, Mom & René

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NEIL VERWILLOW
2019-2020



Woouoo! Congratulations, Neil!
We xoxoxoxoxox you!
Mom, Dad, Anna & Vanilla Bean

Congratulations Dylan! You did it! We are so proud of all that you accomplished!

Love,
Mom, Dad, Grandma, Grandpa, Nana and Nano.

Margaret Farris Recognition for Exemplary Service

**Organizations and departments recognize
these graduating seniors for their contributions to Trinity.**

Margaret Farris worked in Student Affairs for 26 years before retiring in 2009.

Campus Publications

Abby Blackwood - 1 year, Mirage
 Jordan Bruce - 4 years, Mirage & Trinitonian
 Daisy Castillo - 1 year, Trinitonian
 Jessie De Arman - 3 years, Trinitonian
 Paulina Garcia - 1 year, Trinitonian
 Genevieve Humphreys - 3 years, Trinitonian
 Duncan James - 1 year, Business Office
 Ethan Jones - 1 year, Trinitonian
 Hunter Nardiello - 4 years, Mirage
 Kate Nuelle - 3 years, Mirage & Trinitonian
 Kayla Padilla - 3 years, Trinitonian
 Gabby Rodriguez - 1 year, Trinitonian

Campus Recreation

Aidan Denny - OREC Trip Leader
 Cole Williams - Intramural Program Assistant
 Connor Helsel - OREC Trip Leader
 Gemma Smith - OREC Trip Leader
 Jack Braley - OREC Trip Leader
 Jordan Rudd - Intramural Program Assistant
 Mark Lide - OREC Trip Leader
 Michael Edmonson - Intramural Program Assistant
 Morgan Preston - OREC Trip Leader
 Ryanna Chouman - OREC Trip Leader
 William Oliver - Intramural Program Assistant

CELCS-Center for Experiential Learning & Career Success

Carmen Johnson - vivacious, dedicated, trendy, creative, hilarious
 Sofia Gonzalez-Gonzalez - hard-working, contemplative, loyal, goal-oriented, caring

Greek Council Exec

Erin Eckert - Sigma Theta Tau
Danielle Flaherty - Chi Beta Epsilon
Sofie Gonzalez - Zeta Chi
Camille Johnson - Zeta Chi
Olivia Littlefield - Gamma Chi Delta
Mike Masuo - Chi Delta Tau
Jonathan Nguyen - Phi Sigma Chi
Mia Quintanilla - SPURS
Addison Sheppard - Gamma Chi Delta
Dylan Stansbury - Chi Delta Tau
Max Towers - Chi Delta Tau

Orientation Team

Rafaela Brenner
Gloria Gatchel
Jeysel Huezo
Genevieve Humphreys
Mary Frances Lembke
Diana Long
Devon Patel
Victoria Shirey
Isabel Velazquez
Camila Zapater

Residential Life

Angela Campbell - passionate, rises to the challenge
Jude Casanova - creative, sincere, builds strong connections
Lilian De La Rosa - lovely, kind, thriving
Romeo De Leon - teamplayer, well-rounded, everybody's friend
Basi Desta - kindest person, Trinitone, amazing conversationalist
Victoria Huggler - absolute joy to work with
Jordan Juran - runner extraordinaire, warm, kind-hearted, compassionate
Jesus Lozano - witty, great to engage with
Maggie Lupo - brilliant, HUMA superstar, adventurous
David Padron - relatable, sense of humor, intentional
Rojan Shrestha - steady, strong leader, supports peers
Emerson Spralding - consistently hilarious, relatable, brings joy
David Stiles - Texas, all the sports, supportive
Raheed Sunesra - legendary, role model, always positive
Grace Yun - goes the extra mile, self-reliant
Cannon Wilson - big thinker, futuristic, entrepreneur, focused

Student Programming Board

Meghan Desai - Dynamic Director, 3.5 years
 Lilian de la Rosa - Amazing Assistant Director, 3.5 years
 Carmen Johnson - Thoughtful Traditions Chair, 3.5 years
 Kelly Liu - Efficient Entertainment Chair, 3 years
 Jesus Lozano - Gifted Graphic Design Chair, 2.5 years
 Wilford Lee - Excellent Entertainment Committee, 2.5 years
 Miranda Montoya - Super Spirit Committee, 1 year

Student Government Association

Jaelen Harris
 Claire Carlson
 Noelle Barrera
 Maddie D'Iorio
 Nick Pereda
 Mia Quintanilla
 Isabella Schag
 Marcus Mousavi
 Kathryn Holy
 Max Towers
 Carson Bolding
 Duncan James
 Polo Perez
 Julia Hyun
 Arielle Fletter
 Cecelia Turkewitz

Student Involvement & Coates Student Center

Gabriella Garriga - dedicated, kind-hearted, inclusive, hilarious, genuine
 Jullian Valadez - centered, intelligent, equity-minded, focused, determined
 Carmen Johnson - trustworthy, intelligent, organized, equity-driven, hilarious
 Giselle Britt - reliable, focused, flexible, welcoming, dedicated
 Anish Patel - strategic, deliberative, confident, informative, knowledgeable
 Andrea Cruz - genuine, kind, consistent, responsible, creative

Clarify your values. Maybe you care about sustainability. Maybe you care about gender equality. Maybe you care about free markets and capitalism.

But connect them to the basic question of what is good for our community together. A shared story. And then, don't forget: Activism is valuable, no question about it, but our job at the end of the day is to build institutions that secure our shared rights. That means understanding the user manual. All right? The institutions. And yes, we can alter them. They're not given in perpetuity. Originalism is about understanding democratic empowerment, which is about recognizing that democratic citizens build and change their world.

*Danielle Allen
 Pomona College Commencement, 2018*

A plan to succeed or a plan to (not) fail



ETHAN JONES
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I came to Trinity, like most students, with a Plan To Succeed. Filing into Laurie Auditorium on my first day at Trinity, I ran through the plan for probably the tenth time that day: Be nice to everyone, focus hard on your music studies (which will surely prepare you to be that high school orchestra conductor you've been dreaming to be), and no matter what, make sure that NOBODY finds out your Hannah Montana secret. That secret, that I was so ready to suppress for the rest of my life, was that I was gay. I just had to get through the next four years without anyone seeing 'the other side of me': the gay side. Easy peasy.

Twenty minutes later, my plan changed. Maddie Kennedy, a junior at the time, walked up to the Laurie Auditorium stage and addressed the Class of 2021: "Hi everyone! I'm excited yet terrified to stand up here and talk to all of you about being gay." My face turned bright pink. I felt like my new hallmates were staring at me.

Maddie continued: "The more I forced myself to be honest with the world, the better I felt. With each person I told, I felt like I was hiding a little less, like I had a little less shame piled on top of me."

Just like that, my perspective and plans for my time at Trinity changed. Would it be possible for me to be an out, gay man at Trinity? It seemed impossible in the moment, but as I immersed myself into the culture of the campus, the concrete plans I had made prior to arriving began to have less of a hold over me.

The first person I came out to was Natalia. She was my first best friend at Trinity. I drunkenly cried to her on the floor of our best friend Ashley's Witt-Winn room after an O-Phi party. It was 3 a.m., and she reminded me that it was going to be okay. That affirmation allowed me to use the rest of my freshman year to come out to everyone in my life, slowly but surely, and rip to shreds the original plan I held onto so tightly.

Over the years, many people have told me repeatedly that I'm overinvolved. And you know what? Maybe they were right. Coming into my senior year, I found myself taking 19 credit hours, working four on-campus jobs and two off-campus internships. Do I have any regrets? Absolutely not. I am proud to say that once I learned what 'liberal arts' meant halfway through my first year, I embraced the concept to its fullest extent. I now know Trinity like the back of my hand, because of my involvement in everything from Mu Phi Epsilon, to the Trinitonian, to TigerTV, to Handbell Ensemble to Symphony Orchestra, to the FYPOP play I acted in freshman year about possums — all of which

make it that much harder to say goodbye.

On multiple occasions I wondered if my Plan To Succeed was more like a Plan To Fail. It was during my summer internship in NYC that I struggled to pay for meals because of my measly \$4 an hour paycheck. It was through Trinity TigerBreaks that I was put out of my comfort zone through volunteering and working at Houston LGBTQ+ drop-in centers for queer youth experiencing homelessness. It was through constant piano lessons, orchestra and handbell rehearsal, and imperfect practicing technique that I developed tendinitis in my wrists at the end of junior year... and again at the beginning of my senior year. Through it all, these challenges honestly helped me grow far more than anything else.

In a beautiful full-circle moment, I had dinner with Maddie Kennedy a couple weeks ago and was able to thank her for how much her speech changed my trajectory at Trinity. We both choked up and showered each other with loving words and affection—and I think that is one of the most beautiful things that Trinity can give a person: true emotional connection to our surrounding community. Although this small campus can feel suffocating at times, the people I met have shaped me into the person I am now.

So thank you, Trinity, for being the first place I felt that I could be myself. Thank you for giving me friends I can call in the middle of the night when it feels like my world is falling apart; friends who make me laugh until my world has come back together. Thank you for teaching me that the world doesn't revolve around me. Thank you for giving me mentors like my piano professor Carolyn True, who taught me the importance of integrity, humanity, and passion. I truly feel that I accomplished my goal of making a lasting impact at Trinity. As many of you will see, making concrete plans in Laurie Auditorium will only serve as a reminder of how far you've come when it's your turn to graduate.



Ethan Jones is a senior majoring in Music and Entertainment Music.

Congratulations to the Graduating Seniors in Psychology for 2021!

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| Amber Adickes | Gianna Nuckols |
| Emily Barefield | Daniel Ocampo |
| Makenna Bentley | Sara Peters |
| Daisy Castillo | Emily Platt |
| Whitney Crawford | William Price |
| Andrea Cruz | Daniel Restrepo |
| Elsie Duran | Julia Reyes |
| Jasmine Figueroa | Jordan Rudd |
| Jackson Gasperez | Ana Serrano |
| Aria Gaston-Panthaki | Gemma Smith |
| Joann Hamer | Spencer Spier |
| Noa Hassidi | Meagan Springer |
| Allie Holbrook | Monica Suarez-Ortiz |
| Savannah Hooper | Ashley Truong |
| Gabriel Joseph | Samuel Turner |
| Mary Frances Lembke | Emily Vaclavik |
| Maggie Lupo | Ruth Varner |
| Kayla Maxwell | Betbiraj Vera |
| Sarah McAvey | Ava Viccinelli |
| Skylyr McCormick-Isom | Lauren Wall |
| Dani Moses | Chenyl Wang |
| Sandra Nguyen | Sydney Wood |
| | Grace Yun |

What was your favorite experience at Trinity?

Friends!!
Giving tours and meeting prospective students!
Devon Patel

"Study abroad in Madrid!"
-Paulina Castañeda

"Definitely going to miss playing hide and seek in CSI"
🐜 Bella Peters

Grant Peterson



You followed your dreams to Trinity. Then you worked hard, tried new things, developed close friends, stayed true to yourself, and thrived!
We're very proud of you! Love, your family



 TRINITY UNIVERSITY
School of Business

*Congratulations
Class of 2021*

All School of Business Majors
(BS and BA) and MS in
Accounting Graduates

*-School of Business
Faculty and Staff-*

A highlight reel of moments and memories



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I believe that the moments I'll remember most from the last four years are not the big, shiny, look-at-me-living-my-best-life moments. They're the small, seemingly insignificant moments that probably no one cares about other than myself. Even though I'm acknowledging that truly none of this matters to anyone but me, as a graduating senior, I've been afforded this opportunity and platform to run my mouth, so I'm going to do just that. This was not a perfect college experience by any means, but I'm grateful to the red-bricked campus for:

Randomly pairing me with THE Kayla Padilla as my first year roommate—I honestly thank the algorithm for that.

Forcing all the freshmen to go to the painfully awkward freshman mixer on the first day, where I wandered around aimlessly until Ethan and Ashley came up to me and introduced themselves, so we stayed up all night telling each other our life stories and creating a group chat, very cleverly called “the unholy trinity” that we still use today.

Making the Pathways curriculum very confusing so that I had to arbitrarily pick random classes with availability—but ended up declaring them as minors after enjoying them so much.

Designing a campus where all the buildings kind of look the same, so that I could get lost on the first day of class and introduce myself to Jolie outside of the class we both incorrectly thought we were supposed to be at.

Putting chairs in the Witt-Winn lobby that look like regular chairs, but are actually very dangerous for students because they might rock backward on the chairs, and then fall and hit their hands against the wall, which may result in a dislocated finger and having to be rushed to the hospital in the middle of the night. I am not speaking from personal experience, this is simply an observation I've made.

Allowing me to take social justice as my FYE with professors who I admire, and classmates who I still call my best friends to this day, even if they live in a different continent now.

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 **Congratulations!**
to our graduating seniors

Kathleen Arbogast
Thomas Baer
Andrew Bertin
Donovan de Hoog
Hannah Friedrich
Gloria Gatchel
Sarah Heidt
Carmen Johnson
Rebecca Kroger
Margaret Lupo
Thomas Petrowski
Jenna Shultz
Sarah Thompson
Peyton Tvrđy
Brooke Yung

We'll miss you!

- Classical Studies Dept

“The whole life of a man is but a point in time; let us enjoy it.”
- Plutarch



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Building City Vista, which definitely has its moments, but that I called home during this virtual school year in a one-bedroom apartment with Ana, who I got to share multiple Taylor Swift album drop nights with, and who is always dressed cute, but never judges me when I'm crying on the couch in my gray/green Australia sweater—and for the Glee nights that were had in Gabi and Meghan's apartment when we couldn't go anywhere because of the gl*bal p*ndemic.

Providing the resources to grow in different areas, and allowing us the opportunity to become way too familiar with our campus home-away-from-home like the TV station, Comm lab, or newsroom.

Being home to the Communication department, where I found my major, and took classes with professors who are more knowledgeable and passionate about their crafts than I thought possible and where office doors are always open, whether in-person or virtual, every time super annoying students like me need to learn, complain, cry, or have an existential crisis about what the future holds.

There are countless moments that I could go on about but this is the end of my senior column and also my four years here so thank you and wish us luck I guess!

“This was not a perfect college experience by any means, but I'm grateful to the red-bricked campus”
-Natalia

Congratulations to all of our Fall 2020 and Spring 2021 Accounting Graduates on your well-deserved success!

Master of Science in Accounting

Peyton Bartee	Jason Mihalski
Kristen Canepa	Garrett Nelson
Brian Cardone	James Nittoli
David Coffman	James Norris
Joshua Davis	Jennifer Ochoa
Jenna Flexner	Jaya Ryan
Christian Ledezma	Matthew Shea
Richard Mayer	James Tatum
Mason Meredith	Allison Wolff

Bachelor's Degrees

Shamzi Alkaff	Anthony Malfitano
Gabriela Amaya	Liam Matsumoto
Margeaux Brown	Stephen Molina
Corey Cater	Ian Nielsen
Erica Cater	Caroline North
James Dodd	Natalie Northcutt
Brock Duckers	Brianna Pena
Efosa Ehimwenma	Bryce Pidgeon
Danielle Flaherty	Elizabeth Popov
Juliana Flores	Owen Rosi
Justin Gailey	Nicole Stephenson
Sarah Heidt	Noah Stopkotte
Jackson Hollinger	Hunter Straka
Kathryn Holy	Williston Symonds
Duncan James	Maxwell Towers
Carmen Johnson	Jacob Winchester
Cameron Krimbill	John Wisniewski

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Once a Trinity Tiger, always a Trinity Tiger



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I am writing this column on my last day of classes here at Trinity University, as well as my last day of classes as an undergraduate student. It's strange to think that very soon, I will no longer be able to identify myself as a student (that is, until I attend graduate school, but that is a demon I hope to encounter much later on). I will no longer mark job applications with my "expected graduation date," and will instead be able to mark my highest education as a college degree. But while I sit here dreading finals week and anticipating life after graduation, I suppose I should reflect on some of the better things that Trinity offered to me.

What comes to mind first are the friends I have made here, which, duh. I've always heard that your college friends are the ones that are with you for life, and in my case I'm hoping that is true. Whether we ran into each other on the first day of school, where we were lost on an arguably small campus, or bonded over Glee during my senior year, expect to be hearing from me for a long, long time.

I am also compelled to think about my experiences in the classroom, and the connections I made with my professors. Christine Drennon, heart, body, and soul of the Urban Studies department, had to deal with me nearly every semester here — apart from her sabbatical my junior year. I was an intended Urban Studies major when I came to Trinity, but I truly had no idea what that meant besides 'city planning' as I told people. Dr. Drennon introduced me to this multifaceted discipline and truly illustrated the world as I know it.

Tahir Naqvi, associate professor of Sociology, Anthropology, and Urban Studies, is the reason that I decided to minor in Anthropology. I took Intro to Anthropology my first semester here; and frankly, the content and Dr. Naqvi's lectures were a major culture shock. We had conversations about concepts I'd never heard of before and I didn't understand about half the words that came out of his mouth. And in all honesty, I didn't do that well in the class, but that just aided in my realization that there was so much that I could learn from him.

Habiba Noor, who teaches in just about every discipline under the sun, embodies the idea of interdisciplinary. I took courses on social justice, gender, and education with Dr. Noor, and each class introduced me to a whole new wave of literature that somehow, she was able to keep just as interesting as the last. She actually made my life a little difficult because she made me want to go into every single area she taught about.

I am realizing now that I had all three of these professors my first semester of my first year here, so there is something to be said about first impressions and the impact they can have on you. They have all supported me and watched me grow throughout my four years here at Trinity, and I am so grateful that they have shared their knowledge and kind words with me. I don't think I have ever learned more than when I sat in their classrooms.

Now, I will soon be a Trinity graduate. After graduation, I have plans to move to Washington D.C. for a (paid!) internship with the Institute for Policy Studies on their Climate Policy Program. Thinking about it now, it feels like an exciting summer away that will end with my return to San Antonio for class in the fall.

It's hard to think about creating a separation between myself and this school, particularly since it has shaped how I will navigate the rest of my life. All the people I have met here have altered the course of my life, so I don't think I can minimize Trinity's connection to my past or future.



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RUTH VARNER



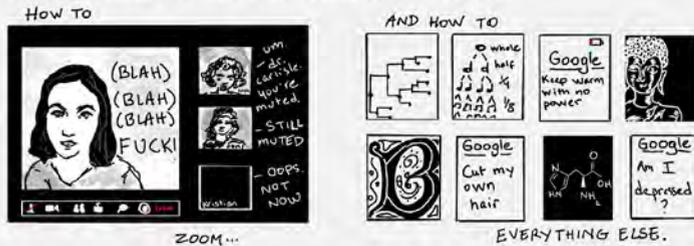
Congratulations, Ruthie on completing 4 years of hard work with lots of good memories!

We love you! Mom, Dad, Aaron, Ben, and Penny, Pumpkin, and Millie!

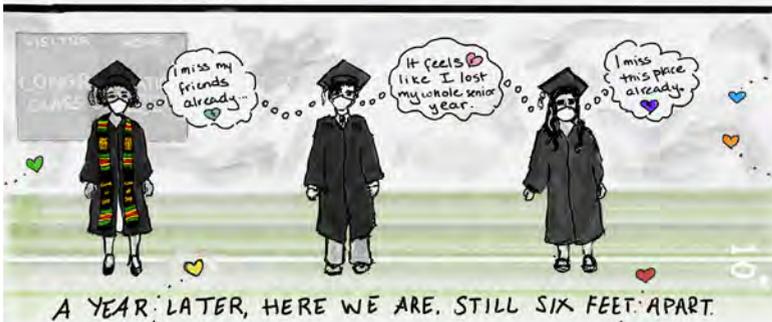




WE'VE LEARNED A LOT THIS PAST YEAR...



BUT, MOSTLY, WE LEARNED ABOUT DISTANCE...



So, I guess it makes sense if we all feel a little sadder than we normally would right now... BUT, as you say GOODBYE, try to REMEMBER the other TRUTH we learned this year about DISTANCE:

NO MATTER WHERE THEY ARE, THE PEOPLE AND PLACES WE LOVE MOST ARE ALWAYS CLOSE TO OUR HEARTS

(DISTANCE, IT TURNS OUT, IS INVERSELY PROPORTIONAL TO LOVE.)

to the Trinity community, especially the class of 2021. Dr. Corvise

We hope you enjoyed reading! Keep up with what's happening on campus.

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