

## RE: lottery postponement announcement

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Hello Trinity Students,

I hope that you and your families are healthy and safe. I know that some of you are facing many challenges as we wrap up the spring semester remotely. Some of you are staying with friends so a family member can stay safe and some of you cannot be with family or friends due to circumstances beyond anyone's control. Please be assured, all of us here are thinking of you and wishing you the best.

We do continue to hope that we can all come together in the fall, although togetherness may mean something different than it did in the past. As we plan for the fall there are some difficult decisions that we will have to face. Due to the uncertainty of where COVID-19 will lead us and what restrictions may be in place, we have decided to postpone the housing lottery until June 15<sup>th</sup>, so it better coincides with class registration. We believe we will be in a better position to make decisions regarding housing after students and their families have worked through some of the challenges they face and decide what their plans will be in the fall. Some of the decisions families make likely depend on how Trinity proceeds with fall planning.

I know that you were hoping to have your housing settled; one less thing to have to think about. However, the Bantam Network Staff and Dean of Students Office agreed that it would be best to hold off rather than to undo any plans that you make regarding housing in order to comply with requirements that federal and state governments decide to implement for the safety of the community.

As you make your plans for your housing group, consider alternative plans in the event we need to downsize any residence halls such as Jarvis Cook, and Goodwin. It is possible that 8 person suites will be downsized to 6 person and 6 person to 4 person. Suites with four bedrooms such as High Rise, Hansen, Vernon, Funston, the Summits will remain the same. Until we know for sure what requirements will be placed on how we house our students, we will continue with the current occupancy model. If anything changes, I will contact you right away so plans can be revised. Prior to the lottery we can plan for another virtual lottery information session.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we figure out what is in the best interest of our students and the Trinity community. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

All the best for you and your families,  
Susan Salisbury

You can reach my office by entering Cook Hall C tower. The entrance is located under the arch closest to Mather side entrance at the end of the Long Walk. The accessibility ramp is located at this door. Come up to the 4th floor. You can also reach my office through the Residential Life offices located in Hamlin 3rd floor.

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