

Reappointment of President Joanne Berger-Sweeney

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Dear Members of the Trinity College Community,

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, it is my sincere pleasure to announce that **the board has voted unanimously to renew the contract of President Joanne Berger-Sweeney**, keeping her at the helm of this remarkable institution for a second five-year term, through 2024.

The board vote signals our enthusiastic support for Joanne and our deep appreciation for her visionary and skillful leadership that has propelled Trinity ever forward since she arrived in 2014. Joanne's work to lead us as a community in charting a course for the college's future has inspired and challenged us to seek new heights as we embrace and renew our commitment to our core liberal arts mission. As we approach Trinity's bicentennial, we couldn't be more excited about the future or more gratified to partner with Joanne and all of you in reaching a new Summit.

When we appointed Joanne as Trinity's 22nd president, we admired her extensive experience as an educator, researcher, and administrator, and we shared her strong belief in the transformative power of higher education. We were confident that she would guide us on a path to distinction and greatness, and, indeed, we are well on that path.

Since 2014, we have seen tremendous strides in attracting the most talented student body from all backgrounds and from all over the world—students for whom Trinity is increasingly their first choice and for whom the opportunities associated with studying the liberal arts in the diverse, vibrant capital city of

Hartford are enormously appealing. That we have consistently met or exceeded our enrollment goals in recent years is a testament to Joanne and to the skills, talents, and dedication of her senior leadership team.

That team and so many of you have worked tirelessly to enhance the student experience and to build an inclusive community, work that Joanne has championed from the beginning—launching the hugely successful Bantam Network, creating the Campaign for Community and last year's Bridging Divides initiative, and bringing an innovative approach to career development and student success, among other things. And Joanne has advanced efforts to attract and retain top-notch faculty and staff and to encourage all members of the community to be engaged in the life of the college.

In establishing a presence downtown and partnering with Capital Community College in the Liberal Arts Action Lab; in enhancing opportunities for students to connect classroom study to experiential learning; in immersing students in the city of Hartford from their first days on campus; and in launching the Center for Caribbean Studies and strengthening our study-away opportunities, Trinity has, under Joanne's leadership, further distinguished itself as a preeminent liberal arts college engaged deeply with the local community and the wider world. The college also has contributed enormously to the recent growth and investment in the Hartford region, including through the service of Joanne and her leadership team on numerous community boards and organizations, the college's leadership in developing a plan to stimulate innovation and entrepreneurship in the state, and its efforts to attract to Hartford significant businesses such as tech giant Infosys.

And as we approach Trinity's third century, we are deeply grateful for the support of so many of you to renew our historic campus, to invest in opportunities to advance the college, and to provide for the college's financial strength in the future. Joanne's leadership in these areas has resulted in numerous achievements, including the opening of the Gruss Music Center, our spectacular new athletic fields, and the Crescent Center for Arts and Neuroscience. Her steadfast determination to reach financial equilibrium—not by flipping our financial model on its head, but by attending carefully to expenses, by enhancing and diversifying revenue streams, and by more deeply engaging alumni, parents, and friends in support of the college—will help ensure that Trinity thrives for generations to come.

Together, and under Joanne's strong and steady leadership, we have made enormous progress. She has infused new energy and life into this revered institution. Without doubt, we also have weathered significant challenges as a

community, but our future looks brighter than ever. Please join me in thanking Joanne for her service and her unwavering belief in the future of this institution that we love. I look forward to our continued partnership—the entire Trinity community together—in the years to come.

Sincerely,

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Chair, Trinity College Board of Trustees



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