

Death of Mikey Bankston, Recent Trinity Alum, Posse Scholar

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Dear Trinity College Community,

It is with great sadness that I inform you of the tragic passing of a recent Trinity College alumnus, Michael “Mikey” Bankston III, during the past weekend. Mikey was a Posse Scholar who graduated from Trinity in 2018. The following is an excerpt from a letter circulated within our community of Posse Scholars:

Mikey was a graduate of Rauner College Prep where he was a student athlete and leader on the Student Council. He matriculated to Trinity College in the fall of 2013 with his Posse of 11 and was supported by his Posse mentor, Dr. Donna-Dale Marcano, Associate Professor of Philosophy. At Trinity, Mikey discovered a passion for philosophy, and had a goal of eventually pursuing a career in medicine.

On campus, Mikey was an active leader, with a passion for music and sharing his Latinx culture. He was heavily engaged in Trinity’s Temple of Hip Hop, a four-day annual international hip hop festival, as an organizer and radio show host. He was also a member of the Samba Ensemble, a Brazilian drumming and singing group.

Mikey served as the Community Engagement Chair of La Voz Latina, a club at Trinity to support the Latinx community and increase awareness of Latin American culture, politics, and social issues in the Trinity community through social and community programming. He was also one of ten Trinity students to serve as the first cohort of community mentors to 5th grade students at Hartford’s Expeditionary Learning Academy at Moylan School, a neighborhood public school serving a predominantly Latino population.

Death is always a challenge to navigate. Death becomes increasingly more challenging to navigate when the deceased is a young person and when the death is the result of a tragedy. Please know that whatever you feel right now is valid. The Office of Spiritual and Religious Life is here to support you. You might also seek support from the Counseling and Wellness Center, the Office of Student and Community Life, or your mentors, friends, and family. Please reach out for the help you need.

The Chapel is open for prayer and reflection. Details regarding a formal opportunity to remember Mikey’s life are forthcoming.

With Kind Regards,
Chaplain Halley

(The Reverend) Marcus George Halley

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