

A Transformative Gift for Financial Aid

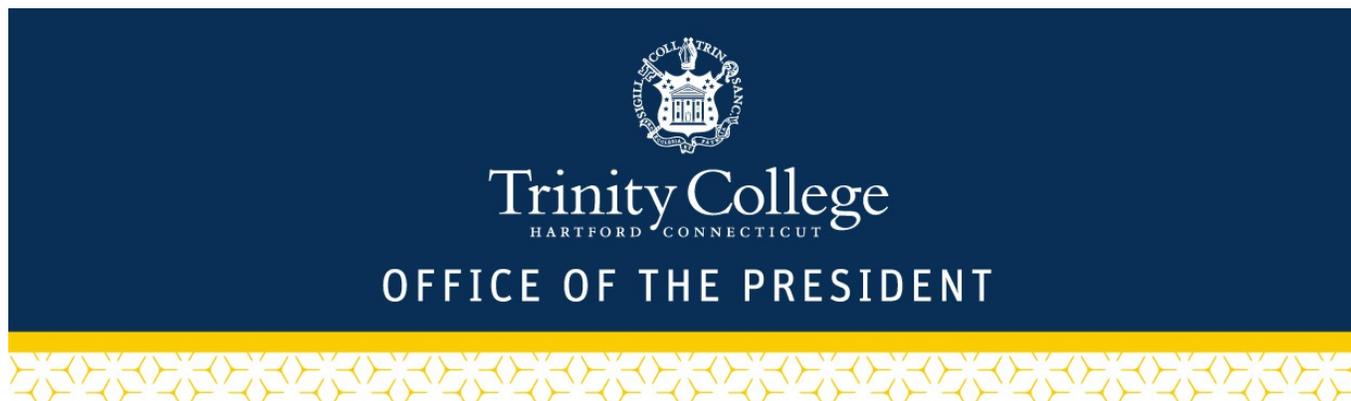
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Dear Members of the Trinity College Community,

Today, during this season of gratitude, I'm thrilled to share with you that Trinity College has received a \$10 million gift from former Trinity trustee and former Connecticut State Treasurer Francisco L. Borges '74, H'20, his wife Luisa, and his siblings, Peter L. Borges '80, Francesca Borges Gordon '82, Maria Borges Correia '85, and Joaquina Borges King, who attended Wesleyan University.

This gift is the largest commitment to date to the college's \$500 million campaign. It also pushes the total raised for financial aid to nearly \$50 million, which is halfway to our \$100 million goal for that purpose. The Borges family's contribution will specifically support outstanding students who would not otherwise be able to attend college. In recognition of the gift, Trinity's admissions, financial aid, and student life building will be named the Manuel and María Luisa Lopes Borges Admissions Center, in honor of the Borges siblings' parents, Manuel and María Luisa Lopes Borges.

Today's issue of *The Hartford Courant* [includes a feature](#) on the Borges family's gift to Trinity (also attached here). I invite you to read Frank's reflections on his family's investment in Trinity. You also can read more about the details of the gift [on our website](#).

We are beyond grateful for the Borges family's beautiful act of family generosity, which dramatically affirms our commitment to expand access for all talented students regardless of their means.

Frank and his siblings often have credited their success to the alumni who came before them who invested in financial aid to support their educations. They are paying those investments forward in a big way.

Sincerely,

Joanne Berger-Sweeney
President and Trinity College Professor of Neuroscience