

Trinity University
Division of Student Affairs

Mission Statement

As educators in the spirit of the liberal arts tradition, the members of the division of Student Affairs are committed to serving, supporting, and challenging students in their development as individuals and as responsible global citizens.

Values

Integrated Learning

We value multidimensional learning which equips individuals to make meaning from disparate contexts and perspectives.

Caring

We value a community that acts with a genuine spirit of warmth, acceptance, support, and kindness.

Respect

We value fairness, dignity, and honor, such that individuals respect themselves, others, property, and the community.

Integrity

We value honest and ethical behavior congruent with the values and the responsibilities of living in this University community.

Identity development

We value an individual's reflection on his or her unique life experiences and how they are expressed through beliefs and behaviors.

Wellness

We value a commitment to a balanced and healthy lifestyle.

Social Responsibility

We value the intrinsic worth of each individual, acknowledge inequity in communities around us, and aspire to make the world a better place.

Intercultural Understanding and Diversity

We value our interdependency in an increasingly diverse and global community and seek to promote a deeper understanding and appreciation of similarities and differences between individuals.

CAMPUS & COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT MISSION

Through purposeful involvement and learning opportunities, Campus & Community Involvement develops student leaders and facilitates programming that contributes to a vibrant campus life.

Campus & Community Involvement oversees:

- Coates University Center
- Intercultural & Diversity Issues
- Service and Volunteerism
- Student Organizations
- Leadership Development
- Campus Publications
- Greek Life
- Student/Event Programs
- Parent & Family Programs
- New Student Orientation

CCI staff

- ✓ Becky **Spurlock**, Director of Campus & Community Involvement
Advises the Trinity Traditions Council, oversees office
- ✓ Ben **Newhouse**, Assistant Director of Campus & Community Involvement
Coates University Center, New Student Orientation, and Parent & Family Programs
- ✓ Joshua D. **Beebe**, Coordinator for Greek Life & Student Programs
Advises Greek Council and T.I.G.E.R. Council, leads Greek Life and student programming
- ✓ Edwin **Blanton**, Coordinator for Community Service & Engagement
Advises TUVAC, cultivates the volunteer & service programs
- ✓ Margaret **Farris**, Coordinator for Student Organizations
Student Organizations
- ✓ Katharine **Martin**, Coordinator for Student-edited Publications
Advises *Trinitonian* and *Mirage*; produces *Student Handbook*
- ✓ Ankita **Rakhe**, Assistant Director for Intercultural & Diversity Issues
Advises TMN, leads diversity & intercultural programs
- ✓ Amy **Parkhurst**, Office Manager
Manages the office, special events ticket sales, reserves laptop and digital camera
- ✓ Christy **Conway**, Secretary
Supports the CCI staff from the office at Coates University Center

University Center, West Wing – Suite 104

Main level: Staff member offices are in the CCI suite, along with office space for most of the sponsored organizations (TMN, TIGER Council, Greek Council, TUVAC, Student Ambassadors)

Lower level: The Student Organization Resource Center is downstairs. Banner-making supplies and computers are available. Campus Publications (*Mirage* and *Trinitonian*) and the Campus Publications adviser are all downstairs.

East Wing - Suite 122: Houses Assistant Director, department secretary, ASR, and the digital banner printer.

Main doors are open whenever the Coates University Center is open. Student leaders can be given after-hours access through their respective advisor.

STUDENT INVOLVEMENT ON CAMPUS AND IN OUR COMMUNITY

We recognize and affirm the choice of our students to be involved in their campus community and throughout San Antonio and the world community through organizations, volunteering, service, and programs. Co-curricular involvement provides undergraduates an opportunity to apply theory from the classroom, experience mature ways of interacting with others, have fun, and make memories of their time at Trinity University that will last a lifetime.

Purpose of Student Organizations

The purposes and activities of student organizations at Trinity University are to reflect and complement the institution's academic mission and its intent to encourage each student's personal development and achievement. Student organizations help create a challenging and supportive environment in which students can realize the full potential of their abilities and come to understand their responsibility of service to the larger community. Organizations may not be in violation of state or federal law, commit or be committed to acts of violence, endanger the University's tax exempt status, engage in activities hazardous to themselves or others, or be in violation of any of the regulations stated in this handbook or the Student Handbook.

Principles affecting student organization sponsorship and freedom of association.

The classification of student organizations attempts to respect two different rights and balance them so that both are protected.

1. The University has the right to decide what student organizations are related to its official mission and purposes and what type and amount of support it will give to these organizations, which are created as legal parts of the University.
2. Students have the right of free association to join with other students with similar interests to form organizations, which are not legally a part of Trinity University and are not necessarily endorsed by Trinity University but are composed of Trinity students. These student organizations reflect the variety of interests of their members, and students are free to organize and join associations according to the guidelines agreed to by the Association of Student Representatives, faculty and administration, and printed in the "Joint Statement on Rights and Freedoms of Students" in the Student Handbook.
3. Religious, political, and special interest student organizations facilitate learning about faiths, viewpoints, and beliefs. The expression, discussion, and debate created by these student organizations must comply with University policies and cannot disrupt the orderly functioning of the University.

Institutional mission and sponsorship of student organizations

The president of the University and the Board of Trustees hold the authority and responsibility for defining the institutional purpose and mission. Statements of the University's role, goals, and purposes are found in the University's Charter, the "Statement of Institutional Mission," the "Compliance Policy," the "Commitment to Excellence," and any other statements the Board may issue. The leadership of the University decides what student organizations, programs, and activities Trinity University will sponsor and support in fulfilling its mission.

Withdrawal of sponsorship or registration

With registered or sponsored status, student organizations are granted privileges by the University. As the University grants these privileges to groups, it can withdraw them for cause. An organization found responsible for a major infraction of University policies or one that is found responsible for a series of infractions of University policies may be placed on probation, lose privileges, or have its charter revoked by the University.

When a student organization is charged with a violation of University regulations (as opposed to the charging of any individual member(s) of a student organization), the charges will be investigated, at the direction of the vice president for Student Affairs, by a member of the Student Affairs staff. The staff

member charged with the responsibility of investigating the allegations may seek the advice and counsel of the Student Conduct Board, the ASR, Greek Council, other student organizations, and staff colleagues in conducting the investigation. However, responsibility for making a judgment as to the liability of the organization and for determining the sanction rests with the vice president for Student Affairs. Appeals of the decisions may be addressed in writing within 10 days of the decision to the president of the University.

STUDENT ORGANIZATIONS

The following is a list of student organizations active as of August 2008. For contact information regarding any of these organizations, please visit the Campus & Community Involvement office.

Chartered Organizations

These organizations are commissioned by Trinity University to serve specific purposes. These organizations contribute to general goals of the University and benefit or serve relatively large numbers of students. They are eligible to petition the Student Finance Board for funding and are assigned a professional staff member as an advisor.

Association of Student Representatives (ASR) – works for the advancement and development of student interests.

Graduate Student Association (GSA) – works for the advancement and development of graduate student interests.

Greek Council of Trinity University – is the body that oversees the Greek organizations.

TIGER (Trinity Intra-Group Guidance for Event Resources) Council – provides financial and planning support for campus programming.

Trinity Multicultural Network (TMN) – promotes cultural diversity, raises awareness of and supports under-represented minorities on campus.

Trinity University Student Ambassadors – act as spokespeople, tradition-keepers and hosts for the University.

Trinity University Volunteer Action Community (TUVAC) – facilitates students' giving of time, talent and other resources.

Sponsored Organizations

Sponsored organizations are directly related to the purposes and functions of Trinity University and are classified within that category as departmental, honor or professional. In relationship with an academic or administrative department, sponsored student organizations help fulfill the purposes and functions of the related department. Such sponsored student organizations are supervised by faculty or staff of the related department and are subject to the policies of the related departments. Sponsored student organizations are required to have a faculty or staff advisor.

Departmental

American Chemical Society - exposes students to different career options in chemistry, gives to the community through science, fosters student-faculty interaction.

Chinese Culture Club - seeks to educate the community about Chinese history through festivals and other events of cultural importance.

Korean Student Association – shares the Korean culture with the student body.

Mu Phi Epsilon - provides an outlet to music major/minors for musical talents through community service, performance and campus-wide activities.

Society of Physics Students - encourages and assists students in their development essential to the advancement of physics along with their advanced studies and research.

Sociology Club, The - encourages relationships among sociology minors and organizes discussions of topics related to sociology.

Trinity Traditions Council – serves as the central organization for annual campus activities that have become cornerstones of the Trinity experience.

Trinity University Economics Society - provides academic and social support to students interested in economics.

Trinity University German Club – encourages interest and understanding of German culture, history,

arts, and fosters friendly relations between peoples.

Trinity University Math Society - brings awareness of mathematics to the common students, encourages service, and provides mathematically minded “mathematical fellowship.”

Trinity University Players (TUPS) - welcomes anyone interested in theatre, drama and fun!

Trinity University Psychology Club - promotes awareness of post-graduate opportunities in psychology, provides a social network for psychology majors and minors, and provides community.

Trinity University Women’s Lacrosse Team - provides an opportunity to any women interested in playing lacrosse.

Urban Studies Society - exposes students to urban issues and educates them about how decisions on these issues may affect their lives.

Venga – establishes an environment for cultural enrichment where speaking Spanish is encouraged.

Honor

Alpha Lambda Delta - recognizes students who have maintained a 3.5 or higher GPA and are in the top 20% of their class during their first year or term of higher education.

Blue Key - recognizes upperclass students for balanced and all-around excellence in scholarship, leadership and service.

Gamma Sigma Alpha - encourages excellence in scholarship among members of the Greek-letter system and promotes intellectual interaction between Greek-letter students and the academic community.

Golden Key National Honor Society - encourages scholarship, career development, leadership and service.

Kappa Delta Pi - provides professional development opportunities as well as service and social opportunities to Education majors.

Mortar Board - recognizes scholastic ability, outstanding leadership, and dedicated service to Trinity and the community.

National Society of Collegiate Scholars - recognizes first and second year students who rank in the top 20th percentile of their class and have a minimum GPA of 3.4.

Omega Tau of Phi Alpha Theta - strives to enhance students’ appreciation of history through both academics and service.

Omicron Delta Epsilon - recognizes students who have performed highly in economics courses.

Professional

Alpha Epsilon Delta - recognizes excellence in premedical scholarship, promotes communication between medical and premedical students and educators, uses its resources to benefit the community.

Alpha Kappa Psi - develops principled business leaders.

American Medical Student Association - provides opportunities for pre-meds to form a community and to participate in activities to aid with med school admission.

Phi Alpha Delta Pre-Law Fraternity - supplements preparation for law school through meaningful and relevant events with PAD alumni and local legal professionals.

Society of Women Engineers – Center of information for women in engineering; encouraging women while providing a support system and enhancing professionalism among its members.

Trinity Engineers – develops professionalism and contact in the academic, professional, and social areas.

Trinity Women in Science & Technology (TWIST)- connects students and faculty in science and technology, creates a network to build and retain women’s participation in these fields.

Registered

Registered organizations are established by and for Trinity University students to experience co-curricular learning while participating in activities that are of interest to the members of each registered organization. Registered organizations are voluntary association of Trinity students wishing to pursue a common special interest or engage in social activities.

Alpha Phi Omega - provides members with opportunities in leadership, fellowship and service.

Amnesty International – works to put an end to human rights abuses.

Anime FLUX - seeks to enlighten the campus to Japanese and other foreign animation films and series.

Asian Sub-Continental Association - tries to encompass the South Asian sub continental region in its group. We have a mixture of Indian and Pakistani events which can also encompass Hindu and Muslim festivals. Our goal is to share traditions, festivals and the culture with the rest of the Trinity community.

Black Student Union - creates a social network for black students and those interested in the culture and to educate the Trinity community about salient historical perspectives and issues that are relevant to black communities.

Catholic Student Group at Trinity University - provides Catholic Mass on Sundays and occasional meetings for people of all faiths to learn about the Catholic Faith.

Chess Club – provides opportunities to socialize and interact with campus community through various types of chess.

Christian Science Organization – Provide prayerful support to the Christian Scientists on campus; providing environment for spiritual growth and understanding to those seeking it.

College Democrats at Trinity University - seeks to raise political awareness and involve the community in politics at all levels.

College Life - provides fellowship and evangelical leadership training to Christian students of Trinity University.

College Republications at Trinity University – provides support for local Republican candidates and awareness of our issues around campus.

Filipino Student Association, The - acquaints students with the Filipino culture and promotes ethnic diversity awareness on campus.

Gaelic Cultural Society - enables students interested in Gaelic culture to enjoy a better understanding of the traditions of Scotland, Ireland, and other Gaelic countries.

Hindu Student Union - educates the Trinity community about the Hindu faith and Indian culture through celebrations of religious festivals and other traditional events.

House to House - seeks to meet the specific needs of Christian students involved in the Greek system by providing support and encouragement through prayer and community.

Houston Sports Fans – Campus network for sharing affinity & passion for Houston-area sports while supporting Trinity sports teams.

Interfaith Council, The - provides opportunities for students of different faiths to learn more about their own beliefs and those of the people who surround them.

International Club - celebrates the diverse groups of students, faculty and staff on our campus and provides international students, study abroad students and students with international interests an environment to share their experiences.

InterVarsity Christian Fellowship - witnesses for Jesus as Savior and Lord.

Jewish Student Association - provides students, faculty and staff and friends of all Jewish denominations with a community to pass holiday and events, expand on Jewish culture, and engage in dynamic, modern, college-style Jewish life.

Latino Exchange - responds to the needs of an individual or a group as a whole, enriching the community with regard to the Latino/Hispanic culture and traditions and ensuring continuous recruitment, and retention of Latino/Hispanic students.

Muslim Student Association - increases awareness of Islam and holds meetings for the discussion of topics of interest.

Reformed University Fellowship - reaches and equips students for Christ through a weekly large group Bible Study, student-led small groups, and various conferences and service opportunities.

Right to Life at Trinity University - increases awareness of pro-life issues on campus through educational information, service activities, campus events and increased dialogue.

Rotaract Club at Trinity University - provides students with opportunities for professional and leadership development as well as addressing community needs through various service projects.

Scriblerus Society - fosters close-knit, well-informed, familiar sector with the underlying intention of increasing the value of our education inside the academic environment by removing ourselves from it so as to make understanding the educational curricula as they fit into a broader social and moral sphere.

Sexual Assault Student Coalition – provides education and promotes awareness around campus in an effort to increase prevention of sexual assault.

Sexual Diversity Alliance - increases awareness of issues regarding sexuality and the societal woes faced by queer people and their allies.

Social Dance Club - provides an opportunity for students of all ability levels to learn, perform and generally enjoy Country Western, Ballroom and Swing dancing.

Student Film Society - studies and enjoys cinema not usually seen in theaters.

Students Creating Awareness of the Sikh Faith - shares the ideology, culture and ethics of the Sikhs through various programs and events.

Vietnamese Student Association at Trinity University – creates a social and educational network for these students interested in Vietnamese culture.

Well, The – endeavors to “Go and make disciples of all nations” (Matthew 28:19) beginning with college-age individuals.

Greek

Greek organizations refer to our social sororities and fraternities. Membership cannot be held in more than one Greek organization at the collegiate level. These organizations single sex, selective and primarily serve a social purpose.

Sororities

Alpha Chi Lambda

Chi Beta Epsilon

Gamma Chi Delta

Phi Delta Kappa

Sigma Theta Tau

Spurs

Zeta Chi

Fraternities

Bengal Lancers

Chi Delta Tau

Iota Chi Rho

Kappa Kappa Delta

Omega Phi

Phi Sigma Chi

Pi Kappa Alpha Interest Group

