

# Student Life



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Trinity College offers education designed to equip men and women for Christian service in a number of occupations. This sort of equipping demands growth and development in every facet of life and recognizes that true Christian maturity goes beyond academic achievement to include one's lifestyle. At Trinity, therefore, we are committed to complementing classroom instruction with Biblical values and lifestyles.

Trinity College provides many opportunities for Christian fellowship and for the enrichment of Christian personality through a balanced program of social events throughout the year. The social program is correlated through the Office of the Vice President for Student Development. These events include a series of all-school socials sponsored by the Student Government Association.

Devotionals and interpersonal relationships in the residence halls provide shared experiences leading toward maturity. All of these are a vital part of the student experience at Trinity College.

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## Student Handbook

*Let no one look down on your youthfulness, but rather in speech, conduct, love, faith and purity, show yourself an example of those who believe. (1 Timothy 4:12, NASB)*

In order to do this, clearly defined standards and guidelines are necessary. The *Trinity College Student Handbook* will be each student's source for information regarding the College's standards and guidelines. We acknowledge that it is impossible to create a community with behavioral standards with which each member totally agrees, but we believe that it is essential to specify

certain patterns that will assist the community in realizing its objectives.

It is the desire of the College that true freedom of thought and action be enjoyed by the students, but there can be no effective freedom without organization. This is particularly true of large groups of people living in close contact and interdependence.

The guidelines set forth in the *Student Handbook* are designed to regulate the activities of the student body so that the basic rights of all are protected. Scriptural standards which are binding on the entire Christian

community have been taken into consideration in the formation of all guidelines.

It is the hope of the College that each student will have a value system based on Scriptural concepts which will be reinforced by a set of strong inner controls.

The College expects, therefore, that all students will read and carefully observe the policies in the *Student Handbook*.

### Medical Information Forms

The American College Health Association has recommended that all college students born after December 31, 1956, be given a second dose of measles, mumps, and rubella vaccine (MMR). These vaccines must be obtained from the family physician prior to arrival on campus. Proof of these vaccinations must be submitted to the Office of Student Development.

### Christian Service

The Christian Service program involves weekly participation in a specific ministry or community service activity approved by the Vice President for Student Development. This service is required for students taking nine or more credit hours at the College. Freshmen and Sophomores can minister in a variety of programs, which may or may not correspond to their chosen major. Juniors and Seniors will need to minister in an area corresponding to their chosen major. Students involved in an internship are excused from Christian Service. Students graduating from Trinity must have at least a “satisfactory” mark in Christian Service for every semester they are enrolled at the College.

### Chapel

The Chapel program of Trinity College is designed to be an important part in the development of students’ spiritual lives. Chapel takes place on Wednesday and Friday mornings, and all full-time students are required to attend. Students who live off-campus (full-time or part-time) and who have a class immediately before or after Chapel are also required to attend Chapel.

### Social Activities

Trinity College provides many opportunities for Christian fellowship and for the enrichment of Christian personality. In addition to the usual associations of residence hall life, the College sponsors special events such as banquets, informal sports events, college outings and other activities in which the entire College participates. These activities provide an opportunity for students to mature in their relationships with others and their Lord. It is through this that the College seeks to develop the whole student in social, physical, mental and emotional areas.

### Student Lounge

Epiphanies is the on-campus lounge where students gather to enjoy a fresh cup of coffee, grab a snack, play pool, watch TV, utilize the wireless web connection, challenge their friends in an interactive Nintendo Wii game, or just kick back and relax. Epiphanies is centrally located in the Watson Administration Building and provides a unique setting for students to enjoy a break from studies and connect with friends.



### Student Government Association

The Student Government Association (SGA) and its activities are an important part of the educational and social program of the College and can provide valuable leadership experience. All students are encouraged to participate in this balanced program of activities. The SGA is an elected body that coordinates various cultural, social and intramural athletic programs for the College student body. The SGA also serves as a way students can communicate needs and concerns to the College Administration.

### Great Commission Missionary Fellowship

Understanding that both prayer and awareness are essential elements for all missionary ventures, the Great Commission Missionary Fellowship (GCMF) organizes various student activities involving world missions. An annual missions conference brings church leaders, missionaries, mission organizations, and others to the campus for a special time of concentrated recognition of missions as the worldwide task of the church. Trinity College works with other Bible colleges and Christian institutions in sponsoring missions conferences and cooperative projects.

### Chorale

The College Chorale performs at our annual Christmas concert.

## Imitators - Drama Group

The *Imitators of Trinity College of Florida* is a student-initiated drama group which offers both short presentations for campus services and other activities as well as longer efforts designed to communicate the message of Christ in a way that is dramatic, interesting, and truthful.

## Ad Honorem Service Club

Ad Honorem is a student volunteer club whose purpose is to promote unity and servanthood in the body of Christ. It is their hope to be an active example of the servitude that Jesus illustrated in His life on earth, by catering to the needs of the student body, faculty and staff, and local community to the glory of God and the growth of His kingdom.

## Dead [to Sin] Poets' Society

The Dead [to Sin] Poets' Society is the literary society of Trinity College of Florida. They produce several literary publications throughout the year. In their missions statement, they state, "We are actively engaging our peers and culture on relevant issues for the purpose of advancing the reasonableness of a Christian interpretation of current events through art and word."

## Recreational/Sporting Activities

Intramural sports are an inner school sports program designed for relaxation, socialization, and healthy physical activity. The emphasis is on participation. Students and staff are encouraged to become active through the various individual and team-sport contests. Intramural sports, which include basketball, softball, soccer, and flag football, cater to the interests of the student body.

## Sports Equipment

The following equipment is available for checkout through the Office of Student Development: footballs, volleyballs, soccer balls, orange cones, and games.

## Athletics

The Athletic Department at Trinity College of Florida is dedicated to excellence both on and off the court. Practice, hard work and commitment are key to developing successful teams which generate winning results.

Our highly motivated coaching staff believes in mastering sport fundamentals, incorporating proven strategies, and creating positive team cultures which produce great achievements. Trinity College of Florida is a member of the National Christian College Athletic Association. We currently participate in men's

basketball and women's volleyball. If you share a desire for excellence in athletics, then *Trinity College of Florida* invites you to become part of its athletic program.



## YMCA Membership for Trinity Students

All Day Students will have membership in the James P. Gills Family YMCA. The YMCA has the latest fitness equipment, a gym, two swimming pools and the other usual YMCA programming available to members. The YMCA is adjacent to the College campus.

## Residence Halls

*In everything, therefore, treat people the same way you want them to treat you, for this is the Law and the Prophets. (Matthew 7:12, NASB)*

The experiences and relationships in the residence hall environment will become some of the most important of the student's educational career. These opportunities enable the student to put into practice Christian principles that are learned in the classroom setting, enabling the student to grow and minister at the same time.

As a result, all students under the age of 24 are required to live in College-provided housing, either on or off campus, as it is available with the exception of married students and persons living with one or both parents. Priority will be given to freshmen and international students. Room assignments are made through the Student Development Office and room deposits should be made as early as possible.

At the discretion of the Vice President for Student Development, it may be possible for a single student to live off-campus given variables of the following criteria:

1. The student is at least 24 years of age.
2. Health needs demand special facilities that Trinity College cannot supply.
3. The student is living with one or both parents.
4. The student is carrying six or less credit hours.

Students carrying six or less credit hours are permitted to reside on campus as housing is available. Normally, older students find it more desirable to live off-campus, but they are permitted to reside on campus as housing is available and as it is approved by the Dean of Students.