

THE PRESIDENT'S



Circle

TRINITY COLLEGE OF FLORIDA

There is Power ... and then there is POWER!

There is the power of moving water ... floods. There is the power of wind ... tornados and hurricanes. There is the power of moving ground ... earthquakes. There is the power of fire ... burning of forests and buildings. There is the power of coal and gas ... transportation. There is the power of the sun ... heat and light. There is the power of the atom ... nuclear energy. There is the power of light ... its speed and brilliance.

There are other powers ... man and machine. Intellectual, emotional, psychological, and monetary powers are well known. There are governmental, law enforcement, and military powers. Nations have power. The list goes on.

However, there are spiritual powers, powers of darkness, powers of light ... good and evil. **There is one power that cannot be ignored.** Dr. Luke captures this in his account of the life of Jesus:

“But I’ll tell you whom to fear. Fear God, who has the power to kill you and then throw you into hell. Yes, he’s the one to fear.” Luke 12:5 NLT

There is Power ... and then there is POWER! These are the Words of Jesus! God has the power to ‘throw you into hell.’ That is POWER! He says in verse 4-7 (NKJV) the following:

“...My friends, do not be afraid of those who kill the body, and after that have no more that they can do. But I will show you whom you should fear: Fear Him who, after He has killed, has power to cast into hell; yes, I say to you, fear Him! Are not five sparrows sold for two copper coins? *And not one of them is forgotten before God. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered.* Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows.”

There is Power ... and then there is POWER! God signals to us through Jesus the following supernatural truths:

1. There is Life after the body ceases to function. There is movement, location, and direction after death. God is the One in Charge!
2. There is Value to every Human Being. God does not forget anyone. God does not ignore anyone who is searching.
3. There is Detail, Order, and Importance in all things! Nothing is wasted! Nothing is ignored in the economy of God. There is a purpose and plan.
4. There is Divine Concern that you know and not fear, but choose wisely!

The POWER of Control and Direction after Death is in the Hands of Almighty God! Now that is POWER!

My Question to You: ***After death, what will He Do With You?***

Jesus Says: Fear God! He has the REAL POWER!

Your Destination: Heaven or Hell? Pretty Simple! Pretty Clear! With Jesus as your Savior and Redeemer, Heaven awaits you! Without Him, Hell Awaits You! It is a *Very Simple Choice that will determine a lasting destiny!* **Choose Jesus ... it is His Warning and Words!**

The Latest Happenings ...

2019 Trinity Commencement



Traditional



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- ✦ **Congratulations to the Class of 2019!** Dr. Charlie Martin, Vice President for Advancement, was the keynote speaker.



Lad Allen, producer and director at Illustra Media, a non-profit motion picture production ministry based in California, was awarded a Doctor of Letters at commencement for outstanding work and expertise in the humanities and arts. He also headed production of documentaries based on Lee Stroebe's bestselling books, *The Case for Christ*, *The Case for Faith*, and *The Case for a Creator*.

- ✦ Our 2019 Annual Banquet was held May 10, 2019 at the Innisbrook Resort and Spa. Wintley Phipps, Grammy Nominated Vocal Artist, ministered in music. He served as a vocalist for BGEA (Billy Graham Evangelistic Association) for more than 25 years. Dr. John Corts, second President of Trinity College of Florida, spoke. He has also served as President of BGEA. Awards were given to students for Christian Leadership, Servanthood, and Faithfulness.



Dr. Ed Allen and Rev. Ed Brandt, incoming Chairman of the Board of Trustees, were recognized for their service in the 85th Birthday Celebration Fundraising campaign. One Prokopé award was given to Calvary Church, East Lake campus, and another was awarded to Rev. Sam and Mrs. Bonnie Thomas, missionaries with African Inland Mission. Many pictures of these events and celebrations are online www.trinitycollege.edu. (Click on the Face Book symbol.)

The Wade Academic Service Award was presented to Mrs. Cindy Hyer, Director of Library Services at the College.

Many pledges and monies were received that night for the *Life Change Scholarship*. Since its inception in 2013, over \$800,000 has been awarded through this scholarship to students at the College.

- ✦ The President's Council and the Board of Trustees have met since the last publication of the *Circle*. These gifted women and men gave counsel, recommendations, and encouragement to the President and his administration.



President's Council



Board of Trustees

- ✦ The new slate of officers of the Trinity College Board of Trustees Executive Committee have been named:

Edward Wm. Brandt III, Chairman, *graduate of Trinity and president of E. W. Brandt & Associates*

R. Tom Chapman, Vice Chairman, *Businessman*

J. Bradford Hines, Secretary-Treasurer, *Attorney*

Thomas E. Wade, Officer at Large, *Retired USF Professor*

Robert P. Blount, III, Officer at Large, *President of Abe Brown Ministries*

Andrew W. Baxter, Officer at Large, *Pasco County Commission Facilities Assistant Director*

- ✦ **Mr. John Whitehead** retired from the Board of Trustees after serving 13 years (9 years as Board Chairman). He will be joining the President's Council. As a successful businessman and leader in multi-site campuses of the Christ Community Church in West Palm Beach, John is a successful author and speaker. He was awarded a commemorative "gavel" from the Trinity College family. John and his wife, Bonnie, are special servants of the Most High.

Other Events



Sports Banquet



Jr-Sr. Banquet



Campus Preview



Scholarship Chapel

- Many students will travel on mission trips and an Honors trip to the Middle East this summer. Please remember them in your prayers.
- **A New Look:** All the buildings on campus have been painted to match L. L. Speer Hall.

Additional Prayer Requests ...

- Admissions Activities: Pray for our recruiters and potential students making decisions for the fall.
- Dining Services: Pray for new ways of delivering lunches, new offerings, and the ambiance of the dining hall.
- Faculty and Staff: Pray for their spiritual growth, protection, and encouragement. Pray for a new season of refreshment and service.
- Trustees and Council: Pray that the Lord will use these women and men as leaders in our churches and communities.
- Contributions and Gifts: Pray that the Lord will utilize these monies in the best possible way. Pray for the development of new classrooms in our buildings.

During the conclusion of the 2019 commencement service, Professor Krista Mallo offered the following prayer as the benediction. With her permission, the words are recorded below:

2 Corinthians 5:17 tells us that anyone who is in Christ is a new creation. The old is gone; the new has come. Indeed, LORD, you are the God of transformation. We see the work you have done in the lives of these graduates.

You are the God who took a boy from a destitute town a thousand miles away who saw no hope for any kind of future, who, on the brink of despair, contemplated taking his own life, but you brought him here-- made him a man of faith-- finding hope in YOU.

You took a girl who was facing the very real possibility of life without the mother whom she adored and you gave her faith-- finding hope in YOU.

-- a young man, fatherless-- YOU surrounded him here by godly men who adopted and disciplined him...

--another, orphaned at an early age-- and YOU gave him a family here...

--a foul-mouthed girl, you put a new song in her mouth-- a desire to worship you-- to sing YOUR praises for endless days...

--a deceitful, selfish liar and YOU made him a servant to all ...

--a young woman, seeking comfort in the arms of many men-- but, LORD, YOU brought her to find her identity in YOU alone...

And YOU are the God of transformation who has broken cycles of abuse, removed the chains of addiction, freed us from the prisons of our own anxiety and depression, and tattooed every scar as a reminder of who YOU are.

As we contemplate where today's commencement will lead, LORD, help us to hear you, to see you, to know you, and to follow you NOW-- More Than EVER.

*In Jesus' Name,
Amen.*

Serving with you with hope, peace, and joy,

