Inspiring Generations
The Trinity 1592 Circle
Celebrating your Legacy
A warm welcome to the 1592 Circle

Thank you for remembering Trinity in your will. Your legacy gift is a generous, far-sighted act that will help Trinity build on its strong foundations and continue to thrive in the future.

We are immensely grateful to our legacy donors who have made many varied projects possible over the years. Legacies have helped fund the construction of landmark buildings on campus, the endowment of academic posts and a wide array of student prizes and scholarships.

Legacy gifts are a very special type of commitment. By making your pledge to Trinity, you are joining a community of committed supporters helping to shape our future through truly excellent research and education. Your legacy will have a far-reaching impact and help to ensure the development and success of the college for future generations.

Thank you again for your extraordinary support, it inspires and enables us to achieve great things.

Kate Bond
Director of Advancement

Bequests to Trinity Access have transformed the lives of many students and their families. These gifts directly support scholarships, bursaries and outreach programmes that facilitate talented students from all backgrounds to study at Trinity. We’re incredibly grateful to our benefactors whose generosity and foresight help to eliminate barriers to education and allow people to reach their full potential.

Dr Cliona Hannon, Director of Trinity Access
About the 1592 Circle

As a legacy pledger, you join a tradition of giving that stretches back over 400 years – and reaches far into the future. The 1592 Circle is a society for friends and alumni who have pledged a legacy gift to the college. The Circle was established to celebrate the generosity of our legacy pledgers, and to connect people who share our mission to shape the future through education and discovery.

Members of the 1592 Circle enjoy a range of benefits including:

- A donor gift commemorating membership
- Invitation to the 1592 Circle’s annual event
- Opportunities to find out about research and activities at the college, through events and annual newsletter
- Recognition on the 1592 Circle webpage (optional)
- Legator’s names are recorded in Trinity’s Legacy Ledger in perpetuity

The Ellen Mayston-Bates legacy helped Trinity establish a comprehensive epilepsy programme and supports my research in fundamental neuroscience. My research is translational, exploring why epilepsy occurs and using this knowledge to improve treatments for sufferers. We are very thankful to Ellen Mayston-Bates. Her generosity is providing new insights into this serious brain disorder.

Professor Mark Cunningham, The Ellen Mayston-Bates Professor of Neurophysiology of Epilepsy, Trinity College Dublin
Your 1592 Circle Membership

To confirm your membership to the 1592 Circle, please fill out the 1592 Membership form.

We would be delighted if you also use the form to tell us a little more about your personal story and your gift to the college. We will be in touch with details on our upcoming 1592 Circle events as well as other opportunities to engage with the college and our work.

If you wish to remain anonymous, please be assured that your name will not be published publicly and that details of your legacy gift will be kept in the strictest confidence.

Thank you for investing in Trinity’s future.

If you have any questions, please contact:

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The Library is very grateful for bequests from two former members of staff of Trinity: the historian Professor R B McDowell, and former Keeper of Manuscripts, William O’Sullivan. In 2014 their generous gifts allowed the Library to acquire rare correspondence belonging to Samuel Beckett. We are delighted to be able to share this collection with researchers across the globe to inspire and support new Beckett scholarship.

Helen Shenton, Trinity Librarian and College Archivist
A Lasting Legacy:

1595  James Cottrell, Esq. left the first recorded legacy to fund a divinity lecturer in Trinity College Dublin. College Fellow Ambrose Ussher was the first appointed lecturer to hold the position.

1740  Dr John Elwood bequeathed £1,000 to build the Dining Hall in Front Square.

1832  Sir Patrick Dun’s legacy established a teaching hospital linked to Trinity’s School of Medicine. When it closed in the 1980s the sale proceeds funded the Sir Patrick Dun Research Laboratories at St James’s Hospital.

1883  Rev Benjamin Span bequeathed his house on Francis Street to endow two prizes for ‘deserving students of narrow means’ which became the forerunner of the Trinity Access Programme.

2015  Dr Fodla Taylor, a medical graduate, left 10% of the residue of her estate to the Trinity School of Medicine for Cancer Research.

2019  Cedric E. Sheppard, a life-long rower and member of the Trinity London Rowing club directed his gift to the Dublin University Boat Club.

2020  William G. Livingstone left an unrestricted legacy to Trinity’s Greatest Need Fund. His gift will provide scholarships to support an Engineering student and Medical student through the Trinity Access Programme.

2020  A generous supporter of Trinity during his lifetime, Don Panoz’s legacy gift to the School of Pharmacy and Pharmaceutical Sciences will fund a new position, The Don Panoz Chair in Pharmaceutical Biology.
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Your name, honour and praise shall always remain

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