Fall greetings to all Trinity HCAD alumni!

It has been a busy start to the year with a significant change to announce. The department chair position has officially turned over. Dr. Ed Schumacher has taken the helm in place of Dr. Mary Stefl, who is on a much-deserved sabbatical. We thank her for her many years of dutiful service and are grateful to know she’s still around to advise us along the way.

Alumni Weekend ended with a bit of a rain plan needed, but great attendance. We kicked it off with a casual networking and open forum discussion lunch in the Skyline room with several members of the board and the first-year students. The dialogue was great and a lot of experiences and advice were offered for consideration. That evening, we held a happy hour with all current students and any local alumni at StoneWerks near the Alamo Quarry. It was great to see everyone and we even had some of the HCAD Advisory Board members join us for dinner before their meeting the next day.

The annual golf tournament was fabulous as always. I won’t steal his thunder, but want to thank HCAD intramural chair Tripp Lyles ’14, for taking charge of this great event.

At our board meeting, we discussed at great length how the board can truly better serve the current students. Of course we (and they) really seem to enjoy the casual luncheon and open forum discussion time. We truly feel that part of our role should be as mentors. To that end, we voted to introduce a new option at Congress this year: mock interviews held by members of the board (with constructive feedback) and any other alumni who would like to participate. We feel we can play a significant role in helping prepare the students for the all-so-important Preceptor’s Conference and even future job searches. And surely they have a couple time slots available for professional betterment somewhere in between trips to the Navy Pier, the Sears Tower, and the House of Blues.

As HCAD alumni, we share the responsibility to ensure the sustainability of the program and the success of the next class. Funding for scholarships and for attendance at the ACHE Congress each year is dependent upon alumni association dues and donations. We are having great success with the $500 lifetime membership enrollment and actually have 11 new members since June, for a total of 70 so far. The board also voted to add another category—Retired Lifetime Member—at a much-reduced cost of $100. Both of these categories are a great deal and help us ensure the success of the HCAD program into the future. So please, if you haven’t already, contact the department today to secure your lifetime membership!

We look forward to seeing as many of you as possible at our next big event, the annual Duce Award Dinner with Trinity University President Dennis Ahlburg on March 25 in Chicago!

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The 2013 Annual Trinity University Health Care Administration Alumni Association Golf Tournament was once again a huge success. The 67 golfers in this year’s tournament included students and alumni with different skill levels. The golfers enjoyed playing the scenic Quarry Golf Course in San Antonio. Each golfer received a goodie bag filled with tiger fans, tees, water bottles, and sleeves of golf balls. Before the golfers began, refreshing mimosas were handed out to help get the morning started.

Breakfast was served to all participants at 7:30 a.m. sponsored by ARAMARK. After a nice day on the course, golfers enjoyed a delicious buffet lunch prepared by the Quarry Golf Club restaurant. As players were finishing lunch, trophies were handed out to the winning teams, as well as to the losing teams. Individual trophies were handed out to the winners of the longest drive and closest to the pin challenges.

The tournament offered multiple sponsorship opportunities. There were sponsors for the challenge holes, which included longest drive and closest to the pin, as well as a lunch sponsor and a hole sponsor. The tournament raised over $2,500 with the proceeds helping to fund the attendance for current students to the Congress on Healthcare Leadership in Chicago, a professional conference hosted by the American College of Healthcare Executives. The proceeds also help fund The Paul Golliher Fellowship, awarded to one exceptional student each school year.

In addition to the support from the golfers, this year’s event could not have been possible without the efforts and philanthropic support of our sponsors. The Alumni Association and department of Health Care administration would like to thank the following contributors:

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- Leidos Health
- Texas Health Resources

We thank you for your continued support of the program and are already looking forward to next year’s tournament. Please mark your calendars to join us next year on October 10, 2014. We encourage you to consider assisting the event as a sponsor. The sponsorship opportunities include tournament sponsor, lunch sponsor, hole sponsor, and challenge hole sponsor, to include longest drives and closest-to-pin contests. For more information, please contact Elizabeth Ford at 210-999-8435 or at nford1@trinity.edu.

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Peter Wallace '10

Please consider joining the 70 HCADAA alumni who have become Lifetime Members – a growing high caliber and esteemed group. Your investment in the future of health care will certainly be rewarded!

Annual Membership
1st year post-graduation, FREE
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The HCAD Alumni Association is happy to announce a new retired lifetime membership, which is now available for a reduced rate of $100.
Retired lifetime membership status is available to retired HCAD alumni. Retired status allows for the continuation of all rights and privileges of HCADAA Lifetime membership.
If you have been reading these letters the past 12 years, you might be surprised to see my face on this page. After over 25 years of administrative service including the last 12 as chair, Dr. Mary Stefl decided she was ready for a new challenge, and so I have been asked to take on the role of department chair. While I am excited to do so, I realize I have big shoes to fill. In the past 12 years, I have seen our department grow stronger and overcome many challenges in large part because of her leadership. She was instrumental in helping me to achieve my professional goals as a faculty member here at Trinity, and I owe her a huge debt of thanks. She handed me the reins of a department that is in great shape and I am excited as I look toward our future.

Many of my previous students have asked me what changes I plan to make as I step into the role as chair. Some have made some good suggestions: requiring at least one statistics class in every semester of the program; instituting a new dress code consisting of a short-sleeve plaid shirt, khaki pants and running shoes; or linking membership into the Upsilon Phi Delta Honor Society to the student’s marathon time. While I think these are all great ideas, I don’t plan to make any drastic changes. One of the things I like most about working at Trinity is the quality of our students and my colleagues. My goal is to maintain the cooperative and student-centered culture of our program. We have an exceptional faculty, gifted students, and one of the best alumni networks in the country. Great things will happen when they are allowed to work together.

For example, a group of our second-year students just returned from the Everett V. Fox Student Case Competition. This was part of the National Association of Health Service Executives (NAHSE) annual meetings in Miami, Florida. Our students placed 3rd out of 23 teams in the competition. I am very proud of them. Not only did the group achieve this on top of their normal course loads, but they also took the initiative to raise the necessary funds to attend the competition. Some of you made a donation to help get them there, and we appreciate your investment in our students. They demonstrated what our students are capable of on a national stage.

Our Executive Program is also doing well, but we are always looking for new potential students. To get an idea of the quality of our Executive student graduates, please see the testimonials from some of our recent graduates later in this newsletter. Our Executive Program gets less attention than our On-Campus Program, but it is ranked as one of the best in the country. Word of mouth is our best marketing tool so please send our way anyone who you feel would be a good fit for the Executive Program. We would love to speak with them.

Finally, I wanted to let you know about our recent symposium titled: Health Care 2014 and Beyond. This was offered jointly by the Centene Foundation and Trinity University. The all-day symposium featured many nationally recognized leaders in health care such as Governor Michael Leavitt, Dr. David Agus (professor of medicine and engineering, USC), John Blu ford III (president and CEO, Truman Medical Centers), and our own Joel Allison ’73, president and CEO of Baylor Health Care System. The keynote speaker was Nancy-Ann DeParle, former White House deputy chief of staff for policy in the Obama administration. The symposium was a huge success and is the first in what we hope will be a continuing partnership between Trinity and Centene.

These are just a few of the exciting things happening on campus. I would love the chance to speak with you further about our faculty, our students, or the direction of the program. Please send me an e-mail at eschumac@trinity.edu or call the HCAD Office at 210-999-8107. Thank you for your support of the program. Our alumni are a key component of what makes Trinity special.

Edward J. Schumacher
Professor and Chair
News has traveled quickly that the HCAD program has new leadership under Dr. Ed Schumacher as of August. HCAD alumni have become accustomed to identifying the program’s vision and direction with Dr. Mary Stefl who, after 25 years in an administrative role of some kind, has decided to step down as HCAD chair.

Clearly, this is a transitional and exciting time for the HCAD Office and for both Dr. Stefl and Dr. Schumacher. Dr. Stefl offers her perspective of the HCAD program and shares her sense of purpose and commitment in continuing to serve the local and professional community in roles where she can make a positive difference in the lives of others.

According to Dr. Stefl, the faculty and the greater level of engagement with alumni have been the critical elements of the strength and success of the HCAD program during her administrative tenure. She also highlights the creation and commitment of the members of the HCAD Advisory Council – 22 members strong - who provide advice and counsel to enhance the program’s curriculum and national standing.

The Advisory Council has been a great source of support for both the program and Dr. Stefl in her role as chair. The Council prompted the program to develop a strategic plan and, as a result, the Center for Leadership Development in Health Management was established. The plan also acknowledged that additional resources were needed to take the program “to the next level.” As a result, the program launched Trinity University’s Campaign for Health Care Administration that has resulted in additional student funds and other program support. The program’s fundraising efforts now serve as a model for other departments within the University.

During the same period, the HCAD Alumni Association grew in strength and expanded its effort to support both the alumni and the program. Together, the Advisory Council and Alumni Association contribute to the program’s strength and reach. She is pleased with the HCAD Alumni Association’s growing partnership with faculty in support-
ing the overall HCAD program goals.

The well-being of both HCAD students and the program has always been at the forefront of Dr. Stefl’s efforts as chair. She is quick to say it takes the entire faculty in a team approach to serve these students well. After 25 years, Dr. Stefl emphasizes that the HCAD program is in a better place now. Receiving more support from the University than ever before, the program is equipped with the resources to elevate it to the next level.

There is a small part of Dr. Stefl that will miss setting the direction of the program and its vision as chair. She has full confidence in Dr. Schumacher’s abilities to elevate the program to greater heights. Dr. Stefl’s only words of wisdom to Dr. Schumacher are to remain student focused, which comes naturally to him, and to enjoy the experience.

Looking ahead, she hopes that the introduction of an international experience will be a reality within five years for both the On-Campus and the Executive HCAD Programs. She trusts the program will build on its strengths especially through its exceptional faculty and that a new generation of alumni leaders will emerge to help chart the course for the program through the program’s friend-raising efforts. She notes that hearing alumni tell “their story” (e.g., how their careers have developed since Trinity and how they have contributed) is where she finds the greatest reward.

Dr. Stefl looks forward to the HCAD program creeping up in the national rankings and contributing to the overall strength of the San Antonio community, the nation, and the health care administration profession.

Prior to taking an academic leave this year, Dr. Stefl served in a faculty fellowship at Texas Health Resources in Dallas. She learned how this large system was responding to health care reform and focused on population health initiatives and new leadership structures. She is grateful for the great experience which was made possible through the sponsorship of the Presbyterian Healthcare Foundation.

In the next year, Dr. Stefl is looking forward to “decompressing” and spending more time reading and learning new things. Her mind will not be far away from HCAD, though, as she is preparing to teach Organizational Behavior upon her return. She will serve as Director of the Center for Leadership Development in Health Management. She will continue to work on the program’s fundraising initiatives as well as its continuing or executive educational programs.

Dr. Stefl continues to serve on the board of directors of Goodwill San Antonio. In addition, she is currently enrolled in the Master Leadership Program of San Antonio and Bexar County, a program that strives to educate, inform and introduce new leadership to local boards, advisory committees and task forces of nonprofit, civic and public agencies and organizations across the community. She will also stay active professionally with the accrediting commission as a board member of the Academy for Healthcare Improvement.

Congratulations on a job very well done. Good luck on your new endeavors, Dr. Stefl!
The Beginning of the HCAD Program on the Trinity University Campus

Special thanks to Richard B. Hubbard ’69, Allyn R. Harris ’69 and former HCAD professor, Dr. Paul Golliher, for providing the names and the history for the following photo.
As Richard recalls, “This is a photo of some of the members of the early HCAD classes. It was the summer of 1968. According to our memory, we were actually the second class for the program. (Editor’s note: They were actually the third class.) Another class had started in the Spring 1967 and finished their class work in December of that year. Dr. Sam Edwards, seated in the center of the first row, was the first director of the HCAD Program. He had just retired from the US Army Medical Service Corps where he was head of their medical administration program. He apparently brought Ed Archer with him from the Army program and those two were the only full-time faculty until Sam hired Dr. Paul Golliher to start in February of 1968. All other faculty members were adjunct or visiting and most were graduates of the Army-Baylor Program. Our only female class members flank Dr. Edwards. Other faculty members were Dr. Woods (third from the right on the first row), Ed Archer (fourth from the left on first row) and third from the left on the first row is Dr. Golliher. As Allyn recalls, the AUPHA came during the Class of 1969 and accredited the program for the first time. Members of these classes came from all over the country including Puerto Rico. In fact, I would hazard a guess that most of the members were from other places than Texas and the Southwestern US.”

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*Dr. Jack Bradley was an adjunct faculty member of HCAD during this time but is not pictured. He was CEO of Santa Rosa Medical Center at the time.

Dr. Amer Kaissi

Dr. Amer Kaissi published “The Evolution of Retail Clinics in the United States, 2006-2012” in the October/December 2013 issue of The Health Care Manager journal. He presented “Healthcare Reform: Are we there yet?” to the Canyon Lake Republican Women. Dr. Kaissi also served as faculty adviser for the team of Trinity students that participated in the NAHSE case competition in Miami and placed third overall.
For more than 15 years, Sharon Hubenak has been instrumental in guiding future generations of health care leaders through Trinity’s prestigious Health Care Administration graduate program. As director of recruitment and residencies, she wears many hats based on the stakeholders—applicants, students, alumni, faculty, preceptors and other associates of the HCAD program—with whom she interacts. Following the successful careers of Trinity HCAD alumni, who Sharon worked with through the recruitment, admissions, and residency processes, is a rewarding aspect of her work.

by Elizabeth Ford B.A. ’93, M.S.-HCAD ’96

She introduces prospective students to the On-Campus and Executive HCAD Programs and provides assistance to applicants through the admissions process. She travels throughout Texas and to other states to market and brand Trinity’s exemplary HCAD program at college campuses, graduate fairs, and professional conferences, such as the American College of Healthcare Executives. In addition, she utilizes social media to attract and recruit potential applicants to the HCAD program. Many people first learn about the program through the HCAD website: trinity.edu/hcad. Sharon explains that the 12-month residency to provide beneficial hands-on experience remains one of the most attractive selling points of the On-Campus Program to prospective students. Although the Executive Program does not require an administrative residency, Executive Program students are required to complete an integrated field experience. This is a recently added requirement. Students may complete this experience with their organization (or another organization) during their time in the program. This will provide them with the opportunity to be exposed to and learn about the aspects of health care administration that they do not experience in their current positions.

Sharon works through the residency search process individually with each student. She provides guidance for the interview process, recommendations for potential organizations that a student might consider for residency, as well as advice for navigating the process. She is “full of pride” for each student as they secure their residency. In her work, Sharon strives to cultivate new residency opportunities for HCAD students. She visits with health care executives who can serve as potential preceptors to negotiate a wide array of learning opportunities for students. The ideal residency experience allows students to learn the components of an organization from successful leaders and from individual projects and collaboration with others on team projects. Over the decades, the foundation of the residency remains constant. As described by Sharon, the residency affords
the student opportunities to see aspects of their coursework in action and to understand their role and their ability to make a difference in the health care industry. Preceptors continue to seek students who work diligently and have a “servant heart,” each sharing their compassion through their daily work.

What has changed is the growth in direction and scope a residency can take. In the past, the residency was mainly hospital-centered, which provided limited experiences for students to learn within the health care setting. Sharon has seen students increasingly reach out to other avenues of health care, such as consulting and group practice management for residency experiences. Sharon encourages students to keep a sense of flexibility in terms of geography when considering their residency placements. Exciting residency opportunities have expanded outside of Texas to states such as California, Utah, Ohio, and South Carolina.

The Preceptor’s Conference is scheduled for May 1-2, 2014 on the campus of Trinity University. This annual event provides students time to meet and interview with health care executives who are interested in Trinity’s residency program. The 26 exceptional students from the Class of 2015 will begin their 12-month residency in January 2015 before graduating with a master’s of science in health care administration in December 2015. Sharon shares that the preceptors who attended the event in Spring 2013 were very complimentary of the quality of students and how prepared the students were for this important event.

Sharon is very pleased to have so many HCAD alumni as preceptors with each new year. She believes these alumni understand the importance of their own residency experience as an essential step that helped to advance them along their career path. This special preceptor-student relationship also reconnects the alumni with the HCAD program, which benefits all involved. Sharon is confident that these alumni have a positive influence on these bright students who will become the future leaders of health care.

If interested in learning more about the HCAD residency program, please contact Sharon Hubenak at 210-999-8107.

On Thursday, October 24, more than 15 alumni and guests gathered for drinks and dinner at Hotel Zaza in the Houston Museum District during the second event of the Trinity University’s Health Care Administration Alumni Association Houston Network. It was a great time to meet Dr. Ed Schumacher who became HCAD Chair earlier this Fall. Alumni enjoyed visiting with colleagues, making connections, and catching up with former classmates. The aim of Houston’s HCAD Alumni Network is to build upon the wide array of expertise and talents of HCAD alumni in Houston, to encourage connectivity among the alumni, and to expand its presence within the health care industry. The Houston HCAD Alumni Network looks forward to its next event!

The HCAD Alumni Network encourages the formation of additional alumni groups around Texas and the country. If you would like to help coordinate a HCAD alumni event where you live, please contact Elizabeth Ford at nford1@trinity.edu for more information.
Richard Kowalski ’71 retired from his position as president and CEO, Western Region and St. Mary Medical Center of OSF St. Mary Medical Center in Galesburg, IL. OSF HealthCare is owned and operated by The Sisters of the Third Order of St. Francis. Since retiring, Richard does volunteer work for the Community OSF HealthCare and Knox College.

Peter Read ’73 has fully retired.

Ben Richardson ’73 recently wrote to say: “After 40 years in Health Care and insurance – 42 years since I first matriculated at Trinity to begin the MS program – I have ‘retired’ from my active consulting. I hope to reduce hours spent in healthcare and have more leisure time to travel, etc. However I’m still working in the field and liking the experience and liking a more laid-back pace; I have heard from a few peers who had retired some years back. The implementation of the Patient Affordable Care and Health Reform Act of 2010 should have an even more profound impact on this industry than the Medicare Laws, first enacted when I was still in college. I hope to play a role in its successful adaptation in the state of Georgia. Hopefully providers and affiliated industries will accommodate and reduce the amount of unintended consequences that are sure to be disruptive – certainly politically and hopefully to the benefit ultimately of the consumer patient. I envy the opportunities that will exist for newer graduates and students as they witness and participate in the changes that lie ahead. This is my first contribution to Trinity in the form of an alumni newsletter. Curious if my classmate-contemporaries view the ‘ObamaCare’ transformation as I do or with less optimism? I was so naïve when I first entered this field that I thought that much of the dysfunction of health care delivery in U.S. would have been worked out 20-25 years ago.” To reply to Ben directly, please contact him at richbj@bellsouth.net.

Mark Phelps ’79 was promoted to associate clinical professor in the HCA program at Texas Woman’s University in Houston.

Gary Kendrick ’80 is employed by Community Hospital Corporation, Plano, TX, as the Interim chief executive officer at Nacogdoches Memorial Hospital, Nacogdoches, TX.

Michael Urbach ’80 was promoted to president/COO for Victory Healthcare in The Woodlands, Texas. Prior to joining Victory, Michael worked for respected health care organizations including The University of Texas M.D. Anderson Hospital and Tumor Institute, Medical Care International, Harris Methodist Health System, Universal Health Services, Inc. and National Surgical Care, Inc.

Dana Perko ’81 is area vice president of Healogics Inc. in Jacksonville, FL.

Harold Burkhardt ’84 left his full time social service/health care work in 1994, then headed the capital funds campaign to raise $3 million for the building of the United Methodist Church Conference headquarters facility in San Antonio on Huebner Road, which finished in 1996. He is a retired United Methodist Clergy. Since 2002, he has served as an associate pastor at Alamo Heights United Methodist Church in San Antonio, working with the Foundation of the Church and with senior adults.

Jon Foster ’86 was appointed American group president for HCA in Nashville.

Barry Mousa ’95 was named CEO of Rehoboth McKinley Christian Health Care Services (RMCHCS), a 501(c) (3) health care system serving rural McKinley County, New Mexico. Barry has been a senior health care executive for over 20 years, serving as chief executive officer, chief operating officer and chief financial officer for hospitals in Louisiana, Texas, Georgia, Illinois, and New Jersey. His background includes free-standing hospitals and multi-hospital systems (for-profit and not-for-profit) and he has an expertise in turnaround situations.

Matt Troup ’96 was promoted to chief operating officer/site administrator at Holmes Regional Medical Center in Melbourne, FL.
Jim Bohnsack B.S. '97, M.S.-HCAD '99 is vice president, acquisition strategy at Conifer Health Solutions in Frisco, TX.

Tamuchin McCreless '00 is assistant professor, Health Information Technology at Fayetteville State University in Fayetteville, NC.

Parker Templeton '02

Parker Templeton '02 was appointed CEO of Iberia Medical Center in New Iberia, LA.

Robert Martin B.A. '01, M.S.-HCAD '03 moved from San Antonio to Chapel Hill, NC.

George Durgin '04 became the U.S. Department of Justice, Federal Bureau of Prisons' liaison officer for the U.S. Public Health Service in January. In April 2013, George was promoted to captain (O-6) in the U.S. Public Health Service.

Eric Reichle '04 is director of strategy and planning at HCA International Ltd. in London.

Teresa Whitley Baker '05

Teresa Whitley Baker '05 accepted a new position outside of the V.A. She is now the regional director for Community Health Centers for JPS Health Network in Fort Worth.

Nicole Banister '06 moved into a new role with the Seton Healthcare Family as a consultant for strategic planning and business development in Austin.

Sarah Shrader '06

Sarah Shrader '06 is practice manager at the office of Dr. Jennifer Walden in Austin.

Shaun Woody '07 works for PricewaterhouseCoopers as manager-HIA. He lives in Oakland, CA.

Cary Montalvo '08

Cary Montalvo '08 is chief executive officer of Cornerstone Healthcare Group at Solara Hospital Harlingen L.P. and Brownsville in Brownsville, TX.

Tyler Wilson B.A. '07, M.S.-HCAD '09 is manager of strategy and business development at Catholic Health Initiatives in Englewood, CO.

Steve Wood '09 is manager of advisory services in the health care provider group of Ernst & Young in Dallas.

Warren Yehl B.A. '07, M.S.-HCAD '09 is chief operating officer of the Eastern New Mexico Medical Center part of Community Health Systems in Roswell, NM.

Andrew Ulrich '10 is associate consultant of MedAssets in Denver, CO.

Christina Rasmussen B.S. '10, M.S.-HCAD '12, has been promoted to senior health care consultant for Ernst & Young in Dallas.

Let us know of any career updates or job changes so that we can include them in the next newsletter! Contact the HCAD office at (210) 999-8107 or mspector@trinity.edu
Trinity University’s Health Care Administration program has opened its doors to 26 new energetic students who mirror the passion and drive found in the classes that have preceded them. During this fall semester, students are developing bonds with faculty, staff, alumni, and each other that will provide an excellent foundation to excel in this prestigious program.

The Class of 2014 appears eager to take the next step in their careers and begin their residencies in the coming year. Before they embark on such an exciting adventure, this class is helping the Class of 2015 develop a culture of determination and passion for health care. Outside of social events, like intramural sports, the second-year students are providing the first-year class with tips on how best to handle midterms and network with successful alumni. There is a professional and friendly connection growing between the two classes.

The first-year students bring a variety of backgrounds and experience levels to the classroom, and this has translated into dynamic and interactive discussions during lectures. We have overcome our first major hurdle as a class with the completion of midterms. The creation of study groups allowed for a heightened level of preparation and increased group solidarity. Similar to the Class of 2014, the students of 2015 have an appreciation for the knowledge this program brings from outside the classroom. The many questions asked at hospital visits and guest presentations are an illustration of the students’ drive to acquire as much knowledge as possible during these informative sessions.

Both classes were able to enjoy the presence and knowledge of alumni during this year’s golf tournament. The beautiful weather, curious students, and approachable alumni made for a great day. Although many laughs were exchanged between the students and alumni, more importantly, advice was shared. The opportunity to observe the accomplishments of Trinity University’s Health Care Administration alumni has further enhanced student motivation.

The Classes of 2014 and 2015 are excited to take the next step in their careers. For some, that will be the beginning of their residency, while for others, it will be an advancement of courses. Either way, all students will have the opportunity to expand their knowledge of this complex but rewarding industry.

As the president of the Class of 2015, I want to thank you on behalf of my classmates for all the support and encouragement we have received from you. We look forward to one day being a part of the Trinity alumni network.

STUDENT REPORT
Art Herrera III
Class of 2015

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B.A., history

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Maggie Redmond, MS-HCAD, MSN, RN
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Craving advancement within my company, I requested a meeting with the director of human resources. Knowing that I had a passion for hospital operations, this leader encouraged me to consider additional education beyond my clinical master’s degree to facilitate a new position within our hospital operations team. I decided that I wanted to pursue a master’s in health care administration. I visited several programs across the country but chose Trinity University’s Executive Master’s Program for several reasons. The leaders of my organization were Trinity alumni and demonstrated a set of core competencies that I believe were attributed to the University’s program design. I also found the school to be well-aligned with professional organizations dedicated to the science of health care leadership. However, by far, the most compelling reason for my choice was that of the professor/lecturer talent that the university attracts to the Executive program. I learned the business of health care from professors with many years of practical experience as well as evidence-based knowledge that also encouraged our class to learn from each other. The rigorous program was manageable while still working full-time as it is tailored to the needs of the executive learner. The two years I spent at Trinity were essential to the opportunities I’ve been given within my organization.
Glenn A. Robinson, MS-HCAD, FACHE
Chief Executive Officer
Scott and White Healthcare – Hillcrest Baptist Medical Center

Throughout my career in health care, I have been blessed by having the pleasure of working with great people and being affiliated with first-class institutions. My enrollment in the Trinity University Executive program is a prime example. I had the distinct honor of receiving a first class education from one of the most respected programs in the country and did so while being surrounded by amazing professors and highly skilled peers. There is no doubt that a great deal of my career in health care was made possible because of the experience and education I received in the Trinity program.

Michael R. Gomez, MD, MS-HCAD, FACHE
Daniel C. Plunket Chair in Pediatrics
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In over 10 years of medical training and almost 15 years practice, I frequently found myself thrust into health care leadership and executive roles for which I felt ill prepared. This motivated me to enroll in the Executive Program in Health Care Administration at Trinity so that I could acquire the knowledge and skills needed to perform at a level that met my expectations. The program allowed me to confidently advance into a much more complex role that now combines clinical practice, teaching, and administrative duties, and enabled me to successfully achieve the very challenging Fellowship status in the American College of Healthcare Executives. I find myself using the knowledge and skills or reflecting on the experience I had in the Executive Program almost daily, and I am even more appreciative of how this experience helped shaped my future.