

Trinity College Profile

Founded in Hartford, Connecticut, in 1823, Trinity College is an independent, nonsectarian liberal arts college with over 2,200 students from 44 states and 28 countries. It is home to the eighth-oldest chapter of Phi Beta Kappa in the United States. The faculty and alumni include recipients of the Pulitzer Prize, the MacArthur award, Guggenheims, Rockefellers and other national academic awards. Trinity students integrate meaningful academic and leadership experience at all levels on the College's celebrated campus, in the Capital City of Hartford, and in communities all over the world.

Trinity offers extensive opportunities for combining classroom instruction with experiential learning in the city. Students expand their education through intellectual conversations and campus activities, engage with the city through internships and community service, and explore the wider world through study abroad and international initiatives. Whether they choose to study further or go on to rewarding careers, Trinity graduates learn to make a difference in the world.

Head Coach Bill Decker, Trinity College

Bill Decker is in his 19th season as head coach of the Trinity College baseball team. Since his arrival for the 1991 season, he has led the team to 18 winning seasons, a 455-192 record, which makes him the College's all-time winningest baseball coach, eight NCAA tournament bids, seven NESCAC Tournament bids, four ECAC Tournament appearances, NESCAC titles in 2000, 2003, 2008, and 2009, and the first NCAA Championship crown in the College's history in any sport last spring. After setting an NCAA record for consecutive wins to start a season in 2008 with 44, the Bantams reached the 30-win plateau this year for the third straight time at 33-5, including a 7-0 mark in the post-season while winning the NESCAC Championship and NCAA Division III Regional Championship Tournaments.

Decker was selected as the ABCA National Coach of the Year in 2008, the New England Coach of the Year in 1999, 2004, 2005, and 2008 and the NESCAC Coach of the Year in 2000, 2003, 2008, and 2009. A 1985 graduate of Ithaca College, Decker received a bachelor's degree in physical education with a minor in business. He also holds a master's degree in physical education with a concentration in coaching, which he received from his alma mater in 1992. A two-sport athlete in college, Decker was a team captain and an All-American defensive back for the Ithaca football squad. His baseball playing days, unfortunately, ended due to an injury.

Trinity College Baseball Notes

Trinity College is the defending NCAA Champion. Last season we set an NCAA Division III record for consecutive wins and an NCAA record among all divisions for wins to start a season at 44-0 in 2008.

Our final record of 45-1 is the best ever in terms of winning percentage for an NCAA Championship team with that many wins in any division.

Trinity College is known for its sports win streaks. The football team set a New England Division III record in 2005 with a 31-game winning streak over four seasons and the 11-time, defending champion men's squash team has not lost since 1998 giving it the longest known streak in the history of intercollegiate varsity sports at 183 triumphs in a row.

Almost the entire team has grown a mustache this spring as a symbol of togetherness and it has grown into a phenomenon, as fake mustaches are now given out at games and worn throughout the crowd by Trinity parents, students, fans, etc. Junior OF James Wood started the trend with a Fu Manchu style mustache and goatee during the early stages of the season, and it quickly became a staple of the team.

Sophomore RHP Andrew Janiga works in the Trinity College chemistry department. They are trying to find out how two of the main proteins in bone, known as "osteocalcin" and "type I collagen", bind together. They use size fragments of the known site where osteocalcin binding occurs, mix osteocalcin fragments with type I collagen, and see how much binding occurs between the osteocalcin fragments and the type I collagen. Each semester, they present my findings before the chemistry department and in a science symposium for the school. Last March, Janiga presented his work at the American Chemical Society conference in Salt Lake City to other chemists who are in the same field and/or doing similar research.

Senior tri-captain C Sean Killeen and junior RHP Jeremiah Bayer are both from Greenfield, Mass., which is also the hometown of Head Coach Bill Decker.

Junior CF Matt Sullivan has started a sports programming network at the College called TSPN, which features broadcasts of Trinity sports contests, features and interviews of teams and athletes, etc. He has also created several other web sites of various kinds.

Junior RHP Jason Simoni lost the use of his left arm in the fifth grade.

Assistant Coach Mark Lambert guided Norwalk Community College to the junior college world series and coached current Seattle Mariners pitcher Erik Bedard there.

Sean Killeen set four Trinity career records in his last game, Sunday's 7-3 win against Tufts to win the NESCAC title. He now has the Bantam career records for at-bats (538), runs (176), hits (213), and is tied for first all-time in RBI (155). Killeen also is the College's all-time leader in triples (10) and walks (93).

Jeremiah Bayer is 19-0 since transferring to Trinity before the 2008 season from Vermont. 10-0 this spring, he leads the nation in ERA at 0.49 with four earned runs in 154.2 innings pitched. He tossed a no-hitter against Amherst last month.

Trinity Head Coach Bill Decker was an assistant football coach at Trinity for several years and even served as interim head coach in 1999.

Legendary major league pitcher and prankster Moe Drabowsky played at Trinity in the mid-1950's.

Trinity Athletic Director Richard Hazelton is a graduate of traditional college baseball powerhouse and fellow NCAA National Championship participant Marietta College. Trinity just broke Marietta's Division III 40-game winning streak record.