

Barbara Bachmann Glynn

Class of 1964, Trustee Emerita, and

John Glynn

Barbara and John Glynn are true exemplars of the “Habits of the Heart,” pursuing a lifelong passion to invest their intellectual and personal resources in the vital work of nurturing and sustaining great academic and intellectual institutions.

Following in the footsteps of her mother, Mary Alice Donovan, Class of 1934, Barbara Bachmann entered Trinity in the Fall of 1960, a time of dynamic change for this nation. In her first semester, John F. Kennedy was elected president of the United States, and his inauguration in January 1961 heralded a time of cultural and political change that inspired the social activism of Trinity students. By the time she graduated with a History degree in 1964, the world had changed yet again — President Kennedy had been assassinated, and movements were growing rapidly for women’s rights, civil rights and against the Vietnam war. Barbara went on to the University of Virginia for graduate studies where she met her future husband John on her way to earning her master’s degree in Intellectual History 1967.

John Glynn entered UVA law school after earning his B.A. in History at Notre Dame in 1962. When they finished their degrees, John and Barbara married and moved west to Silicon Valley where John earned an M.B.A. at Stanford while starting his company Glynn Capital Management.

Soon the Glynn’s had four children — Alexandra, David, Elizabeth and Jacqueline. Even with a growing family, they pursued active engagement with their alma maters. The Glynn’s continued to return to Charlottesville each year where John teaches at the Darden School of Business. John also teaches at the



Stanford School of Business and has been active on boards at Notre Dame.

Barbara joined Trinity’s board in 2008 where she generously shares her wise counsel. Barbara also is a co-founder of the San Jose Tech Museum (now the Tech Interactive). Barbara is also active in the Northern California Chapter of ARCS, the Achievement Rewards for College Scientists Foundation.

As thoughtful philanthropists, Barbara and John have invested carefully in the universities they love. At Trinity, their support has been essential in helping to create the Trinity Center for Women and Girls in Sports, the Payden Academic Center, and the improvements to Notre Dame Chapel.

For living the “Habits of the Heart” through sustaining great academic institutions, Trinity is pleased to bestow upon Barbara and John Glynn the degree of Doctor of Letters, *honoris causa*.