

NOW OR NEVER: TRINITY'S ATHLETES OF COLOR COALITION COMMITTED TO MOVING FORWARD

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WHO WE ARE

As BIPOC athletes and Trinity College alumni, what organizations and spaces existed for you on campus to embody your unique student-athlete experience? Were there any student-led organizations that were fundamentally built to connect you more to your culture, career, and campus identity? Now more than ever, the Athletes of Color Coalition—in its fourth year, is dedicated to moving forward and fostering an environment where student-athletes of color, allies, and the greater campus community can feel safe and important.

The co-founders of the Athletes of Color Coalition, Burabari “Peace” Kabari '20, Dakota Foster '21, Charles Barsella '21, Kinnard Hughes '22 and Hareena Johnson '22 took it upon themselves to come together and realize the racial and socioeconomic gap that existed not only in NESCAC athletics, but also within the intricacies of Trinity's student-athlete population. From here, after creating the organization, the demand and desire to strengthen the Athletes of Color Coalition continued as the death of George Floyd in May of 2020 took the nation by storm. Our organization was instrumental in realizing how policies at our own institution hindered our development as BIPOC student athletes and our allies on campus. After instituting change with the assistance of Trinity faculty and staff, our organization remains steadfast in our commitment for change.

FALL SENIOR SPOTLIGHT!



DeVante Reid '22 :Football Captain, Track and Field athlete, and our treasurer

Reid helped lead the Bantams to an 8-1 record while leading the team in both receptions (61, 2nd in the NESCAC) and receiving yards (890, 2nd in the NESCAC). Reid also tallied 6 touchdowns (T-4th in the NESCAC). Based on his outstanding performance, Reid was named to the 1st Team All-NESCAC and Noon time sports All-New England team. Way to go, DeVante! Wishing you the best of luck for your winter & spring season!



Hareena Johnson '22 : Volleyball Captain and our co-social Chair

Johnson was stellar for the Bantam volleyball team this season. While starting as outside hitter, Johnson managed to rank #3 in Aces in NESCAC. Additionally, Johnson was named NESCAC Volleyball Player of the week and Bantam of the Week where she recorded 35 digs, 25 kills and 6 aces in one weekend.

OUR MISSION

The mission of the Athletes of Color Coalition is to support those who express/have expressed the unique identity of being a student-athlete of color on a majority white campus. We aim to support our fellow athletes of color at Trinity College through exploring the injustices that we may face and exploring the role of diversity in athletics at Trinity. Through these practices, we hope to create a melting pot for all athletes of color at Trinity in order to improve the overall experience that they encounter during their time at Trinity.

MEET OUR E-BOARD



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NESCAC Athletes of Color

2021-2022 EVENTS

SEPTEMBER



Our annual Meet the E-Board BBQ event was a huge success as we logged over 100 event attendees! With food, music, and good vibes, we use this event as an area to improve our recruitment and talent attainment for our organization.

NOVEMBER



Our career partner, Marsh McLennan Companies offered resources and an informational session to BIPOC students at Trinity. Herman Brito '12, Brandon Blaise '18 and Joshua Brito '20 were very instrumental in enabling students to learn more about the firm, internships and careers that are available.

DECEMBER



After collaborating with the Career and Life Design Center, Trinity's Women's Network and realizing the student accessibility gap with career and professional development, we managed to provide free headshots and LinkedIn/Résumé reviews for 60+ Trinity Students.

UPCOMING EVENTS

This semester, we look forward to hosting our annual Super Bowl Watch Party, events for our affinity months (BHM, WHM, AAPIHM), and our NESCAC-wide conference, just to name a few.

WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!



Our E-Board is committed to our continued success, and we need the help and support from our fellow alumni as well! You can engage with us by following us on Instagram @trinitycollegeace, joining our NESCAC Athletes of Color LinkedIn group, writing to us at trinity-athletes-color@trincoll.edu and by visiting our [website](#). Thank you!

OUR ALUMNI: WHERE ARE THEY NOW?



**Burabari "Peace"
Kabari '20**

Burabari "Peace" Kabari '20 graduated with a B.A. in Economics and minoring in Religious Studies. While at Trinity, Kabari was Co-Founder of the Athletes of Color Coalition, a First-Generation Peer Mentor, Pride Leader, Imani member, Bantam Beginnings Community service Leader, Investment club member, Co-Captain of the Women's basketball in her senior year, and was All American in Women's Track and field for 2 seasons. Over the summers she was a camp counselor at the ESF Dream Camp on Trinity's campus, a research intern, and an intern at Citigroup Global Markets Inc. in New York.

After graduating, Kabari joined Citi full time as a sales and Trading Analyst and completed her first rotation in Equity Prime Sales. During this time, she was an Advisory Board member of Strong Girls United where she also served as a mentor who's goal it was to empower girls to be strong, confident, and resilient through sport and physical activity combined with mental health and wellbeing activities.

Now Kabari is on her second rotation as an Electronic Derivatives Analyst specializing in options. In her free time she enjoys exploring New York restaurants, traveling, and watching TCWB of course!



Dakota Foster 21'

Foster 21' received a B.A. in Public Policy and Law and a minor in Hispanic Studies from Trinity. During his time at Trinity, Dakota was a Co-Founder of the Athletes of Color Coalition, served as a Resident Advisor, and a member of many clubs and organizations, including: Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc., Imani Black Student Union, Umoja Coalition, Student Athlete Advisory Committee, and Newman Catholic Club.

On the football field, Dakota played wide receiver and was a member of two NESCAC championship teams during his freshman and sophomore seasons.

Dakota is currently enrolled at the University of Maryland Francis King Carey School of Law to continue his aspirations in the legal, studying business and intellectual property law. When not reading cases and preparing for class, he keeps up an active lifestyle by working out, playing club basketball, all while spending time with friends and family.