

Greetings from the Trent International Ambassadors program!

My name is Nusrat Mutmainnah and as the coordinator for the program I would like to extend a very warm welcome to you!

So what is the International Ambassadors program about?

We are here to welcome and assist first year international and Canadian students from abroad in their transition to Trent University.

In other words, we are a group of upper year Trent students who have gone through an experience similar to the one you are starting now and we are more than happy to help you out!

This year a number of ambassadors have joined the program to help you. All ambassadors are volunteers and have participated in training sessions to help answer your questions. We now have over 27 ambassadors from over 27 nationalities in the program.

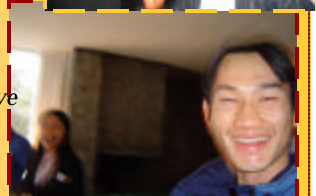
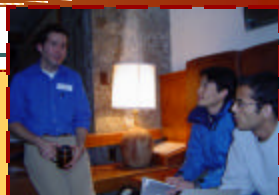
You must be excited about coming to university; making new friends, meeting new people, registering for courses, finding places to hang out...the list is endless. The journey you are about to embark on is a path that has been visited by all of our ambassadors. This edition will feature some of their memories and thoughts of their years at Trent.

So...do ambassadors do other things aside from answering your emails?

Are they involved with student life?

Do ambassadors return to Trent after graduating?

Do ambassadors remember the first time they arrived in Canada?



Greetings African and Caribbean Students!

During the last school year I had the honor of serving as the President of the Trent African and Caribbean Students Union (TACSU). Throughout the year I worked along with a six member executive to run the affairs of the club. Some of the more successful events we planned I included hosting the Grammy Nominated African Children's Choir, Afrobana (an African and Caribbean Culture show) as well as "Glow" (a dance competition and white clothing party). I found that while being involved in a club was time consuming but it also greatly helped me to remain focused on my school work and contribute to the community. One of the greatest feelings, which thankfully repeated over and over, was the feeling just after planning a successful event, whether it was a party or a forum to discuss HIV/AIDS.

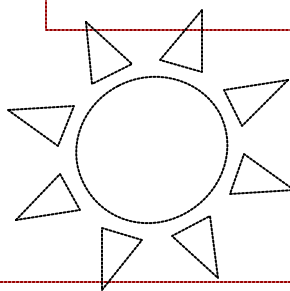
Christopher Evelyn from Barbados
Major: International Political Economy and History



First Winter in Peterborough

One of the most memorable experiences here at Trent will be the much fun I had during my first winter. In Ecuador we do not have snow so I was very worried that I was not going to like it. But then the first day that we had snow, everybody in residence came out and a huge snowball fight began. This was an amazing experience for me. Everybody had so much fun in that day that it even became a tradition!

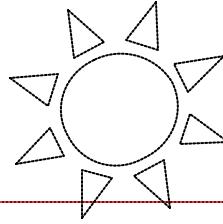
Enrique Gangotena from Ecuador
Major: Business Administration



Continuing on to Graduate Work

Coming to Trent was a new experience, and yet I came with a bagful of expectations. Now I look back at the four years that I spent at Trent and I can't help but smile. As I finish my fourth year as an undergraduate and begin my career as a Master's student, I look at Trent as an old companion and a new friend. I think of the freezing winter and the white plains of the river and I smile, because I know that behind the walls of campus, people are buzzing away with work and chatter. I look at Trent and I see people and nature, passion and activism, great ideas and even greater deeds coming together. I graduated in June, 2006 with a degree in Biology and Environmental Science. I had come to Trent after recommendations of the Environmental Science program and well will be returning to Trent to complete my Masters. My Master's research is a continuation of projects I started when I worked for an environmental science researcher as an undergraduate student at Trent.

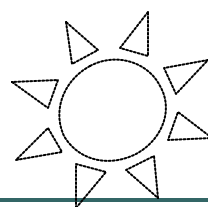
Ina Koseva from Bulgaria
Msc. Watershed and Ecosystem



Summer in Peterborough

As a Filipino-Canadian who has spent all of her summers in Canada, my most memorable summers have been spent in Peterborough. I've just moved into downtown Peterborough, and I'm really enjoying being in close proximity to the Otonabee river, the bus terminal, the independent shops, the cinema and the nature trails. Spending my summers in Peterborough, I have become interested in two things in particular: picking the wildflowers that grow throughout the city and watching the fireworks that go off twice a week in July and August for the Festival of Lights! If I wasn't a Trent student, I might come to Peterborough as a tourist!

Jenni Austria from Philippines and Canada
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TIP Camp Ho!



As we approach the end of December, it will soon be Trent time! TIP Camp is just around the corner so better get your suitcases packing and join us for three days of jam-packed fun and information on life in Canada. The program includes intensive information sessions on Canadian life and culture as well as camp fires, stargazing, culture shows and boating.

SO, if you haven't signed up for your TIP Camp send in your application now!

Applications are still being accepted as limited seats are left! to those of you who are wondering what to bring, here are a few tips. Bed sheets, clothes (definitely), toothpaste, shampoo (for at least the first week), sun block and don't forget the towel!



Welcome Week Events



Well TIP Camp isn't where it ends! Welcome Week Events consist of a series of events aimed at helping YOU settle at Trent! So what do the ambassadors have in store for you from the 8th-12th of January?

- Walk in help: not sure where to go? Just walk into TIP and an ambassador will be waiting to help!
- Registration sessions: aimed at helping you register for your courses
- Tours: downtown and campus tours are aimed at familiarizing yourself with not only Trent but also Peterborough
- Ambassadors Reception (a.k.a. PARTY!): Come meet your ambassadors for some fun, good times and good food!

Deadlines...Deadlines...Deadlines

December 1st: Residence application + deposit (if you wish to live in residence)

December 15th: Tuition fee payment deadline

Don't forget to your TIP Camp applications in!

January 5th-7th: TIP Camp

January 8th-12th: Welcome Week Events!

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The Trent International Ambassadors program would like to invite you to the International Ambassadors Reception on Monday, 8th of January at the Morton Reading room (next to the TIP office) from 4:00-5:00 p.m. Come join us for a little bit of fun, food and mingling with the ambassadors! We hope to see you there!

