

## Greetings from the Trent International Ambassadors program!

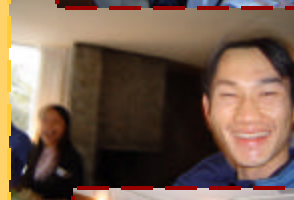
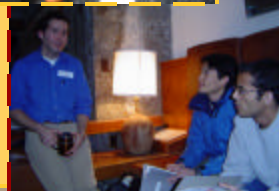
My name is Nusrat Mutmainnah and as the coordinator for the program I would like to extend a very warm welcome to everyone!

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 spring 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 40 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 honour 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 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



### A Latin American Student's First Winter

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

### 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'm graduating 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  
Major: Environmental Science and Biology



## Upcoming News

The Trent International Ambassadors website will be up in June. The website will feature profiles of ambassadors, photo gallery of events not to mention a list of exciting events we have in store for you! The website will soon have online blogs so you can read up on how an average day passes in the life of an ambassador.

ISW activities in store for you will include an ambassadors reception where you finally meet face to face with your ambassadors! In addition we will also be available to help you out if you arrive late and need assistance.

## Important Reminders

A few important reminders from the Trent International Program.

- To secure your place at Trent, please return your admission response form to the universities as soon as possible. A tuition deposit of \$200.00 is due June 23rd
- If you require housing on campus, you need to return your residence application and a \$500.00 residence deposit before June 1
- Registrations for courses start June 15th and is done online at [www.trentu.ca/mytrent](http://www.trentu.ca/mytrent)

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