**Convocation 2015 in the Spotlight: Ryan Cole**

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Ryan Cole speaking

Nice campus, great people I was really surprised they were really open when I came here. Friendly, nice to talk to the physics department, everyone was just; hi welcome to Trent come on in it was amazing and right from the start they've been wonderful, it's been fun. Surprising actually kind of awesome the Symons Medal so I'm getting the Symons Medal for outstanding achievement on graduation and to be honest I didn't see it coming, its kind of, its awesome it's really a huge honour, it's wonderful, it's been great it's really nice to share this with everyone who's coming I certainly wouldn't be able to do this alone, Trent's been wonderful right from the start. Definitely a Masters I'm in the Masters program right now in Material Science, I'm hoping to convert to a Ph.D. next year, after that school more school, professorship maybe, research, post doc that kind of stuff. You start university and it's kind of overwhelming you know you don't really know what's going on you're surprised overwhelmed it's sort of just a lot of work and really it's just been this, I look back and you know what's happened this past 6 years you learn so much it's amazing. All the skills, everything you learn I feel like I've learned 15 years of material in 6 years it's been wonderful, it's been fun the whole way too. So it's a huge, huge learning experience and also fun and exciting and enjoyable, it's been great. I'm a little biased when it comes to Trent, it's very exciting it's beautiful the people are honestly amazing, they're supportive, you learn a lot. Just being able to talk to your professors, saying hi from the halls, walking up to them after class. They help you there is really great people everywhere, come to Trent.