**Convocation 2015 in the spotlight: Cornel Grey**

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Cornel Grey speaking

So I applied to Trent for an English major originally just because I was really good at it in high school, I was really fascinated by the study of characters in society just because I felt like how we understand and perceive fictional characters says a lot about our own experiences within the world so I came in doing in English in the first year and a social literature course and I was just like oh my god I need to do this because it turns out I was mostly interested in the social analytical analysis of the characters that I was studying in the English classes so I'm like I might as well do both. So I chose Trent because I was looking for a smaller community and a smaller school I wanted a place where I wouldn't feel like another assistance seeker, I wanted to be able to develop like personal relationships where like researching with my professors and at Trent I was able to find that. I also found that Trent had a really good scholarship program for international students and the other schools I was looking at just didn't offer as much support for intentional students so I was just like Trent was it. I also wanted something that was a little bit outside the city as well so I thought Peterborough was a nice mix between urban and like rural. I would say definitely take advantage of the resources that are here like whether that be professors or staff members I think my most memorable experience at Trent was being able to interact with people outside of the classes just casual conversations about how they got to where they were and what they were interested in that makes me feel more connected and I think it helps students to persist a little it more further on in life so that's what I would say.