**Duc Hien Nguyen, Bachelor of Arts in Economics, Trent University Graduate**

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Duc Hien Nguyen speaking

Coming across the globe to a place I've never been to that safe and friendly environment is really important for me and for my family. Trent also offered me a very generous scholarship. I received sort of equal scholarships from different schools but throughout the process of applying the Trent international program has always been there being supportive always careful. So I know that when I come to Trent I will be taken care of I have room to grow, room to just be myself, I know it's a good place to be. I chose economics because it's always my passion, I come from Vietnam at a time when we sort of opened the market. It changed a lot of things actually, believing in growing up at a University just graduating and growing me and I come by it with Philosophy because it balances out really well. With Philosophy having to write and having critical thinking skills and math skills from economics it provided a very holistic education. I am very excited It's the Governor General's Silver Medal and it recognizes the highest average of honour grad degrees. I am very surprised, I didn't think of it at all because when you study you never say OK I want a 90% or I want a 95% you just study because, I am passionate about it. Then greatest is just the consequences of the passions that have been invested in it so I am very surprised and I am very pleased with the award.