

Marcus Tutert-Male Head of College

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At its best, Trinity College is a collection of incredibly driven and engaged students, who are passionate, faithful, and expressive about the challenges our school faces. When working together, the students are a powerful force. For certain students however, Trin can be socially divisive; with its old-fashioned culture, often-times unusual (and “satirical!”) clubs and countless formal events, all of which makes it difficult for some students to feel welcome and comfortable in this community. My three years at Trinity College have been a fantastic experience, and as Head of College I promise to do my best to ensure that all students feel included and heard within this great community.



My involvement within the Trinity community speaks to the dedication I have for this college. I've been involved in governance roles in Trinity as TCM Treasurer, a Member of Corporation, on the Board of Stewards, as the Deputy Auditor, and on the Finance Committee. In these experiences, I've **worked to improve honorariums**, in order to encourage and incentivize students to run for governance positions. I've also **successfully lobbied the Dean's office to take on the process of granting travel funds**, to ensure that students will be able to afford the cost of research trips. Furthermore in my role as TCM treasurer, **I significantly increased the surplus for college finances**, ensuring that future years will have more money to spend on new clubs. I've been involved with event planning through my role on the 2015 Conversat exec. You may also remember me as a frosh leader, speaking at the Lit, and supporting our stellar actors and directors as a member of the TCDS Academy. From these experiences I sincerely feel grateful for Trinity College, and how I've managed to improve the experiences of fellow students. I hope to continue to have a positive impact by serving as HOC.

A lack of participation at events like High Tables and TCM's is indicative of a wider range of issues that prevent inclusivity within Trin. I don't just know this from Facebook; as an executive, I see first-hand a lack of participation on a regular basis. In order to change this, I hope to implement **yearly event surveys** sent through the Dean's office. This will allow the Heads to examine why events such as the TCM, and High tables (to name a few) lack attendance and focus our efforts on improving the accessibility of these events to students. For instance, if barriers like timing or financial burdens are the factors, I could discuss with the admin and bursar how to fix these issues. Additionally, I would like to incorporate a **monthly Heads survey** through “Trin this Week”. This can ensure accountability on my behalf, and promote open communication and feedback among students. I also wish to build on the equity survey from a year ago by ensuring it will be run yearly and lobbying for the release of results. Through my role as Head, I will continue working with the Alumni and Dean's offices to organize monthly career sessions to provide networking opportunities to the student body.

If elected, I would also like to press on with the great work of previous Welch Heads, ensuring great times (continuation of Madonna themed parties is definitely in the works), and most importantly, a turnt-up atmosphere. In particular, I would like to **involve neighboring houses** (Body, Cosgrave, etc.) **and Non-Residents** to take part and help plan these events. Frequently, I feel that students who are not placed into these “social” floors often lack the opportunity to involve themselves as well with college life. I promise to continue my involvement between Welch and the wider Trinity community throughout the year. This will ensure that whenever a student needs me, I will be there for them, whether it is for coursework management, mental health issues, or just a person to beat them in Mario Kart Double Dash.

If you have any questions or comments I am more than happy to chat, please feel free to contact me via Facebook, email (marcus.tutert@hotmail.com) or in person (also the ideal time to ask me for a cheque!). I look forward to hearing from you.

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