

Arjun Gandhi – Male Head of College

Dear Members of College,

I love Trinity, and I would love an opportunity to give back to the community that has given me the best two years of my life. That is why I am running for Male Head of College. I want to make Trinity the best place it can be, and I think I have the skills and the right plan to achieve that.

Community Development: If elected, the community that I hope to foster at Trin will be engaging and inclusive. For starters, providing more events where students can relax, hang out, and get to know one another would be one of my primary goals. Between the bumpin' parties, diverse Trin Goes To...s, and new daytime events that I will introduce as an alternative to alcohol-centric late-night events, there will never be a weekend in which Trin students don't have something to get amped about. Furthermore, I would work with Welch residents to develop an exciting culture within the house and common room that is inviting to commuters, international students, and students from all houses of Trin. People outside of the traditionally social houses should feel they have as many social opportunities as people in them. I aspire to include everyone in activities like Ask videos and participation in Rounds, which have usually been exclusive to social houses.



I am confident about my ability to execute these events because of my work with the Association of Political Science Students (APSS) and Pre-Law Society (UTPLS). Over two years, I have planned many successful events, from academic events for 40 people to social events for over 200. This year, I also acted as Treasurer for the Conversat executive; I helped coordinate the week's events and ensured that the budget was balanced.

Strong Representation: Having already represented Trinity in UofT-wide organizations like the APSS and UTPLS, I will be comfortable doing it again in front of the University of Toronto Students' Union and St. George Round Table. Moreover, as a Head, I would constantly include you in the process. I would try to invoke excitement about important UofT policies and get your opinions about the direction of the college. I promise to professionally, respectfully, and effectively stand up for your thoughts, concerns and ideas.

Much-Needed Policy Reform: Finally, I have some policy ideas that I think will greatly benefit Trinity.

1. **Mental Health Spaces:** Trin is an intense, intimidating and stress-inducing place. That is why, as Head, facilitating greater awareness of mental health issues and stress management tactics would be one of my utmost concerns. I would also support the development of mental health safe spaces around the college.
2. **Trin is for All Fee-Paying Students:** If elected, I would constantly try to expand outreach to include more people in our social events. Furthermore, I would aim to provide weekly updates of the goings-on of Trinity governance to maximize all students' willingness, ability and interest to participate.
3. **Not Everyone Wants to Go to Law School:** I love the academic opportunities Trin offers, but I have noticed that these opportunities are geared only to students interested in law school, med school, or particular grad programs. As Head, I intend to foster a culture in which these options are not viewed as the only paths to success by enhancing opportunities to learn about other academic or career pathways.

Thank you so much for reading this! If you have any questions, feel free to shoot me a message on Facebook or email me at arjun.gandhi@mail.utoronto.com. I'm very approachable and would love to hear from you.

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