Anthony Marchese - Male Head of College

Members of College,

The past year has brought many improvements and challenges to Trinity. We have had extensive debates and discussions at TCMs, in Strachan Hall, and online about how to address many of the issues that have persisted since before any of us first stepped foot in the quad. While discourse is imperative to maintaining and fostering an active, engaged community, it is essential that we meet our words with actions. To achieve this, I believe that we as a community must elect the leaders with proven experience, dedication, and an understanding of governance at Trinity College and UofT. As the candidate with the most experience, I am unequivocally that leader this year.



It is no secret that I ran for the position of Male Head of Arts last year. My motivation for doing so was simple—to give back to the place that has provided me with countless memories, experiences and opportunities. Regardless of not being elected, I did not fail to honour the commitments I made to the community. My contributions this year included serving as Chair of the Trinity College Board of Stewards, sitting on Finance Committee and tackling club finances as TCM Auditor, as well as my involvement in welcoming the first years to Trinity for the second consecutive Frosh Week. These experiences, including the 132nd Conversazione and two years on the Student Capital Campaigns Committee, have helped me to develop not only an understanding of how Trinity's governance structure works, but also an understanding of the interests and needs of the community a Head of College must serve.

As Head of College, I intend to use this position to lead and serve no matter the issue, from increased accessibility to engagement to running an exciting environment in Welch. However, I do not intend to stop there. Our community extends far beyond the Massey, NRAC, Orchard, Welch and Whitaker common rooms, and I plan to ensure that each and every student, regardless of house or commuter status, has the best possible experience at Trin, whatever that may mean to them.

Trinity's relationship with the University of Toronto Students' Union has been tumultuous, but we have seen a positive year, including a Board of Directors structure that preserved Trinity's representation, and an executive friendly to the Colleges. However, it is uncertain if this relationship will continue given the upcoming UTSU elections. As Head of College, I will continue the positive intercollegiate relationship that previous Heads have built at the St. George's Roundtable, and continue to push for an option outside UTSU that includes gradual fee diversion. Further, I will work with Trinity's Director to the Board to ensure that the interests of our students are protected and heard within the existing structure.

I am excited to share my ideas and plans for the upcoming year with all of you. Please feel free to contact me (anthony.marchese@mail.utoronto.ca) or come out to forums this Friday if you have any questions. We have a great group of guys running for this position—best of luck to all the candidates!

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