

Aisha Ryan – Female Head of College

Members of College,

When I first stepped into the quad the summer after twelfth grade, I couldn't have imagined the wonderful things that this community would soon be bringing me. Two years later, I would be honoured to help continue to foster a collectively fulfilling environment as your Female Head of College for 2017-2018. I have both the experience and the drive to excel in this position, and if elected, I promise to work diligently to meet the needs of our student body.

Throughout my time at Trinity I have had a chance to acquaint myself with a number of the many positions that make this institution tick. I have lit many a high table fire and decorated Christmas trees as First Year Residence Head, participated as a mentor and as a mentee in Trinity Women In Leadership, and I am on my second year as a member of the Student Capital Campaigns Committee, this year as Deputy Chair. Moreover, I accomplished what I set out to do as Second Year Head. I began my term by planning a more accessible Trinditions Week to welcome our 2T0's, collaborating with the Heads to implement a number of new and well-attended High Tables that were added to the roster, and I am currently sitting on the Trinity College Board of Stewards for the second time. My involvement thus far has allowed me to learn the ropes of our governance structure and to develop an understanding of the many diverse needs of our college.

While our community has made many strides this year, there is still room for improvement in terms of financial accessibility and in mental wellness. I would like to investigate alternative terms of payment when purchasing items for college events – the current reimbursement system is often a barrier to students who may want to work on large and costly projects such as Orientation Week and Conversat. On another note, Trinity's mental health services have improved exponentially during my time here, however, many students remain unaware of these services, and even more do not know what additional aid is available from the University's extensive mental health framework. As the Undergraduate Student Advisor to the Provostial Mental Health Committee I will be able to help address this problem at the collegiate and at the university level, potentially by centralizing a list of resources and how they can be accessed. Lastly, I look forward to continuing Nish and Anthony's work in improving the Trinity-UTSU relationship, flushing out the details of the St. George Students Association, and addressing any further issues that may arise regarding the Canadian Federation of Students, with the ultimate end goal of ensuring autonomy for Trinity College in the greater context of the University of Toronto.

As your Head of College I promise to work tirelessly to ensure that all students are able to live the experience that they are hoping to have at Trinity College. Students should be able to enjoy this college to its fullest, regardless of the fact that they may be commuters, international students, or not living in a social house. I commit to working towards filling the gaps in our community that prevent students from being able to access resources, and therefore being able to experience our college to the greatest degree possible.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to reach out to me over Facebook or at aisha.ryan@mail.utoronto.ca. I'm looking forward to answering your questions at Heads Forums, and best of luck to the other candidates!



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