

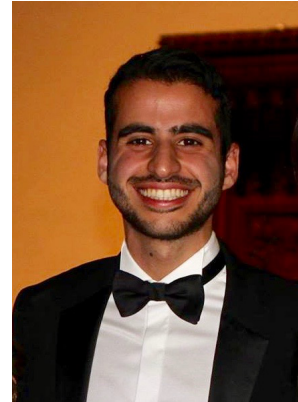
# Bardia Monavari

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## Male HoC Candidate

Members of College,

It was three years ago when I first smiled upon the halls of Trinity. My parents came to this country without an extended family, but I was able to find one within this college. To me, the familial sentiment is the most important aspect of Trinity. I am running for Head of College to ensure that our community grows stronger by the day, and that no member is left behind. To those that haven't yet found this sense of belonging, I ask you to indulge me in my vision of a unified Trinity. It's a vision of accessibility, well-being and tradition, for an experience unique to the college that I've come to value so dearly. The chance to fulfill this mission would be the greatest honour of my time as an undergraduate.



The breadth of my involvement has equipped me with the skills required for a leadership role of this scope. As co-president of the International Relations Society, I've represented the interests of the students in the international relations program hosted by Trinity. Furthermore, as a member-at-large of the Trinity College Board of Stewards, I've gained insight into the mechanics of Trinity governance. Last year, I was honoured to serve as a member of Trinity College Corporation, building relationships with alumni and executive stakeholders. On a lighter note, I'm a proud alumnus of Welch House and served as the Dean of Welch in my second year; rest assured, I plan on bringing Madonna nights back to Trin. I've also had the opportunity to make new friends through the English Breakfast Football Club, which speaks to the niche experiences that Trinity affords to its students.

Internally, I plan to focus on three key areas: mental health, accessibility, and alumni relations. Firstly, I plan on creating stronger relations with the Trinity College Mental Health Initiative, and to use our expansive alumni network to formulate panels that seek to destigmatize mental illness. Secondly, I believe that accessibility is the only means by which our diversity can be harnessed. This means ensuring that from orientation week onwards we equip students with knowledge of the various resources Trinity and wider U of T have to offer. Thirdly, Trinity is renowned for its successful alumni base, yet many students do not have the opportunity to gain career insights. To address this issue, I plan on creating an online platform that will directly connect Trinity students to our expansive alumni network. This is a project passed on to me by former Head of College Connor Anear, which I am passionate about implementing.

Trinity College prides itself as being one of the only student-run direct democracies in Canada. This degree of autonomy calls for accountability and responsibility, two important traits that I've developed over the past three years. With UTSU elections just around the corner, Trinity needs a strong leader that is willing to assess our relationship with external parties and fight for our interests. The possibility of a CFS-backed administration will spark discussions about our institutional representation, and I am prepared to dedicate the time and initiative to assure that our values (resident, non-resident, and international alike) are represented. In the context of student governance, this would mean creating robust platforms that serve as a direct link between the Heads team and the student body, taking the form of forums, polls, and heads surveys that are released earlier in first semester to ensure feedback can be acted upon. Furthermore, it would mean strengthening our ties with alternatives to UofT-wide governance, specifically the St. George Round Table.

I have been lucky to be able to look upon Trinity's halls with a sense of comfort and belonging, and it is my hope that, regardless of the outcome of the election, we can all feel at home here. Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions or suggestions at [b.monavari@mail.utoronto.ca](mailto:b.monavari@mail.utoronto.ca) (or on Facebook).

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