When I was initially approached to write an article for this newsletter, I was stuck. How could I, a first-year who barely knew anything about York advise other students? My everyday routine for the few months at York involved going to class and then heading back to my residence. I would complain about not making any new friends, even though I knew the exact reasons as to why that was not happening. It was because I became the one thing I fear the most, boring.

In high school, both staff and my fellow peers knew me best for being the vibrant and energetic girl who participated in every extracurricular activity the school had to offer. Which is why I had to put an end to the perpetual cycle I was going through during my first months in university, and decided to join intramural teams, and then eventually the New College council. I encountered a wide range of personalities through those experiences, met a bunch of new people, but most importantly, grew as an individual.

As my first year is coming to an end, let me take this time to share with you three simple suggestions on how you can make the most out of your stay at York.

Firstly, don’t let your respective abilities hinder you from joining an intramural team. A sport you thought you couldn’t play, could quickly become your favourite. Second, as cliché as this might sound, be the best version of yourself. Let your personality shine and let nobody but those ready to bask in your warmth surround you. Third, make some time to socialize with others. Start small and go for one of the events held in New College or even come and meet new people in the lounge.

Let’s make 2018, and the next four years to come, the best years this college has ever experienced. Yes, we can, and yes, we will. Soar to new height eagles!
Twitter turns 11 this month. Celebrating the birth of this game changing social platform would not be complete without the tweet that started it all from Founder Jack Dorsey. Twitter has over 330 million monthly active users, and 1.3 billion accounts! Among them are New College’s very own Eagles. Can you match the Eagle to the tweet(s)?

Ah, the OG 5 followers who’ve seen it all

Good night world, By world i mean my 5 followers :) lol

When it’s been a year and you still don’t know what to tweet

I need to step up my tweet game somehow

When you realize Snapchat updates always sucked

This snapchat update is not ok Imamo

When you chose to go to York University unsure of what was in store for you

The time has come...accepted my offer to York #yorklions

That moment when you loved York and everything that came with it

What a great fresh week love my new college baes 🖤

When tuition increases, and you question why you did this to yourself

School is just bullying my bank account rn

When it’s midterm season and you slowly start to give up on school

When a 15% assignment is due Monday and your professor tells you not to wait for Sunday to start it

When you realize there are bigger problems in life

THE REAL ISSUE IS FEMALE POCKETS. WHERE THEY AT? I have to carry my phone, wallet and keys because they don’t fit inside my pockets.

Legal Considerations for Startups

Learn how to protect your business idea and entrepreneurial practice with EDA’s workshop on ‘Legal Considerations for Startups’.

The Entrepreneurship Development Association (EDA) will be hosting a workshop on legal aspects of starting and running a business, including resources to assist with licenses and registration of early-startups, filing patents, managing risk and the importance of having an intellectual property strategy, among other aspects.

When: March 21, 2018 from 5:30 pm - 8:00 pm
Where: 125 Bergeron Centre for Engineering Excellence

This event will feature presentations from:
1) Andre Garber, Startup Lawyer and Director of Dentons Startup Program who will educate students on a spectrum of legal affairs, from business structures to filing patents and estimating costs for legal services, with the objective of helping students launch startups into the marketplace

2) A representative from IP Osgoode Innovation Clinic who will explain about how the clinic can assist students to commercialize their business ideas, their experience of offering legal advice to business practitioners from various industries and the importance of having an intellectual property strategy

With this workshop, students looking to start or expand their business will be empowered with legal knowledge and industry connections to appropriately identify business opportunities for growth and innovation.
“Jaskarn, how did you get so Involved?”

THE CLICHÉ TRUTH

WRITER: JASKARN DUHRA (1ST YEAR, BCOM MANAGEMENT, FIRST YEAR REP NCC)

Earlier this year I started my student career at York University and I didn’t have a single friend in the York community. Now, I have more than I can keep track of and I managed to go to New College Formal with who could quite possibly be the most well-known person at York. Yup, you guessed it. That’s me.

People always ask me, “Jaskarn, how did you get so involved?” As cliché as it sounds, I do not do it for the title or recognition; I do it for the love I have for New College. Without New College and the people in it, I would have never gotten these opportunities. The love and passion I have for New College is just my way of giving back. I want to delve into my journey this past year and share it with you all. I hope this may inspire some to take that leap of faith, challenge yourself, and get involved in the York community.

FROSH: Going in, I had the same nerves as every other froshie. The first day was the absolute worst, other than those I knew from high school, I was alone. By the time it was the end of the first day, all of my high school friends had skipped out on frosh due to disinterest. This is when I started feeling thoughts of leaving frosh, I felt like I didn’t belong.

It wasn't until I met our amazing frosh leaders, captains and O-Chairs that I feel cared for. Every single one of them helped me build my confidence throughout the week and I found myself participating as a result. Know that if it wasn’t for them I would have left frosh and the New College community as a whole. So, thank you for the impact you all left on me because it was them who helped me have one of the most amazing weeks in my life. This opened doors for new opportunities.

FIRST YEAR REPRESENTATIVE: During frosh, many frosh leaders or captains suggested that I run for first year representative. I was disinterested to be honest, mostly because I was never involved much throughout my schooling. I only gave it a shot because YOU believed in me. I was elected as first year representative by YOU. I cannot thank New College enough for the opportunity I was given to be able to represent all of the first years and I did not take this for granted. Being a first year representative, it opened doors to another surprising election.

YORK FEDERATION OF STUDENTS: Spoiler alert; I didn’t see this one coming either. I was approached by McLaughlin College’s President, Sajeth Paskaran, in hopes of being elected as your New College Director. We went into this knowing we had a very small chance of being elected, but we did it to show York University students where their tuition is going and what the current flaws are in YFS. The whole process was in fact more than five weeks. I, alongside our slate “MOMENTUM”, contributed a lot of our time into the election. I was very disappointed in not being elected but I wasn’t going to let this put me down. This was an experience I was grateful for. I met such unbelievable people along the road and not many can say they were a part of the YFS elections, let alone in their first year. All in all, this YFS election experience was worth it.

Now looking back, I see myself as the person I have become. Today I am a proud Lion and an even prouder Eagle. At the end of the day, I was just a kid from Mississauga and now I’m a part of another amazing family.