Hello New College Eagles,

Before I can even begin about what I wish to achieve for this community, I have to thank you all dearly for electing me and supporting me in this role. Without all of the constituent support New College Council would not be able to host and support all the amazing activities that it does. With that being said, I am here for you and anytime you want to talk or propose an idea to me, I am willing to listen.

Every person elected in their position on New College Council has been elected for their amazing roles and before I address anything else, I want to thank each member of the New College Council. The strength and persistence of this council puts me out of words. I am so proud and excited to have the privilege to work with these individuals.

In the year ahead, the New College Council and I have multiple goals and achievements that we wish to achieve. Anything from going to Wonderland for Halloween Haunt, skating down the ice as a New College Duck/Eagle, NC Fest in frosh, club affiliation, and constitutional changes; we are here for the students. This year is going to be full of amazing events that cater to all aspects of the community. We will be working on strengthening our relationship with all the academic clubs, keeping up our fight for the Intramural torch and our amazing events that continue to prove themselves year after year.

New College Council and I are very excited to let the community know that we are planning to host a referendum alongside all other colleges on the Keele campus to raise your levy and tie it to the CPI. This will mean more money for events and support in athletics, social and academics. We are also extremely excited to inform you all that we are in the process of seeking study space in the Atkinson building and as well as renovating our lounge.

The New College community has given so much to me and all of its members, so let’s continue to keep and promote the amazing inclusive and supportive culture that New College holds.

Eagles, lets soar to new heights!!!

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Tips From Graduating Students

"It’s ok to be intimidated coming into a school of such an enormous size. Asking questions and getting closer to your resident advisor helps reduce the stress of where to go and gives you a community to become a part of." - Nancy Bentema

"Find your outlet. Don’t just go to class and go home because once you start doing that, it’s really hard to get out of it.” - Jack Onorati
As students, our lives are preoccupied with constant scheduling, rushing from point A to B, trying to avoid procrastination to fester, making sure we at least don’t fail those courses that we don’t understand how they’re even practically useful, and you can fill in the rest.

We only have time for school and sleep, and the latter only because our body will literally cease to function if we don’t. The point is, we are busy.

With a lifestyle like this, are we truly being enriched by the knowledge we gain, or slowly degrading? I would argue we are becoming worse than before. We become robots absorbing what is taught in over four classes, then start memorizing for the exams, and we crash. Where are the crucial aspects of psychological development? Such as critical thinking, or even the creativity to imagine the practical uses of our courses. We have become experts in how to graduate with a passive and minimal attitude. If we finish our education with a mentality like that, what use are we to the world or the companies with whom we dream of working? We have failed ourselves!

The number one ingredient that contributes to passiveness in our time here, is obviously laziness, but also selfishness. We are so self-absorbed that we only see ourselves on campus and take no interest in proactively using our skills to improve and give back to our student communities. The best leaders are the most selfless members of the team and the least passive. Leaders dedicate their time and energy to the overall group without any direct, immediate benefit. However, in the long term the results are more than obvious. Leadership develops patience, perseverance (which erodes passiveness completely), and hard work (erodes the minimal attitude).

When faced with these facts, it is logical to conclude that probably the prescription for our 4 year ailment is leadership. How? It provides you an avenue where you can get involved in your student community and develop the critical aspects of psychological development that the stress of school sometimes fails to achieve. As mentioned before, leadership builds creativity. The average human brain dreams 1,460 dreams a year, and 4 dreams every night! When you’re a leader that number doubles, even when you’re awake you’re dreaming of plans and projects. Furthermore, leaders are involved with constant problem-solving, this builds up critical thinking like nothing else, you are forced to expand your usual ways of thinking. Leadership is weights for the brain. So, if our goal is to be the best student ever, then synonymously we should be striving in being the best leader ever! As prolific 19th century author Ellen G. White wrote in her book Education,

“True education means more than the perusal of a certain course of study. It means more than a preparation for the life that now is. It has to do with the whole being, and with the whole period of existence possible to man. It is the harmonious development of the physical, the mental, and the spiritual powers. It prepares the student for the joy of service in this world.”

If our skills are left unused and minds left to erode, we can’t call ourselves students, because being a student is a privilege and a stage in life where we GROW not plateau. Get involved and be a leader! How, is up to you.

We are the NOW!

For more information visit: nowleaders.strikingly.com or facebook.com/NowLeaders/

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Safety in Atkinson

As the New College Council President and the liaison between York University Administration and Faculty, I am very proud to inform you that the Atkinson building is receiving an update on infrastructure and security. I have worked alongside with the Dean’s office and York University Security to ensure the installation of security cameras and new infrastructure updates in the Atkinson building. These updates will be completed before Orientation week and will give Atkinson and New College a safe and revamped place to be.

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What Can I Do With My Degree?

I signed up for Frosh week in September of my first year. I had a broken toe, but I was still excited to participate and begin the next chapter of my life. After convincing my parents, I stayed in the commuter room for a week with a group of complete strangers. I met so many amazing froshies and leaders who helped make my transition to York University easy and enjoyable. I loved frosh so much that when it was over, my mission became to help all students have a smooth transition and amazing University experience, like I had. I decided to run for the position of First Year Representative on New College Council (NCC). It was my first time ever in an election, what an experience! I remember being ecstatic when I was told I got it. I also joined two other academic clubs that year! At the Master’s Awards Ceremony, I received the award for First-Year Initiative.

In second year, I secured the position of Secretary on NCC, then later became the Director of Social. At the same time, I also accepted the position of Director of Mentorship for the Human Resources Student Association (HRSA) and the position of New Beat Editor in the Office of the Master! These activities gave me a holistic view of how New College functions and all the opportunities it provides for its students. At formal, the New College Master presented me with the award for Outstanding Contribution to the College.

In third year, I held the position of VP Operations with NCC and was a Peer Mentor for HR students through the Office of the Master. At the end of the year, I received the Master’s Award!

In my last year, I started off as Co-President of the Marketing Club, then assumed Presidency in the winter term when my Co-President went on exchange. I was presented with the Citizenship Award for helping others without expecting anything in return by the Master at the Awards Ceremony.

I never realized how participating and giving back was actually giving me the experience and skills employers are looking for. My advice to everyone is 1) get involved, it makes all the difference. You learn while doing things you enjoy and 2) surround yourself with positive people. It is so important to have good, positive people who fill your bucket rather than empty it.

Through it all, I made lasting relationships with some incredible students, staff, and professors at York University. Thank you for all that you have done for me, I am a better person for it and will remember you always!

WRITER: VERONICA RONDINONE (BACHELOR OF HUMAN RESOURCE MANAGEMENT WITH HONOURS, 2018)

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