The McMaster Students Union

PRESIDENT’S PAGE

For the past five years I have spent every summer in Hamilton, each providing me with the opportunity to venture out of Westdale and into other parts of the city. Throughout these summers, I have discovered great restaurants (I highly recommend Charred Rotisserie House located on James Street North), numerous waterfalls, and exciting community events. I often found myself walking aimlessly through the downtown core, exploring the streets and admiring the city’s unique architecture.

Taking the time to explore Hamilton is something I recommend to everyone I meet, as many students do not step out into the wider city until their final year at McMaster, if ever. There could be many reasons for this, whether its unfamiliarity with the transit system, or a general lack of knowledge of all Hamilton has to offer. This is why the McMaster Students Union’s (MSU) Student Community Support Network (SCSN) is excited to launch Discover Your City Week 2015.

Discover Your City Week 2015 will run from February 9 - 13, and will highlight events and programming regularly offered in Hamilton, as well as collaborate with community partners for special events created just for students. During the week, you will be able to skate, attend a film festival, explore coffee shops, and view award-winning artwork. Additionally, as Hamilton is the host city for this year’s JUNO Awards, we will also be spending the week promoting the city’s exciting music scene.

“Discover Your City Week gives students the opportunity to experience the rich culture that Hamilton has to offer,” said SCSN Director, Joshua Patel. “We have picked out the best events we can find to help students experience the city. Our goal is to help them feel even more at home than they did before.”

SCSN works to foster a sense of community in the West Hamilton Area, as well as acts as a support and a local resource for off-campus students through programming and events. For more information, check out SCSN at msumcmaster.ca/scsn.

When we begin our undergraduate journey at McMaster, we commit to spending three, four, or more years living in a city with a rich history, vibrant culture, and growing economy, just waiting to be discovered. It is time to start seeing Hamilton not just as the city in which we attend school, but the city we are happy to call home.

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