

Eric Clement, Entrepreneur and menswear stylist

Although I graduated 10 years ago, the memories I have of St-Thomas will stick with me for a lifetime. Joining the student council was one of the best decisions I ever made. I was offered the opportunity to join a group of like-minded individuals and together, we organized projects and events for the student body.

These were the moments that I felt most connected my peers.

Today, after studying fashion design for 7 years, including 4 years in Amsterdam, I started a brand specializing in denim products made in Canada called ATELIER CLEMENT. I funded my start-up with freelance work as a menswear stylist for SSENSE. Starting a company is hard work: It takes self-motivation and perseverance. The management skills that I learned in the student council proved to be some of the most useful in my career. Thank you to Tannia Ditchburn, a fantastic teacher, for teaching me how to balance creativity and professionalism at such a young age.