

Hello everyone! My name is Surya Adams and I am the new English Teaching Assistant. I will be working with Madame Lenda-Polie, Madame Rosine, and Madame Sorbon for the academic year. I am very excited to be living in Martinique. I have taken several courses on Caribbean and francophone literature, and it now seems surreal to now live in the country that had a significant impact on my undergraduate studies. So far, I have visited “Le Diamant,” “L’habitation Clément,” the beaches of Anse d’Arlet, and “La Maison de la Canne.” I look forward to further experiencing Martinique’s rich culture by trying local foods, learning how to speak creole, dancing to zouk music, and of course going to the beach.

I am from Detroit, Michigan, USA. Detroit is nicknamed as the “Motor City” because it is the birthplace of cars, and as “Motown” because it is where Motown Music was initially based. Growing up in Detroit has definitely influenced my musical tastes. I grew up listening to Tina Turner, Aretha Franklin, Marvin Gaye, Michael Jackson and other R&B artists that were either born in Detroit or spent a significant amount of time there. Some of my favorite pastimes in Detroit are to go sailing on the Detroit River, go to concerts, ice skate during the winter months, and watch sports games. My parents, Jonathan and Jean-Vierre Adams, also live in Detroit along with my dog, Sophie.

I recently finished my undergraduate studies at Amherst College, where I majored in Philosophy, French, and completed my medical school prerequisite courses. In the future, I hope to combine my interest in languages and medicine by taking a holistic approach to patient care. Amherst College is located in Amherst, Massachusetts, which is approximately 1.5 hours to the west of Boston, Massachusetts. Although I was more than 8 hours away from Detroit, my school soon felt like a second home to me. I hope Martinique will feel the same by the end of my year here.



Quiz:

1. How does Surya plan on experiencing the culture of Martinique?
2. What are some of her favorite things to do in Detroit?
3. What did Surya study in undergraduate?
4. How far is Amherst from Boston?
5. Where are some of the places Surya has already visited in Martinique?