

Wallace State Community College

Video Script: International Student Success Story: Tristian Du Plessis

CONCEPT: Dynamic cuts between interview footage (even “meta-footage” showing the cameras, boom mics, etc.) and lively campus footage showing Tristan on and off the tennis court, going about his Wallace State day. Titles throughout, with some acting as “section headings” (fading to black screen with title only).

V.O. is student interview quotes only, no narration.

[Open on black screen bearing text only (no music). “One Door.” appears first, with “Any Approach.” fading in right below]

One Door.

Any Approach.

[Music bed kicks in as we cut to interview/b-roll footage]

Interview/ADR

I want to coach, or even open my own sports psychology business with physiotherapy ... But first, I want to give tennis a good chance.”

[Footage: Action shots of Tristan on the tennis court]

“Wallace State is just a really good foundation. It gives me, as an international student, the chance to ease into everything.”

[Cut to b-roll of Tristan on campus, connecting with students, engaged in the classroom, etc.]

[Fade back to black screen for quick “section” title.]

[Title]

Meet *Tristan DuPlessis*... The “Wall-Ace”

[Continue with b-roll including on- and off-campus shots (class, campus life, tennis, etc.)]

[Title]

- Singles starter – #7-nationally ranked Lions tennis team.
- ATP Tour hopeful.
- University-bound

- *Proud to be part of the pride.*

Interview/ADR

“Currently I’m in the general studies program, but I’m focused on psychology.”

[Footage featuring Tristan in classroom shots, both individual and connecting with classmates/faculty]

“I can get a great education while I find out how far I can go in tennis. It’s an open door for new opportunities.”

[Mix of action-driven tennis footage and lively campus life shots]

[Fade back to black screen for “section” title.]

[Title]

They say **love means nothing** to a tennis player...

[Title]

But at Wallace State, Tristan is **feeling the friendliness.**

Interview/ADR

“The professors are so helpful. The people are so nice. Everyone here makes you feel so welcome.”

[Footage featuring Tristan in campus environments evoking welcoming, support and inclusiveness]

“The culture is just... the Southern hospitality is great!”

[Cut to footage of Tristan entering or exiting a campus door with confidence, as if embarking on a daily adventure]

[Title]

Lion on the Court.

Ace in the Classroom.

Interview/ADR

"Softball is one of the best in the country, tennis is top ten, baseball is doing really good ... Wallace State isn't *just* great on the academic side.

"I personally think [Wallace State] is one of the best junior colleges that there is."

[Footage: Mix of sports b-roll and Tristan going about his day on campus. Shots should evoke Wallace State's uncommon excellence as a junior college]

[Fade back to black screen for "section" title.]

[Title]

The Wallace State *advantage*...

Interview/ADR

Don't get caught up in the fact that it's called a junior college...

[Footage: Montage of photogenic campus buildings, high-tech facilities, etc.]

"It's not as busy or overwhelming ... but when you're comfortable, you can go even *higher*."

[Footage: More dynamic b-roll culminating in a "signature" shot, showing Tristan posing in tennis gear with his racket].

[Closing Title]

Wallace State Community College.

One Door.

Always Open.

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Interview questions:

1. Can you discuss how you first got connected to Wallace State?
2. Can you talk a little about your experience on the Wallace State tennis team?
3. What was your initial experience like, as an arriving international student? How did the Wallace State community factor into that?
4. What is it about Wallace State that has made you feel so welcome as a visiting student-athlete?
5. What's next for you after Wallace State, in tennis and in life?
6. How has your time at Wallace State prepared you for that next level, both athletically and academically?
7. Wallace State's branding emphasizes the idea of "One Door" – what does that mean to you, and how did the College open doors for you?
8. What advice would you have for other Wallace students looking to connect with their campus and really engage 100% with the college experience?