



Aurora

PSO



Aurora

Private Student Organization

WELCOME

Congratulations on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University for 2019, in addition, we would love to welcome you to Aurora PSO (Private Student Organisation). Aurora is an active student community, we provide you with the same opportunities in terms of the student experience and activities at university as a residence, just for students staying in their own private accommodation, be it in a flat, student house or at home. There are 11 PSO's at Stellenbosch University, all providing unbelievable support to the members of Stellenbosch University who do not live in

University Residences, enriching the lives of all their members. PSO's form the heart of Stellenbosch University, as 70% of Stellenbosch University newcomers are allocated to PSO's each year. **Please do note that PSO's do not provide accommodation, and all PSO students should arrange their own accommodation and transport*, to and from their accommodation.**

*Please note that the University does provide shuttle services to surrounding areas for students who live outside of Stellenbosch.



@aurorapso



Aurora PSO

WHO ARE WE?

Aurora was established in 1981 and is the oldest co-ed PSO on Stellenbosch Campus. Over the past 37 years, Aurora has strived to, through our values, provide a platform for our students to grow and live out a holistic student experience. In doing so, we do not only equip our members with the necessary tools to ensure a successful university career, but also a strong sentiment of unity by their “home away from home”, that is the Aurora community.

The values of Aurora, Unity, Individuality, Integrity, Respect and Gees, are the guidelines that we hope every member use(s) to flourish during their time at Stellenbosch University, making it the most memorable time of their life.

The members of Aurora, or Aurorians, are successful at a variety of university activities, such as sport and academics. Aurora has an incredible talented soccer team, we also offer Hockey, netball and tennis and show a strong presence within the PSO barbarians (PSO rugby team) on the rugby field. We are also working on having a successful SU acapella, formerly known as Kleinsêr, in 2020, for the more culturally inclined Aurorians.

However, seeing as we are at University, academics are very important and Aurora places focus on academics by using our mentor program. The workings of this program period comes to an end with the “Vensters” festival, which is an age-old tradition where the newcomers put on performances with our Connect Partners.

Our Partners for 2020 is Irene Ladies' Residence but will be explained in more detail further on in this letter, but it aims to provide every new comer with a senior member in Aurora within their faculty, that can give them the necessary support and guidance, would they require it.

Socially, even though all the Aurorians do not live under the same roof, we have immense energy and spirit, as our value Gees suggests. Our energy is maintained through various events throughout the year, from informal to formal dances, sports days, braais or just catch up sessions at our HK house at 8 Hofmeyr street.

Welcoming week stretches from Wednesday 22 January 2020 to Friday 31 January 2020, throughout this period Aurora will help you on your journey to becoming a Matie! We have worked hard to develop a program for you to ensure that you will receive the best possible start to your university career, and are well acquainted with campus, lecture halls, town and have made few friends before starting classes on the 3rd of February. During these 10 days, we will assist you with registration, getting your student card, and introducing you to all Stellenbosch University has to offer. This week will also introduce you to some people from other PSO's and residences around campus through socials that are incorporated into the program. The Welcoming and they are very excited to meet you and who you will get to know in the preparation for Vensters.

****Please see the end of the welcoming letter for a full welcoming program****

The welcoming leader for 2020 is Laura Beatham and will be responsible along with the Primaria, Faith Abrahams, and the rest of the House Committee for ensuring a



comfortable transition into this new stage of your life and incorporating you fully into Aurora as a fellow Aurorian, making sure you feel comfortable in partaking in Aurora activities. Your well being is our main concern and if any problems arise, we will only be glad you assist you and will do everything in our power to solve the problem.

Please see below the information regarding the **initial meeting** on 22 January 2019 at 09:30.



During the initial meeting on 22 January, we as the House Committee will meet the new Aurorians of 2020 and it will also form as a general information session about the PSO and specifically about the Welcoming Week. Your parents are more than welcome to attend this meeting, and we will have a session afterwards where we speak with parents and answer any specific questions that they might have. It will also be awesome for your parents to see your new family in Aurora, and for us to meet them! Thereafter, we will jump straight into the welcoming program.

Kindest regards,

Faith Abrahms (Primaria) & Laura Beatham (Welcoming Leader)



CO-ORDINATOR | KNOWLEDGE TYAPILE

“The best part of life is not just surviving, but thriving with passion and compassion and humour and style and generosity and kindness...”

- Maya Angelou-

Dear Aurorian,

Welcome at Stellenbosch University and more specifically, welcome at Aurora. To be able to study at a tertiary institution is a wonderful opportunity and I wish you only the best for this new and exciting chapter that will soon start. At Aurora we celebrate individuality and we are looking forward to meet you and to listen to your unique story.

We welcome you with friendliness and hospitality and we hope to make your journey at Aurora a wonderful experience. We strive to be approachable and undertake to listen with respect and compassion and to answer your questions with honesty.

At Aurora, we promote innovation through future focussed thought leadership. We want to encourage you to participate in as many ways as you possibly can, to build purposeful relationships and inclusive networks, so that after your journey at Stellenbosch University and Aurora PSO, you leave as a well-rounded citizen.

Aurora believes in a value driven system. We take these values into account in all we do and all the activities we participate in and host. This mean that we, as members

of Aurora, held one another accountable for our decisions and actions, based on our value system.

As PSO Coordinator, I am responsible for managing Aurora, along with the House Committee and the Mentors. We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration at University. Do not be afraid to ask if you are uncertain about anything – we are here to help and to make this transition to university as smooth as possible. We are excited to walk this journey with you. My wish for you is that you will, above and beyond your course, also learn about humanity and life itself and that you will open yourself to new friendships and experiences. I look forward to listen to your unique stories.

Best wishes,

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PRIMARIA | FAITH ABRAHAMS

“When you learn, teach. When you get, give”

- Unknown-

Hello there Aurorian,

Another warm welcome to Stellenbosch University and the Aurorian family. I hope that you are just as excited as I am to get welcoming week on the go. I am a social work student and have a passion for people and bettering the lives of others. Myself and the rest of the team are looking forward to welcoming you and helping you find your feet.

Aurora has been my family for a good three years and as I start my 4th year I am excited to lead our house. The people I have met in Aurora have become like family and it's been a space where I was challenged and really pushed out of my comfort zones. Aurora really is an amazing space with diverse members who are able to teach you so many things, not just about you but about the world around you, but only if you open yourself up the experience. We at Aurora encourage everyone from all walks of life to be themselves and to not feel pressured into fitting into a box.

We love it when members are themselves, whether that be crazy and dramatic, introverted, awkward, we want it all. We value and appreciate all members within our house as we believe that everyone brings something unique to the table, and that is what we are all

about. As a PSO and the various leadership structure within Aurora, we have all ensured that a culture of unity through diversity is cultivated and nurtured within Aurora. In my year ahead I am excited to lead the house and rest of our 10 enthusiastic and passionate leaders.

University can be really overwhelming. You might feel alone, scared, uncertain, anxious - emotions and feelings that we have all felt at one point or another which is completely normal. You are never alone because at Aurora, we are a family and no one gets left behind. As you begin to find your feet, use this advantage to discover yourself, have the best fun but work hard as well. As you enter this new journey, remember to always have a smile and have a blast on this new journey.

See you soon

Lots of Love,

Faith Abrahams

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WELCOMING LEADER | LAURA BEATHAM

“The secret of change is to focus all of your energy,
not on fighting the old but building the new”

- Socrates-

Dear newcomer,

Welcome to Aurora! I am so excited to welcome you into our Aurora family, and into the greater Stellenbosch University community. The journey you are about to embark on is going to be an exciting and challenging time, an opportunity to not just grow academically but also socially and emotionally and open your mind to ideas you might have never thought of. Aurora will help to guide you and navigate this new, exciting and unknown space.

Honestly, University can be a very daunting place, with new people, hard modules and challenges experiences. Aurora will always be place for you to find guidance, advice and friendship. My job as welcoming leader was to create a welcoming week program to help the newcomers of 2020 orientate themselves in this new chapter. I hope welcoming week gives you an opportunity to make new friends, learn and challenge new or old ideas of the world, but most importantly gives you a footing for your first year of university.

On my first day of welcoming week 2017, I was so nervous of who I was going to meet and how to do this “University” and “Adult” thing. I remember my first night in Stellenbosch I realised I had forgot to pack a toothbrush and had to go get one. So, as you can imagine, I

was not feeling very prepared. However, as soon as I walked into the PSO registration venue, I felt a sense of relief. Looking around I noticed everyone else looked nervous too, and I didn't feel alone. Aurora's leadership made us feel so welcome and the friends I made that year have been some of the most valuable aspects to my own journey.

Use welcoming week and this year to really make as many friends as possible, and remember everyone else is feeling similar to you, so don't let your anxieties hold you back from completely diving into this new experience. University should be more than just test, assignments and exams, Aurora and Campus in general has so many opportunities for you to grow, learn and meet new and interesting people and it is up to you to take advantage of that. So yes, join that society you were thinking about and yes, join that sports team and get involved with Aurora's events and leadership.

Get involved whether that is the Maties beer society or the rowing team. If something interests you, even just a little, then go experience it because you will never know how something could have been if you never tried. Secondly never be afraid to ask questions and seek help, Stellenbosch has so many resources, such as the Writing Lab and the centre for student counselling and development, available for you to use to help you along this journey. And lastly, make as many friends as possible, every face you see on campus is a new possible friendship, having support makes university a little easier and a whole lot more fun!

Love,

Laura Beatham

Welcoming Leader

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MEET THE TEAM

We the House Committee and we represent Aurora and its members. We are a diverse group of leaders who all have a passion for Aurora. We aim to lead the house with our values and passion while creating an environment that cultivates and fosters unity through individuality.





OUR PRIM & VICE-PRIM

Faith Abrahams - Primaria

From: Pinelands, Cape town

Age: 21

Guilty Pleasure: Eating a whole chocolate slab in one go

Favourite food: Mom's homemade Roti and Curry

Favourite colour: Anything Pink

Favourite Series: Too many to mention

Vice-Primaria – Kira Alberts

From: Somerset West, Western Cape

Age: 20

Guilty Pleasure: The biggest cappuccino you can find

Favourite food: Magic unicorn flavoured ice-cream

Favourite colour: Yellow, it just looks so happy

Favourite Series: The IT Crowd

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

- Helen Keller

YOUR HOUSE COMMITTEE



FAITH ABRAHAMS |

Primaria & Leadership Development

My name is Faith Abrahams and I from Cape Town. This is my 4th year in Stellenbosch and I am studying Social Work. I am known for my cheeks and my big smile which is basically the same resemblance as a chipmunk. I love laughing and making others laugh.

The weather in Stellenbosch will show you flames so come prepared. Bring a water bottle, make sure to put sunscreen on and come expectant to make lots of new friends. Welcoming can be tiring but it is a good kind of tired that leaves a smile on your face at night. Come prepared to get to know as many people as possible, step out of your comfort zone and find your special place in our family.



KIRA ALBERTS |

Vice-Primaria, Safety and Critical Engagement

My name is Kira and I am a third year International Studies student. I'm easily recognised by my crazy curly hair and the fact that you rarely find me without my notebook and a cup of coffee in hand.

My special talents include talking too much, having an inspirational quote for every occasion and my ability to never run out of gees.

Firstly, I would like to warmly welcome you to Aurora and Aurora welcoming week! In my opinion, welcoming week will be one of the best weeks of your university career. Although it will leave you tired and sunburnt it will also leave you with a ton of new friends and memories. It will give you a small taste of how incredible your time here on campus is going to be and hopefully get you excited for all the great things to come. So I dare you to take part in as much as you can to make the most of this experience, lose your voice singing gees songs, explore all of the local hang-out spots, join on-campus societies and get to know the amazing Aurora community you are now a part of.



TARIEN RIEKERT |

Head mentor, Secretary, Academics

Welcome to Aurora! My name is Tarien Riekert and I am in my third year of studying BSC Food Science.

University has taught me skills that I did not know I even needed, and I hope that it will be as much of a growing experience for you as it has been for many of us. My advice to you would be to wear comfortable shoes, remember your water bottle, and take part in as many things as possible, especially during welcoming week. We are so excited to welcome you to the Aurora Family!



AQUEEL MALUK |

Financial manager

My name is Aqueel Maluk and I am a third year accounting student. I am the financial manager for Aurora. Aurora as a community has me the opportunity to meet amazing individuals and allowed me to feel apart of something bigger on campus, and I am sure that Aurora is going to do the same for every newcomer that joins the community.



ANJA PAINCZYK |

Social Media & Branding, Connect, House Dance

hi, my name is anja painczyk (i'll teach you the pronunciation) and if you spot the clumsy hk member, you've found me. i am currently a third year bcom financial accounting student, hoping to finally perfect my student budget.

when i came to university i genuinely had no idea what a pso was, i just really wanted to participate in vensters. to my surprise i met my current best friend on my very first day, who encouraged me to participate in as much as possible and just enjoy the moment, which led to me falling in love with the concept of a pso and even more so with aurora. my advice to you would be to not be afraid of taking risks, you never know what's on the other side of that awkward icebreaker. and if you haven't noticed by now, i have a strange fear of capital letters.



EWIN MICHAEL |

Venstersa & Culture

Hello, my name is Ewin. I am third year LLB student, that's law for those of you who don't know. I have the amazing privilege of facilitating all of your cultural needs for the year as well as helping to run and develop your vensters production. I am a huge movie buff and I love all things super hero related. My biggest passion is performing on stage and making people laugh. University shouldn't only be academic. It's an entire experience of learning to find the things that make you happy and putting your effort into those things as well as your studies. Hopefully I'll be able to help many of you find your talent or passion and help grow that while you're here. I have the portfolios of culture and vensters.

I look forward to meeting you all, until then enjoy your holiday!



NICOLE AFRICA |

First year's & Wellness

My name is Nicole and I study BA Humanities. Food is at the heart but beluga whales have my soul. My portfolios are First Year's and wellness. I look forward to being a pillar of strength for Aurora's HK Body, to establish building blocks that create awareness around wellness, and how important it is for the individual. To the

newcomers, come prepared and ready to have a memorable year and to establish your leadership qualities and that can be done on the first level of leadership structure in the PSO - the First Year's Committee.



TSHEPO MOSARWE |

Vensters & Culture

Hey there! Firstly I would like to congratulate you on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University and on your placement into Aurora PSO!

My name is Tshepo (Tee) Mosarwe. I am a final year DipPracMusic student. I am a trumpeter and an aspiring choral conductor. I am a socialite, music lover and I love travelling. As cliché as it may sound, since my first year here in the Matieland, Aurora has been my family away from home. It has provided a space for me to make friends, feel welcomed and just to be myself, and I wish that for everyone joining us. Be your awesome self, make the best memories and just SOAR!



LAURA BEATHAM |

Welcoming Leader, Clothing, Socials & Alumni

I'm Laura Beatham. I'm currently doing a postgraduate certificate in education and this is my fourth year of studying at Stellenbosch University. Welcoming is the best time to make

as many friends and connections as possible because everyone is excited to do the same. I met some of my closest friends during welcoming and in Aurora. It's also the best time to ask every single question you have and really make sure you understand how to successfully navigate university life! I'm so excited to get to know our newcomers! My advice is really get actively involved and stuck into everything that welcoming has to offer.



CLARISE LERM |

Seniors & Cluster

My name is Clarise and I am a third year Bcom Logistics Management student. Aurora has been my home away from home for the past two years, and my goal would be to make it yours too.

I am very passionate about Aurora because it has taught me so much about the past two years. I am so excited that you get to join the adventure with us. I guarantee you that you will walk out of O - week a happy camper. We are a super fun and diverse PSO, and that is the thing that made me love Aurora so much.

My portfolios are seniors and cluster. Me and my wonderful seniors committee are here to help you for your days ahead and our fellow communities in the VicMeyer Cluster are just as excited to meet you all.

We have many events lined up for you, and I am personally excited to get to know you all.

Welcome to the Aurora Family



AMY APOLLIS |

Sport & Sustainability

Hello! My name is Amy, a third year sports scientist. My passion lies in helping people on their journey to self-realization. At Aurora, I hold the portfolios of Sport and Social Impact. I aim to use these platforms as a means of living out my passion and seeing people aspire and grow to more than they thought possible for themselves. As a newcomer, I know that this next phase of your life might feel scary and overwhelming. I hope that Aurora will be for you the safe space and family that it is for me. I can't wait to meet you and I am genuinely excited to learn from your experience, be it in Sport, Social Impact or any other sphere of life. WELCOME TO THE FAMILY!



HEAD MENTOR | TARIEN RIEKERT

Dear Aurorian,

Aurora would like to extend a hearty welcome to you! We are incredibly excited to welcome you into our close-knit community. Forming lasting relationships and helping each other achieve success in academic, personal, and social spheres is incredibly important to us. We value academic, social, and personal success, and therefore place high value on you and the path you will walk. We would like to partner with you and join you on your journey into the future.

On arrival at Stellenbosch University and at Aurora, you (together with a small group of newcomers) will be allocated to a mentor who will act as a helping hand and a source of support during your time at university. Your mentor would like to get to know you and will have the opportunity to do so during several mentor sessions that are scheduled in the Welcoming Program. Here you can connect with them and talk about your dreams, expectations and goals for your future. To facilitate this process, please complete the attached form (titled “Prospective student: Conversations with your mentor”) to help provide us with insight into who you are and to help you achieve your own success.

This can be found at the end of the booklet, after the welcoming programme.

Please send the completed form to us before the start of welcoming week (or alternatively, bring the completed form along when you register on the first day).

We are incredibly excited and honoured to be taking this journey with you.

With best wishes,

Tarien

Prospective student: Conversations with your mentor

1. Name:

2. Course you are registered for in 2020:

2.1 But I would rather be studying (if applicable):

2.2 I chose this course (no. 2) because:

3. I dream of one day:

4. In ten years, I see myself:

5. My motto for life is:

6. I am happiest when:

7. Things I look forward to during my time on campus:

8. I would like to achieve the following during my time at Stellenbosch University:

8.1 Academic:

8.2 Social:

8.3 Personal:

8.4 Other:

MENTORS

Mentor are senior students who are appointed to assist the first years transition into Stellenbosch University. Each first year will be allocated to a mentor and be in a group with other first years.



These groups serve as a holistic support structure to ensure that each first year has a smooth transition and a memorable University career. There are a number of activities and discussions that will take place in these groups focusing on the six wellness spheres of intellect, social, physical, mental, spiritual and occupational health to ensure that the newcomers may be able to be well balanced to succeed in University. Mentors are an amazing support structure for whenever first years need any assistance or advice.

MEET YOUR MENTORS



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SENIORS COMMITTEE

The Seniors Committee is an enthusiastic group of Aurorians who want to be involved in everything we do, but have more academic constraints. They will be involved in Welcoming, helping with the facilitation of Vensters and making sure that you feel welcome and settled in.



They will also focus on the more social aspects of welcoming and social events throughout the year. They are also here to make sure that the seniors of Aurora, that are not on the seniors committee or another form of leadership, stay involved and to remind them that without them, Aurora would not be complete. The committee supports the House Committee and mentors by being involved with the newcomers and they are here to listen and help any Aurorian in need, even if it is just to listen or a catch up session. The committee is here to form unbreakable bonds between you and the rest of Aurora's seniors.

MEET YOUR SENIORS COMM



EMMA RAMSBOTTOM |



TINOTENDA GOTORE |



FLORAH MAKELE |



ALEXI DU PREEZ |



ZAMA MNISI |



SIMPHIWE NKOSI|



BRYNLEY VAN AARDT |



AMMAARAH NAIDO |



RYAN GEDULT|

VICMEYER CLUSTER



University Residences and private student organisations (PSOs) are divided into seven different clusters. The communities in each cluster are located near each other and participate in shared initiatives that intend to benefit the students in the cluster.

Aurora PSO is part of the VicMeyr Cluster, which consists of six communities along Victoria Street and Hofmeyr Street. VicMeyr Cluster consists of Aurora, Dagbreek, Huis ten Bosch, Lydia, Majuba and Minerva.

As VicMeyr Cluster, we aim to integrate the respective communities in our cluster, to cultivate a sense of community, and to allow sustainable networks to be created within the cluster. The cluster would like to be an “add-in” identity for students within the cluster; a greater community to

JOIN A TEAM AND TAKE PART IN

CLUSTER SPORT

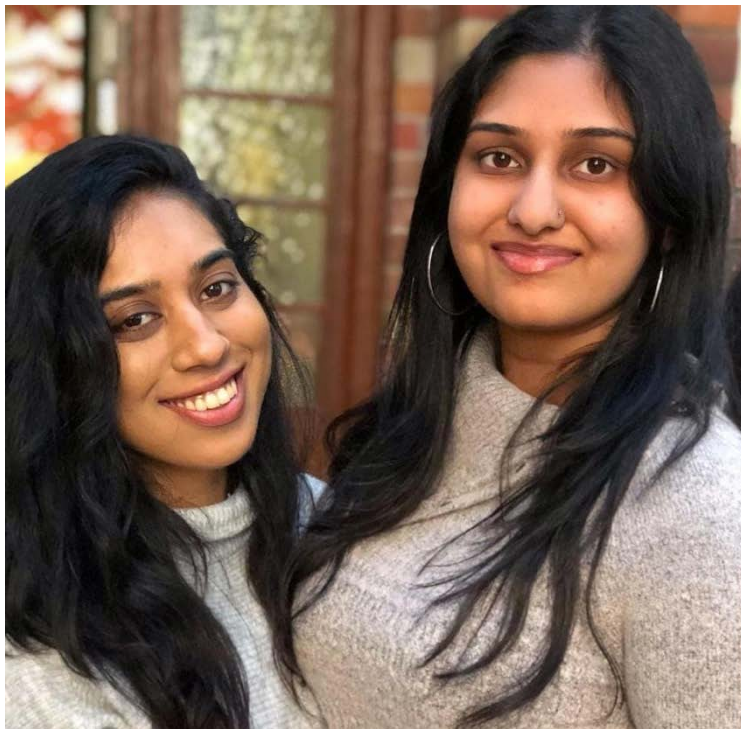
*Newcomer
Athletics*
6 February 2020

Netball League
5 March - 27 August 2020

Contact benitavz@sun.ac.za for more information.



be part of, which provides a greater pool of connections and resources to tap into for students.



Cluster Day, in welcoming, is a day where you will engage with the rest of the communities in VicMeyr and is really something to look forward to. As a newcomer to Aurora, you also have many other events and initiatives to look forward to during the welcoming period, as well as the rest the year.

Your Cluster Convenors for 2020 are Rupika Chuntarpursat and Sejal Debideen. We look forward to meeting you and hope that you are ready to form part of Aurora PSO, as well as the larger VicMeyr community!

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CONNECT PARTNERS & VENSTERS

Vensters is a fun, student-driven, fundraising project in aid of “MGD” -

MatieS Gemeenskapsdiens (Maties Community Service). Each partnership (Sonaura) puts on a skit designed by the vensters HK's, that they perform together. Spectators can expect an explosion of sound and colour as the house partnerships illustrate their interpretation of the year's theme. All funds raised during this program fund the different student-driven social impact projects. These projects are targeted at uplifting the Stellenbosch Community .

CONNECT PARTNERS | AURORA + IRENE = AURENE



Tshepo and Ewin, our Vensters HK have been working very hard on our skit with our Connect Partners, Sonop. The skit must be based on your house's social impact project. This is a fun filled night, with dancing, laughing and definitely something to look forward to. You will meet Irene on Friday the 24th of January. Get ready to jump into action and make memories together.

A WORD FROM OUR CONNECT PARTNERS | IRENE

Dear Aurora Newcomer

I cannot wait to meet you and start this exciting Stellenbosch adventure together!

My name is Irene and I am the largest woman residence at Stellenbosch University. I

was born in 1963 and there are currently 321 Ireners who think of me as their home.

I think it is a good idea for us to get to know each other, so here are a few interesting facts about me:

I am turning 57 this year

My name was inspired by the Greek goddess of peace

My lovely friend, Irenetjie, is our house's symbol – she is a dove and if you are lucky, you'll be able to meet her between Vensters practices

My favourite colour is light blue

My motto for welcoming is: "It only gets better!!"

Excited to meet you soon!

Your Connect partners

Irene Residence - #321rene



EMERGENCY NUMBERS

Campus Security Emergency:	021 808 2333
Campus Security Whatsapp:	082 808 2333
24hr Crisis (SSVO):	082 557 0880
US Crisis Service:	082 556 6558
Campus Health:	021 808 3496
Stelkor Pharmacy (Neelsie):	021 833 3162
Stellenbosch Medi-Clinic:	021 861 2000
ER 24:	084124
SAPS Emergency Centre:	10111
SAPS Emergency:	021 809 5015
SAPS Enquiries:	021 809 5000
Fire Department Stellenbosch:	021 808 8888
Western Cape Ambulance Service:	021 937 0500
Student Safety Enquiries:	studentsafety@sun.ac.za



STELLIES DICTIONARY

BIB: Stellenbosch University Library

FHARGA: Computer Centre for the BComm Faculty

FIRGA: Computer Centre for Engineering Faculty

First Year Spread/Syndrome: When newcomers gain weight

HEMIS: Your HEMIS (Higher Education Information Management System) is one of the most important calculation made during your academic career. A calculation of credits you have achieved against the credits you should have achieved.

HK/HC: House Committee of Residence of PSO

HUMARGA: Computer Centre for the BA and Education faculty students

Klein Saterdag: Wednesdays ;)

Molasseser: A big acapella group. There is also an annual competition between all the PSO's and residences. This is less serious than SU Acapella and often lots of fun.

NARGA: Computer Centre of Bsc (Sciences) faculty

Neelsie: On campus shopping centre where we can go and eat and do general errands. It also houses many of the student organisations' offices

Pred: This is your Predicate mark which is the mark have achieved throughout the year, before you write your exam. You must have pred (minimum of 40%) in order to qualify to write your exams

Prim: Short for Primaria/Primarius. This is the head leader of the House Committee. It could be compared to the head of a high school.

Rooplein: The red brick and grass area between the Neelsie and library

Second Opp: The second opportunity that is available for exams (this works differently for each module and faculty)

SU Acapella: A small acapella group. There is an annual competition between PSO's and residences to see who has the best Acapella

Social: An interaction between one or more PSO's or residences.

SRC: Student Representative Council

SS: Student Centre (a mostly quiet place where you can study) in the JC Smuts building

SSVO/CSCD: Centre for Student Counselling and Development

Sunlearn: Student portal on the University's website where lecturers upload slides and notes for each module

Vice-Prim: This could be compared to a deputy head of a high school

Welcoming: The period over which the newcomers are welcomed at Stellenbosch University and at their perspective PSO or residence

NO ACCOMADATION

We do not provide accommodation for our students and you are therefore responsible to find your own accommodation. Here are some links and names of websites and estate agents if you are still in need of accommodation in Stellenbosch:

Eikenhof <http://www.eikenhofkoshuis.co.za/>

Nooitgedacht: <https://nooitgedachta.co.za/> Archimedes <http://www.stellies-student-stay.co.za/archimedes.html>

Link to SU website -

<https://www.sun.ac.za/english/maties/Pages/AccommodationPrivateAccommodation.aspx>

Stellies student stay website –

<http://www.stellies-studentstay.co.za/accommodation.html>

Some **estate agents** if you are interested in an apartment:

Neelsie Eiendomme

Nooitgedacht Real Estate (Pty) Ltd

Anna Basson Properties

Lew Geffen Sotheby's International Realty Stellenbosch

Pam Golding Properties

Stellenbosch, Leapfrog

Stellenbosch, Keller Williams

Impact

RE/MAX

Oaktree Stellenbosch

Engel & Völkers, Engel & Volkers Stellenbosch

Seeff, Stellenbosch

CLOTHING & FOOD PACKAGES

OPTION 1 | R1 070

FULL PACKAGE – Full meal and clothing package

OPTION 2 | R520

MEALS ONLY – 13 meals for the duration of welcoming

OPTION 3| R550

FULL CLOTHING – Includes 3 Aurora shirts, a draw string bag and a cap

OPTION 4 | 200

STANDARD – One Aurora shirt of your choice and a cap

*Please see the designs for the clothing on the next page.



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Dear Students

CHARGING FIRST YEAR PACKETS TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Welcome to the PSO community of Stellenbosch University! You have been assigned to a PSO (private student organisation) due to the fact that you have not elected to stay in a residence in 2020. During the annual welcoming period in the beginning of the year, residences and PSOs take responsibility for exposing first years to Stellenbosch University in a welcoming manner.

Because PSO's do not have a dining hall (although some PSO's will arrange meals for their students in dining halls during the welcoming period) where students can enjoy meals, PSO first years are provided with "welcoming packages". These packages usually consist of a number of meals, clothing, water bottles, caps and other items unique to the particular PSO. During PSO registration on the first day of Welcoming (Wednesday, 22 January 2020), you will have the option of purchasing one of these welcoming packages at a set price (which may vary from PSO to PSO). Each PSO will also offer different options (both clothing and meals, only meals, only clothing, etc.) that students can then select. Please see the bottom of this email for more information.

Stellenbosch University utilizes a cashless system to allow students to purchase these packages hassle free. You, or your parents or guardian, will have to sign an acknowledgment of debt on the day so that the clothing, food, etc. for the welcoming period can be made available to you. After registration the cost will be charged to your student account to be paid with all other student-related expenses. Please note that once the form is signed you will be liable for the costs of the package selected, regardless of you having all the meals or not, or not wanting the clothing after the first few days.

Acquiring the "welcoming package" is not compulsory, but we do want to encourage you to take the opportunity to do so as it will make your welcoming period a much more enjoyable experience. Please find attached the form for your completion. You are welcome to print the form and bring it along.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 021-808 3023 / 2791 or pso@sun.ac.za

Kind regards,

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PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO 2020 STUDENT ACCOUNT

Please complete the following:

DETAILS OF STUDENT:

NAME AND SURNAME:

STUDENT NUMBER:

PSO: Aurora PSO

OPTION 1- FULL PACKAGE (Clothing & Meals) COST: R 1 070	OPTION 2- ONLY MEALS (13 meals) COST: R520	OPTION 3 - FULL CLOTHING PACKAGE COST: R550	OPTION 4 - STANDARD CLOTHING COST: R200

CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE (MARK WITH AN X):

Please note that the cost of welcoming packages, including the packages containing only meals and certain items, differs from PSO to PSO.

By signing this form, you commit in writing to the following:

- I hereby grant permission that the cost of the welcoming package may be charged to my student account;
- I understand that acquiring the welcoming package is not compulsory;
- I understand that if I sign the form, I have to pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed¹.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:.....

SIGNATURE OF PARENT:

DATE:

WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Wednesday	22 January	
9:30 - 11:00	PSO Registration Meet and greet	Shumann Annex 2020
11:00 - 11:20	Q & A with parents	Shumann Annex 2020
11:00 - 12:30	Mentor session 1	HK House, PSO Hub, Jan Marais Park
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	HK House
14:00 - 15:00	Senior's activity	HK House
15:00 - 17:00	Scavenger hunt - Campus tour	Campus
17:30 - 18:30	Games and unwind	HK House
19:00 & 21:00	Shuttle	PSO Hub
Thursday	23 January	
08:00 - 08:30	Arrive	HK House
08:00 - 10:30	PSO Registration for late comers	HK House
09:00 - 10:30	QUEERUS	HK House
10:30 - 11:30	Mentor 2 session	HK House/ PSO Hub/ Jan Marais Park
11:30 - 12:30	Academic session: CV Workshop	Library Auditorium
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch	Rooiplein
13:30 - 14:00	Prep for social	

14:00 – 16:00	Olympus and Capri social -fear pong	Huis Marais - Dinning Hall
16:00 - 17:00	Snack / change and prepare for dream launch	HK House
17:00 – 17:30	Walk to Danie Craven	
17:30 – 18:00 18:00 – 19:00	DREAM LAUNCH & DREAM WALK	Danie Craven Stadium
21:00	Shuttle	PSO Hub
Friday	24 January	
07:30 - 08:00	Arrive	HK House
08:00 – 12:00	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	
12:00-12:30	Prepare for Blazer Swap	HK House
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	HK House
14:00 – 15:00	Irene meet and greet	Irene
15:15 – 16:45	Welcoming Fair	Coetzenburg B & C Rugby Fields
17:00 - 18:30	Mentor session 3 and supper	HK house/PSO Hub/ Jan Marais Park
19:00 – 21:00	Cluster Interaction	Dagbreek
19:00 & 21:00	Shuttle	PSO Hub
Saturday	25 January	
08:00	Arrive	HK House
08:30 – 09:00	Walk the Top Up Route	
09:00 – 13:00	Cluster Day	HK House

13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	HK House
14:00 - 15:00	Mentor session 4	HK House / Jan Marais Park/ PSO Hub
15:00 - 17:00	Res-Ed Session - Movie Screening	Pulp
17:00 - 18:00	Prepare for camp	Goldfields
18:00 - 20:00	SU - Sing - Along	
20:00 - Late	Camp	Goldfields
Sunday	26 January	
07:30	wake - up and pack up	
08:30 – 09:00	begin walking back to the house	
09:00 - 10:00	breakfast	HK House
10:00 - 11:00	Arrival of Students who did not come to camp, Opportunity for newcomers to write out questions for leaders	
11:00 - 12:00	Mentor session 5	HK House/ PSO Hub/ Jan Marais Park
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch	HK House
13:00-14:30	Blindfold session	HK House
14:30-16:00	The Egg Drop	Amamaties hub
16:00 – 19:00	“family braai”	HK House
19:00 & 21:00	Shuttle	PSO Hub
Monday	27 January	
07:30 - 08:00	Arrive	HK House

08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch with Olympus	Rooiplein
13:30 – 17:00	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	
18:00- 19:00	Supper	HK House
19:00 – 21:00	Res-Ed workshops: Dictionary of Difference	
Tuesday	28 January	
07:30 - 08:00	Assembly	
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2020 program
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch with Silene	Rooiplein
13:30 – 17:00	Academic Program (RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2020 program
18:30 – 20:30	Pulp Cinema	Pulp - Neelsie
20:30 – 21:30	Breaking barriers students' program (first- and second-year students)	HK House
19:00 & 21:00	Shuttle	PSO Hub
Wednesday	29 January	
07:30 - 08:00	Arrive	HK House
08:00 – 10:00	Vensters Practice	Irene
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (RGA-Registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2020 program

10:00 - 12:00	Geesbou/ gees session	Jan Marais Park
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	HK House
13:30 – 15:30	Beer tasting (optional) and appreciation talk hosted by Maties beer society and Red Frogs	HK House
15:30 – 18:00	Res-Ed: Drinking Culture and Campus life	Huis
18:00 – 19:00	Supper	HK House
19:00 – 20:00	Mentor Session 6	HK House/ Jan Marais Park
20:00 – 23:45	Nightlife orientation	Town
22:30 – 23:45	Walk newcomers home / own transport	
Thursday	30 January	
08:30 - 09:00	Arrive	HK House
09:00 – 12:00	Community interaction morning	HK House
11:00 - 12:00	Drop off packages for community interaction	Bruckner de Villiers Primary School
12:30 – 13:30	Mentor session 7 and Lunch	HK House/ PSO Hub/ Jan Marais Park
14:00 – 17:00	Preparation for “Vensters”	Irene / HK House
18:00 – 19:00	Supper	HK House
19:00 & 21:00	Shuttle	PSO Hub
19:00 – 22:00	Preparation for “Vensters	Irene / HK House
Friday	31 January	
07:15 – 07:45	Arrive	HK house

07:45 - 08:00	Walk to Irene	Irene
08:00 – 12:30	Preparation for “Vensters”	Irene
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	HK House
14:00 – 17:00	Preparation for “Vensters”	Irene
17:00	Supper	HK House
18:00 – 22:00	“Vensters”	

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