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VENUSTIA PSO

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W H O A R E W E ?

Venustia PSO is a private student organization, founded in 2008 and operates within Stellenbosch University. Venustia is a PSO which aims to embody our **motto; beauty through strength**. This motto is represented by our symbol the majestic Swan. We hope to create a blossoming environment that for all those who find themselves apart of Venustia will feel comfortable enough to develop in.

Our **vision** in Venustia is to create a space of safety and sustainability. An area where diversity can be celebrated. We wish to engage with the communities around us and give back to those in need. We hope to be a welcoming first impression to those new to the University and a constant warm environment throughout the year. We are you're loving and caring home away-from- home. In this house, we support one another and help each other to the best of our abilities. We are a value driven house, which means that we strongly believe in living by our values, not only when we are representing Venustia, but also in life in general.

A Private Student Organisation, or PSO, is an organisational structure that supports private students living in private accommodation that attend Stellenbosch University (SU). These organisations are administered through the Centre for Student Communities, within the Division Student Affairs, and are led by elected student leaders, in collaboration with the PSO Coordinators who manage the PSO Office. Each PSO coordinates the orientation of new students, offers access to sporting, cultural and social activities, as well as leadership development opportunities. Newcomers are also allocated to a peer mentor through their PSO.

Our organization consists of approximately 1200 womxn living in private accommodation across campus and in surrounding areas. **We are not a residence and all PSO students are expected to stay in private accommodation on their own accord, as we do not offer permanent lodging.** We are one of 10 PSO's and one of 4 females only PSO's.

Our organization coordinates the transition of students from high school to university and campus life. This entails a variety of aspects you as a person would like experience. We ensure you are a well-grounded individual when you leave as a graduate of Stellenbosch University and of course, help provide as many opportunities as possible, to formulate relationships with diverse groups of people. One thing you need in order to survive your university career is networking; you cannot go through the journey without resources, and we at Venustia try our best to help establish as many as possible.

As an organisation, we provide our students with great opportunities. We create an inclusive space that is compassionate, understanding and that strives to include and benefit all; by having a variety of opportunities that include every unique individual. Venustia encourage and promote individuality in an enabling environment; by equipping individuals to overcome adversity, by encouraging a nature of selfcare and self-love, by creating awareness for mental health and thus promoting a balanced life style. Promote transformative experiences and relationships; by not just tolerating each other but embracing each other open heartedly.

O U R V A L U E S



Values /'valjus:/
noun; principles or standards of behaviour; one's
judgement of what is important in life.

INTEGRITY

Integrity means following your moral or ethical convictions and doing the right thing in all circumstances, even if no one is watching you. Having integrity in Venustia means you are true to yourself and to the House and would do nothing that demeans or dishonors you as a swan.

EQUALITY

In Venustia equality is ensuring individuals or groups of individuals are not treated differently or less favourably, on the basis of their specific protected characteristic, including areas of race, gender, disability, religion or belief, sexual orientation and age

INCLUSIVITY

Venustia is a community that embraces respect and strives to integrate its members and instill in them a sense of compassion and acceptance. Inclusivity in Venustia means to never leave a swan behind.

RESPECT

We strive to ensure our members are treated how they would prefer being treated as individuals, with compassion and empathy as well as treating our respective environments with care and tolerance. To respect in Venustia respect means to understand and empathise with each other's stories.

COMPASSION

If someone shows kindness, care, and a willingness to help others, they're showing compassion. This is a word for a very positive emotion that has to do with being thoughtful and decent. In Venustia we are always compassionate.



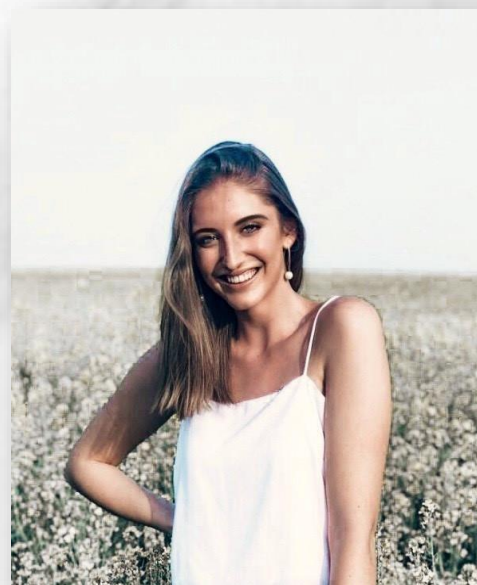
W O R D O F W E L C O M E

FROM OUR PRIMARIA

- ELOUISE COETZEE

Oh my, how time flies! I remember as if it was yesterday myself in the exact same moment you are currently in, slowly but surely University is becoming a reality. Nervous. Excited. Expectant.

With the warmest, kindest and most joy-filled “heyyy” you are being greeted with, official new Swan of Venustia, Whohooo! I’m beyond excited and honored for you to join our loving and inclusive Venustia community. My name is Elouise Coetzee, a final year BCom Business Management Sciences student, with a love for business, fashion and people. Venustia has for the last two years continued to awaken the above mentioned love of mine through the creativity, purpose-driven mindsets, diverse and truly inspiring people within this house, something I will forever be grateful for.



Well guess what, its officially YOUR time to discover and evolve the things you have a love for, while we’ll be rooting you on all the way! Those nerves, doubts or fear towards what will probably (most definitely) be the greatest time of your life, becoming a Stellies Student, will fade away as soon as you find yourself alongside your new Venustia family (and when being surrounded by Stellies’ magnificent mountain scenery and oak trees).

We will do everything in our power to ease you into this amazing new chapter of your life. We will assist and guide you through all the uncertainty as well as laugh and celebrate with you through all the highs. University is what you make of it. The amount of effort you put into making new friends, taking on opportunities and your studies, is all up to YOU. I strongly encourage you to embrace this season with open arms, positivity and a hunger to awaken the passion within yourself for growth. Always stay true to yourself. This will be your anchor in these busy and unfamiliar times. Never forget that true beauty ALWAYS shines from within. When you cultivate an inner strength and kindness, it will automatically overflow into all areas of your student life, making it beautiful! #takenote Get ready to be showered with sincere love, kindness and care. We can’t wait to meet you and walk this journey of growth alongside you! XOXO allmylove

FROM OUR VICE PRIMARIA - LARA VAN WYK

Hello there, fellow Swan!

CONGRATS on being elected to form part of our house, Venustia!

I am Lara van Wyk a 3rd year Bcom Law student, and one very honoured womxn, to say that I will be your Vice-primaria for the 2020 term and serve Venustia. My portfolios for the year include welcoming leader, safety and security manager; Second years committee, and Constitutional committee.

Two years ago, I was reading my welcoming booklet, filled with so much fear and excitement all at once. I therefore know exactly all the types of emotions you are experiencing, but let me tell you, we got your back - and we'll help you through this!

I am an ambitious and driven person and it is my absolute dream to become a successful business womxn. But before I can live out that dream of mine, I have a very important mission to fulfil on the Stellenbosch campus. This will be to guide you as newcomer and our house, Venustia to achieve new heights and build on the absolutely stunning community we have. What a great new adventure that lies ahead of you, and we as Venustia, are honoured to share this journey with you. You will be wholeheartedly welcomed into a community which is driven by our core values: respect, integrity, inclusivity, equality and compassion.

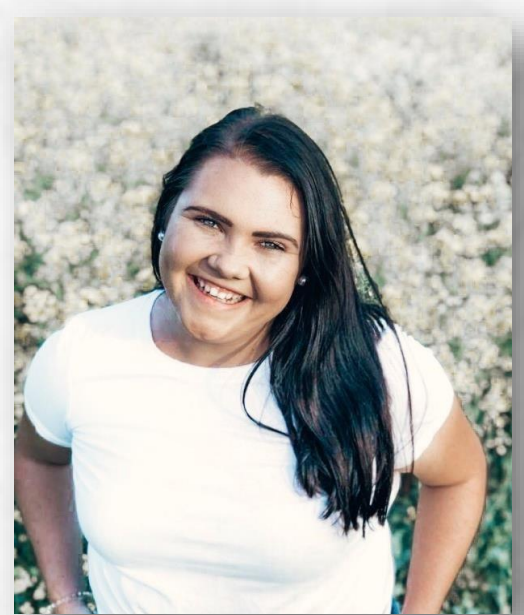
Our beauty shine through our strength and it is my wish for you to experience the tight-knit community we have amongst our swans. We have pride, we have "gees" and we have an all-round good time. So, get excited for some of the best memories you'll make with us! As mentioned, I am also your welcoming leader for this week and assure you that it will be a week to remember! The vision for the welcoming program of 2020 is to nurture the vibrant culture Venustia has to offer. The program will enable independence and participation with diverse communities, by providing activities that will introduce the you to the Stellenbosch University and student life. Activities will take place in a safe, welcoming and inclusive manner.

You as a newcomer will be able to experience a glimpse of the magic that Venustia holds and the activities, on social, academic, sport and cultural front the house is able to provide for you. Our maxim 'Beauty through strength' along with the Institutional values are captured by the program to bread the confidant and empowering Swans that shine through in all the different communities.

Some advice for welcoming-week, I truly encourage you to take part in the activities we have planned as this will enhance your experience as a Swan!

All my love.

Lara



FROM OUR PSO CORDINATOR JETHRO GEORGIADES

Dear Venustia Newcomer.

Congratulations with your acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to Venustia. Studying at Stellenbosch University is a great honour and I wish you all the best as you enter this challenging yet exciting phase of your life. As a prospective first year you stand at the beginning of an exciting period in your life.

As PSO Coordinator, I am responsible for managing Venustia, along with its House Committee and the Mentors. We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration at the University. Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Venustia believes in a value driven system. We consider these values in all we do. I encourage you to make the most of this experience and to take a hold of each and every opportunity that comes your way. In today's world, a degree can only get you so far. Your experience at Venustia PSO is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Venustia is your portal to an exciting out-of-class and co-curricular experience which will go a long way to giving you an upper hand one day when you graduate.

We look forward to meeting you and I can assure you that you will be welcomed into our family with open arms.

Regards,

JETHRO G. GEORGIADES

PSO Coordinator

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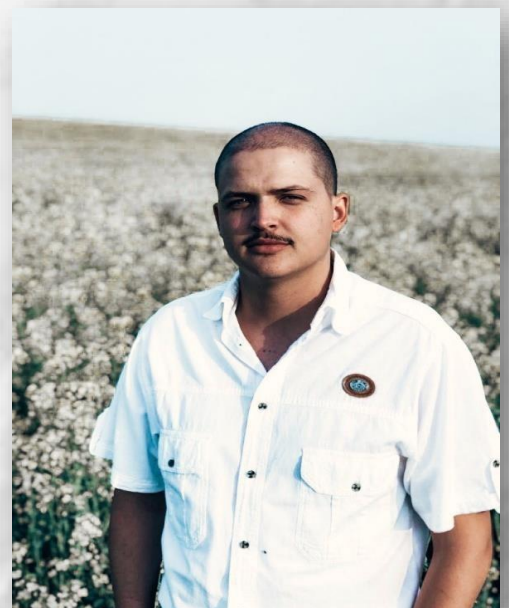
FROM OUR STRATEGIC ADVISOR JOHANNES ESTERHUIZEN

I was born in Stellenbosch Mediclinic, but that must have been for status because my family has never lived in Stellenbosch.
#SomersetWest

On that same birth certificate, it also states that my name is Johannes Lodewicus Esterhuizen; yet most people call me Jo or some other twist of the name.

I am avidly interested in almost everything. In primary school I achieved basically nothing, in high school I passionately did everything and in University I started to balance it all out. I am 23 years old and still deciding whether I will finish my Actuarial Science or Industrial Psychology degree in 2020. I love people and (believe it or not) I also love admin. How I reached the privilege of being selected as strategic advisor is because I have previously had the rolls of House com member and Vice-Primarius at another community. What I love about Venustia is their passion to always strive to make you feel part of the community. This includes me, the only male member.

Welcome to Venustia!

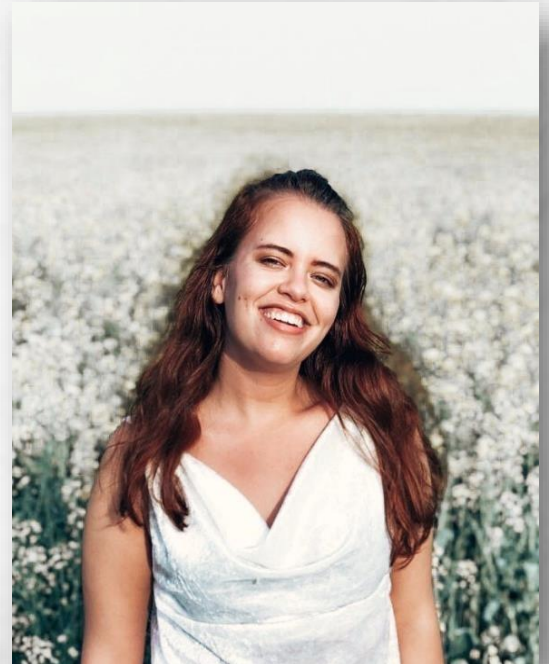


HOUSE COMMITTEE

ANGELIQUE BARROSA HEAD MENTOR

My name is Angelique Barroso, but I go by Angie and I am currently studying Bachelor of Accounting (BAcc). Previously from Durban but now an official Capetonian. I am mainly a numbers human but am obsessed with makeup and love spending time with my friends and family. Which kind of brings it back to Venustia PSO.

Venustia PSO truly does have the potential to become a home away from home. When you first come to the house and meet all the members it becomes a place for new friendships to grow. Although we may not be a residence or do not live together, we are all still capable of growing and creating lifelong connections. So, my advice is to see the potential of Venustia PSO and join in. Here's to hoping you find some of those connections along the way.



STEFFANI MAGERMAN SECRETARY

Hi almost beautiful Swans! A big congratulations on being part of Venustia PSO and Stellenbosch university, hard work really pays off.

I'm Steffani Magerman and I am from a countryside, little and beautiful village Genadendal in the Western Cape and in my final year on becoming a Social Worker. Venustia PSO has really enhanced my growth as an individual and as a student. It is a great hub to meet lifelong friends and make memories which contributes to becoming a well-rounded individual when leaving university. This is a community where you are accepted and given a sense of belonging the day you step onto campus and through this community I was offered so many opportunities, which I was unfamiliar to and it expanded my thinking, relationship building and friendships. I might look a bit anti-social, but I love to have conversations and any dish of pasta will make my day. I really want to encourage you to embrace the moment, each day of welcoming, first year and be sure that Venustia is the place for you .



DIISENG MASHOGOANE

CLUSTER

Hey awesome person, yes you! My name is Diiseng Mashogoane and I'm from sunny Pretoria. I am currently studying a Bsc in Molecular Biology and Biotechnology. In a nutshell- I love science, I love helping people and I love discovering new things. I'm a chocoholic and I'm proud! I enjoy way too many series to only pick one but my top three are Being Mary Jane, Grey's Anatomy and Friends.

I am so excited to meet and welcome you to the Venustia sisterhood. Honestly though, Venustia is the place you can certainly find the Christina Yang to your Meredith Grey. It's filled with swans from different walks of life. When you get here, brace yourself because you will get the privilege to be in the presence of intelligent, beautiful and fierce young women just like you. Welcome to the beautiful disaster called university where you never graduate from dealing with difficult seasons. You just need to learn to figure out the gold of the season you're in. My advice to you climbing onto this rollercoaster ride is that you are great already! Whether you realize it or not, so don't try to prove anything to anyone while you're here. With that being said, I leave you with one of my favourite quotes from James Baldwin -" Not everything that is faced can be changed, but nothing can be changed until it is faced."



SASHA MCGHEE

SPORT

Hi there new Swans! My name is Sasha McGhee and I am studying a BA in International Studies, majoring in History, Political Science and French. I hope to use my degree to work for the United Nations, and spark some change in the work. I'm a feisty environmentalist and work part time for an NGO called Lessons in Conservation.

Honestly, when I arrived at university, I didn't think I would enjoy being in a PSO. I discovered very quickly that Venustia is so much more than what it seemed at first. Venustia is a place that all types of people call home, and I am so proud to be a part of it. I have met so many different people over my few years here, all of my closest friends and people I now consider family. Being a Swan is so much more than being just a member, it's having a home away from home, a safe place, somewhere filled with people that will always have your back.

LORINDA LOUW

FINANCIAL MANAGER

Hello hello everyone! My name is Lorinda and I am Venustia's Financial Manager (I promise I'm not that boring though) and I study BCom (Law), which I absolutely love. I come from Stellies' beautiful neighbouring town, Paarl. Hence, me being a lover of a lekker glass of good wine. I enjoy being active, friends-and-family braais, the occasional excuse to wear high heels, my jeans, beer and going to unpretentious places like the bush and the beach with my friends and fam. Oh, and I want to travel through most of Africa one day. My portfolio is pretty self-descriptive – I am in charge of Venustia's finances and have to manage our funds in such a way that we can have the best possible year but also not run out of money.

First year is a year of immense growth and it can be quite daunting. We tend to want to stay in what is left of our comfort zone in such a strange new environment. But my advice to you is to be open to as many new things as possible, take part in everything and make an effort to meet new people, you will miss out on some of the lekkerste people and times if you don't. Relax and have fun, your not going to have everything together all the time and that is fine, its part of the growing experience, will make you laugh when looking back and there is a lot of support available from people who have gone through the exact same. Goodluck, get excited and see you soon!



KATYA GROBBELAAR

BRANDING & MARKETING

Helloooo, I'm Katya Grobbelaar, I'm from Johannesburg and I'm currently studying Bcom Management Accounting.

I'm the type of person that's always down to go do something social and fun especially if it involves a good cake and coffee (yum).

My advice would be not to be too hard on yourself and to just have fun and enjoy what this beautiful university has to offer to the full extent! I'd also say to use Venustia as a platform to get out of your comfort zone and meet new people. I took that big step myself and got the opportunity to meet such beautiful souls!

I genuinely cherish this PSO and all the people, it's placed on my path. I'm so excited to see all the newcomers grow and develop within our community and I wish you all the best!

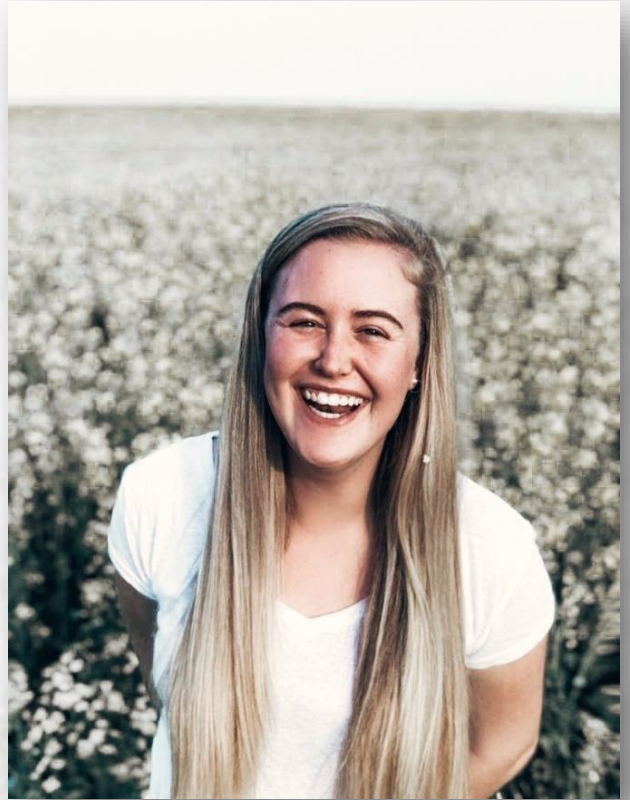
TALISCHA DE KOCK CULTURE

LEEEKKKKKEEEER VENUUSSTIAAA!

This is it. You are about to start the best time of your life and I'm so grateful and excited that I will be joining you on this journey.

My name is Talischa de Kock. I'm from a town called Newcastle in KwaZulu-Natal. I really see myself as a lekker mens, I can take and make a joke, but I know when to work and when to play. I always give 100% and when I'm in, I'm in; 'Mama didn't raise no quitter!'

This is your time to be alive and present in every step you take in Stellenbosch, because when it's over, it's over and it really goes by fast. The important thing to remember is that life at University is what you make of it, and Venustia is the place for live your best life, I'll make sure of it. So, try as many new things as you can, take as many new opportunities that come your way and embark on every adventure that crosses your path. Leave your mark! This is the time for you to live your own life, the way you want to. Jinne dis exciting!
Venus! Venus! VenustiJA!



HOUSE COMMITTEE 2019/2020



M E N T O R S



Mentor /'mentɔː/
noun; an experienced and trusted adviser.

As mentors we will strive to be available for whenever you need help, guidance or just a chat. We want to form not just a relationship, but a friendship with our mentees. We will help you out with all your academic struggles, we will be your shoulder to cry on and we will be who you call for a celebratory drink. As mentors we want to help you grow and develop into a better version of yourself. We are going to challenge you and open your mind to a whole new world. However, at no point will we make you feel uncomfortable.

We want Venustia to be your brave space, your home away from home.

As mentors we will do everything in our power to make this happen.



MENTORS



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COMMITTEES

SENIORS COMMITTEE 2019/2020

The Seniors committee links the senior swans with everything Venustia. They make sure the Seniors still feel included. The Seniors are responsible for Seniors Dance and a few other activities throughout the year. All in all, they are here to act as your big sisters.

CHANÊ VISSER
(CHAIRPERSON)



ANNELMA KELLERMAN
(VICE CHAIRPERSON)



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SECOND YEARS COMMITTEE 2019/2020

The 2nd years committee is a fun and vibrant platform for you to expand and tap into the leadership structure of Venustia. It is a social and interactive channel to build relationships with not only the 2nd years of Venustia but also the 2nd years of other communities, as there are various opportunities for trainings, leadership development programs and social interactions. The committee is the helping right-hand throughout the pre-welcoming and the welcoming period. One of the aims of the 2YC is to assist you, as a newcomer to have the best possible experience of welcoming week. They will be of great advice to you, guiding and helping you through welcoming week. There is a 2YC dance during the year which is a highlight and something to look forward to as a committee member! For this term, Megan Myburg is the chairperson of the 2YC and Miaan van Zyl is the Vice-chair.



BACK ROW:

Kelby Manuel, Nkanyezi Mkhwanazi, Micarla Seymour, Dimpho Hadebe, Karabo Bapela, Allanique Mei, Carla Louw, Maria Corte, Karyn Engelbrecht, Amber de Wet

MIDDLE ROW:

Lindokuhle Thenjwayo, Miaan van Zyl (Vice Chairperson), Megan Myburgh (Chairperson), Mila van Wyk, Daniële Human

FRONT ROW:

Michaela Wiese

Absent : Emmaridge September, Robyn-Claire Francis

O U R C L U S T E R



Cluster /'klʌstə/

noun; a group of similar things or people positioned or occurring closely together

RUBIX CLUSTER

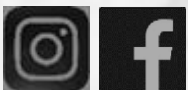
Students should not feel that they are only here to get a degree. The cluster initiative works to ensure that students are multifaceted and that a platform is created where students can live and learn. In essence, it connects residences and PSO's to form a greater community where resources and experiences can be shared.

The large University community can make students feel like 'just a number' and sticking with your faculty, residence or friendship circle could restrict your horizon but a Cluster is just the right size. Thus we are joining small families, building a sense of community and offering everyone a chance to broaden their horizon.

The communities that make up our cluster are Nerina, Heemstede, Metanoia, Pieke and Hippokrates.

Values of Rubix Cluster:

Unity | Diversity | Equality



INSTAGRAM - @RUBIXCLUSTER | FACEBOOK - RUBIX CLUSTER

FROM OUR RUBIX CLUSTER CONVENOR



H L O N E L W A
L U T U L I

Dear Newcomer

Firstly, a warm welcome to, undoubtedly, the best cluster on campus: Rubix.

The cluster space is, as you will soon discover, such a fantastic opportunity to meet new people outside of your immediate residence or PSO space and to share in and be a part of the broader campus-life experience. Rubix, as a community, consists of Heemstede, Nerina, Metanoia, Pieke and Venustia and this cluster prides itself on its unity, diversity and equality- values which I hope you'll witness and share in during your Stellenbosch experience. Rubix will host events in your Welcoming Week and throughout the year wherein you can engage, share experiences, learn and socialise with your community all aimed at giving you the most out of your student experience.

As your cluster convenor, I am tasked with organising these events and creating further, more informal opportunities to collaborate amongst the communities within the cluster space. I also, excitingly, serve as a link between your residence or pso and the rest of the campus structures.

I will be a familiar face throughout your Welcoming Week, so feel free to approach me and ask me any questions you may have pertaining to Rubix, clusters in general and anything else about student life.

As a student who experienced their first year not too long ago, I can still recall the anxiousness of transitioning from high school to university and as much as it is a challenge, rest assured knowing that you have a host of support structures equipped to help and guide you where you may need it. Your first year is all about growth, and as such, my first bit of advice to you is to cease as many opportunities for self-discovery and learning as you can. I strongly encourage you to enter this next stage of your life with an open and inquisitive mind. Not only will this aid in your holistic learning experience, but it is also an excellent chance to meet new people.

I look forward to meeting you and sharing some more student advice to help you navigate your way through to your second year. Hopefully, we'll also have a bit of fun along the way!

W E L C O M I N G W E E K



Welcoming/'welkəmɪŋ/

adjective; behaving in a polite or friendly way to a guest or new arrival.

O R I E N T A T I O N W E E K

Orientation means the act or process of orienting or the state of being oriented. position or positioning with relation to the points of the compass or other specific directions. the adjustment or alignment of oneself or one's ideas to surroundings or circumstances. This is exactly what Orientation Week is all about. We are your compass.

Welcoming runs from the 27th of January 2019 to the 2nd of February 2019. It is the period during which you as a first-year student gets introduced to the University as well as your respective communities, for you it's Venustia PSO and Rubix Cluster. The Welcoming period is an opportunity for you to grow, learn and experience all the wonderful things our university has to offer. It is the time during which you will make some of your closest friend and learn so much about yourself and the people around you. We at Stellenbosch University have the unique opportunity to interact with so many different people from around the world. We also have the most amazing student life that will ensure that these next few years are the best years of your life.

The welcoming period acts as an introduction to what Stellenbosch University and Venustia has to offer. During this time, you will get to know Venusta PSO, Stellenbosch University and your fellow first year students. Every day is packed with fun activities and opportunities for you to learn and grow. We have a wide verity of activities planned that cater for everyone. Some of these activities include dancing, singing, sports, meeting other first years from different PSO's and residences at Stellenbosch University, academic orientation and of course the big build up to CONNECT and VENSTERS! We also have a campus and town tour planned that will help you find your way around Stellenbosch. Welcoming week is fun, hectic, exhausting and the start to the best time of your life. With that being said, wear comfortable clothes and shoes, keep your water bottle filled and bring your energy and gees!



CONNECT AND VENSTERS

This is an annual festival at Stellenbosch University where all the PSO's and residences partner up and create an epic show to raise awareness and funds for a social impact project and the entire Stellenbosch comes to experience it. Every year it is the biggest event in the whole of Stellenbosch and every single Maties student has participated in Vensters/Connect during their first year. This year we are partnered with Oude Molen PSO.

During Vensters you, as our first years, act and dance and have one of the best nights of your career as a student at the University of Stellenbosch for a good cause! We will be practicing for this show throughout the welcoming period and the last day will be the night of Vensters/Connect. Remember to invite your whole family and all your friend to come and watch you dance and act your way into becoming a true Matie.



SAFETY

Safety is one of our most important concerns. We have a few members of our leadership that are trained and certified in First Aid. We will have safety information sessions as well as demonstrations to help you keep safe during Welcoming and for the rest of your years at Stellenbosch University. We also have shuttles running at 19:00 and 21:00 at night to help you get home safely during the Welcoming period; and there is a shuttle service that runs throughout the year to selected areas as well.

THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

Throughout the year we do **lots of fun things** and have many events including *Huisfondsdans*, Newcomer's Dance, *Huisdans*, *Swanedinee*, Hockey, Netball, Table Tennis, Toneelfees, SUacapella, Damestouch, Connect Tour and much more. Here are some pictures to get you excited.



Venustia has a lot of culture to offer to accommodate everyone's needs. You as Swan can be apart of Toneelfees, MolasseSêr, Debating, Culture Evenings, Culture Committee and of course, the all time campus favorite, SUacapella.

SUSTAINABILITY



Sustainability is something we take very seriously in Venustia. In 2019, we came 2nd in the university's Green Living Awards – and trust us – this year we'll come 1st! You can be a part of the green committee to help organize sustainability events, maintain Venustia's veggie garden, participate in beach and river clean ups and so much more. This year we have an exciting project launching... Venustia's very own thrift store! As you may know, the fashion industry is one of the world's Largest polluters and the best way we can reduce our contribution is through shopping second-hand. Our 'Eco Closet' will allow you to exchange clothes you no longer wear for a new, previously-loved article of clothing.

S P O R T



Venustia offers a range of sports including netball, hockey, soccer, table tennis and ultimate frisbee. Sport is a wonderful way to live healthily, meet new people and release stress from your day-to-day academic struggles! By participating in Venustia's sport, you will have the opportunity to make amazing friends, live an active lifestyle and compete against other residences and PSOs in the university. Aside from team sports, there are also competitive athletics and gala events held, in which Venustia plays an active role. Venustia offers the perfect platform for you to take part in campus sporting activities. There really is something for everyone!

AND HERE IS YOUR VERY FIRST OPPORTUNITY TO PARTAKE!!

JOIN A TEAM AND TAKE PART IN

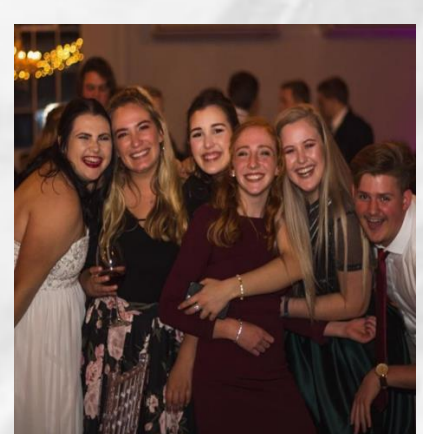
CLUSTER SPORT

*Newcomer
Athletics*
6 February 2020

Netball League
5 March - 27 August 2020

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

EVENTS AND DANCES



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A FEW TERMS TO FAMILIARIZE YOURSELF WITH...

WHAT IS CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT? Critical engagement is where discussions take place in a safe environment, on issues that are normally more controversial, or tough to talk about and gives people the chance to safely express their opinions and critically analyse the material. This should be a no judgement zone and a safe place for all who participate and engage. This involves discussions on topics such as feminism, the anti- Gender Based Violence movement, race and any other topics that are apparent both on campus and in the outside world, to ensure the students have a better perspective on these topics and how to engage with them in day to day life.

WHAT IS WOMXN EMPOWERMENT? Womxn empowerment is a process to increase the capacity of individuals to make choices or to transform those choices into desired outcomes and reality. The reason we use the term womxn is to ensure there is a wider acceptability of all who identify as womxn. There is a womxn empowerment committee, where newcomers and seniors can sign up to be part of a committee to help with events and different workshops. Events done in the past include Womxn entrepreneurship Wednesday, where businesses, projects and goods made by womxn were advertised on Venustia social media; CV building workshop; womxn empowerment collaborations with other PSOs and many more.

WHAT IS ALUMNI? Alumni is the Venustia community of Swans who are busy with a post graduate degree or have completed their studies and is employed. The aim of Alumni, is to have a community of Swans and the experience of this Venustia PSO to live on after completing your degree. This is a create network and support system for students who are furthering their studies or employed. Venustia has annual events and activities for the alumni swans to create a bit of nostalgia and to reconnect friendships which started in Venustia. Venustia Alumni is the legacy of the memories and friendships made in Venustia and the contributions of the Swans during their studious years and thereafter.



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December 2019

Dear Student

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 psosun@sun.ac.za

Kind regards,

PSO Office Centre for Student Communities | Sentrum vir Studentegemeenskappe



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**PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO
2020 STUDENT ACCOUNT**

Please complete the following:

DETAILS OF STUDENT:

NAME AND SURNAME:

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STUDENT NUMBER:

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PSO: **Venustia PSO**

FULL PACKAGE (Clothing Option 2 & 12 Meals) COST: R990	ONLY MEALS (12 meals) COST: R540	ONLY CLOTHING OPTION 2 COST: R485	ONLY CLOTHING OPTION 1 COST: R355

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:

¹ Please take note that we usually do not reimburse students simply because they change their minds. However, if the goods are faulty or defective, have been described incorrectly, differ from the sample shown to you or do not function according to their purpose, you can choose between reimbursement, exchange, or repair of the goods.





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PACKAGE	INCLUDE
FULL PACKAGE– R990	- Clothing option 2 - 12xMeals
ONLY MEALS – R540	-12xMeals
ONLY CLOTHES OPTION 1- R485	-Venustia newcomer shirt -Connect partner shirt -Venustia sun visor
ONLY CLOTHES OPTION 2 -R355	-Venustia newcomer shirt -Connect partner shirt -Venustia sun visor -Water bottle -Venustia tote bag





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Desember 2019

Beste Student,

HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE-KOSTES OP STUDENTEREKENING Welkom by die PSO-gemeenskap van die Stellenbosch Universiteit! Aangesien jy nie in 'n koshuis woonagtig is nie, is jy in 'n PSO (Privaat Studente Organisasie) ingedeel. Tydens die jaarlikse Verwelkomingsperiode neem koshuise en PSO's verantwoordelikheid om die eerstejaars op 'n verwelkomende wyse aan Stellenbosch Universiteit bloot te stel.

Aangesien die PSO's nie oor 'n eetsaal beskik waar studente maaltye kan geniet nie, (alhoewel daar reëlins getref word deur sommige PSO's om etes in die oop eetsale te geniet), word daar vir die eerstejaars “verwelkomingpakkies” saamgestel. Dit bestaan gewoonlik uit 'n sekere aantal maaltye, klerasie, waterbottels, pette, en soortgelyke items wat eie is aan die betrokke PSO. Tydens registrasie by die PSO op die eerste dag van Verwelkoming (Woensdag, 22 Januarie 2020), het u die opsie om hierdie verwelkomingpakkie aan te skaf teen 'n vasgestelde bedrag (wat kan wissel van PSO tot PSO).

Elke PSO bied ook verskillende opsies aan student (etes en klerasie / slegs etes / slegs klerasie). Stellenbosch Universiteit maak gebruik van 'n kontantvrye sisteem wat studente in staat stel om die pakkies makliker te verkry. U, of u ouers of voog, gaan dus op die dag 'n erkenning van skuld moet teken sodat die klerasie, voedsel, ens vir die verwelkomingsperiode aan u beskikbaar gestel kan word. Na registrasie sal die koste dan teen die betrokke studenterekening gehef word vir betaling saam met alle ander studentverwante uitgawes. Neem asseblief kennis dat sodra u die vorm onderteken het, u aanspreeklik sal wees vir die koste van die verkose pakkie, ongeag of u al u etes geneem het en ongeag of u die klerasie nie meer wil hê of dra na die eerste paar dae nie.

Die verkryging van die “verwelkomingpakkie” is nie verpligtend nie, maar ons wil u tog aanmoedig om dit wel op te neem. Vind asseblief aangeheg die vorm vir u voltooiing. U is welkom om dit saam te bring volgende jaar.

Indien u enige vrae het, kontak ons gerus by 021-808 3023/2791 / psu@sun.ac.za

Vriendelike groete,

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TOESTEMMING: HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE OP STUDENTEREKENING 2019

Voltooi asseblief die volgende:

BESONDERHEDE VAN STUDENT:

NAAM EN VAN:

STUDENTENOMMER: _

PSO: **Venustia PSO**

KEUSE VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE (MERK MET 'N X):

VOLLE PAKKET (OPSIE 2-KLERE EN 12 ETES) KOSTE: R990	SLEGS KOSPAKKIE (12 etes) KOSTE: R540	SLEGS KLERE OPSIE 2 KOSTE: R485	SLEGS KLERE OPSIE 1 KOSTE: R355

Let asseblief daarop dat die kostes van die verwelkomingpakkies, asook die pakkies wat slegs etes en enkele items bevat, wissel van PSO tot PSO.

Deur die ondertekening van die vorm, verbind u uself skriftelik tot die volgende:

- Hiermee verleen ek toestemming dat die koste van die verwelkomingpakkie teen my studenterekening gehef mag word;
- Ek verstaan dat ek nie verplig is om die verwelkomingpakkie aan te skaf nie;
- Ek besef dat as ek die vorm teken, ek die kostes moet betaal en dat ek nie gelde terug sal kan ontvang nie¹.

HANDTEKENING VAN STUDENT:

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HANDTEKENING VAN VOOG:

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DATUM:

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¹ Neem asseblief kennis dat ons gewoonlik geen terugbetalings doen net omdat u van plan verander het nie. Indien die goedere foutief of gebrekkig is, verkeerdelik beskryf is, verskil van die monster wat aan u getoon was of nie funksioneer volgens die doel daarvan nie, kan u kies tussen 'n terugbetaling, omruil, of herstel van die goedere.





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PAKKET	SLUIT IN
VOLLE PAKKIE– R940	- Klere OPSIE 2 - 12xEtes
SLEGS KOS PAKKIE – R490	-12xEtes
SLEGS KLERE OPSIE 1– R320	-Venustia newcomer hemp -Connect partner hemp -Venustia sun visor
SLEGS KLERE OPSIE 2 – R450	-Venustia newcomer hemp -Connect partner hemp -Venustia sun visor -Water bottle -Venustia sak -Venustia wapen





SWAN WELCOMING 2020

Venustia's newcomers welcoming program



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VISION STATEMENT:

The vision for the welcoming program of 2020 is to nurture the vibrant culture Venustia has to offer amongst newcomers. The program will enable independence and participation with diverse communities, for the newcomers by providing activities that will introduce the newcomers to the Stellenbosch University and student life. Activities will take place in a safe, welcoming and inclusive manner. Newcomers will be able to experience a glimpse of the magic that Venustia holds and the activities, on social, academic, sport and cultural front the house is able to provide for. Our maxim 'Beauty through strength' along with the Institutional values are captured by the program to breed the confident and empowering Swans that shine through in different communities. Along with the institutional values the following values will be the foundation of this welcoming week: Belonging, inclusivity, holistic and transformative.



Extra Information:

Dear newcomer!

I am Lara van Wyk, your welcoming leader for this week.

I hope you are as excited as we are! To make your welcoming as comfortable as possible we included a guideline to help you through all the chaos:

- When there is indicated free time on the program, you are still more than welcome to relax at the HC house. There will always be mentors, 2nd years committee members or HC, so don't stress you'll always have some friendly faces around.
- The official registration for all newcomers will be on the 22nd. However, we are aware that not all of you will be able to make it on the 22nd, those of you who have camps for example, will be given a second opportunity to register the next day, the 23rd. On the program you can find all the venues. If you only arrive later during the welcoming week, feel free to pop me a message.
- On the 27th and 28th there will be academic programs where you will be introduced to your faculties. Your mentors will be there every step of the way, so don't stress too much.
- If in any situation you feel uncomfortable, you are always welcome to be excused, just grab the nearest HC, mentor or whomever you feel comfortable with.
- You will be provided with the necessary information everyday regarding the activities.
- Please bring along the following:
 - 2 extra white T-shirts
 - A blue T-shirt
 - Comfortable clothes for during welcoming
 - Reusable water bottle
 - Lip balm
 - Sun block
 - Sun visor

My contact information is the following

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We included a copy of the welcoming week's program for you to know what to expect.

Kind regards and all our love xx

THE PROGRAM:

Date and time	Activity: WHAT	What to wear	Place and contact person
Tuesday	21 January		
	Training of information officials		
17:00	Set up for Law students at the Endler		
18:00 – 20:00	First Year Law Students Arrival and registration		Endler Look out for the Venustia banner!
Wednesday	22 January		
08:00	Meet at the HC house for law mentors to take the law students to their faculty	- Any attire newcomers feel comfortable in.	- HC house
08:30 – 16:00	Law Faculty Program		
09:00 – 10:00	New comers arrive for VENUSTIA 1 st Registration. Parents are welcome for the registration and welcoming discussions		- HC house
10:00 – 12:00	Official welcoming (Parents are excused)		
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		HC house
13:00 – 14:00	Ice breakers and introduction of the HC and rest of the leadership structure to the newcomers. ONLY newcomers		
14:00 – 15:00	Divide into mentor groups.		
15:00 – 16:00	Learn Venustia's House song		
Thursday	23 January		
09: 00 – 10:00	VENUSTIA 2 nd registration		HC house, front lawn
10:00 – 11:00	Newcomers and 2YC will be divided into mentor groups. The Newcomers from the previous day join in here. Introduce the HC, Mentors, 2YC and seniors committee.		On the front lawn of the HC house. .
11:00 -13:30	Ice breaker activities		
13:30 – 14:30	Lunch	- .	- Heemstede dining hall
14:30 – 15:00	Learn Venustia House song.		At the HC house on the front lawn.
15:00-16:45	Mentor session		HC house
16:45 – 17:00	Get ready for the dream launch	- Newcomers can change into their maroon shirts in the HC house.	HC house

15:30 – 16:30	Compulsory session for AgriScience students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • with average percentage between 50% and 59% (final Grade 12 results) and/or • with average percentage between 50% and 59% for Mathematics and/or • who have been admitted conditionally to the Extended Degree Program 		JS Marais Building See Welcoming Booklet (January 2020)
17:00 – 17:30	Moving to Danie Craven Stadium in maroon Maties T-shirt	Maroon Maties shirt	No formats e.g no rows, etc.
17:30 – 18:00 18:00 – 19:00	Informal program at Danie Craven DREAM LAUNCH & DREAM WALK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Official Welcoming by the Rector • 2020 Photo • Availing your dreams 		
19:00	Meet at meeting point and walk back to HC house		
19:00	PIEKE BRAAI		- HC house
Friday	24 January		
08:00 – 12:00	Academic Program (Faculty meetings, Library visits)		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2020 program
09:30 – 12:00	Compulsory session for Arts and Social Sciences students with matric averages of between 60% and 64,9% meet lecturers about the extended degree program (EDP)		Arts and Social Sciences Building See Welcoming Booklet (January)
08:45	Meet at the HC house	- Sports clothes and Venustia sunvisor. This is just for comfort; the walk is not intense and does not require a certain level of fitness.	
09:00 -11:30	Light walk to big rock on Coetzenburg Mentor session on Coetzenburg		
11:30 -12:00	Walk back to the HC house		
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		- In Heemstede dining hall
13:00 – 13:30	Bonding time		- HC house

13:30	Get ready to walk to welcoming fair	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - White shirt and any pants/skirt - Venustia sun visor 	- HC house
14:00 – 16:00	Registration of B Occupational Therapy and B Speech, Language, and Hearing Therapy Students on the STB campus (those who could not register themselves)		Administration, Block A. See Welcoming Booklet (January)
14:00 – 15:15	Welcoming Fair (PK, HC Sport, Societies Council: Chairperson)		Coetzenburg B & C Rugby Fields (Welcoming Fair)
15:15	Meet at entrance of Danie Craven to walk back to HC house		
15:30 – 17:00	Amazing race		
17:00 – 18:45	Free time		
18:45	Meet for cluster interaction		- HC house
19:00 – 21:00	Cluster Interaction		- Nerina rec hall
Saturday	25 January		
08:30 – 09:00	Get together & get ready for cluster day - Geesvang	Wear Venustia T-shirt or blue T-shirt with Venustia sun visor.	HC house
09:00 – 13:00	CLUSTER DAY		As indicated by clusters / see welcoming booklet
13:00 – 14:00	Free time		-
14:00 – 15:00	Social with oude molen		- Johan
15:00 – 15:30	Mentor session		- HC house
15:30	Walk to Movie screening		-
16:00 – 18:00	Movie screening		- Venue TBC
18:00 – 20:00	SU songs		- TBC
Sunday	26 January		
11:00	Gather at the HC house to walk to Jan Marais		- HC house
11:30 – 12:00	Mentor session		- Jan Marais Park - Angie
12:00-13:30	Picnic in Jan Marais park		- Newcomers can bring along snacks and beverages for the picnic. Light snacks will also be provided. - Lunch will be here
13:30	Walk to Majuba		
14:00 – 15:30	Social with Majuba		- Majuba

Monday	27 January		
07:30	Meet at the HC house. Mentors will take the newcomers to their respective academic programs.		
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 2017 program
12:30 – 13:30	Dagbreek & Harmonie culture social		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Lunch will be at Dagbreek residence. - Steff and allocated HC will be responsible for getting the food packages to Dagbreek.
13:30 – 17:00	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2017 program
17:00 – 18:00	Newcomers choose their CONNECT dance with Oude Molen.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HC house - Diiseng and Ross will facilitate this session.
18:00 – 19:00	Dinner		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heemstede dining hall with mentors
19:00 – 21:00	Res-Ed workshops: (See Addendum A) Be Aware of whats fair		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HC house
Tuesday	28 January		
07:30	Everyone meet-up at the HC house to go to their respective activity		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HC house
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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Own lunch
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
17:00 – 18:00	Dinner		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Heemstede with mentors
18:00 – 20:00	CONNECT PRACTISE		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - HC house
Wednesday	29 January		
07:45	Meet at HC house to be taken to respective locations by the mentors		
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are

	(RGA-Registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)		indicated in the complete January 2020 program
09:00 – 16:00	Compulsory session for B in Occupational Therapy students on the Tygerberg-campus		Department Occupational Therapy, Education Block, Tygerberg-campus See Welcoming Booklet (January)
09:00– 12:00	Venustia games & Redfrog session		- HC lawn
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		- Heemstede
13:00 – 15:00	CONNECT PRACTICE		- HC lawn
15:00 – 15:30	Mentor session		- HC lawn
15:30 – 18:00	7 UP		- HC house
Thursday	30 January		
08:00- 09:00	Mentor session and disability department	Wear CONNECT T-shirt and Sun visor	- HC house
09:00 – 12:00	Community morning Social interaction with Vesta		- HC house - Sasha McGee will facilitate
12:00 – 13:00	Connect practise		
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch with Capri		- HC lawn - Food packages
14:00 – 15:00	Flower crowns with Silene		- HC house - Sasha will help facilitate this session.
15:00 – 16:00	Trivia social interaction with Meta		- Meta residence
16:00 – 17:30	Social with Helderberg		- HC house
17:30 – 19:00	Supper		- Heemstede - In mentor groups
19:00 – 21:00	Candlelight ceremony		HC house - Steff will substitute for this event
Friday	31 January		
08:00	Registration for all students ends New waiting list for residences open online		
08:00 – 12:30	CONNECT PRACTICE		
12:30 – 14:00	Lunch with Mentors		- HC house
14:00 – 16:00	CONNECT PRACTICE		
16:00 – 17:00	Get ready for CONNECT		
17:00-18:00	Supper		
18:00 – 22:00	CONNECT		
Saturday	1 February		