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EQUITÉ



This is it.

The first page of your new chapter.

Being in your shoes - not too long ago, we know this time is a period of mixed feelings, where it can be nerve wrecking and perhaps frightening as much as it can be exciting, therefore Equité is here to guide and walk beside you every step of the way. Welcome to our Equité family!

A journey of 1000 miles begins with a single step - confucius

2009 - 2019



We are so excited and honoured to share our 10th birthday celebrations with you!
Come join us in this journey where we reflect on and celebrate our growth as well as the phenomenal women that helped shaping Equité to where we are today!

Primaria



Welcome to your first pages of one of the most memorable journeys that lies ahead! My name is Ester van der Merwe, I will be a 3rd year BA Humanities student in 2019 and I am also honoured to welcome you into Equité as your Primaria.

I can still remember how scary this whole phase transition was for me. Growing up on farm just outside a small town called Riebeek-West and suddenly coming to a much bigger and busier town it definitely took time to adapt – I mean: the definition of traffic in Riebeek-West is 3 cars at a stop street haha. I encourage you to come to Stellenbosch with an open heart and mind and to participate in as much as possible during welcoming – as this is the time where you make some of your best friends!

When I reflect on my journey with Equité so far, my heart wants to burst with pride. I can't wait to welcome you into this space that I call my home, so that you can start creating some unforgettable memories of your own.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions you have!

Till we meet in January

xx
Ester

Vice Primaria

Dear Newcomer

HOW EXCITING AND STRESSFUL IS THIS TIME!?

I can still remember how I felt three years ago.

Never did I think I would be so in love with my house and its people as I currently am. I am so glad you are a part of Equité now and I can't wait to meet you! I hope this house will mean as much to you as it means to me. My wish for you is that you will always be a work in process and that you will never give up. University is not easy but it is 100% doable if you surround yourself with the right people and resources aka us ;). The key is to find a balance between everything and we can help you do that.

Until we meet, have a lovely, well deserved, December holiday.

Your Vice Primaria
Ciska de Wet



House Committee

2019



Welcome to Equité!

My name is Arvida Lincoln and in 2019 I will be in my third year of BSc Human Life Sciences and Psychology. I'm so incredibly excited for 2019, as I have the utmost privilege of being your Welcoming leader and First Year's HK! I look forward to meeting you and I hope to help with the transition into University life. This is the start of one of the most exciting (and daunting) chapters of your lives', and Welcoming week is a great way to start the journey! Use this opportunity to find yourself, to make new friends and of course to make some fantastic memories that will stay with you forever. Come and join us with an open and enthusiastic mind (and some sunscreen) for what I hope will be one of the best weeks of your lives! It going to be a jam packed and exhausting week, but it only happens once so make the most of it. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask; I'm always here for you.

See you soon!

Congratulations on your fantastic results and on being selected into one of South Africa's top Universities! We are so proud of you. My Name is Kelsey Andrews, I'm a third-year BSc Human Life Science (Biology with Psychology) student and your Head Mentor and Sport HK this year! I am very excited to meet you, I'm from Gauteng and coming to Stellies was a new and exciting time for me. The first few months are always the hardest, but believe me when I say, you will fall in love with this little town we call home! We have so many exciting things in store for you, to make the transition just that much easier. I have truly found a home with my fellow sisters and Equité family. And I'm here to help you find yours too! If you have any questions or any problems throughout the year, I'm just a phone call away.

Have an amazing December, you deserve it after all that hard work, and I look forward to meeting you will in Jan!





My name is Christiaan du Toit, first ever male officially part of Equité and the male representative on your HK for 2019. I've been living in Stellenbosch for the past 20 years and currently apart of Pieke PSO where I served on the HK of 2018 and part of the mentors and seniors' committee for Pieke of 2019 as well.

I am in my 3rd year of my BCom in Entrepreneurship and Innovation degree looking to do my honnors next year.

I am extremely excited for this coming year to work with, and get to know everyone coming into Equité. Good luck for 2019 and remember to do as many things possible. This is where stories are made. Peace be the journey.

Hi, human entering into University. Welcome to Stellenbosch and congratulations on being a new member, sister, (whichever you're comfortable with) of Equite. We are really excited to meet all of you and are eagerly anticipating your arrival.

I am Cacee, Equite's Culture, Academic, and S. A. V. E. House Committee Member. A word of advice for the new chapter of your life, something I wish I had known in my first year: Never study more than you sleep. Don't party more than you study. But always party as much as you can. University isn't something to be nervous about. A little joke amongst Stellies students is that we all believe that the first five years of your three year degree are going to be the most memorable years of your life.

Goodluck with the year and I hope you'll enjoy the family dynamic we have going on at Equite.





Hi my name is Anina Janse van Vuuren.
I am the Social, Vensters and Alumni Hk for
2019.

I would like to welcome you to the best time of
your life. This time at Stellenbosch University and
with your Equité sisters, will lead you into the life
meant just for you. I know the idea of starting a
new part of your life, together with the challenges
of University life may seem daunting, but
remember that you're not in it alone. I urge you to
make the most of this time in your life. Pursue
dreams you may have thought impossible, make
mistakes and learn from them: it's called growing,
but most importantly don't take any day for
granted because every single day holds a million
possibilities for you.



Welcome to Equité! My name is Emma
Rowland, a third-year foundation phase
education student (grade R – 3). I have passion
for education, community outreach and Equité.
This PSO has been my family for the past 2
years of my university career and my hope for
all of you newcomers is that we are able to offer
the support you need in order to get settled in
as a Matie. My portfolios for the house
committee 2019 are Social impact,
Sustainability and Second years committee. We
have many wonderful events lined up for you in
welcoming and during the coming year so take
a deep breath and get excited because the
years which are about to come your way will
hold some of your favourite and most cherished
memories. I look forward to meeting you all!



Hi there! My name is Arné Kruger. I'm studying BA Drama and Theatre Studies. I'm the Sections, Merchandise, Social media and marketing HK 2018/19. I hope you are as excited as I am for the journey we are going to walk together. I know it's a big step in your life and you are a little frightened but we're there to give you a few tips and to help you. Now is the time to spread your wings, fly and embrace everything coming your way. Hope you are ready, because we are ready to welcome you with open arms. You are going to have a blast. "And suddenly you know...It's the start of something new and the trust the magic of beginnings."

"Hey there Newcomer! My name is Katherine Brokensha, but you can call me Kate. I am a 3rd year BA student and I'm very excited to serve as your financial manager and as the amaMaties cluster representative for Equité. Welcome to the Equité and this new season of your life. You have quite the journey ahead of you. Take a deep breathe and embrace it all as it comes.

Remember that your time here in Stellies will be what you make of it. As much you are here to get your degree, you are also here for so much more.

There are so many experiences, friendships, adventures and new opportunities right in front of you - have the courage and enthusiasm to take them.

These may seem small and inconsequential, but the pay off is so much greater than you could ever realize.

If you get a little bit lost or confused along the way, Equité will always be here to help you.

I hope you are as excited as we are to meet you.

See you soon!"

Kate.



Like every residence has a residence head, we have PSO co-ordinators that oversees us PSOs...

Meet our PSO Co-ordinator!

Dear Equité Newcomer.

Congratulations with your acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to Equité. 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 Equité, 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. Equité 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 Equité PSO is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Equité 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,
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House Committee

2019

Vision & Mission

We aim to:

1. 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

2. Maintain and improve our culture of empowerment.

- By living out our cluster slogan "Empowerment through friendship"
 - By standing with each other and not against each other
- By continuing and maintaining our platform of woman empowerment
- By being a safe, brave and courageous space for voices to be heard

3. 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

4. Promote transformative experiences and relationships

- By not just tolerating each other, but embracing each other open heartedly

5. Educate and equip individuals to live a sustainable and community driven life style

- By creating multiple opportunities for everyone to discover their passion within the community impact sphere.

Community including: Equité, amaMaties Cluster, Stellenbosch University and the broader spectrum of society.

6. Encourage co-curricular and academic excellence.

House Values

Love

"To love in Equité means embracing each other through being compassionate and accepting."

Respect

"To respect in Equité means to understand and empathise with the stories of one another."

Passion

"To be passionate in Equité means an intrinsic motivation to achieve excellence and take pride in all that you do."

Perseverance

"To persevere in Equité means to overcome adversities, taking action against the odds and reaching beyond perceived limitations."

Sisterhood

"Having sisterhood in Equité means having a family away from home."

Unity

"To be united in Equité means to embrace, be empathetic, respect inevitably, be proudly passionate and to persevere whole-heartedly."

Equité wings serve as a constant reminder that:

No two pairs of wings are the same: We must embrace our differences and identify the beauty within diversity.

Mobility is encouraged: We do not encourage a stagnated and stationary environment, we strive for constant growth, flexibility, and most importantly we want to encourage our members to rise above their own expectations and move beyond their perceived shortcomings and situations.

Equité believes in justice: We encourage equality, fairness and open-mindedness.

They are free: we encourage an environment in which our members are able to express themselves freely and openly in all aspects of life.

We are there to protect them: We strive to create a space in which our members are not sheltered from the outside world but guided into the world in a safe and secure manner.

Although we have wings, we have been graced with feet too: Reaching your dreams and becoming successful is great, but it is important to stay grounded, humble and to never forget those who helped you get there.

Not all wings are meant for fly: you may not be where you want to be but that does not mean you aren't where you are supposed to be; do not underestimate your abilities just because you do not soar in the sky as those around you.

How beautiful are our "friendtors?!" Ag, we mean Mentors!

Your Mentors 2019



Kelsey Andrews
Head Mentor



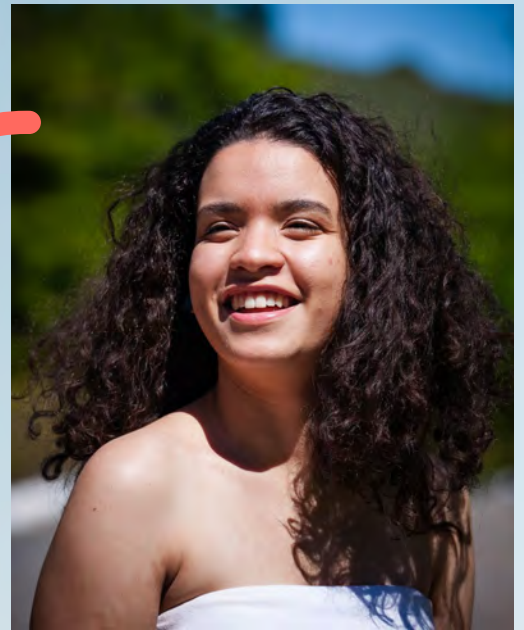
Aerin Kotzee
Mentor of Law



Diané Ungerer
Mentor of BA&BSc Sport
Science



Robynn Seconds
Mentor of BEng



Allison Frieslaar
Mentor of BSc Agric



Anika Bothma
Mentor of BSc



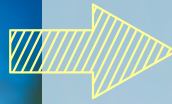
Frances Klopper
Mentor of BAcc



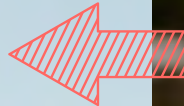
Minca Rossouw
Mentor of BA



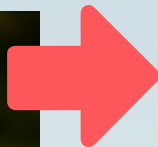
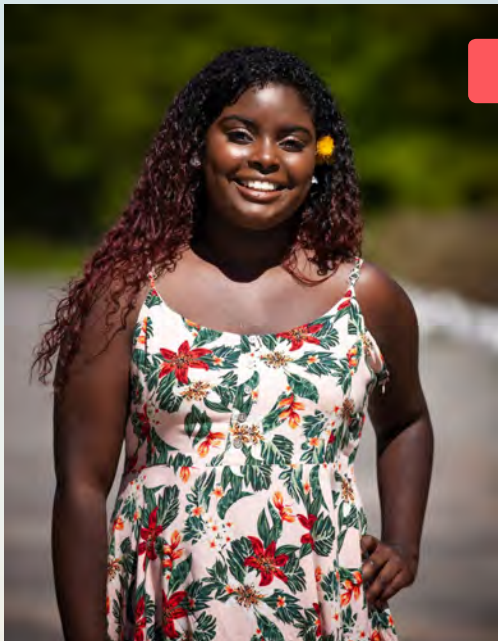
Siobhan Benson
Mentor of Bcom



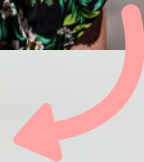
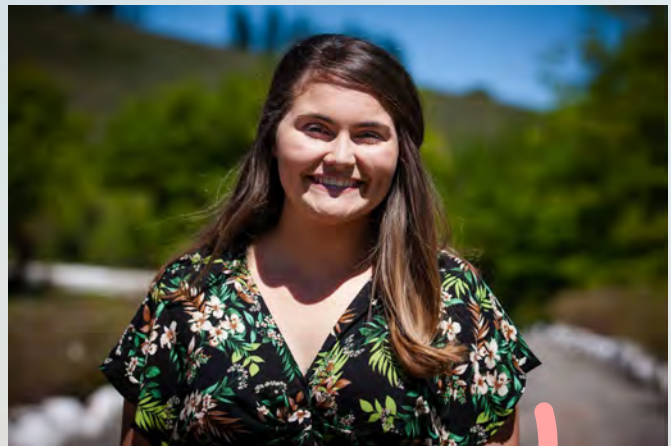
Claudia Hall
Mentor of Bcom



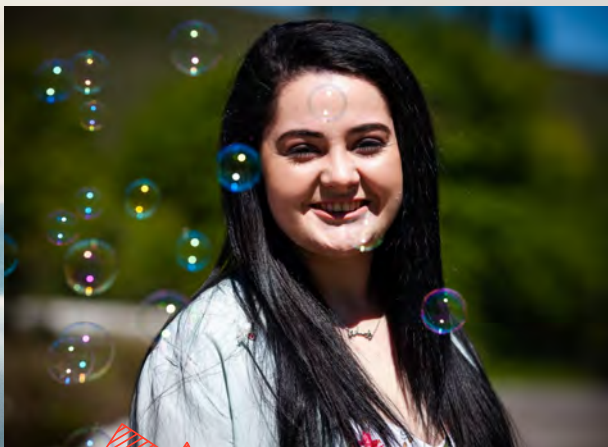
Jessica Bam
Mentor of BEd



Kamryn Smith
Mentor of BA



Carla Santos
Mentor of BSc



Zanne-Mari Els
Mentor of BEd



Caitlin Kotzé
Mentor of BA

The AmaMaties Cluster

SU has seven student communities called clusters - amaMaties, Rubix, TygerMaties, VicMyer, Validus, Victoria and Wimbledon. These are formed by the geographic proximity of the smaller communities within them. The cluster you belong to, is determined by the smaller community you are part of. The smaller communities are residences and Private Student Organisations (PSOs). Clusters is thus your second community where Equité is your first.

Equité belongs to the amaMaties Cluster and are privileged to be one of two clusters (amaMaties and Wimbledon) who already have a hub. Hubs is a physical, on-campus space for PSO students to meet and integrate with on-campus students.



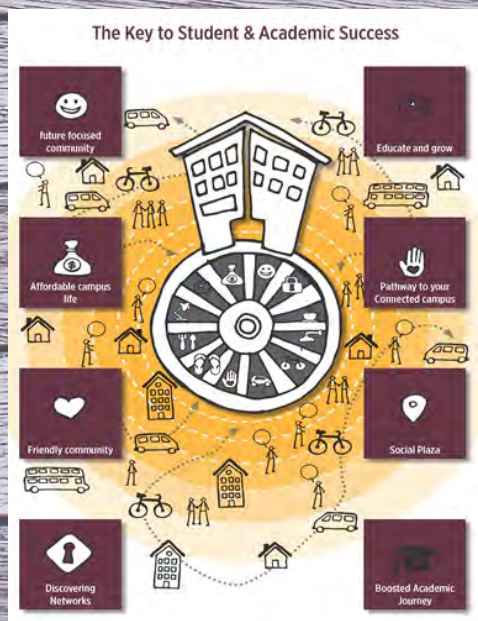
The amaMaties Cluster serves as a co-curricular platform for various student communities to integrate. It aims to support our students and provide them with the necessary tools to make a success of their lives. Additionally, this value-driven platform largely contributes to developing the graduate attributes of each student. Not only does cluster add value to students but students too, add value to their cluster communities in return.

The amaMaties Cluster consists of the following Houses: Equité, Capri (our sibling PSO), Nemsia, Erica, Serruria, Helderberg and Huis Neethling.

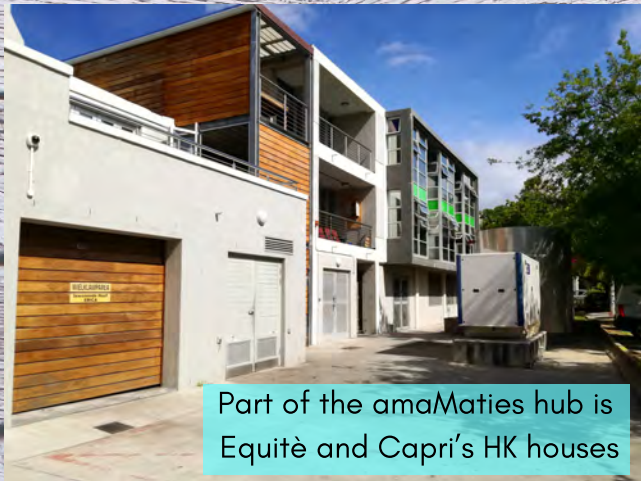
The amaMaties cluster already have a range of activities planned for 2019 and beneath follows some really cool activities you can look out for (this is only provisionally dates, as the dates will be confirmed closer to the time). Feel free to contact our cluster HK (Kate) if you have any cluster-based questions.

Provisional cluster event dates:

16 February - amaTouch at the beach
 28 February - First Year Academic Tips evening
 25 April - CV writing and interview skills workshop
 27 July - Cluster Culture evening



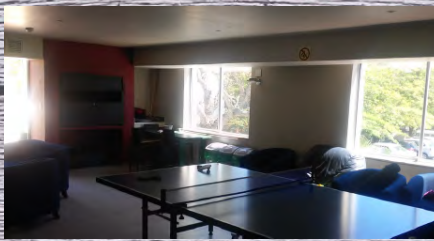
The AmaMaties Cluster Facilities



Part of the amaMaties hub is Equité and Capri's HK houses



The HUB



The loft is a space where you can chill, we also use it for our socials and other get togethers.



The Tinie Louw dining hall is where you can book meals from your student account. All the students in our cluster have access to it and thus you can have lovely meals while catching up with your friends from the other communities within our cluster. Since Helderberg is in our cluster, we can also go eat in their dining hall at their residence.



The amaMaties HUB also has an awesome Deli where you can buy take-away meals and snacks.

The hub also provides a backpacker facility where you can book a room for a night if you have a test the next morning or attended and Equité event the evening.



The Braai Area



The AmaMaties Cluster

People you should look out for:



Benita Van Zyl
aka
"Tannie B"
(Cluster co-ordinator)



Alet Slabber
(Cluster Covenor)



Lithamsanqa Gqosha
(Cluster Convenor)
- Although we lovee Lithamsanqa's name,
we just call her "Litha" ;)

Did you know?!

- Alet was on Equité's House Committee in the term 2017/2018, she was also on Erica's House Committee (2016/2017).
- Litha was on Nemesia's House Committee in the term 2017/2018
- Tannie B was the Protea Netball team's captain in 1996/1997, she is also Serurria's residence head and have her Masters Degree in Education.



How can I get involved in Equité?

Critical Thinking & Leadership Development

Critical Thinking and Leadership Development are vital aspects within the structures of university. Within the portfolio, our main aim is to develop a diverse group of independent leaders to foster a strong leadership structure within Equité as foundation to immense possibilities and women empowerment. As you head your journey to Stellenbosch University, it is important to become aware and read up on the big issues such as Fees Must Fall, Rape Culture, Decolonising our university as well as becoming familiar and aware with specific terms used. Remaining open-minded, informed and aware of the happenings on campus through critical discussions will allow you to think out of the box and get involved on campus! As a House, encouraging the creativity and enthusiasm of our Equité sisters is the stepping-stone to great future leaders.



Empowered Women,
Empower Women.



Committees

The best way to stay involved in Equité, meet your life long sisters and give back to you House and University; is by becoming part of a committee. It is a rewarding experience to be part of planning events, building friendships and growing as individual through the process. You can become involved the moment you arrive in your first year!



Second Years Committee 2019



From Left to Right:

Back: Frances Klopper, Megan Calitz, Kamryn Smith, Emma Rowland (HK of Second Years committee), Kyla-Ann Kleinhans, Frances Smit

Front: Chanel Lombard, Tayla Fourie, Carla Santos, Minca Rossouw, Annalie

Sections Committee



From left to right: Jané Janse van Rensburg (Sisterhood), Tayla Fourie (Respect), Eden-lee Fuls (Love), Anandi van der Merwe (Perserverance), Gabrielle de Bruyn (Passion)



Love



Respect



Passion



Perserverance



Sisterhood

The Sections Committee is made up of five leaders, each representing one of our values along with a specific colour. Our sections committee is the driving force when it comes to communication within our house as each of them is in charge of a WhatsApp group (named after the value they represent) where they post messages to keep our house up to date with events and news happening within Equité, our cluster, as well as within the University itself.

Sections are also very involved in keeping the spirit within our house alive with Sections Games happening throughout the year.

We cannot wait to meet and have you as a member of our sections!

- Love, Your Sections Committee

SPORT

We want to build each other up, create strong, independent women. Proud of our athleticism and our physique. But we also like some fun. So if you have played before or not - join us on this journey. Whether you're an absolute beginner, a fun loving intermediate or the serious pro, we want you to be part of our team! It is so important to be physically active, and there's no better way to do this than alongside your Equite' team mates. Getting enough exercise is one of the best ways to improve your mental health and decrease your stress levels, so why not add the extra fun!

In 2019 we are introducing a weekly jogging club! So get your tekkies and your water bottles ready, and jog with us through the beautiful scenic routes of Stellenbosch!



Focussed sports:

- Netball
- Hockey
- Soccer (seeing that when we do not have enough players to fill a team we partner up with other houses)
- Table tennis
- Tennis

Although above mentioned sports are our main focus, we do not limit us to our availability of sports – so if you participate/want to participate in any other sport in the future (that we do not offer), come speak to our sports HK and we will definitely do our best to find you your sport!

Community Impact

Social Impact is close to the hearts of the Equité students and it is something which the house is excited to be involved in, in 2019. Our social impact aims to offer a variety of activities so that each Equité student is able to find the place where they want to be involved. This will include activities such as dog walking, tutoring, fundraising for stationary and projects which the house has a passion for and brings forward. Our year project for 2019 will be working closely with a school and introducing recycling into the classrooms to educate the learners on sustainable living in their community. Newcomers we would like to hear your ideas and make you a large part of what we do in social impact this coming year. To start off your social impact journey we will be having our community morning in welcoming and we look forward to seeing your passion there.





Culture

“A little sing-song in the distance.

The artistry of the mime trying to escape his four-walled prison.

Some intellectual jibber-jabber, and through it all the sound of someone immortalizing the moment in one beautiful snapshot.”

Culture is alive and as robust as ever in Stellenbosch University and the Equité Culture committee wants to be your gateway to all that the community has to offer.

Our purpose is to entice you to avail yourself to represent our PSO in all of the events that take place on campus and we definitely cannot do it without you.

Culture, encompasses all and any sort of cultural event such as our highlights like Toneelfees, Molasse Sêr and SU Acapella, but we also have smaller events that we as a PSO, or amaMaties as a cluster, would host such as spiritual enlightenment sessions, meditation hikes, yoga sessions, dance classes etc.

Molasse sêr is a fun combination of acapella singing, theatrics and dancing. There is no need for professional performers here as it is all about putting on an entertaining performance, rather than a competitive one.

SU Acapella on the other hand is a very formal competition where each residence/PSO puts together an official acapella team to compete against one another.

Lastly, Toneelfees is our drama competition. Plays are put on throughout a week, where each house have the right to show off their incredible talents and the different plays can also walk away with a title in the end.

Culture events is an experience you do not want to miss!



Events to look forward to:



First Years Dance



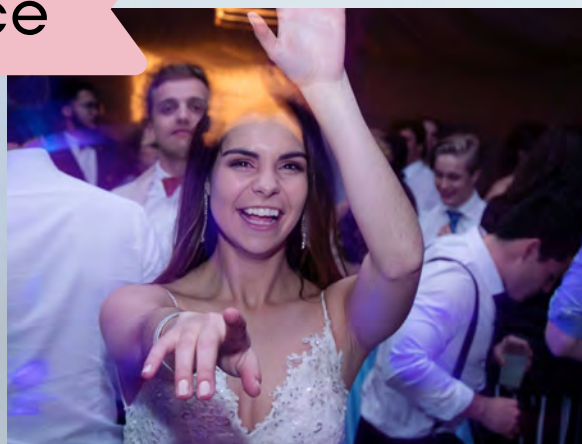
Huisfondsdans



Damestee



Huisdans / Housedance



Equité week

“Equité week” is an entire week full of Equité activities and events. The week will usually start with a House Meeting or any cool event and ends off with Huisdans. Examples of activities in Equité week are socials, alumni evening, sections games, HK caucus (to select a new house committee), critical engagement evening, etc.



AmaMaties Cluster events



Jooltour



Welcoming week

The welcoming programme of 2019 includes various different activities to accommodate the different interests of all. There is something everyone can look forward to! We encourage you to participate as much as you can – as this is where you can find your future best friends and where these friends become family. This is where your journey begins!

2019

Date and time	Activity
Tuesday	22 January
16:00-17:45	Registration for Law Students @ the Conservatory
18:00-	Law Faculty Program
Wednesday	23 January
10:00-12:00	Arrival and Registration @ the AmaMaties Hub & HK House – Do not worry about where to go, we will have plenty of people standing outside to guide your way.
12:00-13:00	Short opening @ the AmaMaties Hub <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Information for parents• Q & A• Parents leave
13:00-14:00	To do & who's who?
14:00-15:00	Mentor session: Allocation to mentor groups, Jump Starts, General Info
15:00-17:00	Amazing race
Thursday	24 January
8:30-9:30	HIIT FIT @ the tennis courts
9:00-10:30	Time to refresh/ free time
10:30-11:00	Value of the day: Respect
11:00-12:30	Mentors session: information bingo/ 30 seconds
12:30-13:30	Lunch @ Tinie Louw
14:00-15:00	"Spirit" song
15:00-16:30	Crossing the line
12:30 – 15:00	Information session: Students with Special Learning Needs (Disabilities) STB
14:00 – 17:00	Introduction of parents to faculties. (STB campus). Students excluded, except where indicated otherwise
15:30 – 16:30	Compulsory academic session for AgriScience students.
17:00 - 17:30	Move to Danie Craven Stadium in maroon Maties T-Shirts

17:30 – 18:00	Informal programme
18:00 – 19:00	Official welcoming by the Rector at Danie Craven
Friday	25 January
8:00-8:30	Value of the day: LOVE
08:00 – 12:00	Academic Programme (Faculty meetings, Library visits)
8:30-9:30	Mentors activity: Skittles and dice
09:30-11:30	Social Media4Good
09:30 – 12:00	Compulsory session for Arts and Social Sciences students with matric averages of between 57% and 59,9%
12:00-13:30	Huis Visser Social and lunch
14:00-15:00	amaMaties Cluster activity
14:00-16:00	Registration of B Occupational Therapy and B Speech, Language, and Hearing Therapy Students on the STB campus
15:00 – 15:40	Societies Fair
15:40-16:20	Maties Sport
16:30-18:00	Erica “Beyoncé” Social
18:00-19:00	Supper @ Tinie Louw
19:00 – 21:00	Bystander Effect
Saturday	26 January
08:30 – 09:00	Meet at Coetenburg and change into cluster shirts
09:00 – 13:00	Cluster day
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch @ Tinie Louw
14:00-15:30	Mentors session: Time Capsule and Grow Together
15:30-17:00	Free time to get ready for social
17:00-18:00	Supper
18:30	Cluster Social

Sunday	27 January <u>OFF DAY/ REST DAY</u>
18:00-19:00	"Family Bonding" Picnic
19:00-20:30	Bucket List and Pieke Activity
Monday	28 January
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Programme (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch @ own cost in the Neelsie
13:30 – 17:00	Academic Programme (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)
17:00-17:30	Value of the day: Passion
17:30-19:00	Mentors Supper
19:00-21:00	Oude Molen Dance Social
21:00	Sleep over and bonding
23:00 – 06:30	Undisturbed sleeping time
Tuesday	29 January
06:15 – 07:30	Get up and change and breakfast
07:30-8:00	Tidy up AmaMaties Hub
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Programme (RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)
10:00-12:30	Pulp movie screening
12:30 – 13:30	S.A.V.E event and lunch
13:30 – 17:00	Academic Programme (RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)
17:00-18:00	Vesta Social
17:45-19:00	Supper @ Tinie Louw
19:00-21:00	Be aware of what's fair

Wednesday	30 January
9:30-10:00	Value of the day: Sisterhood
9:30-10:30	Self-defence Session
10:30-13:00	Vensters Practise
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (RGA-Registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)
13:00 – 13:30	Lunch
13:30 – 15:00	Mentors session: Recycling fashion show
15:00-17:00	Mentors UniEd
17:00-18:00	Red Frog presents
18:00 – 19:00	Supper
19:00-20:30	Mocktails / optional punch
Thursday	31 January
8:15-8:30	Meet at buses departure point
8:30-9:00	Value for the day: Perseverance
09:00 – 12:00	Community interaction morning (first-years, second-years, HC, mentors and staff) with Huis Marais @ Strand Beach
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch
14:00 – 17:00	Vensters Practice
18:00 – 19:00	Supper
19:00 – 21:00	Vensters Practice
Friday	1 February
07:30 – 08:00	Thought for the day: Unity
08:00 – 12:30	Vensters Practice
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch

14:00 – 17:00	Vensters Practice
17:00-18:00	Supper
18:00 – 23:00	Vensters
Saturday	2 February
	REST
Sunday	3 February
	REST Preparation for first day of classes

You have quite a busy program, yes! It was design to give you the best possible welcoming experience, that being said, we encourage you to embrace it and enjoy it with everything you've got. This will truly be an unforgettable week!



Welcoming Packages Information

Package Options

Option 1
Full Clothing Package + Food Package

Option 2
Full Clothing Package

Option 3
Equité shirt + Food Package

Option 4
Food Package

Option 5
Equité Shirt only

The full clothing package consists off:

- Equité shirt
- Equité sunvisor
- Equité umbrella
- Equité bag
- Equité water bottle
- Equité Key Ring

Please excuse the purple blurred stripes as it is just because of the computered design – this is just an example for you to see how the shirt will look. The shirt will be grey.

Sunvisor
Brushed Cotton Twill
Pre-Curved Peak
Self Fabric Velcro Strap



Quench Water Bottle
Screw open lid
for easy
cleaning & re-filling.
Groove design.
BPA free.

GOLD PANTONE
PANTONE 871 C



Important information to know concerning the welcoming packages

No cash will be accepted on the day of registration; all welcoming packages will be purchased through your student account.

It is therefore important to please fill in the university's permission form regarding the packages and bring it with you (filled in and signed) to registration.

You can find the forms attached to the email.

A limited amount of packages will be available on the day of registration, thus, please submit your package order electronically (latest on the evening of the 20th January) by the link provided:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSckeGenCHtI0EyBSZMyMmbXoA0Rii_Y38PXx9TO2epBhvF1fg/viewform

We encourage you to purchase the meals as part of your package as it is an extremely busy week.

Please contact Arvida Lincoln (20817959@sun.ac.za; 061 418 4174) or Arné Kruger (21052584@sun.ac.za; 076 2941 933) for any more information regarding the packages.

What to bring?

To survive the heat:

- A water bottle
- SUNSCREEN!!!
- A hat
- Comfortable shoes

For registration (Wednesday 23rd):

- Student number (if you don't know it off by heart)
- Completed food and clothing packet form
- Comfortable shoes/clothing

Thursday 24th:

- Athletic/comfortable clothing for HIITFIT and a towel if you want to refresh
- Maroon Maties shirt

Friday 25th:

- Clothing you don't mind getting wet in, and can move comfortably in (to unlock your inner Beyoncé)
- Pen and paper if you have academic program

Saturday 26th:

- Comfortable shoes for cluster day/sports
- Something to change into for cluster social (if you'd like)

Sunday 27th: if you would like to attend:

- Money for family supper
- Comfortable shoes
- Bedding/pillows/blankets if you need to sleep over

Monday 28th:

- Pen and paper for academic program
- Lunch money
- Bedding/pillows/mattress (if you have) for the sleepover

- Change of clothes for the next day

Tuesday 29th:

- Pen and paper for academic program

Wednesday 30th:

- Comfortable clothing for self-defense session and vensters practice
- Change of clothing for mocktails/punch social with the seniors (going out clothing)

Thursday 31st:

- Comfortable clothing and shoes for community interaction morning and vensters practice

Friday 1st:

- Comfortable clothing for vensters practice
- Vensters connect shirt/ outfit for performance

Some sneak peaks of welcoming...



Connect (Vensters) 2019



Vesta

+



Equité

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Vesté



Please keep in mind that we will sell an extra connect (vensters) t-shirt that is not included in our packages/package prices. The approximate price will be R150. You will have the option to buy it or not, but it is nice as you can practice in it and in some dances we will use it to dance in it. So please save up for it now already if you wish to buy one.

Stellies Dictionary

Campus Dictionary

Bib: Stellenbosch University Library

COB: (pronounce - "see-oh-bee") Refers to paying with your student card. This can be quite dangerous because your student account really adds up so don't swipe it too much!

Credits: This refers to printing, internet and washing credits.

Campus Health: A place where you can see a nurse for free if you are a student at Stellenbosch University.

Writing Lab: You can go here to get assistance when you write essays.

IT Hub: This is where you register your laptop and phone in order to have Maties WIFI. This is also the place to go to if you lose your student card and need a new one (currently the costs for that is R80).

Admin A: All admin purposes (for example getting proof of registration as well as buying printing, washing and internet credits with cash). Most disliked place by some.

FHARGA: Computer Centre for the Economic Management Science faculty students.

FIRGA: Computer Centre for Engineering faculty students.

HUMARGA: Computer Centre for the BA and Education faculty students.

NARGA: Computer Centre for the BSc faculty students.

Pred: This is short for predicate and it refers to the mark you have achieved throughout the module - before you write your exam. You must have pred in order to write exams (not all modules have it).

HEMIS: This is calculated differently for each faculty but you need Academic Hemis to stay in university and Residence Hemis to be able to stay in a Stellenbosch University residence as well if you want to serve on the House Committee.

Pulp: Cinema in the Neelsie

Neelsie: On campus shopping centrum where you can go eat and do general errands, also houses many of the student organisations' offices (like the SRC office).

SRC: Student Representative Council.

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

SSVO / CSCD: Centre for student counselling and development.

Sunlearn: A University Website where all your modules for the year appears and where your lecturer upload all your slides and notes for each module.

SUSPI: (pronounce - "sus-pee") Maties gymnasium.

Rooplein: The red bricked and grass area between the Neelsie and IT Lab.

Second opp: The second opportunity that is available for exams (works differently for each module and faculty). Some use it for extended time to study or if their exam times clash and others need it for a second opportunity to pass their module if they couldn't get it right the first round.

Stellies Rage: A place where people complain. Ps: OP stands for Original poster

Stellies Confessions: A place to confess and gossip, sies 😊.

Molassesêr: a big acapella group. There is also an annual competition between all the PSO's and residences, but this is less serious than SU acapella. Fun times!

SU Acapella: Previously known as kleinsêr - a small acapella group which takes part in an annual competition between PSO's and residences.

Newcomer: A student that is in their first year of study.

Vensters: This is a competition that a lot of residences and PSOs takes part in. Each partner up with another residence or PSO (Jool partner) and create a new name (for example: Vesta + Equié = Vesté). For this competition, the newcomers perform a mini show where they act and dance on the stage. Anyone is welcome to watch. The aim of the show is to raise awareness for a certain social impact project.

Jool partners: The PSO or residence you partner up with to participate in Vensters.

Welcoming: The period where all newcomers are welcomed at Stellenbosch University at their respective PSO or residence (previously referred to as 'jool').

Equité dictionary

PSO: Private student organization, which gives you everything a residence has, except a place to sleep.

Primaria / Prim: Short for primaria. This is the head leader of the house committee. It can be compared to the head girl of a school.

Vice Prim/Onder Prim: This could be compared to a deputy head girl of a high school. Works very closely with the Primaria.

HK / HC: (pronounce - "ha-ka") House Committee

Mentors: The lovely people who will help you with your transition from High School/Gap Year(s) to University.

Libertas: Was known as our brother PSO but has changed to a mixed PSO in 2018, called Capri.

Capri: Our sibling PSO (their house committee house is on the first floor of and our house committee house on the second floor of the HK house building).

Three Sisters: Erica, Nemesia and Serruria

Four Cousins: The Three Sisters plus Equité

AmaMaties: Our Cluster which consists out of Erica, Nemesia, Serruria, Capri, Huis Neethling, Helderberg and obviously, Equité.

AmaMaties Hub: A place where the amaMaties cluster members can study and participate in activities.

AmaMaties Loft: A place to chill and to socialize.

S.A.V.E.: Short for all the female PSO's on campus: Silene, Aristeia, Venustia and Equité. This is a awareness platform that is open for the entire campus, runned by these PSO's. (We focus on themes like SAVE yourself, SAVE your academics etc.)

Skakels: The old word for socials.

Stellenbosch Dictionary

Silly Season: The first few weeks of third term after everyone is back from a long winter break - celebrating that they are back.

Brazons: Old name for Happy Oak

Klein Saterdag: Wednesdays ;)

The Square: Where all the clubs are (Tin Roof, Catwalk etc. is).

Aandklas: Not an evening class but they do have the best quiz nights 😊.

Opskop: This can either mean that you discontinued your studies, or it can refer to a place where you go sokkie.

STAY CONNECTED



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If you have any questions about registration or welcoming week, please contact our welcoming leader, Arvida Lincoln.

(Please just take note that Arvida will be abroad from the 9th of December till the 10th of January and will thus be able to respond via email or WhatsApp.)

If you have any questions about our mentor programme, please feel free to contact our head mentor, Kelsey Andrews.

If you have any questions about our welcoming packages or clothing, please contact our HK of clothing, Arné Kruger.

Otherwise, please feel free to contact our Primaria, Ester van der Merwe, or our Vice Primaria, Ciska de Wet, with any questions.

Famous
Equité #Hashtags :

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#equitéenjy
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December 2018

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 2019. 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, 23 January 2019), 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 4854 / 2791 or psu@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 2019
STUDENT ACCOUNT**

Please complete the following:

DETAILS OF STUDENT:

NAME AND SURNAME:

STUDENT NUMBER:

PSO: Equite PSO
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FULL PACKAGE (Clothing Option I & Meals) COST: R990	ONLY CLOTHING COST: R490	ONLY T-SHIRT AND FOOD COST: R710	ONLY MEALS COST: R550	T-shirt only Cost: R160

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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Desember 2018

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, 23 Januarie 2019), 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 4854/2791 / pso@sun.ac.za

Vriendelike groete,

PSO Kantoor

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TOESTEMMING: HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE OP STUDENTEREKENING 2019

Voltooi asseblief die volgende:

BESONDERHEDE VAN STUDENT:

NAAM EN VAN: _____

STUDENTENOMMER: _____

PSO: Equite PSO

KEUSE VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE (MERK MET 'N X):

VOLLE PAKKIE OPSIE I (Klere- en kos) KOSTE: R990.00	SLEGS KLERE KOSTE: R490	SLEGS HEMP EN KOS KOSTE: R710	SLEGS KOSPAKKIE KOSTE: R550	SLEGS HEMP KOSTE: R160

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.



Recap:

Equité PSO is an organisational structure that supports private students living in private accommodation that attend Stellenbosch University. We are administered by the Centre for Student Communities and are led by elected student leaders (your house committee & other Equité committees), in collaboration with the PSO Coordinators (ours is Jethro Georgiades) who manage the PSO Office.

Equité 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 (see our mentors for 2019 in the above information).

PSO's however DO NOT offer accommodation to students and as such if you are not in a Stellenbosch University Residence you will need to make own accommodation arrangements.

Being a part of student communities like the amaMaties cluster and Equité provides a web of advantages, relationships, support and opportunities that enables you to succeed. Together we create a holistic living and learning experience contributing to our members' academic and student success.

We cannot wait to welcome you in 2019 into our space!

Till we meet in January,
enjoy your well-deserved holiday!

Whether you travel far or just stay at home, stay and travel safe!

XXX

