

amaMaties.Net

Welcoming Booklet



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EMPOWERMENT THROUGH COLLABORATION

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What is .Net?

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- .Net is a student community made up of both Senior students and Postgraduate students from their respective clusters.
- .Net serves as a bridge between students and life after university, as it assists in the professional development of students for a seamless transition into the working world.
- .Net is a community that also fosters a sense of both academic and social excellence, by providing the necessary resources, networks and support structures.

What does .Net offer?

- Networking opportunities
- Decompression sessions
- CV writing and personal branding workshops
- Academic support
- A sense of community
- Access to opportunities through the Young Alumni Program (YAP)
- Development of exit skills

Meet your Executive



Dear Amamaties.Net newcomers,

Welcome to a new and exciting chapter in your life at Stellenbosch University! Whether you're stepping onto campus for the first time or returning as a seasoned student, I'm thrilled to welcome you to the Amamatie.Net community—a home away from home where connections are built, dreams are nurtured, and experiences are shared.

At Amamaties.Net, we have fostered an environment for the all rounded individual and professional in Stellenbosch University. We aim to create an environment that feels like home and allows our senior students to flourish academically as well as professionally. This community is more than a network; it's a space where students can come together, where support is always at hand, and where you can explore what it truly means to grow—both as a student and as an individual.

Being a student can feel overwhelming, but it is important to remember: you don't have to navigate this journey alone. We, your .Net family, are here to walk with you in this journey , cheer for you, and provide a helping hand whenever you need it.

As you navigate the months ahead, take time to immerse yourself in all the opportunities that await you. Join a society, attend a campus event, try something new, or connect with someone who might broaden your perspective. Life at SU is about more than just academics —it's about shaping your story.

Our Welcoming Programme is just the beginning of the many moments that will define your experience. Through it, you'll meet incredible people, gain valuable insights, and start to discover all that Wimbledon.Net has to offer. Take the leap, ask questions, and don't hesitate to reach out to me, our leaders, or your cluster coordinator if you need guidance.

Let this year be a testament to your resilience, your curiosity, and your potential. Remember that each challenge is a steppingstone, every connection a chance to grow, and every moment an opportunity to build a future you're proud of. Let's make this year one to remember—together.

Kind Regards,

Tatum Fransman

anaMaties.Net Executive Leader

Meet the Council

Simthembile Kwelelani

CONNECTION | INTEGRATION

Simthembile Kwelelani is your Connect and Integration Council Member for the 2024/25 term. This year, she'll aid you in integrating into the university ecosystem while simultaneously connecting you with valuable resources aimed at professional growth.



Milowo Njinge

BRIDGE THE GAP

Milowo Njinge is your Bridge The Gap council member for the 2024/25 term. She will aid students in the transition to a professional environment and in pursuing their postgraduate studies.

Meet the Council

Awande Shange

SUPPORT

Awande Shange is your Support council member for the 2024/25 term. Her role includes supporting senior students with the necessary resources required for the successful completion of their studies.



Ontiretse Kgantsi

CONNECT | SOCIAL MEDIA

Ontiretse Kgantsi is your Connect and Social Media Council Member for the 2024/25 term. Natasha will be capturing key events this term and enable students to capture the .Net experience digitally through our Instagram.



Meet your Co-ordinator



A heartfelt welcome 2025 .Net Newcomer at Stellenbosch University!

Congratulations on your dedication and perseverance throughout your academic journey up until now! The anticipation in the air is palpable as you embark on this exciting chapter as you continue your journey with us here at SU!

Remember, the privilege of a university education is now in your hands, and it's your opportunity to make the most of it and we as the .Net community and leadership in particular are so excited to be part of this.

Right from the start, we invite you to embrace the core values of our University – Excellence, Compassion, Accountability, Respect, and Equity together with the .Net values unity, diversity, and equality as your foundational values through your university journey. Embodying these principles ensures not only academic success but shapes you into a well-rounded individual and an engaged global citizen.

Your SU journey starts - or if your continuing as a senior or postgraduate program - with our signature Welcoming Programme, offering you a chance to familiarise yourself with the campus life, academic resources, social interactions and much more opportunities we can offer. Should any uncertainties arise, turn to your .Net executive leaders, council leaders or coordinator as we here to guide you. We are committed to making your introduction to campus life memorable. Stay updated on the latest developments and schedule in our booklet and on our social media.

Transitioning from school to university may seem daunting, but we have faith in your ability to complete your studies successfully and graduate! Remember, you are not alone in this journey we are here for you always!

Stay confident, maintain focus on your studies, and work hard. Yet don't forget to enjoy the journey – life at our University has the potential to transform you. Learning extends beyond the classroom, so explore clubs, engage in co-curricular and extra-curricular activities, build connections with diverse peers, and seize the opportunities that SU and the .Net presents as we are committed to preparing you for the world beyond our halls, classrooms, and residences. Challenges will arise but view them as steppingstones to growth.

In the weeks and months ahead, if you find yourself in need, don't hesitate to reach out. At Maties, we move forward together, and many friendships forged here endure a lifetime.

We Welcome you here in 2025 to an incredible year at Stellenbosch University with amaMaties.Net!

Meet the CSC Unit



Dear .Net Newcomer

Congratulations with your provisional acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to the .Net Postgraduate Commuter Student Communities. Studying at Stellenbosch University is a great honour and we wish you all the best as you enter this challenging yet exciting phase of your life. As a prospective new Matie you stand at the beginning of an exciting period in your life.

As the Commuter Student Communities Unit at Stellenbosch University, we are responsible for managing the .Net Communities, along with its Council Committees. We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration at SU. Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask.

Your community will allow you to forge new paths, build new relationships and innovate in ways you never have imagined. The .Nets ensure that postgraduate and senior newcomers are welcomed, orientated and integrated into the SU Campus-Life Ecosystem.

We 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 your .Net Community is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Your .Net 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 we can assure you that you will be welcomed into our community with open arms.

Regards,

Commuter Student Communities Unit

cscu@sun.ac.za



Welcoming Program 2025

29 – 31 January 2025

RSVP Link: .Net Welcoming RSVP Link

Day 1:

**Wednesday,
29 January 2025**

Welcoming Launch Event

Venue: Victoria Hub

Time: 17:30 - 19:30

Dress code: Business Casual

The .Net welcoming Launch event will be a business casual soirée where introductions to members of Rectorate & the CSLL management will take place. You will also have the opportunity to networking, as well as enjoy some canapés.

Day 2:

Thursday,

30 January 2025

Social with SLS Cluster

Just like us, the Senior Living Spaces (SLS) Cluster is made up of senior students. This social event will serve as a networking opportunity, recognising that adapting to campus life at SU can be a challenge.

Time: 13:00 - 14:30

Venue: TBC

Rectors Welcoming

The Rectors Welcoming is often the highlight of your first year at Stellenbosch, and it's safe to say that this event marks your official induction as a MATIE!

Time: 15:00 - 18:00

Venue: Danie Craven Stadium

Dinner Social

This light dinner will act as a nourishing interlude between the Rector's Welcoming and DreamWalk, where we shall strive to cultivate a warm ambiance and a soothing atmosphere, setting the stage for a graceful conclusion to our evening.

Time: 19:00 - 20:00

Venue: CSLL Office, 11 Bosman Street

DreamWalk & Dreamville

Tossing your dreams and future wishes into the tree-hugging magic of Victoria Street is like a rite of passage for every Stellies student! It's the gateway to Dreamville, where a whirlwind of fun events awaits to join the party!

Time: 20:00 - 21:00

Venue: Victoria Street - Rooiplein

Day 3:

Friday,

31 January 2025

The last day of Welcoming includes both education and leisure, with activities including a campus tour, a visit to the Societies Fair as well as a Spit Braai Dinner to close off orientation

<u>EVENT</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>VENUE</u>
Campus Tour	11:00 - 12:00	SU Campus
Library Tour	12:00 - 13:00	SU Library
Lunch	13:00 - 14:30	
Societies Fair	15:00 - 16:00	Danie Craven Stadium
Spit Braai Dinner	16:30 - 18:00	SU Language Café

HIGHLIGHT EVENTS



Rectors Welcoming

.Net engages students in a number of Welcoming activities, this includes the Rectors Institutional Welcoming as well as Dreamwalk. These events are some of the biggest highlights of your orientation week, walking down Victoria Street and making your mark as a Matie.



The Societies Fair

Stellenbosch University additionally hosts a wide variety of societies that caters to students diverse interests. The Society's Fair enables students to explore just that during Orientation week, where societies exhibit themselves for students to join.



.Net Launch Event

On day 1 of Welcoming, .Net Clusters are hosting a launch event to introduce all newcomers to the .Nets. It is an evening souiree that presents students with an opportunity to network with each other, as well as the .Net councils and Co-ordinator. Networking events like this will be hosted throughout the year.



RESOURCES

Stellenbosch University as well as the .Net Community offers postgraduate students a range of resources from funding to psychological and educational program. The CSLL Office is the home of the .Net Communities working in conjunction with the post graduate office, the CSCD, as well as Maties Alumni in order to give you the best experience possible.

Useful contacts



CSLL Office: 11 Bosman Street, Stellenbosch Central, 7600



Campus Map: [Stellenbosch University Campus Map](#)



Campus Security Emergency Number: 0800 02 58 27



WhatsApp Group: [click here to join](#)



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Centre for Student Counseling & Development

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Private Student Accommodation

[Website Link](#)



Postgraduate Funding Opportunities

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