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MT. OLYMPUS

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**WELCOMING BOOKLET
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From Zeus



MT. OLYMPUS, ARE
YOU READY?

Congratulations on your provisional acceptance to Stellenbosch University! It is my pleasure to welcome you to Olympus. As a vibrant and inclusive student organization, Olympus is committed to supporting new students as they transition into university life.

We as Olympus are part of the validus cluster, which includes Academia, Goldfields, Huis Marais, Huis Visser, ISA, North Campus Block B and Simonsberg. Olympus provides a unique opportunity to engage and interact with a variety of residence spaces and student communities, fostering connections and promoting a rich, inclusive campus experience.

Olympus positions itself as an inclusive space where members are encouraged to explore their identities and perspectives within a supportive, safe, and empowering environment. Our community is committed to upholding the values outlined in Stellenbosch University's 2040 vision, contributing to the growth and development of well-balanced individuals.

Olympus values:

- Innovation
- Dignity
- Purpose
- Individuality within the community
- Being Critically engaged and aware

We are excited to welcome you as an essential part of Olympus, adding to the rich diversity of our community.

If you have any questions or need additional information, please feel free to reach out to us.



WHAT DOES OLYMPUS HAVE TO OFFER ?

SPORTS

Olympus offers a diverse range of sporting options; Olympians engage in activities such as :

- **NETBALL**
- **RUGBY**
- **HOCKEY**
- **FOOTBALL**
- **TABLE-TENNIS**
- **RUNNING CLUB**

Throughout the year, there are multiple opportunities for different communities or residences to compete against one another. A new initiative that will be introduced in 2025 is an Olympus basketball team



CULTURE

Olympus offers a variety of different cultural activities throughout the year where Olympians are able to showcase all of their creative talents . These activities include:

- **SU ACAPELLA**
- **THE PALESA DRAMA FESTIVAL**
- **DEBATING**
- **ART COMPETITIONS**
- **VARIOUS CULTURE EVENINGS**

MAIN EVENTS:

SU ACAPELLA: The Stellenbosch University Acapella Competition (SUAC) is a highlight for many students during second semester. this is your opportunity to dance, sing and showcase all of your musical talents.

PALESA FESTIVAL: “3..2..1.. Action!” Explore talents on the stage and use it as your playground. This is an annual theatre production that is a great opportunity for you to step out of your safezone.



SOCIALS AND EVENTS

As a commuter student community (CSC), we don't have as many opportunities to connect as students who live on campus. That's why Socials and Events exist: to bring Olympians together. Throughout the year, we organize events to bond, make meaningful connections, and most importantly have fun. These moments not only strengthen our community, but also create memories that we will cherish long after we leave university.

From the annual Toga Party, where we celebrate the spirit of Olympus in creative costumes, to the highly anticipated House Dance, a night of elegance and excitement, our events are truly unforgettable. Every term, Olympus Week offers a full schedule of activities that highlight the best of our community, making every moment count.

We're excited to embark on this journey with all of you—creating memories, forming friendships, and sharing incredible experiences. Get ready for an amazing year of socials and events that you won't want to miss. We can't wait to see you there and make this year one for the books!



SOCIAL IMPACT

Social Impact is a portfolio that involves a diverse array of efforts dedicated to supporting and giving back to both our community and the students of Olympus, as well as other communities

This portfolio is here to support you in times of need, whether it's providing food, sanitary pads, or other essentials. Our mission is to assist wherever possible and raise awareness. Through Social Impact, you can look forward to initiatives like drives for stationery, sanitary products, food, and more.

We also focus on promoting sustainability within our community, contributing to our university's 2040 vision. As an Olympian, we'll keep you informed about how you can make a difference both on campus and at home. Our initiatives include beach clean-ups and telling you all about the campus recycling system and its importance.

This year we will be focusing on food security and health; where we will be gathering food for students who are experiencing food insecurity. We will also be doing a stationary drive and send it to the school of Stellenbosch that are in need.

This is what you can look forward to from the Social Impact and Sustainability portfolio. Stay tuned for updates on the dates of our outreach initiatives and events!





WELCOMING



Stellenbosch University has created an eleven-day orientation program to help you feel comfortable as you transition into university life. This thoughtfully designed welcoming program aims to support all new Olympus students in starting their journey as Maties on a positive and memorable note.

Filled with a variety of engaging activities, this program is designed to ensure you feel prepared and confident as you begin your university journey. It introduces you to essential locations on campus, helping you navigate your new environment with ease. Beyond that, the program encourages the formation of early friendships, giving you the opportunity to connect with fellow students and build a supportive network. By bridging the gap between high school or pre-university life and university life, it provides a smooth and enjoyable transition, ensuring you feel ready and excited before your academic classes officially begin.





CONNECT 2025

OUR CONNECT PARTNER FOR 2025 IS
HUIS VISSER RESIDENCE

“**OLYVIS**” is the name that represents our collaboration, which symbolises the unity that has been developed overtime through our partnership and cluster connection.

We are going to be part of the much awaited “Vensters”/Connect show. It’s a great chance for all of you to join in the celebration as you embark this new journey ahead at Stellenbosch University. In this show, you can look forward to a unique experience filled with great, exciting storylines and original dances. We’ll take you on a journey worth remembering.



OVERVIEW OF WELCOMING



INTRODUCING

HOUSE COMMITTEE 2024/2025



The House Committee consists of 11 student representatives elected by the Olympus community. Their primary responsibility is to create opportunities that support your personal development and holistic growth throughout your university journey. As a leadership body within the Stellenbosch University framework, the committee ensures adherence to university policies, as well as the rules of the residence/CSC and the associated cluster or house. Each committee member is assigned specific portfolios, and you will interact with them frequently during the welcoming period and throughout the year.

Let's meet the team!

LETTER FROM PRIMARIA



Khudiso Chauke

PRIMARIA

Dear Fellow Olympians,

It is my greatest honour and joy to welcome you to Olympus, the pinnacle of potential and purpose, as your Primaria for 2025! Congratulations on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University—an incredible achievement that reflects your dedication and hard work. Take a moment to truly celebrate this milestone because you have earned it.

Like the legends of ancient gods who ascended Mount Olympus, you too are embarking on a remarkable quest—a journey of academic discovery, personal growth, and lifelong transformation. At the core of this adventure lies your academic pursuit. Here, you will sharpen your intellect, expand your understanding, and engage with ideas and challenges that will prepare you to conquer whatever lies ahead. The lecture halls will be your arena, the library your sanctuary, and your curiosity the compass guiding you towards excellence.

Yet, your journey at Stellenbosch is about more than academics. The lessons you learn will transcend textbooks and lectures, shaping your character, resilience, and ability to navigate the complexities of life. Olympus is central to this experience. It is not just a community—it is a catalyst for growth. Within Olympus, you will find a safe and supportive space to take risks, explore your passions, and discover what truly matters to you.

Our annual Welcoming Program marks the beginning of this transformation. Over the next few weeks, you will have the chance to connect with fellow Olympians, participate in meaningful activities, and immerse yourself in the spirit of our community. This program is designed to help you lay the foundation for your journey—academically, socially, and personally.

When I first arrived at Stellenbosch, I felt the same anticipation and uncertainty that you may feel now. But Olympus quickly became my sanctuary—a home where I found belonging, purpose, and a space to grow. Now, as I welcome you, I encourage you to step boldly into this new chapter. Embrace the opportunities that Olympus and Stellenbosch have to offer, and you will witness the emergence of the person you are destined to become.

If you have any questions or need a word of reassurance, please do not hesitate to reach out to me. I am here for you. I cannot wait to meet you and watch your journey unfold. You are an Olympian now—this is your time to rise.

Warm regards,

Khudiso Chauke
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Glowing Moisturizer

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LOGAN HANSEN

[VICE-PRIMARIA OF INTERNAL RELATIONS]



Hi Olympians!

My name is Logan Hansen, and I have the honour of serving as your Vice-Primaria of Internal Relations this year. My portfolios include Welcoming, Wellness, and Alumni, and I couldn't be more excited to officially welcome you into the Olympus family. Olympus is a vibrant and supportive community where every voice matters, and every individual adds something unique.

University is an exciting new chapter, full of opportunities to grow, connect, and make lasting memories. For welcoming, we've worked hard to create a program that celebrates the diversity of everyone joining us while giving you the chance to fully immerse yourself in the Stellenbosch experience. It's all about creating moments that inspire, making friendships that last, and a sense of belonging you can carry with you throughout your journey. Of course, stepping into something new can feel a bit daunting at times. That's completely natural. But you're not alone in this Olympus is a space where you'll always find support, whether it's from your fellow Olympians, your mentors, or the House Committee team. We're here to walk this path with you every step of the way.

As you embark on this adventure, remember to take it all in one step at a time. Embrace every opportunity that comes your way, even the ones that feel a little outside your comfort zone. You'll be amazed at how much you can achieve and how far you'll go. And, most importantly, take time to enjoy the little things it's often the small moments that make the biggest impact.

Welcome to Olympus. Let's make this year truly unforgettable.

With love and excitement,
Logan

NATALIE NORTJE

[VICE-PRIMARIA OF ADMINISTRATION]

Hey there, fellow Olympians!

I am Natalie Nortje, your Vice-Prim of Administration.

If the email address olympus@sun.co.za sounds familiar to you, that would be me <3

My portfolios are a bit more exciting than just admin, I also take care of maintenance, discipline, and safety. Look for me in the orange and yellow vest 🧡.

We are so excited to welcome you here into this new university space where you will grow exponentially and make life-long connections. Even when academics get really stressful, no degree is ever that deep so when you need to, please choose sleep. Look after yourself and enjoy this experience because it comes only once in a lifetime. Everyone knows that Olympus is the place to be, so grab your sunblock and water and we'll see you here at Mt Olympus. I can't wait to get to know you!

All my love,

Natalie



JALASER BOSMAN

HEAD MENTOR || SOCIAL MEDIA || COMMUNICATIONS

HeIIIIlooooo Olympians <3

My name is Jalaser Bosman (aka JJ). All the posts you see on all our social media platforms will be me; I am your Social Media, Head Mentor and Communications HC; I am currently a 3rd year Humanities student.

I'm soo excited to meet each and every single one of you! This journey that you will shortly embark is going to be a rollercoaster. Remember to take every opportunity with both hands and to bring sunscreen with you <3

Now that you are part of Olympus, I would like to officially welcome you to the community

See you soon,
Jalaser



DANÉL KOK

FINANCE || ACADEMICS || SPONSORSHIPS

I am Danél Kok - a Postgraduate LLB student currently in my third, and final year, of studies.

I am honoured to give you a heartfelt welcome into your Olympus community as you start this new journey of your life - which is so exciting! As you embark on this journey, know that I've got your back with all the tips and tricks to make your academic life as efficient as possible, so that you may grow to love studying as much as I do. Besides helping all our Olympians with their academics, I am also proudly the FinMan (Financial Manager) and Sponsorships portfolio holder - so, we've got some fun surprises for you lined up during your welcoming!

Yours truly,
Danél x





LATITHA MAQASHALALA

SPORTS || CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT || WELCOMING LEADER

Hello Olympians

Welcome to the Olympus family. My name is Latitha Maqashalala and I am your HC for sports, welcoming leader and critical engagement. I'm excited to meet each and every one of you and I'm so thrilled to have you join the community. You're about to embark on an incredible journey, so get ready for an adventure of a lifetime!

Remember you belong here and we can't wait to see you thrive

Lots of love,
Lathi



PHUMLANI MSOMI

CONNECT || CULTURE || SUSTAINABILITY

Hi newcomers, Welcome to your new home! My name is Phumlani Msomi, also known as Kim-Kim, and I am honoured to serve as your House Committee (HC) member for Sustainability, Connect and Culture shared with Ronan. I am thrilled to be part of your journey as you begin this exciting chapter at Olympus. Together with Ronan and our incredible HC team, we've been working hard at planning initiatives that will not only make you feel at home but also inspire you to connect deeply with our Olympus culture, aimed at making you feel seen, heard and appreciated.

Can't wait to see you, let's make this year unforgettable. Together.

-Kim Kim





RONAN DE SOUSA

CONNECT || CULTURE || SOCIAL & EVENTS

Hello fellow Olympians!!!

My name is Ronan De Sousa, and I am your House Committee

Member of Connect, Socials and Events, and Culture.

I am a 4th year student studying Mechatronic engineering.

I am so excited to meet all of you and show you the wonderful events that Olympus has to offer - from Vensters to the House Dance to the Palesa Festival and many more. The memories you will make over the years to come will stay with you for a lifetime.

I wish you all the best on your new journey.

—Ronan



ORENEILE THABETHE

CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT || WELCOMING LEADER || CLUSTER

Hey there, fellow Olympians! I'm thrilled to engage with all of you, as Oreneile Thabethe.

I'd like to introduce you to my portfolios as HC: Critical Engagement, Welcoming, and Cluster.

Word of the day: "Come as you are, but strive for development." Here, we challenge each other to step outside our comfort zones, question norms, and engage critically with society. We also encourage you to share innovative ideas and think critically.

Reminder: Don't forget to bring water, sunscreen, an open mind, and a warm heart. You always matter!

-Oureneile



OFENTSE LEDWABA

MERCHANISE || ALUMNI || SPORTS

Hi Olympians! My name is Ofentse Ledwaba, and I am your Sports, Alumni, and Marketing HC for 2025. I'm currently in my 3rd year studying International Relations, and I'm passionate about creating a vibrant and supportive community for all of you.

As your Sports HC, I'll be organizing exciting and inclusive activities to keep us active and united. On the Alumni side, I'll work to connect you with past Olympians to build inspiring networks for your journey. For Marketing, I'll ensure you're always in the know about upcoming events and opportunities within Olympus.

I'm excited to help you thrive in this new chapter! Together, let's make 2025 a year of growth, fun, and unforgettable memories.

See you soon,
Ofentse



TONI COETZEE

SOCIAL IMPACT || COMMUNICATIONS || SOCIAL & EVENTS

Greetings to each and every new Olympian! I can't wait to get to know you all!

My name is Toni Coetzee, and I'm a BA Humanities student. Your social and events HC, social impact HC, and communications HC will be me. I'll be organising your dances for the year, including our huis dans and toga party. In addition, I plan all of our social impact initiatives.

I want to advise you to explore new things and make the most of your time at university!

-Toni



INTRODUCING

MENTORS 2024/2025

Stellenbosch University utilises their body of trained Mentors and Head Mentors to guide the newcomers through their first six to nine months of the university experience. Mentors are carefully chosen through a crucial application process to ensure that they have the qualities to be a successful mentor. These Mentors also act as connectors, introducing you to resources, networks and opportunities that can aid your growth. The Mentors will be the first Olympians that you will encounter as you embark this journey; your first official companions that will be there to answer any questions that you might have. ultimately, a mentor's role is to empower you to reach your full potential while fostering a sense of belonging and self-confidence within the Olympus community.



Kirsty
English



Josh
English | Afrikaans



Belleme
English | Afrikaans



Katelego
English | Afrikaans | Setswana | isiZulu



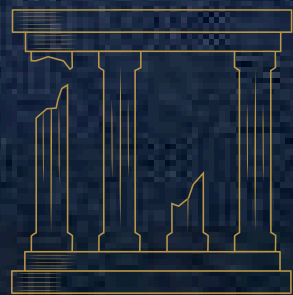
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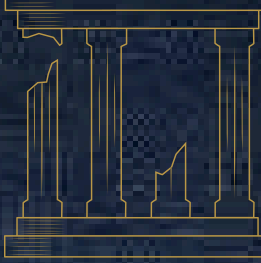
Michael
English



Frante
Afrikaans | English



MENTORS 2024/2025



Zukhanye

English|isiXhosa



Luzuko

isiXhosa|Afrikaans| English



Brigitte

English



Takundanashe

Shona| English



Nicole

English



Heike

English| Afrikaans



Zachary

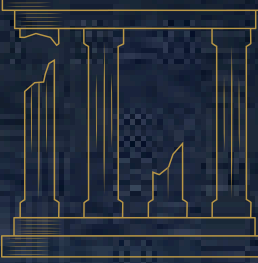
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Bonke

English|Afrikaans|isiXhosa

MENTORS 2024/2025



Jonny
English



Thilivhali
English|Tshivenda



Luca
English|Afrikaans



Tristan
English



Keoprapetse
English|Setswana



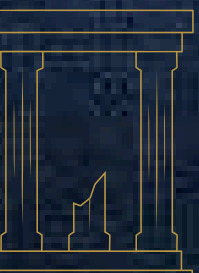
Nontokozo
English|Afrikaans|isiZulu|siSwati



Lucia
English|Afrikaans



Ezekiel
English|Afrikaans|Setswana



INTRODUCING

SENIORS COMMITTEE 2024/2025

The Seniors Committee is a dedicated team within Olympus that focuses on activities specifically tailored for senior students. This energetic team takes charge of organizing, planning, and executing initiatives aimed at keeping both newcomers and senior Olympians actively involved in a range of events and activities throughout their university experience.



Deogratias



Wanga



Sophia



Amelia



Tanaka



Lyle



Will



SENIORS COMITTEE 2024/2025



Iyaas



Syntyche



Lesego



Buhlebezwe



Tetelo



Asher



INTRODUCING THE CSC UNIT



Dear Olympus Newcomer.

Congratulations with your provisional acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to Olympus. 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 first year 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 Olympus Community, along with its House Committee and the Mentors. 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. Olympus believes in a value driven system. We consider these values in all we do.

Your community will allow you to forge new paths, build new relationships and innovate in ways you never have imagined. The CSCs ensure that students, even when physically separated from one another, still remain connected to each other as well as campus life through our virtual community offerings.

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 Olympus is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Olympus 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

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INTRODUCING VALIDUS



Welcome to Validus Cluster!

Hey Matie!

Congratulations on your conditional acceptance to Stellenbosch University and welcome to Validus Cluster!

What's a Cluster?

Clusters are student communities that help you integrate both academic and personal success. They're friendly, supportive, and full of networking opportunities to make your university life amazing

About Validus Cluster

Our cluster includes Academia, Goldfields, Huis Marais, Huis Visser, ISA, North Campus Block B, Olympus CSC, and Simonsberg. We pride ourselves on excellence through innovation and celebrate every win, big or small.

Meet our team:

- Interim Coordinator: Spurgeon Wilson
- Conveners: Ovayo Gomomo & Karabo Modiba
- Managers: Kea Ndhlovu & Chelsy Hendry
- Academic Principal: Dr. Debra Shepherd
- Plus one member from each space in our community

You'll have tons of opportunities to connect and grow within Validus Cluster. From sports and mental health support to leadership development and academic help, we've got you covered.

Save the Date!

Cluster Day: 1 February 2025

Can't wait to meet you!
Warm Validus Cluster greetings.





OLYMPUS ANTHEM



LEADERSHIP



OLYMPIANS

MOUNT OLYMPUS ARE YOU READY?

READY!

MOUNT OLYMPUS, ARE YOU READY?

READY!

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WELCOMING PROGRAMME



NOTE: "Mt. Olympus" refers to the Olympus HC house at 70 Merriman Avenue

SYMBOL	MEANING
	This activity involves physical movement and requires high energy levels.
	This activity involves loud music, cheering, singing and other high-intensity sounds or noise.
	This activity involves interacting in large groups between (50 and 500 people at a time).
	This activity involves small groups (less than 30), or personal time or engagements that allow for low-intensity interactions and less structure.
	This facility or venue is accessible to students and staff with disabilities.

YOUR WELCOMING LEADERS:

(Please do not hesitate to ask any questions)



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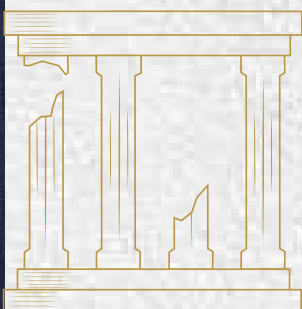
Latitha Maqashalala
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GLOSSARY:

Events	Explanations
Ψ Bead and Bond	Ψ Beading bracelets
Ψ Brand your kit	Ψ Creating Olympus merch from recyclable products
Ψ Cluster Day	Ψ Time with communities from Validus
Ψ Cluster interaction	Ψ Time with communities from Validus
Ψ Cluster Sports introduction	Ψ Time spent with communities from Validus
Ψ Connect Rehearsals	Ψ Venters dance practice
Ψ Find My Omadon	Ψ Finding your Greek group
Ψ Find your vibe	Ψ Choosing your official mentor
Ψ Gees Hour	Ψ Spirit hour / hype hour
Ψ Leave your mark	Ψ Painting hand on Olympus wall
Ψ Let Loose	Ψ Introductory dance off challenge
Ψ Let's Talk Session	Ψ Critical engagement discussions on socio-economic issues

Ψ Let's Watch	Ψ Critical engagement movie
Ψ Life as an SU student	Ψ Use words to create an SU student
Ψ Closing	Ψ Mindful session to reflect on the day, with updates for the next day
Ψ Morning Exploration	Ψ Optional early bird session for commuting newcomers
Ψ Olympus Spirit Hour	Ψ Learning Olympus chants
Ψ Paint and swap	Ψ Painting session
Ψ Powerplant self-defence	Ψ Ju Jitsu gym that demonstrates training in self-defence
Ψ Registration	Ψ Onboarding to Olympus where you can get merch
Ψ Society Fair	Ψ Introduction and sign ups to SU societies
Ψ To be or not to be	Ψ Improve sessions

Ψ Town night	Ψ Exposure to local nightlife spot to familiarize yourself with the town
Ψ Vision Board Party	Ψ Designing ideal first-year experience by setting visual goals



PROGRAM



The Odyssey Begins Tuesday, 28 January 2025			Venue
08:00 - 09:30	Registration	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	
09:30 - 10:00	Leadership and monitors introductions	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
10:00 - 10:30	During parent's QA/informative Olympus introduction	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
10:30 - 11:00	Talk with Freddie from MyBrew	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
11:00 - 11:30	Leadership dance	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	
13:00 - 14:30	Find My Omadon	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
14:30 - 15:30	Olympus Spirit Hour	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
15:30 - 16:30	Leave your mark	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
16:30 - 17:30	Mentors connect	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
17:30 - 18:00	Closing	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
18:00 - 20:00	Law Programme	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Law Faculty (Old Main Building)

Trials of Titans Wednesday, 29 January 2025			Venue
07:00 - 08:00	Morning Exploration	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
08:30 - 16:00	Law Faculty Program	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Law Faculty (Old Main Building)
08:00 - 09:00	Registration	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	
08:00 - 09:00	Find Your Feet games	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
09:00 - 11:00	Amazing race- campus tour/ Kahoot quiz	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
11:00 - 12:00	PowerPlant self-defence	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	
13:30 - 14:30	Life as a SU student	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
14:30 - 16:00	Let Loose	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
16:00 - 17:00	Beads and Bond	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️ 🔊	Mt Olympus
17:00 - 17:50	Olympus Challenge: Minute Edition	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus
17:50 - 18:00	Closing	🚶‍♂️ 🚶‍♀️	Mt Olympus


















Dreams of Elysium Thursday, 30 January 2025			Venue
07:00 - 08:00	Morning Exploration	👤 👤	
08:00 - 09:30	Vision Board Party	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Mt Olympus
09:30 - 11:00	Let's Talk Session	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	Mt Olympus
11:00 - 12:30	Gees Hour	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	Jan Mouton
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch	🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 ♿️	
14:00 - 15:30	Dream Party	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	Mt Olympus
15:30 - 17:00	Moving to Danie Craven	♿️ 👤 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Danie Craven
17:00 - 18:00	Danie Craven	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	
18:15 - 19:00	2025 Matie Photo	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Danie Craven
18:30 - 20:00	Alumni Welcoming for Parents	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 👤	Die Stal
20:00 - 22:15	Dream Walk & Dream Fair	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	

The Agora Experience (Community, conversation, connection) Friday, 31 January 2025			Venue
07:00 - 08:00	Morning Exploration	👤 👤	Mt Olympus
08:00 - 12:00	Academic Program (Faculty meetings, Library visits)	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Mt Olympus
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 ♿️	
13:00 - 13:30	Gees hour	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	Mt Olympus
14:00 - 15:15	Society Fair	♿️ 👤 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Danie Craven
15:45 - 17:00	Theatre production	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑 🔊	Kruiskerk
17:00 - 18:00	Dinner	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Mt Olympus
18:00 - 19:00	To be or not to be	♿️ 🔊 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Mt Olympus
19:00 - 21:00	Cluster interaction with Academia	♿️ 🪑 🪑 🪑 🪑	Academia













Exploring Olympia Saturday, 1 February 2025			Venue
07:00 - 08:00	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
08:30 - 09:30	Cluster sport introduction		
09:30 - 13:00	Cluster day		
13:00 - 14:00	Lunch with Isa		Goldfields
14:00 - 15:30	Brand your own kit		Mt Olympus
15:30 - 17:00	Find my vibe		Simonsberg
17:00 - 18:00	Town Night Prep		Own arrangements
18:30 - 19:00	Town night chat		Mt Olympus
19:00 - 22:00	Town night/ games night		TBC

Sunday 2 February 2025	
RECHARGE DAY	Take the day to Rest and Refresh

















Koinonia connection (unity in diversity) Monday, 3 February 2025			Venue
07:30 - 09:00	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
09:00 - 16:30	Academic program		Mt Olympus
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch		
13:30 - 17:30	Academic program (RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete Feb 2025 Welcoming Programs of each faculty
17:30 - 18:00	Closing		Mt Olympus



















Apollo's ascent Tuesday 4 February 2025			Venue
07:30 - 09:00	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
09:00 – 12:00	Academic Programmes		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete Feb 2025 Welcoming Programme of each faculty
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch with Simonsberg		
13:30 - 17:30	Academic Programmes (RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete Feb 2025 Welcoming Programs of each faculty
17:30 – 18:00	Closing		Mt Olympus

Arete's challenge (rise to the challenge) Wednesday, 5 February 2025			Venue
07:30- 09:00	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
09:00 – 12:30	Academic Program		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete Feb 2025 Welcoming Programme
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		Mt Olympus
13:30 – 17:30	Academic Program (RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visit)		Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete Feb 2025 Welcoming Programme
14:30 – 18:30	Olympus Olympics		



Athena's wisdom Thursday, 6 February 2025			Venue
07:30 – 08:30	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
08:30- 10:00	Compulsory Faculty Benchmark Test for all Newcomers of Science and AgriScience		
10:00 – 12:00	Connect Rehearsals	  	Mt Olympus
12:00 – 14:00	Lunch with Pieke	 	Mt Olympus
14:00 – 15:00	Let's Talk	 	Jan Mouton
15:00 – 17:00	Let's Watch	  	Neelsie Cinema
17:00 – 17:30	Movement to Danie Craven	 	
17:30 – 21:00	Cluster newcomers athletics meeting	  	Coetzenburg

Hera's haven Friday, 7 February 2025			Venue
07:30 – 09:00	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
09:00 – 12:00	Social impact morning with Venustia	 	Venustia house
12:00 - 13:00	Lunch	 	
13:00 - 14:00	Academics 101	 	Jan Mouton
14:00-15:00	Connect Rehearsals	 	Mt Olympus
15:00 – 16:00	Dress Rehearsals		
16:00 – 17:00	River of life	 	Mt Olympus
17:00- 17:50	Olympus Connect rehearsals	  	Mt Olympus
17:50 – 18:00	Closing	 	Mt Olympus

Nike's victory Saturday, 8 February 2025			Venue
07:30 – 9:00	Morning Exploration		Mt Olympus
09:00 – 10:00	Olympus Olympics Awards		Mt Olympus
10:00 – 11:00	Monitors session		Mt Olympus
11:00 – 12:00	Olympus Connect rehearsals		Mt Olympus
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch		
13:00- 15:30	Final Connect rehearsals		
16:00 – 23:00	Connect "Vensters"		



CAMPUS DICTIONARY

'BIB': Stellenbosch University library

HC/HK : House Committee

Prim: "Prim" is short for Primaria or Primarius. This is the head leader of the House Committee

Klein Saterdag: Wednesday, the halfway point of the week which is worth celebrating

Neelsie: The campus food centre , with a range of food outlets. You will find that there are also different coffee shops, travel agencies , beauty and health shops , bookstores and other academic and personal businesses.

Predicate: This is your predicated mark that you have achieved throughout the year before you write your exam. Each faculty has their own system of calculating your predicate mark.

Second Opp: short for "second opportunity". Most modules or faculties offer a second opportunity exam.

CAMPUS DICTIONARY

SUNlearn: University's website where you receive important information from your lecturers regarding the module.

Rooiplein : The red brick and grass area outside of the neelsie.

FHARGA: Computer facilities for Economic and management science students

FIRGA: Computer facilities for Engineering Faculty students

HUMARGA: Computer facilities for BA and education faculty students

NARGA: Computer facilities for Science and AgriScience faculty students

SS: Student Centre in the JC Smuts building

IMPORTANT NUMBERS

CSCD ER24 hour Emergency number :

010 205 3032

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GET CONNECTED

FOLLOW US!

Join the family and ask any questions that you might have! Our social media platforms are crucial for communication to the community and would be beneficial, especially during the welcoming period



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WELCOMING PACKAGES

Package 1

STANDARD PACKAGE - R245



Package 2

**STANDARD PACKAGE
R270**



Package 3

**STANDARD PACKAGE
R330**



Package 4

**MEDIUM PACKAGE +
FOOD - R830**



Package 5

MEDIUM PACKAGE-R855



Package 6

MEDIUM PACKAGE-R865



Package 7

PREMIUM PACKAGE - R950



Package 8

ONLY FOOD- R 500



December 2024

Dear Prospective Student

CHARGING FIRST YEAR WELCOMING PACKAGES TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS 2025

Welcome to your Commuter Student community at Stellenbosch University! You have been assigned to a CSC (Commuter student Community) as you have not chosen to stay in an SU residence in 2025. During the annual welcoming period in the beginning of the year, communities take responsibility for exposing first years to Stellenbosch University in a welcoming manner.

Because CSCs do not have a dining hall (although some CSCs will arrange meals for their students in dining halls during the welcoming period) where students can enjoy meals, CSC first years are provided with "welcoming packages". These packages usually consist of several meals, clothing, and other items unique to each community. During CSC registration on the first day of Welcoming (Tuesday 28th January 2025), you will have the option of purchasing one of these welcoming packages at a set price (which may vary from community to community). Each CSC 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 packages" 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 us at cscu@sun.ac.za

PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO 2025 STUDENT ACCOUNT

DETAILS OF STUDENT

NAME AND SURNAME:

STUDENT NUMBER:

CSC:

CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE (MARK WITH AN X):

FULL PACKAGE (Clothing and Meal Package) COST: R	ONLY MEALS COST: R	ONLY CLOTHING PACKAGE COST: R

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 must pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed¹.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT OR GUARDIAN:

DATE:

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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.

Desember 2024

Beste Voornemende Matie Student,

HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGSPAKKIE-KOSTES OP STUDENTEREKENING 2025

Welkom by jou Pendel Student Gemeenskap by Stellenbosch Universiteit! Aangesien jy nie in 'n US koshuis woonagtig is nie, is jy del van 'n PSG (Pendel Studente Gemeenskap). Tydens die jaarlikse Verwelkomingsperiode neem gemeenskappe verantwoordelikheid om die eerstejaars op 'n verwelkomende wyse aan Stellenbosch Universiteit bloot te stel.

Aangesien die PSG's nie oor 'n eetsaal beskik waar studente maaltye kan geniet nie, (alhoewel daar reëlins getref word deur sommige PSG's om etes in die oop eetsale te geniet), word daar vir die eerstejaars "verwelkomingspakkies" saamgestel. Dit bestaan gewoonlik uit 'n sekere aantal maaltye, klerasie en soortgelyke items wat eie is aan die betrokke PSG. Tydens registrasie by die PSG op die eerste dag van Verwelkoming (Dinsdag 28^{ste} Januarie 2025) het u die opsie om hierdie verwelkomingspakkies aan te skaf teen 'n vasgestelde bedrag (wat kan wissel van PSG tot PSG). Elke PSG 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 "verwelkomingspakkies" 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 cscu@sun.ac.za

TOESTEMMING: HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE OP STUDENTEREKENING 2025

BESONDERHEDE VAN STUDENT:

NAAM EN VAN:

STUDENTENOMMER:

PSG:

KEUSE VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE (MERK MET 'N X):

Volle pakkie (Klere- en kospakkie) KOSTE: R	SLEGS KOSPAKKIE KOSTE: R	SLEGS KLEREPAKKIE KOSTE: R

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 gehêf 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 OF VOOG:

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, verkeerdlik 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.