

WELCOME TO| WELKOM BY|
WAMKELEKILE KWI



VENUSTIA

BEAUTY THROUGH STRENGTH

NEWCOMERS| NUWELING|
MNTU OMTSHA

WHO ARE WE?

Venustia PSO is a tight-knit community which aims to embody our motto, beauty through strength. This motto is represented by our symbol; the majestic Swan.

Venustia consists of Stellenbosch University students living in private accommodation. Venustia's members aspire to be value-driven and to constantly cultivate an uplifting environment. We inspire our members in ways that promote a sense of self-discovery and group connection, within our community as well as with communities around us. Venustia forms part of the Rubix Cluster, where small families are joined, a sense of community is built and where everyone is offered a chance to broaden their horizon. Venustia's members are encouraged to express their beliefs and values, as well as build relationships with others. We strive to create a blossoming environment that for all those who find themselves apart of Venustia will feel comfortable and confident enough to develop in this community.

A private Student Organisation (PSO) is an organisation of students who do not live in official University accommodation for the purpose of organisational and community-driven purposes. Such PSOs have a student leadership structure, and private students are allocated into one per the University Placement Policy. All PSOs and residences are then grouped in clusters according to location, there are 7 clusters all together on Stellenbosch campus.

Our vision in Venustia is to create a space of safety and sustainability. An area where inclusivity is embraced and celebrated. We wish to engage with the communities around us and to invest our time in social impact projects. Our mission is to nurture the vibrant culture Venustia has to offer amongst newcomers as well as our senior swans. We strive to fully embrace our motto 'Beauty through strength' along with the Institutional values, to breed the confident and empowering Swans that shine through in different communities.



OUR VALUES



INCLUSIVITY

Venustia believes that inclusivity stems deeper than mere “accommodation” and therefore intend on incorporating people who might otherwise be excluded or marginalised in our community. Venustia believes in including all different types of people and treating them all fairly and equally.

EQUALITY

Venustia believes in substantive equality, not formal equality. Venustia aims to give everyone what they need to grow and be successful, as we acknowledge that not everyone starts at the same place, and not everyone has the same needs. Venustia strives for eventual equality, while understanding the reality that we can only reach that goal through substantive equality.





COMPASSION

Compassion can be demonstrated in the sense of both trying to understand another's pain, as well as the desire to somehow mitigate that pain, regardless of knowledge (or the lack thereof) of their current standing. Venustia believes in having compassion for others, as well as for oneself.

INTEGRITY

Venustia believes in having integrity through consistency of actions, values, methods, measures, principles, expectations and outcomes, regarded as the honesty and truthfulness of one's actions.

Integrity

Choosing courage over comfort; choosing what is right over what is fun, fast, or easy; and choosing to practice our values rather than simply professing them.

Brené Brown



RESPECT

Respect can be understood as acting in a way which shows care for other's feelings and well being as well as having due regard for the opinions, wishes and rights of others. Venustia believes in having respect for yourself, others and the environment.



WELCOME, FUTURE SWAN

Afrikaans

Hallo

English

Hello

isiNdebele

Lotjhani

isiXhosa

Molo

isiZulu

Sawubona

Sepedi

Dumela

Sesotho

Dumela

Setswana

Dumela

siSwati

Sawubona

Tshivenda

Aa

Xitsonga

Avuxeni



A WORD OF WELCOME

FROM OUR PRIMARIA

ANGELIQUE BARROSO (SHE/HER)

Firstly, I would like to welcome you to the Venustia community! We are so excited to have you form part of this community and can't wait to be by your side throughout your university career. I can remember being in the same position as you, unsure of the journey I was about to embark on and not too sure what it meant to be part of Venustia PSO. So, it is a great honour for me to invite you into this awesome Venustia community which will hopefully become a safe space for you.

My name is Angelique Barroso, but I normally just go by Angie and I am in my final year of undergraduate studies of BAcc. Although I may be a numbers person, I am a lover of makeup & lifestyle videos and I love to spend time with family and friends. I enjoy meeting new people and creating new connections. These past 3 years in Venustia have truly inspired a lot of growth in my life as well as given me many opportunities I would not have thought possible and is truly part of why I am who I am today. Venustia has become a home base for me with people who are compassionate, kind and always there to give me a helping hand or to lend an ear.

Venustia PSO, throughout your university career, will give you the opportunity to follow your passions that may not be academic, such as leadership positions, sports teams, culture events, sustainability and so much more, all that you need to do is take grasp of these opportunities.

Due to how our world is ever changing as we have seen through this last year, Venustia PSO can become your rock and a community you can rely on during these times to aid you when it comes to information about academics (your awesome mentors) or to entertain you with various activities whether that be online or in person, we have got you covered. We hope to cultivate an inclusive community where you can be accepted and respected and for us to be beside you during this journey whether that be the good times or the bad times, we function as a support system to help you adjust to this new period in your life.

Cannot wait to meet you!

All my love

Angie x



FROM OUR VICE PRIMARIA

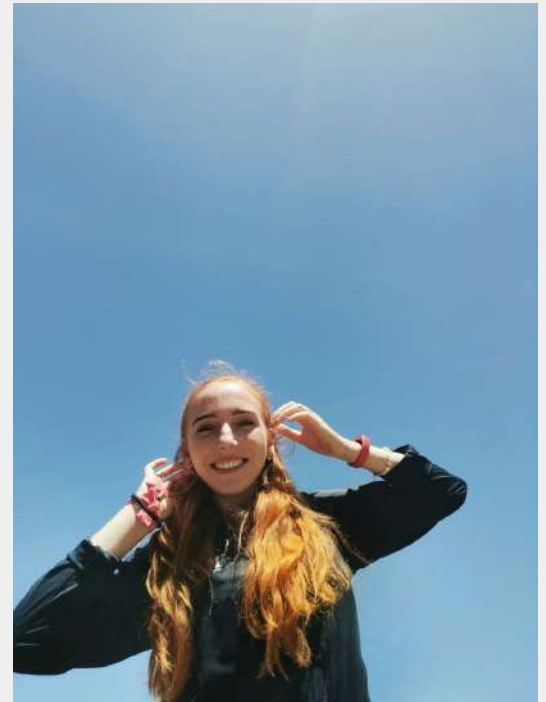
MIAAN VAN ZYL (SHE/HER)

Hello fellow swans and welcome to your home away from home, Venustia.

I am Miaan van Zyl, your vice primaria and welcoming leader for 2021 and I am super excited to finally welcome you to our PSO after all the uncertainties surrounding the future. This will be a new journey for all of us but I feel honoured to be able to experience it with you. As welcoming leader, I want to ensure that you feel safe despite the challenges with this pandemic and that you are sincerely welcomed into our community.

The transition to university can be scary and intimidating, but I along with the rest of the leadership team will try our absolute best to make sure that it is a positive transition filled with growth and fun. You will also learn crucial tips and insightful knowledge regarding campus life, and all spheres of life for that matter.

I am excited to meet every single one of you and we as the leadership of venustia, look forward to embarking on this journey with you. I can't wait to have a lot of laughs as well as a few heartfelt moments with you during welcoming and 2021. All that is left for me to say is, "stay safe and see you soon!"



FROM OUR PSO COORDINATOR

JETHRO GEOGIADES

Dear Venustia Newcomer.

Congratulations with your acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to Venustia. Studying at Stellenbosch University is a great honour and I wish you all the best as you enter this challenging yet exciting phase of your life. As a prospective first year you stand at the beginning of an exciting period in your life. As PSO Coordinator, I am responsible for managing Venustia, along with its House Committee and the Mentors. We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration into the University. Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Venustia believes in a value driven system. We consider these values in all we do.

The last year has been an extremely challenging year for us all with 2021 lining up to be just as complex. In these tricky times our communities, relationships and ability to constantly evaluate our context has become more important than ever. The fallout from COVID19 has shown us just how unstable our world can be.

This instability has also however brought the best out of us. We have forged new paths, built new relationships and innovated in ways we could never have imagined. The PSO Space has ensured that students, even when physically isolated from one another, still remain connected to each other as well as campus life.

I encourage you to make the most of this experience and to take a hold of each and every opportunity that comes your way. In today's world, a degree can only get you so far. Your experience at Venustia PSO is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Venustia is your portal to an exciting out-of-class and co-curricular experience which will go a long way in 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

MASILO SILOKAZI (SHE/HER)

HEAD MENTOR | WOMXN EMPOWERMENT

Q: Who is Masilo Silokazi?

A: I'm your typical scarlet guitar wielding intersectional feminist who loves alt. Metal and D' Angelico guitars!

When I arrived at university I was certain that I would find my people - a place where I belong - in a heartbeat. I had a vision of finally finding the cool alt rock metal heads who are all riot grrrls and don't take no for an answer.

Instead what I was greeted with was a range of eclectic personalities, different music tastes and brand new philosophies. I was forced to expand my views on what kind of people I perceive as friends and that change in mentality would not have happened without Venustia. Venustia introduced me to Unconscious Bias Training, new ideas of what Womxn empowerment is and the leaders of 2019 are the ones who encourages me to start performing at live gigs. In short Venustia has changed my life in more ways than I can describe. No matter who or what you identify yourself as - there's always a space for you to feel like you belong in Venustia.



KELBY MANUAL (SHE/HER)

FINANCIAL MANAGER | SOCIAL IMPACT

Hi there fellow Swan! A massive congratulations on being a Stellenbosch student!!

My name is Kelby Manuel and I am Venustia's financial manager for 2021. I am from Cape Town and am in my third year of BA Drama and Theatre Studies- Performance as well as Psychology. Strange pairing, I know. My duties are quite straight forward and as it suggests I manage Venustia's funds. I love photography, a good book or laughing till I cry with friends.

You are about to enter a new, possibly weird, strange, and difficult time in your life (as if life right now can get any stranger). Starting this new chapter is going to feel like uncharted waters at times, don't worry, we've all experienced it. But that's the great thing about it, that's where growth happens. My greatest wish for you is to grab it with open arms. Venustia is a community where I have created some of the greatest memories that I will cherish forever and friends that will most certainly last a lifetime. I cannot wait to meet you all, and for you to start your Swan journey!





EMILY CLAIRE ANDERSON (SHE/THEM)
 SUSTAINABILITY | CRITICAL ENGAGEMENT
 BCAW AND VENUSTIA WEEK | EVENTS

Hellllooo future swans!! Congratulations on making it this far - this is just the start!

My name is Emily Claire Anderson but everyone calls me Claire. I am from a small city in the garden route called George and I'm now in my third year of studying a BA Law degree. I am a very loud and passionate person which means that I rarely don't have something to say.

When I started my first year I was very sceptical about joining Venustia. It soon became clear to me that I was under the wrong impression. It doesn't take long to figure out that Venustia is a community which embraces diversity instead of shying away from it. Venustia is a place which accepts you for who you are - quirks and all - and provides you with a place where you can shine in your own spotlight. My advice to you in this time would be simply this: don't take yourself so seriously. Don't let your ego get in the way of having the best time. You've only got now, make it count!!



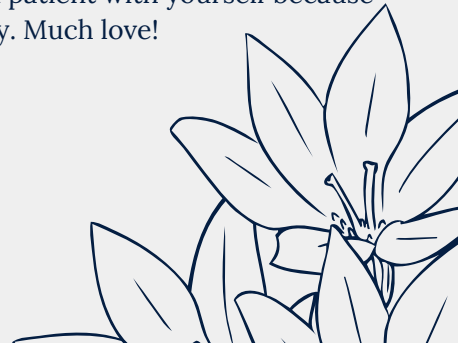
PRAISE CHASELA (SHE/THEY)
 CONNECT | CULTURE | CONSTITUTION

Bonjour mes chers! A ginormous congratulations on getting to this moment especially after what must've been a tumultuous 2020.

My name is Praise and I'm a Malawian immigrant hailing from Joburg (in short I am having a constant identity crisis). I'm a humanities student so I love social critical theory, and literature, but I am also a film and music fanatic!

Venustia is where I met my best friend whom I plan to annoy until we're very old and frail. I hope that in Venustia you will find a safe space that is kind and lets you be who you are and I hope you find some forever friends within this space.

I'm so excited to acquaint you with our beautiful campus and community and as you're preparing for university I have two words of advice. Be unapologetically you, even if you're still figuring out who that is and secondly, be kind and patient with yourself because we're all figuring it out and that's okay. Much love!





TAYLA KURTEN (SHE/HER)

SOCIAL MEDIA | BRANDING AND MERCHANDISE |
BCAW AND VENUSTIA WEEK

Hello, future Swan! Welcome to the family and congratulations on being accepted into Stellenbosch University! My name is Tayla, otherwise referred to as T Swizzle by... not many people. I am currently a Third Year BA Humanities student striving to do my postgraduate in Psychology in order to one day become a Clinical Psychologist, fingers crossed. I have a deep appreciation for aesthetically-pleasing design – hence my responsibilities are in line with all things Venustia aesthetics! I remember being in your place, not too long ago, also eagerly reading through my welcoming booklet in hopes to absorb every bit of information that I could about the Stellies community! Many new things are in store for you and although understandably daunting, the excitement anticipating this new chapter in your life should far exceed any concerns – remember, every smiling face you see in this booklet cannot wait to help guide you through the beginning of your journey! You're probably a bit tired of every cliché that has been enthusiastically advised, but that just shows how accurate the advice truly is. The pandemic we're currently persevering through has certainly taught us to appreciate and make the most of the opportunities we have, so I sincerely hope that you are encouraged to try to take part in all of the thoughtfully planned new experiences Venustia and the university have to offer. Your time is now so I recommend that you give your future graduated self many fond memories to look back on! All the best and I can't wait to meet you! Lots of love.



BANELE PLAGITJES (SHE/HER)

CLUSTER | CONNECT | COMMUNICATION

Hey Swans!
I'd love to welcome you all to Stellenbosch University. First-year is a huge adjustment from high school and with the current pandemic, will be a lot different from anything you have experienced. Your fellow Swans in Venustia cannot wait to meet you and support you through the years. Here's to a positive year and new beginnings!





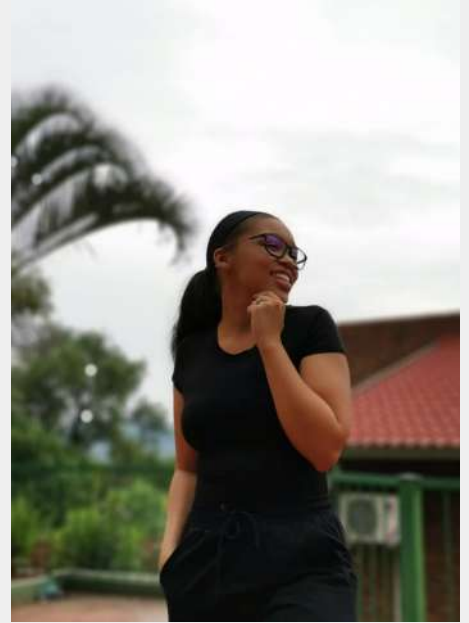
MICARLA SEYMOUR (SHE/HER) SECRETARY | SPORT

Dear fellow sisters.

I'm Micarla Seymour, from the North West, Rustenburg. I'm currently studying Sports Science.

I know that when you see me for the first time it's probably going to look like I don't want to speak to anyone but I promise that's just my face. I'm very approachable and love having intellectual conversations.

I believe that when each of us wake up in the morning we have two choices. Wake up and follow your dreams or sleep and keep dreaming. You have made it this far. I hope that Venustia will give you the same opportunities that was given to me to grow and be the person I am today. May your journey with us be beautiful, filled with a lots of love, fun and lifelong friendships.



MENTORS

This team of highly empathetic, ambitious and energetic swans have volunteered and been selected to help guide the first years through their university experience. Their extensive training has equipped them for any question and university experience a first year may go through. Your mentor often becomes your shoulder to cry on when things go astray and your go to person to show you all the best coffee spots in town. The mentors are thoroughly looking forward to meeting their mentee groups and can't wait to start creating the long lasting bonds that Venustian swans are destined to have.



SIDNEY CRAWFORD



CAITLIN BOSSENGER



FRANCÉ HENNING



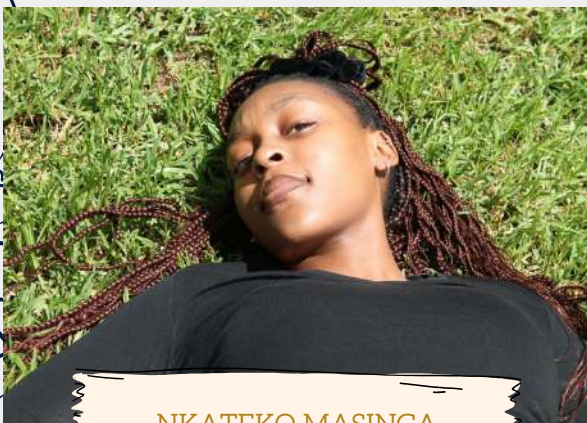
SUNEL ESTERHUYSE



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JOHNÉ JANSEN VAN VUUREN



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MICHAELA WIESE



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ROBYN MINNIE



SASHA MCGHEE



PETRA APOLLIS



LIEZL MEYER



KARYN ENGELBRECHT



CHLOË-MAE LAUBSCHER



JERISCA PILLAY



SECOND YEARS COMMITTEE

The second years committee pride themselves in being a positive and vibrant group of leaders who contribute with behind-the-scenes tasks that are a crucial aspect to the smooth sailing of welcoming week. There are various opportunities to grow and develop as leaders and individuals within the community. This committee works alongside the House Committee and also interact socially with other Residences and PSO's. They also attend a second years committee dance during the year, where they can form a social and interactive channel for the future. With their willingness to work hard and integrity to ensure lekker vibes - welcoming and the rest of the year is sure to be a whole lot of fun and a huge success.

CHAIR
PERSON



SAMANTHA DU PLESSIS

VICE
CHAIR



JANÉ THERON



STEPHANIE HUGO



OLEBOGENG MOECA



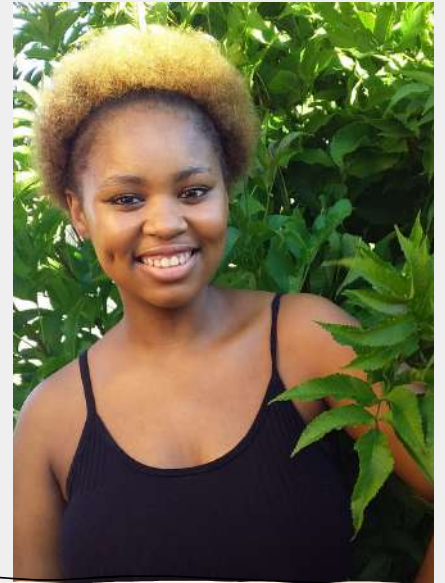
ISABEL WERTH



ANLIA ERWEE



BILQEES LAATOE



SIMPHIWE MTHEMBU



JESS HACKETT



CAYLIN ADAMS



KAYLA HEYDRICKS



SENIORS COMMITTEE

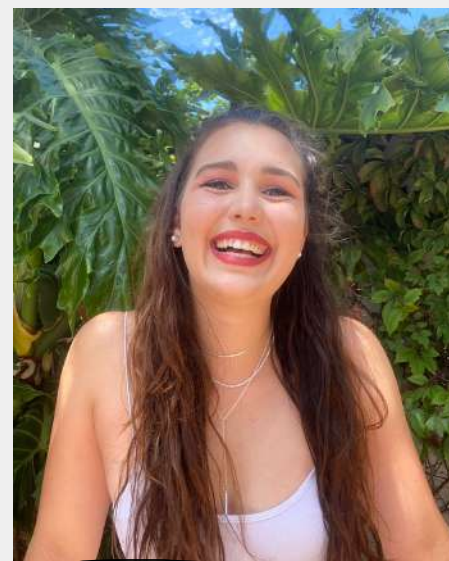
The Seniors Committee is a resourceful group of individuals who strive to foster connections between newcomers and senior students to help with the transition from high school to varsity. In welcoming and throughout the year the Seniors Committee members are available to answer questions about your degree as well as to host some fun events and activities, including but not limited to the seniors' dance. This committee helps to ensure that the senior members of Venustia remain active in the community. Their friendly smiles will help you feel at ease while embarking on this new journey.



NADINE VAN DER WALT



PRECIOUS SETSHEDI



ANDREA MULLER



JENNA KIESLICH



DENUSHA CAMERON



LARA VAN WYK





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AMY CULLINAN



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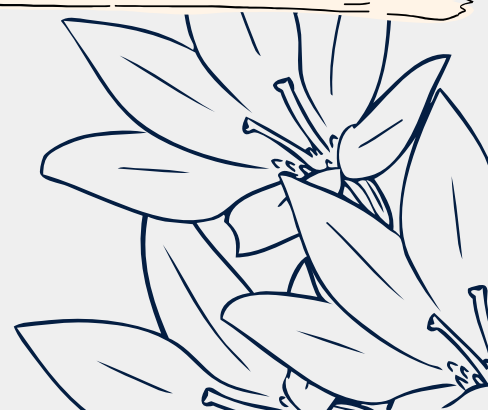
TALISCHA DE KOCK



MAGDAL MYBURGH



DANIELE HUMAN





CLUSTER

University is not just about getting a degree but collecting experiences, connections and skills that lead to being a well-rounded graduate and person.

The cluster initiative works to ensure that students are multifaceted and that a platform is created where students can live and learn. It connects residences and PSO's to form a greater community where resources and experiences can be shared. The large University community often feels intimidating and isolating as students feel like "just another number" and sticking with your faculty, residence or friendship circle could restrict your horizon but a Cluster is just the right size. Thus within a cluster, we combine small families to create a larger network and build a sense of community that offers everyone a chance to broaden their horizons.

Venustia forms a part of the Rubix Cluster which consists of Pieke, Heemstede, Nerina, Hippokrates and Metanoia.

VALUES OF RUBIX CLUSTER:
UNITY DIVERSITY EQUALITY





FROM OUR CLUSTER CONVENORS

KULANI NGOBENI & MARISA PIENAAR

Dear Newcomer,

First of all, congratulations on becoming a Matie and welcome to the best cluster on campus! At Stellenbosch University clusters are used to promote the student experience by creating and allowing for meaningful exchanges and connections between different communities. We encourage you to look at the Rubix Cluster as your family and home-away-from-home!

In this space, you will receive the opportunity to meet a variety of new people outside of your residence or PSO, as well as be afforded the platform to engage in interesting and challenging conversations which will increase your experience of diversity. Alongside diversity, the Rubix Cluster - as consisting of Metanoia, Nerina, Heemstede, Pieke and Venustia - takes pride in relying on the values of unity and equality. As conveners, we aim to ensure that the needs of our communities are satisfied as well work towards creating the means through which various communities can collaborate within the cluster space. Therefore, you will see a lot of us during the welcoming period, so please don't hesitate to come say hello and introduce yourselves. We are looking forward to meeting and engaging with all of you! Being part of Rubix Cluster gives you the privileges of always having access to dining facilities, study spaces and study groups. So rest assured that you will always have access to safe spaces, regardless of whether you stay on or off-campus. We know that this time of transition can be somewhat stressful - especially in the circumstances in which we all find ourselves. However, we remain committed to doing everything in our power to make this transition as smooth as possible and ensuring that we have various support structures which can help guide you throughout this exciting period. As you enter this next stage of your life, we encourage you to welcome the coming opportunities and challenges with open arms.

Kind regards

Rubix Cluster Conveners

Marisa Pienaar and Kulani Ngobeni



WELCOMING WEEK

Welcoming week is one of the most exciting and exhausting experiences of your university life – barring house dance preparations and final exams. While welcoming week may look a little different this year, it will still serve its purpose in situating you in your new life on campus. The welcoming period this year will take place online initially from the (date), then later face-to-face (date).

The online welcoming will provide you with an opportunity to engage with your fellow newcomers, while maintaining the necessary safety measures to protect the community from COVID-19. This will leave you feeling more comfortable for the face-to-face welcoming taking place in March.

The welcoming period prepares you for your journey at Stellenbosch University while introducing you to Venustia PSO. Each day of the welcoming period is packed with fun activities that cater to everyone's tastes – expect outdoor fun, meaningful engagements, and social outreach. During this time, you will meet fellow students from across the university, make new friends, and explore campus. Prepare to discover the best coffee spots to keep you going throughout your busy university days!

Please note that the dates and activities of welcoming week are subject to change depending on the COVID-19 regulations in place.



CONNECT/ VENSTERS

Connect, commonly called Vensters, is one of the most exciting experiences for any Stellies first-year student. It is a fun-filled dance show/ festival in which all the first years partake. The Connect event takes place at the end of the welcoming week after all the hard work put in during the week of learning the dances. Each residence and PSO is randomly paired up. They must show off their creative chops by writing a script for their performance as well as show of their dancing skills. This year we are incredibly excited to be partnered up with Hippocrates residence, from the Tygerberg medical campus, as well as Huis Visser Residence, here in Stellenbosch.

The event encapsulates Stellies spirit and gives our first years the opportunity to fully immerse themselves into Stellenbosch. The event is a great introduction to the different communities on campus as well as showing our diversity and the unity found within that diversity. It is the perfect event to start off your Stellenbosch adventure!

Unfortunately, due to Covid-19, business is unable to run as usual. This year the show will be done online. Each partnering will compile a video of their skit and their first years performing the dances. The video will be placed on the Connect YouTube channel for viewers to watch and like. Via this route, we can adhere to Covid-19 regulations while still being able to partake in Stellenbosch traditions and coming together to weather the storm the best way we can, through dance.

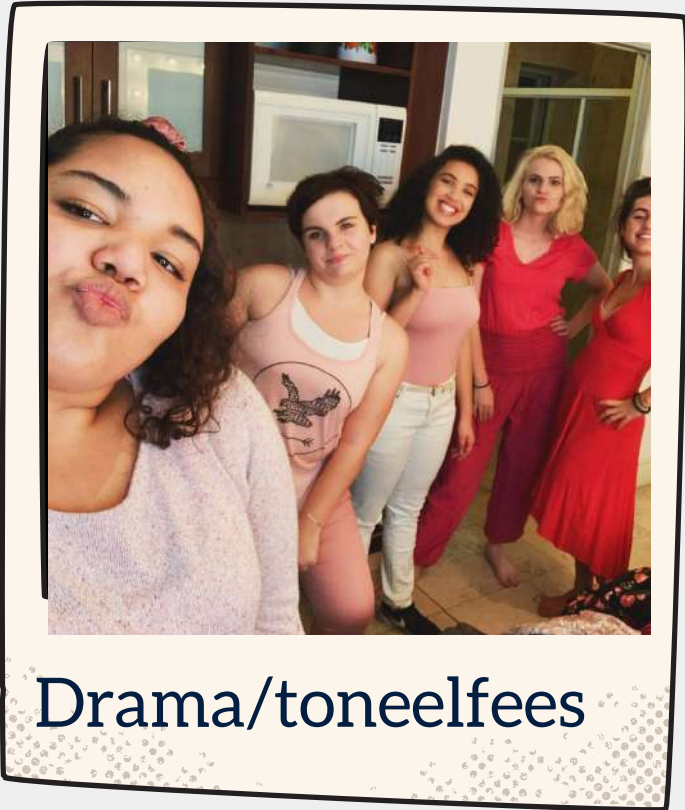




THINGS TO LOOK FORWARD TO

CULTURE

If you love getting creative, then get excited to get involved in everything culture! You can look forward to some SuAcapella, toneelfees (if you're a drama queen), mollasesér, cultural evening where you can showcase your talents, and more!



Drama/toneelfees



Cultural evenings



SU Acapella





SPORT

If you like to keep active then we have some exciting sports for you! We offer Netball, Hockey, Soccer, Table Tennis and some more exciting activities coming up!



Hockey

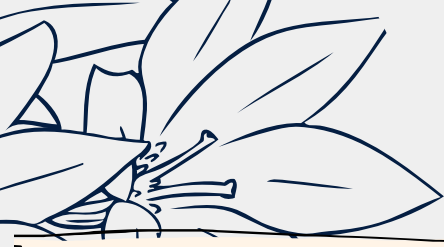


Netball



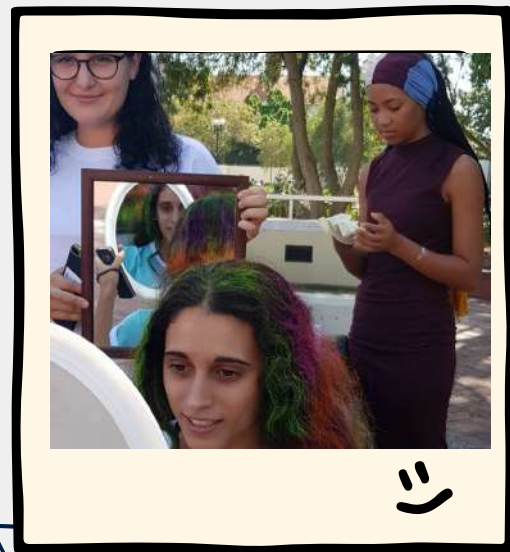
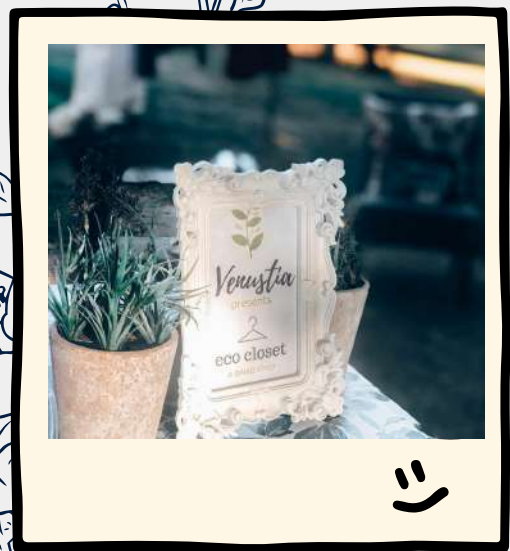
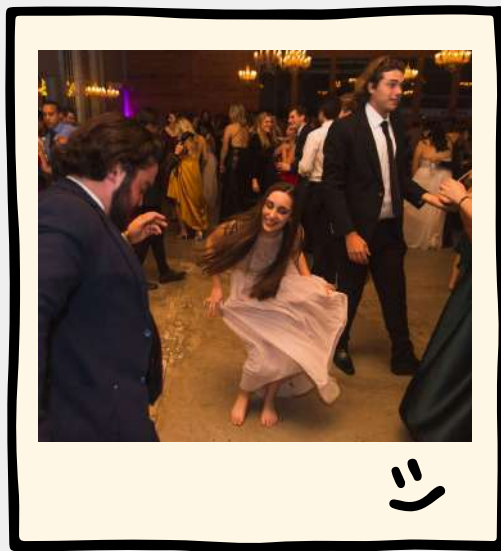
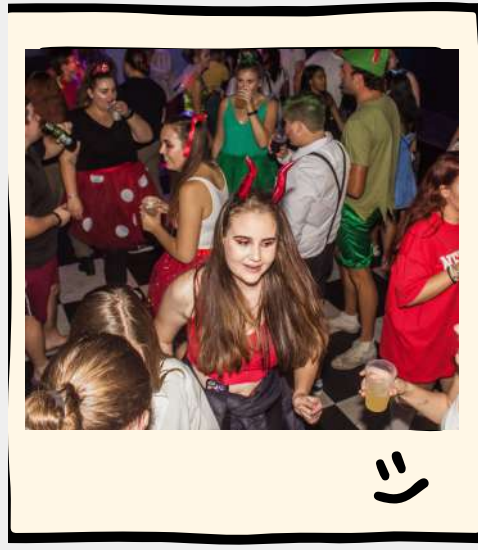
Table Tennis





EVENTS/DANCES

Throughout the year you can look forward to a lot of dressing up with house dance, first years dance, huisfonds dance and seniors dance. Then you can also look forward to Breast cancer awareness week, the eco-closet and much more!





STATIONERY DRIVE



We have been informed that there is a shortage of and necessity for stationery amongst school learners within the Stellenbosch district as each learner is expected to have their own supplies during this COVID 19 period. Thus, it has been asked that the Stellenbosch University communities collect and donate stationery packs to schools within our cohort.

We are kindly asking that each of our Venustian first years please try to contribute a few of the following items of stationery:

- Pencil
- Eraser
- Sharpener
- Pen
- Ruler
- Pritt
- Colour pencils
- Small sanitiser



We ask that you please bring the items of stationery that you would like to donate to Orientation at any point during Welcoming up until 11 March.





STELLIES LINGO

SWAN EDITION

Alumni: Venustia's alumni includes all swans who are either in their postgraduate studies or have qualified from their degrees. Our alumni form a community which allows for members of Venustia to stay connected to the PSO and their fellow members after the completion of their degrees.

Bib: Bib is short for the Afrikaans word 'biblioteek' which translates to 'library' in English. Thus, the bib is the Stellenbosch University Library.

Cluster: A cluster groups together a few PSO's and Residences to form a larger community to allow for a vaster interaction and experience of university culture within a more diverse group of people. Venustia is part of the Rubix Cluster.

Connect: Connect is one of the exciting welcoming week events to which you should look forward! It's a series of performances involving acting and dancing which each PSO and Residence's new first years take part in. This year Venustia has been partnered up with two Residences, namely Huis Visser and Hippokrates. You may also hear people referring to this event as 'vensters'.

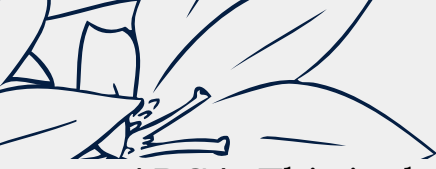
Critical Engagements: Critical engagements are conversations which take place in order to discuss important topics which in many cases question societal structure and the way one thinks and acts. Thus, they often encapsulate difficult and controversial topics which are essential to discuss in order to stretch the ways we think and allow for opportunities to hear different opinions and experiences.

FHARGA: This is the name of the computer centre for the Economic Management Science Faculty located on the top floor of the Neelsie.

FIRGA: This is the name of the computer centre for the Engineering Faculty students located in the Engineering building.

Gees: This is an Afrikaans word which can be compared to 'hype' or 'spirit'. You will hear this word quite often on campus, especially during the exciting period of Welcoming.

HEMIS: This stands for 'Higher Education Information Management System' but everyone just calls it 'HEMIS'. HEMIS gets calculated based off of a student's marks throughout the year in order to determine whether they qualify for accommodation allocation (whether students have good enough marks to stay in their Residence) and academic re-admission (whether students have good enough marks to continue studying in their Faculty). HEMIS is also important for qualifying for leadership positions.



HUMARGA: This is the name of the computer centre for the Arts and Social Science as well as the Education Faculties' students located on the third floor of the BA building.

HC/HK: An abbreviation for 'House Committee'.

Klein Saterdag: The name used to refer to Wednesdays.

Molassesêr: This is an informal and fun annual competition among the first years in each of the PSO's and Residences during which they sing/shout, dance and act. It is not as serious as SU Acapella.

NARGA: This is the name of the computer centre for the Science Faculty students. There are many branches of NARGA scattered across campus.

Neelsie: This is the name of an on-campus shopping centre which pretty much has it all! It's your food and coffee central, has ample seating for you to eat with your friends as well a place to run your general errands. It is also home to many of the student organisations, such as Venustia's HC Office which we share with Pieke PSO.

Newcomer: A student who is in their first year of studies.

Pred: Short for 'predicate mark'. It refers to the mark which you have achieved throughout the year, before writing your exams. You need to achieve predicate in order to be allowed to write your exams. It is calculated differently depending on the faculty. For the most part, as long as you are passing, you're all good.

Prim: Short for 'primaria'. This is the head leader of the House Committee. The title can be compared to that of the head girl of a school.

PSO: Stands for Private Student Organisation. While PSOs do not offer accommodation to students, they do provide a tight-knit community in which to experience different facets of university life, such as being welcomed into the university, playing sports, attending or taking part in cultural performances and ultimately having a family of diverse students by your side.

Rooplein: The red brick area above and surrounding the library as well as the grass area next to the Neelsie.

Second Opp: Short for 'second opportunity'. This is the second opportunity available to write exams. The system works differently depending on the degree and faculty.





Sêr: An old term for what is now called 'SU Acapella'. This is an annual acapella competition among the PSO's and Residences.

Skakel: Stellenbosch slang for 'social'. This is an interaction or social between members of PSOs and/or Residences.

SRC: Stands for Student Representative Council.

SS: An abbreviation for 'Student Centre' which is a quiet place where you can study located in the JC Smuts building.

SSVO/CSCD: Stands for 'Centre for Student Counselling and Development'.

Swan: The swan is Venustia's symbol, hence why we endearing refer to fellow members of Venustia as 'swans'.

Toneelfees: This is an annual theatre festival hosted by the university.

Vice Prim: Short for 'vice primaria'. This is the vice to the head leader of the House Committee. The title can be compared to that of the deputy head girl of a school.

Welcoming: This is the period during which the newcomers are welcomed to Stellenbosch University by their respective PSO or Residence.

Womxn Empowerment: The Womxn Empowerment Portfolio is a platform for individuals to learn more about important topics pertaining to the experiences of Womxn. The portfolio includes an active Instagram page known as Womxn4Womxn that openly engages with topics ranging from gender politics, feminist theory, visual arts and self-love. The community also regularly hosts workshops that include business start-up workshops, embroidery workshops, self-love & care workshops and so much more!





SWAN WELCOMING 2021

Venustia's Newcomer Welcoming Program and Guide



Dear Newcomer,

Greetings from Miaan, your Vice-Primaria and Welcoming Leader and Angie, your Primaria. We hope you are keeping safe during these times. We are so excited to meet you and cannot wait to connect with you online for the virtual welcoming on the 17th of February, as well as on the 3rd of March when we get to meet with you in person.

To ensure we can help to keep you safe and comfortable during both these periods please see the following guidelines:

- We strive to facilitate activities and events that ensure you feel safe and comfortable both in virtual and in in-person spaces, but should you ever feel uncomfortable during any welcoming activities we will understand if you would prefer to stop participating in such events. We recommend that should such a circumstance arise, you chat to any House Committee member, Mentor or any leader with whom you feel comfortable.
- If, during in-person welcoming, there is allocated free time please feel welcome to relax at the HC house while waiting for the next activity. Do not worry, you will not be alone as there will always be leaders around.
- The official Venustia PSO registration for newcomers will be on the 3rd of March but we are aware that not all newcomers will be able to make this day so we have a second registration on the 4th of March.
- All locations can be found on the programme, if you arrive to welcoming later please feel free to pop either one of us a message.
- On specific dates there are academic programmes indicated – this will give you the opportunity to be introduced to your faculty. All information will be provided by your faculty and the university for these sessions and your mentors will be there for you every step of the way.
- All necessary information on activities will be provided each day or if needed the day before.
- Please bring the following when packing for welcoming:
 - Facemasks which are compulsory to be worn at all times throughout welcoming
 - A bottle of sanitizer
 - A reusable water bottle
 - Sunblock
 - Comfortable clothing and shoes to move in
 - Athletic wear if comfortable
 - One or two white shirts
 - Blue shirt
 - Lip balm
 - A sun hat or sun visor

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We have attached a copy of the welcoming programmes below for you to see what activities to expect.

Kind regards and all of our love xx

VIRTUAL WELCOMING PROGRAMME

Date	Theme	Time	Activity	Platform
17 February 2021	Greeting Day	10am	HC Introduction	Instagram & TikTok
		Throughout Day	Movie voting	Instagram polls
		12pm	TikTok challenge for Swans	TikTok & Instagram
		3pm	Mentor Session	Mentor's Discretion
		5:30pm	Introduction to parents and Swans	Zoom
		7pm	Movie night	Netflix party
18 February 2021	Venustia - R-US	10am	Mentor Introductions	TikTok & Instagram
		12pm	Highlights of what we offer	Instagram & Facebook
		2pm	Critical Engagement: Gender and LGBTQ+ Community	Discord
		3:30pm	Mentor session	Mentor's Discretion
		5pm	Quiz night about Stellenbosch	Discord
19 February 2021	Green Day	10am	Green tips and tricks with Claire	Instagram Live
		12pm	Marketing Eco Closet	Instagram & Facebook
		2pm	Critical Engagement: Sustainability	Discord
		4pm	Mentor Session	Mentor's Discretion
20 February 2021	Health Day	10am	Yoga	Zoom
		12pm	Critical Engagement: Mental Health and Wellness	Discord
		3pm	Mentor Session	Mentor's Discretion
		5pm	Fitness Session/Self-care	Zoom
21 February 2021	Geesvang Day	10am	Introduction of 2 nd Years Comm and Seniors Comm	TikTok & Instagram
		12pm	House Song & Show Connect/ Vensters dance	Instagram & Facebook
		3pm	Critical Engagement: Alcohol Policy	Discord
		4pm	Mentor Session	Mentor's Discretion
		6pm	Among Us/Games Evening	Discord, various platforms
22 February 2021	Venustia's Got Talent Day	Throughout day (start at 10am)	#venustiasgottalent	Instagram & TikTok
		2pm	Mentor Session	Mentor's Discretion
		4pm	Culture Evening	Instagram Live
		After Culture Evening	End of Virtual Welcoming - Farewell	Instagram Live



Date and time	Activity: WHAT	Place and contact person	What to wear
Tuesday	02 March		
TBA	<i>PSO / Residence Registration (Law Students)</i>	TBA	
	Training of information officials		
Wednesday	03 March		
08:30 – 16:00	<i>Law Faculty Program</i>	TBA	
08:00 – 10:00	PSO Registration	Venustia HC house Contact persons: Miaan : Angie:0711476388	Newcomers wear what they feel comfortable with
10:00 – 11:00	Introductions and Safety-Protocol Chat	Venustia HC House [Directions] (one parent per member allowed)	
11:00 – 12:00	Platters and Snacks	Venustia HC house	
12:00 - 13:00	Carnival Games	Venustia HC house grass	
13:00 – 14:00	Mentor Allocations & Introductions	Venustia HC house grass	
14:00 -	Day ends early, newcomers can safely explore Campus		
Thursday	04 March		
08: 00 –10:00	PSO Registration P2.	Venustia HC House [Directions] Miaan van Zyl – 074 925 8059	Newcomers wear what they are comfortable in (easy to change top)
<u>10:00</u>	Newcomers who are registered arrive	Venustia HC House [Directions]	
10:00 – 11:30	Mentor Allocations & Session	Venustia HC house grass	-
11:30– 12:15	University Information Session	Venustia HC house grass	
12:15 – 13:00	Connect Demonstration	Venustia HC house grass	

	('Vensters')		
reception@psychiatryvillaged.co.za	reception@psychiatryvillaged.co.za	Heemstede dining hall	
14:00 – 15:00	Among Us/ Mafia (In Person)	Venustia HC House [Directions]	
12:30 – 15:30	Information session: Students with Special Learning Needs (Disabilities) (STB campus) Walk-in session during the period.	See Welcoming Booklet (March 2021)	
14:00 – 17:00	Introduction of parents to faculties. (STB campus) Students excluded, except where indicated otherwise	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the welcoming booklet and complete March 2021 program	
15:30 – 16:30	Compulsory session for AgriScience students: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> with average percentage between 50% and 59% (final Grade 12 results) and/or with average percentage between 50% and 59% for Mathematics and/or who have been admitted conditionally to the Extended Degree Program 	JS Marais Building [Directions] See Welcoming Booklet (March 2021)	
15:00 – 15:45	Mentor Session	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
15:45 – 16:00	Get ready for Danie Craven		(Swans wear/change into Maties shirts)
16:00 – 17:30	Moving to Danie Craven Stadium	No formats e.g. no rows, etc.	Parents do not attend in person (online)
17:30 – 18:00 18:00 – 21:00	Informal program at Danie Craven DREAM LAUNCH & DREAM WALK <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Official Welcoming by the Rector Availing your dreams 	Danie Craven Stadium [Directions]	
Friday	05 March		

08:00 – 12:00	Academic Program (Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are	
		indicated in the complete March 2021 program	
08:00 – 12:00	ACTIVITIES Which will include: Learning the house song Learning the connect (Vensters) dance Mentor activities	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	Comfortable attire for movement
08:00 – 15:30	AgriScience: Academic orientation		
12:00 – 13:00	House song	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH	Heemstede Dining hall	
14:00 – 16:00	Registration of B Occupational Therapy and B Speech, Language, and Hearing Therapy Students on the STB campus (those who could not register themselves)	Administration, Block A. See Welcoming Booklet (March) [Directions]	
14:00 – 15:15	Welcoming Fair (PK, HC Sport, Societies Council: Chairperson)	Coetzenburg B, C, D & E Rugby Fields [Directions]	14:00 – 15:15 (amaMaties & Rubix)
16:00 – 17:30	Mentor Session & RESEd Session	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
17:30 – 19:00	Free time to find Supper		
19:00 – 21:00	Cluster Interaction	Activity will be online	
Saturday	06 March		
09:00– 12:00	CLUSTER DAY	As indicated by clusters Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	Wear newcomer shirt and comfortable clothes (bring a change of shirt if able)
08:30 – 14:00	Maties Welcoming Photo 2021	Venue: TBA	Clusters coordinate smaller groups to arrive at photo session

TBA (depending on photo times)	Q & A: Seniors	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Heemstede dining hall	
14:00 – 15:30	Scavenger hunt	Venustia HC house grass	

		[Directions]	
15:30 – 17:30	Mentor Session & RESEd	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
TBA (should only be half an hour if needed)	Connect Practice (Vensters)	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
Sunday	07 March		
08:30 – 14:00	Maties Welcoming Photo 2021	Reserve day	Wear something easy to move in
TBA (09:00-12:00)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Thrifting Tips - Critical Engagement: Sustainability (plants) - Quiz about Scavenger Hunt 	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	.
12:00 – 13:00	Lunch PICNIC	Jan Marais (BRING OWN PICNIC FOOD) [Directions]	
13:15 – 14:15	Story telling & Value-driven Conversation	Jan Marais [Directions]	-
14:30 – 15:30	Connect dance (‘Vensters’)	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
15:30 – 16:30	Mentor Session	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
16:30 – 17:30	Coffee, Karaoke	Venustia HC house [Directions]	
Monday	08 March		

08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2017 program	No Res/PSO activities during this time.
12:30 – 13:30	Lunch	Arranged with Mentor	
13:30 – 17:30	Academic Program	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are	No Res/PSO activities during this time.

	(Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	indicated in the complete January 2017 program	
Tuesday	09 March		
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (Registration, RGA-registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2020 program	No Res/PSO activities during this time.
12:30 – 13:30	LUNCH	Arranged with mentor	
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 January 2020 program	No Res/PSO activities during this time.
17:45 – 18:30	Connect Practice ("Vensters")	HC Grass	
Wednesday	10 March		
08:00 – 12:30	Academic Program (RGA-Registration, Faculty meetings, Library visits)	Venues, rooms and times of sessions per faculty are indicated in the complete January 2020 program	Wear connect shirt and easy to move in
08:30 – 13:00	ACTIVITIES - (top up route)		
08:30-09:30	Painting of masks (TBC)	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
09:30-10:30	Yoga with Sasha	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
10:30-11:00	Show top up route		
11:00-12:00	Feel the weight of what you say	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	

12:00-13:00	Connect shoot	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
13:00 – 14:00	LUNCH & Mentor Session	Heemstede dining hall	-
13:30 – 15:30	Academic programs (extra time)		
14:00 – 15:30	CONNECT SHOOT 1	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
15:30 – 18:00	Res-Ed workshop	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	-

Thursday	11 March		
	Registration for <u>senior</u> students continues		Newcomers wear connect shirt and easy to move in clothes
09:00 – 12:00	Community interaction morning (newcomers, secondyears, HC, mentors and staff)	Online(TBA)	
12:00 – 13:00	CONNECT SHOOT 2	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Heemstede dining hall	
14:00 – 15:00	Mocktails & Alcohol Session with Beer Society	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
15:00 – 16:45	Mentor Session	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
17:00-18:00	Dinner	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
TBA	Karaoke	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
Friday	12 March		
08:00	Registration for all students ends. New waiting list for residences open online		Newcomers comfortable wear or what will wear to swan ceremony

10:00 – 11:30	Bracelet making	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
11:30 – 13:00	Mentor Session	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Heemstede dining hall	
14:00 – 15:00	2YC Games	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	
15:00 – 16:45	Get Ready & Have Supper (own)		Get changed for swan ceremony
16:45 – 18:00	Swan Ceremony	Venustia HC house grass [Directions]	- Maybe live music by swans in community



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February 2021

Dear Student

CHARGING FIRST YEAR WELCOMING PACKAGES 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 2021. 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 PSOs 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 (Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd March 2021), 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 acknowledgement 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 me at 021-808 3023 / 2791 or pso@sun.ac.za

Kind regards,



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PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO 2021 STUDENT ACCOUNT

Please complete the following:

DETAILS OF STUDENT:

NAME AND SURNAME:

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STUDENT NUMBER:

PSO:

CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE (MARK WITH AN X):

FULL PACKAGE (Clothing and Meal Package) COST: R1018	CLOTHING OPTION 1 COST: R293	CLOTHING OPTION 2 COST: R478	ONLY MEALS (9 MEALS) COST: R 540

Please note that the cost of welcoming packages, including the package 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 must pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:

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SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN:

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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.



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Februarie 2021

Beste Student,

HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGSPAKKIE-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 “verwelkomingspakkies” 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 (Dinsdag 2de of Woensdag 3de Maart 2021) het u die opsie om hierdie verwelkomingspakkies 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 “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 021-808 3023/2791 / pso@sun.ac.za

Vriendelike groete,



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**TOESTEMMING: HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE OP
STUDENTEREKENING 2021**

Voltooi asseblief die volgende:

BESONDERHEDE VAN STUDENT:

NAAM EN VAN:

STUDENTENOMMER:PSO:

KEUSE VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE (MERK MET 'N X):

Volle pakkie (Klere- en kospakkie) KOSTE: R	OPSIE 1 R293	OPSIE 2 R478	SLEGS KOSPAKKIE (9 ETES) KOSTE: R 540

Let asseblief daarop dat die kostes van die verwelkomingpakkie, 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 verwelkoming pakkie aa te skafnie;
- Ek beef 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:

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



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DATUM:
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Packages	Includes
Full- R1018	-Clothing option 1 -9x Meals
Only meals-R540	-9xMeals
Only Clothing option 1- R478	-Venustia newcomer t-shirt -connect t-shirt -Venustia tote bag -Venustia water bottle -Venustia metal straws -Venustia sun visor
Only Clothing option 2 - R293	-Newcomer t-shirt -connect t-shirt -Venustia tote bag

PAKKET	SLUIT IN
Volle pakket- R1018	Klere opsie 1 9 x etes
Slegs klere opsie 2- R293	Venustia newcomer hemp Connect partner hemp Venusta sak
Slegs klere opsie 1- R478	Venustia newcommer hemp Connect partner hemp Venustia sun visor Venustia water bottle Venustia sak Venustia wapen
Slegs kos pakkies- R540	9 x etes

