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Being employed at one of the most highly ranked universities in South Africa and Africa means being part of an extended family – a complex family, at that, and one that continues to expand all of the time. We feel great joy when we see the elated graduates and their proud families; we celebrate when we shoot the lights out in new research; and we love to serve the community of Stellenbosch and other regions with empathy and commitment.

This caring means that when something happens to one of our students, it happens to all of us. The tragic passing of a number of undergraduate students in May this year rendered great sadness on our community and reminded us all of the intense and caring connection that lies at the core of Stellenbosch University.

We greatly appreciate the compassion and support that you offer to this University. We are in this together. In fact, you have demonstrated just how much you believe in the future of SU, as our donor income rose by 81% in 2016. »

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» **This may be attributable to increasing institutional confidence in SU's overall transformation and performance as a university at a time when many other higher education institutions have struggled.**

For us, 2016 was a really good year in which donors demonstrated their loyalty, confidence, and belief in the University and its leadership. For that we are very grateful.

We are particularly grateful to our staff donors who give so much of their time and talent to the University and then also open their wallets to contribute to where they know that there is financial strain – thank you.

Thus far 2017 has been, in brief, a preparation year, preparing for a bumper Centenary year in 2018. There are many donors who have supported the university over a number of decades, and we are looking for ways, together with them, of demonstrating these long-standing partnerships.

The occasion of the Centenary enables an opportunity to really do what we think that we do best: reflect, think, discuss and dream a future Stellenbosch University – the next 100 years.

In our current national and international context, the links between higher education, research, human progress and democracy are integral. Stellenbosch University is focused on how we best serve human progress in multiple ways in the 21st century and in our own next century. We invite you to reflect on, envision, debate and enable a better future together with us.

Karen Bruns

Senior Director: Development & Alumni Relations

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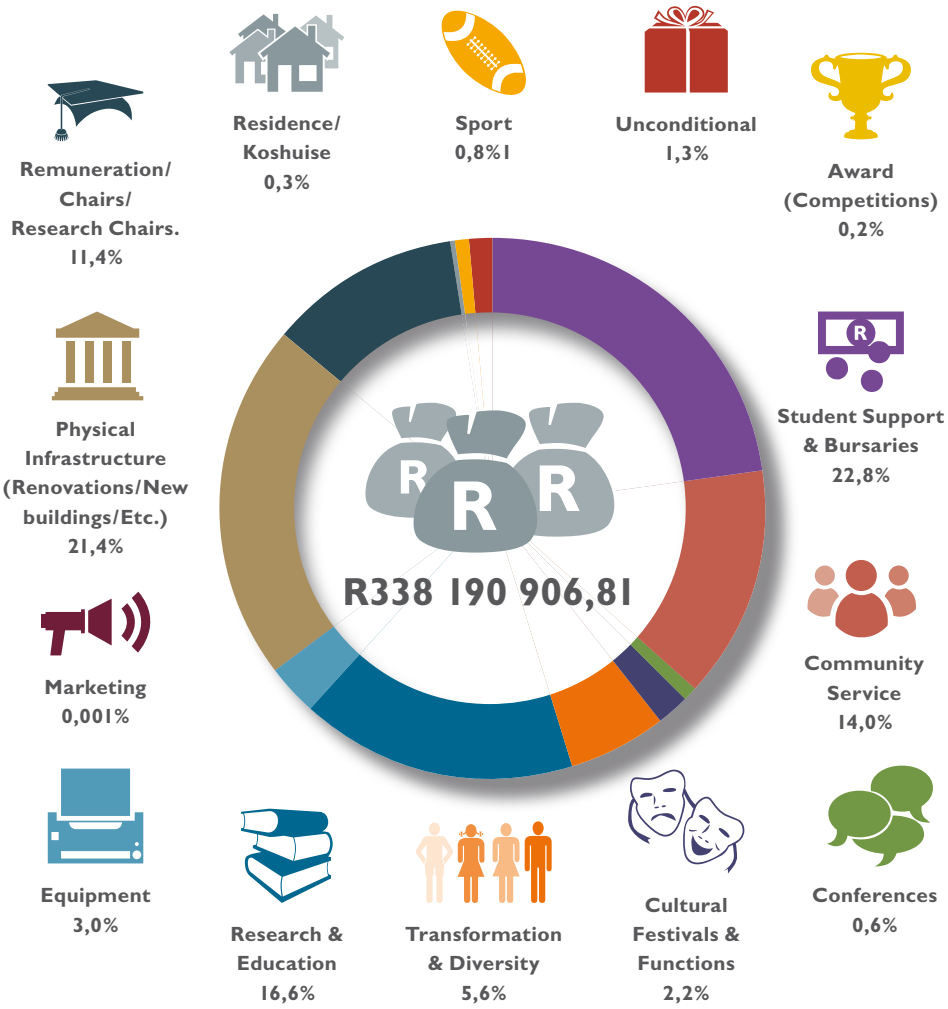

Kom ons staan saam in hierdie moeilike tyd

Die heengaan van ons studente Mikhail Hendricks en Hannah Cornelius het ons as 'n Universiteits-gemeenskap baie diep geraak. Ons betuig ons meegevoel met hul families en vriende, en dink aan hulle in dié tyd.

Ek is verlig om te hoor dat Cheslin Marsh, wat saam met Hannah gekaap is, vordering maak, hoewel hy steeds in 'n baie ernstige toestand is. Ons wens hom alle sterkte toe en hoop dat hy volkome sal herstel. Hy sal op elke moontlike manier bygestaan word om akademies in te haal.

Ons waardeer die flink manier waarop die Suid-Afrikaanse Polisiediens gereageer het om die verdagtes aan te keer. Indien 'n skuldigbevinding volg, behoort die oortreders aan die volle omvang van die reg onderwerp te word.

Dankie aan personeellede van Studentesake, die leierskap van die koshuise Goldfields en Irene sowel as lede van die Studenteraad (SR) wat Mikhail en Hannah se vriende ondersteun het.

Hoewel die kaping in die dorp plaasgevind het, is die soeklig op kampussekuriteit gewerp. Ek wil graag beklemtoon dat studente en personeellede se veiligheid vir ons van die allergrootste belang bly. Hierdie voorvalle, soos alle ander, sal gebruik word om ons veiligheidsmaatreëls en die steun wat ons aan studente bied in samewerking met ander rolspelers verder te versterk.

Ek doen weer 'n beroep op elkeen om waaksaam te wees en ons aktiewe vennote in kampusveiligheid te word. Dat die misdaadvlakke ons hierdie las opgelê het, is 'n jammerlike toedrag van sake, maar dit is ongelukkig 'n werklikheid. Deur saam te werk, kan ons die getal voorvalle op kampus in 'n groot mate beperk namate ons streef na 'n veiliger Stellenbosch vir al sy inwoners.

Ten slotte, kom ons onthou die studente wat ons verloor het as die ongelooflike jongmense wat hulle was. Al is hulle nie meer hier by ons nie, bly hulle 'n inspirasie vir ons almal.

Prof Wim de Villiers
Rektor en Visekanselier

Stellenbosch University moving up the ranks

The latest QS World University Rankings have been released for 2017/18, showing which South African universities have the best global reputation – and which ones are struggling.

The University of Cape Town remains the leading university in South Africa in the QS rankings, which focuses on an institute's global academic reputation.

In the 2016/17 ranking UCT dropped as many as 20 places to 191st worldwide – however, it managed to stop a further slide and held on to the rank in the 2017/18 list. UCT remains the highest ranked university in Africa.

Wits dropped 28 places to 359th in 2016, and continued to fall, down a further five spots in 2017, now ranked third below Stellenbosch University, which climbed 34 places to become the second-ranked university in the country.

Stellenbosch's rise is a continuing trend, having climbed back into the top 400 – to 395th place in 2016, from the 401-410 band in 2015.

Aside from Stellies, the University of Pretoria was the only other university to advance in the global rankings, moving from the 551-600 band to the 501-550 band.

Rhodes University, and University of KwaZulu-Natal both dropped down the rankings, while the University of Johannesburg was stable from the previous year's ranking. Rhodes' drop placed it below UJ, overall.

Top universities in South Africa

2016		2015	University
191	▶	191	University of Cape Town
361	**▲**	**395**	**Stellenbosch University**
364	▼	359	University of Witwatersrand
501-550	▲	551-600	University of Pretoria
601-650	▶	601-650	University of Johannesburg
701-750	▼	551-600	Rhodes University
701-750	▼	651-700	University of KwaZulu-Natal
801-1 000	▼	701+	North-West University
801-1 000	▼	701+	University of the Western Cape

Relative newcomers to the list – which has been expanded to include 916 universities (800 in 2015) – North West University and the University of the Western Cape both ranked outside the top 800 institutions.

According to QS, while there was once a time where the best universities in the world only came from a select number of countries, large-scale investment in the BRICS nations (Brazil, Russia, India, China, South Africa) and elsewhere in the world has levelled the playing field somewhat.

However, Africa remains fairly underrepresented in the rankings, with only the University of Cape Town managing to hold its own in the top 200.

For the sixth year running, Massachusetts Institute of Technology (MIT) led the way to be ranked the best university in the world. The top four universities are all based in the US, with Stanford, Harvard and the California Institute of Technology all following hot on MIT's heels.

UK universities continued to slide down the rankings, QS said, with 51 of 76 British universities falling at least one place. This includes 11 of the 16 ranked Russell Group universities, the highest-ranked of which is the University of Cambridge in fifth place.

Methodology

The QSWUR is based on a mix of survey responses and hard data across six indicators, compiled and weighted to formulate a final score.

Over 70 000 academics and 30 000 employers contributed to the rankings through the QS global surveys, while QS said it analysed 99 million citations from 10,3 million papers, and 950 institutions were ranked.

The ranking's biggest indicator, accounting for 40% of the total score, is based on academic reputation.

Academic reputation is measured using a global survey, in which academics were asked to identify the institutions where they believe the best work is currently taking place within their field of expertise.

The indicators and scores are:

- Academic reputation (40%)
- Employer reputation (10%)
- Student-to-faculty ratio (20%)
- Citations per faculty (20%)
- International faculty ratio (5%)
- International student ratio (5%)

Source: https://businesstech.co.za/news/general/178131/uct-still-south-africas-top-university-but-theres-a-new-number-two/

Nuwe Neuromeganika-eenheid uniek in Suid-Afrika

Die splinternuwe Neuromeganika-eenheid by Universiteit Stellenbosch is op 6 Junie bekendgestel. Hierdie eenheid is binne die Sentrale Analitiese Fasiliteite en ondersteun 'n wye reeks menslike bewegingsnavorsing in gesondheidsorg, ingenieurswese en sport.

Neuromeganika is 'n interdissiplinêre veld wat neurowetenskap en biomeganika integreer om te verstaan hoe die interaksie tussen die menslike senuweestelsel en muskuloskeletale stelsel werk om bewegings te beheer. Die Neuromeganika-eenheid is goed geplaas om 'n leidende rol te speel in die ontwikkeling van hierdie relatief nuwe veld in Suid-Afrika. Dit bevat die nuutste toerusting en word beman deur 'n span van drie voltydse biomediese ingenieurs.

Die eenheid se hoëspoed-bewegingsopname-stelsels kan die driedimensionele liggaamshouding en beweging van die skeletsisteem in fyn besonderhede vasvang tydens fisiese aktiwiteit. Dit is ook moontlik om driedimensionele grondreaksiekragte of drukpatrone op die voete te assesseer tydens staande, spring-, loop- of hardloop take. Die eenheid verskaf ook draadlose sensors vir kinesiologiese elektromiografie (assessering van elektriese aktiwiteit in die spiere) en hoë digtheid elektroënsefalografie (assessering van elektriese aktiwiteit in die brein), asook mobiele kardiopulmonêre oefening toetsing (evaluering van hart en long funksie). Al hierdie toerusting kan gelyktydig op 'n tyd-gesinchroniseerde wyse bedryf word. Volgens Dr John Cockcroft, bestuurder van die Neuromeganika-eenheid, is hierdie vermoëns uniek in die land en sal dit wêreldklas studente-opleiding en meer gevorderde eksperimente moontlik maak.

Kennis van hoe menslike beweging beheer en georganiseer word in verskillende kontekste speel 'n kritieke rol in pogings om die gesondheid en welsyn van die samelewing op 'n aantal terreine te verbeter. Dit kan die ontwikkeling van ondersteunende toestelle, chirurgiese prosedures en kliniese dienste ondersteun vir persone met beperkte fisiese funksie as gevolg van veroudering, besering, gestremdheid of siekte. Dit kan ook gebruik word om prestasie in sport en oefening te verbeter deur optimale opleiding en afrigting, of om werksplekproduktiwiteit en veiligheid te verbeter deur optimale ergonomie.

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Hierdie nuwe fasiliteit by die Coetzenburg Sportwetenskapkompleks is spesifiek gebou vir neuromeganika-navorsing en is enig in sy soort in Suid-Afrika. ›

From back (left to right) Qondakele Sompondo (RU), Sarah Archer (SU); Cheryl Benadie (SU), Somayah Barnes (UWC), Ingrid Fourie (UWC) Steve Camp (UKZN Foundation).

Front (left to right) Sarah Scarth (Resource Alliance), Ronica Ramsout (UFS), Vera Adams (SU), Calvin Maseko (CPUT), Stafford Bomester (UWC).

Collaboration to strengthen national higher education fundraising efforts: A first for South Africa

Vera Adams

Africa is a "continent on the move" and higher education plays a critical role in accelerating its trajectory and ensuring Africa's prosperity. A common mission of universities is to produce graduates that are well prepared to contribute to the national and global economy.

The important role of university fundraising offices in securing philanthropic donations that supports this mission recently took centre stage at SU. South Africa has 26 universities and institutional advancement structures at these institutions differ markedly.

At some institutions the fundraising function is part of the communication and marketing aspect of the university while at others it is a standalone department. Some universities have large alumni pools whereas others have smaller pools. Some have historic relationships with influential donors and others are servicing some of the most rural areas in South Africa.

Building a team of qualified fundraisers is also a challenge for many higher education institutions, given that most of the approaches to fundraising is borrowed from international models with little regard to the South African higher education context. Local training and resources are mostly aimed at the non-profit sector, thus not providing much for capacity building options in university fundraising.

Hosted by the DAR (Development and Alumni Relations) office, the first meeting of a "Higher Education Fundraising Forum" saw representatives from the Universities of Cape Town, Western Cape, Free State, KwaZulu-Natal, Rhodes and the Cape Peninsula University of Technology gathered to look at ways of strengthening fundraising structures at universities through shared learning and collaboration in fundraising efforts to achieve the common objective: increasing access to higher education.

Acknowledging that there needs to be equal participation and the formulation of a focused plan of action to achieve results, the forum will be facilitated by Resource Alliance, an international NGO working to strengthen the social impact sector.

The main objective of the forum will be to create a community of best practice, a platform for knowledge sharing as well as to develop and support efforts to build advancement operations across South African and African Universities, says Vera Adams, Manager of Development Services at SU.

Maties receive millions in bursary support

Almost R7 million from the Moshal Scholarship Program, R5 million from ABSA, R3 million from Eskom and R1.8 million from FNB… These are just some of the many donations that will give Stellenbosch University's (SU) bursary coffers a huge boost in 2017, to the benefit of financially deserving undergraduate and postgraduate Matie students.

"The University has received over R17 million from various companies, foundations and individuals to be used for bursaries. And this generous amount came from first time as well as regular donors," says Sarah Archer, Fundraising Director in SU's Development and Alumni Relations Office.

Archer says the power that financial assistance holds to many students' future has been in the spotlight numerous times – more so over the past two years with the #FeesMustFall protests. "It is gratifying to see the students' dreams of a brighter future becoming a reality because companies, foundations and individuals decided to invest their hard-earned money in higher education," she adds.

"In 2016 a total of 1 981 Matie students out of 5 420 who received their degrees did so thanks to some form of financial assistance – whether it be bursaries, loans or bursary loans. In addition, with the help of our donors, we are hoping to stretch that assistance and grow those numbers even further.

"The financial support we've received thus far, not only makes the higher education dreams of students come true, it also enables the University to fulfil its mandate of delivering well-qualified graduates, producing new knowledge and making a positive impact on society," Archer says.

She concludes: "The Development and Alumni Relations Office as well as departments and faculties are all working hard to remove financial obstacles for students and to ensure that the next-generation of Maties reach their full academic potential."

Our gratitude goes to:

- First National Bank Fund for R1 819 085 providing 16 student with disabilities with full cost bursaries.
- Dippenaar Family Education Trust for their R1 100 000 that will be supporting 21 students.
- Eskom for giving R3 780 954 to support 33 students.
- Standard Bank whose R95 971 will support two former Hope@Maties students.

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- BATSA for its Legacy Scholarship of R400 000 that was granted as a legacy to Matie students when the company moved its headquarters out of town.
- CIPLA who gave R136 000.
- Mix Telematics for its R43 580.
- Peregrine Capital for its R203 545.
- Thermaspray for its R189 116
- Bay Steel's R16 194.
- R900 000 for bursary loans were disbursed from the Wiese endowment of R29 million.
- Stonehage Fleming has awarded R500 000 for law bursaries.
- Henk Seymour has left a bequest of R1,3 million to the University.
- The Claude Leon Foundation has extended support to SU's Legal Aid Clinic for a three year funding cycle.
- Freysen Trust for R51 200 towards one Engineering student's class fees.
- Msaada Trust's R17 000 for single parent students.
- SARS for 5 full bursaries totalling R493 170.
- PA & Alize Malan Gedenktrust's R50 000.
- Shell's full bursary at R112 173.

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At the back from left: Yumika Stober, Tshikululu's Thandeka Rantsi, Myra Muller, Luigia Nicholas and Tirelo Mtombeni. In front from left: Caleb Steenkamp and Bongani Mapumulo. (Photographer: Henk Oets)

Moshal Scholarship Program "gives life" to SU students

Estea Fourie, Program Coordinator, Moshal Western Cape, attended the graduation ceremony of 2016 Moshal students, San-Mari Eksteen (above left), Ateeqah Ismail and Candarize Arries (above).

SRC vice-chairperson, Maxwell Mlangeni, BSc Forestry second-year student expresses his heartfelt gratitude to his bursary donor.

for full video

The Moshal Scholarship Program was founded by Martin Moshal in 2009 and provides access to university education in order to make a major difference to the lives of disadvantaged students, their families, their communities, and hopefully the wider world one day. Full scholarships are provided to students in a select range of subjects: engineering, computer science, IT, natural and life sciences, health sciences, medicine, economics, mathematics, law and business. The scholarship covers tuition fees, accommodation, textbooks and also provides a living allowance for students who fulfill the criteria, for the duration of their university studies..

The central philosophy of the Program is 'Pay It Forward', with the belief that Moshal Scholars act as beacons of hope for young people in their communities and inspire others to work harder and aim for the top.

Since 2012, Stellenbosch University has received R30 287 719 for bursaries from the Moshal Scholarship Program.

Talentvolle studente baat by R2,3m finansiële hupstoot

Vir duisende studente is 'n gebrek aan befondsing een van die grootste struikelblokke tot sukses. Nou, danksy 'n finansiële hupstoot van R2,3 miljoen van die Bank Sektor Onderwys- en Opleidingsowerheid (BANKSETA), is die deure van hoër onderwys wyd oop vir 20 talentvolle studente in die Universiteit Stellenbosch (US) se Fakulteit Ekonomiese en Bestuurswetenskappe (EBW).

BANKSETA is 'n statutêre liggaam gevestig deur die Wet op Vaardigheids-ontwikkeling van 1998 om sy belanghebbendes in staat te stel om die nasionale en globale posisie van die bank- en mikrofinansiering sektor te bevorder. Soos gelei deur sy mandaat, is BANKSETA 'n agent van transformasie wat gelyke indiensneming en breëbasis swart ekonomiese bemagtiging deur vaardigheidsontwikkeling bevorder.

BANKSETA het 'n toekenning van R2,3 miljoen gemaak aan die EBW Fakulteit se Projek Zero-inisiatief wat daarop gemik is om die werklike koste van studie aan die US vir die beursontvangers tot nul te verminder.

Projek Zero is in 2015 van stapel gestuur, met die eerste groep ontvangers wat hul voorgraadse studies in Januarie 2016 begin het. Hierdie beurse word aangebied op grond van akademiese meriete en finansiële behoefte en is slegs beskikbaar vir bruin, swart en Indiër-studente. Studente moet Suid-Afrikaanse burgers wees.

"Die doel van Projek Zero-beurse is om te verseker dat studente – wat almal aan die akademiese vereistes vir toelating tot hul gekose kursusse voldoen – volle finansiële ondersteuning oor die duur van hul voorgraadse studies kry. Deur beurse aan hierdie talentvolle studente te bied, verseker die Fakulteit dat hulle die beste studente lok wat weer daartoe lei dat die Universiteit sy verbintenis tot uitnemendheid gestand doen," sê prof Ronel du Preez, die Fakulteit se Visedekaan: Onderrig en Leer.

BANKSETA span saam met die Universiteit Stellenbosch: (van links na regs) Cheryl Benadie (US Skenker-Betrekkinge Bestuurder), Ilze Gelderblom (Koördineerder: Studentesake, EBW), Similo Dlamini (Bestuurder: Werkgeïntegreerde Leer, BANKSETA), Stephny-Aan Roché (Projek Zero-beursontvanger), Levern Fortuin (Projek Zero-beursontvanger), Jill Sloan (US Projekskrywer) en MJ Brooks (Direkteur: Fakulteitsbestuur, EBW) (Fotograaf: Hennie Rudman)

Du Preez sê voorts dat hulle ook seker maak dat die beursontvangers ondersteuning kry om sukses te verseker. "Die akademiese vordering van die Projek Zero-kandidate word baie noukeurig gemonitor en studente word ondersteun met ingrypings waar nodig om te verseker dat hulle hul studies suksesvol voltooi."

Volgens mnr Similo Dlamini, Bestuurder van Werkgeïntegreerde Leer by BANKSETA, help hierdie toekenning hulle om hul mandaat te vervul. Hulle mandaat is onder meer om vaardigheidsontwikkeling en transformasie in die breë bank- en mikrofinansiering sektor te ondersteun, en dan ook die ontwikkeling van mense deur middel van vennootskappe, verligting van werkloosheid wat tot verandering sal lei en sodoende 'n blinker toekoms sal skep. ›

Absa invests R5 m in a Scholarship Programme for Maties in 2017

A generous investment of R5 million from Absa Bank into a Scholarship Programme at Stellenbosch University (SU) is set to benefit talented and deserving students in need of bursaries in 2017.

At a cheque handover ceremony on the Stellenbosch campus on 21 June, Absa confirmed its R5 million contribution and clarified their aim, as part of the Shared Growth strategy, to increase access to tertiary education for young people, thereby helping to realise Africa's potential and contributing to long term economic growth.

Using a combination of academic performance, subject focus, and financial need, the university will identify qualifying students and disburse the funds in consultation with Absa. The qualifying students will be selected largely from the 'missing middle' category of students, those whose parents or guardians can at best only afford to pay a portion of the required university fees.

Dr Reaan Immelman, General Manager: Education and Skills at Absa Bank, said that the Bank recognises that as a significant economic player on the continent it has a responsibility to use its substantial resources and skills to build a more prosperous Africa for the next generation.

"The opportunities created by the Scholarship Programme will not only meet a pressing need, but are also critical to the future success of many students," he added.

Speaking at the handover, Mr Clinton Clarke: Head of SA Coastal Regions, Absa Corporate and Investment Banking said: "Absa is proud to be able to make a difference in the lives of thousands of young South Africans by making university tuition more accessible to them and by offering them the skills development that will prepare them for a bright future.

"We are especially pleased to be able to make this donation to an institution where we have a long history of partnership. We thank you for the great work you are doing in preparing future leaders at Stellenbosch University. We are proud to partner with an institution that plays a role in ensuring our contributions are meaningful and that our impact is sustainable".

Prof Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, of Stellenbosch University said there is a perception that Stellenbosch is a well-to-do university, attracting only affluent students. "But let me put the record straight. Substantially more than a third of our most recent graduates received some form of financial assistance during their studies, but more than 40% desperately need financial help. The need far exceeds what we are able to facilitate."

According to Prof De Villiers, the University disbursed close to R700 million to students last year. "Some of it from our own funds, some from the State, and the rest from donors."

He added that "if it weren't for donations such as the one we have now received from Absa, not only would talented individuals be denied an opportunity to study further, but society at large would not get the benefit that well qualified graduates offer – skills for development, which we need very much.

"So, thank you. On behalf of all our students – the current ones, and the ones still to come." ›

Top: A thumbs up for partnering for access: Absa and SU representatives celebrate a collaborative achievement for undergraduate bursary support

Above: (left-right) Juan Diergaardt: Absa Team Coordinator External Sales, Anastasia Peters: ABSA Citizenship Manager: Western Cape, Professor Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor, SU, Clinton Clarke: Head of SA Coastal Regions – Absa Corporate and Investment Banking and Karen Bruns, Senior Director, SU Development and Alumni Relations

Appreciating our partners in ensuring access at SU

Transformed lives. That's the real impact of bursary support at Stellenbosch University.

An inaugural bursary appreciation event was held earlier this year to celebrate the numerous bursary partners that ensure access. (Two bursary events are scheduled for Johannesburg in August this year for our Gauteng-based partners).

The function enabled our bursary donors to engage with a cross section of key role-players, including representatives from our Bursary Offices and bursary recipients.

Attendees also had a preview of our new Partnering for Access Bursary Video series, which was compiled to showcase the importance of sustained support at SU.

(Full video series here:)

The atmosphere of the evening served to validate the African proverb "It takes a village to raise a child". It takes a family that wants the best for their children. It takes the determination of the individual to put in the effort. It takes empathetic bursary office staff to serve funding needs. It takes holistic support systems to help first-generation students succeed.

And – as importantly – it takes generous donors to provide the funds that will unlock the potential of so many of our students.

"As leader of this institution, which I am incredibly proud of, I thank you for your support. We do not take you for granted. Maybe we don't say it enough, but we appreciate your role here in our "village"," said Prof de Villiers. "Ours is a stable and well-functioning village – and your support has certainly contributed to this state of affairs."

(Click here to listen to the Rector's full speech:)

Amy Kirby and Tendai Matiza, two current bursary recipients and students in medicine, and electrical and electronic engineering (respectively), described the impact that financial support has had on their own lives. There were certainly some moist eyes in the room after the students shared their inspiring stories. ›

(Clink on links to watch the Amy Kirby speech: Tendai Matiza speech:)

**Photogallery: **

Dr Kosie Smit (left) and Koos Theron (right) from the Bloemhof Beursfonds Trust with 2017 bursary recipient, Jorene Tolobisa.

Back row: Phelokazi Ngozi (left) with fellow JB Marks 2017 bursary recipient, Kopano Mangoma (right), with Sharon Lyners (middle) SU Coordinator, Institutional Funds Front row: Lielanie Brinkhuis (left) and Priscilla Booysen (right) from the Rupert Foundation with Sonia Schoeman (middle), SU Corporate Fundraiser.

Dr Galford se lesing het gehandel oor die wêreld en die heelal soos gesien deur die oë van moderne wetenskaplike begrip.

Skenker-egpaar bring wêreldbekende teoretiese fisikus na die US

Dr Christophe Galfard, 'n wêreldbekende teoretiese fisikus, het onlangs 'n lesing aan die Universiteit Stellenbosch aangebied op uitnodiging van vriende en donateurs van die Universiteit Stellenbosch, Willem en Makkie Joubert.

Die egpaar, wat tans 'n nagraadse beurs in kwantum fisika borg, ondersteun die bevordering van kwantum fisika onder die algemene publiek in Suid-Afrika. En volgens mnr Hugo Steyn, Bestuurder: Individuele Skenkings, toon die egpaar se ondersteuning die waarde van venootskappe tussen die privaat sektor en universiteite om kennisverkryging aan te moedig.

Dr Galford, wat sy PhD onder leiding van die wêreldbekende Stephen Hawking voltooi het, se lesing het gehandel oor die wêreld en die heelal soos gesien deur die oë van moderne wetenskaplike begrip.

Hy is die skrywer en mede-skrywer van verskeie boeke en bevorder die verspreiding van moderne wetenskaplike kennis deur openbare lesings en onderhoude op radio en televisie. Sy eerste nie-fiksie boek, *The Universe in your hand*, is in 2015 deur Macmillan gepubliseer. Die boek is reeds in 19 verskillende lande bekendgestel en was onder die 10 topverkopers in Frankryk, Swede en Spanje.

Fotogalery:

Harry Crossley Foundation strengthening research at SU

Stellenbosch University is maintaining its strong research traditions with the help of donors such as the Harry and Doris Crossley Foundation.

Notably, SU has attained a new academic record with the graduations over the past year: the December 2016 and March 2017 ceremonies produced a yield of 278 doctoral graduates (in comparison with 2015's 267). Altogether 2 922 degrees were awarded – bringing the total number of degrees for the 2016 academic year to 8 339 (7 905 for 2015).

The Harry Crossley Foundation, SU's largest bursary donor, recently hosted its first annual event with postgraduate students, at STIAS in Stellenbosch.

The event provided an opportunity for the trustees to meet the students they support, as well as provide context for the recipients on the evolution and ethos of the Harry and Doris Crossley Foundation.

An exchange of money, in the form of bursary support, is an exchange of trust. On the one hand, the trustees have a responsibility to ensure that the vision and legacy of Harry and Doris Crossley is achieved through the avenues of support that are provided to students at Stellenbosch University and the University of Cape Town.

Similarly, the students who have benefitted from bursary support have an equal responsibility to carry on the legacy and vision of their benefactors and 'pay it forward' when they are in a position to do so one day. ›

Top: Investing in knowledge creation: The 2017 Harry Crossley postgraduate cohort at SU.

Right: Harry Crossley Foundation Trustees (from left to right): Linda Whitfield, Robert Paterson, Professor David Beatty and Bernard Osrin.

Beit Trust visits SU

Sir Andrew Pocock, KCMG Secretary to the Beit Trust, and his wife Lady Julie, visited Stellenbosch University in April this year. Sir Andrew had a distinguished diplomatic career that included three African posts as Head of Mission (Dar es Salaam, Harare and Abuja). He took up the position as the eighth Secretary on 1 December 2016.

From left to right: SU's Karen Bruns, Sir Andrew Pocock, Lady Julie Pocock and SU's Chantal Swartz

The Beit Trust was established in 1906 by the Will of Alfred Beit, a financier and directory of the British South African Company. The Beit Trust has been in partnership with Stellenbosch University since 2010 and has donated a total of R944 121 to our students, jointly funding 11 Masters and PhD students from Zambia, Zimbabwe and Malawi with Stellenbosch University. The Beit Trust offer scholarships in all disciplines with emphasis on fields appropriate to the needs of the beneficial area. SU covers tuition, registration and a stipend and the Beit Trust provides top-up funding.

Chantal Swartz, Manager of the Postgraduate Student Funding Office accompanied Sir Andrew and Lady Pocock on their brief tour. They began their visit at Tygerberg Campus where they met with six medical Beit/SU Scholars along with their supervisors.

They then continued to Stellenbosch University Main Campus where they met Ms Karen Bruns, Senior Director of Development and Alumni Relations, followed by one agricultural and one engineering Beit/SU scholar and supervisor.

The Beit Trust also provides emergency relief funding for financially needy Malawian, Zambian and Zimbabwean students. Over the past seven years, 68 Stellenbosch University students have been supported by the Hardship Fund, which is administered by the Postgraduate Student Funding Office.

Kampusbesoeke "n verrykende ervaring'

"Dit was so lekker om kennis te neem van al die positiewe dinge wat by die universiteit aan die gang is en van die verskil wat daar op soveel terreine en vlakke gemaak word."

Dit was die woorde van Christelle van Zyl, een van ongeveer 26 Universiteit Stellenbosch-donateurs en gemeenskapsleiers wat onlangs op uitnodiging van Mev Catherine de Villiers, een van twee besoeke op die Stellenbosch-kampus meegemaak het.

Die kampusbesoeke is 'n inisiatief van Mev Catherine de Villiers, vrou van die US-rektor, Prof Wim de Villiers, om rolspelers bloot te stel aan die inspirerende inisiatiewe wat die Universiteit aanpak en die positiewe impak daarvan. "Hier gebeur soveel inspirerende werk by Maties, en dit is vir my 'n voorreg om die aandag daarop te vestig. Ek sien uit om sommer meer sulke toere te doen!" het sy gesê.

Die groep het onder andere besoek afgelê by die Universiteit se Launchlab, Telematiese-sentrum, die Wimbledon-hub, Luister, Leef en Leer-huise (LLL), asook die SciMathUS-inisiatief en middagete saam met die studente in Irene koshuis genuttig.

Die LaunchLab, 'n inisiatief van die Universiteit se innovasiemaatskappy Innovus, is die spilpunt van alle entrepreneursaktiwiteite op die US-kampus. Die LaunchLab bied netwerkgeleenthede, bystand met sakemodelontwikkeling, mentorskap en bekostigbare huurtariewe in 'n entrepreneursvriendelike omgewing aan.

Die US se Telematiese Dienste bied 'n unieke virtuele tegnologiese

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platform wat leerders en studente, ongeag waar hulle hul bevind, blootstel aan 'n ondersteunende leeromgewing. Hier het besoekers meer gehoor van die Telematiese Skole-projek wat in 2009 van stapeL gestuur is om die eindresultate van Graad 12-leerders te verbeter en kon hulle eerstehands sien waar interaktiewe satelliet uitsendings gebruik word om aanvullende lesse aan deelnemende skole uit te saai. 'n Totaal van 671 skole trek tans voordeel uit hierdie projek.

Die LLL-huise is 'n innoverende residensiële opsie op die Stellenbosch-kampus wat in 2008 as die eerste van sy soort in Suid-Afrika begin is. LLL-huise is leefruimtes waar senior studente op grond van diversiteitsfaktore soos ras, geslag en studierigting saam in huise geplaas word en vir 'n jaar volgens 'n sentrale tema soos gemeenskapsinteraksie, leierskap, kultuur en media leef.

SciMathUS, is 'n oorbruggings-program waartydens leerders uit voorheen-benadeelde agtergronde ondersteun word om hul matriekresultate in kernvakke te verbeter en sodoende toegang tot universiteit te verkry. Studente wat hierdie program gevolg het was ook teenwoordig en het hul suksesverhale gedeel.

Een van die donateurs, Sonja Roux, het gesê sy het met verwondering gekyk na die omvang van en moeite wat gedoen word met die onderskeie projekte van die Universiteit. "Dankie vir 'n werklik opbouende, insiggewende en besonder genotvolle oggend."

Volgens besigheidsvrou en gemeenskapsleier, Bronwyn Moses, was die besoeke 'n verrykende ervaring en is die verskillende programme en navorsing wat by die US gedoen word van wêreldgehalte. "Ek is baie beïndruk met al die moontlikhede wat die US aan student bied, veral studente van benadeelde gemeenskappe. 'n Spesiale dankie ook aan Catherine omdat sy Russel Botman se nalatenskap van hoop laat voortleef," het sy bygevoeg.

"Ek is regtig trots op die Universiteit en hoe julle die toekoms aandurf!" het Louise Fourie laat hoor. ›

Wil jy graag jou inisiatief bekendstel? Die volgende kampustoer vind in Julie/ Augustus plaas. Kontak gerus vir Martie van der Linde by mvdl@sun.ac.za.

Staff donors taking SU forward

Time, talent and treasure.

This is the three-fold gift that every individual has to offer the world. Our SU staff donors are commendable because they choose to be fully invested in Stellenbosch University.

A staff tea was hosted at the end of 2016 for SU staff members who have been making financial contributions to the University. Prof Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor of SU expressed his appreciation to staff who contributed towards a total of R1 672 314,70 through the years. He also encouraged staff donors to encourage their colleagues to get involved and support the projects and funds they are passionate about.

"It means a lot. Even if it's just R50 a month, it amounts to something. If every staff member gave R50 a month, that would equate to R175 000 every month. That's more than enough to take care of one student's full year costs," Prof De Villers said.

He added: "That's the power of individual giving – great or small, the collective coming together of passion, coupled with resources, has great power to move this University forward.

As staff members, your financial investment is a sign that you believe in the vision of SU and you are committed to its future. Trust me, that means the world to me, knowing that there are colleagues who share my passion for what we can achieve together."

Ms Karen Bruns, SU's Senior Director of Development & Alumni Relations, said the staff donors' passion and commitment to Stellenbosch University has not gone unnoticed. "We appreciate that they not only give their time and talents to the University through the work that they do in their respective departments, but also contribute financially."

Some of the areas that SU staff donors currently give to include:

- The Itemba Bursary Fund
- Stellenbosch Trust
- Mandy Rossouw Bursary Fund
- Stellenbosch University Bursary Fund
- Helshoogte Old Boys
- Musiek Dept Onderhoud Klaviere en Instrumente
- Fggw Beursfonds
- Tygerberg Academica
- Simonsberg Huiskas
- Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Institute for Student Leadership Development ›

At the staff appreciation tea (left to right): Silke de Lange, Proffs Jacques du Plessis, Wim de Villiers and Sadulla Karjiker. (Photographer: Anina Fourie)

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Addressing food security for needy students at SU

Food insecurity is a real, but often silent struggle that students are facing on a daily basis. And that is why bursaries that are specifically focused on providing meals to needy students are so important.

A donor that has been making a difference on this front at Stellenbosch University (SU) is RoyalMnandi, a specialist outsourced catering company and service provider at various SU residences. The company is currently supporting eight students per year, one for each residence they cater for.

"A RoyalMnandi food bursary means that a student who qualifies will receive all their meals for free," says Project Manager Corlette Becker. According to Becker, they identified the need for food bursaries in 2010 and up until 2017, the company has provided these bursaries to 73 Matie students. Becker says they saw students in residences who did not eat and when asked why, the answer was that they did not have money to buy food.

"The money they have is only enough for tuition and accommodation. Food has become very expensive, and there must be nothing worse than to study, go to sleep and then go and write exams on an empty stomach. Our aim is to take away that added stress and worry of where the money for their next meal will come from. In this way, these students are able to concentrate on their studies and ultimately excel.

Helping hungry students: Seth Segal and Corlette Bekker from RoyalMnandi.

"It is a great privilege for us to be able to help students in this way and we'll be honoured to continue to do so in future," she adds.

SU social worker, Lizzie Witbooi, says that we tend to forget that students will also need money for the basic necessities, because if we think of bursaries in the higher education sector, the first thing that comes to mind is usually tuition, books and accommodation fees.

She says that besides the much-needed help from companies such as RoyalMnandi, the University has been addressing food security through different financial coping mechanisms – such as food allowances for bursary students. Students, who do not qualify for financial assistance, because they did not meet the academic criteria for financial aid, are also assisted – all managed through the University's Centre for Undergraduate Bursaries and Loans and Postgraduate Funding.

In addition, the social worker's office has also over the years, established various food initiatives to help students in need. These initiatives include the Vouch4US food voucher project that asks staff members and Maties students to donate a R50 Pick n Pay voucher card and the Maties4Maties Food Drive Project that enlists the help of residences and private student organisations (PSOs) to collect non-perishable food items.

Witbooi says that between 2013 and 2016, a total of 797 students who reported at their offices have received assistance through the University's food initiatives. "At the end of the day, it is about removing those obstacles that stand in the way of a student's success." ›

Vouch4US Project
The Vouch4US Pick n Pay voucher project was launched in 2013 and is meant to assist students who are in dire need. Students from both Stellenbosch and Tygerberg Campus have benefited from this project. Staff and fellow Maties are asked to donate a R50 Pick n Pay voucher or to make a donation into the Stellenbosch University bank account.

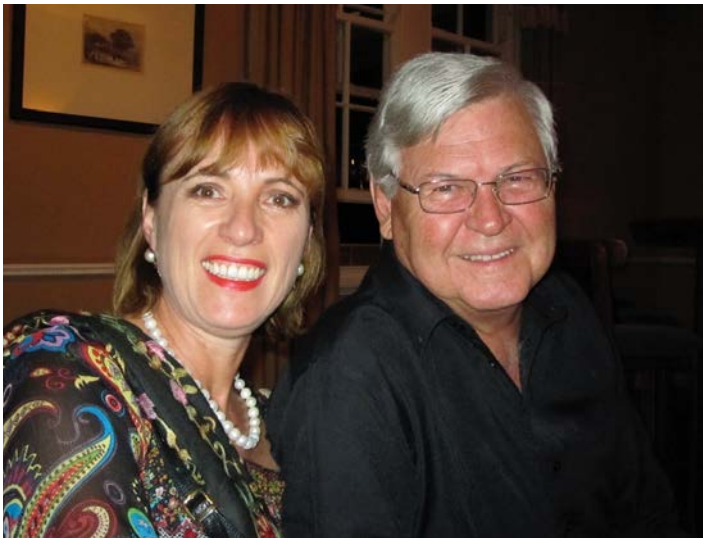
Banking details:
Bank: Standard Bank
Account no: 073006955
Branch: 05-1001
Ref: 6430B Project Nood
Proof of payment to be sent to Lorenza George lcg29@sun.ac.za

Maties4Maties Food Drive Project
The Maties4Maties Food Drive Project was launched in 2012. This project enlists the help of University residences and private student organisations (PSOs) to collect non-perishable food items. These food items are then made into food parcels and distributed among needy students.

If you would like to get involved and make a difference please contact Lizzie Witbooi at the Centre for Student Counselling and Development on lgwitbooi@sun.ac.za or phone 021 808 4511.

Vosloo-egpaar belê in die toekoms

Dis duidelik dat die joernalistiek, Maties en 'n standvastige Suid-Afrika vir Ton Vosloo en sy vrou, Anet Pienaar-Vosloo, na aan die hart lê.



"…die beste en vaardigste joernaliste elke dag broodnodig om te keer dat ons vryheid uitgehol word."

Vosloo, eredoktor en ereprofessor in joernalistiek aan die US se Departement Joernalistiek, en oudjoernalis Pienaar-Vosloo het in 2016 'n eerste skenking van R7 miljoen aan die US gemaak en in 2017 'n verdere R7 miljoen, waarvan die opbrengs jaarliks aan die US se Departement Joernalistiek gaan vir enige doel waarvoor hulle dit wil aanwend.

"Met hierdie skenking wil ek en Anet 'n beskeie bydrae tot die handhawing van die US se hoë peil van onderrig maak sodat ons afgestudeerdes die land kan instuur om Suid-Afrika sterker te maak. Die US, en voor hom Victoria Kollege, stuur al vir meer as 'n eeu lank mense die land, Afrika en die wêreld in om 'n bydrae tot ontwikkeling te lewer. Dit is ons innige wense dat hierdie dienslewering voortgesit moet word," sê Vosloo.

"Ons gesin se skenkings kan bydra tot 'n sterker joernalistiekdepartement, en wie weet, die ekwivalent van 'n Suid-Afrikaanse Nieman-Genootskap wat in die VSA jaarliks aan joernaliste van die VSA en oor die wêreld geleentheid gee om hul penne en denke te slyp," se hy. Hy sê 'n beurs aan Harvard Universiteit in 1970/71 as Nieman-Genoot het ongelooflik bygedra tot sy mondering as joernalis en mens.

Volgens Vosloo is die beste en vaardigste joernaliste elke dag broodnodig om te keer dat ons vryheid uitgehol word. "Die grondwetlike geborgde vryheid van spraak kan staande bly met die hulp van deeglik geskoolde joernaliste. Die US se Departement Joernalistiek is 'n uitstekende slypskool en hierdie sterkte moet uitgebou word."

Die egpaar het albei self diep spore in die mediawêreld getrap. Pienaar-Vosloo se eerste pos na haar kunsstudies aan die US was as mode-redakteur van die tydskrif *Sarie* en sedertdien lewer sy oor 'n wye veld bydraes deur die joernalistiek, televisie, fotografie en skakelwerk. Vosloo was op sy beurt 59 jaar in die bedryf as joernalis, redakteur, uitvoerende hoof en voorsitter van Naspers.

Die twee se verbintenis met Maties kom ook al oor generasies aan – met 21 Pienaars, Strydoms en Vosloo's wat die voorreg gehad het om aan die US te studeer in onder meer die regte, kuns, joernalistiek, ingenieurswese, filosofie en sielkunde. 'n Gedeelte van hul skenking in 2016 is juis in die naam van hul kinders geskenk.

Die Vosloo's se belegging het gekom tydens 'n onstuimige tydperk in die hoër onderwys sektor, maar hulle is dit eens dat opbouende protes-optrede tog kan lei tot vernuwing.

"'n Kenmerk van die afgelope tyd se betogings was dat besware van studente in baie gevalle intern opgelos is deurdat universiteitsleiers koelkop met betogende studente onderhandel het," sê Vosloo.

"Baie van die eise en geweld, soos die omstamp van standbeelde en vernietiging van portrette, is onaanvaarbaar en belhamels moet gestraf word. Om op hoër vlak te studeer is 'n voorreg en nie 'n absolute reg nie. Skenkers het vrede met wat die beroemde oud-Matie en persleier prof Piet Cillie genoem het "bedonerde mense" soms aanvang, want hulle optrede lei tot vernuwing. Daar is egter 'n perk aan hierdie tipering: ons bou 'n toekoms op bouers en nie brekers nie."

‘Remember to pay it forward!’

Stellenbosch University alumnus, Adriaan Dippenaar, was fortunate enough to attend some of the best educational institutions without requiring outside financial support – a privilege he says, that has not been lost on him. Now this private equity investor is paying it forward and playing his part in contributing to a brighter future for a talented young Matie student.

Dippenaar has been providing a bursary to a BSc Computer Science student since 2016. Now in his second year, the student is grateful and excelling on an academic level. “I decided to direct the bursary to the field of Computer Science because in the age of dramatic technological change, I was excited by the opportunities a young graduate well-versed in the field of technology would be presented with in life. With time I hope to gradually scale up my financial contribution to support more students,” Dippenaar says.

So why did he decide to make a difference in this way? “In the words of Nelson Mandela – ‘Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world.’ I am a firm believer that education is the only way we will reduce inequality and address a number of South Africa’s development challenges. In my own small way, I try to play a role in that.”

He says he was fortunate enough, by virtue of birth and loving parents who appreciated the value of education, to attend brilliant educational establishments with the luxury of not requiring outside financial support. “That is a privilege not lost on me. I know this has afforded me countless exciting opportunities in life, and the prospect of providing someone else a gateway to similar opportunities through creating a bursary is an alluring one,” he adds.

> “Philanthropy is not reserved for those over the age of 60! Nor for those fortunate enough to have created material wealth.”

However, his need to help others and make a positive contribution has not stopped there. “Outside the realms of Stellenbosch University, I co-founded a social enterprise with two friends when I was 28, called 5 For Change, which is a platform for facilitating social change in South Africa. We select five impactful and innovative social enterprises every year to raise awareness and funds at an annual flagship black tie gala and empower them through our year-long ‘catalyst programme’ to build their capacity through mentorship, training and support.”

Dippenaar also does not have to look far for inspiration as giving back runs in his family. Over the past 20 years, his father and mother, Laurie and Estelle Dippenaar, have been helping students achieve their potential through the Dippenaar Family Trust. “My parents serve as a massive inspiration and over the years they have supported a number of Stellenbosch University students through the provision of bursaries amongst other philanthropic endeavours.”

His message to fellow alumni is to make that leap and give back. “Philanthropy is not reserved for those over the age of 60! Nor for those fortunate enough to have created material wealth. A little goes a long way. It is a remarkably exciting and rewarding prospect to know you can fundamentally change the trajectory of a young person’s life through the act of providing them access to tertiary education. You should try it!”

He has been working in the finance industry since 2009 and currently works as a private equity investor at Investec Asset Management in London. “I initially studied BCom (Law) and then went on to do an honours degree in economics. I continued my studies in the United Kingdom where I completed a master’s degree in international business at Edinburgh University and then subsequently a second master’s degree in finance at Cambridge University.”

Dippenaar is a proud Matie who remembers his time in Stellenbosch as stimulating, rewarding and a challenging experience, and as he puts it “maybe a bit too much fun”. He says it was a wonderful time in life to grow, explore, discover and engage with people from different backgrounds and to current students he offers the following advice.

“In the words of Ellen Johnson Sirleaf, the first elected female head of state in Africa – ‘The size of your dreams must always exceed your current capacity to achieve them. If your dreams do not scare you, they are not big enough.’

“It is an incredible privilege to study at a University of the calibre of Stellenbosch University. It provides you a wonderful foundation to building the capacity to achieve those ‘scary’ dreams. Use it to your full advantage and remember to pay it forward one day!”

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