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“ The power for creating a better future is contained in the present moment:  
You create a good future by creating a good present. — Eckhart Tolle

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## FOREWORD

Although I only assumed office in April 2015, I already feel confident reporting on activities at Stellenbosch University (SU) because of what I found upon my arrival – a well-established institution with an excellent record in all three of its core functions. Here we produce reliable and relevant knowledge, develop human potential optimally, and forge meaningful partnerships with the rest of society.

Our reputation as a top-class institution was clearly confirmed when we jumped a remarkable 88 places in the QS World University Rankings 2015/2016 to reach position 302. SU strives to be locally relevant, yet globally competitive. The fact that we have improved our standing shows that we are doing exactly this.

In order to maintain this level of performance, SU's Vision is to become more "inclusive, innovative and future focused, a place of discovery and excellence where both staff and students are thought leaders in advancing knowledge in the service of all stakeholders". This is done through broadening access to the institution, maintaining our excellence and enhancing our positive impact on society.

Universities in South Africa and beyond have been in the spotlight the past year precisely because they play such a crucial role in shaping the future. And herein lies our challenge as well. As *The Economist* put it in a special report on higher education recently, "The institutions that have done so much to change the world need to embrace change themselves". Transformation is obviously a global challenge in our sector.

In this regard, SU has made significant progress – although much remains to be done. There was a time in the past when this University, along with others in our country, served only a particular section of the population. But we have long since moved from being a "whites only", "Afrikaans" university to being a non-racial, multilingual national asset – proudly serving the whole of society.

In 1990, just 5% of our student body was black, coloured and Indian (BCI). Today, it is 38%, and we are aiming for a minimum intake of 50% newcomer first-year students from these groups by 2020. We consider diversity an absolute requirement for excellence because it exposes us to a variety of people and ideas, which enriches us all.

We have also embarked on a drive to improve the diversity of our staff body, especially at senior academic level. There is a serious shortage of senior black academics nationwide, which we are helping to alleviate in the long run with our large output of master's and doctoral graduates from the designated groups. In 2014, SU awarded 234 doctoral degrees,



95 of which went to BCI graduates. Among the 1 297 master's degrees awarded in 2014, 492 went to BCI graduates.

In November 2014, our Council placed English on an equal footing with Afrikaans as mediums of instruction for the first time. This was done so that neither language functions as a barrier to access; and so that both languages are used as instruments for success. This is in line with South Africa's policy of multilingualism in higher education, which is an asset in today's global knowledge society.

To all the donors and friends of the University, thank you for your unwavering support. Without it, our quest to change both the world and ourselves for the better would progress much slower. As we prepare to celebrate our centenary in 2018, I invite you afresh to help us secure a brighter future for all through investing in higher education.

SU's journey of transformation is incomplete and imperfect, but we remain steadfast in our determination to go forward. That is the only way of creating a community of "social justice and equal opportunities for all" – as our mission states.

PROF WIM DE VILLIERS  
RECTOR AND VICE-CHANCELLOR

## CHAIRMAN'S REVIEW

2014 was a remarkable year, full of change and reflection. Much of the history of Stellenbosch University has been about stories of its leadership, in good times and bad. After the sad loss of Prof Russel Botman in June 2014, the University's leadership teams had to assume many additional responsibilities in order to ensure the stability of a mourning institution. I wish to acknowledge the positive guidance and contribution made by Prof Leopoldt van Huysteen, the University's Chief Operating Officer, in this void and thank him sincerely for his contribution to the University, to the Stellenbosch Trust and to the Advancement Office over this period.



The University has since transitioned to Professor Wim de Villiers' leadership. We welcomed his appointment as Rector and Vice-Chancellor on 1 December 2014, proud of the fact that he is a Matie, has an exemplary research and institutional leadership track record, and has committed to strengthening an institution about which we all care deeply.

The University is starting to reflect on its centenary in 2018. In the build-up to such a significant celebration, thoughts turn to the legacy of the University and what the next century in the life of SU might look like. The creation of a university at Stellenbosch was made possible by Mr Jan Marais of Coetzenburg, who magnanimously bequeathed £100 000 to the cause of higher education which, in turn, enabled the University Act, by which the Victoria College became an independent university, to be passed by the Union Parliament in 1916.

We reflect on who the current Jannie Marais' in our midst are, committed to the transformative nature of higher education and the opportunity that this offers to a family through just one generation of such accomplishment. We think also about who might support the incredible possibility of a better future that cutting-edge research represents.

Thousands have studied at Stellenbosch and gone on from here to make a valuable contribution in various walks of life, but who cares as deeply about community, culture, sport, and leadership development to help to affect positive change?

Thankfully all of you who are mentioned in this and previous donor reports do, and for this I thank you on behalf of the Stellenbosch Trust.

Stellenbosch University is a tremendous asset to the Western Cape, the nation and the world. Globally, society is looking to universities for solutions to crises in such areas as the environment, energy, water, health care, food security, social cohesion, conflict management and growing inequality. Stellenbosch is responding to these challenges, achieving national and international recognition for various landmark and game-changing discoveries – from energy to tuberculosis, transplants to linguistics.

In order to continue and sustain such initiatives universities increasingly rely on donations. As trustees of the various trusts we are custodians of such donations, endeavour to open doors to enable further donations, ensure that the capital is invested profitably and that the proceeds is deployed to support Stellenbosch University's reputation as a top-class institution which delivers academic excellence.

I once again thank my fellow trustees for their unanimous and enthusiastic support of our goal to contribute positively to the sustainability of the University, as well as the trustees of our trusts in the United Kingdom and the United States of America. Your commitment to the trusts and thereby to the University is greatly appreciated.

THYS DU TOIT  
CHAIRMAN OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES,  
STELLENBOSCH TRUST

## BOARD OF TRUSTEES

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MESSAGE FROM THE DIRECTOR

I could not be more pleased – and honoured – to take the reins as Senior Director of the University’s Development and Alumni Relations office at this time in Stellenbosch University’s history.

The levels of commitment and engagement amongst the SU community at all levels on and off campus are impressive. On campus, there is always such a buzz, whether it’s the sound of students and professors engaged in lively discussions, or the students preparing to compete for Varsity Cup, Sêr Nationals, or the annual African Human Rights Moot Court competition.

From the inaugural Thys Visser commemorative lecture series in 2014, to the spirited engagement at the Frederik van Zyl Slabbert Leadership Institute’s regular discourse cafés, we remember for their contribution those who have gone before with spirited communion and generative ideas.

Beyond the campus, our alumni remain engaged and committed to creating a shared future for all Maties.

With a robust enrolment of more than 30 000 students in 2015, Stellenbosch University continues to offer a transformative educational experience, nurturing both knowledge and character. Here, our students learn how to excel in their chosen field, while developing the values and purpose to see how their work can impact communities. It’s that little something extra we call leadership development.

From bursaries and scholarships, to capacity building programmes and student success initiatives, your support sends our students out into the world, prepared to contribute to a brighter future. They will make a difference because you have made a difference.

Philanthropy is equally crucial to Stellenbosch University’s research mission. Many important and exciting research projects are progressing thanks to the continued generosity of our community of donors. We share some of these stories about these projects and their success in this report. It is this support that enables the University to continue to compete globally as one of the top-tier African universities, and with local relevance and integrity.



The HOPE Project was a big capital campaign and these projects have largely been integrated into the fabric of the University. As a team, we have reflected on the many learnings from this campaign in 2015. This year has provided a great opportunity for the introduction of some change management strategies, to relook at our systems and processes, and an opportunity to refocus the team.

Thank you for remaining committed to Stellenbosch University, for being so welcoming and willing to share ideas and insights always, and for contributing to Stellenbosch University in so many meaningful ways. I look forward to working with you in the future.

KAREN BRUNS  
SENIOR DIRECTOR: DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS

MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

I was honoured when I was approached at the beginning of 2015 by the newly appointed Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Wim de Villiers, to assist him with special fundraising initiatives, focusing on the alumni of Stellenbosch University.



I have had the privilege of spending the past 12 years as an academic at the University after a career of 30 years as a businessman. I have therefore had first-hand experience of the world-class academic standards being maintained at our alma mater. I am sure that all of us are eager to contribute to the maintenance of these high standards for the benefit of our children and grandchildren.

I want to thank the more than 2 000 alumni that have generously contributed to the University in 2014. All your contributions – big or small – are sincerely appreciated. However, if it is borne in mind that the University has more than 120 000 alumni, it means that less than 2% of our alumni contributed during the past year. It is well known that more than 50% of alumni of leading universities in the United States contribute on a regular basis. It is clear that we have a challenge on our hands to reach out to the remaining 98%!

Two special milestones were reached during the past year. Firstly, two alumni contributed R10 million each for the first time in the history of the University. Secondly, another eleven alumni pledged to contribute R10 million in instalments over the next five years. Words seem rather inadequate to thank these donors for their extremely generous contributions. The University salutes you! I sincerely hope that these substantial contributions will inspire other alumni to do likewise in the years to come.

NIEL KRIGE  
CHAIRMAN OF THE DEVELOPMENT AND ALUMNI RELATIONS OFFICE

## DONATIONS

January to December 2014

Higher education institutions globally are increasingly faced with the challenge of declining funds and resources in the face of ever-increasing demands for world-class education. In the last decade many changes in government policy have necessitated Stellenbosch University to develop strategies that work in the current economy and which will preserve SU as a national, continental and global asset – whilst moving forward into the next century, deeply committed to the community, the country and the values of the Constitution.

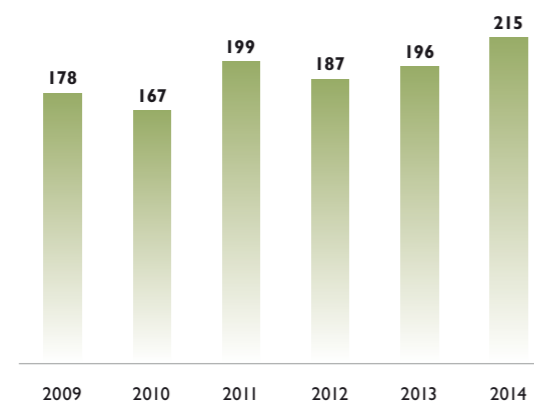
The Development and Alumni Relations office strives to ensure the future success of Stellenbosch University by securing private philanthropic donations through engagement with donors and alumni on University priorities important to them. Putting our supporters at the centre of the process, we foster an environment where excellence in student, staff and community interaction success can be achieved through greater private funding in an effort to further strengthen our continued tradition of excellence to attract talented academics, students and scholars.

It is a pleasure to salute each of our fiscal year 2014 donors whose generosity assures them a place in the history of our campus. We are grateful for their commitment to SU and their continued endorsement of our vision as an institution that is leading transformation through education, research and a sustained impact on local society.

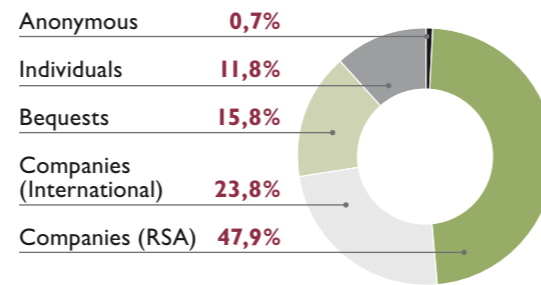
**Total income 2014 – R214 962 264**  
**Number of donations – 1 463**

All major donations to the University are routed through the Development and Alumni Relations Office to ensure alignment between the sponsor and governing bodies through regular donor reporting.

TOTAL AUDITED DONATIONS 2009-2014 (RM)



DONATIONS 2014 PER SECTOR



### National corporates, foundations and trusts

A total of R102 997 890 (2013: R99 396 230) was received in 2014. These results reflect the important role that this market continues to play in the broadening of access, maintaining the momentum in excellence and enhancing societal impact at SU. Long-standing donors like the Prokon Software Consultants and the Claude Leon Foundation deserve a special mention for their continued commitment to the University.

The top 10 national donors gave a combined R39 987 055 to this portfolio (39%).

### Top 10 South African corporates, foundations and trusts

Claude Leon Foundation  
Discovery Foundation  
Eskom Development Foundation  
Het Jan Marais Nationale Fonds  
Mediclinic Southern Africa  
Medtronic Africa  
Minerals Education Trust Fund  
Murray & Roberts Ltd  
Prokon Software Consultants  
SAS Institute (Pty) Ltd

### Individuals

Individual giving has shown a slight decline compared to 2013, reaching R25 289 239 (2013: R28 073 548). The total number of individual donors was 999 (2013: 1 129). This decrease can be attributed to the practice of not including the number of individual donors who gave anonymously into the final number of individual donors. The total Rand value received from anonymous donations – R1 503 908 – is excluded from the individual donation total of R25 289 239.

The number of donors per gift category between 2012 and 2014 are reflected in the table below.

NUMBER OF INDIVIDUAL DONATIONS PER GIFT CATEGORY (EXCLUDES ANONYMOUS DONATIONS)

	2012	2013	2014
≥ R1m	7	9	5
≥ R100 000	11	12	13
≥ R50 000	11	16	14
≥ R30 000	11	11	12
≥ R20 000	16	16	24
Less than R20 000	1 478	1 075	931
<b>Total number of donations</b>	<b>1 534</b>	<b>1 139</b>	<b>999</b>
<b>Average donation amount</b>	<b>R11 538</b>	<b>R23 517</b>	<b>R25 314</b>

### Bequests

SU received a total of R34 020 369 (2013: R21 305 371) from bequests and allocations from testamentary trusts in 2014. Bequests remain a very large component of giving to the University and we are definitely seeing the long-term results of our renewed effort in maintaining better relationships with key donors as part of our strategy to further cultivate planned giving towards the University. This is reflected in donors like the Wilhelm Frank Trust and the Harry Crossley Foundation being repeat donors giving generously to both undergraduate and postgraduate bursaries. The Sarah Turoff Testamentary Trust was the single biggest bequest for 2014/2015 and was awarded for the establishment of the Sarah Turoff Endowed Chair in Schizophrenia Research.

There were six new bequest donors whose donations totalled R5 984 841.

### Top 10 bequests donors

Estate late J H Neethling  
Estate late AS de Graaf  
Estate late Nico Parrott  
GA Kuhn Testamentary Trust  
Harry Crossley Foundation  
HB Thom Trust  
Sarah Turoff Testamentary Trust  
Sheila Brand Educational Trust  
Wilfrid Metje Foundation  
Wilhelm Frank Trust

### International

An important source of the University's third stream income is through philanthropic partnerships with international donors. Although the Development and Alumni Relations office decided against international trips in 2013 after a decrease in international funding, a total of R51 150 858 was still received (2013: R47 678 562). The strategy the office embarked on was one of strengthening the unit's capacity to seek and secure international funding as well as adopt best practices and associated resources in identifying and cultivating international donors.

### Top 10 international donors

Aims Next Einstein Initiative Foundation UK  
Andrew W Mellon Foundation  
Carnegie Corporation of New York  
Confucius Institute Headquarters  
Deutscher Akademischer Austauschdienst  
Embassy of Belgium Pretoria  
Ford Foundation  
Gerda Henkel Stiftung  
Moshal Scholarship Program  
Open Society Institute – Budapest Foundation



## ALUMNI RELATIONS

Active alumni relations remain critical to the success of SU and we value the various ways in which our alumni continue to show their support to their alma mater. During 2014, financial contributions from alumni totalled R23 449 719 of the R25 289 239 received from individuals. These contributions made it possible to provide opportunities to many current students through scholarships, programmes, enhanced learning environments and more.

The Alumni Relations team continued with their outreach and engagement strategy which started in 2013 but, within the restructure, capacity in this division posed a serious challenge. A telethon was organised with a targeted appeal and managed to reach 1 142 alumni. The 165 pledges received yielded a total of R23 900. Telethons not only provide a means of fundraising but also allow us to update personal details to ensure that we continue to offer alumni with an opportunity to network with other alumni and remain informed of their University's achievements and initiatives.

The Alumni Relations team also continued to engage with previous graduates through the various alumni social media platforms as well as through reunions. A total of nine were held around the country. In addition, we also assisted in the coordination of various other alumni-related events that coincided with SU proceedings, such as graduation, Woordfees, and residence reunions.

One of the more significant events during 2014 was the Mandy Rossouw Scholarship dinner held in Sandton to acknowledge donors, amongst them Friedrich Schröder from the German Embassy, who personally knew Mandy Rossouw, sponsored a paid trip and internship to Germany for the recipient. The first bursary was awarded in 2014 to S'thembile Cele (22) to register and study for the one year postgraduate BPhil degree. The generous support from the various donors has also ensured that this scholarship is fully paid for in 2014 as well as 2015.

International alumni networking events were also held: two in the United Kingdom, one in Hong Kong and one in the United States of America.

Alumni relations at SU have never been more diverse. We recognise that, quite apart from the diversity within our own country, the number of international student enrolments at SU is on the rise. The potential importance of this alumni constituency should not be underestimated. International graduates serve both as institutional ambassadors on the global scene and add visibility and leverage to the international efforts of our institution. There are also a number of South African graduates working abroad and it remains important to communicate with them so that they remain engaged, involved, and are heard.

During 2015, this office will build on the alumni strategy, expanding and increasing the existing alumni network nationally and internationally as we develop our systems and kick-off various initiatives that culminate in our centenary celebrations in 2018.

Alumni are encouraged to connect and keep in touch with us through our social media platforms:

- Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/stellenboschalumni>
- Twitter: @SU\_Alumni
- We also have various groups on LinkedIn – the biggest being Stellenbosch University Alumni (Maties) and Friends

## FUNDRAISING HIGHLIGHTS

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Alumni annual giving

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## MILESTONES IN 2014

Stellenbosch University is a leading research-focused higher education institution on the African continent. We have aligned our efforts with national and international development objectives and continue to strive to be a builder of hope in South Africa and Africa. We vigorously pursue research excellence and capacity development and strive to be a true knowledge pioneer and partner.

**347 NRF-rated researchers**   **7 Centres of Excellence**  
**28 research chairs**   **990 academics**  
**29 393 students**   **61% have doctoral degrees**  
**9 853 postgraduate students**   **>3 900 international students**  
**247 postdoctoral students**   **234 doctoral degrees awarded**  
**1 297 master's degrees awarded**

## STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY IS:

### Top 300

according to in the *Times Higher Education World University Rankings*

### Top 400

of the world's top 450 universities according to the *QS World University Rankings*

included in the 2014 CWTS Leiden Ranking measuring scientific performance of 750 universities worldwide

### A-rated

USB is one of three African business schools with an A-rating according to the French ranking agency Eduniversal

### EQIS accredited

the SU Business School (USB) is one of the few management schools outside Europe accredited by the European Quality Improvement System of the European Foundation for Management Development

### UK accredited

the Association of MBAs of the United Kingdom accredited our MBA programme

the South African university with the highest weighted research output per capita in South African for six consecutive years

collaborating on

**330**

projects in

**38**

African countries with

**513**

African collaborators

INNOVATION STELLENBOSCH UNIVERSITY AND MEDICLINIC JOIN FORCES 14 LEADERS IN RENEWABLE ENERGY 15 ENDOWED CHAIR TO BOOST RESEARCH ON SCHIZOPHRENIA 16 GROWING THE NEXT GENERATION OF WORLD-CLASS ACADEMICS 17 FREE SOFTWARE PROMOTES THE UNDERSTANDING OF COMPLEX PROBLEMS 17

We strengthen SU's momentum of excellence by positioning ourselves as the foremost research institution in Africa, and maintaining and expanding our student success. We provide excellent facilities and support programmes for students, while innovative learning and teaching methods ensure research excellence. This, we believe, will establish SU as a global player and thought leader in the knowledge economy of the future.



INNOVATION





### Stellenbosch University and Mediclinic join forces

A ground-breaking initiative between Stellenbosch University and Mediclinic Southern Africa enables SU medical students to undergo part of their training at accredited Mediclinic hospitals.

The programme was initiated as a pilot project in 2014 at Mediclinic Durbanville in Cape Town's northern suburbs in partnership with the SU Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS). Fourth and fifth year medical students can now complete their four-week long internal medicine rotations at the hospital, and receive clinical training from private sector doctors. The students accompany the doctors on their ward rounds and to their rooms and are given the opportunity to assist the doctors with the management of patients.

The project was the initiative of Professors Rafique Moosa, executive head of the department of medicine of the FMHS, Elvis Irusen, chairperson of the undergraduate programme in general internal medicine of the FMHS, and two specialist doctors with practices at Mediclinic Durbanville – a radiologist, Dr René Truter, and an internal medicine specialist, Dr Rust Theron.

Moosa said: "The pilot project was very carefully planned and we are very pleased that it has been so well-received. We have to give credit to all the stakeholders for being so brave to go on this journey

with us. I would highlight two of the success factors as the wonderful support of Mediclinic Durbanville and the specialists coming on board.

"It is the first time that such a programme for the formal training of undergraduate students in the private sector has been successfully implemented. We can now roll it out knowing that it is a winning project."

Prof Jimmy Volmink, dean of the FMHS, said: "The health care training platform is under tremendous pressure as we respond to the urgent need to increase the number of doctors and other health workers in South Africa. Extending our partnership with the private sector is vital to realise the broader objective of universal access to health care."

"The chronic shortage of health-care professionals is not a problem unique to South Africa, and we face a set of challenges that requires the cooperation of all parties in order to achieve an equitable solution, particularly as they affect all stakeholders in the sector," commented Koert Pretorius, Chief Executive Officer: Mediclinic Southern Africa.

"Mediclinic Southern Africa has formed an enduring relationship with Stellenbosch University, where we have, over the years, assisted various departments within the health sciences faculty. It therefore makes sense for us to join forces with them to provide additional learning experiences for medical students," he added.

"By providing training in the private hospital context, we have the opportunity to expose future doctors to other facets of medical care that they would not necessarily experience in the public hospitals. We believe this more rounded approach will enable them to be better clinicians and, in the long term, we hope this will contribute towards the delivery of affordable and accessible quality health care to a greater cross-section of South Africa's people," Pretorius concluded.

Based on the success of the pilot project, the FMHS and Mediclinic have agreed to expand the programme to three other hospitals in the Mediclinic group, namely Mediclinic Cape Gate, Mediclinic Louis Leipoldt and Mediclinic Panorama.

The members of the panel at the media briefing were (from the left) Dr Rust Theron (Internal Medicine Specialist), Mr Koert Pretorius (Chief Executive Officer: Mediclinic Southern Africa), Mr Theuns Botha (then Western Cape Health Minister) and Prof Jimmy Volmink (Dean: Faculty of Medicine & Health Sciences).



### Leaders in renewable energy

Stellenbosch University is a leader in renewable energy and received three top awards out of five categories in this field at the 2014 SANEA (South African National Energy Association) / SANEDI (South African National Energy Development Institute) awards.

Prof Wikus van Niekerk, Director of the Centre for Renewable and Sustainable Energy Studies (CRSES), received the 2014 SANEA Energy Award for his contribution to renewable energy in South Africa, particularly in the field of solar energy.

Research under his leadership had led to several Technology Innovation Agency (TIA) awards as well as to several patents. Van Niekerk says: "This award must be seen as the outcome of a Stellenbosch team that has worked well together over the past seven years in order to establish SU as the leading South African university in this field."

Prof Alan Brent and his former PhD student, Dr Marco Lotz, won the SANA Energy Education Award for their Carbon Footprinting Guide that was published in February 2014.

Brent, the Associate Director at CRSES, is also attached to the Sustainability Institute and the Department of Industrial Engineering. Lotz is Nedbank's sustainability and carbon specialist. The guide was published by Nedbank and the Sustainability Institute and is a useful tool enabling companies and organisations to measure, manage and reduce their carbon footprint. This is of great importance in light of the proposed carbon tax to be implemented in 2015/6.

"There is increased pressure on industry to declare and manage their carbon footprint. Consequently, there is a growing need for under- and postgraduate students to learn how to calculate such a carbon footprint. This guide is the first step, and carbon is the first aspect to be addressed. The



management of energy, water, waste, and so forth, is next on the agenda," says Brent.

Karel Malan, an electronic engineer and Matie alumnus, won the SANEDI / RECORD RERE Young Researcher Award. Malan, who obtained his MEng degree, developed a heliostat field control system that can be scaled to control thousands of heliostats. The success of this research contributed to TIA awarding funding in 2013 for an 18-month technology development project, TIA-Helio100.

The aim of this project is to develop heliostats with specific cost- and performance requirements and to build a heliostat pilot facility in 2015 for future solar thermal energy research.

Liam May (coordination assistant) and Willem Landman (design engineer) from the Helio100 team holding a heliostat reflecting sunlight onto the receiver tower.



**Endowed chair to boost research on schizophrenia**

by Mandi Barnard

The first-ever Endowed Research Chair at Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences (FMHS) was announced by the Department of Psychiatry.

The Sarah Turoff Endowed Chair in Schizophrenia Research will be formally established at the beginning of 2015.

According to Prof Soraya Seedat, executive head of the Department of Psychiatry, an endowed research chair is one of the most lasting gifts that a donor can give to higher education. "It also links the donor in perpetuity to a commitment to research excellence and the achievements of the individual who will hold the Chair," said Seedat. She added that the Chair will increase the visibility of schizophrenia research in the department and enhance research opportunities for staff and students.

Prof Robin Emsley, who was appointed to the Chair, is an internationally-acclaimed researcher in the field of schizophrenia.

Emsley explained that brain diseases are major contributors to the disease burden globally and nationally and that schizophrenia makes up a substantial component. It is a puzzling and complex disorder, impacting negatively upon individuals,

families and society. "It is also the most stigmatised illness which often leads to patients being ostracised and victimised," said Emsley.

According to Prof Jimmy Volmink, Dean of the FMHS, endowed chairs are important contributors to publicly-funded universities and research institutions. "Researchers work hard to secure research funding, but while most grants cover the running costs of studies they do not fund infrastructure and posts," he said.

Seedat noted that the endowment will contribute to the faculty's vision of research excellence. "The securing of the Chair says a lot about the facilitator and executor of the trust, Mr Ben Surdut, and his willingness to contribute to the research vision of the department and faculty, to pursue research excellence," she concluded.

**Growing the next generation of world-class academics**

The Mellon Early Research Career (MERC) development programme at Stellenbosch University, funded through a 600 000 USD grant from the Andrew W Mellon, came to an end on 31 December 2014. Over the four years of this grant, since November 2010, the MERC programme has made a significant impact on the development of some 90 early-career academic staff members.

The grant was awarded with a particular focus on the disciplines of social sciences and humanities. It enabled the establishment of five new three-year contract academic positions for individuals from designated groups; mentorship aimed at the development of grant proposals and academic publications; the development of academic writing skills and postgraduate supervision, and international visits and conference attendance of early-career researchers.

The MERC programme was managed by the Division for Research Development (DRD) in collaboration with the academic faculties involved.

The programme included regular mentee-mentor meetings, a small start-up research grant for mentees, the establishment of career development plans for mentees, and access to skills development opportunities offered by the DRD. Mentors were experienced and well-rounded academics, and while the aim was to assist mentees with holistically managing their academic careers, it also intended to establish and promote the research productivity of the mentees.

A full day symposium "Mentoring in Academia" held in November 2014, marked the end of the MERC programme. Attended by 40 participants, it facilitated lively discussions about the benefits of establishing a broad institutional culture of mentoring, and it acknowledged with much appreciation the pivotal role the programme has played in the lives of both mentees and mentors.

It is with immense gratitude that the generous support of the Andrew W Mellon Foundation is acknowledged as an enabler of the transformation and rejuvenation of SU's academic research cohort. It has formed the cornerstone for the establishment of a mentoring culture across the institution. This has particular significance as this programme will, even beyond the life-span of this grant, continue to make a meaningful contribution to the diversification and rejuvenation of the academic staff at SU.

**Free software promotes the understanding of complex problems**

For the past 11 years PROKON Software Consultants and the Department of Civil Engineering at SU have had a reciprocal relationship training undergraduate students to understand complex problems.

They do this using, free of charge, the complete suite of PROKON software packages to teach mostly undergraduate students. In this learning environment, the emphasis is on concepts and understanding rather than solving complex problems which they may never have to deal with.

The result of this long-standing relationship has led to the initiation of an in-depth research study on the implications of some of the hidden aspects of theory on which the programs are based. This study will also be extremely useful for the postgraduate course on steel structures.

PROKON was founded in South Africa in 1989 and today their user-friendly software is used and trusted by structural engineers in over 80 countries.

**MERC DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME**

**600 000**

US dollars over

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years have assisted

**90**

early-career academic staff members

At the official announcement were (from left to right) Prof Robin Emsley, holder of the research chair, Mr Ben-Zion Surdut, executor of the Sarah Turoff Trust, Mrs Esther Surdut, Prof Soraya Seedat, executive head of the Department of Psychiatry and Prof Jimmy Volmink, dean of the Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences.



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Broadening access to Stellenbosch University entails the use of new knowledge markets, new modes of learning and teaching, and new products and programmes to make SU accessible on a much larger scale. We continuously strive to improve the diversity profile of students and staff by providing bursaries to make it possible for students from all spheres of society to study here.



INCLUSIVITY

**Moshal scholarships – paying it forward**

Since its inception at Stellenbosch University in 2012, the Moshal Scholarship Program has supported 19 students to complete their university education.

In addition, students are also given the opportunity to meet regularly with psycho-social coordinators, attend additional training courses and join annual events. Students are also encouraged to volunteer at the Program or in their communities. Through their “Pay it forward” initiative, Moshal scholars are encouraged to help others in future.

**“Pay it forward, wherever and whenever you have the opportunity to help others. It doesn’t have to be in money. It can be in time, advice or effort... If you are determined to realise your potential and to change your life and the lives of those around you, I will be there for you and together we can pay it forward and make a difference.”**

**(Martin Moshal)**

This is the story of Asheeqah Cassiem, now a BSc honours student, who managed to complete her undergraduate studies with a Moshal scholarship:

“I remember sitting at home about to start studying – as I opened my book I found a copy of my student fees statement. At the time, I was worried about how to pay my student and accommodation fees and I couldn’t give my full attention to the upcoming exams. A few hours later, I got a call from the University asking if I would like to accept a bursary from the Moshal Scholarship Program for the year, covering both my student fees and my accommodation. I was so shocked and surprised about the news, I thought I heard wrong, and asked the caller to repeat what she has just said. This one phone call changed the rest of my years at university.



The Moshal Scholarship Program helped us with more than just finances. After receiving the bursary, we kept in contact with the coordinators, and they were always willing to assist. We were given the opportunity to attend training courses during the year to help us with our study processes. It did not end there; they helped us to prepare for the world of work by giving us courses on CV-writing, interviewing skills and much more.

After being with the Moshal Scholarship Program for a few years, the members and coordinators started feeling like family; if you ever were in any difficult situation and needed help they were there for you. In my final year, I had to prepare for an honours interview for which I didn’t feel ready. I spoke to one of the coordinators who put me into contact with a graduate consultant that helped me to prepare. I finally felt ready. The interview went really well and I got accepted for honours in plant pathology at Stellenbosch University.

With the help of the Moshal Scholarship Program, I graduated without any financial burden, and I have achieved two of my goals; graduation from Stellenbosch University and being accepted into an honours course that I am very passionate about.”

**Young mathematicians contribute to renewal and growth in Africa**

In 2014, The African Institute for Mathematical Sciences (AIMS), of which Stellenbosch University (SU) is a partner, conferred 49 master’s degrees in mathematical sciences on students from 20 different African countries.

Other partners are the universities of Cambridge, Cape Town, Oxford, Paris Sud XI and the Western Cape.

Founded in 2003, AIMS-South Africa has already produced 579 graduates and gained international repute as an innovative centre of high-quality scientific training. As part of a pan-African network of centres of excellence for postgraduate education, research and public engagement in the mathematical sciences, AIMS-South Africa has helped boost the number of degrees to over 900 across the network.

According to Prof Barry Green, Director of AIMS-South Africa, these students will play a big role in contributing to the renewal and growth of the African continent.

**SciMathUS offers second chance at success**

Sometimes all you need is a helping hand on your way to success. And just because you weren’t successful on your very first try, does not mean that there is not a second chance. Just ask former SciMathUS (Science and Mathematics at Stellenbosch University) student Matlakala Claudia Ntsapi, who obtained her MSc degree in March 2015.

The year-long bridging programme affords students from educationally disadvantaged communities to improve their National Senior Certificate results to gain access to higher education. It also prepares them for success in their tertiary studies.

Ntsapi, who is currently busy with her PhD, says the unlimited support and motivation she received during the year-long programme, contributed to her success.

“SciMathUS has given me a second chance to get the marks I needed to be accepted into the study programme of my choice, and ultimately, it opened the door to a world I never knew outside of the community I lived in, where my future prospects were bleak at best.”

SciMathUS has helped more than 1 100 students since 2001 to complete the programme successfully. On average, 75% of each cohort enrolls at SU for their first year. So far, 139 students have completed their degrees in disciplines ranging from medicine, engineering, agriculture, as well as various programmes in natural sciences and economic and management sciences. Almost a third of these students have also completed their postgraduate studies.

Mr Andrew Murray le Roux and his wife Mercia are excellent examples of benefactors who give back in more ways than one. Not only do they support the programme financially, they also show a personal interest in the activities of SciMathUS and other programmes offered by the Centre for Pedagogy, (SUNCEP) from where SciMathUS is offered.

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### Promoting partnerships across the continent

The Gerda Henkel Foundation promotes science at universities and research institutes, primarily by supporting projects in the field of the humanities that have a specialist scope and are limited in time.

Lisa Maskell (1914-1998), founder of the Gerda Henkel Foundation, would have celebrated her 100th birthday on 30 April 2014. To mark the occasion the Gerda Henkel Foundation provided up to 2,5 million Euros for a scholarship programme supporting young humanities scholars from Africa and Southeast Asia. It is the largest international support programme for PhD students in the history of the Foundation, and the fellowships aim to strengthen universities in the partner countries and counter the outflow of qualified young scholars.

SU is the Foundation's partner handling coordination of the programme in Africa through the Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences. Referred to as the Partnership for Africa's Next Generation of Academics and Professionals (PANGeA), African partners include: Stellenbosch University, University of Botswana, Makerere University, University of Malawi, University of Dar es Salaam, and University of Nairobi.

Over a period of five years, 25 PhD students, primarily from Botswana, Cameroon, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Malawi, Nigeria, South Africa, Tanzania, Uganda and Zambia, will each receive a three-year scholarship at Stellenbosch University.

Over 50 candidates nominated by PANGeA partner institutions have enrolled in the full-time doctoral scholarship programme since 2010, and a total of 17 have since graduated within three years and resumed their positions at their home institutions.

Amber de Laan, Thuthuka Bursary recipient



### It's my turn to help, says lecturer

By Ronel Beukes

Within three years of graduating from the School of Accountancy at Stellenbosch University, Amber de Laan (25) returned to his alma mater – as a chartered accountant and lecturer.

Having completed his articles at Pricewaterhouse-Coopers, De Laan embarked on an academic career. Since the beginning of 2014, he has been lecturing financial accounting to first- and second-year students.

But De Laan is not only a lecturer; he is also one of two project managers responsible for organising and monitoring the Stellenbosch Thuthuka Bursary Fund.

Thuthuka is a transformation project of the South African Institute of Chartered Accountants (SAICA). It is aimed at increasing the number of African and coloured learners who pursue a career as chartered accountants.

Since the programme's inception in 2005, 46 students have registered as chartered accountants or are in the process of registering, while 49 only have to meet their training obligations before they may register.

"We have one of the best Thuthuka programmes in the country," De Laan said. A Thuthuka Bursary Fund beneficiary himself, he should know.

"University was a culture shock for me, but the Thuthuka programme fostered a philosophy of support for each other. It reassured us that we were not alone and we assisted each other academically and socially."

He explained that the programme has a number of components. These include not only the students and their academic involvement and achievements, but also their participation in community service projects and various interactive workshops aimed at improving life-skills and workplace readiness.

"The bursary not only allowed me to take full advantage of opportunities; it also led to precious friendships and valuable relationships with people in practice."

Now it's De Laan's turn to help Thuthuka students. "Seeing someone who has completed the programme inspires students to work hard and believe in themselves." He predicted that the programme will expand immensely in future.



### A bumper crop of doctoral degrees

By Lynne Rippenaar-Moses

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has produced the highest PhD output for the second year in a row with 54 doctoral degrees conferred in the 2014 academic year. This brings the total of doctoral degrees awarded since 2012 to 162, with the faculty consistently delivering more than 50 PhDs per academic year.

According to the dean of the faculty, Prof Johan Hattingh, some doctorates were completed in three years or less. "A continuous output of PhDs helps us to continue the knowledge project of the humanities: to critically interpret and re-interpret what promotes and what undermines our humanity and human dignity. You become part of a centuries' long conversation, and you take it further, from different vantage points and perspectives through your research," he added.

With a rapidly ageing population of professors who will retire in the next decade, Hattingh said there was a need for qualified academics in South Africa who could fill those positions in future.

A report by Universities South Africa (formerly known as Higher Education South Africa (HESA)) states that 3 000 academics will retire in the next decade and that of those academics, 49% are professors and associate professors. "This threatens the continuation of our knowledge project. Who will replace them? It can only be our graduates. In ten,

fifteen years from now, they will be the heads of departments, professors and associate professors."

A total of 234 doctorates were awarded for the academic year 2014. SU currently delivers the most doctoral graduates per capita of all South African universities.

The Graduate School of Arts and Social Sciences was established as a HOPE Project to strengthen and advance doctoral training and scholarship on the African continent by:

- offering partially structured doctoral programmes in the arts, humanities and social sciences;
- addressing problems relevant to Africa's development in multi-disciplinary research themes (with a specific focus on the international development themes);
- making available three-year, full-time, residential scholarships; providing broad-based research and scholarship support through weekly seminars, workshops, colloquia and short courses; and
- enhancing academic collaboration and mobility in partnership with leading African universities through PANGeA.

Current PANGeA partners include Stellenbosch University, University of Botswana, Makerere University, University of Malawi, University of Dar es Salaam and University of Nairobi.



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One of our strategic priorities is to further increase our impact on society. Through our hope-creating work and cutting-edge research, we are making a significant and meaningful impact in our own communities. We want to build on this and aim to make our presence felt through our thought leadership to an ever greater extent in communities across Africa and the rest of the world.

# FORWARD THINKING



Woordfees 2014

### Impacting communities: Matie Community Service celebrates 50 years of service

By Lynne Rippenaar-Moses

In 2014, Maties Community Service – a stalwart institution at SU – celebrated its 50th year.

Better known as MGD, Maties Community Service was established in 1964 when the first medical students to study at SU formed the “Universiteit van Stellenbosch se Klinieke Organisasie”, or USKOR. Since then, this non-governmental organisation (NGO) has had a huge impact on communities in and around Stellenbosch.

It had survived difficult financial challenges in the NGO sector thanks to its unique connection to SU and by focusing on MGD’s primary goal to serve a developmental role. The Het Jan Marais Nationale Fonds generously supports some of the outreach activities. The student community also plays an integral role in the financial sustainability of MGD through projects such MAD2 with the main purpose to raise funds for the One Stop Service offered by MGD. In 2014, MAD2 projects included Bondelsport, Vensters Street Theatre, Boekhoek and Big Bleed.

“The impact that MGD has had on the lives of thousands of individuals and students through the structured student volunteer programme has helped us to make more than a difference out there. It has also helped us deliver SU students who possess the graduate attributes that the University expects of its students and who will be able to make a difference in society long after their graduation”, says MGD Head Gareth Cornelissen.

When USKOR was established, medical student volunteers provided primary health care to so-called coloured communities in Bellville, Kuilsriver and Bishop Lavis. The clinical services were later expanded to neighbouring communities and grew to include dentistry as well as social work services.

With its registration as NGO in 1974, and its amalgamation with the “Gemeenskapsorganisasie van die Universiteit Stellenbosch”, various activities such as an after-care project, community clubs, sport and recreational activities for children, a development project on farms in Stellenbosch, as well as nursery schools were offered in the areas USKOR served. In 1997, USKOR underwent a name change and became Maties Community Service.

USKOR faced many challenges in doing its work during the apartheid years. “Initially there was a lot of distrust, in particular from the civic organisations. People were not always happy that USKOR was working in the area and wanted to know what we were doing there,” says Ockie Bosman, USKOR’s executive director from 1975 to 1983. Relationships were further strained by the presence of the riot police and army, and the effect of the Group Areas Act on the community. Says Cornelissen: “At MGD it has always been about building partnerships, about working with the community, involving them in programmes and developing those programmes together.”

Over the years, MGD has also laid the foundation for the development of independent organisations, like the Dorothea Training Centre for children with mental disabilities, which was established in Cloeteville in 1989, as well as the Stellenbosch Work Centre, a protected centre for adults with limited mental and physical abilities.

#### Achievements

- From February to September 2013, 1 052 patients were treated through the Primary Health Care volunteer clinics in Kuilsriver, Franschhoek and Klapmuts, with 368 student volunteers participating.
- In 2012 and 2013, the Adult Education and Training Programme received a Merit certificate for Academic Excellence from the Western Cape government, and was selected as the best centre in the country in 2013. This was the second time the centre received this honour.
- Currently, 885 student volunteers annually reach 2 500 people in the Stellenbosch region via the 42 registered projects.

### Combining expertise to solve hunger and malnutrition

Stellenbosch University (SU) will play an instrumental role in a new Food Security Centre of Excellence that was launched at the University of the Western Cape (UWC) in 2014.

SU, with lead researcher Prof Ken Dzama, will host the Food Production Programme under the theme of food creation. Dzama is also part of the Management and Executive Committee (MANCO) of the Centre. The MANCO consists of eight top senior professors drawn from participating universities who will oversee the research programme of the CoE.

The Food Security CoE is a virtual centre comprising of several South African and international universities, science councils and international organisations. SA universities include UWC (host), SU, the universities of Pretoria, Cape Town, Fort Hare, Johannesburg and Venda, Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, North West University and Tshwane University of Technology. The science councils involved are the Agricultural Research Council and the Water Research Council. The international partners are Australian National University, City University of New York, International Food Policy Research Institute, Michigan State University and Missouri University.

Dzama, from the Department of Animal Sciences in the Faculty of AgriSciences, has been involved in the crafting of the CoE proposal from the very beginning.

“We are very excited to bring the Food Production programme to SU. The Faculty of AgriSciences is well positioned to host this initiative together with other players involved in the CoE. Our experience in transdisciplinary scholarship from other programmes in the Faculty will be very valuable going forward.”

Three questions inform the scope of the Centre’s research activities:

- How is the global and national food system changing and how does this affect the sustainability, availability, access and attributes of food?
- Who is the “food insecure”, where are they located, what are their choices, strategies and opportunities when seeking food security, health, and well-being, and how do these change in response to the changing food system?
- What policies, technologies, interventions and products enable access to affordable and nutritious food in ecological, economic, social and politically sustainable ways?

### Woordfees gets financial injection

By Stephanie Nieuwoudt

The Stellenbosch University Woordfees (Word Festival) has received a financial windfall through the WF20, an initiative of the chairperson of the Woordfees advisory committee, Rudolf Gouws.

“Frankly, we shamelessly adopted the model used by the Clover Aardklop National Arts Festival, which for the past six years had been using ‘AK21’ to generate additional revenue for their festival,” Gouws said. His wife and brother are both directors of Aardklop, and “we believe the country’s arts festivals need to work together and learn from each other, rather than compete against each other”.

The WF20 is a simple concept according to which art lovers each donate R20 000 to the Woordfees every year. The money is used to sponsor a particular production.

Donors receive certain privileges that include being able to book tickets to shows one day ahead of the public; receiving invitations to the Woordfees programme launch; and having access to the hospitality suite at the Woordfees. Also included are special parking at the festival grounds; invitations to wine and music days; opportunities to meet the artists; and tickets to suites at the Spier Amphitheatre.

However, these privileges are not why people are prepared to become donors. “They do it to support the arts,” explained Gouws, who retired as chief economist of Rand Merchant Bank in 2009 and is associated with Stellenbosch University as professor extraordinary of economics.

Despite strong attendance figures that increase annually, this festival – like almost every other arts festival across the world – is continually seeking new sources of revenue. Modern patrons such as Gouws and other sponsors play an important role to lighten the financial burden on these festivals.

“That is not unusual. The arts have always had patrons, both male and female. Among those are the Catholic Church and the de’ Medici family of the Middle Ages,” Gouws said. “If we want to see theatre and other art, we need to dip into our pockets and produce.”

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The SU Cochlear Implant Unit at Tygerberg Hospital – photo taken at the celebration of the 500th implant.

### Making the seemingly impossible possible with cochlear implants

Cochlear implantation requires a unique combination of technology, skill and long-term support provided by a multi-disciplinary team, and while these implants can change the lives of patients, they are prohibitively expensive.

Most candidates do not have access to private medical aid, and state services can provide very limited funding only. But, through the generous support of funders that donate through the Stellenbosch Trust, a registered charity of Stellenbosch University, the SU Cochlear Implant Unit, based at Tygerberg Hospital in the Western Cape is able to provide this life-changing operation to those who cannot afford it.

This Unit was one of the first of its kind when it started in 1986. Since then it has carried out over 600 implant operations and have more than 520 implant recipients under their care. Patients range from six months old to over ninety years of age.

### Farm workers to benefit from R1,2 million grant

By Sonika Lamprecht

Farm workers in the Stellenbosch area will once again benefit from a significant grant from the Claude Leon Foundation to the Stellenbosch University Legal Aid Clinic.

The Legal Aid Clinic has a specialised focus on farm evictions, currently one of the most important legal issues affecting farm workers in the Boland region.

“The specific programme supported by the Foundation ensures that poor farm workers in the Stellenbosch area and further afield in the Winelands, many of whom are only semi-literate, are made aware of their Constitutional rights to security of tenure and are given the means to enforce those rights. The socio-economic rights conferred by the Constitution are at the heart of transformation to a fairer and a more decent and democratic society,” says Mr William (Bill) Frankel (OBE), Chairperson of the Foundation.

According to Frankel, the Foundation is encouraged that Stellenbosch University is supportive of this programme which also allows law students and academic staff at the University to be involved in providing their services on a pro bono basis and to be more in touch with people in the community who are often less fortunate than them.

“As someone who has been involved in human rights work most of my adult life, I consider the work of the Legal Aid Clinic to be of considerable importance, therefore we are delighted to continue our close association with the Clinic with this new three-year grant totalling R1,2 million,” says Frankel.

The Claude Leon Foundation, a South African charitable trust, has been a valued partner of Stellenbosch University for more than 30 years and has contributed almost R28 million towards postdoctoral fellowships, merit awards for lecturers, honours bursaries and the expansion and operations of the Legal Aid Clinic, among others.

The Foundation has supported the Stellenbosch Legal Aid Clinic since 2007 and has previously made grants to the Clinic totalling nearly R1 million.

### Revolutionising heart health for all

By Wilma Stassen

A multi-million rand investment by key private and public partners, of which Medtronic Africa is the principle partner; has seen to the establishment of a state-of-the-art angiogram facility at Stellenbosch University (SU) and the Tygerberg Hospital's Division of Cardiology. This facility, a first on the African continent, is set to alleviate cardiac care bottle necks in the Western Cape and advance heart health in the region.

This dedicated radial suite will see a significant increase in the number of patients we are able to treat,” says Dr Alfonso Pecoraro, consultant cardiologist in the Division and chairperson of SUNHEART, a newly-established initiative of SU that strives towards equal access to advanced cardiac care for all patients. “In South Africa more than 50 000 patients annually require advanced cardiac care such as coronary angiography. Yet, many don't have access to these procedures and are therefore denied potentially life-saving treatments.”

The facility is to offer radial angiography, which allows patients to have coronary angiograms and stents via accessing a small blood vessel in the arm rather than having to puncture the large blood vessels in the groin. This improvement on the standard approach of looking at the heart's blood vessels has markedly increased the safety of the procedure and the comfort to the patient, and will allow patients to be admitted and discharged on the same day.

The investment has meant redesigning the outpatient service, introducing paperless reporting systems as well as developing echocardiography imaging and stress test services in the outpatient clinic for a one-stop service that will enhance the efficiency of this service and the experience that patients have.

The teaching and training activities at the unit have been boosted by the renovation of the lecture room, resulting in an ultra-modern lecture facility. Funding also enabled SUNHEART to create a training fellowship. “Giving permanency to future fellowships and sorely needed training posts to address the acute shortage of skilled cardiac professionals on the continent is of utmost importance,” says Prof Anton Doubell, Head of the Division of Cardiology and director of SUNHEART.

Mike Howe-Ely and William Stranix from Medtronic South Africa, with Dr Alfonso Pecoraro, a patient receiving treatment at the new radial suite, Mr Theuns Botha, former Provincial Minister of Health for the Western Cape, and Prof Anton Doubell.

In addition, an innovative outreach programme has been established where consultants render a decentralised cardiology service at the referral hospitals in the area. This will improve the access of patients to advanced cardiac care in remote areas outside of Cape Town. An important outcome of this programme is the training of health care professionals at these referral hospitals.

“By investing in top quality personnel and through the building of strategic partnerships, this unit has firmly established itself as a cutting-edge institution at the forefront of cardiology service delivery, training and research. SUNHEART is a success story that demonstrates what can be achieved through the building of public-private partnerships,” says former Western Cape Minister of Health Theuns Botha.

“As we shift to a value-based health-care culture, the need for innovative solutions that result in high-quality, cost-effective health care is more important than ever before. In an effort to improve and shape cardiac health care in South Africa and sub-Saharan Africa, we have invested in SUNHEART by providing the platform to train a significant number of cardiologists in radial techniques in these regions. This entails providing equipment, training workshops, hands-on support and our expertise in the African market and the cardiovascular business to ensure the sustainability of the unit,” says Medtronic South Africa Group Director, William Stranix, an investment partner in the new facility.







## LEAVING A LASTING LEGACY

At Stellenbosch University, we believe that we are true builders of hope on the African continent, that we are set to blaze new trails with our science-for-society strategy, and that we can take on some of the world's toughest challenges by putting our strengths and expertise at the service of human need.



In the words of one of our donors, Wesley Kotze Stellenbosch University alumnus and professor emeritus of mathematics, Rhodes University, Grahamstown:

"I am still often involved in the departments of mathematics and music. Thanks to the legacies of those before me, both these departments continue to be among the most active in the country. I take only the greatest pleasure in leaving a gift to Stellenbosch University in my will, thereby giving back to an institution who used to be my knowledge partner. I believe in the great potential of South Africa's young academics, and am convinced that a bright future awaits Stellenbosch University. I trust that my contribution will bring tangible hope to students who truly need it."

## OPPORTUNITIES CREATED, POTENTIAL REALISED



**Heloise Petersen**  
BA in the Humanities (2013)

The Dorris Crossley bursary has had an enormously positive impact on my life as a student. Thanks to Ms Crossley's vision for the future, I was able to set aside the worries of financial pressures that every student has, and devote all my attention to my studies.



**Chantelle Pretorius**  
MSc in Biochemistry (2012)

The Wilhelm Frank bursary has motivated me to practise self-discipline and to give my all to achieve academic success. It has had a huge impact on my life and has taught me the value of giving back to my community.



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*Message from the Friends of the University of Stellenbosch Foundation:*

As Stellenbosch University (SU) alumni, we have benefited from our affiliation to our alma mater. For the continued growth and success of SU, it is important that we remain engaged and consider "giving back". I am grateful for the world-class education I received at SU and it has served me well in my work in South Africa, the United Kingdom, and the United States. Volunteering as a board member for the FUSF has provided the perfect platform to support our University and its core functions of teaching and learning, research and community involvement.

FUSF is a non-profit organisation and, in the broadest sense, its role is to promote Stellenbosch University in the United States. Your volunteer FUSF board members are dedicated to strengthening ties between SU and alumni living in the US, and between the alumni themselves. The FUSF Board has organised "alumni hubs" on the East and West Coasts of the US: these are local groups of alumni that hold social events, thereby providing an opportunity to network, stay informed, and engaged. Personally, it has been a wonderful way to meet alumni, and to remain connected to our University and the pulse of South Africa.

The FUSF Board has the fiduciary responsibility of allocating funds from contributions in the US in support of SU's functions and projects, including the HOPE Project and community projects in South Africa. I have been impressed by our University's commitment to putting its resources to work in the service of human needs in South Africa.

Networking and fundraising are crucial: board members assist in forging philanthropic partnerships and are role models for donors. We realise that alumni are vital to this process. Donating financially to one's alma mater is culturally embedded in the United States and seen as a means of "paying it forward". I believe that our South African concept of Ubuntu exemplifies the same value and hope to see all alumni donate to whatever extent they feel called.

With warmest Matie wishes,

NICOLAAS-JOHN VAN NIEUWENHUYSEN, MBCHB (1992)  
MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES



Above: Nicolaas-John van Nieuwenhuysen

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Mr Francois Gouws



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Bekker JP	Brugman S	Cooper C	Du Plessis HLM	Fourie PS	Hattingh JJH
Bell HH	Brunette J	Corder DA	Du Plessis I	Fourie R	Havinga MM
Benjamin EG	Bruwer H	Cornelissen GM	Du Plessis JB	Fourie SH	Hayward F
Bergstedt GM	Bruwer JJ	Cotterell ACP	Du Plessis JE	Fourie Y	Hector CA
Bergstedt L	Bruwer JS	Cotterell VPG	Du Plessis JM	Franken JW	Hector M
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	Bührmann W	Cronje SH	Du Plessis P	Fransen H	Hendrickse EV



Hendriks HJ	Joubert GJ	Lambrechts HA	Louw N	Meyers C	Niemand AP	Pool J	Rushmere MW	Spies J	Terreblanche HJ	Van Niekerk GR	Vorster BJ
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Henny GEJ	Julyan JA	Lamprecht MC	Louw W	Mills JB	Nocanda XW	Posthumus W	Samson M	Spottiswoode BH	Theron DP	Van Niekerk TB	Vorster KJ
Herholdt CT	Kagee SA	Landman JP	Louwrens N	Minnaar WAVJ	Noemdoe R	Pratz GEA	Saunders RC	Stander JC	Theron FAJ	Van Nieuwenhuysen N	Vosloo EL
Hertzog DWR	Kalis NN	Langenhoven HS	Lubbe AP	Moelich DH	Nombila MS	Presence VI	Scheepers DJJ	Starke PF	Theron KI	Van Noie OS	Vosloo N
Hertzog EDLH	Kamfer PA	Langhout IM	Luttig HJ	Mohr FD	Nonxuba HV	Pretorius G	Scheepers IP	Steel HR	Theron PF	Van Noordwyk JG	Vosloo T
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Heswick ML	Kannemeyer LG	Lategan CW	Lyner-Cleophas MM	Möller DJ	Nortje RS	Pretorius SG	Schoeman CC	Steenkamp DE	Thesnaar J	Van Rensburg L	Walbrugh-Parsadh S
Heymans J	Kappelsberger SD	Laubscher HMT	MacKay EH	Moodley M	Nothnagel JC	Pretorius WS	Scholtz CPT	Steenkamp L	Thompson S	Van Rhyn A	Wales JP
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Hoffman HDP	Keuck WH	Le Roux EM	Malan FA	Moses L	Olivier OJ	Prins R	Schroeter K	Steyn J	Truter HE	Van Staden NJ	Wasserfall LM
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Honey CVR	King DC	Le Roux J	Malebaco ZB	Mouton AA	Ooms LLE	Rabie NJVR	Segers I	Steyn MH	Ulster H	Van Vuuren BJ	Weilbach JF
Honiball RJ	King LC	Le Roux MSDP	Malgas A	Mouton DW	Oosthuizen C	Raffie I	Senekal JJ	Steyn PG	Van Achterbergh A	Van Vuuren MJDK	Welham HM
Hoogenhout DM	Kinghorn HC	Le Roux PJ	Malherbe DG	Mouton JF	Oosthuizen CR	Ramsay UL	Senekal OJ	Steyn PM	Van Collier-Peter S	Van Wyk CM	Wenzel PS
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Human PG	Kloos M	Liebenberg MM	Marais JA	Mulder GG	Op't Hof A	Retief LP	Skippers JM	Struwig A	Van der Merwe JH	Van Zyl HM	Whitlow AL
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