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What a year 2020 was! Wherever you may find yourself across the globe, I hope that you are still going strong and that a brighter year lies ahead for you.

You will remember that our Alumni Relations office created an entire year's worth of events and opportunities for you to engage with each other and your alma mater in 2020, but the coronavirus pandemic arrived in full force, turning the world upside down and putting paid to all those well laid plans of ours.

However, true to the Matie spirit, we have managed

to stay the course. Although all our in-person events had to be cancelled due to COVID-19 lockdowns and travel restrictions across the globe, that didn't stop us from engaging with you. We pivoted and reached you in the virtual world — all in an effort to stay connected, to enrich your career and to engage you as volunteers, advocates and ambassadors for Stellenbosch University (SU).

As the saying goes, where there's a will, there's a way!

I am well aware that we still have a long way to go, as many uncertainties around the pandemic remain. But with our sights firmly set on the future, we present you with a full calendar of alumni engagement activities to look forward to in 2021. There are **networking events, guest lectures, panel discussions, social gatherings** and plenty of chances for you to **get involved, stay connected** and to **make a positive difference.**

Having now proven that distance is no obstacle, we hope to see you at an event or two, three – whether in-person or online.

If 2020 has taught us anything, it is the importance of maintaining our connections especially when we are socially isolated. I urge you to reach out to your Matie family, a caring community – no matter where life's journey ends up taking you.

I wish you success for the future. Please take care and stay safe. Always a Matie, altyd 'n Matie, njalo yiMatie.

Wim de Villiers, Rector and Vice-Chancellor



Stellenbosch University is much more than the sum of its Sparts:Victoria Street; the Rooiplein (or, sometimes, Red Square); the Bib; Coetzenburg; Die Laan; the Neelsie; Tygerberg; the residences; Listen, Live and Learn; the highly rated faculties; an award-winning choir – I could go on and on.

Stellenbosch University is you – and the more than 200 000 other alumni across the globe who are connected to Matieland in ways that are as diverse as you all are. Through this 2021 calendar, I invite you to explore your own ties to the University while discovering other rewarding Matie connections.

In the calendar, you'll see that Matie alumni are forming

communities all over the country, the continent, the globe – and there's always something going on, **there's always some or other programme happening**. These programmes create unique experiences in revealing Matie connections, bringing Maties together and highlighting the far-reaching influence of your alma mater.

Why not join one of the **national or international hubs** as well? This will enable you to network with other Maties, engage, offer your time or your talent and explore ideas.

Alumni have created a volunteer network of **alumni hubs in 22 centres around the world** – and growing. Many social events and educational programmes are offered locally and online each year through these hubs. There's something for everyone!

Alumni return to Stellenbosch for a variety of reasons. Some hop on a bus to gather with friends for our annual **Homecoming** celebrations; others cross the ocean for their **residence reunion**. Some arrive on our **Open Day** with their teenage children who are thinking about attending Stellenbosch University and some **come back virtually** to use the library or listen to a live-streamed thought-provoking talk.

Whenever you do return, we invite you to take a tour of campus and see what's new and what has stayed the same. Start at the new **Alumni Welcoming Centre at Die Stal**, visit the Neelsie, stroll through the Botanical Gardens or drop in on your favourite prof in the lab. Come back any time — Stellenbosch University is here for you.

In 2020, we launched the **SWAN Network** and the **Stellenbosch University Young Alumni Network.** You can read more about these new and exciting programmes in this calendar.

And despite COVID-19, we hosted many talks and get-togethers, conducted surveys of special interest groups, listened to concerts and took virtual art tours.

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Let's see what 2021 will hold.

Karen Bruns,

Senior Director: Development and Alumni Relations

PS Forward together – but socially distanced, of course.



ALUMNI CLUB launch at Die Stal



ALUMNI HOMECOMING

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HOMECOMING WEEKEND *Thursday, 23 September to*

Saturday, 25 September



GRADUATION 13 - 18 Dec

Newsletters **Toyota SU Woordfees** 17 - 24 Sept Oct/Nov July August September October November December **World Choir** Dagbreek Convocation **Reunion Weekend:** Games in Meeting Flanders, 6 - 8 Aug Sanlam Cape Town **Belgium** Marathon 2 - 12 July London to 17 Oct 947 Ride Joburg **Brighton** Absa Cape Epic 14 Nov and 21 Nov **Cycle Race** 17-24 Oct 19 Sept

> Helderberg 75th birthday: 23 - 26 Sept Eendrag 60th birthday: 24 Sept Heemstede 55th birthday: 24 Sept Nemesia 45th birthday: 24 Sept Metanoia 15th birthday: 24 Sept

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www.matiesalumni.com www.sun.ac.za/english/alumni Maties, we are preparing to welcome you to our completed Alumni Welcoming Centre at Die Stal in February 2021 – your new home away from home.

"The COVID-19 pandemic may have halted refurbishing work in early 2020, but with South Africa's lockdown slowly being lifted, the work is back on track and the finish line is in sight," says Shaun Stuart, Manager: Alumni and Donor Engagement at Stellenbosch University.

When completed, the Alumni Welcoming Centre will provide the first point of connection for all alumni when they return to campus. You can expect a welcoming environment that serves as a gateway to the alumni network and that fosters relationships. Information and informative resources will be on hand, alumni merchandise and memorabilia will be on offer at our retail store and campus tours will start and end there.

"We plan on hosting a variety of social and professional networking events. This can include book launches, guest lectures, small alumni reunions, major alumni events such as Homecoming, residence sport, Varsity Cup, graduation celebrations and our annual Welcoming Day for first-years," says Karen Bruns, Senior Director: Development and Alumni Relations.

"This will be a place where the old meets the new, innovation meets heritage and familiarity meets relationships. We cannot wait to complete this iconic facility where you can come and celebrate being a Matie."

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We're almost there...

Your home away

from home















ALUMNI HOMECOMING

202

You have a VIP ticket for Homecoming 2021

Thursday, 23 September to Saturday, 25 September 2021

Picture this! It's 'lente' in the Boland, sêr groups are serenading you, you're enjoying the company of friends whom you haven't seen in a while, students are showing off their sporting talents on the field, business leaders are sharing their expertise to give your career a boost and the delicious smell of braaivleis is wafting through the air

Yes, we're switching things up for 2021 – our annual Maties Alumni Homecoming and Family Weekend has a new date, and of course you're invited. From Thursday, 23 September to Saturday, 25 September 2021, we're rolling out the maroon carpet and you have a VIP ticket to come and enjoy a range of tailormade activities at your alma mater.

Gather your friends, bring your family and be part of an exciting three days during which you can reminisce, reconnect and relive your wonderful student days.





Thursday, 23 September

Full day of activities

We've planned a full day of activities for Thursday, 23 September: The festivities will kick off with a **lunchtime business and career networking event**. Watch this space – we've invited inspiring leaders to share their expertise with you.

For the sport fans, we've planned a host of **sport activities** in which residences will go head to head on the sport field. Come pick your team and show your support.

As an extra-special treat, we're amplifying togetherness with a **Maties Come Wine With Me wine tasting and food pairing experience at the Alumni Club (Die Stal)**. Here you will mingle with a host of alumni winemakers and taste some of the best wines on offer while brushing up on your wine knowledge or showing off your refined palate.

We'll light the braai fires for a **Maties braai under the oak trees** at the Alumni Club – think prime steaks and boerewors sizzling on the grills, music in the background and an abundance of Matie gees. Come #BraaiLikeAMatie!

Friday, 24 September

Decade reunions

The festivities continue on Friday, 24 September with our **decade reunions**. If you were a first-year Matie in 1971, 1981, 1991, 2001 or 2011 – keep an eye on your inbox for your extra-special invitation to these get-togethers, which will include a tour of your residence and the campus. Come and see for yourself how much has changed or how much has stayed the same.

Various sêr groups and our award-winning **Stellenbosch University Choir** will make sure they're all in tune to serenade you at Maties Unplugged. Pop, rock, classical – whatever your preference, you won't be disappointed. This will be a not-tobe-missed **musical event**.

Several residence-specific activities have also been planned for the Homecoming period. These include **Eendrag's 60th birthday celebrations, Metanoia's I5th birthday celebrations, Heemstede's 55th birthday celebrations and Helderberg's 75th reunion**. Your residence will keep you posted.

We need two volunteers per residence to assist us in activating your first-year group. Please send your name to Ferdi van Dyk at dfvandyk@sun.ac.za if you are willing to assist in making this reunion a huge success.



Saturday, 25 September **Get active**

On Saturday, 25 September you'll have an opportunity to get active while taking in the breath-taking surroundings of Stellenbosch. We're planning running and cycling events at Coetzenburg – and of course your family and pets are welcome! For the rugby enthusiasts, we're organising a University of Cape Town vs Maties rugby game at the Danie Craven Stadium. What more could you ask for?



ALUMNI

We've highlighted only a few of our exciting events to whet your appetite. Please visit **www.matiesalumni.com** for more information on how to book your spot. Follow Stellenbosch University on the various social media platforms, including Facebook,



Instagram and Twitter, for regular updates on more exciting events and the latest information on all our activities.



< Watch the video of Homecoming 2020



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Maties are forming communities all over the country, the continent, the globe, and there's always something going on. Join one of the national or international hubs so that you can network with other Maties, engage, offer your time or your talent and explore ideas. Please note that dates indicated are provisional due to the dynamic nature of the University programme in light of the COVID-19 pandemic. Feel free to engage with the various hub coordinators in each region. We are also looking at opportunities to host online virtual events as part of the overall programme of activities – so, do keep in touch and follow our social media channels for the latest information.







Darryn Havenga, Director of Development & Alumni Relations: UK & Ireland

UK & Ireland

Our UK and Ireland Hubs have planned a range of activities for 2021.

> Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on all the upcoming events and visit www.matiesalumni.com.Alternatively, get in touch with Darryn Havenga, at darrynh@sun.ac.za or +44 7555 160631.

Save these dates

Thursday, 11 March – Cambridge Maties online networking event. *Tuesday, 16 March* – Maties in Scotland online networking event. *Thursday, 18 March* – Maties in Wales online networking event. *Tuesday, 11 May* – London Maties online networking event #1. *Thursday, 13 May* – Maties in the South (England) online networking event.

Tuesday, 18 May – London Maties online networking event #2. *Thursday, 20 May* – Maties in the North (England) online networking event.

Friday, 25 June – Maties Wine Club (Wine estate to be confirmed).
Sunday, 19 September – London to Brighton Cycle Ride with
Chancellor Edwin Cameron and Prof Wim de Villiers.
Tuesday, 21 September – London Homecoming
Thursday, 23 September – Dublin Homecoming
Saturday, 25 September – Come Braai with Me – Heritage Day
Celebrations including SWAN breakfast and Golf Day.
Friday, 29 October – Maties Wine Club (Wine estate to be confirmed).





Alison April, Director of Development and Alumni Relations: Europe

Europe

Our Hubs in Europe have planned a range of activities for 2021. These include lectures, panel discussions, professional networking events, fundraisers and social gatherings.

> Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on all the upcoming events and visit www.matiesalumni.com.Alternatively, get in touch with Alison April, at alisonapril@sun.ac.za or +32 494 33 57 95.

Please diarise

Friday, 5 February - Maties Wine Club in Germany. Wednesday, 10 February and Thursday, 11 February – Virtual meet-up in Finland. Monday, 15 February and Tuesday, 16 February - Virtual meetup in Denmark. Wednesday, 17 and Thursday, 18 February - Virtual meet-up in Norway. *Tuesday, 23 February* – Virtual winter networking event. *March* – Belgium and The Netherlands (International Women's Day). April – France May - Germany*une* – Sweden and Switzerland July – Belgium (SU Choir at International Choir Games). September – We're celebrating Homecoming around Europe. October – Germany *November* – Luxembourg and The Netherlands. December - Belgium HUBS





Aldo Kriel, Hong Kong Hub Co-ordinator

> For more information on the Hong Kong Hub or to volunteer/attend a Hong Kong event, contact Aldo at aldokriel@gmail.com.

Maties in Hong Kong

Would you like to volunteer be part of our Alumni Hub Committee in Hong Kong? It's lots of fun and you get to connect with fellow alumni, assist with a range of networking and professional development opportunities and stay directly in touch with your alma mater.

If you're based in or are relocating to Hong Kong in 2021 - you could become part of this network by getting in touch with our long-standing Hong Kong Hub Coordinator, Aldo Kriel. Aldo will gladly help you to meet fellow Maties and friends of SU. Don't forget to join our Maties Hong Kong Hub group on www.matiesconnect. com to be kept abreast of all upcoming activities.

Having completed an Industrial Design Engineering Degree at SU in 2002, Aldo has over 18 years of experience in managing global transformation programmes in the digital and financial industry. He is an avid rugby enthusiast and looks forward to engaging further with Maties in Hong Kong, so get in touch today!





Steven Rosendorff Canada Hub Co-ordinator

Canada

Maties in Canada – look out for us in 2021! Due to the global lockdown as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic – we were sadly not able to visit you in 2020 as planned. Our Rector and Vice Chancellor, Prof Wim de Villiers, will travel to Canada in 2021 to participate in the World Academic Summit in Toronto in late August 2021. Following which, he will visit with alumni across Canada. We're looking forward to reconnecting with as many of you as possible as part of this visit.

Sunday, 5 September — Tuesday, 14 September Alumni Engagement in Canada

Details will be finalised in early 2021, so watch this space! You can also keep updated with the itinerary for Canada in 2021 via our Maties in Canada group on Maties Connect. Visit www.matiesconnect.com accordingly.

> In the meantime, for more information and to discuss how you can set up a Maties Alumni Hub in your town, city or province, get in touch with our Canada Hub Co-ordinator Steven Rosendorff at capiecanuck@shaw.ca or on +1 403 969 2215.





North America

With over 3750 Maties currently located across the USA, our alumni in the USA form a significant part of our global community. Over the past four years, we have established Hubs in New York, Boston, Los Angeles, San Francisco and more recently in Denver (Colorado).

We are extremely proud of the close relationships that we have fostered with many of our USA-based alumni. Over the years, we've hosted guest lectures, social mixer events, professional networking seminars, cocktail evenings, and even braais ('BBQs / Cookouts') with great Matie gees! We would love to hear from you – so, get in touch today if you are based in the USA.

Don't forget to join Maties Connect to be kept abreast of all our events and activities across the globe. We are also looking to host online events for our Maties in the USA in 2021 in addition to in-person events – so, look out for further details on our digital channels.

Look out for our newsletters and if you need additional assistance, please contact us at alumni@sun.ac.za or engage with our current Hub Co-ordinators.

Please diarise February – Networking with our Rector and Vice-Chancellor. November – Giving Tuesday.

Meet our USA Hub Co-ordinators



Southern California Nicolaas-John van Nieuwenhuysen, vannieuwenhuysen@msn.com



New York Nick Smit, Nick.Smit@ingbank.com



Boston Francisca Pretorius, francisca.pretorius@gmail.com



Denver Ross Blount, rossblount@gmail.com



Namibia

We are delighted to have over 5 800 Maties in Namibia — our single biggest group of international alumni. We look forward to strengthening our engagement with you in 2021. Don't forget to join our Maties in Namibia group on www.matiesconnect.com.

Please diarise

March – Networking with fellow Maties. *September* – Networking with fellow Maties.



Therisia Titus, Namibia Hub Co-ordinator

> For more information on the Namibia Hub or to volunteer or attend an event in Namibia, engage with Therisia Titus at alumni@sun.ac.za.

We're launching five new Hubs in 2021

Stellenbosch University has approximately 90 000 alumni staying in the Western Cape and we would like to develop active networks within seven identified regions — namely the **Overberg, Breede River Valley, Garden Route, Cape Town City, Winelands** and the **West Coast**.

We kicked off this project with the establishment of the Breede River Valley Alumni Hub at the end of 2020. The Breede River Valley Hub launch was a resounding success and the Hub has already established a programme for 2021, with an active volunteer committee driving networking in the region.

Our next stop is the launch of the Overberg Alumni Hub in early 2021.The other Hubs will follow later in 2021.

> If you would like to get involved, please contact Ferdi van Dyk at dfvandyk@sun.ac.za.









Gauteng

We have a dedicated committee of alumni, focused on bringing all Maties in the region together on a regular basis. These include social gatherings, guest lectures, networking opportunities and fundraisers. The Hub is chaired by Nadine Moodie, a former student leader.

> For more information on the Gauteng Hub or to volunteer or attend an event in the region, contact Nadine at alumni@sun.ac.za.Alternatively, visit www.matiesalumni.com.

KwaZulu-Natal

We have a dedicated committee of alumni, focused on bringing all Maties in the region together on a regular basis. These include social gatherings, guest lectures, networking opportunities and fundraisers. The Hub is chaired by Dr Xolani Nocanda.

> For more information on the KZN Hub or to volunteer or attend an event in the region, contact Xolani at alumni@sun.ac.za. Alternatively, visit www.matiesalumni.com.



Nadine Moodie, Gauteng Hub Co-ordinator

Please diarise March – Wine tasting with our alumni winemakers. August – SWAN event November – Networking with our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Wim de Villiers.



Dr Xolani Nocanda, Durban Hub Co-ordinator

Please diarise

June – Take on the Comrades Marathon with us and raise funds for students in need. October – Networking with our Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Wim de Villiers.





Tarina Nel Breede River Hub Co-ordinator

> Please engage with Tarina at alumni@sun.ac.za for more information about this Hub, if you would like to get in contact with one of the committee members, share ideas, or if you would like to serve as a committee member.

Breede River Valley

Not far from our alma mater, the Breede River Alumni Hub, was launched in October 2020. A group of willing alumni saw the value and potential in bringing Maties from Tulbagh to McGregor together. We acknowledge that this picturesque valley is home to Maties working in a number of different industries with diverse interests and ambitions and hope to, as we collaborate, be a catalyst for a growing number of Maties to get involved. This Hub aims to organise four flagship events per year and is willing to help facilitate other initiatives and ideas as Maties discover and rediscover collaborating opportunities. These could include social receptions, guest lectures, networking opportunities and fundraisers.

Sporting events, for example golf days, bowls business league, mountain biking and trail running are also on the priority list, as these will be excellent events to show that the alumni are present in the community. We aim to be visible in the community and hopefully inspire the pupils of the community to come and study at Maties.

The Hub covers a big region and therefore, the opportunities to connect are ample. The Hub is led by Tarina Nel.





SWAN

A network of inspiring Matie women

"Stellenbosch University has through the decades delivered fantastic women graduates to the business world, arts and culture and science and technology, as well as fantastic innovators and entrepreneurs. We know that Matie women are well-connected, have strong opinions and have worked hard to make their mark in our communities, our country and on the global stage."

- Karen Bruns, Senior Director: Development and Alumni Relations

The Stellenbosch Women Alumnae Network, known as SWAN, aims to bring women graduates together through mentorship programmes, leadership training and roundtable discussions. We hope that SWAN chapters will develop and flourish regionally and in country-specific communities of alumnae, where women can connect on issues and interests that matter to them on a personal or professional level, through a host of engaging activities.

SWAN was launched in August 2020 with Dr Marlene le Roux, CEO of the Artscape Theatre and co-founder of the Women's Achievement Network for Disability, as the keynote speaker. She called on all of us to come together to make a positive change in the spaces we occupy. Dr Nthabiseng Moleko, an alumna who advocates for women's rights on the Commission for Gender Equality, facilitated the inaugural SWAN event. She challenged participants to use their skills and knowledge to help provide solutions to issues such as genderbased violence and the economic crisis in the country.

You can join SWAN on www.matiesconnect. com, where we will share information on all upcoming networking opportunities and shine the spotlight on our outstanding Matie women.

> Please stay in touch — contact us at alumni@sun.ac.za to share news of your achievements and successes, personal or professional.

Save these dates

Saturday, 27 March

We will start 2021 on a high at a networking brunch for all our SWANs. Depending on COVID-19 regulations at the time, this brunch will either be online or in-person. You'll get the opportunity to network and engage with fellow Maties. We will keep you posted.

Wednesday, 25 August

It's women's month after all, so prepare to be amazed as we introduce you to a host of outstanding Matie women who will share their passion and experiences in their fields of expertise. Further details to follow.



Fika Ngonzo SWAN project manager Email: alumni@sun.ac.za

Meet Fika Ngonzo, our SWAN project manager

I am a Stellenbosch University BA Honours (Political sciences) graduate. Having spent the last year as a graduate intern, I have since realised that my passion lies in project management.

As the first SWAN, I am excited about the potential of this network and what we as the women of our alma mater could achieve together. SWAN was launched online due to the COVID-19 pandemic, but I do look forward to the day that we can all finally meet face-to-face.

Please join us in building a SWAN chapter in your region. Follow us on social media and on Maties Connect – we value your input.



Calling all our young Maties

Hey there, need help kickstarting or advancing your career? Not sure how to best update your CV? Does networking seem like a foreign concept? Want to get in touch with influential Maties? Our exciting Stellenbosch University Young Alumni Network should be your port of call.

The Young Alumni Network strives to enhance the development of young graduates through mentorship, career development programmes, and networking opportunities. And to ensure that programmes and events in all regions are conducted in the best interest of our young alumni constituency - a Young Alumni Advisory Board will be established. The Advisory Board will consist of I I representatives – one representative from each province in South Africa and two international representatives. Each member will be expected to lead a volunteer committee which will be in charge of organising regional events.

Lift-off in March 2021

Official Launch Event

The Stellenbosch University Young Alumni Network will officially launch in March 2021. For now, the plan is to have an in-person networking event, otherwise we will move online, depending on COVID-19 regulations.

Selection of the Young Alumni Advisory Board

The first selection of Advisory Board members will be via an interview process. Would you like to volunteer? Email dfvandyk@sun.ac.za for more details. Do keep an eye on our social media channels and www.matiesalumni.com.





DID YOU KNOW?

Our Maties network is truly global.Your alma mater boasts 60 412 young alumni across 83 countries.

26 July to 30 July

Networking and career engagement week

The Young Alumni Network will host its first networking and career engagement week in July 2021, where pioneers from various fields will have the opportunity to engage all our young minds.

> For more information on our Young Alumni Network and upcoming events, please get in touch with Chuma Gqola at gqola@sun.ac.za.





e will remember 2020 as a time of exceptional, challenging, shared experiences around the globe. No-one has been left untouched by the challenges of COVID-19. We will have to follow a different way of life for some time still – who knows, perhaps there has been a fundamental shift in our way of doing things. Only time will tell.

The impact of the virus on the university community, our alumni worldwide included, is evident from the messages we receive. For some the challenges are greater and perhaps more permanent than for others.

It warms my heart that we also hear daily about more SU alumni who, in their own way, make a deep impact on the lives of so many others. Alumni use their time, skills and knowledge to make the world a better place indeed. It is inspiring and helps us to realise that everyone can and should make a difference. Especially now.

CONVOCATION Your input could make a difference

"A new road lies ahead for the Convocation of Stellenbosch University (SU). Consider participating and thereby making use of the opportunity to provide input on decision-making at SU," Dr Leslie van Rooi, Senior Director: Social Impact and Transformation and Vice President of the SU Convocation writes.

Messages from other parts of the world also help us to understand that our alumni and many other friends of SU realise that the economy of the town is under pressure. We would, therefore, also like to thank you for your support of those events aimed at reactivating the economy of Stellenbosch. Our thanks also to those new and existing donors who, under extremely difficult circumstances, keep on giving in order to provide support to those who have it worse.

I also have to congratulate SU management and students and every single SU staff member – in every capacity – on our campuses on the fact that our institution was able to align itself to become a university in the full sense of the word within a record period of time and under abnormal circumstances. In this way SU continues to establish itself more firmly as a leading university, where we are able to tackle current challenges, to think and act innovatively, and try to make an impact.



A new road lies ahead for the Convocation. In December 2020 we had our very first virtual Convocation meeting and a successful online election to fill all vacant positions on the Convocation executive committee. A total of 3 380 votes were recorded for the vacancy of President of Convocation, 3 397 for the position of Secretary and 3 100 for the vacancy of an additional ordinary member.

In future we would be able to virtually liaise, meet virtually and in person, and participate in elections from anywhere in the world, as the greater university community (in the true sense of the word). This offers us a much better platform for communicating, sharing and providing sorely needed input.

The members of the executive committee play key roles with regard to input, advice and decision-making at SU. This is also a way of 'giving back' and maintaining contact with our alma mater.

We need the very best thinkers, from diverse backgrounds and with diverse skills, from all over the world to make a difference at our institution.

This is how we take SU forward.

Who are members of the Convocation?

All persons who have been awarded a qualification at a congregation (i.e. a graduation ceremony) of SU are members of the Convocation; so are the rector, vice-rectors, chief operating officer and all full-time academic staff. Full-time academic staff of SU also remain members of the SU Convocation after their retirement.

The Executive Committee of the SU Convocation:

President: Adv Jan Heunis Vice President: Dr Leslie van Rooi Secretary: Frederik van Dyk Additional members: Esterbeth Singels and Merlyn van der Rheede

GRADUATION

April Graduation Ceremonies Monday, 29 March - Thursday, 1 April

December Graduation Ceremonies *Monday, 13 December - Saturday, 18 December*

Did you know?

When our 2020 autumn graduation ceremonies could not take place because of the COVID-19 lockdown, the University held its first-ever online conferral of qualifications on 3 April. We conferred a record number of diplomas, certificates and degrees – 9 120 for the 2019 academic year, including an astonishing 361 PhDs.

In December 2020, the University followed a hybrid graduation model which included 12 small face-to-face ceremonies for doctoral graduands, honorary doctorates, Chancellor's Awards recipients and the Chancellor's medallist in the Endler Hall, as well as virtual faculty-specific graduation ceremonies.

Watch the December 2020 virtual graduation ceremonies here.

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Shaun Stuart, Alumni and Donor Relations Manager

Your intellectual home

As you may know, SU is home to 10 faculties: AgriSciences, Economic and Management Sciences, Medicine and Health Sciences, Engineering, Military Science, Arts and Social Sciences, Science, Education, Law and Theology.

If you are an alum of one or more than one of these faculties, SU remains your intellectual home and your faculty has a continued desire to enrich your life as a Matie.

In an endeavour to reconnect and engage with you, faculties plan and host events that would be of interest to you throughout the year. These may include specialist lectures and topical discussions for some intellectual stimulation, networking events to enhance your career or opportunities created especially for you to give of your time or talent.

Remember; your achievements make us proud. You serve as role models to our current students, which is why we engage and partner with alumni and include you in our networks. The COVID-19 pandemic threw a spanner in the works in 2020, but we've rallied and managed to successfully engage with you in the virtual world. Going forward and based on the popularity of our online offerings, you can expect a combination of virtual and in-person events in 2021.

Keeping in mind the dynamic nature of the University calendar and uncertainties surrounding the global COVID-19 situation, we're sharing with you only a few provisional faculty activities for 2021.

Can't find events for your specific faculty? Not to worry; we'll keep you posted throughout the year. You could also refer to the faculty representative listed for each faculty for further information.

If you have any suggestions going forward, do share with us at alumni@sun.ac.za and stay in touch via www.matiesalumni.com and www.matiesconnect.com.


Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences

The Faculty of Arts and Social Sciences has built up a reputation as one of the academic environments at Stellenbosch University where the arts, languages and social sciences come together to offer our students a rich and diverse academic experience. Because of this, many of our graduates go on to occupy leading positions in the public and private sectors where they are able to make a significant contribution to contemporary challenges facing South African society, Africa and the rest of the world.

Our aim as a faculty is to contribute to a just world in which critical thinking, collaboration, creativity and innovation form the foundation of society. The teaching and learning that we offer our current students and returning graduates and the social impact initiatives that we engage in are avenues to pursue this objective, while the research that we conduct is meant to educate the people in the Western Cape, South Africa, Africa and the rest of the world, and to enrich and enhance the quality of their life. All these opportunities are still available to you too through the postgraduate programmes we have on offer.

In 2021, the Faculty will again host a series of seminars and talks about pertinent issues, many of which we will strive to host online as well. These events are open to our alumni, and we invite you to attend and contribute to the discussions. While many of our seminars and talks may be driven from within the Faculty, we are always open to opportunities to collaborate with our alumni to ensure continued knowledge sharing between academia and industry.



> Please feel free to engage with Lynne Rippenaar-Moses by contacting her at lynnr@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 2017. Lynne can also be contacted for more information on the events we have planned for 2021.

www.sun.ac.za/english/ faculty/arts





The Faculty of AgriSciences is held in high esteem at national and international level for the quality of its training and research and as consultant in the agricultural and forestry industry. Students enrolled in the Faculty's under- and postgraduate programmes are expertly trained to become leaders and managers in the various sectors of the industry. Throughout South Africa and abroad, alumni of the Faculty can be found in top positions.

We have planned a number of events for 2021. Please diarise accordingly.

Friday, 21 May

Annual Research Day

Our Department of Conservation Ecology is hosting its annual Research Day on Friday, 21 May. More details will follow.

Sunday,26 September – Wednesday, 29 September BIO2021

The South African Genetics Society and the South African Society for Bioinformatics are hosting BIO2021 in September 2021 in the heart of the Cape Winelands. Researchers from across the spectrum will come together under the central theme Bioscience, Big Data & the Fourth Industrial Revolution to facilitate dialogue, networking, brainstorming and a cross-pollination of ideas.

> Conference website: https://bit.ly/35aUQca

November

Calling all alumni in the Hermanus area. The Hermanus AgriSciences Alumni interest group is hosting a not-to-be-missed networking event in November 2021. Venue and speakers to be announced.

Animal Science 100-year celebration (1921–2021)

The year 2021 is a big one for our Animal Science Department, one of the oldest established departments of animal science in the country. The Department is set to celebrate 100 years of existence, and you are invited.

Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more **information** on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Carin Bruce at cbruce@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 9047.

> On the web: http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/agri



Faculty of Education

The Faculty of Education, established in 1918, is the oldest faculty of education in the country. The Faculty is committed to producing teachers who are locally relevant and globally competent, and to extending the frontiers of knowledge in education. Your connection to Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Education should not end with graduation; thus, we have embarked on the journey of establishing an alumni engagement portfolio.



Meet Mkululi Nompumza, Coordinator: Recruitment and Alumni Engagement

As an alumnus of the Faculty of Education at Stellenbosch University, I am most privileged to be supporting the Faculty Executive in its establishment of an alumni engagement portfolio.

Our faculty's alumni continue to impact the lives of many through their work as teachers, school leaders, policymakers and as other professionals. Stellenbosch University's Faculty of Education invites you to use your faculty as a continued source of support on your professional journey.

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In line with Stellenbosch University's Vision 2040 and in particular the core strategic theme of purposeful partnership and inclusive networks, the Faculty aims to enhance and expand engagement opportunities for and foster our relationship with our substantial alumni community. Please be on the lookout for our faculty-specific telethon, questionnaire and upcoming events. Your input into the development of our portfolio would be much appreciated.

Please feel free to engage with Mkululi Nompumza by contacting him at mknompumza@sun.ac.za or on +27 21 808 3936.

> On the web: http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/education



Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences

The Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences is widely regarded as the leading Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences in South Africa. It is committed to the development of the rich human potential in our country and is regarded as a centre of excellence at Stellenbosch University. Our alumni continue to excel across a broad range of industries.



Thursday, 18 February

Thys Visser Commemorative Lecture

The biannual Thys Visser Commemorative Lecture will be presented by Prof Emmanuel Akyeampong, Oppenheimer Faculty Director of the Harvard University Centre for African Studies, Professor of History and of African and African American Studies at Harvard University. The topic of the lecture will be Pandemics, Commodity Markets and Recessions: Africa and the Coronavirus.

Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Ronel Beukes at rbeukes@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 3404.

> On the web: http://www.sun.ac.za/ english/faculty/economy



University of Stellenbosch Business School

The University of Stellenbosch Business School (USB) falls under our Faculty of Economic and Management Sciences. It is a leading provider of internationally accredited postgraduate management degrees and executive education in South Africa. It has been over 50 years since the USB opened its doors to 14 MBA students in 1964.Today, the USB has grown to offer world-class education to over 29 000 students and alumni from all over the globe.

February – September

USB masterclasses: The facilitators are senior USB academics. Our continuous learning programme consists of three events per annum in various key focus areas, such as futures, finance, coaching and leadership.

March – October

USB Alumni Thought Leadership Network webinars and in loco events: Key business and global discourse themes presented by USB academics or industry leaders.

September

USB Business Breakfast engagement with industry. Stewardship Festival.

October

Mentorship Masterclass for all USB- and Small Business Academy-registered mentors. Kgalema Motlanthe Leadership Series.

November

Lion's Den: Entrepreneurship event.

Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Christelle Cronjé at ccronje@usb.ac.za or +27 21 918 4259.

> On the web: https://www.usb.ac.za





Faculty of Law

The Faculty of Law has a long and proud tradition of excellence in teaching and equipping students not only as legal practitioners but also as jurists. The Faculty was founded in 1921 and has contributed significantly towards the development of the South African legal system. Our Faculty alumni continue to be trailblazers in their areas of expertise. We value your participation and would love to see you at our events and courses planned for 2021.

February

Saturday, 20 February – Annual Social Justice Lecture. Virtual Open Day. Wednesday, 10 February - Friday, 12 February – Social Justice Jurisprudence Short Course.

March/April

Wednesday, 24 March - Social Justice Roundtable.

May

Annual Human Rights Lecture with Prof Sandy Liebenberg. *Thursday, 27 May - Friday, 28 May* – Fourth International Conference on Public Procurement Law Africa.

June/July

Tuesday, 8 June - Saturday, 12 June – Administrative Investigations and Commissions of Enquiry. *Thursday, 24 - Saturday, 26 June –* International Legal Ethics Conference with Prof Theo Broodryk.

Tuesday, 29 June - Friday, 2 July – Global Alliance for Justice Education and *International Journal for Clinical Legal Education* with ProfTheo Broodryk and Stephan van der Merwe.

Sunday, 4 July - Sunday, 11 July – All African Human Rights Moot Court with Prof Annika Rudman.

Wednesday, 21 July - Friday, 23 July – Administrative Law for State Functionaries.

August

Wednesday, 25 August - Friday, 27 August – Annual Social Justice Summit and International Conference on Social Justice and the Law.



September

One-day colloquium at the Stellenbosch Institute for Advanced Studies – New Developments in the South African Law of Delict – with Dr Bernard Wessels. Regional Teaching and Learning Conference with Ebrezia Johnson. Democratic Governance and the Law Seminar. Labour Law Conference with our Dean, Prof Nicola Smit. *Tuesday, 14 September - Thursday, 16 September* — Decriminalisation of Petty

September — Decriminalisation of Petty Offences with African Policing Civilian Oversight Forum with Prof Nicola Smit/Sean Tait.

October

Wednesday, 20 October – Roman Law Moot Court with Ray de Villiers.

November

Administrative Law for State Functionaries. Fourth International Conference on Public Procurement Law Africa with Prof Geo Quinot.

Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Yolandi Filander at yolandi@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 4853.

> On the web: https://blogs.sun.ac.za/law

FACULTIES



Faculty of Engineering

The Faculty of Engineering is one of Stellenbosch University's flagship faculties and is one of South Africa's major producers of top-quality engineers. The world-class engineers we produce contribute to the economic development of the country and improve citizens' quality of life. In addition, our outstanding research and consulting services add value to industry and substantially supplement our funding streams.

Look out for our newsletters, which will contain detailed information on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Carla Nel at carlanel@sun.ac.za or +27 21 +27 21 808 4945.

> On the web: http://www.eng.sun.ac.za



Faculty of Military Science

Our Faculty of Military Science offers worldclass military higher education for the defence and security environment through socially impactful teaching and learning, innovative research and professional military development.

Please feel free to engage with Andries Fokkens by contacting him at fokkens@sun.ac.za or +27 22 702 3094. Andries can also be contacted for more information on the events that we have planned for 2021.

> On the web: http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/ milscience



Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences

The Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences, established in 1956, is a self-driven hub of excellence situated at the foot of Cape Town's Tygerberg Hills. We aim to be the leading research-intensive health sciences faculty in and for Africa.

Our mission is to facilitate transformative, lifelong learning; to create, share and translate knowledge that enhances health and health equity; and to cocreate value with and for the communities that we serve.

Currently, we are home to around 4 600 students and more than 1 500 employees who are located in 15 academic departments and 18 research centres and institutes. Our undergraduate academic offerings include degrees in medicine, physiotherapy, occupational therapy, speech-language and hearing therapy, nursing and dietetics. We also offer more than 90 postgraduate qualifications, including medical specialist and subspecialist training in a variety of disciplines.

Our Faculty is widely recognised for research in fields such as infectious diseases, reproductive health, post-traumatic stress disorder, nutrition

security, innovative rehabilitation, evidence-based healthcare, genetics, injury, rehabilitation and primary healthcare.

A strong focus on the scholarship of teaching and learning and on the provision of effective student support services contributes to the high success rates enjoyed by our students. Additionally, we recognise the importance of our connection with the healthcare system. For this reason, we actively advance rural- and district-based training, research that contributes to improved health policy and partnerships that can help to strengthen healthcare in South Africa and beyond.

Look out for our VIVUS newsletters, which will keep you abreast of all the latest happenings and activities as a Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences alumnus/alumna. Alternatively, get in touch with Meggan Ceylon at alumni@sun.ac.za or +27 21 938 9202.

> On the web: http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/ healthsciences





Faculty of Science

As one of the four founding faculties of Stellenbosch University in 1918, the Faculty of Science continues to provide education in all the disciplines of the fundamental natural sciences as well as for students in professional degrees in engineering, medicine and actuarial sciences. The Faculty also plays a significant role in positioning Stellenbosch University as a leading researchintensive university.

We therefore look forward every year to engaging with our many alumni via various platforms – from Science Café events and public lectures to networking events and our popular Careers in Science events. Our quarterly electronic newsletter also keeps a large number of alumni up to date with happenings and research activities in the Faculty. Drop us an e-mail if you are not yet on our mailing list or join the Faculty of Science on the professional LinkedIn platform to stay up to date with news and events.

For 2021, the Faculty of Science will present most of its outreach activities via online platforms until it is safe again to travel and meet face to face in different settings. So, please look out for interesting and stimulating talks on a wide range of topics on our LinkedIn and Facebook pages. Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Comari Schoeman at science2@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 3465.

> On the web:

http://www.sun.ac.za/english/faculty/ science





Faculty of Theology

The Faculty of Theology serves as a knowledge partner for other academic communities, church denominations and institutions of the broader society. Alumni are invited to various activities and events throughout 2021.

Monday, 15 March – Theological Day. *Friday, 14 May* – Youth Day Lecture. *Monday, 18 October* – Russel Botman Memorial Lecture. Look out for emails from the Faculty, which will contain more information on upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with Marita Snyman at maritasnyman@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 2538 or follow the Faculty Facebook page via https://www. facebook.com/matiestheology/

FACULTIES

Public lectures

Please diarise the following public lectures taking place in 2021. These lectures usually offer spaces for reflection, engagement and much-needed public debate.



Thursday, 18 February 2021 Thys Visser Commemorative Lecture

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> Get in touch with Ronel Beukes at rbeukes@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 3404 for further information.



Monday, 18 October 2021

Russel Botman Memorial Lecture

The Russel Botman Memorial Lecture, celebrating the life of Prof Hayman Russel Botman, takes place annually in October, on or close to his birthday (18 October). The lecture is hosted by the Faculty of Theology in collaboration with the Curatoria of the Uniting Reformed Church in Southern Africa and the Dutch Reformed Church in South Africa as well as the Beyers Naudé Centre for Public Theology and the Russel Botman Bursary Fund (RBBF).

The 2021 Russel Botman Memorial Lecture will take place on Monday, 18 October 2021 and on the occasion of this lecture, the new recipients of the RBBF will be introduced. The lecture will have an online component included to ensure that as many alumni and friends of SU globally can participate. We encourage you to make a gift to sustain the legacy of Russel Botman by visiting https://www.givengain.com/cc/rbbf/.

> Visit www.russelbotman.com for more information.Alternatively, get in touch with Marita Snyman at maritasnyman@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 2538.



Monday, 29 March 2021 Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Honorary Lecture

The Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert Honorary Lecture, which aims to stimulate critical and challenging dialogue about our country and the continent, is hosted annually by the Frederik Van Zyl Slabbert (FVZS) Institute for Student Leadership Development with the financial support of the Konrad Adenauer Foundation.

In 2021, this annual lecture will be combined with the Institute's 10-year celebration on Monday, 29 March 2021 as a virtual engagement. This will allow for more alumni — local and international — to join this special occasion.

> Get in touch with Heidi October at heidioctober@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 2312 for further information.



Anton Lubowski Memorial Lecture

The annual Anton Lubowski Memorial Lecture celebrates the life of anti-apartheid activist and advocate Anton Theodor Eberhard August Lubowski (3 February 1952 – 12 September 1989) and social justice. This lecture is presented by Stellenbosch University's Development and Alumni Relations Division in partnership with the Faculty of Law and Simonsberg Men's Residence and takes place in the second half of the year.

> Get in touch with Ferdi van Dyk at alumni@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 4843 for further information.





ALUMNI ENGAGEMENT

RESIDENCES

Stellenbosch University boasts a vibrant and active community of residences and PSO structures which host a range of alumni activities throughout the year. Keeping in mind the dynamic nature of the University calendar and uncertainties surrounding the global COVID-19 situation, we're sharing with you only a few provisional activities for 2021. Can't find events for your specific PSO or residence? Not to worry; we'll keep you posted via email, on our various social media platforms and website. You could also refer to the alumni representatives listed on page 76 for further information.

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Birthday Celebration

MATIES DAGBREEK

Dagbreek is celebrating 100 years

Dagbreek is celebrating its centenary in 2021, and you can expect a full year of festivities. We plan on hosting a braai, touchies and quad cricket, a formal dinner and a gala concert, to mention but a few. Dates are yet to be confirmed, but please pencil these activities into your diary.

Centenary Golf Day

What is a reunion without a golf day? The Centenary Golf Day is scheduled to take place at the beginning of the year. Old and current Dagbrekers may participate, and dads and sons can challenge one another. There are many opportunities for sponsorship, including prizes and sponsors for holes.

Gala Concert

The Gala Concert at the Conservatory was one of the highlights on the programme for the 90-year reunion in 2011, and it included performances from several prominent figures and legends of Dagbreek. The 2021 concert promises to be even bigger, with top performers consisting of old and current Dagbrekers, artists that were involved in Dagbreek activities, SU students and other legends of Stellenbosch. It is sure to be an evening filled with nostalgia and surprises.

DAGBREEK STRAATMYL – during the SU Woordfees

The annual Dagbreek Straatmyl is hosted in honour of Dagbreek alumnus De Villiers Lamprecht, who was the first South African athlete to run a dream mile (that is, a mile in under four minutes). He achieved this feat on 13 November 1964 at Coetzenburg.

Grab your running shoes and brave the 1.604m route in treelined Victoria Street – one of the most beautiful in the country. The finishing line is in front of Dagbreek.



There are 13 categories, including an elite male and female category, a fun run and a masters. Music will be provided by a DJ to create a festive atmosphere and there will be entertainment on offer between races. Many medals and prizes are up for grabs.

Senior Lunch

Sunday, 11 April

There will be a Sunday lunch where all old Dagbrekers who were first years before 1980 have an opportunity to get together with their contemporaries. Come and see how things are, visit the archive or share stories with current residents.

Mother-and-Son Lunch

Saturday, 15 May

Current and old Dagbrekers are invited to spend a pleasant morning in the hostel with their moms. There will be refreshments, entertainment and surprises.

Reunion Weekend

6 to 8 August

One of the highlights of the Centenary Year is the "inbly" weekend from 6 to 8 August 2021.

Friday, 6 August

We have a pleasant get-together in the quad. In the evening, we get to hear a few anecdotes from some legends.

Saturday, 7 August

Morning: ODB annual meeting in Visholpark – you get the opportunity to hear the vision of the ODB and you can make suggestions.

Afternoon: We unearth our 75-year time capsule and watch the British Lions on the big screen.

Evening: Be sure to have your suit at hand, because tonight the "manne" are getting together at Stellenbosch Town Hall. Later in the evening, we gather around some fires in the quad, where new friendships will be formed, and old ones rekindled.

Sunday, 8 August

Morning: We end with a special Centenary Service in Visholpark.

100-Year Time Capsule

Who attended the 75-year reunion in 1996? If you did, can you still remember what lies buried beneath the quad? The reunion organisers are planning to open the 75-year capsule and then bury a 100-year capsule. What would you like to see included for the next generation? Do you perhaps have something special that you would like to donate? The organisers would love to hear from you.

Prim and Vice-Prim Breakfast

Friday, 24 September

On Friday, 24 September (during the Alumni Homecoming Weekend) we are trying to have 100 prims and 100 vice-prims attend this special breakfast. If the prim cannot be present, there will hopefully be a son, daughter or even a grandchild who can attend this event. This remarkable event is not to be missed. Therefore, if you were a prim or a vice-prim, please send us your contact details as soon as possible, so that we can get in touch.

Quad Day

Friday, 24 September

It's not only national Heritage Day, but also Braai Day! We are planning a day of fun in the quad where current and old Dagbrekers can socialise. The fires will burn high in the sky and a few balls will be smashed. The question is – how good is your quad cricket skills after all these years? More information to follow.

John Murray Day

Let's go big in 2021! Join current residents on a walk to the Rooiplein where we will commemorate John Murray's birthday.

> Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on all the upcoming events. Also note that all communication will be available on the Dagbreek d6 communicator, so please subscribe to the Dagbreek channel on the d6 connect app.





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Friday, 24 September

Heemstede is celebrating 55 years!

Heemies! Please join us in celebrating Heemstede's 55th birthday. You can loo flashbacks in the Ditsem, a picnic on the front grass, and a surprise dress

> Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more infor the upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with our Ho member for Alumni Relations, Zanne Cronjé at 21626235@



Thursday, 23 September — Sunday, 26 September

The Republic of Helderberg is celebrating 75 years

Come and join us for a weekend of nostalgia. We're planning a great mix of rugby, wine tours, auctions, braais, a gala dinner and of course, a Jack Wells *kuier*!

> Look out for our newsletters, which will have more information on upcoming events and engage with us on our social media platforms. Alternatively get in touch with us at helderberg 1946@gmail.com.

Friday, 24 September – Saturday, 25 September Hombré Reunion

It has been over 20 years since Hombré closed down and we thought it is high time for an alumni reunion. In March 2020, the 1st year group of 1980 had a small gathering, but decided right there and then that we need an even bigger get-together for all our Hombré alumni. Please join us on Friday, 24

September and Saturday, 25 September 2021.

> Do occasionally check www.

matiesalumni.com and all our social media channels for updates. Feel free to send stories, memories and photos of your time in Hombré to alumni@sun.ac.za.



Friday, 24 September

Eendrag is celebrating 60 years

Eagle brothers! Please join us in celebrating Eendrag's 60th birthday. Prepare for legendary Teekan conversations, a gambit of old school quaddies, and chats at the pub.

> Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on all the upcoming events. Alternatively, get in touch with our House Committee member for Alumni Relations, JT Cronje at 21570566@sun.ac.za.



Saturday, 25 September

Metanoia's 15 Year Celebration

Please come and celebrate Meta's 15th anniversary! Bring your gees as we celebrate the awesomeness that is Metanoia.

> Look out for our newsletters, which will contain more information on all the upcoming events. Alternatively reach out to our House Committee member of Alumni, Nthatisi Mota at 22742921@sun.ac.za.

SAVE THE DATE 23 - 25 September **HOMECOMING WEEKEND**







On a high note

August and September – dates to be confirmed SU Acapella is the acapella-singing competition in which residences, PSOs, and other non-residence groups participate against one another in order to be the best on campus. It is a competition by students for students, and replaces the former ATKV Sêr competition, bringing the focus back to the music.

Ensembles have 12-15 minutes in which to perform a selection of a capella pieces from a wide variety of genres. They are free to make use of whatever style of singing and about whatever topics they wish, so long as it remains child-friendly. They must, however, provide at least one South African song and one self-written song, but these can be in any of South Africa's official languages that they choose.

> Get in touch with Rewaldo Carolus at srcculture@sun.ac.za for further information. For more information on dates or to make contact with KuKo, you could also visit the following Instagram page 🖸 kukosr.





WOORDFEES

Friday, 17 September to Friday, 24 September 2021

For the first time, the Toyota SU Woordfees will be a Stellenbosch spring festival in 2021. The decision – to host the festival from 17 to 24 September 2021 – was taken in consultation with Stellenbosch University and other stakeholders.

The festival intends to stage a number of events and will include online as well as traditional offerings. All traditional events with live audiences will adhere to the applicable COVID-19 protocols.

According to the director of the Toyota SU Woordfees and WOW Project, Saartjie Botha, it is too early to predict whether this is a onceoff shift or whether the whole festival will move permanently to the second half of the year: "The Woordfees does not operate in isolation from other festivals and given the challenges currently facing the arts environment, we have to operate in ways that benefit the greater industry. This means that we have to be focused on sustainability and innovative solutions. Now more than ever, the festivals have a responsibility to provide opportunities for artists to earn an income. We are also committed to ensure returns on the investments made by our sponsors and, where possible, to help stimulate the local economy."

> See www.woordfees.co.za for more details.



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Ilhaam Groenewald, Chief Director: Maties Sport

> Find us online

Maties Sport has a wide and varied network of followers on social media. Like and follow us to ensure that you stay up to date on who is excelling in which sport, what team is topping the logs, who is flying the flag for South Africa and, of course, the fixtures of your favourite sport.

In addition, you may want to join one of our many online gatherings to hear from experts in their field and to take part in the general conversation surrounding university sport and your alma mater in particular.

We love hearing from former student athletes, so feel free to share your comments, photos and stories with us. After all, you are our inspiration and ... Once a Matie, always a Matie.

Join us on Facebook and Instagram or on Twitter @matiessport to see all our upcoming events.

Maties Sport

You cannot separate your student experience at Stellenbosch University from Maties Sport! Every alumnus/alumna can attest to this, recalling fond memories of summer nights at the Danie Craven Stadium, cheering on the maroon machine, or the fast-paced action of basketball and netball in the Coetzenburg Centre, not to mention record-breaking moments at the historic Coetzenburg Stadium.

The words and tunes of *Sweet Caroline* and *Dis Altyd Lente* will remain part of your DNA.

The Coetzenburg campus is the heart of Stellenbosch University, regardless of whether or not you played a sport. Your presence on game nights or virtually, through the many online events, is imperative to grow the legacy that has been shaped over 100 years.

Today, Maties Sport offers 30 codes – 11 of them high performance – to around 3 000 student athletes and continues to serve as the nurturing ground for excellence in coaching, sport innovation and national champions.

During the unprecedented circumstances of 2020, Maties Sport emerged as a leader among South African universities by embracing technology to move online with coaching sessions across codes, webinars and national competitions in chess and e-sport.

In 2021, the return to action will be fast and furious once COVID-19 restrictions are lifted. So, stay connected with Maties Sport to update your calendar and to celebrate your maroon pride – and remember always to #gooimielies!



Ready for action!

To say that the COVID-19 pandemic wreaked havoc on the world of sport in 2020 is an understatement. Sadly, its effects are being felt into 2021 and at the time of going to print, Maties Sport's 30 codes remain uncertain of competition dates and venues – and even if they will actually take place.

Hopefully, fixtures will be confirmed by governing sporting bodies by the end of the first quarter, enabling our talented student athletes to get back out into the field of play, delight their fans and make Stellenbosch University proud.

Numerous codes have started first team training and a scroll through our social media platforms will offer proof that our student athletes have stayed in shape through an innovative virtual training run by dedicated coaches.

Maties Sport even broke new university sport ground by staging the first online chess tournament and fully engaging in e-sport – seeing two of our players take on the world in the FISU (Fédération Internationale du Sport Universitaire) e-sport games.

Our Sport Managers

Netball – Karen Swart (kj2@sun.ac.za) Rugby – Quintin van Rooyen (qsvrooyen@sun.ac.za) Athletics - Hadley Volkwyn (hvolkwyn@sun.ac.za) Cricket - Keagan van Aarde (vanaarde@sun.ac.za) Hockey - Reggie Smith (rjs@sun.ac.za) Soccer - Elroy Smith (esmith@sun.ac.za)

Connect with the codes and players on social media – they need and deserve all the support they can get in these difficult times.



While we wait for confirmation, here's a brief look at what we hope will commence in 2021.

Parasport

National Championships to be held in Port Elizabeth in April. Maties Sport will field 15 athletes.

Paralympics to be held in Tokyo in July. Maties Sport has nine contenders hoping to qualify. A further four student athletes hope to qualify for the Olympics.

Cricket

The Cricket Boland League, Varsity Sport competition and USSA (University Sports South Africa) games are all still to be confirmed.

Thankfully our cricket alumni can be seen in action. Isma-eel Gafieldien and Ben Ward are playing for the Six Gun Grill Cape Cobras, Fritz de Beer is contracted to Boland Cricket and David Bedingham who was Maties Sport Sportsman of the Year in 2019, is playing for Durham County Cricket Club in the United Kingdom.

Netball

The Cape Winelands League, USSA Netball 2021 and Varsity Netball 2021 are all postponed until further notice. Hopefully this will change in the next few months.

Tennis

The CUCSA (Confederation of University and College Sports Association) Games are set to take place in December 2021 in Lesotho.

Players selected for the squad are Corin de Waal and Sinazo Solani. Staff selected for team management team are Brendan Thomas (coach) and Christine Barnard (manager).

The calendar for Boland South Tennis League is postponed until further notice.



Football

Maties Football Club, which has a 90-strong membership, consists of three men's and two women's teams – all players are chomping at the bit to shoot the ball across the goal at a tight angle!

The 1st Team competes in the SAFA Men's Regional League, Student Teams (men and women) take on the opposition at the USSA National Institutional Tournament in the A Section, the 2nd and 3rd Teams are placed in the Premier League (Stellenbosch LFA), and the Women's 1st Team features in the SASOL Provincial League.

The Student Teams were unable to play in the Varsity Sports Football Tournament to secure qualification for 2021; the current focus is to qualify for 2022.

The Residence League that attracts 800 players features two men's leagues and one women's league. Maties Sport is hoping to launch a Fives League this year, but all student training and play will have to wait on the University to reopen and for the country to return to Level I restrictions.

Golf

Maties Sport student athletes will take part in the Boland Golf Kruger League and the USSA games in 2021 as soon as confirmation is received.

Aquatics

One code that sees its players in action is the busy Maties Aquatics Club.

January - March – Waterpolo WP Summer League January - April – Swimming Western Cape Club Galas February – Swimming SA Training Camp – Coetzenburg Outdoor Pool February – Water Polo SA Olympic Trials (six trialists) – Durban March – Swimming SA Open Water Nationals – Port Elizabeth April – Water Polo SA Nationals – Durban *April* – Swimming SA Long Course Nationals – Port Elizabeth *April* – Swimming SA Age Group Nationals – Stellenbosch (TBC) April / May – Swimming CANA Zone 4 Championships (TBC) May – Swimming SA Grand Prix 4 – Port Elizabeth May – Swimming Open Water Marathon Swim Qualifier – Fukuoka Japan August – Swimming FINA World Junior Open Water Champs – Seychelles August – Swimming SA Short Course Nationals (moet nog bevestig word) August – Swimming FISU World University Games – China August – Water Polo FINA World Junior Men's Champs – Argentinië September – Swimming USSA Nationals – University of Pretoria October - Water Polo FINA World Junior Women's Champs - Israel December – Swimming World Short Course Championships – VAE December - Water Polo USSA Nationals - Varsity College Durban





Rugby

It's almost impossible to imagine an academic year starting without 19 000 students turning the Danie Craven Stadium maroon – but this year we may have to face that terrible possibility. Best case scenario is that games resume by the end of the first quarter – even for those competitions that need to reshape their format.

Maties Rugby, one of the oldest clubs in South Africa, has a Varsity Cup (champion) team, a Young Guns (champion) team, four WP League teams, a Women's Sevens team, a Men's Sevens team and 36 Residence teams.

Provisional dates for major play dates are:

Varsity Cup – March/April WP League – April or July Residence League – May or July USSA 15 – August USSA Sevens Men and Women – September Varsity Sports Sevens Men and

Women – October WP League Sevens – Oktober

Hockey

Maties Sport's hockey players are eager to get into training at Coetzenburg and show their mettle in the Varsity Hockey Tournament in May (TBC), at the USSA games at Wits in September (TBC). The WP Hockey League is set to start in April.

E-sport

The Western Cape University League runs from March, through the year. The USSA tournament will be held in September and hopefully Maties Sport will have international representation in the FISU E-sport Challenge in July.

Table Tennis

This popular code is part of the USSA games, the Boland League and the SA National Champs – all of which are to be confirmed.

Baketball

The domestic league of CTBA (Cape Town Basketball Association) starts in April/May – Cape Classic has been absorbed by CTBA.

Featuring in the national arena:

Maties Sport features nationally in a number of leagues and teams: the WC Mountaineers Franchise Team, the Basketball National League, the Cape Town Tigers (also a franchise), and the Basketball African League (TBC). Hopefully the USSA games will take place in July and Varsity Sport in September.

On the international front, players will feature in the FASU 3x3 Competition in Kenya in May if confirmed.

Saturday, 27 February

Maties Hockey Showdown

Our current students are taking on our alumni in a once-off match at the Coetzenburg Sport Grounds in Stellenbosch.

> If you would like to participate, please contact Reggie Smith at rjs@sun.ac.za.

Monday, 8 March

Maties vs UCT Derby clash

The Varsity Cup 2021 kicks off with the big Cape Town rivalry! The Alumni Relations Office will host a pre- match reception for alumni in Cape Town before kick-off.

> Contact hscriba@sun.ac.za for more information.

Monday, 8 March

Maties vs UCT Alumni Golf Day at Rondebosch

A golf day for Maties and Ikeys Alumni will take place at the Rondebosch Golf Club before the big Derby game. Do not miss out.

> Contact hscriba@sun.ac.za for more information.

Monday, 22 March

Maties vs Wits

Please join us at the Alumni Club for a pre-game panel discussion with prominent alumni. We will be discussing the importance of Varsity sport.

> Contact Ferdi Van Dyk at dfvandyk@ sun.ac.za for more information.





February and November – specific dates to be confirmed

Over 50 alumni cricket match

In 2021, we see a challenging rematch of the Over 50 alumni cricket match.

> Would you like to participate? Please contact Hans Scriba at hscriba@sun.ac.za.

October – specific dates to be confirmed

Doc Craven Golf Day The annual Doc Craven Golf Day will take place at the De Zalze golf course in Stellenbosch.

> For more information contact Ferdi van Dyk at dfvandyk@sun.ac.za.

October – date to be confirmed

Six-A-Side Tournament

The Cricket Club is hosting its annual six-a-side tournament at the Coetzenburg Sport Grounds in Stellenbosch.

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> For more information contact Ferdi van Dyk at dfvandyk@sun.ac.za.



MATIES ALUMNI

WINE CLUB

Uncorking young Matie winemakers

The Matie alumni network is immense. Over 200 000 professional contacts with whom you already have one thing in common ... Using your alumni status to connect you with people who could be great resources for informational interviews or introductions is an invaluable offering, writes Darren Maree.

The Development and Alumni Relations Division prides itself on acknowledging Maties alumni working in various industries and countries. Given our geographic location, our academic context, our Pinotage claim to fame and the renown of our legendary Matie socials, wine is integral to our context, economy, history and social fabric.

Then along came COVID-19, and it seemed that the wine industry really took a hammering through absolutely no fault of its own.That definitely moved winemakers, wine marketers, wine distributors and wine estate owners up our list of priority industries. "All things wine" became the debutante of our focused alumni networks.

In 2020, we successfully launched our Maties Wine Club in Germany, the United Kingdom and Ireland. These wine clubs are linked to our Stellenbosch-based Maties Wine Club, housed at the new Alumni Welcoming Centre at Die Stal. The aim? To provide opportunities for Maties to engage with various winemakers and owners of wine estates on the Stellenbosch Wine Route as well as other wine-producing regions of South Africa. The South African wine industry is claiming its rightful place in the sphere of global fine wine production, and it is younger, more innovative and more creative than perhaps it has ever been. Recently, *Wineland* magazine highlighted in an article titled "30 under 30" the young up-and-coming individuals making waves in the South African wine arena. In this group alone, no fewer than II Maties stand tall in their respective roles with their many accolades and achievements creating headlines.

Their passion is evident as these artisans of the grape all strive towards making the South African wine industry more diverse and inclusive, with an energised drive towards precision and sustainable production. With a tipple of 'Proudly South African wine' in hand, we can take a closer look at the Maties intent on making their mark in the South African wine industry.

Classmates Jenna Higgins and Kelsey Shungkung both recall that studying winemaking completely personifies the old adage of "Work hard, play hard", especially with wine-tasting practicals followed by late evenings of making their own wines in the cellar of the JH Neethling Building.

"I am currently assistant winemaker at Wellington Wines where I strive to always challenge myself and to constantly keep on improving and learning," says Jenna.

She also strongly believes that South Africa should promote responsible alcohol consumption. Kelsey plans on equipping herself with as much cellar and tasting experience as she can so that she can ensure innovative and informed decisions when it comes to winemaking. "Being part of the Cape Winemakers Guild Protégé programme has allowed me to rub shoulders and learn from some of my biggest role models in the industry and I am thrilled beyond belief to be able to make wines with these titans of the industry," says Kelsey.

Originally from Vanderbijlpark, **Natasha**

Pretorius feels no shame in admitting that the Cape winelands have totally stolen her heart. With an MSc in Wine Biotechnology, she is no stranger to hard work, but rumour has it that she has a weakness for Monday Maties rugby games and immersing herself in the student gees.

"My goal is to become a Cape Winemakers Guild member in the near future," says Natasha, and as the current winemaker at GlenWood Vineyards in Franschhoek, she is undoubtedly on her way to the top.

Rudger van Wyk says that his brother inspired him to study winemaking. As the winner of the prestigious Diners Club Young Winemaker of the Year award in 2018, as Stark Condé's winemaker and as the proud creator of his own wine label *Kara-Tara*, it is indisputable that Rudger has fully embraced wine as his lifestyle. "My passion is to be a mentor for younger generations. They must be encouraged to always be curious and allow their passions to lead them," says Rudger.

Natasha Williams and Lieza van der Merwe

had two very different introductions to wine; however; their passion and love for South African wine is cut from the same cloth. Natasha was raised in the Boland and enrolled for a BSc Molecular Biology and Biotechnology but then switched to winemaking in her second year. She is the proud creator and owner of her very own wine label, *Lelie van Saron*, and says that being promoted to winemaker at Bosman Family Vineyards is one of her top achievements so far. "I fully believe that South Africa's premium wines live up to international quality standards. Our industry has a very bright future ahead, especially with all our innovative winemakers that continuously push the boundaries of winemaking."

Lieza, in contrast, found a natural fit to winemaking from a very young age – her family has been living on the Merwida wine estate for seven generations. She agrees that the South African wine industry has the potential for greatness: "We need to focus on healthy sustainable wine growing, with the emphasis on social responsibility and ethical trade." Lieza plans to complete her Cape Wine Master qualification in 2021 while working as facility manager in charge of the brand-new Huis te Merwede tasting room at Merwida. The story goes that the Van der Merwe family originated from the region of Dordrecht in the Netherlands where their ancestors owned a castle next to the Merwede River. Huis te Merwede, also called Castle te Merwe, was a medieval castle built between 1307 and 1335. It is, in fact, one of the oldest castle ruins in the Netherlands with only a 14th-century tower remaining. So, let us see how Lieza will build this new castle in the future.

Megan van der Merwe, current winemaker and viticulturist at Beau Constantia, says that she is incredibly proud of receiving 94 points for her maiden vintage of the Pierre 2019 Sauvignon blanc/Semillon blend.

"I aspire to achieve a fulfilling and meaningful career, with an unwavering pursuit for the ultimate balance when it comes to winemaking."

Megan believes that the South African wine industry should keep young minds at the centre of change in order to support transformation structures that strive towards the greater purpose of our young democracy. She believes collaboration and consolidation are the key to success. Her advice to any young student is to start working on your career sooner rather than later and not to allow people to intimidate you.

Delaille Raubenheimer and Nina Keyser

recall fond memories of bumping into friends as they walked to class under the green canopy of the trees lining Victoria Street. Johannesburg-born Delaille says that it was pure happenstance that she met Prof Wessel du Toit who introduced her to BSc Viticulture and Oenology. With three local and four international harvests under her belt, it is no wonder that she has rooted her passion in the international wine world. Delaille is currently working for a United Kingdom-based wine marketing and public relations agency and has plans to complete her WSET Diploma.

Nina grew up in Somerset West and knew from a young age that she was going to have a career in wine. With a very keen eye and passion for the power of social media, Nina has created her own wine-inspired travel blog *Wine and Wonderlust* in which she highlights the networking, marketing and learning potential of an active online presence.

"I believe that it is crucial to combine other subjects and knowledge fields to further your career and that with a bit of passion and hard work you can easily make wine your passport to the world."

When it comes to pet peeves regarding wine tasting, Delaille and Nina both detest it when a wine is not served at the correct temperature – it is like arriving at a *huisdans* in your rugby shorts.

With a deeply rooted love for nature and a keen interest in the creative cultural aspects of wine, it is no wonder that **Morgan Steyn** found himself as a winemaker.

"I see myself as nothing but a role model for others. I try to give back to the wine community where I can share my knowledge, time and talent," says Morgan. He is currently making wine at De Grendel and also serves as a wine judge on various tasting panels. With a deep understanding of and love for South African wine, Morgan is committed to producing top-quality local wine.

Pretoria-born **Karlin Nel** relocated to the Western Cape when she was eight years old. She informed her parents at a very young age that she was going to become a winemaker. A few Varsity Cup games, wine excursions and international tastings later, after some study and much trial and error, Karlin was appointed as cellar master of Vrede en Lust wine estate – at the age of just 26.

"Your only way to success is through cultivating your passions and understanding from an early age that working with others is the best way to achieve your goals."

We can rest easy knowing that the South African wine industry is in the very capable hands of beloved Matie alumni. Passion, hard work, innovation and humility are the hallmark of our Maties working in the wine industry, and with these young individuals at the helm of this key South African industry, we can be assured of reaching the upper echelons of the global wine arena soon.

"Wine cheers the sad, revives the old, inspires the young, makes weariness forget his toil", wrote the English poet Lord Byron. Well, cheers to the young, the Matie under 30 winemakers conquering the world of wine!

July - specific date to be confirmed

Maties Alumni Winemaker Exchange official launch

In 2021 we will be launching the official Maties Alumni Winemaker Exchange! This forum will serve as a platform where Maties Alumni Winemakers can connect with one another, engage with current students, and together with SU work towards a better SA wine industry for all.

Thursday, 23 September

Maties Wine Industry Networking event

In collaboration with the Department of Viticulture and Oenology, a Networking event for current and prospective students who are interested in working in the SA wine industry will be held in the JH Neethling building during Homecoming. There will also be an exhibition of the various key facilities of the Department.

Friday, 24 September

Homecoming Maties Come Wine With Me at the Alumni Club at Die Stal

Come and enjoy a selection of wine tastings from various Maties Alumni wine estates and interact with fellow Maties making waves in the SA wine industry. Sip on a delicious glass of wine and catch up with old friends as you reminisce about your time in Stellenbosch.

We will host online wine tastings throughout the year with our Maties Alumni winemakers in Germany, Belgium, the Netherlands, Luxembourg, Switzerland, Denmark, and Norway.

> For more information feel free to contact Darren Maree at alumniwine@sun.ac.za or +27 76 717 5077.





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> If you need assistance or more information, please do not hesitate to let us know. It's what we're here for. Please contact Siya Ndlovu at ndlovus@sun.ac.za or on +27 21 808 4456. DIY fundraising empowers our community of alumni and supporters to raise funds for various Stellenbosch University projects by starting a fundraiser of their own at any time.

In 2020, Matie alumnus, Sven Weidner, embarked on a 100-kilometre walk to raise funds for Stellenbosch University's UK/EU Bursary Fund. We also started our #Train4Fees campaign to raise funds for student athletes who had lost their financial backing due to the impact of COVID-19. More than 100 supporters signed up to run, walk and even skateboard, covering more than 60 000 km in the process! We received 481 donations, and ultimately raised over R1,8 million to assist 44 student athletes.

In 2019, a fundraiser jazz concert was held in Zomergem in Belgium. It was attended by about 70 people, mainly locals, and the proceeds were transferred to the #Move4Food campaign.

In September 2018, alumnus Folkers Tulkki-Williams did a solo hike the length of Estonia, also in support of #Move4Food — 375km! We followed his journey on Instagram and on Facebook, viewing his daily livestreams as he walked through this gem of Eastern Europe. Funds were raised on the GivenGain platform, which we helped Folkers to set up, and the R10 000 he raised was transferred to the University.

If you would like to be a part of a fundraising initiative, please let us know and we will send you a step-by-step guide on how to start fundraising for Stellenbosch University, and set up your fundraising page.


Date to be announced Cape Town Cycle Tour

Join us for the 2021 Cape Town Cycle tour where alumni and friends will be cycling and fundraising to raise funds for #Move4Food. Enjoy the fun and camaraderie with our special edition cycling T-shirt, post-event hospitality and the opportunity to ride with the Rector and Vice-Chancellor, Prof Wim de Villiers.

Sunday, 13 June

2021 Comrades Marathon

Known as The Ultimate Human Race, you cannot call yours an iconic marathon bucket list if one of the oldest marathons in the world - first started in 1921 - is not on there. Sign up for the iconic Comrades Marathon race where our #Move4Food runners will be pushing boundaries to champion the cause – will you join them in raising funds for your alma mater?

Saturday, 16 October and Sunday, 17 October 2021

Sanlam Cape Town Marathon

The Sanlam Cape Town Marathon is Africa's only IAAF Gold label status marathon. It is managed by a partnership between WPA, the City of Cape Town and ASEM Running and is endorsed by two of South Africa's sporting greats, alumna Elana Meyer and Francois Pienaar. We are inviting our staff, students, alumni and friends to do something special to help our Maties win their academic race. The ABSA Cape Epic is arguably the premier mountain biking event in the world today. The top riders from all over the world compete over eight days, 647 kilometres and 15 550 metres of vertical ascent. Take part or show your support for fellow alumni who will be participating in 2021.

2021 Hippocampus Tour

The Hippocampus Tour is an 8-day cycle tour by a team of students from our Faculty of Medicine and Health Sciences who cycle across the country to raise funds for their fellow students in financial need.

> For more information about the Hippocampus team and the Nkululeko Fund visit http://hippocampusteam.co.za/.

Sunday, 14 November and Sunday, 21 November 2021

947 Ride Joburg

Are you up for the challenge? Gather your Matie friends, enter the 947 Ride Joburg cycle races in 2021 and raise funds for a worthy cause while you're at it. You may choose to raise funds for students in financial need, bolster an existing bursary fund or support our #Move4Food campaign, it's up to you. Whether you choose to race through the city streets of Johannesburg or take on an incredible network of mountain bike trails — the Alumni Office will be there to support you along the way!

 > If you would like to get involved, visit https://ridejoburg.co.za/ and contact
Siya Ndlovu at ndlovus@sun.ac.za or
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Careers Café at SU

Careers Café is a series of 20-minute, TEDTalk-styled events where inspiring alumni share their life and career journeys with current students. The talk is followed by a question-and-answer session allowing students to interact directly with the presenter. The Cafés are strategically scheduled over a lunch hour to allow students in residences and those who commute to campus to attend the talks at a convenient time.

The purpose of Careers Café is twofold in that it is aimed at helping students prepare for their future careers by tapping into the valuable tips and guidance provided by our alumni presenters. In turn, Careers Café gives our alumni the chance to connect to their alma mater by sharing their time and talents to give current students insight into the world of work and talk about topical issues and challenges that graduates might encounter in the workplace.

> We host one Careers Café per quarter. If you would like to share your career journey with our senior students in 2021, or would like to sponsor these events, please contact Marvin Koopman at marvin@sun.ac.za or +27 21 808 9265.

Pay it forward

You could help the next generation of students succeed by donating to your alma mater. There are several ways in which you can contribute to a variety of projects and bursaries at Stellenbosch University.

ONLINE

Our easy-to-use online giving platform: https://web-apps.sun.ac.za/donorcontribution-gift/#/home

SNAPSCAN

Scan the QR code with your phone to make a contribution to a fellow Matie. Donations received through SnapScan go to our Maties4Maties Bursary Fund. 18A tax certificates are issued on request.



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Individual and corporate donors to Stellenbosch University receive tax benefits under South African income tax law. In the USA and UK there are options for donating to Stellenbosch University in a tax-efficient way. The full Rand value of a gift in your will is also deductible in determining your net estate duty liability.

> Contact Hugo Steyn on +27 (0)21 808 3615 or email hugos@sun.ac.za.

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CONTACT

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AT YOUR SERVICE

The Stellenbosch University Contact and Client Services Centre aims to provide a one-stop service for all enquiries coming into the University and, when necessary, correctly directing an enquiry to the relevant person or responsibility area within the University. It strives to provide world-class customer service and support to the University, its students, their parents and the public.

The Contact and Client Services Centre was established in September 2009 in the Registrar's Division. The aim was to implement an "electronic front door" for the University through the medium of a call centre and to have it up and running by January 2010. The Centre primarily focused on prospective student enquiries and registration enquiries from both new and current students. It quickly became clear, however, that the Centre could, in fact, play a more active role in answering all inbound calls to the University and, so, on 24 December 2009, just before 12 pm, the University's switchboard answered its final call.

In January 2010, the first calls to the Call Centre commenced with five consultants, who, in that first month alone, received 23 931 phone calls. By January 2015, the Call Centre had evolved into its current form — the Contact and Client Services Centre. A decade later, with a staff complement of 11 Client Services consultants, the Centre is now the "front door" of the University, assisting both internal and external clients through telephone, email, social media and front office walk-in enquiries.

The Centre manages more than 200 000 contacts per annum, with roughly 120 000 phone calls and 80 000 emails. Approximately 70% of all enquiries received are from prospective students and their parents. The enquiries relate directly to the enrolment cycle or the applicants — from application and admission right through to registration. Closing dates for applications, accommodation and bursaries are typical prompts for an influx in enquiries. In crises, such as the COVID-19 pandemic or the fire at Huis ten Bosch, the pressure usually mounts, placing Client Services at the receiving end of our stakeholders' responses.

It is a dynamic and ever-changing environment. You have to think on your feet and be informed of every aspect of the University. Google becomes your best friend.

Excellent customer service does not happen by accident. It takes hard work and design. The Client Services team of Stellenbosch University therefore continuously strives to transform our services from a transactional interaction to a transformative experience for all our clients.

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