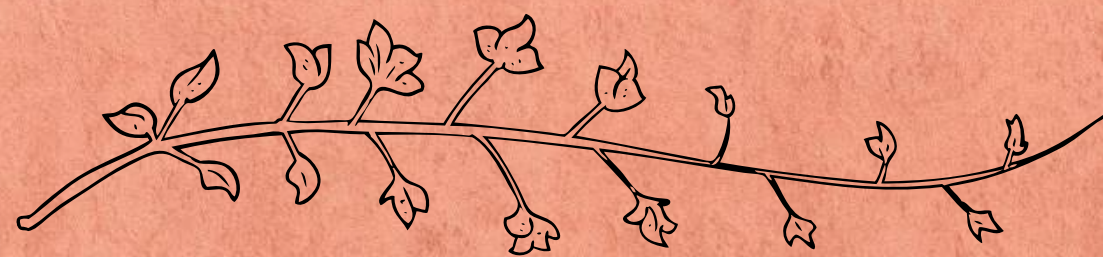


Welcome to - Welkom by - Wamkelekile kwi

# Equité

Geleenthede | Unity | Amandla



"To embark on the journey towards your goals and dreams requires *bravery*.

To remain on that path require *courage*.

The bridge that merges the two is *commitment*."

- Dr. Steve Maraboli





**EQUITÉ...**

# **WHO ARE YOU?**

**Equité is a private student organisation (PSO) established in 2009. We are geared to provide students living off campus or in private accommodation with a transformative student experience. We form part of the amaMaties Cluster and the House Committee members can be found at the amaMaties Hub in 4 De Waal Road. Although identified as a single-sex PSO, Equité itself has recently started identifying as a gender neutral PSO - this means that it doesn't matter what you identify as, we guarantee that you will be welcomed and treated with respect within Equité, affording you the opportunity to find your wings and your passion in our community. We are a community who strives to be inclusive and to be united in our diversity. In 2019, we officially changed our slogan to "geleenthede, unity, amandla". Translated this means "opportunities, unity, strength", because Equité is a space where opportunities are available to our members, where unity is promoted and where unity becomes our strength. Stated in the three main languages of the Western Cape, Equité acknowledges that language is a means of inclusivity and we hope you find solitude within our space - soon to become yours - irrespective of your cultural or linguistic background. And we are so excited for you to join us on this journey where we learn to acknowledge and celebrate unity in diversity.**

**We look forward to meeting you in January and we hope the weeks leading up to that meeting are some of the best you'll experience until we can top it!**

***Have some questions related to Equité? Email Equité's Primaria, Cacee Jochems, on [21155739@sun.ac.za](mailto:21155739@sun.ac.za) or Whatsapp her on 063 530 4602.***



# Why the wings, Equité?

*No two pairs of wings are the same:* We must embrace our differences and identify the beauty within diversity.

*Mobility is encouraged:* We do not encourage a stagnated and stationary environment, we strive for constant growth, flexibility, and most importantly we want to encourage our members to rise above their own expectations and move beyond their perceived shortcomings and situations.

*Equité believes in justice:* We encourage equality, fairness and open-mindedness.

*They are free:* we encourage an environment in which our members are able to express themselves freely and openly in all aspects of life.

*We are there to protect them:* We strive to create a space in which our members are not sheltered from the outside world but guided into the world in a safe and secure manner.

*Although we have wings, we have been graced with feet too:* Reaching your dreams and becoming successful is great, but it is important to stay grounded, humble and to never forget those who helped you get there.

*Not all wings are meant for fly:* you may not be where you want to be but that does not mean you aren't where you are supposed to be; do not underestimate your abilities just because you do not soar in the sky as those around you.



# MEET THE TEAM



## CACEE JOCHEMS

Primaria

Hello, human. My name is Cacee and I study people and languages. I have a vague suspicion that I'm not a terrible singer, and I love art and dancing. Other than that, I'm a very logical person. I was where you were in 2017, so I know how scary this new chapter may be, but rest assured this will be the most exciting time of your life. And we're here to help you transition into that phase of your life.

For now, stay safe during the festive season and I cannot wait to meet you.



## KATE BROKENSHA

Vice-Primaria

Hello there.

My name is Kate and I'm a BAcc student, self proclaimed cat lady, terrible cook, sushi enthusiast and lover of sunsets.

I would just like to congratulate you on your acceptance to Stellenbosch University and Equitè. This chapter of your life will be what you make of it, so make it incredible.

I cannot wait to see you soon!





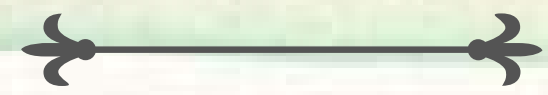


SIOBHAN BENSON

Welcome to Equité!

I hope to meet you soon and get to know you throughout next year.

University can be a scary place, so my advice is to make as many friends as possible to help you through this journey and to make unforgettable memories with them along the way..



MEGAN CALITZ

Hi all, I'm Megan, your Welcoming Leader for 2020 woohoo! It truly is such a pleasure to welcome you all to the Equité Family! I hope this year is everything you hoped for and dreamed of. Grab every opportunity with open arms and always dream big. If your dreams don't scare you, they are not big enough. I'm really SUPER excited to meet you all and help make this year a memorable one. Go big or go home. See you all soon. Much love.



KAMRYN SMITH

Heya!

Welcome to Equité. I'm Kamryn - I wear my hair big, speak my mind and dance through life with all that I am.

The journey over the next few years will be exciting, challenging, memorable and life - changing. But, in all that you do, remember to embrace every bit of it.



CHANEL LOMBARD

Hey hey! I cannot wait to meet you during the start of the next phase in your life - which is the beginning of your university [career]. My advice to you is to bring your gees and your takkies [or bioplus sachets] because welcoming is going to be a banger of a time!





ARVIDA LINCOLN

Hello lovely Equité Newcomers!  
I am really excited to meet you and help you through the roller-coaster that is starting university. The biggest piece of advice I can give you is to make sure that you always have sunscreen and a bottle of water with you- it gets real hot in Stellenbosch!



TAYLA FOURIE

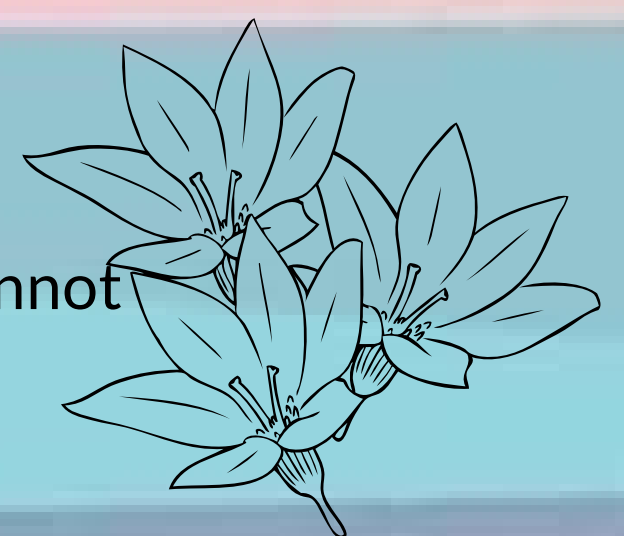
Welcome to Equité! My name is Tayla Fourie and I am a third year Ba International Studies student and Equité's financial manager for this year. Congratulations on being accepted to Stellenbosch university, we are so excited to start this journey with you. Throughout your student life don't be afraid to step out of things that are familiar to you. You will be surprised as how quickly your time at university goes. So, make full use of every opportunity!



ARNÉ KRUGER

Hi there!  
My name is Arné Kruger, I'm 21 and this is my fourth year on university. I hope you are as excited as I am for the journey we are going to walk together. Now is the time to spread your wings, fly and embrace everything coming your way. Hope you are ready, because we are ready to welcome you with open arms.  
One of my favourite quotes: "And suddenly you know...It's the start of something new & trust the magic of beginnings."

All of us are really excited to meet you and we cannot wait to witness you at your starting line.





# *A letter from our* **PSO Coordinator**

Dear Equité Newcomer.

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

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

We look forward to meeting you and I can assure you that you will be welcomed into our family with open arms.

Regards,  
Jethro G. Georgiades



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IN EQUITÉ WE

# VALUE

respect



**Humanity towards all through compassion and acceptance.**

The definition we chose for respect derived from the word 'Ubuntu'. We

need to have respect and be accountable for our actions towards people and for what is happening around us – we need to regard people and be considerate towards them.

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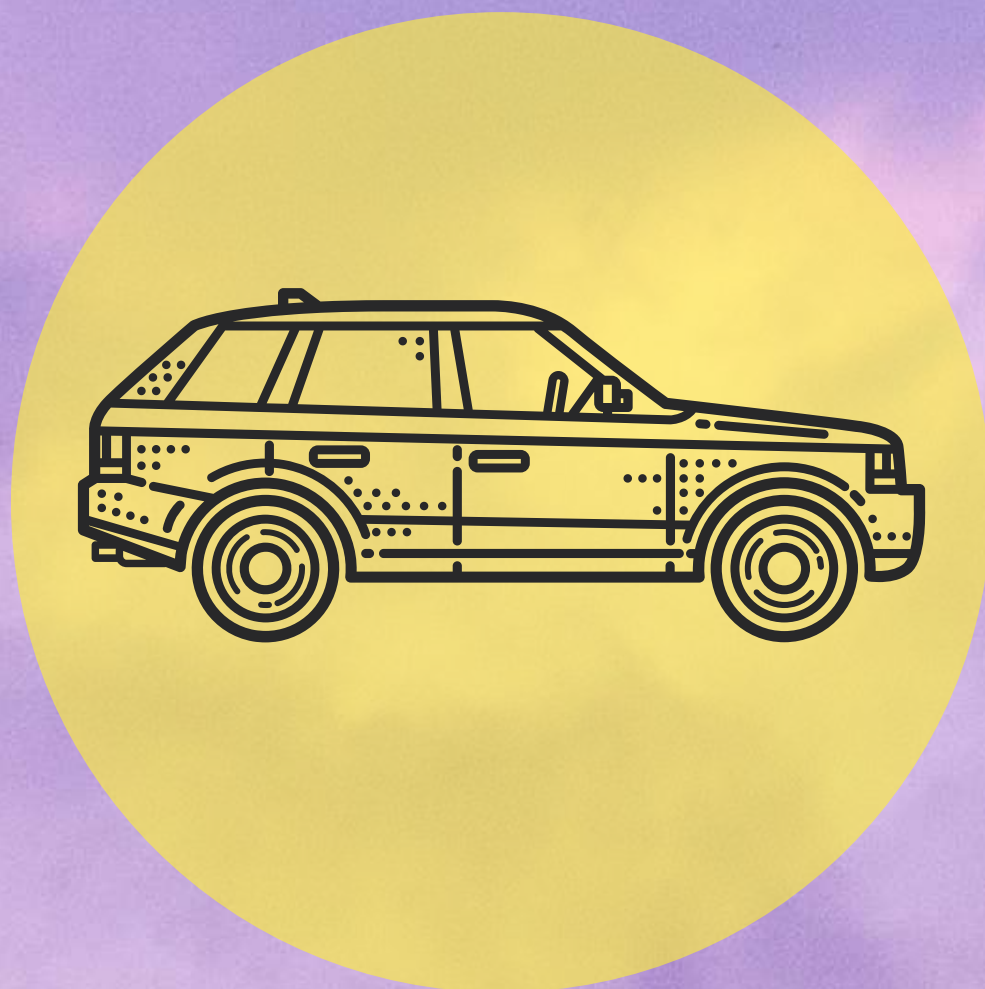


**To overcome adversities and reach beyond perceived limitations.**

While passion had the force to drive us, perseverance has the power to push us. When passion is lacked, perseverance plays an important role in ensuring that we remain practical and that we are still able to continue.

Perseverance creates the space for accountability. Once someone has a sense of accountability, responsibility – personal and shared – becomes easier to maintain.

passion



**intrinsic motivation to achieve excellence and take pride in all that you do.**

Passion can be described as an abstract noun linked to a strong feeling one feels about something that they are willing to put their full heart into. It is our driving force that supersedes a lot of things. To do well, and to do something successfully, there needs to be passion. It's the value that displays our pride without coming across as proud.



IN EQUITÉ WE

# VALUE

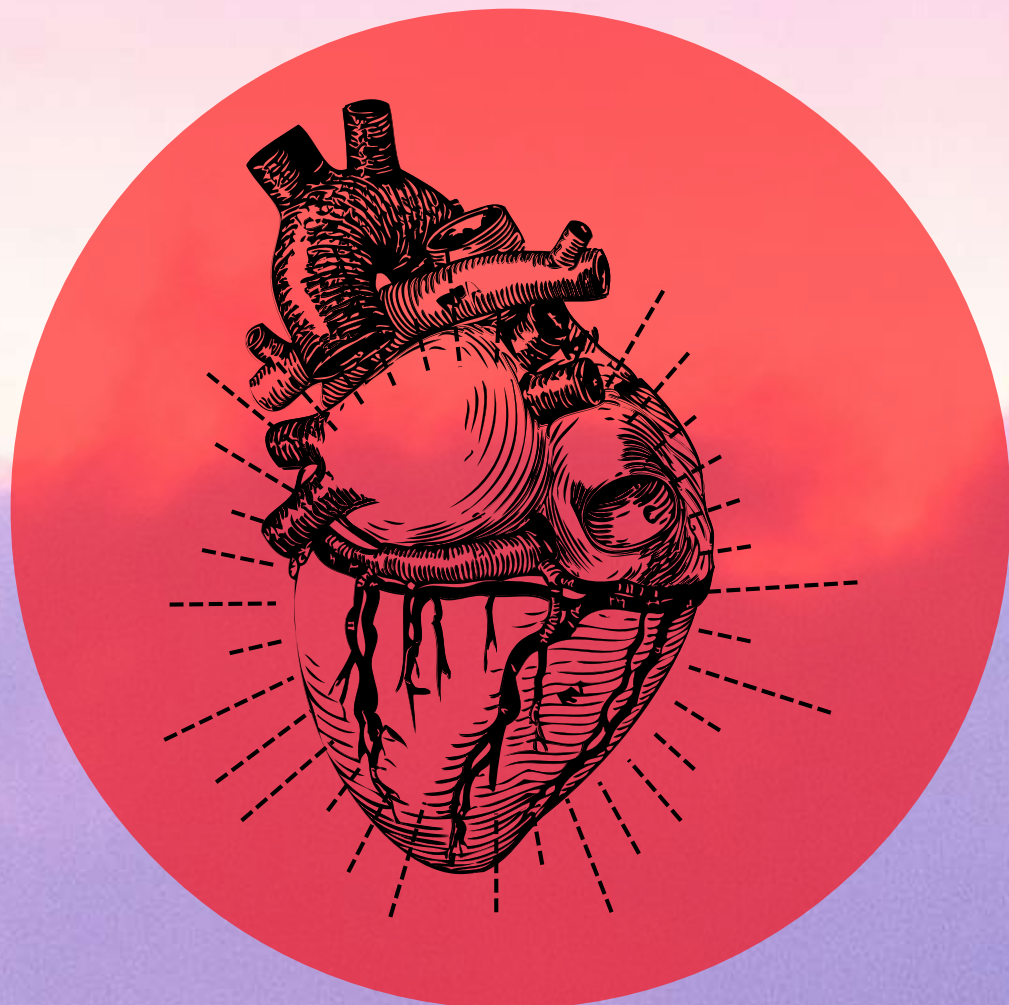
sister  
hood



**As a sisterhood we are closer than friends; united together in our strengths.**

Sisterhood evokes the definition of trust, loyalty, and caring. It define openness and transparency and with a love that is accepting. In Equité, we embrace the empowerment felt by the gathering of women and define it as a force that stands together. As women, we have strength in numbers.

love



**A deeply rooted interpersonal connection that embodies all that we do.** Love is not purely romantic and that acceptance and compassion branch from love.

**EQUITÉ IS A VALUE-  
DRIVEN SYSTEM**

This means that everything we do is aimed at embodying our values. We strive to live a lifestyle that makes these values tangible to our members, leading us, and our actions, with empathy and humanity towards all.



# Our Vision & Mission

## for the year 2020

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# OUR VISION IS A PICTURE OF THE FUTURE

It is our vision to be an inclusive, innovative PSO that is reflective of where we come from.

We aspire to:

- Be a constructive, progressive environment by engaging in informative and empowering interactions with our community.
- Be accountable for our actions by taking personal responsibility and opening communication channels to allow meaningful and constructive feedback and by holding ourselves and others accountable.
- Embrace one another open heartedly while standing firm against damaging and ill-natured behaviour by unquestionably accepting diversity with a willingness to learn from each other. Through accountability, we do not condone any form of prejudice, discrimination, political and social injustice, past, present and future.
- Be intentional and consistent. The leadership structure needs to be deliberate in its actions and that will spread to the house.
- Be supportive in all aspects of wellness (academic, physical, spiritual, mental, social, occupational) through effective mentoring and genuine connections and by actively engaging in events and activities within our community.



# meet your Mentors for 2020



**Back from left to right:** Gabriella Mashiki; Jessica Dobbin; Kiara Johnson; Nina Lari Brewis; Marizaan Brink; Kamryn Smith; Hayden Damon; Britanny Rhoda; Micaela Bayne; Leilani Denil; Tanya Mackensen

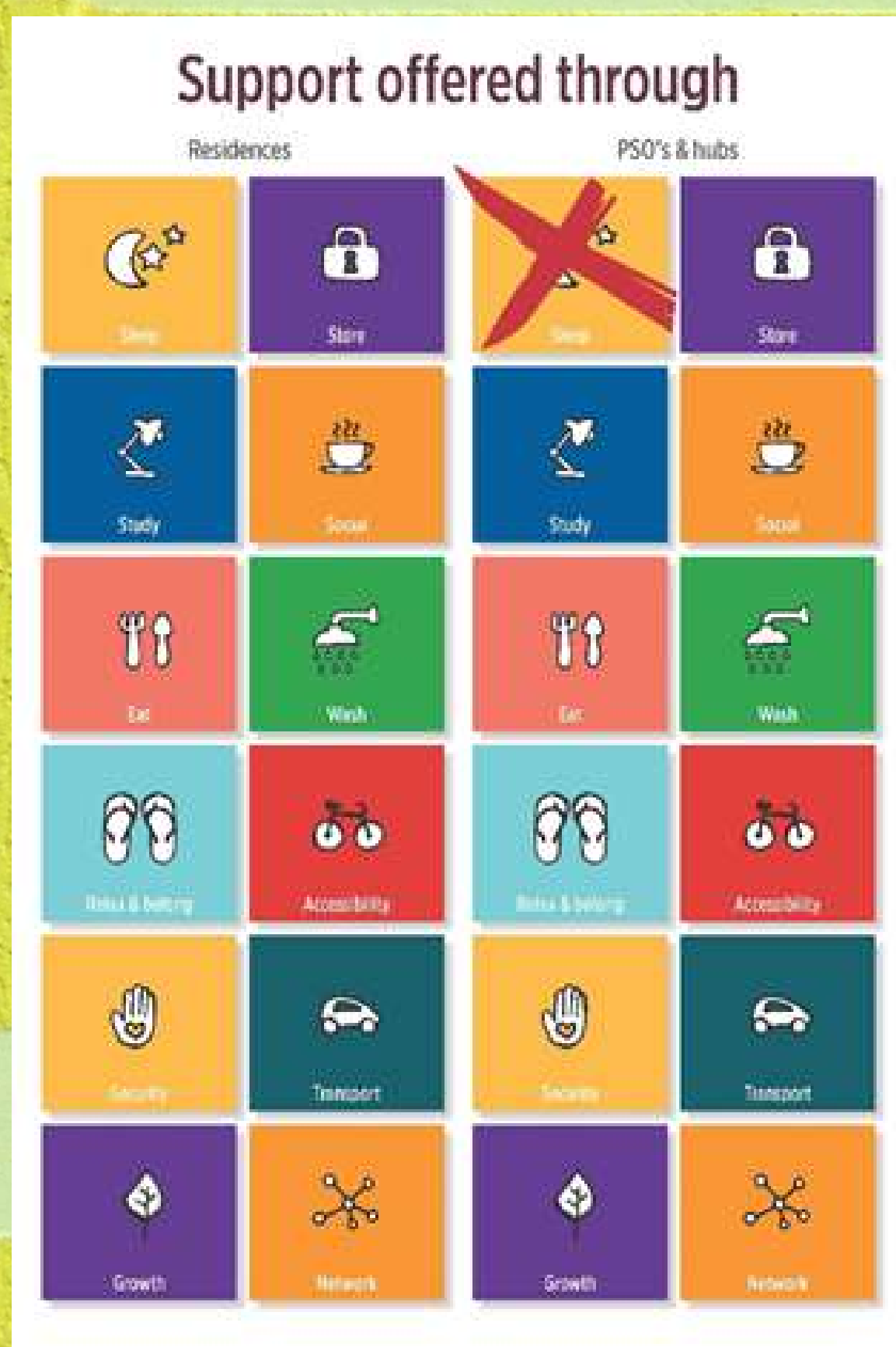
**Front from left to right:** Nicola Steynberg; Suzel Lessing; Sanmarie Botha; Marzelle Bosman; Johane Botha; Annalie Van Schoor

## MENTORS CAN EASILY BECOME YOUR FIRST FRIEND ON CAMPUS.

Each mentor gets assigned a faculty (eg. BSc, BA, BEng, etc.) and you get to meet them on the first day of registration. They are there to make sure you have an easy adjustment into university life. Mentors are not your councilors, but your own living, breathing information desk. Anything from academic to mental wellness, your mentor is there to make sure it's still in the green. They want to help and are extremely excited to meet you!



# EQUITÉ FORMS PART OF THE amaMaties Cluster



SU has seven student communities called clusters - amaMaties, Rubix, TygerMaties, VicMyer, Validus, Victoria and Wimbledon.

These are formed by the geographic proximity of the smaller communities within them. The cluster you belong to, is determined by the smaller

community you are part of.

The smaller communities are residences and Private Student Organisations (PSOs). Clusters is thus your second community where Equité is your first.

Equité belongs to the amaMaties Cluster and are privileged to be one of two clusters (amaMaties and Wimbledon) who already have a hub. A hub is a physical, on-campus space for PSO students to meet and integrate with on-campus students.





# *We would like to formally welcome you to our great cluster!*



amaMaties consists of seven constituencies:

**Serruria**  
**Erica**  
**Nemesia**  
**Huis Neethling**  
**Helderberg**  
**Equité**  
**Capri**  
**Osler**

A cluster is a system that connects the residences and PSO's of Stellenbosch University together, creating a broader community where students are able to interact with one another in various spaces. In this cluster we practice collaboration and inclusivity, we support and learn from each other while creating long lasting friendships. In amaMaties we aim to be intentional with what we do and we are so excited you are joining our community!

**- amaMaties Cluster Convenors 2020**



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# AMAMATIES FACILITIES

*The amaMaties Cluster offers facilities that anyone who is part of the community can make use of. These facilities include:*

## AMAMATIES HUB

The Hub is a physical space, a short walk from the Neelsie and located by Erica, Nemesia and Serruria residences. It allows students from either a residence or PSO within the AmaMaties Cluster to use its space for studying, storing or showering.



## THE HUB

The second best place to study when the library just isn't it. The hub serves as a space where you can do your work, warm your food, charge your phone and you can rent the space for free if the event is part of wellness and promotes AmaMaties.

When you've been studying in the hub and need a snack, the deli is the place to go! They offer affordable homemade food as well as your regular on-the-go snacks. Chicken strips and chips will become your new best friend during exams.

## THE DELI





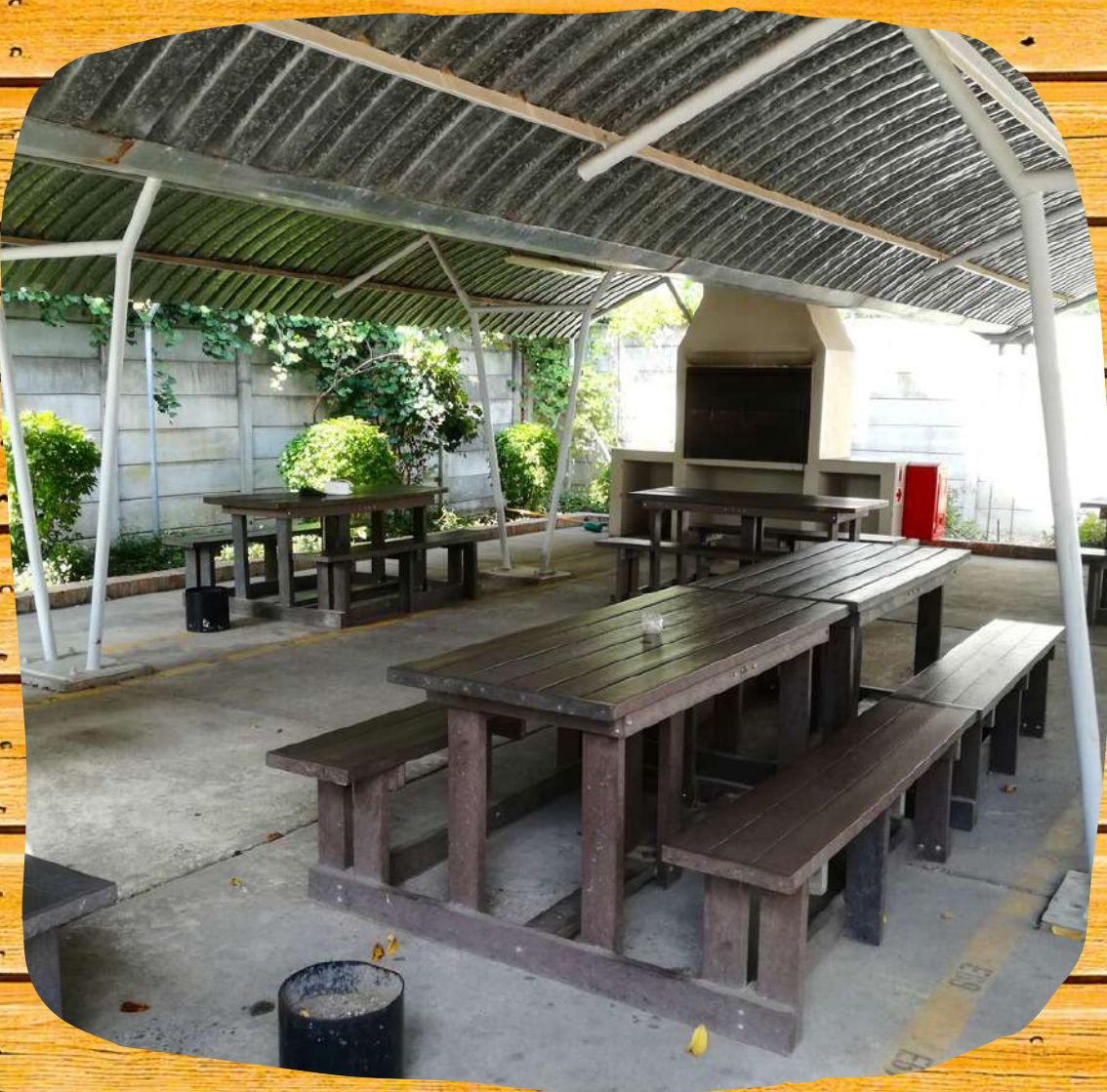
# AMAMATIES FACILITIES

The Tinie-Louw is a dining hall that can be used by all residences and PSO's in the cluster. You can book meals online and get them here. It resides just under the AmaMaties hub, making it a convenient location to eat, especially during exams.

THE TINIE-LOUW



THE BRAAI-AREA



Just outside the Tinie-Louw, the braai area is the best place to sit and eat your lunch or supper on those hot summer days. It is also a great place to have socials where marshmallow roasting is the pinnacle of the evening - something we love doing!

It's got an indoor braai area, a table-tennis board and comfy couches. The Loft is the favourite hang-out area out of all the AmaMaties spaces. You can bet that marshmallow roasting happens here and is always accompanied by good music and even better company.

THE AMAMATIES LOFT



THE HK HOUSE



Also located at the AmaMaties Hub, the HK House is where you can find the House Committee/team of the PSO's in the cluster. We have an open-door policy so you are more than welcome to come say hi or just grab a cup of coffee. Just ring the bell and follow the red brick stairs to our kitchen.



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

*Equité believes in giving its members a transformative student experience. This means that we offer opportunities outside of the academic sphere, because we know all sorts of wellness matters.*

***We also know you need to get something out of the deal.***

## COMMITTEES

If you're interested in leadership or you just want to expand your comfort-zone, joining a committee is for you.

The committees that Equité offers include:

- First Years Committee
- Equité Leadership
- Think Tank (External Representative Committee)
- Social Impact and Sustainability Committee
- Culture Committee
- Mentors
- House Committee





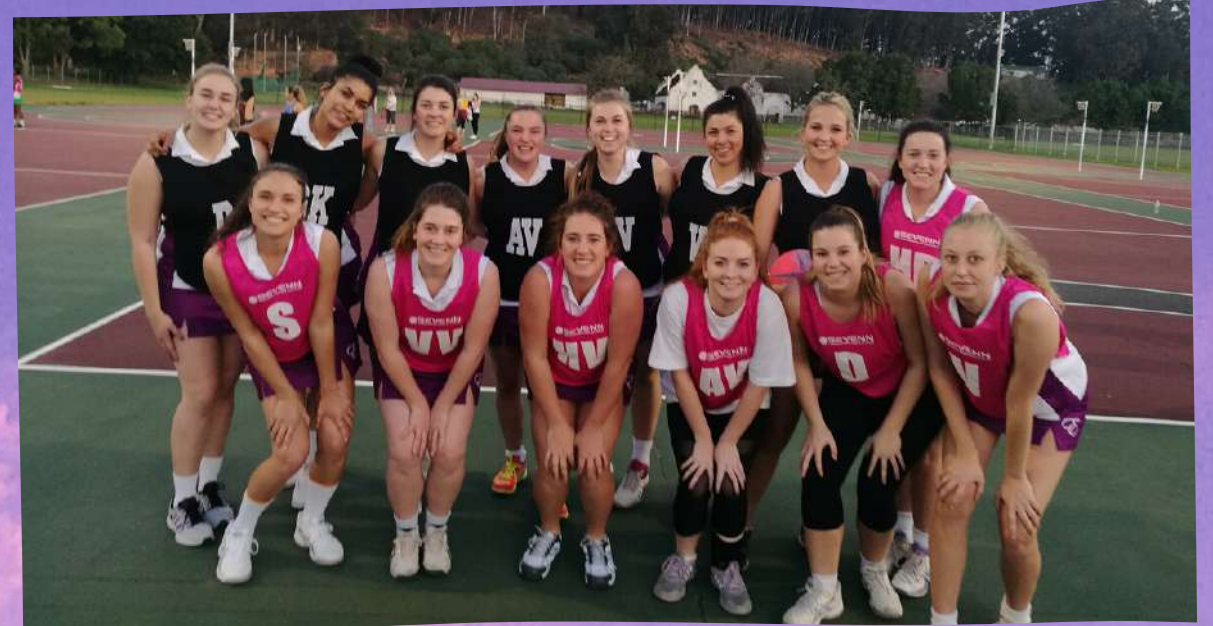
# OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

## SPORTS

If you're interested in sports,  
whether professionally or socially,  
Equité can help.

Sports that are offered by Equité  
include:

- Hockey
- Netball
- Soccer
- Table Tennis
- Tennis



## CULTURE

Maybe sports or leadership isn't for  
you, but culture may be.

Equité love culture and this  
includes:

- Toneelfees (Theater festival)
- SU Acapella
- Molasaser (Theater + Acapella)
- Open-Mic Night (Poetry)
- Dance Workshops



# OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOU

## SOCIAL IMPACT & SUSTAINABILITY

Equité believe in giving back to the community. We have a heart that continues to grow every year and we make it a mission to show a little kindness.

From beach cleanups to raising money for penguin rehabilitation, we try to do them all.

For the second year, Equité has won the Green Living Awards, being recognised as a sustainable and environmentally friendly PSO. If you find yourself interested in social impact and sustainability, this might be for you.

You don't have to be part of a committee to show your love, just keep a lookout on our social media and jump in.





# get excited for...



## welcoming week

planned to give you the best  
experience to welcome you to  
Stellenbosch University



## first-years dance

A dance just for you and your  
new friends to show you how  
excited we are to have you  
with us.







# house fund dance

Three Rules: Dress Up, Show  
Up and have a great  
time!

# jooltoer

a camping adventure with our  
connect partners,  
usually at the end of the year



# house dance

A night to end of Equité week.  
This is a chance for you to put  
on that fancy  
dress/suit and not worry about  
your ride turning into a  
pumpkin



# AND GET EXTRA PUMPED FOR CONNECT



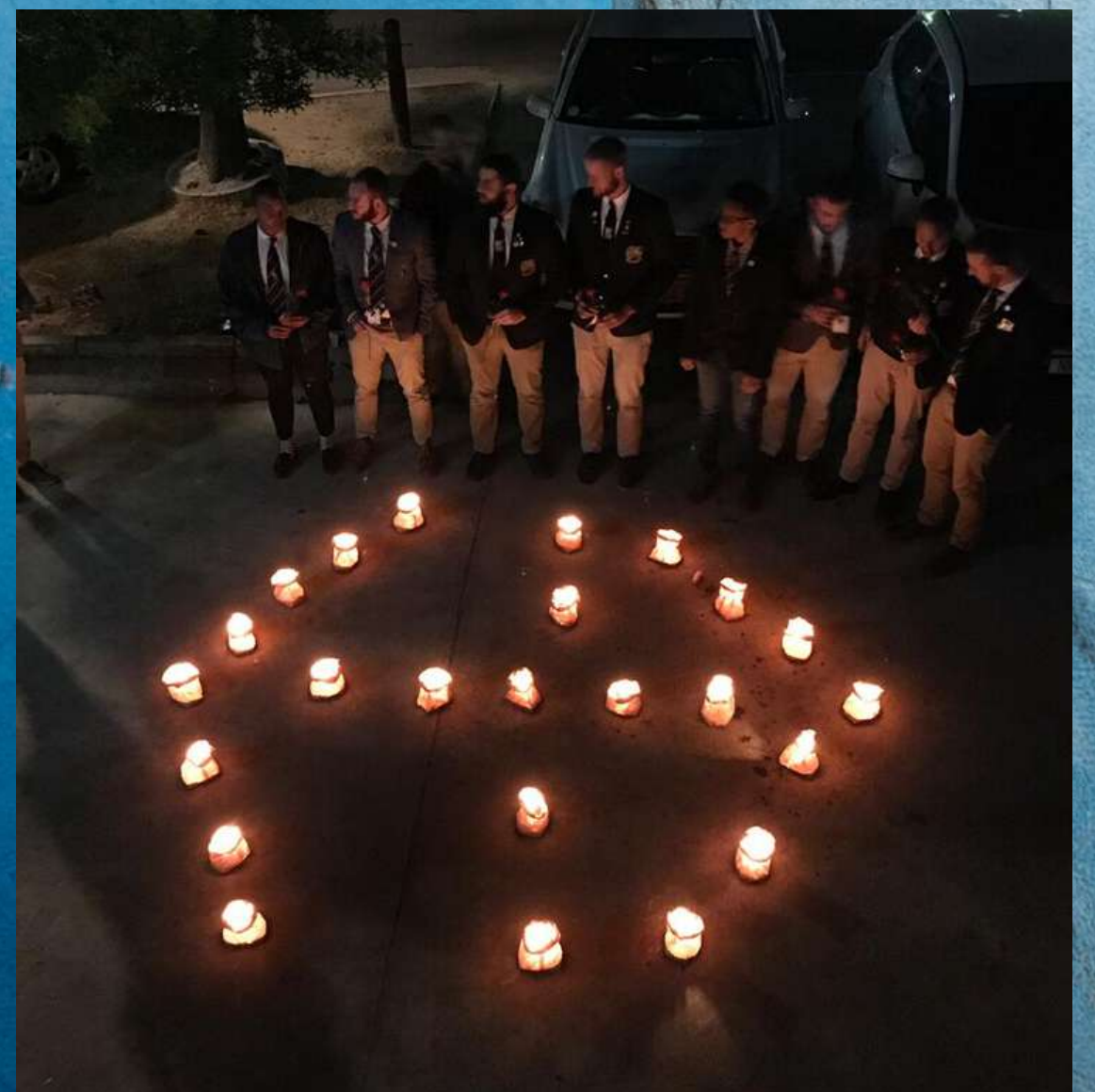
ENDING OFF WELCOMING WEEK  
THE ONLY WAY STELLIES  
KNOWS HOW!



WE'RE PROUD TO PRESENT

# HELDERTÉ

THE REPUBLIC OF HELDERBERG + ÉQUITÉ



In 2020, Équité PSO & Helderberg Residence are paired as CONNECT partners.



# Get ready for summer (and Stellies) in EQUITÉ MERCH!

Packages exclusively for Welcoming Week!



## PACKAGE OPTIONS AVAILABLE:

### Full package (Full Clothing & Meals)

01

#### Meal Package Includes:

- 1 Breakfast
- 8 Lunches
- 5 Suppers

#### Clothing Package Includes:

- Equité Beach bag
- Equité Water Bottle
- Equité Sunvisor
- Equité Umbrella
- Equité Shirt

### Meal package (Full Meals Only)

02

#### Meal Package Includes:

- 1 Breakfast
- 8 Lunches
- 5 Suppers

03

### Clothing package (Full Clothing only)

#### Clothing Package Includes:

- Equité Beach bag
- Equité Water Bottle
- Equité Sunvisor
- Equité Umbrella
- Equité Shirt

### Small Clothing package (Clothing only)

04

#### Small clothing Package Includes:

- Equité Sunvisor
- Equité Shirt



# follow, like, comment

## STALK US TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT US!



Equité Ladies PSO



@equite\_pso



<http://equite.co.za/>

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UNTIL WE MEET IN JAN!





# Arrival Day-Registration & welcoming

Wednesday	22 January	
09:00 – 10:00	Arrival	Equite HK House-amaMaties Hub, 4 de Waal Street
10:00 – 10:45	Short opening	Parents and Newcomers
11:00 – 11:15	Assigned to mentor groups and chance for parents to ask questions	Parents and Newcomers
11:20 – 12:00	Get to know each other & bonding	Newcomers
12:00 – 13:00	Registration	Newcomers
13:00 – 14:00	Lunch	Newcomers
14:00 – 14:30	Committees and activities within Equité sign ups	Newcomers
15:30 – 18:30	Equité Bonding	Newcomers



Equité invites you to our

# WELCOMING MARKET

DATE: JANUARY 22, 2020

PLACE: THE THREE SISTERS

GRASS

TIME: 2PM

This is a chance for newcomers and their parents to be introduced to Stellenbosch by showcasing some of the great products and services our town, and its surrounding areas, have to offer.

From local jewelry, clothes and other products, to various student services, like banks, societies and other extracurricular activities. Come and see the great opportunities that you can get involved with and learn more about what Stellenbosch has to offer you, all while grabbing a well-deserved cup of coffee and listening to some good music. Feel free to bring your friends and family along and join in on the fun.

We hope to see you there!







December 2019

Dear Student

### CHARGING FIRST YEAR PACKETS TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS

Welcome to the PSO community of Stellenbosch University! You have been assigned to a PSO (private student organisation) due to the fact that you have not elected to stay in a residence in 2020. During the annual welcoming period in the beginning of the year, residences and PSOs take responsibility for exposing first years to Stellenbosch University in a welcoming manner.

Because PSO's do not have a dining hall (although some PSO's will arrange meals for their students in dining halls during the welcoming period) where students can enjoy meals, PSO first years are provided with "welcoming packages". These packages usually consist of a number of meals, clothing, water bottles, caps and other items unique to the particular PSO. During PSO registration on the first day of Welcoming (Wednesday, 22 January 2020), you will have the option of purchasing one of these welcoming packages at a set price (which may vary from PSO to PSO). Each PSO will also offer different options (both clothing and meals, only meals, only clothing, etc.) that students can then select. Please see the bottom of this email for more information.

Stellenbosch University utilizes a cashless system to allow students to purchase these packages hassle free. You, or your parents or guardian, will have to sign an acknowledgment of debt on the day so that the clothing, food, etc. for the welcoming period can be made available to you. After registration the cost will be charged to your student account to be paid with all other student-related expenses. **Please note that once the form is signed you will be liable for the costs of the package selected, regardless of you having all the meals or not, or not wanting the clothing after the first few days.**

Acquiring the "welcoming package" is not compulsory, but we do want to encourage you to take the opportunity to do so as it will make your welcoming period a much more enjoyable experience. Please find attached the form for your completion. You are welcome to print the form and bring it along.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 021-808 3023 / 2791 or [psos@sun.ac.za](mailto:psos@sun.ac.za)

Kind regards,

**PSO Office** Centre for Student Communities | Sentrum vir Studentegemeenskappe



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**PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO  
2020 STUDENT ACCOUNT**

*Please complete the following:*

**DETAILS OF STUDENT:**

NAME AND SURNAME:

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STUDENT NUMBER:

.....

PSO: Equité

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<b>FULL PACKAGE (Clothing Option 1 &amp; Meals) COST: R950</b>	<b>ONLY MEALS (10 meals) COST: R500</b>	<b>ONLY CLOTHING OPTION 1 COST: R450</b>	<b>ONLY CLOTHING OPTION 2 COST: R150</b>
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE (MARK WITH AN X):

*Please note that the cost of welcoming packages, including the packages containing only meals and certain items, differs from PSO to PSO.*

By signing this form, you commit in writing to the following:

- I hereby grant permission that the cost of the welcoming package may be charged to my student account;
- I understand that acquiring the welcoming package is not compulsory;
- I understand that if I sign the form, I have to pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed<sup>1</sup>.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT: .....

SIGNATURE OF PARENT: .....

<sup>1</sup> Please take note that we usually do not reimburse students simply because they change their minds. However, if the goods are faulty or defective, have been described incorrectly, differ from the sample shown to you or do not function according to their purpose, you can choose between reimbursement, exchange, or repair of the goods.





DATE: .....