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Equité PSO

welcoming booklet 2021





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PSO CO-ORDINATOR



Dear Equité Newcomer

Welcome to the start of your university journey. What a year it has been! You have survived and thrived all to culminate into Stellenbosch University acceptance. While the circumstances have been exceptional, never forget how exceptional you are for coming out on top! Equité will be a space for you to grow, achieve and collaborate with your peers. As a PSO, we offer all the amenities and opportunities that a residence space would with the exception of living in. However, throughout your Equité journey, you will come to realise that it is still home. There is no doubt that your welcoming experience will be unlike anything you have ever experienced and this will be the catalyst to a successful university career. We believe that there is strength in our diversity and pursue an inclusionary environment that thrives on each member's unique features, where there are platforms that allow for us to capitalise on our strengths and work on our weaknesses. We want to assure each of you that we will have the correct COVID-19 Protocols in place that are in alignment with Government regulations, University Regulations and PSO alike. It is our foremost endeavour to ensure your safety in every aspect. Our Vice-Prim will be the COVID Officer for the Welcoming period and going forward. Regular sanitation, wearing of masks, social distancing and minimised gatherings is emphasized upon. This year will be unlike any other that Stellenbosch has experienced but we hope that Equité can provide a sense of stability for you. Please do not hesitate to contact us for your queries, concerns or just for a chat. We are here for YOU! We look forward to meeting you soon!

All our love, Equité House Committee.

what is a pso?

A Private Student Organisation (PSO), is an instrumental student establishment that is designed to orchestrate a well-rounded programme which supports students who do not utilise university residences, while simultaneously providing opportunities for the overall development of a student. PSO's cater to approximately 70% of the Stellenbosch student population; students are divided into the eleven existing communities which then implement various initiatives that propose successful social and academic integration. This flexible and diverse structural organisation also offers access to both sporting facilities and cultural activities, including access to knowledgeable mentors that offer guidance and support during the first year. The experience offered by PSO's ultimately moulds students into attractive, skilled and resourceful graduates that are better positioned for the job market.

"Equité is a platform for generations of strong, capable individuals who are provided with opportunities for personal development, selfexpression & mutual growth. We foster an environment that encourages unity while respecting one's individuality. We strive for our members to feel empowered and supported through the cocurricular experience".

-our identity



$\mathsf{PERSEVERANCE}(\vee.)$ To overcome adversities & reach beyond perceived

limitations

We show this by continuing to give our best and make the program a success, even when challenges arise. To continue & remain practical when passion lacks. Through keeping others accountable when perseverance gets hard & to motivate & support one another.

R E S P E C T (v.)

Humanity towards all through compassion & acceptance

Being humble & visibly showing that there is no hierarchy within the HC & its committees. Through having respect for other people's opinions, backgrounds & cultures. To value their opinion & acknowledge them as a person.

PASSION(v.)

Intrinsic motivation to achieve excellence & to take pride in all that you do

We show this value through the enthusiasm for everything we present to our house members. By actively building friendships & being part of, as well as enjoying activities within the program. By having pride in our PSO without being proud.

UBUNTU (n.) Umuntu Ngumuntu Ngabantu | A person is a person

through other people

Previous years we had the value'Sisterhood'. As a PSO, we wanted to move away from the definition, because 'Sisterhood' is not an inclusive term to all our members who do not identify as female. Taking this into consideration, we have decided on the value 'Ubuntu'.

L O V E (n.)

A deeply rooted interpersonal connection that embodies all that we do

We will show love through acceptance & compassion.



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more than just a logo...

wings

it is what defines our emblem and is our icon. Wings are the representation of "spreading your wings and fly". Equité provides opportunities to grow confidently and to help with transformative experiences onto campus lifestyle.

protea

this iconic flower is the national flower of South Africa. This is where our roots are specifically within the Western Cape. We are rooted in our nation and the outline of a protea encloses the top of our emblem.

plants

are the representation of growth. The plant within our emblem grows upward, to portray our passion as Equité, to help our members grow physically, mentally, and spiritually into the people that they want to become, and we do so by providing different opportunities.

Hello Newcomers and Parents/Guardians

What a privilege it is to welcome you into Equité. As the Primaria for 2021, I wish to share my thoughts with you.

As you enter this year, it will be unlike any other. Understandable, this pandemic has left an indelible mark on every aspect of our lives. It has altered how we we live, laze and laugh. Our new 'normal' must see us stacking our positivity deck, however! I've always believed that everything happens for a reason and you being placed in Equité is for a reason! I've blossomed in my journey through this PSO and I'm here to assure you that you can do the same. Equité will always be a space that can be your navigation guide through this whirlwind time, your rest when your back is against the wall or your celebrations when the goings are good.

Newcomers, come into university and claim your space! Live authentically and capitalize on your individuality, that will be your arsenal. Make time to pinpoint the opportunity in difficulty and how to make situations work to your advantage. Take risks and be bold in your approach. You're only a newcomer once. Parents and Guardians, take comfort knowing that Equité PSO will do our best to harness each newcomer into the very best versions of themselves. Welcoming will be an experience that they will never forget, if they partake.

I encourage each of you to be part of the welcoming experience especially and to continually join us through the year. Having a PSO as an extra hand, can always be beneficial. I look forward to welcoming you, learning with you and growing with you. May this be your best year yet!

All my love, Kamryn.

A letter from our

Primaria

Ps: Please don't hesitate to contact me at any time, for anything. I'm here for YOU!



meet the house

committee









The HC team are excited to welcome you to Stellenbosch University and to ensure you feel welcome in Equité! Below is the roles of each HC member, and their goal for the following year:









Kamryn Smith

"To empower and foster active citizenship amongst our members through building authentic, eclectic relationships that thrive on diversity where we influence individuals, communities, nations and the world!"

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Chanel Lombard

"To foster a safe and inclusive relationship within our community, which allows for individuality and empowerment".

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Aerin Kotzee

"To maintain a culture of accountability and critical engagement in order to promote inclusivity and healthy relationships within the community".

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Allison Frieslaar

"To create sustainable opportunities financially, academically and socially for both our members and leaders, that allow them to develop as people and allows Equité to grow as a whole".

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Kiara Johnson

"My goal for this leadership term is to give back to a community that has given me the opportunity to grow and learn".









Tayla Fourie Welcoming & Alumni

"To assist in the development of a sustainable culture of inclusivity, ensuring all individuals of the constituency feel that Equité has something to offer them".

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Gabriella Mashiki Culture & Critical Engagement

"I wish for this leadership term to be an enjoyable one with the interests of our constituency at the heart of everything we do, but above all else I want it to be sustainable".

<u>21596700@sun.ac.za</u>

Marizaan Brink Social media management

"To grow as much as possible personally and professionally. I hope to push myself to do things out of my comfort zone and to remind myself that I CAN DO THIS!"

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Marzelle Bosman Social Impact & Sustainability, Clothing

"To lead with respect and make sustainable changes and decisions that are in the best interests of the constituency".

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Nina-Lari Brewis Cluster & Sport

"To be a helping hand to everyone and to give others the opportunity to spread their wings".

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Asivile Loki

"To lead intentionally and selflessly in a progressive and inclusive environment that continues to empower and educate it's members".

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meet the mentors



Making the transition into University can always seem daunting, but our Mentor team is here to guide you every step of the way! The Mentors are ready and excited to help you in every sphere of university life from navigating your degree or finding campus resources to personal wellness and even just catching a quick coffee between classes. Each Mentor has added a little University advice in their profile and are looking forward to joining your journey!









Alexa Koen BCom Law

"Play hard but work harder!"

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Charlé Stone

"Make your own class notes! This helps you to engage in the work and you can also sell them for some much needed spending money."

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Carla Vivian BA Human Resource Management

"Stay true to who you are. The only person you have to impress is yourself."

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Michaela Carruthers BA Humanities

> "Pop your shy bubble and go say hello to your possible new best friend!"

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Michelle Kleynhans BA Language & Culture

"Push yourself and make your friends, family and passions a priority. Meet your goals and take part in new and exciting opportunities"

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Na'ilah Ebrahim BA Low

"You are allowed to make mistakes, just remember to learn from them."

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"Opportunities can be taken away in the blink of an eye , so grab everything you're given with both hands and make the best of it."

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Nascha Botha BEd Foundation Phase

"Keep your head up and take on new things with open-mindedness".

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Ntando Nkosi BEd Foundation Phase

"Consistency is harder when nobody is clapping for you. Clap for yourself during those times. Always be your biggest fan!"

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Sibabalwe Minyifolo BA Humanities

"Be kind to yourself and others, always. Make meaningful friendships and grab every opportunity. We will be helping you every step of the way, go get them sista!" 22868909@sun.ac.za



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"Do not leave everything until the night before!"

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Skye Petzer BA Language & Culture

"Choose courage everyday!"

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Tiffany Gordon BA Sport Science

"Go into Welcoming (and life in general) with open-mindedness- do not be your own biggest limitation".

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Vuyelwa Chimimba BA Social Dynamics

> "Enjoy every single moment that comes your way. Just remember to balance your academic and social life."

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Tiné Els BEd Intermediate Phase

"Be sure to make save money for iced coffee from the Neelsie. It's a LIFESAVER when you get stuck in the heat on the Rooiplein."

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Zanfré Meyer BSc Human Life Sciences & Psychology

"Invest in a good pair of flip flops and sunscreen, because you are constantly walking around."

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a letter from our $PSO \operatorname{co-ordinator}$



Jethro G. Georgiades

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.

The last year has been an extremely challenging year for us all with 2021 lining up to be just as complex. In these tricky times our communities, relationships and ability to constantly evaluate our context has become more important than ever. The fallout from COVID19 has shown us just how unstable our world can be. This instability has also however brought the best out of us. We have forged new paths, built new relationships and innovated in ways we could never have imagined. The PSO Space has ensured that students, even when physically isolated from one another, still remain connected to each other as well as campus life.

I encourage you to make the most of this experience and to take a hold of each and every opportunity that comes your way. In today's world, a degree can only get you so far. Your experience at 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 PSO Coordinator



Just imagine...

A community at Stellenbosch University that provides an oncampus place to study, to eat, to wash, to store the things that you need for a specific day on campus, to relax, to interact socially and to belong to a student community that helps you grow.

...that gives easy accessibility to spaces and facilities that allow you to do group work and participate in various activities, and to become part of economically meaningful networks that provide relative security, that solve some of your transport problems as you interact on campus and, in cases where something unforeseen happens, also provides an emergency sleepover space, backpacker style. Such a community already exists at SU you all belong to it. It is called the Cluster.

amaMaties Cluster

Equité PSO is the first community you form a part of during your university years. Equité PSO forms part of the amaMatiescluster community. This is your second community you form part of. A cluster is formed by the geographic area of all the residences and private student organizations (PSO). Stellenbosch University consists out of seven clusters amaMaties, Rubix, Wimbeldon, Victoria, VicMyer, Validus and TygerMaties. The small community you belong to determines your cluster, that's why we form part of the amaMaties cluster.



support offered through...

RESIDENCES



PSO's & HUBS



facilities

amaMaties

amaMaties cluster consist out of: Erica, Nemesia, Serruria, Equité, Capri, Helderberg, Huis Neethling and Osler. amaMaties and Wimdeldon cluster are also privileged to have our own hub. A hub is a physical, on-campus space where students can study, eat, relax and integrate with other oncampus students.



The Hub

The hub is a great place to study since it is filled with lots of tables and chairs. The hub serves as a space where you can socialize, do your work, warm your food, charge your phoneand get some boiling water for your hot beverage while you study.





Tinie Louw

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 Deli

Next to the Tinie Louw is the deli where you can buy affordable food, snacks and beverages. This place will be your saving grace during exams!

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!

A letter from our **Cluster Conveners**

We at amaMaties believe in the power of diversity within a community. This is why our efforts always go towards making our cluster inclusive, welcoming and embracive of everyone that forms a part of us. Each and every individual in amaMaties is important and invaluable to us and it is such an honour to serve this vibrant community. We are excited to work with you to build our community into an environment where everyone's sense of belonging is nurtured.

- CLUSTER CONVENERS 2021



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"Do your best until you know better then when you know better, do better". -Maya Angelou



Sine Dlamini CLUSTER CONVENER 21831998@sun.ac.za +27 79 480 9341 "Let all that you do be done with love".

-Unknown

The constituencies of amaMaties:

Capri | Erica | Equité | Helderberg | Huis Neethling Osler | Serruria

Instagram: *@amamaties*





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meet the Equité Committee

Dear Equite Newcomer

From the Equite Committee, we would like to welcome you to the family. The Committee is here to help you slay your way through Equite for the year of 2021!!!But first, we would like to introduce ourselves. Here is a little bit about us. The Equite Committee consists of nine senior leaders elected by the Committee Head, Allison Frieslaar. The Committee aims to be the supporting structure for senior students, both academically and socially, as well as to connect the community by providing a platform where seniors can engage with newcomers. The Committee aims to plan and implement all senior events and activities throughout the year. This year we would like to focus mainly on senior students to instil the idea that they are still a huge part of the Equite community. Our goals are to create and foster sense of Equite pride and spirit within our senior students. We are so excited to be a part of your journey in Equite and we wish you all the best in 2021!

Sincerely, Equite Committee 2020/2021



Allison Frieslaar EQUITÉ COMMITTEE LEADER





Ayabulela Yantolo

Ella Smith





Lesley-Ann Pieterse

Linathi Mosala



Nicola Roux



Robyn Emslie





Jo Botha



Meché Le Fleur



Sibabalwe Manyifolo

opportunities for you

In Equité, we see leadership development as facilitating individual growth. This is to ensure effective understanding of oneself, their surroundings, and the world at large. We do this by providing a beneficial environment that equips our community with the necessary resources to aid them in reaching their full potential.



- 1. Newcomers Committee
- 2. Equité Committee
- 3. Welcoming Committee
- 4. Social Impact Committee
- 5. Mentors
- 6. House Committee
- 7. Think Tank



Hockey
 Netball
 Soccer
 Tennis



- 1. Toneelfees
- 2. SU Acapella
- 3. Molassesêr
- 4. Open-Mic Night



events for the year

After 2020, 2021 promises to be just as challenging as its predecessor, however, one of the positives of being in a year where everything is uncertain is that it allows everyone an opportunity to redefine, build and improve themselves. The usual activities that Equite takes part in & hosts throughout the year include the singing and dancing of Molassaser and Ser, as well as the social interaction at the Mocktails evening. However, due to the COVID-19 situation, it is uncertain whether any of these activities can take place in the previous fashions they have over the years. Nevertheless, following the Equite value of perseverance, we choose to look at this new year with nothing short of positivity. While it is true that everything will not be able to continue the way it has, it allows us an opportunity to pave a new path of how things can be done such as a virtual Molassaser or

Mocktails evening which will allow us to reach more people and save the event videos on a local SharePoint folder for future references.

The new predominantly digital interaction that may take place throughout the year will also have an impact on our sustainability and social events such as municipality clean-ups and pad drives; however, these will again be rebranded to fit the needs of social distancing and proper sanitization for each member involved. Equité Furthermore, thought has been put into ensuring the safety of our Equité community for events such as the Newcomers Dance, which is a chance for the newcomers to interact with other newcomers from different and residences amongst themselves to create and/or strengthen bonds formed during the welcoming period,

as well as the Equité House Dance | Umdaniso Wendlu | Huisdans, which closes off the year for Equité, and House Funds Dance | Umdaniso Wabantu Abafikayo | Huisdans, which is to help raise funds for the House Dance. However, events later on in the year have not yet been completely finalised as to what format they will take.

Despite what everyone might be going through, the Equité community is certainly excited to meet and spend the year with all the newcomers joining the family. Such joy will thoroughly be expressed during the Equité week later on in the year where Equité members will be afforded the chance to paint the campus magenta and celebrate the joys of being in Equité as well as the friendships and opportunities gained from a year of interaction with each other.We promise that there will be more exciting events throughout the year but until then:

Stay safe | Hlala ukhuselekile | Bly veilig





more info... about our events



An exciting week packed with activities to welcome you to Stellenbosch University and into the Equité community.







A dance for you the newcomers, to solidify the friendships you would have made and to offer you an opportunity to form new bonds as well.



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A fun-filled and friendly competition that combines singing, dancing and acting to form skits that is performed in front of an audience. This builds relationships in partnership with another PSO or residence, against other partnerships.



Eps. 31

House Funds Dance | Undaniso Wabantu Abafikayo | Huisfonsdans



Usually a themed dance to raise funds for the house dance later on in the year.



House Dance | Umdaniso wendlu | Huis Dans



The final dance of the year to round up an amazing time with Equite so dress up in your best attires and prepare for a night of fun and laughter.

connect

Vensters/Connect is a big event for all the newcomers and also the ending of your welcoming week. Each community writes a script and choreograph some dance for the newcomers to learn during welcoming and prepare for the big event at the end of welcomingweek.

The connect partners perform a scene and dances on stage in front of thousands in the audience. To spice it a little bit up, there are also judges to give the showcase a score. However, things might be a little different in 2021 because of Covid-19. We will fill you in on all the detail when we see you.

Equité PSO and Eendrag residence are paired as Connect partners for Vensters 2021. Our partnership name is:







clothing & merchandise



EQUITÉ VISOR one size fits all



EQUITÉ T-SHIRT XS, S, M, L, XL, XXL would you buy

As a community, we strive to keep our members as safe as possible by equipping them with information and equipment to aid them in their safety.

If you want to buy pepper spray through Equité, then we will cover 25% of the cost. We are working out the most affordable prices for quality products, so prices will still be confirmed.

Please fill out this google form below, so that we can estimate how many units of pepper spray cans to order in March:

https://forms.gle/vKaTqcGrpDQtwQaXA



EQUITÉ KEYCHAIN one size fits all





Package



if you have it, flaunt it

X1 EQUITÉ SHIRT X1 VISOR X1 KEYCHAIN

Package 2



oh so fetch!

X1 EQUITÉ SHIRT

R270

R150

Package 3



feeling good, looking good

X1 EQUITÉ SHIRT X1 VISOR X1 KEYCHAIN FULL FOOD PACKAGE Package 4



yummy in my tummy!

FULL FOOD PACKAGE

R790

R520





follow, like, comment

As Equité, we make use of the following platforms: WhatsApp, Instagram & Facebook. In 2021, we will also implement the following platforms: Telegram, e-mails & SharePoint.

Living in these uncertain times, we as the HC, want to make communication as smooth & efficient as possible. Therefore, we try our best to make use of different social media platforms to interact with our members.







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http://www.sun.ac.za/english/learning-teaching/student-affairs/csc/private-student-organi-



Equité

Answers to your Questions

For guick access to answers for queries you might have regarding Equité PSO make use of Equité's FAQ option on our Facebook Messenger, we have provided information for some of the frequently asked questions which are vital for newcomers to know. Simply select which question you would like answered by inputting the number corelating to your question and find all out all the information you need. If you have a query which is not addressed on the list, please feel free to contact us via Equité's Facebook Messenger.



not to mention, here is more information...

Equité has set up a SharePoint where information will be stored regarding our Welcoming Program. All the links for activities will be accessed via SharePoint, as well as any instructions & additional information with the mentors. Newcomers are able to access all of this information by clicking on the link given below:





https://stellenbosch.sharepoint.com/ sites/EquitWelcoming2021



The Matie Community Service (MGD) and the Centre for Student Communities (CSCD) are hosting a stationary drive for young students across the Stellenbosch and Tygerberg area. By supporting this initiative, we are ensuring that these students are equipped with everything they need to start off their 2021 school year!

Equité would like to encourage our members to take part in this drive and to inspire the people around us. If you would like to take part of this initiative, please read below what you can donate to help make a difference:

- pens / pencils
- sharpeners
- erasers
- glue sticks
- coloured pencils
- sanitizer

Thank you!

now for some important information...

We have created this google form in order to gather some important information which will better equip us in delivering the best welcoming period possible.

If you have any queries regarding the welcoming period please feel free to contact Equité's Welcoming Leader, Tayla Fourie via her e-mail. Her e-mail can be found on page 09 of this Welcoming Booklet.

We look forward to meeting you all!











Equité's welcoming program has been designed for you for make new friends, become accustomed to your new environment and to make some unforgettable memories. We have provided you with some tips we believe will help you make the best of your welcoming experience.

Connection is key

We know the welcoming period can be a scary time, being in a room where you only know some friends from high school or sometimes no one at all. But remember, everyone is most likely feeling the same way you do also hoping to make some new friends. We know it might be out of your comfort zone but be bold and make that first connection, welcoming is the perfect time to make new connections. Who knows, you might just make a new best friend.

Keep an open mind

Newcomers are travelling in from all parts of the country, some even from other countries. You are going to meet people from different cultures, backgrounds or economic realities. Remember that everyone has their own opinions and ways in which they approach situations. Try to keep an open mind, there is so much you can learn from those around you.

Your pace is the right pace

Extravert or introvert, there is a place in Equité for you. The welcoming program has been designed to cater to both those who are extremely outgoing as well as those who tend to be more reserved. During welcoming, take it at your own pace. If you find yourself feeling socially overwhelmed, take a step back. We want you to enjoy the welcoming we have planned for you.

Finding your place in Equité

During welcoming week Equité will be giving you a sneak peek of the opportunities we provide for our members. There are so many areas to be involved in, so if you have a passion, don't be shy to sign up and join one of our committees, sports because we would love to help that flame burn brighter.

These are just a few tips to keep in mind during your time with us at welcoming. We are so excited to meet you. Let's make some unforgettable memories together.



harent reviews

Some advice and/or a bit of encouragement from parent to parent.

Lena:

"The HC along with the mentors will 100% be there for your child."

Lindi:

"Definitely one of the best PSO groups on Stellenbosch Campus! Very approachable and friendly members make the experience a joy! Lovely modern facilities!"

Tertia:

"Equité helped my daughter to find her place within the university community - something that is extremely important for a Newcomer, as it determines the future of their entire student experience. She found her family away from home; a community based on friendship, empowerment, and support. I am forever grateful to Equité for providing me with the necessary peace of mind that my daughter is well taken care of."

Myra:

"Equité is an organization that allows for the individuals to grow into conscientious, progressive members who contribute to society."

Kim:

"Being the parent of a newcomer not to long ago was a feeling I remember all to well. You're nervous, thinking have I done enough? Is my child going to be able to handle this? However, when I walked into the orientation meeting with my daughter and saw the team of leaders standing at the front, a sense of calmness set in. I saw a team of strong diverse women who stood proudly and professionally in front of me and that won me over far more than their words. My daughter has developed into a formidable individual and has grown in leaps and bounds in every aspect of her life. Equité has afforded her the opportunity to be bold in who she is and for that I will always be grateful."

Alta:

"Equité welcomed my daughter with open arms. They are friendly, caring and willing to go any length to make the university experience for your child even better than it already is. They are an organization that is always there to support your daughter and help her grow through their various empowerment talks and activities. Equité has become a second family to my daughter and she will not stop talking about them."

Michelle:

"Your child will receive all the support they need to help them through the transitioning period and further."

Linda:

"Very positive atmosphere between the students."



Equité's approach for Welcoming

Equité PSO, in accordance with COVID-19 protocols the stipulated by the South African Government, aims to provide our newcomers with the most valuable welcoming experience we are able to, without compromising the health and safety of our newcomers and any other Equité members. Thus, the protocols stipulated below will form the foundation of Equité's COVID-19 response. These protocols will extend to both the newcomers and Equité leadership, as well as any other individuals who partake in Equité's welcoming program.

Any individual who does not comply with these protocols stipulated on the next page, will be prohibited from taking part in Equité's welcoming program due to the potential risk to both the newcomers as well as the leadership.

upon daily arrival

Individuals are required to:

- Have their temperature checked and recorded.
- Sanitise their hands before entering the facility.
- Complete a daily Higher Health Forum online or on WhatsApp, alternatively newcomers are able to fill in a spreadsheet if they do
 - not have access to the Higher Health survey.
- Wear a cloth/medical mask before entering the facility.









general













- All individuals are required to:
 - 1. Wear a mask at all times.
 - 2. Wash hands on a regular basis (+30 seconds), or make use of hand sanitiser. Refrain from touching your face before cleaning your hands.
 - 3. Always keep a safe distance from others (1,5m). Avoid close contact from anyone who is sneezing or coughing.
 - 4. Sneeze into the corner of their elbow or into a tissue.
 - 5. Clean surfaces before and after each use.
 - 6. Stay at home when showing symptoms related to COVID-19. Seek medical attention from CAMPUS SECURITY when showing symptoms such as a fever, coughing, have difficulty

breathing.

COVID-19 contact information

Campus Health Services: Stellenbosch Campus 021 808 3496 / 3494

Campus Health Services: Tygerberg Campus 021 938 9590

Campus Health Services: after-hours emergency number 076 431 0305

ER24 Emergency Service 010 205 3032

COVID-19 Public Hotline 080 002 9999

COVID-19 Western Cape Provincial Hotline 021 928 4102

COVID-19 WhatsApp Number

060 012 3456

Higher Health self-checks:

- 060 011 0000
- *134*832*2#
- https://healthcheck.higherhealth.ac.za/login/?next=/

emergency numbers

STELLENBOSCH CAMPUS

Campus Security (EMERGENCY)	021 808 2333
CSCD 24hr Crisis Service (08:00 - 16:00)	021 808 4994
Maties ER24 (Identify yourself as an SU student & Corporate Client,	010 205 3032
Campus Security (General enquiries)	021 808 4666
SAPS (EMERGENCY)	10111
SAPS Sector 1 (Patrol vehicle)	082 522 2293
SAPS Stellenbosch (Ops Centre)	021 809 5015
SAPS Stellenbosch (General enquiries)	021 809 5000
Ambulance (Via cellphone)	082 112
Ambulance (Via landline)	10177
Campus Health Services	021 808 3494/96
Fire Dept Stellenbosch	021 808 8888
Traffic Dept Stellenbosch	021 808 8800
Stellenbosch Hospital (Casualties)	021 808 6147
Medi-Clinic Stellenbosch (Casualties)	021 861 2094/5

emergency numbers TYGERBERG CAMPUS

Campus Security (EMERGENCY)

CSCD 24hr Crisis Service (08:00 - 16:00)

Maties ER24 (Identify yourself as an SU student & Corporate Client)

Campus Security (General enquiries)

SAPS (EMERGENCY)

SAPS Parow

SAPS Bellville

Ambulance (*Via cellphone*)

Ambulance (Via landline)

Campus Health Services

Fire Dept Bellville

Traffic Dept Bellville

Tygerberg Hospital (ÉMERGENCY)

Needle stick injuries (Casualties)

Tygerberg Hospital Division for infectious Diseases: (Bleeper section, Tygerberg Hospital) & ask for Infectious Diseases doctor on call



021 938 9507

021 938 9590

010 205 3032

021 938 9507/9500

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021 929 7037

021 918 3000

082 112

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021 938 9590

021 590 1900

021 444 8258/8261

021 938 5132

021 938 4487

welcoming program







- * Depending on the relevant level of national lockdown, the Welcoming Program is subject to change. It will be adjusted accordingly & communicated to our Newcomers.
 * The program is planned to encourage social distancing, & contact sessions will be done so in
- smaller groups.
- * The program is opted for hybrid interaction (virtual and/or in-person sessions).

Tuesday 2 March TIME SESSION CONTACT / VIRTUAL 18:00 Law student Registration Contact

Wednesday | 3 March

TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL
09:00 - 10:00	Arrival of Parents & Newcomers	Contact
10:00 - 10:45	Official Welcoming	Contact / Virtual
11:00 - 11:15	Meet the Mentors	Contact / Virtual
11:20 - 12:00	Mentor Bonding	Contact
12:00 - 13:00	PSO Registration / Mentor Bonding	Contact
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	Contact
14:00 - 15:30	Mentor Bonding	Contact
15:30 - 16:30	Social with Oude Molen PSO	Contact

Thursday |

4 March

TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL
09:00 - 10:00	Mentor Dream Session	Contact
10:00 - 11:00	Newcomers Song	Contact / Virtual
11:00 - 12:00	UNASA	Contact / Virtual
12:00 - 13:00	Mentor Session	Contact
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	Contact
14:00 - 15:30	Dance Social	Contact / Virtual
15:30 - 16:00	Freshen up	Contact
16:00 - 17:30	Move to Danie Craven with Maroon t-shirts	Contact
17:30 - 18:00	Informal program @ Danie Craven	Contact
18:00 - 21:00	Dream Launch & Dream Walk	Contact

Friday	5 March	
TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL
09:00 - 09:45	HIIT FIT	Contact / Virtual
09:45 - 10:30	Freshen up	Contact
10:30 - 11:30	"Let's Grow!" with Erica Residence	Contact / Virtual
11:30 - 12:30	Newcomers Song	Contact / Virtual
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH	Contact
13:30 - 14:00	Freshen up / Meet in Mentor groups	Contact
14:00 - 15:15	Welcoming Fair @ Coetzenburg	Contact
15:15 - 15:30	Meet @ amaMaties	Contact
15:30 - 18:00	Spud Movie Screening	Contact / Virtual
18:00 - 19:00	SUPPER	Contact
19:00 - 21:00	Cluster Interaction	Contact

Saturday	6 March
TIME	SESSION
08:30 - 09:00	Walk Top-Up routes
08:30 - 14:00	Maties Welcoming Photo 2021
08:30 - 13:00	Cluster Day
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH / Freshen up
14:00 - 15:00	Social
15:00 - 16:00	Vensters practice

Sunday TIME

7 March

REST

SESSION

CONTACT / VIRTUAL Contact Contact Contact Contact

CONTACT / VIRTUAL

Monday | 8 March

TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL
08:30 - 12:30	Academic Program: - Registration / RGA - Registration - Faculty meetings & Library visits	Contact
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH @ Neelsie Grass	Contact
13:30 - 17:30	Academic Program: - Registration / RGA - Registration - Faculty meetings & Library visits	Contact
17:30 - 18:00	Meet @ amaMaties	Contact
18:00 - 19:00	SUPPER	Contact
19:00 - 21:00	ResEd Workshop	Contact

Thursday		ll March
	TIME	SESSION
	09:00 - 12:00	Community Interaction Morning
	12:00 - 13:00	Newcomers Arrive @ amaMaties
	13:00 - 15:00	Vensters Practice
	15:00 - 16:00	Social with Eendrag Residence
	16:00 - 17:00	Red Frogs session
	17:00 - 18:00	Social with Majuba Residence
	18:00 - 21:00	Equité Open-Air Movie Screening

Tuesday |

9 March

TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL
08:00 - 12:30	Academic Program: - Registration / RGA - Registration - Faculty meetings & Library visits	Contact
12:30 - 13:30	Lunch at Neelsie	Contact
13:30 - 17:30	Academic Program: - Registration / RGA - Registration - Faculty meetings & Library visits	Contact
17:30 - 18:00	Meet at amaMaties	Contact
18:00 - 19:00	SUPPER	Contact
19:00 - 21:00	ResEd Workshop	Contact

Friday	l2 March	
TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL
09:00 - 10:30	Mocktail Morning	Contact
10:30 - 11:00	Free Time	
11:00 - 12:30	Let's Talk All Things Student Finance	Contact / Virtual
12:30 - 13:30	LUNCH	Contact
13:30 - 14:00	Free Time	
14:00 - 17:00	S.A.V.E Event	Contact

Saturday		13 March
	TIME	SESSION
	10:00	Cluster Welcoming: Closing Funct
	12:00 - 13:00	LUNCH
	13:00 - 16:00	Yoga session
	16:00 - 20:00	 Mentor Session Bucket List Winners announcer

Sunday	l4 March
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Wednesday | 10 March

TIME	SESSION	CONTACT / VIRTUAL							
08:30 - 10:00	Self-Defense with Silene PSO	Contact / Virtual							
10:00 - 12:00	Learn Sign Language with us	Contact / Virtual							
12:00 - 13:00	Diversity Session	Contact							
13:00 - 14:00	LUNCH	Contact							
14:00 - 15:30	Pottery Making Session	Contact / Virtual							
15:30 - 18:00	ResEd Workshop	Contact							

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February 2021

Dear Student

CHARGING FIRST YEAR WELCOMING PACKAGES TO STUDENT ACCOUNTS Welcome to the PSO community of Stellenbosch University! You have been assigned to a PSO (private student organisation) due to the fact that you have not elected to stay in a residence in 2021. During the annual welcoming period in the beginning of the year, residences and PSOs take responsibility for exposing first years to Stellenbosch University in a welcoming manner.

Because PSOs do not have a dining hall (although some PSO's will arrange meals for their students in dining halls during the welcoming period) where students can enjoy meals, PSO first years are provided with "welcoming packages". These packages usually consist of a number of meals, clothing, water bottles, caps and other items unique to the particular PSO. During PSO registration on the first day of Welcoming (Tuesday 2nd or Wednesday 3rd March 2021), you will have the option of purchasing one of these welcoming packages at a set price (which may vary from PSO to PSO). Each PSO will also offer different options (both clothing and meals, only meals, only clothing, etc.) that students can then select. Please see the bottom of this email for more information.

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

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

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me at 021-808 3023 / 2791 or pso@sun.ac.za

Kind regards,

PSO Office Centre for Student Communities | Sentrum vir Studentegemeenskappe



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PERMISSION: CHARGING COST OF WELCOMING PACKAGE TO 2021 STUDENT ACCOUNT

Please complete the following:

DETAILS OF STUDENT:

NAME AND SURNAME:

STUDENT NUMBER:	
CHOICE OF WELCOMING PACKAGE	(MARK WITH AN
FULL PACKAGE (Clothing and Meal Package) COST: R 790	ONLY MEA MEALS) C

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

- By signing this form, you commit in writing to the following:
 - I hereby grant permission that the cost of the welcoming package may be charged to my student account:
 - I understand that acquiring the welcoming package is not compulsory;
 - · I understand that if I sign the form, I must pay the costs and I will not be able to be reimbursed¹.

SIGNATURE OF STUDENT:

SIGNATURE OF GUARDIAN:

DATE:

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



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EALS (10 COST: R520	ONLY CLOTHING PACKAGE COST: R270





Februarie 2021

Beste Student.

HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGSPAKKIE-KOSTES OP STUDENTEREKENING Welkom by die PSO-gemeenskap van die Stellenbosch Universiteit! Aangesien jy nie in 'n koshuis woonagtig is nie, is jy in 'n PSO (Privaat Studente Organisasie) ingedeel. Tydens die jaarlikse Verwelkomingsperiode neem koshuise en PSO's verantwoordelikheid om die eerstejaars op 'n verwelkomende wyse aan Stellenbosch Universiteit bloot te stel.

Aangesien die PSO's nie oor 'n eetsaal beskik waar studente maaltye kan geniet nie, (alhoewel daar reëlings getref word deur sommige PSO's om etes in die oop eetsale te geniet), word daar vir die eerstejaars "verwelkomingspakkies" saamgestel. Dit bestaan gewoonlik uit 'n sekere aantal maaltye, klerasie, waterbottels, pette, en soortgelyke items wat eie is aan die betrokke PSO. Tydens registrasie by die PSO op die eerste dag van Verwelkoming (Dinsdag 2de of Woensdag 3de Maart 2021) het u die opsie om hierdie verwelkomingspakkies aan te skaf teen 'n vasgestelde bedrag (wat kan wissel van PSO tot PSO). Elke PSO bied ook verskillende opsies aan student (etes en klerasie / slegs etes / slegs klerasie). Stellenbosch Universiteit maak gebruik van 'n kontantvrye sisteem wat studente in staat stel om die pakkies makliker te verkry. U, of u ouers of voog, gaan dus op die dag n erkenning van skuld moet teken sodat die klerasie, voedsel, ens vir die verwelkomingsperiode aan u beskikbaar gestel kan word. Na registrasie sal die koste dan teen die betrokke studenterekening gehef word vir betaling saam met alle ander studentverwante uitgawes. Neem asseblief kennis dat sodra u die vorm onderteken het, u aanspreeklik sal wees vir die koste van die verkose pakkie, ongeag of u al u etes geneem het en ongeag of u die klerasie nie meer wil hê of dra na die eerste paar dae nie.

Die verkryging van die "verwelkomingspakkies" is nie verpligtend nie, maar ons wil u tog aanmoedig om dit wel op te neem. Vind asseblief aangeheg die vorm vir u voltooiing. U is welkom om dit saam te bring volgende jaar.

Indien u enige vrae het, kontak ons gerus by 021-808 3023/2791 / pso@sun.ac.za

Vriendelike groete,

PSO Kantoor Centre for Student Communities | Sentrum vir Studentegemeenskappe



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Voltooi asseblief die volgende:

BESONDERHEDE VAN STUDENT:

NAAM EN VAN:	
STUDENTENOM	MER:

KEUSE VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE (MERK MET 'N X

Volle pakkie	SLEGS KOS
(Klere- en kospakkie)	(10 ETES) K
KOSTE: R 790	R 5

Let asseblief daarop dat die kostes van die verwelkomingpakkie, asook die pakkies wat slegs etes en enkele items bevat, wissel van PSO tot PSO.

Deur die ondertekening van die vorm, verbind u uself skriftelik tot die volgende:

- Hiermee verleen ek toestemming dat die koste van die verwelkomingpakkie teen my studenterekening gehef mag word;
- Ek verstaan dat ek nie verplig is om die verwelkomingpakkie aan te skaf nie;
- Ek besef dat as ek die vorm teken, ek die kostes moet betaal en dat ek nie gelde terug sal kan ontvang nie¹.

HANDTEKENING VAN STUDENT:

HANDTEKENING VAN VOOG:	

DATUM:

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



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TOESTEMMING: HEFFING VAN VERWELKOMINGPAKKIE OP

STUDENTEREKENING 2021

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OSTE:	KOSTE: R 270
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