



OUDE MOLEN PSO

Welcoming Letter 2021

Dear Prospective Mol

First of all, congratulations on your conditional acceptance to Stellenbosch University for 2021, and arguably even better, your provisional placement into Oude Molen PSO (Private Student Organisation). Oude Molen is an active student community which provides you with the same experience, in terms of tangible activities and lived student experience, as a residence, for students who reside in their own private accommodation (we must stress the fact that the PSO does not provide accommodation in any way). PSO's form the thriving heart of Stellenbosch University, making up around 70% of the student population. All 11 PSO's provide incredible support to those who do not live-in university Residences and enrich the lives of all their members.

Oude Molen was established in 1973 as one of the first, three male PSO's on campus, and over the past 48 years, has developed a rich heritage and has continued to mould individuals with integrity, respect, a sense of unity, a sense of balance, compassion, and a sense of belonging.

Respect. Unity. Balance. Inclusivity. Belonging. Compassion. These are the values that dictate how and why we do things, as such Oude Molen provides a nurturing environment for any individual to thrive in. "Een keer 'n Mol, Altyd 'n Mol" (Once a Mol, always a Mol), isn't so much a saying as much as it is a way of life. I would not be exaggerating when I say that the vast majority (around 80%) of my friends I've met at Varsity was through the PSO! I can stress how good the PSO system is, if you just give it a chance and embrace it with both arms.

Oude Molen members, or "Molle", have been extremely successful in all aspects of university life, from the sports fields, the drama halls to the exam halls. The Molle have had success on the cricket pitches and the hockey Astro's over the last couple of years, squash is gaining more traction as a favourite amongst the Molle and the new football team have had grown from strength to strength. The pride and joy whoever, is the PSO barbarian's rugby team on the rugby field. For the more culturally inclined Molle, Toneelfees, which consists of plays written, directed, and acted out by the Molle, is a favourite while we have consistently been getting better at SU Acapella.

Above all, the main priority of Oude Molen and the reason why we all go to University, is academic success. This is achieved through the academic support network provided by the mentor group. The mentor group is a team of unique individuals that come from different year groups but are all Molle. Their role is to offer support and guidance to their assigned group of mentees during the welcoming period and through the rest of the year. Each newcomer will be assigned to a mentor group during our first introductory session, more details on that later.

On the social side of life, Oude Molen aims to provide a safe place for members to meet likeminded individuals. We have numerous social events throughout the year, a couple of the favourites are the House Dance and the Village Sports day. The HK house is also a favourite braai spot among the Molle!

Between the 24th of February and the 13th of March, we will assist you in any way we can on your journey to becoming a Matie! A full program has been developed to make sure that you receive nothing but the best start to your university career, that you're well acquainted with campus and town and that you've made a few friends before classes start on the 15th of March. The welcoming period historically ends with the Vensters performances on the Friday night, this year will be slightly different, more info will be provided at the Introductory session. Our partners for 2021 are Huis Ten Bosch and Harmonie.

The welcoming leaders for 2021 will be Vusi Mthombeni and Vian Smit and they will be responsible for your well-being during throughout the welcoming period. Should you have any questions during welcoming these are the two who will be able to help you.

Please find information below regarding the details of our first meeting:

- Date: 24th February
- Time: 13:00
- Link: [Welcoming Introductory Session](#) or if that doesn't work please find the link on one of our social media pages

During the first meeting we, as the House Committee along with the mentors, will meet the new Molle and their parents. It will serve as a general information session about the PSO and specifically about the welcoming period. We will be more than happy to field all questions you may have. During this session, the Molle will be split into their Mentor groups for the welcoming period.

Kind Regards

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Our Values



Respect

The conscious consideration of the world around you including yourself, other human beings, and the natural environment

Unity

A socially and culturally diverse society that is forward thinking and moving towards a common goal.

Balance

An open community that instils a feeling of unity that encourages individuals to express themselves and their personal identity.

Belonging

An environment to create and maintain well-rounded individuals with regards to all spheres of wellness.

Inclusivity

A community that embraces diversity, strives to integrate its members and instils a sense of compassion and acceptance in them.

Compassion

A caring and empathetic community whose members actively act upon the desires and needs of those in their surroundings.



Connect Partnership 2021

We were lucky enough to be partnered with Huis ten Bosch and Harmonie for Vensters 2021!

During welcoming, we will be teaching you the numerous dances that make up the Venster's performance. This year, due to the COVID-19 pandemic, Vensters is going to be online. This means we will be recording the dances, more info will be given to you by your mentor nearer the time.



What do we Offer?

Academics

- Mentors
- Cluster-based tutoring program

Sports

- Squash
- Rugby
- Cricket
- Hockey
- Table Tennis
- Golf
- Football
- Basketball

Culture

- SU Acapella
- Toneelfees
- Molasseser
- Culture evenings

Events

- House Dance
- Termly Braais
- Mol Camp
- Mol Week
- Action Sports
- Connect Tour
- And much more!

Other

- Leadership opportunities
- Breaking barriers
- FVZS Courses
- Village activities



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Victoria Cluster

What is a Cluster?

Consisting of Residences and PSOs, Cluster offers the opportunity for networking outside of your community.



Cluster Coordinator

Monica du Toit



Cluster Convener

Carla de Beer



Who is in Victoria?

Oude Molen PSO

Silene PSO

Monica Ladies Res

Harmonie Ladies Res

Wilgenhof Mens Res

Meerhof Res

PSO Coordinator

Ntokozo Knowledge Tyapile



Dear Prospective Oude Molen Member,

Congratulations on your conditional acceptance at Stellenbosch University and welcome at Oude Molen. To be able to study at a tertiary institution is a wonderful opportunity and I wish you only the best for this new and exciting chapter that will soon start. At Oude Molen we celebrate individuality and we are looking forward to meet you and to contribute to your unique experience at Stellenbosch University.

We welcome you with friendliness and hospitality and we hope to make your journey at Oude Molen a wonderful experience. We strive to be approachable and undertake to listen with respect and compassion and to answer your questions with honesty.

At Oude Molen, we promote innovation through future focussed thought leadership. We want to encourage you to participate in as many ways as you possibly can, to build purposeful relationships and inclusive networks, so that after your journey at Stellenbosch University and Oude Molen PSO, you leave as a balanced and well-rounded citizen.

Oude Molen encourages value driven management. We take these values into account in all the activities that we offer and that we participate in.

In practice, this means that we keep one another accountable for our decisions and actions, based on our value system. As PSO Coordinator, I am responsible for managing Oude Molen, along with the House Committee and Mentors.

We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration at University. Do not be afraid to ask if you are uncertain about anything – we are here to help. We are excited to walk this journey with you. My wish for you is that you will succeed at Stellenbosch University and that you will see each challenge as an opportunity to grow.

Best wishes,

Knowledge Tyapile
PSO Coordinator: Centre for Student Communities
| PSO Koördineerder: Sentrum vir Studentegemeenskappe
Student Affairs | Studentesake

House Committee

What is the House Committee?

The House Committee, also known as the “HK/HC”, are a group of students elected by their house to lead for the next year. Oude Molen has 10 HK members, including a female strategic advisor. Each member of the HK will have portfolios assigned to them, these portfolios will dictate what they HK member will focus their efforts on.



Stephen Southway

Primarius



Portfolios

Primarius
Leadership Development
1st Year's Committee
House Manager
Mol Camp

About Me

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Message from The Prim

Welcome to Oude Molen PSO! Oude Molen has been, without a doubt, the source of all the best parts of my university career. I'm going to try my best to convey that feeling onto you, but I don't think my words will do it justice, but first a few things about myself.

I am in my fourth year studying a BSc Human Life Sciences degree, I come from Port Elizabeth and Currently live in Manchester, England. I am THE biggest Bristol City fan this side of the equator! COYRS!! I've played squash for the university but the pride of my uni sporting experience was playing with Oude Molen FC, more on that later. I enjoy a good pun on the regular, just ask any senior about my really, really, really, really, really, really, really, good tractor joke...

When I first arrived in Stellies at the beginning of my first year I didn't really know anybody, but I knew I was in Oude Molen PSO, so on the first day I decided to go and see what all the fuss was about. Long story short, I got horribly lost and had to sneak into the lecture through back door and sit in the last empty seat next to a complete random, not exactly how I wanted O-week to start... The random's name was Ben and to this day he is one of my best mates at University! The point I'm trying to get at it, is without me giving the PSO a chance and going to that first meeting, I wouldn't have met one of my best mates.

I believe Oude Molen offers something for everybody. Whether you are culturally inclined, our SU Acapella group ended third year, or more sporty, the barbarians team are very competitive. I am more of sporty person, so one of my favourite parts of PSO life was playing for Oude Molen FC. We were a relatively competitive side but the main reason we played was the have a laugh

and a kickabout with your mates! During my time playing, we managed to reach the final of the playoffs, during a season we'd all but written off, only to lose a very close game. The best parts for me were the practices, where all the you could get to know the rest of your team in a more chilled environment (during my second season we had a German exchange student come play for us, only to realise at the end of the season that he was 28 and had played semi professionally in Germany...) and the late night matches in the cold and rain at Goldfields (the eternal football saying, "But can he do it on a cold rainy night in Stoke?", springs to mind...). I made some friends for life playing footy for the PSO and my hope for you is that can have the same experience!

A lot of might be wondering what exactly Vensters is and how it's going to happen this year? To answer the second part of that question, we don't exactly know... What we do know is, it is going to be online. And now for the first part of the question. The Vensters performance traditionally took place on the last Friday of welcoming week and was a showcase of the plays and dance routines that the partnerships had worked on during O-week. The thought of dancing on stage in front of a large crowd of people wasn't one that initially excited me... In my first year, I was adamant that I didn't want to dance and that, if I had to dance, I would dance at the back of stage wear nobody could see me! I ended up doing the couples dance and loved every second of it! My advice for anybody feeling the same way I was, is to give it a wholehearted go! That can be said for a lot of things in university life, the more enthusiasm you take into something the more benefit you will receive from it.

I hope to meet you, in one way or another, in a couple weeks' time. In the time being, enjoy the rest of your holiday, stay safe and good luck for the release of matric results. If you have questions regarding welcoming or what to expect when arriving in Stellenbosch, do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Wishes

Stephen Southway
Primarius 2020/2021

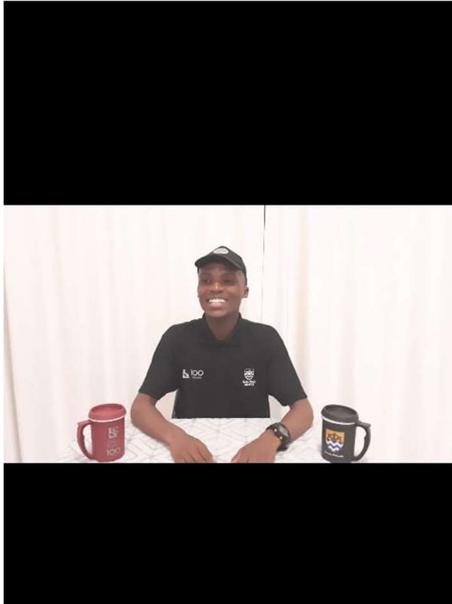


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Vusi Mthombeni

Vice – Primarius



Portfolios

Vice-Primarius

Safety

Welcoming Leader

About Me

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3rd Year Wood Sciences

“Get the type of education you want to fulfil your dreams and goals.”

Emma Louw

Female Strategic Advisor



Portfolios

Female Strategic Advisor

About Me

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Post Grad LLB

“I'm a fun-loving people person, passionate about reading, interesting conversations, social justice and broadening my horizons. I have a doppelganger (aka twin sister), am currently addicted to Holy Dough Margherita pizza and can't wait to meet and have cool chats with you!”

Damian de Villiers

House Committee



Portfolios

Culture
Clothing
Seniors Comm
Vensters

About Me

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BA Drama and Theatre studies

“I love doing sport and being active.
I'm also a passionate person.”

Vian Smit

House Committee



Portfolios

Sports
Welcoming Leader
Alumni
Vensters

About Me

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final year BCom management
Science

“Hello, Oude Molen first year. My name is Vian Smit, and I am a final year BCom management science student. I love the outdoors and activities that improve my overall well-being. The sports HK position has been given to me and I am excited to see what the year holds.”

Rivaldo Alves

House Committee



Portfolios

Social
Community Interaction
Connect

About Me

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BSc Earth Science

“I enjoy taking naps and climbing mountains... There is no in-between. Passionate about all things Earth, if you can find something as simple as a rock interesting, the world is your oyster.”

Renier Stoop

House Committee



Portfolios

Marketing
Vensters

About Me

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Honours in Physical Theatre

“Hi I’m Renier Stoop. I am 4th year, and I am doing my Honours in Physical Theatre. I am passionate about people and making sure they get the best out of what life has to offer! Also, I base my own life on the inclusion and diversity of knowing and getting to know others.”

Ntsako Baloyi

House Committee



Portfolios

Finance
Woman Empowerment
Crit and Transformation

About Me

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BSc Agricultural Economics

“My hobbies would be watching soccer and reading from time to time and just enjoy outdoor activities.”

Senzo Nkabinde

House Committee



Portfolios

Secretary
Cluster
Crit and Transformation

About Me

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BA Humanities

“I'm a music enthusiast who enjoys being social and I love watching a good documentary. I am always keen to try new things because it makes some of the best experiences.”

Ross Oatley

Head Mentor



Portfolios

Head Mentor
Vensters
Clothing

About Me

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BEng Mechanical and
Mechatronic

“I’m Ross and I will be the Head Mentor for Oude Molen this year. I am also a fourth-year engineering student and know how stressful things may seem but trust me when I say, “You’re gonna be fine”. Oude Molen is full of people who have been through it already and we are all eager to help so don’t be afraid to ask. Stay safe and I look forward to meeting you.”

What are the Mentors?

During the first introductory session you will be assigned to a mentor group, according to your faculty amongst other things. Throughout welcoming you mentor will look out for you and help you out in any way you might need as well as facilitating the smooth running of the program for the day. After the conclusion of welcoming, the mentor's job is to stay in contact with their mentees and ensure that they settle in University life smoothly.

Mentors 2021

Eben de Klerk

"I'm a friendly gymfanatic and a self-proclaimed semi-amateur gamer. My vocabulary and jokes are mostly "Friends" related.

My extroverted personality makes it difficult for my shy guy impression to be believable ;)"



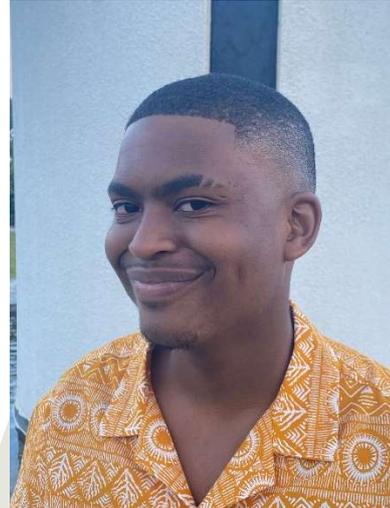
Wade Williams

"I'm a musician and very passionate about sport and always up for a chat."



Mfundo Radebe

"I'd like the mentors to know that I'm a chilled dude that's very open minded. I love soccer and music and I will probably introduce them to new artists/songs they probably do not know every day. I have been told that I am a good listener even though I am a bit sarcastic. But my sarcasm is humorous, and I can't wait to meet them and make their transaction easier in what will probably be a rough year."



Zirk Deyzel

"I like playing games, building random things and old cars."



Garrett Ronan

"I have an ability to interact socially with people from all walks of life. Every act I make is built on a foundation of Respect and Compassion. I am here to help and assist you and I want to help and assist to make your integration into University life at SU as smooth and enjoyable as possible. GO MATIES!!!!!!"



Julian Herreilers

"Welcome to university!! Although this isn't the most ideal start to your Uni life, I wish you the best and may you have a memorable welcoming and this new chapter of your life be challenging, exhilarating and fulfilling."



Lian Darries

"I am currently doing my final year of undergrad and still passionate about what the future holds. I am interested in a wide range of sports and always willing to learn more, from my environment and those around me. 2021 is going to be another unique challenge for everyone and it will be conquered one day at a time."



Ethan McCrorie

"I'm a really relaxed guy, who loves to just experience the world and its people. I enjoy food (a lot) - more so cooking than eating. I don't think favourite colours are important, unless it's red. I'm excited to get to know all you newcomers and help you all learn about university and the student experience."



Vihann van Rooyen

"University is like a well-orchestrated horror movie: the first hour is fun, and then everyone dies. Of course, this is only true if you don't have a mentor by your side, helping you kick some zombie butt. Brace yourself, Newlings. It's a bloodbath out there. This is Vee, over and out!"



Shelton Ngomakapile

"Enjoy the little things in life and hope by the end of the welcome program you get to enjoy Stephen's tractor joke"



Welcoming Program

Virtual Pre-Welcoming

<i>24 February 13:00</i>	Introductory Session (general information and Q&A session)
<i>25 February 10:00</i>	Budgeting Session
<i>26 February 20:00</i>	Netflix Watch Party (Movie to be announced)
<i>27 February 07:00</i>	BalletRIP (Instagram Live early morning exercise)
<i>27 February 20:00</i>	Games evening
<i>28 February 15:00</i>	Ladles of Love (Sandwich making marathon)
<i>1 March 11:00</i>	HK Play
<i>2 March 11:00</i>	<i>Critical Engagement</i>

Welcoming Schedule

Wednesday 03-March

10:00 - Singing Practices EcoMaties
13:00

14:00 - Mentor Session
17:00

Thursday 04-March

09:00 - Silene Social
12:00

15:00 - Dream Launch
18:00

Friday 05-March

10:00 - Red Frogs
14:00

15:00 - Maties Beer Appreciation Society
18:00





Saturday 06-March

All Day

Cluster Day

Sunday 07-March

08:00 –
13:00

Community Interaction: Beach Clean

15:00 -
17:30

Harmonie Social

18:00

Recap of the Week



Monday 08-March

**09:00 -
12:00**

Group
res Ed 1

Group
Vensters Practice

**14:00 -
18:00**

Group
res Ed 1

Group
Village Afternoon

Tuesday 09-March

**09:00 -
12:00**

Group Internal
Social

Group
Vensters Practice

**14:00 -
18:00**

Group Internal
Social

Group
Village Afternoon

Wednesday 10-March

**08:00 -
11:00**

Group
res Ed 2

Vensters practice

**13:00 -
16:00**

Group
Res Ed 2

Amazing Race



Thursday 11-March

**08:00 -
11:00**

Mentor Session

**13:00 -
18:00**

Mentor Session

Vensters Recording Session

Friday 12-March

**08:00 -
12:00**

Group
Res Ed 3

Vensters Recording Session

**14:00 -
17:00**

Group
Res Ed 3

Vensters Recording Session

Saturday 13-March

All Day

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Emergency Contact Info

Campus Security Emergency: 021 808 2333

Campus Security WhatsApp: 082 808 2333

24 hr Crisis (SSVO): 082 557 0880

US Crisis Service: 082 556 6558

Campus Health: 021 808 3496

Stelkor Pharmacy (Neelsie): 021 833 3162

Stellenbosch Hospital: 021 883 3444

Stellenbosch Medi-Clinic: 021 861 2000

ER 24: 084124

SAPS Emergency Centre: 10111

SAPS Emergency: 021 809 5015

SAPS Enquiries: 021 809 5000

Fire Department Stellenbosch: 021 808 8888

Western Cape Ambulance service: 021 937 0500

Student Safety Enquiries: studentsafety@sun.ac.za

Please check out our social media pages for more Info!

Facebook: [Oude Molen PSO](#)
Instagram: [@oudemolenPSO](#)
YouTube: [Oude Molen PSO](#)



Clothing

We have two separate clothing packs available for purchase, the contents of which will be detailed below. Each individual item can be bought on its own. Please order by filling in the attached form.

Clothing Pack 1 (R450)

- OM Drawstring Bag
- OM Golf Shirt
- Connect Shirt
- OM Tie

Clothing Pack 2 (R750)

- OM Drawstring Bag
- OM Golf Shirt
- OM Vest
- OM Hat
- OM Tie
- OM T-Shirt
- Connect Shirt

Please note that during the Welcoming Period we may not accept any form of cash payment, as all purchases are down through the student account and can be settled through the year. The attached form must be completed and emailed to oudemolenprim@sun.ac.za, or a physical copy handed in for your order to be processed. Please be aware that sizes are limited and cannot be guaranteed. We know that the last year has been tough financially, if you are unable to afford the clothing package but are keen to be apart of the welcoming program, talk to a HK member and we can chat about a concession.

Please scan the following QR code for the University's COVID Protocols

