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**WELCOMING BOOKLET**  
**2025**



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# 01

# DEAR PROSPECTIVE PIEKE NEWCOMER



Congratulations on both your prospective placement at Stellenbosch University and Pieke CSC (Commuter Student Community). Pieke is a community that provides the same experience and activities as a residence, but for students who reside in private accommodation. Pieke is proud to be an active community on campus, without being limited to a single residence building.

Pieke was established in 1973 and has flourished ever since. We pride ourselves on our values of Honour, Excellence, Integrity, and Service. Grounded by these values, Pieke has been extremely successful in all spheres. Being part of the Rubix Cluster (which you will learn about shortly), Pieke has shown its capability of being a dedicated and vibrant community. As a CSC, we are full of spirit, despite the fact that we don't live together under one roof. We maintain this spirit by organising numerous events throughout the year, which range from formal House Dances to informal movie nights. Pieke aims to create a home away from home, providing safety and security for all of its members. It is, therefore, the mission of Pieke to maintain unity within the House by treating each Pieke member equally regardless of race, language, identity, or sexual orientation and providing a platform where it is possible to achieve your full potential.

For inquiries regarding admissions, courses, and finances, please contact **info@sun.ac.za**  
For inquiries regarding Pieke and the Welcoming Program, please contact **pieke@sun.ac.za**

We look forward to meeting you all!

**Start meeting your fellow Pieke newcomers, House Committee and Mentors on our WhatsApp group, available by scanning the QR code!**



# 02 WHAT IS PIEKE?



## What is Pieke and what is a CSC ?

Pieke (Afrikaans for “peaks”) is a Commuter Student Community (CSC) at Stellenbosch University. We function identically to a conventional residence; except we serve the needs of students in private accommodation.

This means that commuter students (like all of us) are at no disadvantage when compared to residence students. Pieke still provides you with all the same social, sport, cultural, academic and leadership opportunities that residence students have - the only thing we don't offer is accommodation.

## What does Pieke provide me ?

We know that the transition to university can be a daunting one (we've all gone through it ourselves). As a community, we therefore assist you in getting to know life in Stellenbosch through our comprehensive two-week Welcoming Program and provide you with the support and tools needed to excel through your time at university. After Welcoming, we continue to provide you with a place to belong, hang out, meet new people and develop graduate attributes (the skills employers are looking for).

We are your home-away-from-home throughout your journey at Stellenbosch University and we can't wait for you to join us. We are run by students, for students and couldn't do it without you!

## Pieke 4 Pieke Fund

We foster a culture of giving back, and truly believe that our members are our greatest asset. Our Pieke 4 Pieke fund is maintained by our alumni members and our various fundraising events throughout the year to ensure that all Pieke members are able to partake in all facets of Pieke's offerings without financial burden.

## Pieke Event Fund

We pride ourselves on having something for everyone at Pieke, but if there is something we don't offer yet please let us know and we'll help you make it a reality. We want to invest in you and your ideas for future events and ideas.





# Academics

We have a variety of academic support structures for you to utilise whether on campus or at home.

You will be assigned a mentor who will be able to give insight into your faculty and degree. These mentors will guide you through navigating your academics and will form a group with your fellow Pieke Newcomers within your faculty, creating a network that you can utilise throughout the year.

Within our Rubix Cluster, we also have initiatives to help with your academics, including Rubix Study Nights leading up to exams. The study nights are held in a rec hall in one of the residences which form part of the cluster and provide an opportunity to study with other members of our cluster.

# Leadership

There are many leadership opportunities that are offered both within Pieke, as well as within Stellenbosch University. Whether it be courses to better and learn about leadership or serving in our community, we have it all.

Within Pieke we have a First Years Committee that is only available to you as a newcomer. This role allows you to grasp the workings of our community, give back to Pieke, and puts you in charge of organising our first social event of the year! We also have positions as Mentors, Seniors Committee, House Committee (HC), and on various sub-committees that you'll be able to apply for during your university career.

Outside of Pieke, there are positions such as class representatives, faculty committees, and the Student Representative Council (SRC). More information will be provided by the University for these positions.





## Sport

When it comes to diversity of sport, there is no other comparable CSC to Pieke. From rugby to e-sports, we give it our all. We have made a name for ourselves as not only Pieke CSC, but we also form part of the Rubix Vikings which competes with other CSC communities on campus. We compete in the Men's Residence Rugby League and are quite a force to be reckoned with.

## Culture

Culture is something that is very close to our hearts and have made a positive name for ourselves within the Stellenbosch University community. We offer a range of cultural activities from acting to singing and everything in between.

### Sér

Commonly known as SU Acapella, Sér provides an opportunity to showcase our collective voice. The experience one gains is almost as good as the harmonies we create, but at the end of the day, it's the bonds you form within your team that make Sér the cultural powerhouse it is.

### Toneelfees

Otherwise known as the epitome of campus drama. Taking the stage as a CSC and acting out a script dedicated solely to stealing the spotlight is what drives many students to take part in this cultural rollercoaster.

### Pieke Serenades

One of the big events in the Welcoming Programme is the campus serenade - so get your singing voices ready! However, this is not a once-off event, we do this continuously throughout the year, much to the excitement of the communities we serenade.



# WELCOMING

## What is Welcoming?



As you enter this new phase of your life, we aim to ensure that you feel included in the diverse environment that is Stellenbosch, as well as Pieke CSC. We are here to ensure this transition period is as smooth as possible, and that you have been equipped with all the tools to tackle this new chapter. We offer various activities that have been put in place to develop you holistically. These activities include sports, culture, academic assistance, as well as personal and leadership development. As we walk this path with you, we want you to make memories, meet new people, and most importantly, have the time of your life!

## What is Connect?



More commonly known as **Vensters** is thus far the largest open-air event in the Southern Hemisphere. Every student community is grouped with one or two other communities to collaborate. This partnership then aims to challenge, impress and win over spectators and judges through productions that utilise acting, dancing, humour, and innovative storylines - all to be achieved within 15 minutes.

Each of the partnerships features only Stellenbosch Universities' Newcomers. Pieke's partners for 2025 are... **Nemesia!**

## Welcoming Programme Symbols

Alongside our Welcoming Programme, you'll see a few symbols to assist everyone in navigating their participation. Please familiarise yourself with these:



The venue/activity is accessible to those with disabilities or special needs.



The activity requires physical movement and/or high energy levels.



The activity involves loud music, cheering, singing or other loud sounds.



The activity involves interacting in large groups ( $\geq 50$ ).



The activity involves interacting in small groups ( $\leq 30$ ).

# TUESDAY 28 JAN 2025

## DAY 1

09:00 - 10:30



### Formal Pieke Welcoming

@ Schuman Annex      52 De Beer Rd

11:00 - 12:30



### Meet Your Mentors

@ Piekstaai      12 Joubert Street

12:30 - 13:30



### Lunch

@ Piekstaai      12 Joubert Street

14:00 - 16:00



### Piekelympics

@ Rubix Grass

16:00 - 16:30

### Debrief & Next Day Agenda

@ Rubix Grass

16:45 - 17:45



### Cluster Law Social

@ Metanoia



# WEDNESDAY 29 JAN 2025

## DAY 2

08:00 - 09:00



### MyBrew & Banter

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

09:00 - 10:00



### Songs & Chants

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

10:00 - 12:00



### Discovering Stellies

12:00 - 13:00



### Lunch

@ Rooiplein

13:30 - 14:00



### Ha Ka Saw

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

14:00 - 15:00



### Pieke Talk

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

15:00 - 16:00



### Make Your Mark

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

16:00 - 17:00



### S'mores and Bonfire

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

17:00 - 17:30

### Debrief & Next Day Agenda

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street





# THURSDAY 30 JAN 2025

## DAY 3

08:00 - 09:00



**MyBrew & Banter**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

09:00 - 10:00



**Pieke Songs & Chants**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

10:00 - 12:00



**Social With Connect Partner**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. of Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

12:00 - 13:00

**Lunch**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. of Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

13:00 - 14:00

**Sustainability Session**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. of Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

14:00 - 15:00



**Mentor Session**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. of Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

15:30 - 17:00



**Move to Danie Craven**

@ Danie Craven Stadium

17:00 - 19:00



**Danie Craven Programme**

@ Danie Craven Stadium

19:00 - 20:00

**Dinner**

@ Rooiplein

20:00 - 23:00



**Dreamwalk**

@ Victoria Street (ending at Neelsie)

Need help finding the venue? Check the Campus Map at  
<https://campusmap.sun.ac.za>



# FRIDAY 31 JAN 2025

## DAY 4

07:30 - 08:00



**MyBrew & Banter**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

08:00 - 12:00

**Academic Programme**

Please see your SU 2025 Welcoming Booklet

12:00 - 13:00



**Lunch**

@ Heemsteede

Bosman Street

13:00 - 14:00



**Crossing The Line**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

15:30 - 16:30



**Capri Social**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

16:45 - 18:00

**Theatre Production**

@ Kruiskerk

18:00 - 19:00



**Dinner**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

19:00 - 21:00



**Cluster Social**

@ Nerina

De Waal Road



# SATURDAY 01 FEB 2025

## DAY 5

08:00 - 08:15



**Meet At Piekstaai**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

08:30 - 13:30



**Cluster Day**

Please see your SU 2025 Welcoming Booklet

13:30 - 14:15



**Lunch**

@ Nerina

De Waal Road

14:30 - 16:00



**Let's Talk**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street

16:00 - 17:00



**Watersports**

@ Rubix Grass

C.O. Bosman & Van Riebeeck Street



# SUNDAY 02 FEB 2025

## DAY 6

**ALL DAY**

### **Personal Admin**

As we are conscious of the needs of our students we have dedicated this day to our Newcomers to sort out any personal matters or admin they may have, such as moving into accommodation, shopping and preparation for university, as well as family time during this Welcoming Programme.



# MONDAY 03 FEB 2025

## DAY 7

08:00 - 09:00



**MyBrew & Banter**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

09:00 - 16:30



**Academic Programme**

Please see your SU 2025 Welcoming Booklet

12:30 - 13:30



**Lunch**

@ Academic Venue / Rooiplein

17:00 - 18:30



**Let's Talk & Dinner**

@ Piekstaai

12 Joubert Street

18:30 - 22:00



**Night Life**

@ Punk







Dear Pieke Newcomer.

Congratulations with your provisional acceptance at Stellenbosch University and a warm welcome to Pieke. Studying at Stellenbosch University is a great honour and we 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 the Commuter Student Communities Unit at Stellenbosch University, we are responsible for managing the Pieke Community, along with its House Committee and the Mentors. We are your support network that will assist with your academic and social integration at SU. Please, if you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask. Pieke believes in a value driven system. We consider these values in all we do.

Your community will allow you to forge new paths, build new relationships and innovate in ways you never have imagined. The CSCs ensure that students, even when physically separated from one another, still remain connected to each other as well as campus life through our virtual community offerings.

We 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 Pieke is what will allow you to go further and to leave Stellenbosch University as a well-rounded graduate. Pieke 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 we can assure you that you will be welcomed into our community with open arms.

Regards,  
Commuter Student Communities Unit

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INTRODUCING...

## THE RUBIX CLUSTER



Dearest Prospective Newcomer,

Congratulations on your conditional acceptance into Stellenbosch University. We are so excited to welcome you to this amazing campus and the best cluster community in it – **RUBIX**!

You may be wondering what a cluster is. Cluster can be described as an extension of the student community experience. It provides an avenue to foster meaningful connections and relationships with other students outside of your direct community.

As a member of **RUBIX**, you're joining a family that consists of 5 communities: Pieke, Venustia, Nerina, Metanoia, and Heemsteede. **RUBIX** therefore serves as a broader community that paints you into the greater picture of Stellenbosch University. As **RUBIX**, we believe in the power of coming together to support and uplift each other. Whether you're passionate about sports, culture, or eager to connect with like-minded people, **RUBIX** offers you various resources and connections you'll need to thrive and support in your university journey.

Alongside my team of managers, I, as Cluster Convenor will work closely with your community's leadership and are responsible for facilitating cluster engagement through numerous fun and engaging activities. We cannot wait to show you how slay and GEES **RUBIX** truly is through our spirit of diversity, unity, equality and celebration.

We wish you the best with your preparations in joining us at Stellenbosch and will see you soon!

**We are RUBIX!**

With warmth and excitement,  
Lukhanyo Nkonzo  
*Rubix Cluster Convenor*







**MATIES  
ATHLETICS**

**The Centre for Student Life and  
Learning and Maties Athletics  
present**

# **Cluster Newcomers Athletics meeting**

**06 Feb 2025  
17:30 - 20:30  
at Coetzenburg  
Athletics Stadium**





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You will be studying at an institution that is actively trying to reduce its carbon footprint. We want to take care of the planet so that it can sustain us and future generations.  
Here's a few things you need to know:



- We drastically have to reduce our energy consumption.
- Please only bring along LED study lamps.
- Only use energy efficient appliances - look for the A++ rating, and low Watts.
- In res, you are only allowed to have one 150 liter fridge per room, so wait until you know who you are rooming with before you buy.
- We also do not allow food to be made in the room - there are kitchens and kitchenettes that you can use for this purpose.
- Any faulty equipment can be discarded in the yellow e-waste bins.

- We are located in a drought prone area and are still under **level 2 water restrictions**. This means that we have a quota to use only **80 liters per person a day**.
- To help with this we have a grey water system that catches shower water, treat it and use it to flush the toilets.
- You can help by using ecofriendly personal products and washing powders.
- To further help us keep to the 80 liters, we encourage showering for only 3-5 minutes to reduce the amount of potable water we use.

WHAT IF THIS IS  
THE LAST DROP?



ZERO WASTE TO  
LANDFILL



- Reducing the waste we produce on the campus is another focus. We want to send zero waste to landfill by next year. This means that we have to throw less stuff away.
- Bring only reusable bags, cases and containers that you can store and reuse.
- Be ready to sort the waste you throw away.
- We collect food waste to be composted.
- We have a mixed recyclable container where you can discard empty and dry glass, plastics, cans/tins, paper and cardboard.
- The rest is taken to landfill.

- To further reduce our carbon emissions, we encourage walking and cycling on campus.
- You can hire a Matie bike and get access to secure bicycle sheds around our campus area.
- If you have to drive, we encourage ride sharing.
- If you commute to campus, there are secure periphery parking and shuttles to take you around campus.



For more info and tips follow us  
[@su.environmental.sust](https://www.instagram.com/su.environmental.sust)





The House Committee (HC) consists of twelve students that have been chosen to represent our community. Their goal is to ensure that everyone within Pieke has the necessary opportunities throughout their university career to develop holistically. The House Committee is a leadership body within the Stellenbosch University framework. They are also responsible for upholding the rules and regulations of Stellenbosch University, the university's rules for residences/CSCs and the rules of the Pieke.







## ALEX FORTUIN



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**PORTFOLIOS:**

Primarius  
Alumni Relations  
Constitution  
Maintenance



BA Humanities III



Home Town: Cape Town, WC

Hey newcomers!

My name is Alex Fortuin, and I will be your Primarius for the 2024/2025 leadership term. My job is to lead the Pieke House Committee, an enthusiastic and dedicated team you will meet over the next few pages, and also to represent our amazing community on the Prim Committee, where I advocate for all your needs. I enjoy a good hike with mates and will always be down for a cheeky coffee to get away from the pressure of academics.

Congratulations on joining the Pieke family! We're so excited to welcome you into a community that stands for honour, excellence, integrity, and service. Pieke is more than just a name—it's a network of supportive individuals, committees and leadership who are here to inspire, challenge, and guide you as you embark on this exciting journey at Stellenbosch University.

The moment I arrived in Stellenbosch Pieke became my family, my rock, and my home away from home and I sincerely hope that every one of you finds the same comfort here that I did. As you settle into university life, you'll discover that Pieke is a place where your talents and ideas are celebrated, whether you're diving into academics, exploring extracurricular opportunities such as our acapella team, sports teams, our serenades or forging lifelong friendships, you'll find the Pieke community ready to cheer you on every step of the way. I encourage you to take full advantage of the opportunities that come your way and most importantly get outside your comfort zone.

Remember, the transition to university is a big step, and you're never alone. The Pieke community is here to support you through any challenge you may face. If you ever have questions, need advice, or just want someone to chat with, know that you have a network of friends and mentors ready to lend a hand. My door is always open to anyone who needs it.

I would like to leave you with a quote that one of the past Pieke leaders told me; Pieke can offer you all the activities and events a Res can but what makes our space special is that to join and immerse yourself in all Pieke offers, is your choice. I cannot wait to meet you all and we can't wait to see the amazing contributions you'll make.

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BA International Studies III



Home Town: Durban, KZN

Hey Pieke

First and foremost, I want to congratulate you all on your placement at Stellenbosch and University, and at Pieke. You are about to step-into what I can safely say are going to be some of the best years of your life.

My name is Mark Maree, and it is my privilege to be serving as your Vice-Primarius for 2025. Within this role, alongside the Primarius, I will work in leading our House Committee, whilst also managing the portfolios of Safety and Discipline. In addition to this I am also going to be one of your welcoming leaders and work as the head of the Pieke Seniors Comm portfolio.

A bit about me: I am originally from Durban, in KZN and have lived there my whole life until I began my studies at SU.

I am currently in my third year of a BA in International Relations. I have been actively involved in Pieke since the get go of my first year, serving on the First-years committee in 2023, as well as holding a general position on the 2023/2024 House Committee, and now as your Vice-Prim. I am also passionate about nature and the outdoors, and I actively manage the Pieke Hiking Society. I'm an avid Sport lover, particularly Rugby, and a die-hard Liverpool FC Fan. When I'm not serving in my HC role or studying in the Jan Mouton, you can catch standing on the peaks of the Jonkershoek Mountains, playing touch rugby down at Coetzenberg or having a braai at the Staaï.

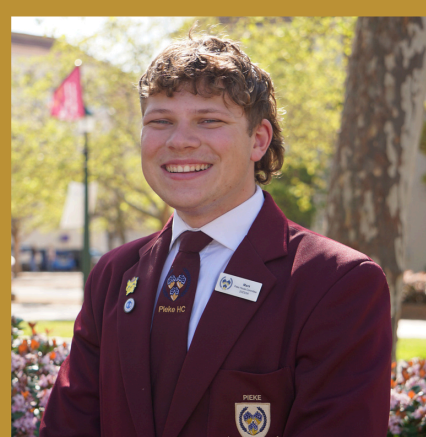
I want to take this moment to truly welcome you to Pieke. It is no exaggeration when I say this is a community like no other. Pieke is truly a home away from home. Whether you are a top performer on the rugby or hockey field, a passionate musician or actor, or someone who wants to work to lead and serve those around them, you will find that there is an opportunity for everyone here. This is a space that celebrates inclusivity and gives you the opportunity to excel in a multitude of fields.

Finally, I want to remind you all, to simply take a deep breath. The start of your university journey is one that is very much daunting, but one that I promise will be immensely rewarding.

My door is also always open to every single one of you, please never hesitate to reach out if you ever need anything, you matter how big or small it is.

Welcome to the best community at Stellenbosch University. I cannot wait to meet you all during welcoming and help support you in this journey.

## MARK MAREE



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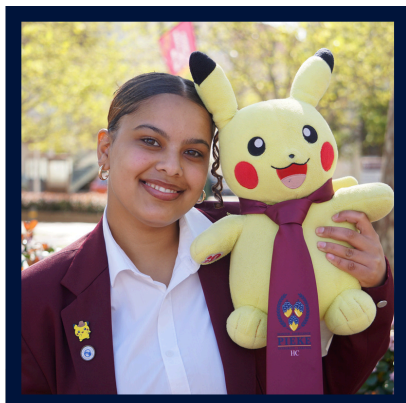
### PORTFOLIOS:

Vice-Primarius  
Internal Relations  
Safety & Discipline  
Welcoming  
Seniors Comm

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## INTRODUCING...

# THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



**AMY VERMAAK**



BA Humanities III



Home Town: Cape Town, WC

### PORTFOLIOS:

Head Mentor / Wellness / House Dance

To Pieke prospects, a warm welcome to Stellies and Pieke!

My name is Amy, and I'll be your head mentor for this year. I am here to guide you, support you, and make sure you settle right into our amazing community. I will also be organising your house dance in August 2025. I'm a proud Capetonian and fun fact—I'm lactose intolerant, but I'll still gladly suffer for a good bowl of pasta. (Yes, I live on the edge!) I'm beyond excited to get to know each of you and welcome you into our rich, diverse family here at Pieke. Together, we'll make unforgettable memories, share lots of laughs, and maybe even find the best lactose-free ice cream in town. Looking forward to meeting all of you soon and helping you make the most of this journey.

**ASHIR STELLENBOOM**



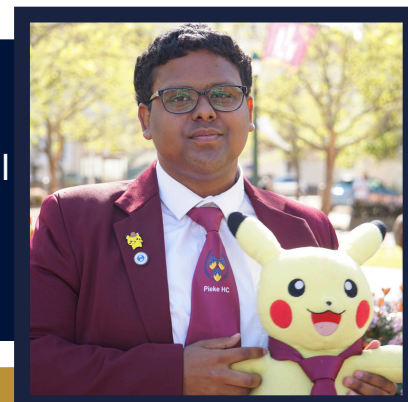
BCom Management Sciences FinMan II



Home Town: Cape Town, WC

### PORTFOLIOS:

Finance / Social Media



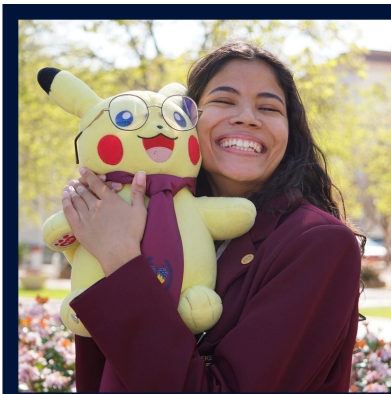
Hi Pieke

Welcome to Stellenbosch University and most importantly, welcome to Pieke! I'm Ashir Stellenboom, your Finance and social media HC for 2024/2025. As Finance HC, I am basically a part of every committee by default lol. Other than that, I'll manage Pieke's budget, oversee expenses, allocate funding for events, secure sponsorships, and ensure that Pieke doesn't go into debt. As social media HC, my most important job is to force everyone to make tiktoks. It also includes keeping our community connected, promoting events, and celebrating Pieke's achievements (follow us on Instagram and TikTok asseblief). A lil fun fact about me is that I am a massive swiftie and i have an iced coffee addiction. I can't wait to meet each of you. Let's make it a year full of #GEES.

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## INTRODUCING...

# THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



### LAMEEZ HENDRICKS



MA English Studies



Home Town: East London, EC

#### PORTFOLIOS:

Secretary / Critical Engagement

hello future Pieke member!

congratulations on both your placement into SU and the Pieke family. by the time you're reading this, i will have only been in Pieke for a few months. so, if you're still trying to navigate this amazing space and all it has to offer, don't worry, so am i. fun facts about me: i hate capital letters (i think they're stupid), i love flowers and crying and the Oxford comma (they're all very healing), and the worst thing you can ask me is "what is your favourite book?" (there are way too many). remember: a lot is going to happen, and it's going to happen fast. it's okay to stop and enjoy it.

with gees, lameez.

### JOSHUA SELBOURNE



BEd Intermediate Phase III



Home Town: Cape Town, WC

#### PORTFOLIOS:

Socials / Societies / Huisfonds



Hi Pieke!

Congrats on becoming a Matie and, more importantly, a valued member of Pieke.

My name is Joshua, and I am the socials and societies HC. So, I will not only oversee the multiple societies within Pieke, but I'll be organising events and interactions with other communities. I will also be planning the huisfondsdans (voted pieke moment of the year for 2024). I can't wait to meet you during welcoming - the exciting start to the first chapter of your university career!



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## INTRODUCING...

# THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



### MAKHI BUNN



BA International Studies III



Home Town: Mthatha, EC

#### PORTFOLIOS:

Cluster / Pieke Week

Hi all!

First of all, I want to say a big welcome to Stellenbosch University and an even BIGGER welcome to Pieke CSC!! My name is Makhi Bunn, your Cluster and Pieke Week HC. I'm a third year BA international Studies student and I speak IsiXhosa, English, a klein bit of Afrikaans (don't ask me to speak it - I will not) and some Chinese. A young fun fact about me is I can do 30 straight push-ups (yes, I know, pretty impressive). I cannot wait to meet and interact with you all and show you all the sides of Stellenbosch University the Pieke way! So get excited and let's get this year rolling together!! #GEEEEES #WAAWAA

### LA'SHAUNN BENJAMIN



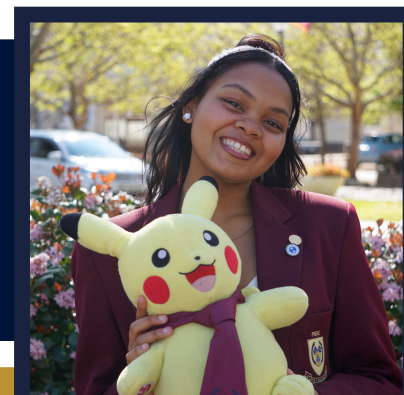
BAcc III



Home Town: Bonteheuwel, WC

#### PORTFOLIOS:

Culture / Connect / Merchandies



Hey Pieke!

My name is La'Shaunn Benjamin, and I am an HC for Pieke. I get to work with the portfolios merchandise, culture, and connect. I hope to help bring people together and create a great community vibe. Fun fact about me: outside of leadership, I play the violin. I love having this mix of skills and interests—it keeps things exciting and makes every day different! I cannot wait to meet you all and create memorable experiences.



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## INTRODUCING...

# THE HOUSE COMMITTEE



### JAMES PRINGLE



BA Language and Culture III



Home Town: Graaff-Reinet, EC

#### PORTFOLIOS:

Sport / First Year's Committee

Hello newcomers!

Welcome to Stellenbosch university. Pieke is happy to have you join us. I am James Pringle, and I am originally from Graaff-Reinet. I am a general HC in charge of sport and your first year's committee. A fun fact about me is that I really enjoy fishing, and I support Manchester United! I wish you all good luck in your new journey, and we all look forward to a fantastic year ahead.

James David Pringle

### ORATILWE PIETERS



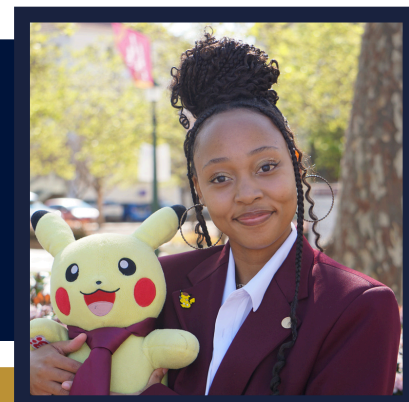
BCom Economic Sciences III



Home Town: Brits, NW

#### PORTFOLIOS:

Welcoming / Sport



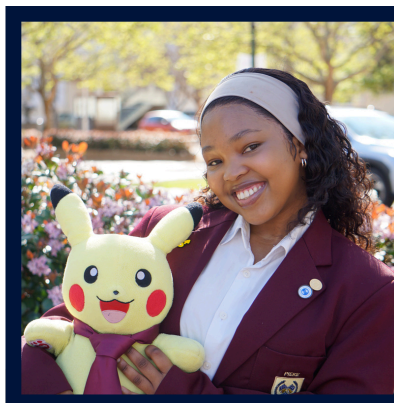
Hey Pieke Fam!

We're so excited to have you here and I can't wait to get to know each one of you. My name is Oratilwe and I am your adventurous Sport and Welcoming HC. My role is to create a warm, inclusive environment where everyone feels welcome, help you settle in, and explore opportunities in the variety of sports we offer at Pieke. Whether you're here to compete or just try something new, I'm here to make sure your experience is positive and memorable! I know that moving to a new place can be a big change, but don't worry you've got an awesome community here to support you every step of the way. So, dive in, make the most of every moment, and let's make this year unforgettable.

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INTRODUCING...

## THE HOUSE COMMITTEE

**SIVENATHI MDINGI**

BA International Studies IIII



Home Town: Port Elizabeth, EC

**PORTFOLIOS:**

Welcoming / Sustainability / Social Impact

Hello and welcome to Pieke!

My name is Sivenathi Mdingi, and I'm from Port Elizabeth. I'm one of your House Committee members, and I'm excited to help make your Pieke experience unforgettable! Through my portfolios, I'll be organizing activities to ensure you feel at home, as well as events that support our environment and community.

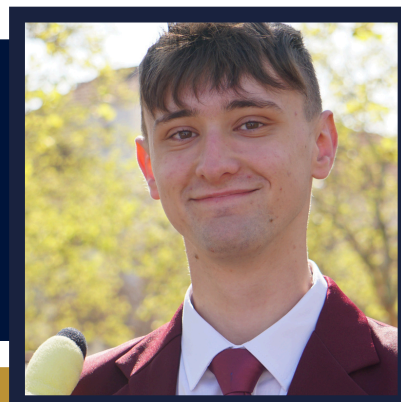
A fun fact about me: I can eat an entire bowl of popcorn in one sitting - it's my go-to snack! I'm so excited to meet you all and can't wait to get started on an amazing year together at Pieke!

**TRISTAN CARY**

BA Language and Culture III



Home Town: Durbanville, WC

**PORTFOLIOS:**

Pre-Welcoming / Culture

Hey Pieke!

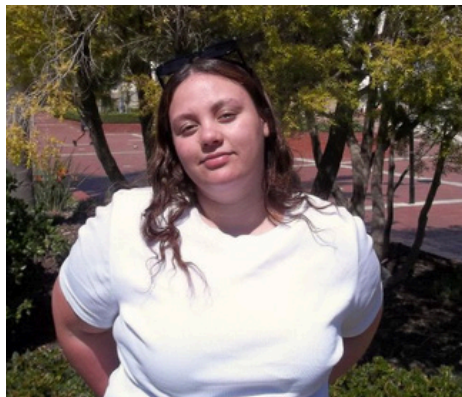
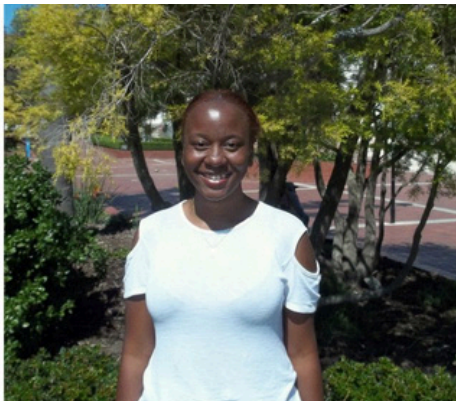
Firstly, I want to congratulate all of you on making it into Stellenbosch University, as that is already a huge achievement. My name is Tristan Cary (Pronounced Cäry) and I am Pieke's Cultures HC. A little bit of background about me is I love music from many genres. So, since I'm Cultures HC, any cultural events Pieke has throughout the year is my responsibility, as well as our numerous performance groups. Another aspect which you will be acquainted with is Serenading, which is also my responsibility. Serenading is the chance to show off Pieke's all out #GEES. Because of this, I will ensure Pieke receives only the best performances and cultural events. I am always open to new ideas and I cannot wait to be serenading and performing with you this year!



# 25 INTRODUCING... THE MENTORS



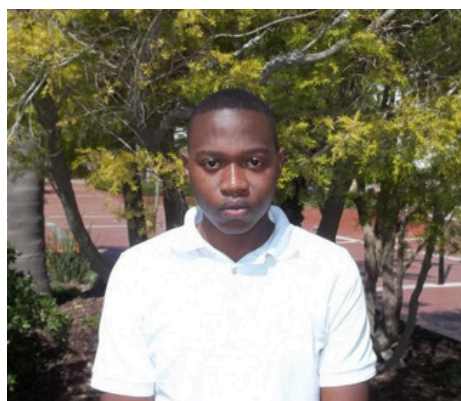
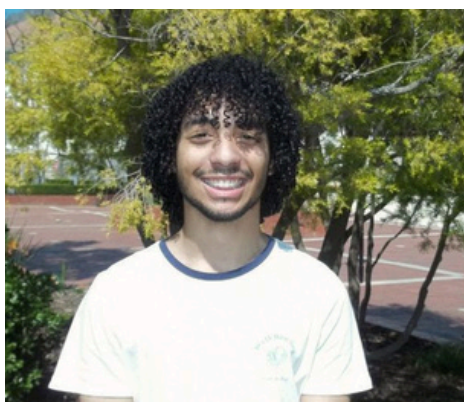
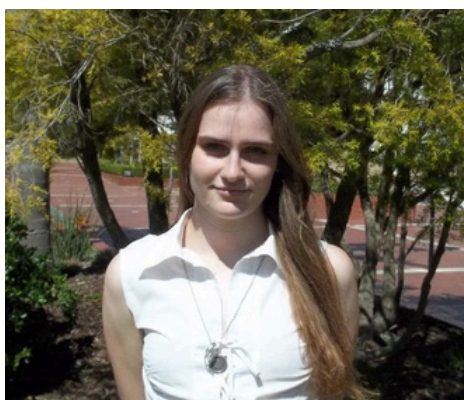
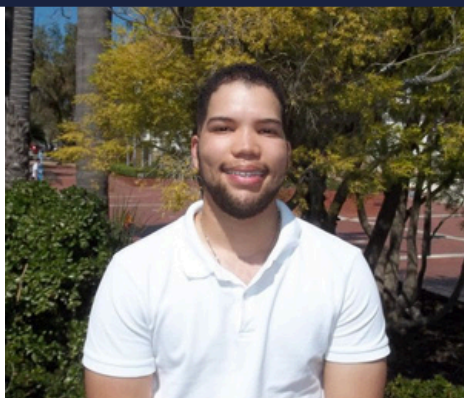
The Pieke mentors for 2024/2025 are a vibrant, diverse, and passionate group of 22 individuals, all dedicated to supporting you throughout your first year at university. Each mentor brings their own unique perspective, but they all share the same goal: to guide you through the challenges and opportunities that come with university life. Their role is to listen, offer advice, share their experiences, and make sure you never feel alone on this journey. With their combined knowledge and enthusiasm, they'll help you not only succeed, but truly thrive during your time here. You've got a team behind you, ready to help you reach your full potential—every step of the way.



TOP ROW:	Kean Serfontein
SECOND ROW:	Varaidzo Magade, Tarah Waries, Tyler de Vincenzo
THIRD ROW:	Dominic Norkie, Louchan Botha, James Collins
BOTTOM ROW:	Muhammad Umar Bhura, Kelsey Smith, Ross Collins



# 26 INTRODUCING... THE MENTORS



TOP ROW:

SECOND ROW:

THIRD ROW:

BOTTOM ROW:

Garrick Beaukes, Brigitte Buys, Hannelie du Toit

Leila van Aarde, Ilyaas Gabru, James Fifield

Liam Rodgers, Aneslisa Mbopa, Joshua Botha

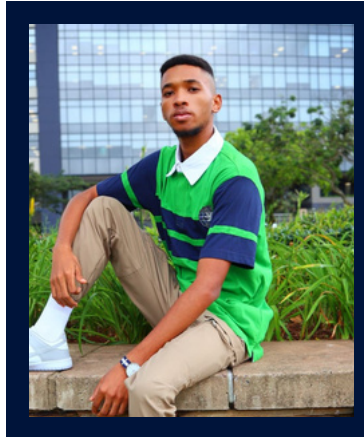
Mieke van Rooyen, Chante Abrahams, David Sanyika



# 27 INTRODUCING... THE SENIORS COMMITTEE



Ethan Jarvis  
Chairperson



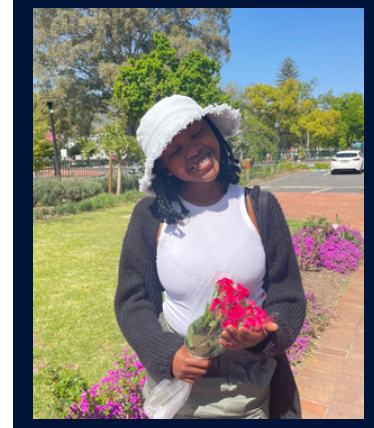
Jeremia Subramoney  
Vice-Chairperson

Dylan Mendes

Mushficka Februarie

Tawananyasha Dhakwa

Inathi Bukwele



The Seniors Committee consists of fifteen dedicated members of our community who help to welcome newcomers to Pieke. They serve the house as limitless leaders and use this committee as a platform for personal and leadership development whilst ensuring energies are kept high throughout Welcoming.

They play a crucial part in our Welcoming Programme as they assist the House Committee and Mentors with the preparation and execution of events and activities. This years Seniors Committee cannot wait to meet you all!



# 28 INTRODUCING... THE SENIORS COMMITTEE



Rudolph Erasmus



Benjamin Smith



Jacobus Adriaan Nel



Josh Witbooi



Manqoba Mpanza



Stephen Aylesbury



Thabile Nokwanda Maleme



Absent:  
Thabo Pitso  
Carl Binedell

# 29 CONTACT DETAILS



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Instagram:	@pieke_1973	(managed by Ashir Stellenboom)
TikTok:	@pieke_1973	(managed by Ashir Stellenboom)

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HC Office:	Office E69, 4/F, Neelsie Centre, Stellenbosch, 7600



# 30 USEFUL CONTACTS



## EMERGENCY

CAMPUS SECURITY (EMERGENCY)	021 808 2333
CAMPUS SECURITY (GENERAL)	021 938 9500 / 021 938 9507
SAPS EMERGENCY	10111
STELLENBOSCH POLICE DEPT	021 809 5000
STELLENBOSCH FIRE DEPT	021 808 8888
PUBLIC AMBULANCE	10177 / 999
24/7 RAPE CRISIS HOTLINE	082 977 8581
LOCKSMITH	082 879 7399

## MEDICAL

MATIES ER24 AMBULANCE	010 205 3032 (IDENTIFY YOURSELF AS AN SU STUDENT)
NEEDLE STICK INJURIES	021 808 3496 (08:00-17:00)
CAMPUS HEALTH SERVICES	021 808 3494 (08:00-17:00)
	076 431 0305 (AFTER HOURS & WEEKENDS)
STELLENBOSCH HOSPITAL	021 887 0810
STELLENBOSCH MEDICLINIC	021 883 8751
MEDICLINIC EMERGENCY	021 861 2094
STELKOR MEDICROSS	021 887 0305
ER24 AMBULANCE	084 124

## MENTAL HEALTH

CENTRE FOR STUDENT COUNSELLING & DEVELOPMENT	021 970 7020 (08:00-16:00)
	010 205 3032 (AFTER HOURS)
UNIT FOR PSYCHOTHERAPEUTIC & SUPPORT SERVICES	021 808 4994 (08:00-16:00)
LIFELINE 24/7 SUICIDE PREVENTION HOTLINE	0861 322 322

## FITNESS

MATIES GYM	021 808 9133
VIRGIN ACTIVE EIKESTAD	021 882 8228
VAN DER STEL GYM	021 882 9805

## UNIVERSITY

INFORMATION SERVICES	021 808 9111
EQUALITY UNIT	021 808 3136
SAFETY ESCORT (20:00-05:00)	021 808 2333 / 021 808 4202
CSC OFFICE	021 808 3023



There are many ways to get around the Stellenbosch University campus and we'll show you how to do it like a true Matie.

### Walking

What better way to explore Stellenbosch than by foot? Walking is the easiest way to get around Stellenbosch as the town is quite flat and everything is within walking distance. Plus, it's good for you and the environment!

Walking at Night? Make use of Campus Security's free Walk-with service where a security officer will escort you between campus buildings or to your car. Call **021 808 2333** or Whatsapp **082 808 2333** to book.

### Driving & Parking

As a small town, parking is limited in Stellenbosch. Parking can be rented from the University for between R456 - R960 per year depending on location. Hourly parking is also available at Eikestad Mall, Helshoogte SuperSpar, and on-street around Stellenbosch.

### Public Transit & Maties Campus Shuttle

Stellenbosch is served by many taxi routes from the Taxi Rank located on the corner of Bird St & Merriman Avenue.

Stellenbosch University operates campus shuttle services between central campus and the various SU car parks between 07:00 and 17:30. From 18:00 - 02:00, a shuttle also operates from the Neelsie to any private accommodation within a 6km radius to help you get home safely. The evening shuttle needs to be booked in advance via MySun.

### Cycling

Cycling is a great way to get around Stellenbosch, with bicycle racks available outside all faculty buildings, residences, and some shops around town. Use your own bike or rent a 'Maties fiets' for the year. Maties Bikes can be booked by contacting [fiets\\_bike@sun.ac.za](mailto:fiets_bike@sun.ac.za) for R2650 per year.

### Campus Map

Get around Campus like a Pro by using the SU interactive map, available online at <https://campusmap.sun.ac.za>







There are many ways to be a Stellenbosch University (SU) student and we've put together some of the things that made us feel like Maties when we were newcomers.

### 13 Things Every Newcomer Should Do

1. Attend your community's Welcoming Programme.
2. If you are a coffee-lover, find out which is your favourite café in Stellies.
3. Visit a wine farm, some of the best wines and charcuterie boards in the world can be found at your doorstep, and don't forget about the incredible views (and photos).
4. Visit the Stellenbosch Botanical Gardens (the oldest botanical garden in South Africa).
5. There are tons of ice cream shops in Stellies, go try them with friends!
6. Back our Maties at a Varsity Cup rugby game (don't forget to wear your maroon shirt).
7. Hike Coetzenburg Mountain.
8. Try something new, whether it be a new sport, cultural activity, academic module, or leadership.
9. Have a 'lekker' summer's day at the Dam.
10. Check out the Dorp Street Market on Wednesdays at the Rooiplein.
11. Eat cake at The Blue Crane & Butterfly (arguably the best cake you'll ever taste).
12. Watch the SU Choir and SU Acapella for some pitch-perfect entertainment.
13. Have a picnic at Jonkershoek Waterfall.

### Tips for Newcomers

- In Stellies, when it rains, it pours. Come prepared with a raincoat. Trust us, an umbrella is great but not when rain and wind join forces!
- Get yourself both a fan and a heater! You'll thank us later.
- Know your student number off by heart, now already!
- Don't skip classes, practicals, or tutorials. Oh, and make sure you know your timetable!
- Leave in advance when heading to class.

### Stellies Jargon

**Ons gaan nou braai:** Time to get the charcoal and meat.

**Lekker:** Like 'nice', only better.

**GEES:** Spirit and enthusiasm (Pieke's version).



# 33 PIEKE SONGS AND CHANTS



## Pieke is Hier (Pieke is here)

**HC:** Pieke is hier!  
**YOU:** Pieke is hier!  
**HC:** Pieke is hier!  
**YOU:** Pieke is hier!  
**HC:** Pieke is hier vir julle plesier!  
**YOU:** Pieke is hier vir julle plesier!

## En wie ons is (And who we are)

**HC:** En wie is ons  
**YOU:** PIEKE!  
**HC:** En hoeveelste  
**YOU:** EERSTE!  
**HC:** Hou hom daar  
**YOU:** Ah Ah  
**HC:** Aan die brand  
**YOU:** Ah Ah

## Die "Pieke Groet" (The Pieke Greeting)

Ons groet jou met 'n swaar gelaaide hart,  
Al die mense van .....  
Die mense van die Pieke gaan verlang,  
Na die mense van .....  
Ons groet jou met 'n swaar gelaaide hart,  
Al die mense van .....  
Die mense van die Pieke sê goodbye, sê goodbye,  
Aan al die mense van .....  
Ooooh Ooooh Ooooh

# 34 PIEKE SONGS AND CHANTS



## Save Tonight - Eagle Eye Cherry

(Chords: A Min/F/C/G)

Go on and close the curtains,  
'cause all we need is candlelight.  
You and me and a bottle of wine,  
gonna hold you tonight, oh yeah.  
Well, we know I'm going away  
And how I wish, I wish it weren't so  
so take this wine and drink with me  
let's delay our misery.

### CHORUS:

Save tonight  
Fight the break of dawn  
Come tomorrow  
Tomorrow I'll be gone  
Save tonight  
Fight the break of dawn  
Come tomorrow  
Tomorrow I'll be gone  
There's a log on the fire  
and it burns like me for you  
Tomorrow comes with one desire...  
to take me away.  
It ain't easy to say goodbye,  
darling please don't start to cry.  
'Cause girl you know I've got to go,  
Oh Lord I wish it wasn't so

Save tonight  
Fight the break of dawn  
Come tomorrow  
Tomorrow I'll be gone  
Save tonight  
Fight the break of dawn  
Come tomorrow  
Tomorrow I'll be gone

Tomorrow comes to take me away  
I wish that I, that I could stay  
but girl you know I got to go,  
oh and Lord I wish it wasn't so

Save tonight  
Fight the break of dawn  
Come tomorrow  
Tomorrow I'll be gone  
Save tonight  
Fight the break of dawn  
Come tomorrow  
Tomorrow I'll be gone

Save tonight

# 35 PIEKE SONGS AND CHANTS



## Pieke House Song

(to the melody of 'oh my darling')

Kwimithunzi yasePieke  
Bly 'n trotse Maties stam.

(In the shadows of the Pieke)  
(Lives a proud Matie clean)

Woon die mense van 'n huis  
In hul oë der vuur en vlam.

(Live the people of a house)  
(In their eyes are fire and flames)

Tussen wingerd, see en berge  
Stands the Pieke high and proud.

(Between vineyard, sea, and mountain)

Die berge is ons woning  
en die woning ons rots.

(The mountains are our home)  
(and our home is our rock)

Firm and steadfast, bring us glory.  
We will strive to win it all.

Sihlala sizama  
Altyd ewig.

(We are forever striving)  
(Always forever)

PIEKE!