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#NoLimitSU - "People with disabilities are exactly like abled people, we may just do some things differently. I find that people always feel sorry for people with disabilities and it's frustrating. Being a young student, I feel empowered and can talk freely about my disability because I know there is nothing to be ashamed of. I aim to educate and encourage people to speak freely about different types of disabilities." - Luigia Nicholas, a visually-impaired student completing her Accounting degree, with her guide dog Haiku. Luigia makes use of the Braille Office at SU. #MatieMotivation



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#NoLimitSU - "By having access to technology and assistive devices on campus, one realises that when there are less disabling factors - physical barriers or attitudinal issues - within a particular environment, disability becomes minimised or even neutralised completely. This support at SU has allowed me to look beyond my own situation and endeavour to make a difference for those who will follow me into this environment in the future." - Bongani Mapumulo, a 3rd year BA Social Dynamics student who is the chairperson of DisMaties, a student organisation. Bongani lives in the Russel Botman House Residence, which has been designed to be accessible for students with disabilities. #MatieMotivation



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#NoLimitSU - "I was born with Cerebral Palsy but knew from a young age that a disability is not a stumbling block. As human beings we all have the ability to be strong and face challenges in life. I have had the privilege with my disability to experience life in a great way. There are really no dull moments for me. I experience the goodness of life. If I achieve things in life, I get that "yes" feeling." - Annas Coetzee, an administrator at the Frederik van Zyl Slabbert Institute for Student Leadership Development.



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#NoLimitSU - "There are many people with disabilities in South Africa who can make an active contribution to the country. However, there needs to be the right support structure for people with disabilities from childhood, as a person with a disability, you know your needs and capabilities best. Communicate your goals and needs. Don't be swept up by the institutional "one-size fits all" mentality." - Karen Joubert, a Masters in History student who is exploring the lived experiences of students with physical disabilities who studied at SU between 1986 and 2007.



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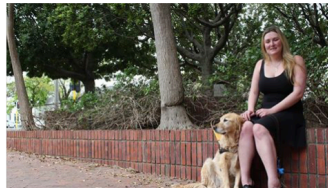
#NoLimitSU - "During my second year at SU I experienced small obstacles, but overcome them with the assistance of University staff, in particular one of my favourite lecturers, Dr Thomas Cousins. Up to now my SU experience has been a pleasant and a smooth one." - Jeff Kao, a BA Humanities student who makes use of the WYNN software at the Braille Centre. The software helps students to read and comprehend text more easily. #MatieMotivation



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#NoLimitSU - "When people talk about diversity, they refer to race, class and sexuality. Disability is often not mentioned. Through the DisMaties organisation we are putting disabilities on the map. We want people to start asking questions and to become part of the conversation." - Lilley Berrington is a visually impaired student who recently completed her honours degree in psychology and political science. She currently tutors psychology at SU.



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#NoLimitSU - "I don't focus on a disability because there is nothing that I cannot do. For me it's not a question of I can't do it, it's simply a matter of how to do it. I live life to the full." - Loandrie Potgieter is a visually impaired student who is pursuing a qualification in Social Work. Her guide dog Casey helps her navigate the SU campus.



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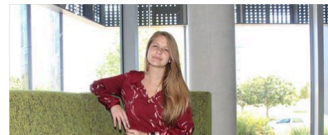
#NoLimitSU - "We live in a very interesting time where the implementation of the right technology and support can level the playing field for people with disabilities. That is why I am so passionate about assistive technology. For my PhD I am attempting to make visual information, such as mathematical equations and diagrams accessible to blind people. It's not that we can't understand equations and diagrams, it's just not in a form that allows us to explore it." - Rynhardt Kruger is the first blind student at SU to obtain a BSc honours and master's degrees in Computer Science. He is currently pursuing a PhD with a focus on assistive technology.



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#NoLimitSU - "When the Disability Unit told me they would meet my needs and actually did that, it changed my life. It was the moment someone heard me and understood what I truly needed to excel academically and to have a positive student learning experience. They did not make assumptions about what I required based on experiences with other hearing impaired students. It was that acceptance of my individuality within my disability, their open-mindedness, inclusive nature, and willingness to be innovative and truly embrace disabled students that changed my whole experience." - Jody Bell is a deaf student who recently clinched the 2nd princess title at the Miss Deaf SA pageant. She is enrolled for a Master's degree in Pathology.



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