



Leaving a lasting legacy



At Stellenbosch University we strive to be inclusive, innovative and future focused, a place of discovery and excellence where staff and students are thought leaders in advancing knowledge in the service of all stakeholders. This is done through broadening access to the institution, promoting excellence, and increasing our impact on society.



MESSAGE FROM THE RECTOR

PROF W DE VILLIERS
Rector and Vicechancellor



Universities need the support of benefactors more than ever. Increased demand for higher education coupled with decreasing state funding and economic difficulties in the private sector have created a ‘perfect storm’ threatening our very existence.

But survive we must because we have a historic mission to “create the future”, as the philosopher Alfred North Whitehead once put it. “The gift the university has to offer is the one of imagination ... the lighted torch which passes from hand to hand,” he said.

I could not agree more. To learn – and to teach – is truly transformative. It changes lives. Through our cutting-edge research at Stellenbosch University, we also strive to change the world.

Your gift will help us keep the flame of knowledge alive – to the benefit of society at large. And for that, future generations will no doubt thank you.

MESSAGE FROM DONOR



WESLEY KOTZE

*Stellenbosch University alumnus
and professor emeritus of
Mathematics, Rhodes University,
Grahamstown*

I am still often involved in the Mathematics and Music departments. Thanks to the legacies of those before me, both these departments continue to be among the most active in the country.

I take only the greatest pleasure in leaving a gift to Stellenbosch University in my will, thereby giving back to an institution who used to be my knowledge partner.

I believe in the great potential of South Africa's young academics, and am convinced that a bright future awaits Stellenbosch University. I trust that, under Professor Botman's wise leadership, my contribution will bring tangible hope to students who truly need it.

OPPORTUNITIES CREATED, POTENTIAL REALISED



HELOISE PETERSEN
BA in the Humanities

The Dorris Crossley bursary is having an enormously positive impact on my life as a student. Thanks to Ms Crossley's vision for the future, I am able to set aside the worries of financial pressures that every student has, and devote all my attention to my studies.



CHANTELLE PRETORIUS
MSc in Biochemistry

The Wilhelm Frank bursary has motivated me to practise self-discipline and to give my all to achieve academic success. It has had a huge impact on my life and has taught me the value of giving back to my community.



THE HERITAGE GUILD

As soon as you have provided written confirmation of a gift in your will to Stellenbosch University, you will automatically become a member of the Heritage Guild, a visionary group of alumni and friends who have, like you, made the far-sighted and well-considered decision to make a difference to Stellenbosch University.

As a member of the Heritage Guild, you will have the opportunity to meet with others who share your vision, and allow the University to thank you in life.

Your membership places you under no obligation. We assure you that any information provided to us will be treated as strictly confidential. Being aware of your intention will also help us to plan for the future.

YOUR TAX BREAK

Currently, estate duty is levied at a rate of 20% on assets exceeding R3,5 million in your estate at the time of your death.

One way of minimising your estate duty liability is by making a bequest to your alma mater. Charitable gifts of this nature are deducted from the value of the estate before estate duty is calculated.

Please remember to update your will regularly to keep pace with changes in your personal life and in legislation.



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