



THE MANDELA RHODES
FOUNDATION
YEARBOOK 2008

5th Anniversary Edition

BUILDING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY IN AFRICA

THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS 'CLASS OF 2008'



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From the Strategy Plan of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation

‘The central purpose of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa through its programmes.

‘The Mandela Rhodes programmes will develop individual human skills across African society, to help the continent achieve success and prosperity, and full participation in the global world.

‘The Mandela Rhodes programmes will be unique, measurable, sustainable, and economically efficient.’

A MESSAGE FROM MR MANDELA



The year 2008 seemed to see much attention being given to birthdays, and it was gratifying that at least some of the focus was on the youthful Mandela Rhodes Foundation, celebrating the fifth anniversary of its operations. In a period of great interest in South African and African political developments, and no doubt one of great challenges, it is wonderful to see some institutions making such extraordinary progress and doing such immeasurable good for the future of our continent.

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation continues to identify and nurture, in ever greater numbers, the next generations of excellent, ethical African leaders across all areas of society. I much enjoy being introduced to the successive cohorts of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. This year was special in this regard, as I had the pleasure of receiving the 2008 Scholars at my offices in Johannesburg at the beginning of the year, seeing all the Scholars from 2005–2008 together at a celebratory event in Bishopscourt in August, and being introduced to the ‘Class of 2009’ at an end-of-year function with them in Cape Town in December. These groups of Scholars are unfailingly impressive, and their diversity and potential is remarkable.

Although it is young, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is solidly established and institutionalised, giving me confidence that it will continue to do its important work far into the future. There can be few roles more important or more constructive than playing midwife to new generations of leaders, so badly needed in a period of world history that cries out for exceptional leadership.

The donors, both long-established and newly in partnership with us, are honoured elsewhere in this Yearbook. You have my personal gratitude for your continued generosity and commitment to the work being done in my name.

NR Mandela
Johannesburg, South Africa
January 2009

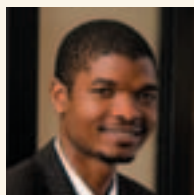
THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



Matthew
Beetar



Anton
Botha



Victor
Chikadzi



Nobulali
Dangazele



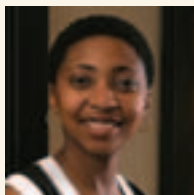
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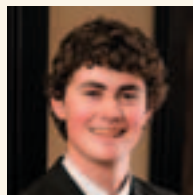
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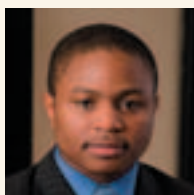
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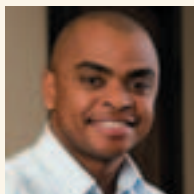
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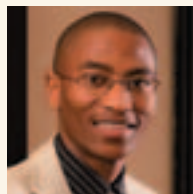
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Smith



Demaine
Solomons



Bronwyn
Tarr



Thabang
Tlaka



Mashilo
Tshehla

A Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is much more than a bursary, though the costs of Scholars are generously covered during their period of study. A Mandela Rhodes Scholarship offers young Africans who show academic prowess and broader leadership potential an opportunity which is unique on the continent.

Those elected to a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship complete a post-graduate degree at Honours or Masters level while simultaneously participating in a customised leadership development programme with their Scholar cohort, as well as benefiting from a personalised mentoring programme.

Details of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship programme are to be found in this Yearbook, as well as on the website: www.mandelarhodes.org

On pages 26 – 57 we introduce more fully the 94 young Africans who make up the first five cohorts of the Mandela Rhodes Scholars.

THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS 2005–2007

CLASS OF 2005



Julia Cloete



Jacques Conradie



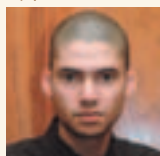
Buntu Godongwana



Sizwe Mjizqa



Hanru Niemand



Riaan Oppelt



Sirika Pillay



Alex Salo

CLASS OF 2006



Rachel Adams



Nyasha Chigwamba



Zethu Dlamini



Chet Fransch



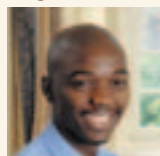
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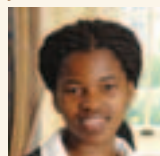
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Thando Mqolozana



Nonkululeko Ngidi



Melika Singh



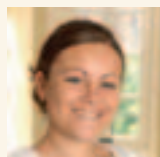
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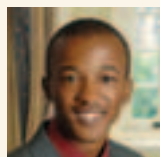
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Piet van Rooyen

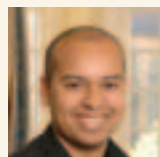


Luzelle Yon



Bongumusa Zuma

CLASS OF 2007



Tristram Atkins



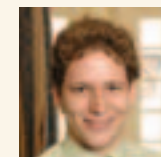
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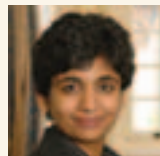
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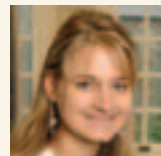
Bryony Green



Graeme Hoddinott



Aalia Ismail



Leanne Johansson



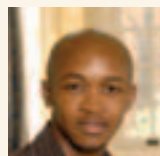
Ayanda Khala



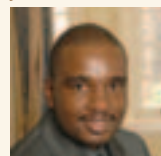
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Boitumelo Magolego



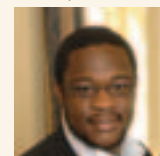
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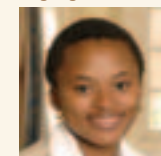
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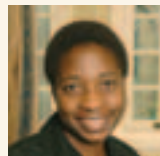
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Lunga Radebe



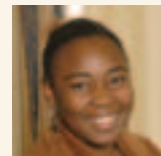
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Daphney Singo



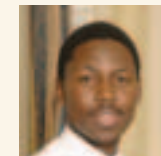
Jeremias Sitori



Cebile Tebele



Sheetal Vallabh



Buhle Zuma

A MESSAGE FROM THE CHAIRMAN



Professor GJ Gerwel

The year 2008 will be remembered by most organisations in Africa and around the world for its unprecedented turbulence. The non-governmental and charitable sectors were certainly not immune to the storms that battered and continue to pummel the financial markets, as the international credit squeeze put pressure on philanthropic funds and potential donors suddenly found themselves needing to preserve liquidity. In many cases this meant having to ask potential beneficiaries to wait until circumstances stabilised before resuming discussions.

In this dramatic context, not before experienced in our lifetimes and so markedly different from the first five years of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation's operations, it is particularly gratifying to be able to write the following sentence in this annual report to all our donors, supporters and friends: 2008 was a record year for the MRF.

As is reported elsewhere in this review, we had our largest-ever group of Mandela Rhodes Scholars in residence in the course of the year – the 'Class of 2008' numbered 30 Scholars. We were therefore right on target in terms of the expansion of Scholar numbers.

More remarkably, there were fundamental breakthroughs for the MRF on the fundraising front (reported on elsewhere in this Yearbook). These ensured that the Foundation ended the year comfortably ahead of its targets for the preserved endowment, and that multiple-year agreements with rock-solid donors meant that financial health and stability will continue through whatever 2009 and beyond hold for all of us. This is a privileged position to be in, and the Board of Trustees is delighted and thankful that good planning has led to good fortune.

The Board is absolutely confident that the Foundation can continue at its current level of operations on a wholly sustainable basis. That is good news indeed, and it vindicates the decision taken at the beginning of the journey to build this Foundation, namely that programme implementation would take place only at a pace justified by our accumulating financial reserves.

But of course no organisation can be entirely shielded from what is happening in the world economy. In our case it is a question of whether the Foundation can realistically be expected to grow at the same exponential rate of the past five years over the next five as it runs up to its 10th anniversary in 2012. This will be the subject of detailed debate and decision making by the Trustees.

In the meantime management has thought it prudent to prepare for a period of consolidation (at current or slightly increased levels in terms of the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme) after a long run of extremely rapid expansion. We are pleased that this option is readily open to the organisation, rather than it having to prepare for a phase of contraction.

Nonetheless, as with all sensible organisations in the current climate, a thoroughgoing cost-reduction exercise is being implemented and it is expected that meaningful savings will be realised without in any way detracting from the unique and highly successful elements of the Scholarships programme (described in more detail elsewhere in this Yearbook). Our Executive, Finance/Audit/Risk and Investment Committees are regularly engaged with management on these and other relevant matters.

The management team deserves heartfelt congratulations for bringing The Mandela Rhodes Foundation to this point in the year of our fifth anniversary, and in such robust health to face the future with confidence. The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are part of the fabric of the higher education and leadership development landscape, this after only a few years of being operational, and that is a tribute to the Foundation behind the programme.

As always, the year's Class of Mandela Rhodes Scholars turned out to be a delight in every way. The talent and diversity of each successive cohort is nothing short of breathtaking, and gives cause for hope and confidence regarding Africa's future leaders.

In this anniversary year we had the particular pleasure of bringing together in one place, for the first time, all the Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected from 2005 – 2008. As our Patron Mr Mandela mentions in his message, the function at Bishopscourt in Cape Town was memorable indeed for all involved.

During the year under review the Board of Trustees held their annual meeting at Rhodes House in Oxford, thanks to the hospitality of our founding partners the Rhodes Trust and in particular the Warden of Rhodes House, Sir Colin Lucas. The fact that there was so much that was positive to be reported on and discussed is the result of continuing committed effort by many people: the Trustees, members of the Executive Committee and the other Board committees, our various service providers (some who do this pro bono), our donors, those assisting in fundraising activities, the tertiary institutions partnering us, our sister Mandela organisations, and all our friends and well-wishers. My sincere thanks to all.

As we close the page on an outstandingly successful 2008, we eagerly look forward to the future. The 'Class of 2009', introduced later in this Yearbook, is up and running and by the time we get to the interviews for the 'Class of 2010' we will pass the 100-Scholar mark; a happy milestone.



GJ Gerwel
Chairman
The Mandela Rhodes Foundation
Cape Town

A MESSAGE FROM THE RHODES TRUST



Lord Waldegrave

The fifth year of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation saw yet further progress and achievement of which the Rhodes Trust, as co-founder, is extremely proud.

As a Trustee of the MRF I have seen at first hand how the organisation is taking root and flourishing. There is so much young talent in Africa that the ground is outstandingly fertile. It is a great privilege to have the opportunity to meet some of the Scholars whom the MRF has backed: it is impossible not to be optimistic, in spite of all the problems of the world, when you see the abilities and dedication represented by the growing group of MRF alumni.

As Shaun Johnson points out elsewhere in the Yearbook, it was a particularly satisfying development that Bishops Court should be acquired, both to preserve it in appropriate use, and to add greatly to the facilities available to the MRF.

Economic conditions in the UK and world-wide have deteriorated very sharply over the last year; and the immediate future looks pretty unpromising. This makes the MRF's achievement in fundraising even more remarkable. The original Rhodes donation has effectively been matched, and it is now realistic to see a permanent future for the MRF, properly endowed. Of course we would like to do much more, and Shaun and his dedicated staff are continuing to make headway even in present conditions. The leadership skills MRF instils are all the more needed in difficult times.

But if we had seen how rapid would be the progress when we started, I think we would all have been astonished and delighted. This progress is a tribute to the magic of our Patron's name and the affection in which he is held, and of course to the staff of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation – but also now to the quality of the Scholars, who are the best ambassadors imaginable for the MRF.

On behalf of all the Rhodes Trustees, I offer warm congratulations for a further year of success, and best wishes for another to come.

A handwritten signature in brown ink that reads "William Waldegrave".

William Waldegrave
Chairman
The Rhodes Trust
Oxford

A REVIEW BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE



Shaun Johnson

INTRODUCTION

In 2008 The Mandela Rhodes Foundation marked its fifth year of operations, an anniversary fortuitously coinciding with the celebration of the 90th birthday of our Patron, Mr Mandela. These two factors alone would have made the year memorable, but as it turned out there were several other breakthrough developments that will have a profoundly positive effect on the doings of the Foundation for many years to come.

OVERVIEW

We had our largest-ever group of Mandela Rhodes Scholars ‘in residence’ in 2008, 30 in all, and the leadership development retreats and personalised mentoring programme – defining features of our flagship Scholarships programme – were again effectively implemented. The Foundation’s preserved endowment soared past the R100m mark in the year under review, up from R73m in December 2007 and R36m at the end of 2006.

Major new partnerships were concluded with The Leverhulme Trust, which will underwrite 10 Scholarships; Oxford University Press Southern Africa, which has taken on the MRF as a significant shareholder enjoying dividends that will fund a large number of Scholarships; Absa, which has underwritten three new Scholarships; The Hunter Foundation, two new Scholarships; and the Friends of the MRF USA and 46664, one new Scholarship each.

Thus the number of Mandela Rhodes Scholarships established on a sustainable basis continued to grow most encouragingly in the course of 2008. In addition to the new partners, and of course our founding partner The Rhodes Trust, the MRF continued to benefit from the extraordinary support given by the Nelson Mandela Legacy Trust UK, the government of Norway, and the other valued donors and friends listed on pages 59 and 60 in this Yearbook.

A stellar achievement in the year was the acquisition by the MRF Trust of the Bishopscourt property of our Patron, allowing it to be preserved and utilised as a leadership development facility in future. This was made possible by the generosity of the Friends of the MRF USA and a partnership with the Provincial Government of the Western Cape.

GROWTH OF THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS PROGRAMME

The Scholarships programme is reported on in detail elsewhere (see especially pages 13–57), but the key growth statistics are:

2005 22 candidates nominated 13 candidates short-listed 8 Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected	2006 50 candidates nominated 22 candidates short-listed 15 Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected
2007 79 candidates nominated 28 candidates short-listed 20 Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected	2008 82 candidates nominated 34 candidates short-listed 23 Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected
2009 122 candidates nominated 40 candidates short-listed 28 Mandela Rhodes Scholars elected	

Thus 94 Mandela Rhodes Scholarships had been awarded by the end of 2008. The ‘Class of 2010’, to be selected in October 2009, will take the Foundation well beyond the 100-Scholar mark. It is little wonder that the Scholars’ alumni association, the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars, though fledgling, is flourishing.

GROWTH OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION

The quality and diversity of the Scholars remain remarkable, and the overall academic performance impressive. It was expected that by 2009, 47 Mandela Rhodes Scholars would have received their degrees, three would have their results pending, 39 would be in residence/still studying, and five would not complete the degrees for which they were registered under the programme.

STATE OF THE ORGANISATION

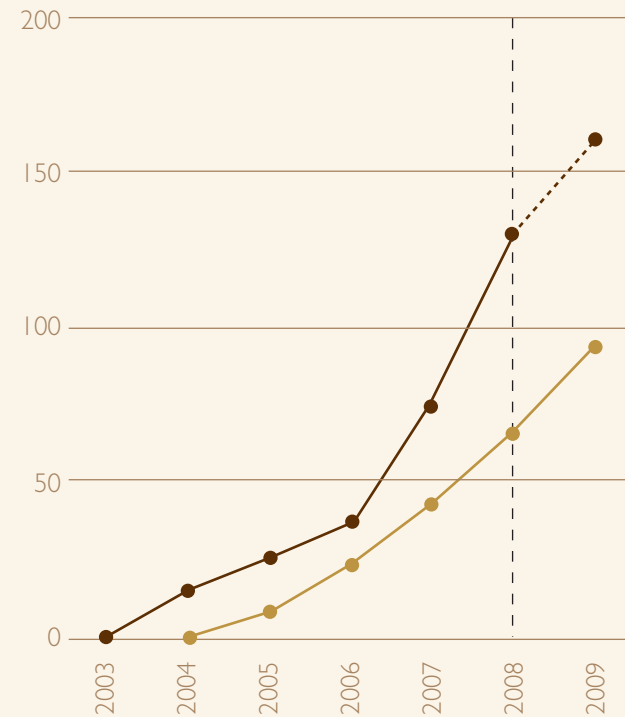
The Mandela Rhodes Foundation retains a small but effective staff complement. Governance standards are high, with focused oversight. The MRF continues to enjoy co-operation with the Mandela 'sister organisations', the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund. We were very sorry to bid farewell to our General Manager, Steve Thobela, who took up a new opportunity in Johannesburg at the end of 2008, but have been fortunate to secure the services of Donovan Brinders in his stead.

CONCLUSION

The exceptional progress made in 2008, building on successive successful years before that, serves as a marvellous platform for the MRF in 2009 – which will be a particularly challenging year in terms of fundraising given the dramatically altered economic climate internationally. I thank sincerely our Chairman, Committees, Board of Trustees, donors and supporters, and my colleagues on the MRF staff for making it possible for us to continue to offer unique leadership development and educational opportunities to excellent, ethical future leaders of our continent – and to build so rapidly an institution of which Africa can be proud.



Shaun Johnson
Chief Executive
The Mandela Rhodes Foundation
Cape Town



● Endowment (in Rm)
● Scholar numbers

THE MANDELA RHODES TRUSTEES

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is a charitable trust with the registration number IT5164/2003. It is governed by an independent Board of Trustees in terms of a Notarial Deed of Trust. Trust information is contained in the Financial Results on pages 61–68 of this Yearbook. As at the end of the period under review, December 2008, the Board of Trustees was made up of the following members:



The Board of Trustees in the garden of Rhodes House, Oxford, in April 2008

Professor GJ Gerwel
(Chairman)
Mandela Nominee

Jakes Gerwel was Director-General in President Mandela's office. He holds leading positions in a range of companies, the HSRC and Rhodes University. He holds honorary professorships at UWC and the University of Pretoria. Professor Gerwel has been founding Chairman of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

The Rt Hon Lord Fellowes
GCB GCVO QSO
Rhodes Nominee

Robert Fellowes is currently Chairman of Barclays Private Banking in London, after serving the Queen in various secretarial roles for twenty-two years. He is a director of SABMiller and serves on several trusts and foundations. Lord Fellowes has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

Sir Colin Lucas
Rhodes Nominee

Colin Lucas is the Rhodes Trust Secretary. He was Vice-Chancellor of Oxford University. He held senior positions at the Universities of Sheffield, Manchester and Chicago. He serves on higher education committees in China, Singapore, India, and Germany. He chairs the British Library and is a Mellon Foundation Trustee.

The Hon Mrs Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Mandela Nominee

Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka was elected a Member of Parliament in South Africa's first democratic elections. She held senior African National Congress and government posts, including that of Deputy President of South Africa; the first woman to do so. She has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

Justice Yvonne Mokgoro
Mandela Nominee

Yvonne Mokgoro is a Constitutional Court judge. She serves on many boards, University Councils, trusts and law bodies. She taught Law at South African, British, American and Dutch universities, and holds five honorary Professorships. Justice Mokgoro has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

Professor Njabulo Ndebele
Mandela Nominee

Njabulo Ndebele was Vice-Chancellor of the University of Cape Town, and held high office at the Universities of the North, Witwatersrand, Lesotho, and Western Cape. An award-winning author, he has received several honorary doctorates and fellowships. Professor Ndebele has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
Rhodes Nominee

Julian Ogilvie Thompson recently retired as a Director of De Beers SA. A Rhodes Scholar, he joined Anglo American Corporation and became Chairman of Minorco, of De Beers, of Anglo American Corporation, and of Anglo American plc on its formation. He was Vice Chair of The Urban Foundation and a Director of The National Business Initiative.

The Rt Hon Lord Waldegrave of North Hill
Rhodes Nominee

William Waldegrave is the Provost of Eton College. He was a Vice Chairman of UBS Investment Bank, and was formerly a senior Cabinet Minister in the UK. He was an MP for two decades. He is Chairman of the Rhodes Trust, the National Museum of Science and Industry, and has been a founding Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation since 2003.

THE MANDELA RHODES COMMITTEES AND STAFF

Executive Committee
Professor GJ Gerwel (Chair)

Mr Shaun Johnson
Professor Njabulo Ndebele
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
Lord Waldegrave

Finance/Audit/Risk Committee
Mr Mustaq Brey (Chair)

Mr Tim Cumming
Professor GJ Gerwel
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson

Investment Committee
Mr Tim Cumming (Chair)

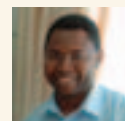
Professor GJ Gerwel
Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
Mr Shaun Johnson

Remuneration Committee
Professor GJ Gerwel (Chair)

Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson

THE MANDELA RHODES STAFF

In the year under review the staff complement of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation was 10. Six staff fulfilled the general management functions, and four were dedicated to the implementation of the Scholarships programme. The staff were: Mr Shaun Johnson (Chief Executive); Mr Steve Thobela (General Manager); Professor Rejoice Ngongo (Scholarships Manager); Ms Ruth Andrews (Scholarships Co-ordinator); Mr Rob McLeod (Research and Communication Officer); Ms Sharel Ntisa (Scholarships Administrator); Mrs Pam Barron (Executive Assistant in the Office of the Chairman, and property manager); Mrs Julia Brown (Executive Assistant in the Office of the CEO, and HR assistant); Ms Pumeza Maxakatho (Office Assistant); Mrs Shirley Naidu (Manageress, Bishops court)



The people behind the Foundation, with the Patron

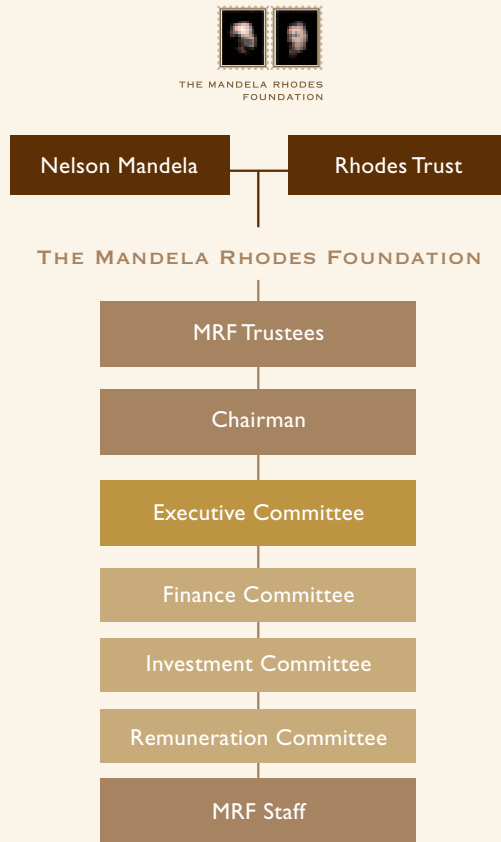
Standing behind Mr Mandela, from left to right: Julia Brown, Pam Barron, Buhle Zuma (Chair, Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars), Rejoice Ngongo, Shaun Johnson, Pumeza Maxakatho, Rob McLeod, Donovan Brinders. To the left and right of Mr Mandela: Sharel Ntisa, Professor GJ Gerwel, Ruth Andrews



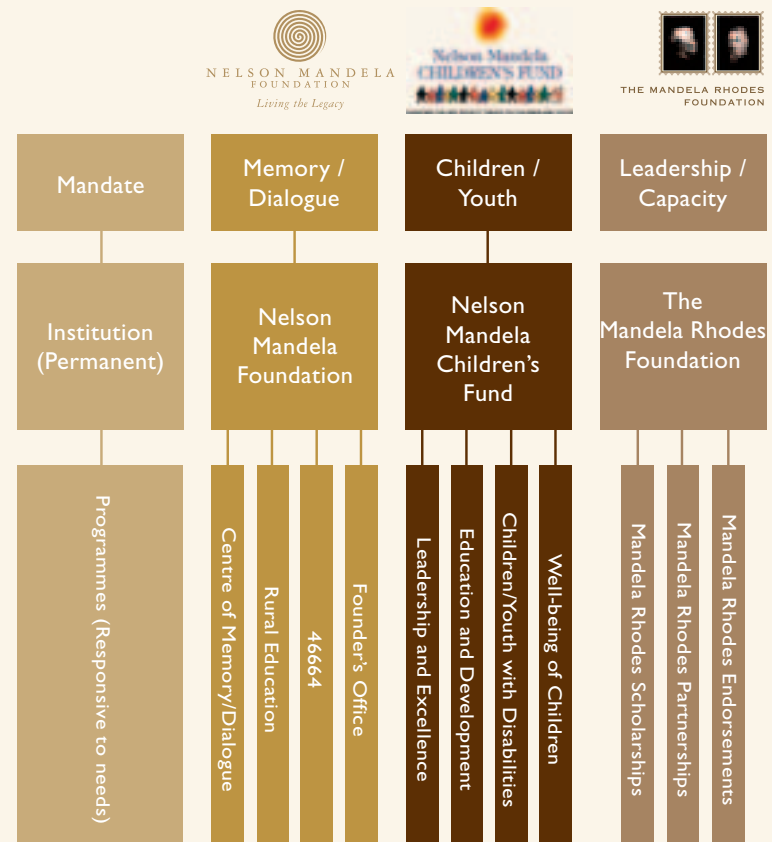
Left: Steve Thobela (outgoing General Manager), Shirley Naidu (Manageress, Bishops court)

ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURES

THE MRF



THE 'FAMILY' OF MANDELA CHARITIES



MILESTONES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION 2008

The year 2008 was the most active yet for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, with major developments taking place and an unusual number of public events over and above the regular fixtures that annually dominate the Foundation's calendar. Over the following pages these milestones of the MRF's fifth anniversary year are presented in pictorial form, providing a chronological record of the moments that defined the year. The series of images begins with the first of the leadership retreats for the 'Class of 2008'.



FIRST LEADERSHIP RETREAT

The 2008 Mandela Rhodes Scholars join MRF staff and facilitators at Mont Fleur, Stellenbosch, for their introductory retreat. Spanning almost a week, the retreat aims to induct the new Scholars into the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships leadership development programme before they begin their academic year. Scholars have the opportunity to get to know one another, and also to interact with representatives of the alumni network, the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars.

January 2008

SECOND LEADERSHIP RETREAT



MARCH 2008

Two regional retreats, focusing on one of the four pillars of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation – reconciliation – are convened. The first, in Port Elizabeth, caters for Scholars based in the Eastern and Western Cape, and the second takes place in Johannesburg, attended by Scholars from Gauteng, Limpopo, and KwaZulu-Natal. Pictured above are Scholars, MRF staff, CMRS representatives, mentors and retreat facilitators at the Port Elizabeth gathering.

LAUNCH OF THE CLASS OF 2008



MARCH 2008

The presentation of the newest cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars to Mr Mandela is, as has become a happy tradition for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation over the years, widely covered by both the printed and broadcast media. News about the 'Class of 2008' is disseminated across Africa and internationally, and several new Scholars are featured in personality profiles in their regions of origin. Enquiries about the Scholarship from those interested in applying immediately increases after the burst of publicity.

2008 SCHOLARS MEET MR MANDELA



MARCH 2008

The 23 Mandela Rhodes Scholars selected for the year 2008 gather at Mandela House in Johannesburg, home of the MRF's sister organisation the Nelson Mandela Foundation, to be introduced to the Patron for the first time. As always, Mr Mandela is particularly interested to hear about their origins and aspirations for the future – and to enjoin them to ensure that they use the extraordinary opportunity they have been given to help others less fortunate further their own education.

7TH MEETING OF THE TRUSTEES



APRIL 2008

All members of the Board gather at Rhodes House for the seventh Trustees' meeting. Meetings alternate each year between the headquarters of the founding partners: Rhodes House in Oxford, and the Mandela Rhodes Building in Cape Town. In Oxford in 2008 MRF attorney Jacques Louw, pictured at left above, is invited to make a presentation to the Board on the detail of the innovative partnership soon to be concluded between the Foundation and Oxford University Press Southern Africa.

OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS VISIT



APRIL 2008

Ahead of the meeting of the Board of Trustees in Oxford, the MRF delegation is delighted to accept an invitation to a luncheon at Oxford University Press to celebrate the proposed partnership between the two organisations. Pictured above are: (Back row) Sir John Vickers, Sir Colin Lucas, Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson, Dr Henry Reece, Lord Fellowes, Sir Peter North, Mr Neil Tomkins, Mr Andy Wigmore and Mr James Rogers. (Front row) Professor Jakes Gerwel, Ms Susan Froud, Professor Njabulo Ndebele, The Hon Tessa Ogilvie Thompson, Justice Yvonne Mokgoro, Mr Shaun Johnson, and Mr Jacques Louw.

MANDELA RHODES ROADSHOWS



APRIL, MAY 2008

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation travels to different campuses each year to spread the message about the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships to potential candidates. Seven institutions are visited in 2008, across four provinces of South Africa: Cape Peninsula University of Technology; Vaal University of Technology; Mangosuthu University of Technology; Monash, University of Johannesburg; University of Limpopo; and the University of Venda. Pictured above, fourth from left, is Ms Mapula Ramethape of the University of Limpopo.

THE COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS



MAY 2008

The leaders of the fast-developing alumni organisation, the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars, meet in the boardroom of the Mandela Rhodes Building with the Chief Executive and the General Manager of the MRF to sign a Memorandum of Understanding between the CMRS and the Foundation. Pictured above from left to right are Ms Judy Sikuza, Mr Steve Thobela, Mr Shaun Johnson, Mr Tristan Görgens, and Ms Rumbidzai Goredema.

THIRD LEADERSHIP RETREAT



JULY 2008

The mid-year retreat is located at Qunu in the Eastern Cape, the ancestral area of the MRF's Patron. In Mr Mandela's 90th year, his Scholars are inspired to spend six days together close to the place of his birth. Pictured above overlooking the valleys near Qunu, are Victor Chikadzi; visiting Canadian Rhodes Scholar Olivier Jarda; Demaine Solomons; Mashilo Tshehla, and Lionel Faull.

90TH BIRTHDAY CONCERT IN LONDON

THE 'ASPIRE TO BE' DVD



AUGUST 2008

The MRF is represented on the Board of the Nelson Mandela Foundation's campaign vehicle, 46664, and participates in the organisation of a celebratory concert to mark Mr Mandela's 90th birthday in Hyde Park, London. The concert and associated activities are a great success, and spread awareness about the work of the 'family' of charities founded by Madiba: the Nelson Mandela Foundation, the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, and The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. Mr Mandela is pictured above with those involved in the London concert.



AUGUST 2008

A recording is made of Mandela Rhodes Scholars reciting extracts from the 'Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar', one of the key founding documents of the Foundation. Filmed at four venues around Cape Town, the short DVD is later shown at MRF functions, and is placed on the Foundation's website. Pictured above during the shooting are Mandela Rhodes Scholars Garikai Nyaruwata (2008), Riaan Oppelt (2005), Judy Sikuza (2007), and Bronwyn Tarr (2008).

FRIENDS OF THE MRF USA



AUGUST 2008

The Friends of the MRF USA, a voluntary organisation run by Rhodes Scholars in America and one of the Foundation's most important supporters, helps to make it possible for the MRF Trust to acquire the Bishops court property. FoMRF President Mr Ian Glenday travels from Washington DC to represent the FoMRF at an event to mark Mr Mandela's 90th birthday in the Western Cape, and to announce the Bishops court plans. Mr Glenday is pictured here with the MRF's other Bishops court partner; Western Cape Premier Lynne Brown.

PARTNERSHIP WITH PROVINCE



AUGUST 2008

The Provincial Government of the Western Cape, represented by Premier Lynne Brown, brings the Bishops court project to fruition by announcing it will partner with the MRF and make a significant contribution in honour of Mr Mandela's 90th birthday. Premier Brown is pictured above with the Patron of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation at the special event held at Bishops court.

THE LEVERHULME TRUST



AUGUST 2008

At the Bishops court function, the London-based Leverhulme Trust is represented by its Director, Professor Sir Richard Brook, who announces that Leverhulme will establish 10 new Mandela Rhodes Scholarships – the largest single gift to the Foundation since it was brought into being with the founding benefaction of the Rhodes Trust. Professor Brook is pictured above chatting to Scholars after the Bishops court announcement. He is seen with (from left to right) Scholars Rumbidzai Goredema (2007), Tristan Görgens (2006), Vincent van Bever Donker (2006), and Leanne Johansson (2007).

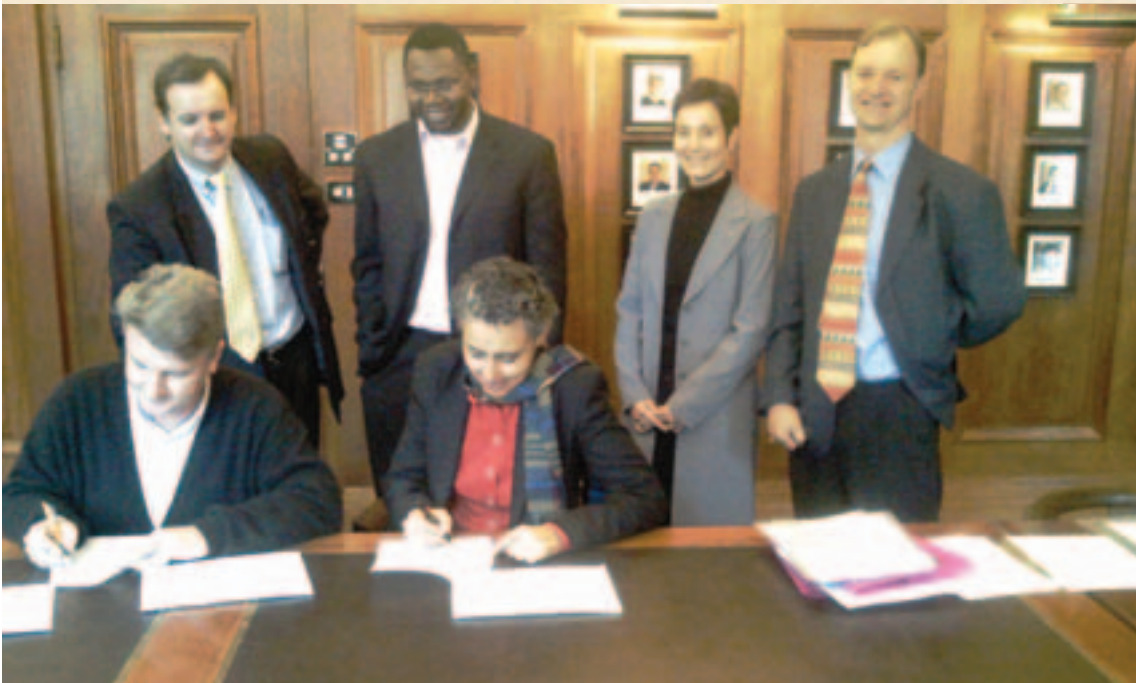
COMMUNITY OF SCHOLARS



AUGUST 2008

The Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars is increasingly active during the year, setting up organisational structures with the assistance of the MRF and the Friends of the MRF USA, electing new leaders and setting out a strategy plan. The CMRS takes advantage of the opportunity for all cohorts of Mandela Rhodes Scholars – 2005–2008 – to gather together for the first time at the Bishops court event. The Mandela Rhodes Scholars are pictured above in the gardens at Bishops court.

MRF-OUP AGREEMENT



SEPTEMBER 2008

At the Mandela Rhodes Building in Cape Town following the OUP announcement in Johannesburg, MRF Chief Executive Shaun Johnson and OUPSA Managing Director Lize Kotze sign the agreement between the two organisations. Looking on are, from left to right, MRF attorney Jacques Louw, General Manager Steve Thobela, attorney Loraine Strydom, and OUP executive James Rogers.

OUP ANNOUNCEMENT



SEPTEMBER 2008

A senior delegation from Oxford University Press travels to Mandela House in Johannesburg to join the MRF Patron and Chairman, OUP Southern Africa executives, MRF staff and invited guests for an event to announce an innovative partnership which will significantly support the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme over many years. Mr Mandela is pictured above in the front row flanked by MRF Chairman Professor Jakes Gerwel, and Oxford University Vice-Chancellor Dr John Hood. Senior OUP representatives, with MRF General Manager Steve Thobela, are seen standing behind them.

MANDELA RHODES PLACE



SEPTEMBER 2008

The Cape Town central city precinct in which the Mandela Rhodes Building, headquarters of the MRF, stands is known as Mandela Rhodes Place, an increasingly popular multi-use development favoured by Capetonians. Owners and tenants of Mandela Rhodes Place decide they will support the work of the eponymous Mandela Rhodes Foundation by making voluntary monthly financial contributions to the MRF's funds. Pictured at a dinner to celebrate the announcement are Mr Martin Kearns, Chief Executive of Eurocape, the Mayor of Cape Town, Helen Zille, and MRF Chairman, Professor Jakes Gerwel.

FOURTH LEADERSHIP RETREAT



SEPTEMBER 2008

The 'Class of 2008' Scholars return to Mont Fleur in the hills outside Stellenbosch for their completion retreat and to reflect on the Mandela Rhodes journey over the year. As the retreat draws to a close, there is time for some relaxation. Pictured above drumming out their messages are Garikai Nyaruwata, Bronwyn Tarr, Suntosh Pillay, Christopher McConnachie, and MRF staff member Robert McLeod.

MRF 'LIVE ON TV'



SEPTEMBER 2008

The announcement of the MRF's partnership with OUP sparks widespread interest and SABC TV invites the organisations to give a live in-depth interview. Pictured above in the Cape Town studios of the national broadcaster are MRF General Manager, Steve Thobela and OUPSA Managing Director, Lieze Kotze. The coverage further raises awareness of the Foundation and its Scholarships programme.

THE 2008/9 MENTORS



NOVEMBER 2008

In addition to support for their academic studies and participation in the MRF's leadership development programme, Mandela Rhodes Scholars benefit from having a mentor assigned to them during their time in residence. The mentors for 2008/9 gather at Gordon's Bay near Cape Town to complete the mentorship programme for 2008 and to prepare for the coming year and a new cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars.

THE CHARACTERISTICS SOUGHT IN A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR

YOUNG AFRICAN

Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you dream of being a leader; a leader in whose blend of character and intellect Africa will take pride.

Aspire to this if you believe you have within you the moral force of character and instinct to lead; and understand that leadership is more than personal ambition, it is also service, requiring the will and capacity to inspire and develop fellow human beings to their own excellence;

Aspire to this if you believe that the advancement of individual and social fulfilment, human rights, dignity, the achievement of fundamental freedoms, is among the highest of callings;

Aspire to this if you believe that hard work is essential, and you esteem the performance of public duties to be among the noblest of aims.

Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you understand education to be both a gift and a tool for the advancement of human development, to the benefit of all.

Aspire to this if you value and pursue scholastic attainment, but understand that intellectual excellence is not to be seen in isolation from other qualities of character; that leaders require a roundedness of personality;

Aspire to this if you believe that in receiving an exceptional education, an individual embraces a responsibility to foster such opportunities for others;

Aspire to this if you believe that your own success might also make a difference to others.

Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe in an entrepreneurial spirit to allow Africa to take with dignity its rightful place as an equal and competitive presence in the global world.

Aspire to this if you have the vigour to pursue this aim with integrity; and the energy to use your talents to the full, as exemplified by a fondness for and success in team pursuits beyond the confines of your professional career;

Aspire to this if you believe that individual human effort, innovation and creativity will lead to the betterment of society and an effective contribution to the world;

Aspire to this if you love Africa and all of its peoples.

Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe in reconciliation, freedom, peace and prosperity among all human beings, who should share equal citizenship and opportunities in this world.

Aspire to this if you believe in being part of creating a humane world in which all individuals and cultures enjoy equal respect; a world whose emergence will say a new order is born in which we are all each other's keepers;

Aspire to this if you value truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for and protection of the weak, kindness, unselfishness and fellowship;

Aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar if you believe that the past, in all its imperfection, should be harnessed to benefit the present and the future.

The Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation
Cape Town, South Africa, 2005

THE SELECTION COMMITTEE 2007/8



Pictured before the final selection interviews at Bishops court, the Selection Committee, from left to right: Professor Jakes Gerwel (Chairman), Mrs Irene Menell, Mr Ahmed Kathrada, Mrs Margie Keeton, Mr Shaun Johnson, Professor Rejoice Ngcongco and Mr Isaac Shongwe

It remains the aim of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation to build Africa's most prestigious, aspired-after, and effective scholarships at tertiary level. Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are tenable at qualified South African institutions of higher learning, offering unique educational, mentorship and leadership training opportunities to talented young Africans who display the potential evoked in the document *Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar*, on page 24 of this Yearbook. The other founding documents which underpin the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme, including the Terms and Conditions of the Scholarship, are available from the Foundation.

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme is further distinguished by a rigorous nomination and selection system, which occurs over several months of each year, culminating in the selection of the cohort of Scholars for the following academic year.

The fourth Mandela Rhodes Scholarships selection committee, charged with choosing 28 Scholars from a high-quality shortlist of 40 (itself drawn from a record 122 nominations), gathered in Cape Town on 3 – 5 October 2008. Professor Jakes Gerwel, Chairman of the Foundation, was in the Chair once more, joined on the panel by Mandela Rhodes staffers Mr Shaun Johnson and Professor Rejoice Ngcongco. The remaining four selectors' seats were occupied by eminent individuals independent of the Foundation.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



MATTHEW BEETAR

University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg
BSocSc (Hon): Media & Cultural & Gender Studies

Matthew was born on 17 January 1987 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He has consistently excelled academically, held student leadership positions and been a gender activist throughout his academic career. The recipient of numerous scholarships and academic awards, he is a member of the Golden Key International Honours Society. An able debater, dancer and musician, he has also been a member of the Natal Youth Wind Band. Matthew's community work includes debating coaching and charity theatre. His Masters in English & Gender focuses on issues of identity, youth, whiteness, sexuality, masculinity and cosmopolitanism.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Scholarship afforded me the most amazing year of my life thus far. This community helped me grow and develop on a deeply personal level, to the point that I only dreamed of one day reaching. It has been about achieving the seemingly impossible: uniting individuals under a common banner without losing a sense of difference, uniqueness and personal prioritising. The Scholarship has been a journey of genuine love and acceptance.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

If my year as a Scholar taught me anything it's that the people you meet ignite dormant, unexplored passions. And so my future is uncertain, but I know that whatever I do I am dedicated to changing perceptions of gender identity through using the cultural artefacts of our time. I envision a new regime of communication and education.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

What trumps even meeting our Patron is the raw love I felt from day one radiating from my cohort, the MRF and the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. My highlight was definitely the sincere bonding I did with so many people – through sauna nights, 'mafia' games and the Decades Party of the first CMRS AGM!

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

ANTON BOTHA

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth
MCom: Industrial Psychology

Anton was born on 10 September 1981 in Tshwane (Pretoria), South Africa. He has excelled academically, received numerous academic awards and held student leadership positions throughout his academic career. He is a member of the Golden Key Honours Society. A keen archer, hiker and squash player he has also achieved provincial colours for shooting. Anton has supported teachers on a mathematics literacy outreach programme. Last year he was invited to participate in a reconciliation initiative in three countries on three continents. This year he completes his Masters and hopes to present two papers at two international conferences in China.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

It is sometimes difficult to maintain faith in humanity as wars, hate, violence, bigotry, racism, lack of integrity all pervade our social fabric. This scholarship has shown me that there is hope; there are people that have the capacity and passion to transform for the better the world we live in. This in turn has given me faith in myself and my abilities to enact change on this continent.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I see my purpose as an African leader not in the conventional sense, but as one seeking to emancipate and empower others' minds to live up to Africa's potential. Only sheep need a shepherd; people need the tools, mental or otherwise, to lead themselves. However, the kind of leader I dream of being does not require, nor does it want followers; it desires equal partners in the enactment of a common vision.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

If pressed to mention one it would be my fellow Scholars. Nowhere have I come across a group of people that I hold in such high regard; not only for their intelligence, knowledge, curiosity and impressive achievements but also for their humbleness, humanity and heart. Meeting and interacting with them and the MRF staff will surely continue to be one of the greatest privileges of my life. Every experience with these wonderful individuals left me filled with hope for the future of this continent.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



VICTOR CHIKADZI

University of the Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
MSocSc: Social Development

Victor was born on 16 December 1983 in Chikedzi district, Zimbabwe. He has excelled academically and achieved sporting honours for volleyball throughout his academic career at the University of Fort Hare. A registered social worker, Victor's leadership in his community has been expressed through teaching, organisational fundraising, church work and family counselling. He speaks Shona, Shangaan, isiZulu and English.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

More than twice I doubted to apply for the Scholarship, but after reading the characteristics sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, my every nerve was thrilled. This is no ordinary Scholarship; it is about laying the foundations upon which a better tomorrow will be made possible. Not getting it would have crushed me.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I am not so certain of what the future holds, but I know who holds the future. God will place me where He needs me most. There is however an arena in which the fury of battle thrills my every nerve, where I can give my all but that I dare not express now. Guaranteed I am thinking big.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Being among such a diverse group of humble, honest and intelligent Scholars will always be cherished.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

NOBULALI DANGAZELE

University of Witwatersrand, Johannesburg
MA: Dramatic Arts (Applied Theatre)

Lali was born on 15 March 1985 in Soweto, South Africa. She has been awarded numerous scholarships and acting awards and is an accomplished theatre, television and film performer. She also directs documentaries and is a skilled facilitator of personal, educational and social change through drama. Lali has held student and Christian outreach leadership positions throughout her academic career. She speaks English, Afrikaans and SeSotho.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

Being a Mandela Rhodes Scholar has given me a voice that says: 'Enkosi Kakhulu, truly all things are possible if I believe. I have learnt servant leadership and have been gifted with the gift of education, while growing closer to being the change I want to see in the world.'

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I plan on taking a road trip to Kenya in 2009 as preparation for the many projects I would like to pursue in Africa. I hope to be the eye that will lead others to seeing the beauty that lies in our continent. I am currently working towards completing my Masters Degree.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Time spent in Qunu is my highlight of being a Scholar. I insisted on making a solar power cooker on the show I present on SABC television and hope that thousands of people will try a greener option for cooking. I have also written a few proposals for community development using solar power cookers. I learnt that I may have compassion like Mother Theresa and entrepreneurship like Richard Branson while following my dreams and being true to myself.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



LIONEL FAULL

Rhodes University, Grahamstown
MA: English Literature

Lionel was born on 31 July 1984 in Nakuru, Kenya. He has excelled in his studies and received numerous awards and scholarships during his academic career. Lionel is a co-founder of the Oppidan Press and was an editor of this and other publications. He has also contributed to several newspapers including Grocott's Mail. Lionel was selected to attend the 2007 South Africa's 100 Brightest Young Minds conference. His community leadership engagement has been to teach journalism and debating skills to high school learners from disadvantaged backgrounds. He speaks English, Kiswahili and French.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Scholarship has taught me to look beyond what I can make out of the opportunities I have been given in life, and to focus on how I can harness these opportunities to make a difference in other people's lives.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I see myself working hand-in-hand with like-minded people to develop journalism skills in Africa, so that the two biggest things that hamper our development can be overturned: one, institutionalised corruption; and two, our unwillingness to wholeheartedly celebrate our successes.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

The biggest highlights have been the way in which I grew as a person and as a leader over the year, and the way that the Scholarship programme was set up to enable me to see myself change and grow. And, of course, the hitherto unknown fact that it is possible to cram 12 Scholars into a 4-man sauna for a 3-hour steaming session at 2 o'clock in the morning!

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

THANDEKA HLENGWA

University of Zululand, Empangeni, KwaZulu-Natal
MA: Clinical Psychology

Thandeka was born on 9 December 1985 in Germiston, South Africa. She has obtained several distinctions during her academic career and has been a strong leader in her church and on the University of Zululand campus. Thandeka is eager to empower women and the poor, and has, among other things, assisted young abused girls to deal with their challenges. She is currently completing her internship at Sterkfontein Hospital in Krugersdorp.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The MRF has been a family of diverse, intelligent, warm and loving people whom I have had the privilege to meet. It has been a platform where I have received unconditional acceptance, been challenged and encouraged to grow as a person. This experience has given me the liberty and confidence to dream big for myself and others.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

My passion lies in the empowerment of females in rural areas and in townships. I have experienced the beauty of being groomed by confident, liberated and mentally healthy women and I would love other people to be afforded with that opportunity. I am also interested in utilising my leadership and academic skills within the Christian church.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Being able to tell people that I had lunch with Mr Mandela and simultaneously observing the look of disbelief in their faces has been quite a thrill! I thoroughly enjoyed visiting Qunu (even though it was freezing) as I felt that one was able to connect with Mandela the person and not the public façade. My most memorable moments were having late night talks with other Scholars, and laughing over silly jokes.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



LLEWELLYN HOWES

AFDA, Johannesburg
BA (Hon): Motion Picture Medium –

Llewellyn was born on 14 January 1980 in Roodepoort, South Africa. A keen sportsman, he obtained provincial colours for wrestling and basketball while at school. He received the Vice-Chancellor's Medal at Pretoria University, and was awarded academic honours for his undergraduate degree, as well as for his Theology Masters and his MA in Antique Language and Culture Studies, all cum laude. He has held church youth and student leadership positions, and has achieved distinctions in art, music, theatre and film-making. Llewellyn has shown his social concern through leading holiday camps, building homes in Mozambique and undertaking pastoral care in depressed communities.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Scholarship has introduced me to a plethora of inspiring and inspired people. This must be the most valuable aspect of being part of the MRF, i.e. the people you meet, the bonds you form with them and learning to love. The Foundation has inspired me to be a positive influence in South Africa and Africa.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I have come to see my role in Africa as one of broadening and enhancing the capabilities and spread of the film and entertainment industries on our continent. This would include establishing a company dedicated to financially supporting uplifting narrative films in Africa.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Learning about the possibilities for social entrepreneurship in (South) Africa, meeting inspiring friends and playing 'mafia'!

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

SIMANGELE MABENA

University of the Witwaterstrand, Johannesburg
MA Dramatic Arts: Applied Theatre

Simangele was born on 14 January 1983 in Johannesburg, South Africa. She excelled academically and was a Golden Key International Honour Society member. Simangele has been very active in her campus Christian society and has been of service as a DEAFSA interpreter, a special needs youth worker in Vancouver and a tutor to deaf students at a Soweto high school. She is currently working as a company manager of a dance company and project manager of a Saturday arts academy. Simangele communicates in English, Afrikaans, seSotho and South African Sign Language.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

This Scholarship has reignited within me the knowledge of the potential for change that I knew I possessed. It has been both an honour and a privilege to be chosen to partner with an amazing group of individuals of African descent in the MRF's quest for exceptional African leadership in Africa. It hasn't all been easy but I've been encouraged to be more purposeful in my life, as I lead myself and others. I've been reminded that to develop the Africa and its people that I hope for, I need to take personal risks.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I may not know where life may lead me in the future but Africa's development will always be part of my personal development.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Memorable moments that will be etched in my memory as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar will be the late night musings on current affairs over glasses of wine in the sauna and *Qunu!* There's something in the air at Qunu ... it's indescribable. I'll probably never have that with the MRFers from 2009 but everything just came together for me there ... An unshakeable resolve of purpose!

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



LAWRENCE MASHIMBYE

University of the Witwaterstrand, Johannesburg
MSc: Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Lawrence was born on 4 September 1984 in Giyani, South Africa. He has excelled academically and has held Christian and medical student leadership positions throughout his academic career. He is a keen volleyball player. Lawrence is committed to the village where he was born and has involved himself at community level there in many ways. Lawrence speaks XiTsonga, English, Afrikaans, Sepedi and isiZulu.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

To my inquisitive mind the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship has been an empowering opportunity through learning theoretically and practically. I believe in empowerment as a key to self-actualisation, greater creativity and innovation, and greater productivity. Moreover, the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship has been the cornerstone for founding ethical leadership.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

Truly, the world is a stage where one has to play one's roles. I find Africa as my stage where I have to play my roles. My roles will be responsive to the specific needs around me. However, currently I have a passion to contribute to the emancipation and development of young people and towards mitigating the prevalence of infectious diseases.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Almost every moment was a highlight. But the most important highlights were when I met our Patron Mr Mandela and when I visited Qunu, his birthplace. It was, different and delightful to share the space and aura for that short moment with Mr Mandela. While at Qunu it was encouraging to observe the humble beginning that the great Madiba had.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

CHRISTOPHER MCCONNACHIE

Rhodes University, Grahamstown
LLB (Hon): Law

Christopher was born on 13 August 1986 in East London, South Africa. He has excelled academically, receiving several scholarships and numerous awards including an appearance on the Dean's list, academic half-colours, a Golden Key award and the top law student prize. He was a delegate at the 2007 Brightest Young Minds conference and as an exceptional debater has consistently won awards here and internationally, as well as promoting debating at many levels. Christopher is an active SRC member and has led or founded many outreach initiatives, including the development of debating in rural and township schools.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

Being a Mandela Rhodes Scholar has allowed me to feel part of something so much bigger. I've become a part of a unique group of some of the most motivated and inspiring people on the planet and a part of a unique vision for developing leadership in Africa. It has given me a sense of purpose and optimism so powerful that no challenge seems impossible.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

My ambition is to use the law as a tool for advancing important social causes. South Africa's new constitutional dispensation shows that the law can be a powerful means of giving recognition and recourse to the vulnerable and disenfranchised. I hope that I can play a part in these efforts to make our society more just and equitable.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Every moment spent with the Scholars and the MRF staff has been a highlight. It has been an absolute honour to be in the company of such incredible human beings whose commitment and drive is simply infectious. Not even the most ardent Afro-pessimist could leave a Mandela Rhodes gathering without feeling a powerful sense of hope about this continent's future.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



ZDENA MTETHWA

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth
BA (Hon): Industrial Psychology

Zdena was born on 14 May 1985 in Bulawayo, Zimbabwe. She represented her country as a Rotary Exchange student to Belgium in 2002–3. She has excelled academically, receiving amongst others a Golden Key award. Zdena has been a tutor on campus and has held leadership positions in a number of student organisations. Off campus she has assisted in several disabled people's projects. Zdena speaks Ndebele, Shona, English and French.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship has meant the reconciliation of my own talents, aspirations and passion with reality. It has meant me locating where I fit in the bigger picture and more importantly, seeing, in order to believe that there are others, like myself, who believe in Africa and who will strive with integrity to help build this continent, in the many disciplines that they represent.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I see myself very much involved in the rebuilding of Zimbabwe. My passion for the social sciences and for writing would find its place in facilitating transparency in institutions and exposing the plight of the vulnerable people.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

The main highlight for me has been meeting former President Mandela. What I took from it is that we should not fear greatness because greatness lies within. It is by the humble fulfilment of our purpose that we become great. I must mention however that every meeting with the other Scholars was a highlight for me because we always created a space in which anything was possible.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

CYNTHIA MUTABAAZI

University of Pretoria, Pretoria
MA: Culture and Media Studies

Cynthia was born on 2 March 1981 in Kampala, Uganda. She has been a writer and held leadership positions since her school-days. In South Africa she has thrown herself into church leadership on and off campus. Cynthia was hand-picked for a research project in her department after her first postgraduate degree. She is currently a junior lecturer in her department and is writing articles on xenophobia and South African media, and on the socio-political commentator Oliver Mtukudzi. Cynthia is passionate about being an agent for good in her world.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

It has meant an increased understanding of leadership contexts – with my family, friends, school, Christian/church context and my home country, Uganda. The MRF principles were chosen to celebrate, encourage and even nurture exceptional leadership. I have learned that such leadership is really about being nothing other than my inherently valuable self – using what I have and what I am to uplift those that I encounter.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I would like to be part of a force that effects a positive change to the dire conditions of the people in Uganda (especially city youth and rural people). My determination is driven by a passion for all humanity; and I hope to be a part of bringing socio-political and economic improvement in Uganda, East Africa and Africa as a continent. I recognise my life as a gift meant not just for me but for greater humanity.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

First, meeting Mr Mandela – he carries with him an undeniable presence and a humble spirit. Second, the workshops with all the Scholars. My journey was one of healing and of a path that refreshed my dreams.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



LINDOKUHLE NKOSI

University of Zululand, KwaZulu-Natal
MSocSc: Sociology

Lindokuhle was born on 28 June 1986 in Boschfontein, South Africa. She excelled in her university degrees, receiving numerous scholarships. Active on campus through a variety of leadership positions, Lindokuhle was particularly involved in church, youth, women and community development projects. She speaks English, XiTsonga, isiZulu and siSwati.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

I just find myself running wordless when I have to explain what the Scholarship means to me because it just became all that I needed. It didn't only equip me educationally but it also went an extra mile and contributed in helping me to be socially relevant in many ways, for example: be entrepreneurial and promote reconciliation.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

The role that I foresee myself playing in Africa is not something that is unreachable. The only thing I have to do is to apply the knowledge I attain every day, use my experiences, my talents, potentials, abilities and the available resources for the benefit of our continent.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

The most exciting moment for me as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar was on the 4th of March 2008 when we were introduced to our Patron, Madiba. That moment of just sitting next to him and having those few minutes chatting with him was one of the moments that will last forever. Other highlights were meeting other Scholars from outside South Africa, and the royal treatment we received from the MRF and its staff members.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

GARIKAI NYARUWATA

University of Cape Town, Cape Town
BBusSc (Hon): Economics

Garikai was born on 16 January 1987 in Harare, Zimbabwe. He has received numerous academic and leadership awards. An all-round achiever, he is active in rugby and judo, held executive leadership roles in Shawco and founded organisations promoting entrepreneurship, computer literacy and debating. He has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to read an MSc: Economics and an MSc: Financial Economics at Oxford from October 2009. Currently he lectures Contemporary Political Philosophy and is a Research Assistant at the Southern Africa Labour and Development Research Unit. He speaks Shona, English and isiZulu.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

My year in residence as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar has proved a watershed in my life. Having had an academically and extra-murally intense undergraduate experience, the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship programme gave me a much-needed opportunity to reflect on the value of my engagements. Through the one-on-one mentoring, leadership workshops and support from other Scholars I was able to gain a renewed perspective on the impact that I could have on this continent.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I was constantly enthralled by the emotional and intellectual depth of my interactions with Scholars and have no doubt that the genuine friendships that the programme ignited will play a pivotal role in my contribution to Africa.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

The year was crammed full with highlights: from meeting the personification of the Scholarship's principles, Nelson Mandela himself; to late nights spent playing 'mafia'; and sharing in the rich tapestry of life experience that constitutes the MRF community. I will always cherish the opportunity afforded to me to gain a greater appreciation of the values that such a diverse group of Africans can have in common.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



CHIPATENI NYIRENDA

University of Cape Town, Cape Town
BA (Hon): International Relations

Chipateni was born on 25 March 1983 in Lusaka, Zambia. She has been active in her church from choir, youth leadership and Sunday school teaching to community service. Chipateni achieved numerous distinctions, and held senior leadership roles at the University of Limpopo. She is involved in addressing African challenges such as xenophobia and the empowerment of African people, especially women. A leader and achiever in sport since her schooldays, she swims, cycles and kayaks. Chipateni speaks Tumbuka, Nyanja and English.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Scholarship has refined my leadership journey and has continued to enhance my development of laudable principles and goals. It has also meant the redefining of appropriate leadership principles that are central to the empowerment and emancipation of African people.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I embrace the vision of peace and prosperity in the 21st century on the continent of Africa. Therefore I see my purpose to be the empowerment of the African people at large and to work on the numerous challenges facing our continent through increasing the capacity of people to think and work on a global and intercultural basis. I see myself as a future female leader who will foster economic development that will assist in rejuvenating and revitalising the mindsets of the African people.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

The highlights of the Scholarship have been meeting our Patron and working with the rest of the Scholarship team which re-established a great sense of humility in me.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

SUNTOSH PILLAY

University of KwaZulu-Natal, Pietermaritzburg
MSocSc: Clinical Psychology

Suntosh was born on 1 October 1985 in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa. He obtained a BSocSc summa cum laude and a Psychology Honours degree at the University of KZN. He is an active member of the Golden Key International Honours Society. He was selected for the South African 'Brightest Young Minds' conference and the Global Young Leaders conferences. He is active in writers' circles and is a published author. Suntosh is a freelance journalist, and his community work has been wide-ranging. He will spend 2009 as an intern clinical psychologist while writing his Masters thesis.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

It's been a mind-boggling, heartwarming, body-tingling experience! A Scholarship programme that cares about my emotional wellbeing – amazing! Socrates said that the unexamined life is not worth living. This truth shone brightly each time I encountered the Mandela Rhodes family. In the story of my life, 2008 will go down as the year I truly and completely believed that I am a young African leader capable of anything, as long as I reflect mindfully throughout my adventure.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

My role is simple yet daring: With humility, aspire to be the best that I can be.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Where do I begin? I have seen the best of Africa, a model for the world. I saw humanity at a glorious hour – playful, critical, practical, imaginative and ethical – and through this I have become a better human being. New friendships in Stellenbosch; meeting Madiba in Jo'burg; solar cooking in Qunu; partying in Cape Town; and being mentored in 'Maritzburg. This was a uniquely transformative experience. Respect, integrity, and 'unity among diversity' are not just words; they are alive and well, dancing on our continent.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



TINOTENDA SACHIKONYE

Rhodes University, Grahamstown
MSc: Pharmacology

Tinotenda was born on 20 July 1984 in Mutare, Zimbabwe. Her university career has been remarkable for its number of distinctions and awards, most notably her appearances on the Dean's Academic Merit list and achievement of academic half colours. Also, from early on she has been a Golden Key Society member. She has been a Hostel Supervisor and assisted with sport at a local school. Currently Tinotenda is in the final year of her pharmacology Masters. She speaks Shona, English and French.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

I feel very privileged and I draw inspiration from carrying the title Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Cecil John Rhodes and Nelson Mandela are leaders that will forever be remembered in history for the high quality of leadership that they both displayed in their different contexts. The Scholarship has not only afforded me the opportunity to further my studies, but has given me the opportunity to understand what leadership with integrity is. Through the Scholarship staff, the mentors and fellow Scholars, I have gained a deeper understanding of my leadership abilities and how I can further develop these for my and others' benefit.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I see my role in Africa as being involved in research and development of medicines that are relevant to Africa at a cost that Africa can afford. I would like to see Africa self-reliant in providing health for its people.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

I was truly blessed to meet with so many talented African young people. I have enjoyed learning from my fellow Scholars and I have drawn inspiration from each one of them.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

MAREA SING

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University, Port Elizabeth
BCom (Hon): Statistics

Marea was born on 21 May 1987 in Port Elizabeth, South Africa. At high school, where she was a prefect, she excelled academically. She received numerous awards, bursaries and scholarships and she achieved distinctions at tertiary level. Marea has also studied small business management and entrepreneurship. She is a member of the Golden Key Society. She has been involved with community and charity work. In 2007 Marea was selected to take part in the Trent Lott Young Leaders Exchange Programme with the University of Mississippi.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

In short, it has brought out nothing but the best in me. I will be eternally grateful to everyone involved in this programme for what they have done for me and who they have come to mean to me. The people I met inspired me by their selflessness and true love for others, to be more than I ever thought I could be. I learned that one's true goal in life should not be to reach for the stars, but instead to reach for others.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

My dream for my future is to utilise the blessing of being part of the South African Reserve Bank to lead both South Africa and Africa into a brighter economic future, in order to better the lives of all who reside therein.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Highlights? Of course holding the hand of Tata Mandela is something that I will remember for the rest of my life! But other than that, there are no highlights to speak of – the whole experience was a high! From the enjoyable evenings with both Scholars and mentors, to the privilege of having a part of someone's soul laid bare for me to protect and cherish.

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KIM SMITH

University of the Western Cape, Cape Town
BCom (Hon): Industrial Psychology

Kim was born on 1 June 1985 in Cape Town, South Africa. She was head girl of her high school and on the Dean's Merit List at university. She completed her undergraduate degree and her Mandela Rhodes Scholarship Honours degree with distinction. She has held a number of leadership roles, including in the Golden Key International Honours Society. She has been involved in a range of community projects. Kim is reading for a Development Studies Masters. She was awarded the Linnaeus-Palme student exchange programme to study at the University of Dalarna, Sweden, after which she will return to complete her Masters degree.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship played a significant role in my life journey. The Scholarship went beyond just paying my fees; it reinforced my passion for Africa and its people. I am humbled for being given the opportunity to have met such extraordinary people and am honoured to be part of a legacy that embraces exceptional leadership.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

The Scholarship gave me a new-found hope and optimism for what lies ahead. I am not sure what my role is and will be, but I do know that I have a responsibility to contribute to the further development of Africa by using my acquired knowledge and experiences. I take with me the principles and lessons learnt and will utilise these in all that I do.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

So many... Our first workshop in Stellenbosch, going to Qunu, the many nights of playing 'mafia', late night conversations with Scholars, meeting with my mentors and of course meeting Madiba. The entire year was such an enriching experience for which I will forever be grateful!

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DEMAINE SOLOMONS

University of the Western Cape, Cape Town
MTh: Theology & Ethics

Demaine was born on 18 April 1979 in Cape Town, South Africa. He is the first in his extended family to complete secondary schooling. He has been on the Dean's Merit List, a member of the Golden Key International Honours Society, and has participated in a United Nations forum. He completed his Theology Honours degree with distinction. Demaine is involved with his church and community, and engages in facilitation and mentoring. He is a Lay Minister.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

It's hardly possible to concretise the continuous formational richness attained in and from my experience as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. As a human being fortunate enough to partake in this journey it will forever be remembered as the exodus of an event that continues to reconstruct the essence of my being for the better.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

It is my conviction that the ecclesiological movement has been called to move beyond shallow religiosity into a sphere and mindset that celebrates and embraces human diversity in a post-modern world. As a Christian I envision myself contributing to development of this realisation in Africa and beyond.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

As human beings, we seldom encounter those willing enough to sacrifice their being for the sake of others. The Mandela Rhodes Foundation employees – those working tirelessly to realise the vision of our Patron – have invigorated me with a renewed sense of hope. Their commitment and willingness to partake in this journey is the embodiment of self-sacrifice; that rare essence of being which continues to inspire me and surely many others. I remain humbled by you and by those whom I was fortunate enough to meet in and through this journey.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



BRONWYN TARR

University of Cape Town, Cape Town
BSc (Hon): Biodiversity & Evolutionary Biology

Bronwyn was born on 25 December 1985 in Swakopmund, Namibia. She excelled at University, receiving academic awards and class medals. She is a 7th grade cellist, an accomplished artist and her interest in dance (ballet, jazz and modern) has seen her take a course in the United States. She has been a leader on her campus, leading Rotaract activities and being an academic mentor. She has worked with Shawco in Khayelitsha. Bronwyn has been awarded a Rhodes Scholarship to Oxford in 2009.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

Through support offered by fellow Scholars and the Foundation staff, I started an important personal journey. I've been inspired and encouraged to harness my passions and skills for my contribution to this beautiful continent.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

Southern Africa specifically contains some of the last remaining natural ecosystems in the world. With my passions for the natural sciences, the arts and education, I aim to explore creative ways to excite curiosity about the world around us and to enhance awareness of humankind's increasingly complex relationship with our natural surroundings and the essential resources they provide. Ultimately I hope to cultivate in fellow Africans an understanding of the relevant difference that each human being can make in the greater scheme of things.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Through the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship I feel privileged to have interacted with a phenomenal group of inspired, dedicated and diverse individuals who are committed to unleashing their creative resources for the growth of Africa. In the presence of this shared vision, I have had the opportunity to develop friendships and connections like no other. From deep mid-night discussions, 'sardined sauna' hilarity and endless sessions of 'mafia', these personal relationships are undoubtedly a highlight.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008

THABANG TLAKA

University of Pretoria, Pretoria
MSocSc: Clinical Psychology

Thabang was born on 25 April 1985 in Polokwane, South Africa. He has excelled academically and has held student leadership positions throughout his academic career. A keen runner, he has his sights set on the Comrades Marathon. Thabang has involved himself at community level with public speaking, poetry and dance performances, as well as through training parents and adolescents on communication skills.



WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

It gave me the opportunity to dream bigger and to become more pragmatic about things. I grew up in a township with seemingly insignificant dreams; the Scholarship allowed me to meet people, see places and achieve goals that will last me a lifetime. Through the Scholarship, I have grown and formally decided that I am going to impact, lead and influence the world. Seriously!

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

I am an African leader without question and that is what I will continue doing – lead in every context I engage with. Long gone are the days where Africa stands as a cripple asking for hand-outs. I would like to dedicate my life to helping people realise that they are unique beings with potential to change and empower others and themselves.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

Two words: Meeting Mandela.

FEEDBACK FROM THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2008



MASHILO TSHEHLA

University of Pretoria, Pretoria
MSocSci: Clinical Psychology

Mashilo was born on 4 January 1981 in Ga-Sekhukune, South Africa. He completed his rural secondary schooling and took a diploma in Human Resources Management, a field in which he later went on to obtain a University of Venda degree. Mashilo has been a student leader since chairing his SRC at school and is now an active committee member of his branch of the ANC Youth League. He speaks Sepedi, Tshivenda, English, XiTsonga, isiZulu and Afrikaans.

WHAT HAS THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIP MEANT TO YOU?

It has been a stepping stone to my future, opening the doors of reality and putting me in order for the future. I found the Foundation very supportive in my quest to accomplish my dream. My Scholarship time is a period to be commemorated through my entire life.

HOW DO YOU SEE YOUR FUTURE ROLE IN AFRICA?

Africa needs me and I need Africa as well. I have the responsibility to take a lead in creating a peaceful Africa, and to assist other youth to step off the beaten path and regard themselves as useful tools in society. The synergy in the MRF has spilled over to me and rekindled my energy to step up on my feet.

WHAT HAVE BEEN THE HIGHLIGHTS FOR YOU AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR?

When problems deteriorate and the world seems to be large, there is always an alternative next to you. The most important highlight is that alone I cannot change the world, but working with others the process of shaping the world will be accomplished, and peace will envelop our country, the continent and the entire world.

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**Tristram
Atkins**

BA(Hon):
Film Production; AFDA
Country of origin:
South Africa

Tristram obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He has since done freelance film work and recently joined the Alternative Information and Development Centre in Rondebosch, Cape Town.



**Marlon
Burgess**

BA (Hon):
Anthropology; UCT
Country of origin:
South Africa

Marlon completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He is currently in New York reading for a Masters degree.



**Rumbidzai
Goredema**

BSocSc (Hon):
Sociology; UCT
Country of origin:
Zimbabwe

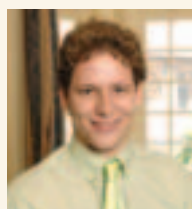
Rumbidzai completed the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Currently she is in her second year of a Masters degree in Diversity Studies. She has been a big contributor to the early running of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars.



**Bryony
Green**

MPhil: English; Rhodes
Country of origin:
Zimbabwe

Bryony completed the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and took up a Rhodes Scholarship to read for a Masters at Oxford. During 2008 she undertook research on Leadership Development through the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme, and got married.



**Graeme
Hoddinott**

MA: Clinical Psychology;
UKZN
Country of origin:
South Africa

Graeme obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and went on to take up a community service internship at the Africa Centre for Health and Population Studies in Mtubatuba, where he remains currently.



**Aalia
Ismail**

BSocSc (Hon):
Policy & Development
Studies; UKZN
Country of origin:
South Africa

Aalia completed the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar and then completed a Masters degree at her *alma mater*. She recently took up an Assistant Directorship in the office of the South African President, based in the Union Buildings, Tshwane.



**Leanne
Johansson**

BSocSc (Hon):
Development Studies;
UCT
Country of origin:
South Africa

Leanne obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She then co-produced a documentary photography exhibition and skills project focusing on the effects of xenophobia in South Africa. She is currently in Cameroon researching xenophobia.

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**Ayanda
Khala**

MA: Drama; Wits
Country of origin:
South Africa

Ayanda completed the coursework for the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently teaching drama at Maru a Pula high school in Gaborone, Botswana and intends completing her thesis in 2009.



**Nyika
Machenjedze**

MA: Human Rights; UFH
Country of origin:
Zimbabwe

Nyika obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar and is currently lecturing at the University of Fort Hare.



**Boitumelo
Magolego**

BEng (Hon): Electronic
Engineering; UP
Country of origin:
South Africa

Boitumelo completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He worked for a year with an electronics company in Tshwane. Last year he took up a rare scholarship to read for a Masters degree at the prestigious California Institute of Technology.



**David
Maimela**

MA: International
Relations; UP
Country of origin:
South Africa

David did not complete the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He has taken up a managerial position in the Office of the Chairperson in the Gauteng Youth Commission – a government agency dealing with policy and political analysis around youth development.



**Clement
Mogodi-Tjale**

MA: Clinical Psychology;
UZ
Country of origin:
South Africa

Clement completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. During 2008 he co-ordinated a USAid-funded project with Jackson State University implementing community development to HIV-infected and affected areas. He is serving an internship in Johannesburg.



**Rikus
Oswald**

MA: International
Studies; US
Country of origin:
South Africa

Rikus completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar cum laude. He is currently on Anglo American's High Potential Graduate Programme working as an analyst on issues related to the company's Social Performance in southern Africa.



**Lunga
Radebe**

BA (Hon): Drama; Wits
Country of origin:
South Africa

Lunga completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He has initiated drama therapy at Free State schools. He is completing the soundtrack for a film and performs in his jazz band and in the theatre.

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2007



Judy Sikuza

BA (Hon): Industrial Psychology; NMMU
Country of origin: South Africa

Judy completed the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She then took up a Fulbright scholarship to read for an Organisational Psychology Masters degree at Columbia University in New York. She is the current Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars Project Manager.



Daphney Singo

MSc: Physics; UCT
Country of origin: South Africa

Daphney completed the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently working toward a PhD in experimental physics at Stellenbosch University, concerning temperature measurements in the Koeberg Pebble Bed Modular Reactor.



Jeremias Sitoi

MA: Maritime Studies; UKZN
Country of origin: Mozambique

Jeremias completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He is currently working toward his MCom comparing the ports of Maputo and Durban. He plans an MBA when his current studies are completed this year.



Cebile Tebele

BCom (Hon): Industrial Psychology; UZ
Country of origin: Zimbabwe

Cebile completed the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She is currently completing her Masters in Industrial Psychology while lecturing at the University of Zululand, and intends reading for a PhD in this field. In February 2009 she had a baby.



Sheetal Vallabh

MA: Clinical Psychology; UCT
Country of origin: South Africa

Sheetal is continuing with the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She completed her internship in clinical psychology at the end of 2008 and intends completing her thesis in April 2009. She will start community service in George Hospital in June 2009.



Buhle Zuma

MPhil Sociology; UCT
Country of origin: South Africa

In 2009 Buhle submitted his thesis for the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar: his results are pending. Recently he travelled to Indonesia and Sicily to study prejudice in children, and Canada for a research seminar. He is the current chair of the CMRS.

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2006



Rachel Adams

BSocSc (Hon): Anthropology; UCT
Country of origin: Zimbabwe

Rachel obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, and completed Honours in Social Anthropology at UCT. She read for an African Studies Masters degree at the University of Oxford and has returned to South Africa to a job offer from Allan Gray.



Nyasha Chigwamba

MSc: Computer Science; Rhodes University
Country of origin: Zimbabwe

Nyasha obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar cum laude, and completed a Masters in Computer Science at Rhodes University. He worked as a Software Engineer with Red Five Labs in Johannesburg and has returned to Rhodes where he has begun a PhD.



Zethu Dlamini

MA: Media Studies; UCT
Country of origin: Swaziland

Zethu obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and is active in social issues, especially with regard to women.



Chet Fransch

BA (Hon): French; Stellenbosch University
Country of origin: Zimbabwe

Chet obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar cum laude, and completed an Honours in History. He went on to obtain a Masters in History at Stellenbosch, where he is now lecturing French and History.



Tristan Gørgens

BSocSc (Hon): Development Studies; UCT
Country of origin: South Africa

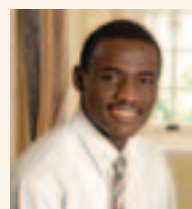
Tristan obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, and is reading for his MPhil in Development Studies at UCT. He has contributed much to the formation and leadership of the CMRS.



Janet Jobson

BA (Hon): History and Politics; Rhodes University
Country of origin: South Africa

Janet obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, and read an MPhil as a Rhodes Scholar at Oxford. She was involved with Civicus and has recently returned to South Africa. She was founding chair of the CMRS.



Pie-Pacifique Kabalira-Uwase

BSc (Hon): Computer Science; UKZN
Country of origin: Rwanda

Pie-Pacifique did not complete the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, but has recommenced these studies at the University of South Africa. He completed a research project for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation and is currently at ABSA Bank on a management training programme.



Thando Mgqolozana

MCur: Nursing; UWC
Country of origin: South Africa

Thando completed the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and took up work on a Human Sciences Research Council programme on Education Science and Skills Development. He is currently working for provincial government.

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2006



**Nonkululeko
Ngidi**

BCom (Hon):
Economics; UKZN
Country of origin:
South Africa

Nonkululeko did not complete the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, as she suspended her Mandela Rhodes Scholarship for personal reasons.



**Melika
Singh**

MA: Industrial Psychology;
UKZN
Country of origin:
South Africa

Melika obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and is working as an Intern Industrial Psychologist at Edcon in the Western Cape. She is the fundraising director of the CMRS.



**Nkazi
Sokhulu**

B BusSc (Hon); UCT
Country of origin:
South Africa

Nkazi obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and took up a business management analyst position with McKinsey Consulting. He also helps global foundations assess business plans from rural South African entrepreneurs.



**Vincent
van Bever Donker**

MA: Eng Lit; UWC
Country of origin:
South Africa

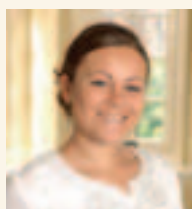
Vincent completed the degree cum laude for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. He was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to read for a DPhil in English Literature at the University of Oxford, where he is currently.



**Piet
van Rooyen**

BMus (Hon); UFS
Country of origin:
South Africa

Piet obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, as well as a postgraduate certificate in Education. He went on to obtain a Masters degree in Music. He plays in the UFS String Orchestra, and Free State Symphony Orchestra and teaches.



**Luzelle
Yon**

MPhil: Political
Management;
Stellenbosch University
Country of origin:
Namibia

Luzelle obtained the Masters degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar cum laude, while holding a variety of leadership positions on and off campus. She works in local government in Cape Town.



**Bongumusa
Zuma**

BSc (Hon): Biotechnology;
Rhodes University
Country of origin:
South Africa

Bonga obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and also completed a Master of Science degree. He is working towards his PhD, as well as awaiting the arrival of his first child. He was closely involved with the CMRS.

UPDATES ON THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2005

2005



Julia Cloete

MA Environmental Science
Rhodes University
Country of origin:
South Africa

Julia did not complete the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. She has set up a rural schools rehabilitation NGO, consulted globally, published on development issues, and taken a spiritual pilgrimage to India. She chaired the CMRS in its formative stages.



Jacques Conradie

BSc (Hon): Actuarial Science; Stellenbosch University
Country of origin:
South Africa

Jacques obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, and won the UCT Mathematics Award among others. He worked at Old Mutual as an actuary and is involved in banking in Johannesburg.



Buntu Godongwana

MTech: Chemical Engineering; CPUT
Country of origin:
South Africa

Buntu obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and is tutoring undergraduate students in Chemical Engineering Technology while pursuing his PhD studies at his alma mater.



Sizwe Mjiziza

MSc: Pharmacology; UWC
Country of origin:
South Africa

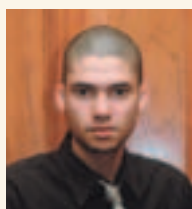
Sizwe obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar, and completed a year of community service in the Eastern Cape, where he is now practising.



Hanru Niemand

BA (Hon): Psychology; Stellenbosch University
Country of origin:
South Africa

Hanru obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar in the first class, and subsequently completed his Masters in Clinical Psychology at the University of Free State. He continues creative writing and music while on his community service year in Malmesbury.



Riaan Oppelt

MA: Eng Lit; UWC
Country of origin:
South Africa

Riaan obtained the degree for which he was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction. He is currently lecturing and reading for a DLitt in English Studies at the University of Stellenbosch. He is also working on original songs and plays.



Sirika Pillay

BSc (Hon): Microbiology; UCT
Country of origin:
South Africa

Sirika obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, and has subsequently completed her Masters thesis. She was awarded a Commonwealth Scholarship to read for a PhD at Imperial College, London where she is currently pursuing her studies.



Alex Salo

BSc (Hon): Immunology; UCT
Country of origin:
South Africa

Alex obtained the degree for which she was registered as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar with distinction, and went on to complete her MSc at the University of the Witwatersrand. She is currently pursuing doctoral studies at Emory in the United States in the field of Public Health on a Fulbright Scholarship.

STATISTICS ON THE 2008 SELECTION PROCESS

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation awarded 28 new Mandela Rhodes Scholarships for 2009, continuing the growth trajectory in Scholar numbers: up from 8 for 2005, 15 for 2006, 20 for 2007 and 23 in 2008. The Scholarships programme has since its inception met the targets set out in the expansion plan approved by the Board of Trustees. This plan is reviewed annually by the Board to take account of any changes in the fundraising environment, and the number of Scholarships for the following year is determined on this basis. While an increase of Scholars per year is still envisaged, in light of the global economic crisis this has needed revision toward a more conservative number going forward.

The Foundation records annual data from the selection process (which runs over seven months, from the initial nationwide call for nominations and roadshows, through institutional nominations and short-listing of these, to final interviews and selection), and analyses trends. The statistics for 2008 again show an encouraging pattern of general representivity. It is to be borne in mind that no 'quotas' are applied – suitably qualified candidates compete on merit alone.

Below we present the statistics for 2008, for comparison with those of 2007.

Nominated candidates

	For the year 2008		For the year 2009	
Number of institutions nominating	19		23	
Number of candidates nominated	82		122	

	For the year 2008			For the year 2009		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Gender	21 (62%)	13 (38%)	34	22 (55%)	18 (45%)	40
African	12	9	21 (62%)	17	8	25 (62%)
Coloured	2	1	3 (9%)		2	2 (5%)
Asian	1	1	2 (6%)	1	2	3 (8%)
White	6	2	8 (23%)	4	6	10 (25%)

Elected	For the year 2008			For the year 2009		
	Male	Female	Total	Male	Female	Total
Institutions			12			15
Gender	12 (52%)	11 (48%)	23	14 (50%)	14 (50%)	28
African	5	8	13 (56%)	11	6	17 (61%)
Coloured	1	1	2 (9%)		2	2 (7%)
Asian	1	1	2 (9%)	1	1	2 (7%)
White	5	1	6 (26%)	2	5	7 (25%)

Institution of origin

Western Cape	4	Western Cape	8
Eastern Cape	7	Eastern Cape	8
KwaZulu-Natal	4	KwaZulu-Natal	4
Gauteng	5	Gauteng	8
Limpopo	3		
South African citizens		15	21
Other African citizens		8	7
Average age of Scholars		22.6	22

Disciplines

Discipline	For the year 2008		Discipline	For the year 2009	
	No. of Scholars			No. of Scholars	
Social Science	8		Social Science	2	
Science	2		Science	6	
Humanities	6		Humanities	7	
Health	1		Health	2	
Commerce	3		Commerce	6	
Dramatic Arts	2		Dramatic Arts	3	
Law	1		Law	2	

INTRODUCING THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS 'CLASS OF 2009'



**Meagan
Adriaans**

University of the
Western Cape
Masters: English Literature



**Alinka
Brutsch**

Rhodes University
BA (Hon): Journalism



**Ingrid
Cloete**

Rhodes University
LLB (Hon): Law



**Rutendo
Dhlwayo**

University of Fort Hare
BCom (Hon): Economics



**Zilindile
Dlamini**

University of Zululand
BCom (Hon): Economics



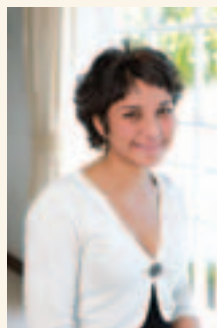
**Sicelo
Dlodla**

University of Zululand
BSc (Hon): Animal Nutrition



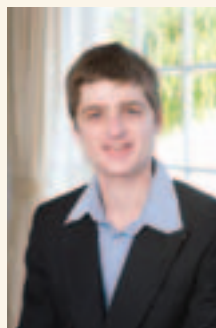
**Katherine
Furman**

Rhodes University
*Masters: African Philosophy
& Politics*



**Zerene
Haddad**

University of Cape Town
BA (Hon): History



**Christopher
Holdridge**

University of Cape Town
Masters: History



**Thembi
Lockett**

University of Cape Town
*Masters: Law – Social
Justice*



**Tsepang
Majara**

University of Fort Hare
*Masters: Counselling
Psychology*



**Hapiloe
Maranyane**

University of Cape Town
*Masters: Medical
Biochemistry*



**Masasa
Mbangeni**

University of the
Witwatersrand
BA (Hon): Dramatic Arts



**Osmond
Mlonyeni**

University of Pretoria
Masters: Genetics

INTRODUCING THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS 'CLASS OF 2009'



**Khanyisa
Mtombeni**

University of Cape Town
BCom (Hon): Finance



**Mark
Mutayoba**

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan
University
*BCom (Hon): Economics &
Business Management*



**Unnel-Teddy
Ngoumandjoka**

Monash
BSc (Hon): Computer



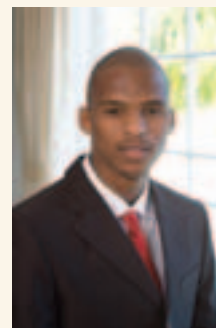
**Siziphiwe
Ngxabi**

University of Zululand
BCom (Hon): Economics



**Siyabulela
Nomoyi**

Rhodes University
*BSc (Hon): Statistics &
Mathematics*



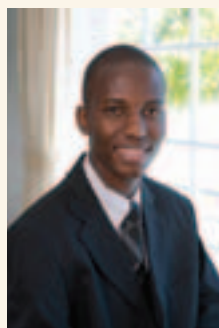
**Musa
Nzimande**

University of Cape Town
*BCom (Hon): Accounting &
Economics*



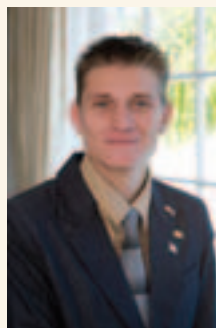
**Kershan
Pancham**

AFDA
*BA (Hon): Motion Picture
Directing*



**Elias
Phaahla**

University of the Stellenbosch
*Masters: International
Relations (Resource*



**Marius
Redelinghuys**

University of Pretoria
BA (Hon): Political Studies



**Aalyia
Sadruddin**

University of the
Witwatersrand
*BA (Hon): Anthropology,
Sociology & Demography*



**Saskia
Schiel**

AFDA
*BA (Hon): Motion Picture
Producing*



**Nothemba
Silwana**

Cape Peninsula University of
Technology
MTech: Chemistry



**Cano
Ssemakalu**

Vaal University of Technology
Masters: Biotechnology



**Obedient
Tshabalala**

Nelson Mandela Metropolitan
University
*BSc (Hon): Computer
Science*

THE FRIENDS OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION (USA)



Ian Glenday, President of the FOMRF (USA), presenting birthday wishes to Mr Mandela at Bishops court in Cape Town on 20 August 2008

The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA) can be contacted through the website www.fomrf.org. Donations can also be made via PayPal.

Postal address: PO Box 250538, New York, NY 10025

Directors:

*Ian Glenday, President
Mariette Geldenhuys, Secretary
Allison Gilmore, Treasurer
Danielle Fontaine
David Cohen
Richard Stengel*

The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA), Inc, is administered on a pro-bono basis by its directors, all of whom are Rhodes Scholars. The Foundation has no paid employees. Its expenses are limited to regulatory costs and the cost of annual mailing campaigns for fundraising purposes.

A MESSAGE FROM THE FOMRF

In honour of Mr Mandela, the Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA) and all its many donors were proud to mark the fifth year of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation with a grant by the Friends of its first endowed Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, to be awarded in 2009. We acknowledge with gratitude all our supporters who helped make this grant possible by giving generously during the campaign celebrating Mr Mandela's 90th birthday in 2008.

On 20 August, 2008, following Mr Mandela's 90th birthday celebrations, a unique facility for the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships was inaugurated in Cape Town. The Bishops court facility will host various leadership activities of the Mandela Rhodes Scholars, and is already serving as the base for the annual interviews conducted by the Selection Committee. A \$1.5 million grant from the Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation supported the establishment and operation of this project.

The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation has also supported the following projects in previous years:

- In 2006, a grant in the amount of \$118 000 was awarded to the Mandela Rhodes Foundation's Scholarships programme in South Africa.
- In 2007, a grant in the amount of \$35 000 was awarded to The Mandela Rhodes Foundation to help in the establishment of the Community of Mandela Rhodes Scholars (CMRS – the alumni network for the Mandela Rhodes Scholars).
- Recently The Friends made a follow-up grant of \$12 000 to continue the support of CMRS operations. The ability of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation to maintain active involvement and contributions from Mandela Rhodes Scholars once they graduate is a crucial element of the success of the leadership-building undertaking.

We wish all at The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, and all the Mandela Rhodes Scholars, every success in the continuing endeavours in this important work for Africa.

Ian Glenday
President
Friends of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA)
Washington DC

MESSAGES FROM DONORS ESTABLISHING NEW MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS

A MESSAGE FROM THE LEVERHULME TRUST

'Find young people of high talent, encourage the development of their abilities, and instil in them a sense of responsibility towards their fellow beings; this is the surest way to guarantee the strength and well-being of the wider community.'

This was a central belief of William Lever throughout his life. How fitting therefore that the Leverhulme Trust, established as part of his legacy, has now the opportunity to share in the work of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.

The aspirations of the Foundation and the Trust are in the happiest of resonance; the target itself remains as crucial and challenging as it ever was. We can be confident that it will remain so.



Professor Sir Richard Brook
Director
The Leverhulme Trust
United Kingdom

A MESSAGE FROM OXFORD UNIVERSITY PRESS SA

It is a great privilege for Oxford University Press and in particular, Oxford University Press Southern Africa, to be associated with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. As a department of Oxford University, with its close association with the Rhodes Trust and Scholarships and our continued involvement with the funding of the Clarendon Scholarships, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation partnership is an extension of the Press's vision to further education, research and scholarship around the world.

OUP is committed to transformation and empowerment in South Africa and we believe that our innovative partnership with the MRF goes right to the heart of the spirit of transformation by investing in people who will be the future leaders of our country to create an even better South Africa. We are proud to be able to play a role in such a fundamental way.



Lieze Kotze
Managing Director
OUP Southern Africa
South Africa

A MESSAGE FROM ABSA

Through its work across many rural and disadvantaged communities in South Africa, the Absa Foundation aims to be the preferred partner in growing South Africa's prosperity and contributing to nation-building. It is therefore a privilege for the Barclays/Absa family to be in partnership with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. To The Mandela Rhodes Foundation we say this is a journey of a million steps and we look forward to contributing toward promoting the principles of leadership, education, entrepreneurship and reconciliation.



Ms Mihloti Mathye
General Manager
Absa Corporate Social Investment
South Africa

A MESSAGE FROM THE HUNTER FOUNDATION

Leadership is the key to Africa's future and this programme plays a crucial role in developing the leaders of tomorrow from Africa for Africa. Anyone serious about supporting leadership in Africa should take a very hard look at funding this scholarship programme. Once more Madiba and his dedicated team are leading the way for Africa's successful future.



Sir Tom Hunter
Chairman
The Hunter Foundation
United Kingdom

A MESSAGE FROM 46664

In terms of achieving its own goals, 46664 was delighted to be in a position to support the work of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation in identifying and nurturing the next generations of young African leaders, distinguished by their excellence and their ethics.



Mr Tim Massey
International Director
46664
United Kingdom

DONORS SUPPORTING PROGRAMMES AND OPERATIONS; PREFERRED SUPPLIERS

- PROVINCIAL GOVERNMENT OF THE WESTERN CAPE
- FRIENDS OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION (USA)
- ROYAL EMBASSY OF NORWAY
- ANGLO AMERICAN CHAIRMAN'S FUND
- DE BEERS
- LOUIS VUITTON
- Mandela Rhodes Place
- Interpark South Africa
- West City Precinct Properties (Pty Ltd)
- Compass Travel
- Individual Rhodes Scholars
- Individual Donors

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- Lionel Murray Schwormstedt & Louw
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HOW TO DONATE

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation welcomes donations from those who would like to support its work, according to their means. Please see the MRF's full contact details on the inside back cover of this Yearbook for guidance on how to get in direct touch with the Foundation. Any enquiries about donating, for example on the tax-exempt status of the Foundation Trust, or gifts to be made from other countries, are welcomed and we ask you to make direct contact with our General Manager Donovan Brinders, either through the general contacts of the MRF or at e-mail address: donovan@mandelarhodes.org.za

For those wishing to make donations of amounts not in excess of 10 000 South African Rands (or the equivalent amount in other currencies), it is possible to make a direct deposit for the benefit of the Foundation as per the following bank account details:

Bank name: Nedbank
Account holder: The Mandela Rhodes Foundation
Branch/Address: Corporate Services Cape Town (Waterfront)
Republic of South Africa
Branch Code: 145-209
Account No.: 1452 028 060
SWIFT Code: NEDSZAJJ

ANNUAL FINANCIAL RESULTS 2008



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THE MANDELA RHODES FINANCIAL RESULTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

This is an abridged version of the financial statements for the 12 months ended in December 2008, audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers. Full statements are available from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation on request. Financial statements for 2008 have been available since March 2009.

TRUST INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

Life patron:	Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela
Chairperson:	Prof Gert Johannes Gerwel
Chief executive officer:	Shaun Athol Johnson
Business address:	The Mandela Rhodes Building 150 St Georges Mall Cape Town, 8001
Postal address:	PO Box 15897 Vlaeberg, 8018 Cape Town South Africa
Bankers:	Nedbank Limited
Investment managers:	BoE Private Clients
Attorneys:	Lionel Murray Schwormstedt & Louw
Auditors:	PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc Chartered Accountants (SA) Registered Accountants and Auditors Cape Town
Trustees:	Mandela Nominees Gert Johannes Gerwel Yvonne Mokgoro Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka Njabulo Ndebele Rhodes Nominees William Arthur Waldegrave Robert Fellowes Colin Lucas Julian Ogilvie Thompson

STATEMENT OF TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of adequate accounting records and the preparation and integrity of the financial statements and the related information. The auditors are responsible for reporting on the fair presentation of the financial statements. The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice.

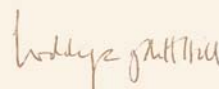
The Trustees are also responsible for the Foundation's system of internal financial control. These controls are designed to provide reasonable, but not absolute, assurance as to the reliability of the financial statements, and to adequately safeguard, verify and maintain accountability of assets, and to prevent and detect misstatement and loss. Nothing has come to the attention of the Trustees to indicate that any material breakdown in the functioning of these controls, procedures and system has occurred during the year under review.

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation, integrity and fair presentation of the financial statements of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust. The financial statements presented on pages 66 to 68 have been prepared in accordance with South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting practice, and include amounts based on judgements and estimates made by management.

The financial statements have been prepared on the going concern basis, since the Trustees have every reason to believe that the Foundation has adequate resources in place to continue in operation for the foreseeable future.

The independent auditing firm PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc., which was given unrestricted access to all financial records and related data, including minutes of all meetings of members, has audited the annual financial statements. The Trustees believe that all representations made to the independent auditors during their audit were valid and appropriate. PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.'s audit report is presented in the independent auditors' report.

The financial statements were approved on 27 March 2009 by the Trustees.



Trustee



Trustee



Trustee

REPORT OF THE INDEPENDENT AUDITOR TO THE TRUSTEES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION TRUST

The summarised financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust set out on pages 65 to 68 have been derived from the annual financial statements, prepared in accordance with South African Statements of Generally Accepted Accounting Practice, of the Trust for the year ended 31 December 2008. We have audited the annual financial statements in accordance with statements of International Standards on Auditing. In our report dated 15 May 2009, we expressed an opinion that the financial statements, from which the summarised financial statements were derived, were fairly presented, in all material respects, except that, as in common with similar organisations, it is not feasible for the organisation to institute accounting controls over cash collections from donations prior to the initial entry of the collections in the accounting records. Accordingly, it was impracticable for us to extend our examination beyond the receipts actually recorded.

Audit opinion

In our opinion, the accompanying summarised financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the annual financial statements from which they were derived and on which we expressed a qualified opinion as referred to in the preceding paragraph.

For a better understanding of the scope of our audit and Trust's financial position, the results of its operations and cash flows for the period, the summarised financial statements should be read in conjunction with our audit report included in the annual financial statements from which the summarised financial statements were derived.



PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.
Director: EJ Carelse
Registered Auditor
Cape Town
15 May 2009

TRUSTEES' REPORT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

1. Nature of activities

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust was established on 9 June 2002 as a joint initiative between Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and the Rhodes Trustees (hereinafter jointly referred to as 'the Founders').

The Founders wish to contribute to the development of exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. This objective shall be advanced through the development and implementation of the various Mandela Rhodes Programmes more fully described in the Strategy Plan approved by the Trustees in February 2004.

In line with the strategic growth plan referred to above, the number of the Mandela Rhodes elected annually has grown as follows: 8 in 2005; 15 in 2006; 20 in 2007; 23 in 2008 and 28 in 2009. In addition to the annually selected Scholars, the Foundation funds Scholars who are on a Masters programme and their Scholarships are carried over from the previous year. Costs have therefore increased in line with the strategic growth plan approved by the Trustees and reviewed annually.

2. Financial results

The financial results of the Foundation for the year can be summarised as follows:

	2008 R	2007 R
Donations received	57 933 717	11 456 347
Programme funding	9 767 271	4 304 000
Rent received	425 126	400 396
Sundry income	–	12 789
Finance income	11 712 623	4 777 879
Total income	79 838 737	20 951 411
Total expenses	(14 982 485)	(10 622 958)
Finance expenses	(4 285)	(3 574)
Net surplus for the year	64 851 967	10 324 879

The Foundation continued to receive the annual benefaction from the Rhodes Trust. An amount of £1 000 000 (R14 762 100) was received for the year ending 31 December 2008 (2007: £1 000 000 (R13 937 325)).

Substantial donations were also received from: The Hunter Foundation, The Leverhulme Trust, Unilever, The Royal Norwegian Embassy, ABSA Bank Limited, 46664, The Nelson Mandela Legacy Trust (UK), as well as other donors.

3. Trustees

The Trustees at 31 December 2008 were:

THE MANDELA NOMINEES

Gert Johannes Gerwel	Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Yvonne Mokgoro	Njabulo Ndebele

THE RHODES NOMINEES

William Arthur Waldegrave	Robert Fellowes
Colin Lucas	Julian Ogilvie Thompson

The Executive Committee at 31 December 2008 were:

Gert Johannes Gerwel (Chairman)	Shaun Athol Johnson
Julian Ogilvie Thompson	Njabulo Ndebele
William Waldegrave	

The Remuneration Committee at 31 December 2008 were:

Gert Johannes Gerwel (Chairman)	Julian Ogilvie Thompson
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The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee at 31 December 2008 were:

Mustaq Brey (Chairman)	Tim Cumming
Gert Johannes Gerwel	Julian Ogilvie Thompson

The Investment Committee at 31 December 2008 were:

Tim Cumming (Chairman)	Gert Johannes Gerwel
Shaun Athol Johnson	Julian Ogilvie Thompson

4. Material events after year-end

No matter which is material to the financial affairs has occurred between the balance sheet date and the date of approval of the annual financial statements.

5. Trustees' interest in contracts

No material contracts in which Trustees have an interest were entered into.

6. Auditors

Trustees have approved that PricewaterhouseCoopers will continue in office.

Chairperson of the Trust
27 March 2009

BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 R	2007 R
ASSETS		
Non-current assets		
Property and equipment	12 799 832	4 828 633
Intangible assets	18 442	73 767
	12 818 274	4 902 400
Current assets		
Receivables and prepayments	331 633	471 241
Cash and cash equivalents	142 537 766	85 164 546
	142 869 399	85 635 787
Total assets	155 687 673	90 538 187
EQUITY AND LIABILITIES		
Capital and reserves		
Trust fund	6 728 943	6 728 943
Rhodes Endowment reserve	62 050 307	50 788 207
Other Endowment reserve	39 399 458	–
Property Endowment reserve	12 437 356	4 360 000
Property Maintenance reserve	11 688 544	–
Accumulated surplus	14 740 032	5 553 423
	147 044 640	67 430 573
Current liabilities		
Donations received in advance	7 311 718	22 260 039
Payables	1 331 315	847 575
	8 643 033	23 107 614
Total equity and liabilities	155 687 673	90 538 187

INCOME STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 R	2007 R
REVENUE	68 126 114	16 160 743
Donations received	57 933 717	11 456 347
Programme funding	9 767 271	4 304 000
Rent received	425 126	400 396
Sundry income	–	12 789
Operating expenses	(14 982 485)	(10 622 958)
Finance income	11 712 623	4 777 879
OPERATING SURPLUS	64 856 252	10 328 453
Finance expense	(4 285)	(3 574)
SURPLUS FOR THE YEAR	64 851 967	10 324 879

CASH FLOW STATEMENT

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2008

	2008 R	2007 R
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash generated in operations	39 040 045	27 773 460
Interest expense	(4 285)	(3 574)
Interest income	11 712 623	4 777 879
Net cash generated in operating activities	50 748 383	32 547 765
Cash flow from investing activities		
Acquisition of property, plant and equipment	(8 146 335)	(144 714)
Proceeds on sale of equipment	9 072	–
Net cash utilised in investing activities	(8 137 263)	(144 714)
Cash flow from financing activities		
Rhodes Trust	14 762 100	13 937 325
Net cash generated from financing activities	14 762 100	13 937 325
Net increase in cash and cash equivalents	57 373 220	46 340 376
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of year	85 164 546	38 824 170
Cash and cash equivalents at end of year	142 537 766	85 164 546

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