

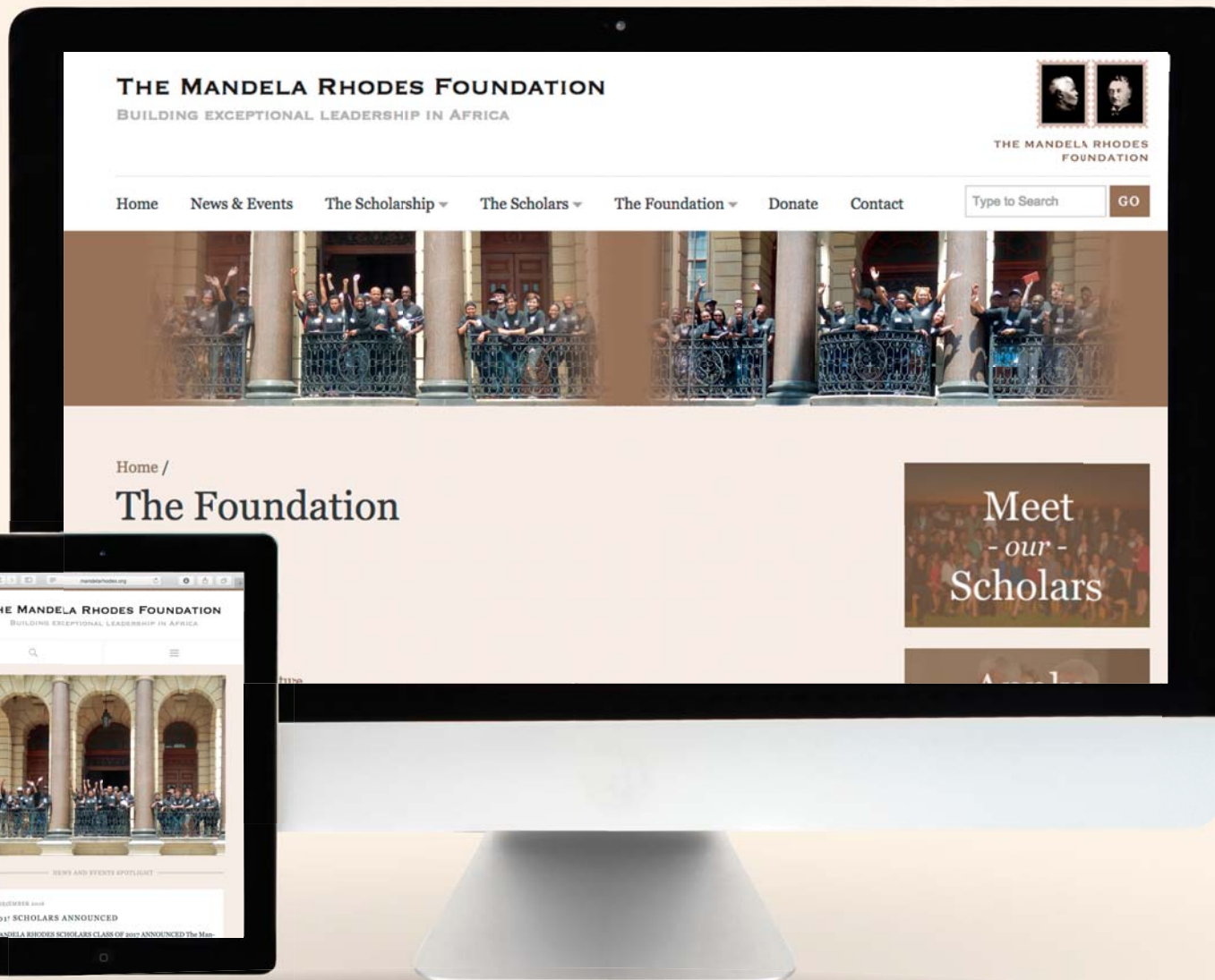


THE MANDELA RHODES
FOUNDATION

YEARBOOK
2017

BUILDING EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP IN AFRICA





This Yearbook focusses on the experience of the Class of 2017 Mandela Rhodes Scholars, and the wider activities of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation during the year. In addition, it introduces the Class of 2018 Mandela Rhodes Scholars. Information and updates on all other Classes, as well as further details regarding the various sections of this Yearbook are available on our website. We encourage stakeholders to read this Yearbook in conjunction with links on:

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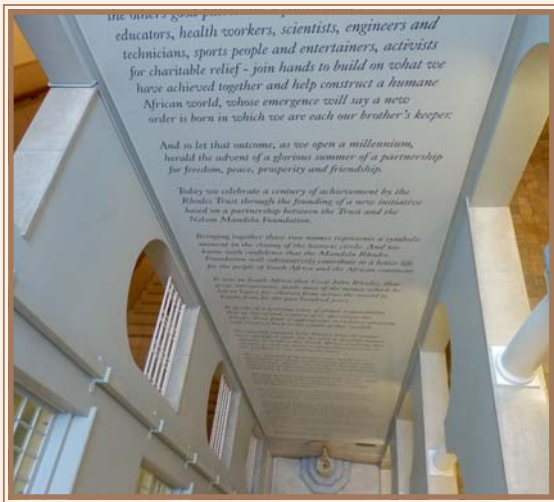


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From the strategy plan of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation:



'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.'



THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS CLASS OF 2017



A Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is much more than a bursary. The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are the flagship programme of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, a partnership between the late Mr Nelson Mandela and the Rhodes Trust, brought into being in 2003. A Scholarship constitutes a leadership development opportunity that we believe to be unique on the African continent. Though the costs of Scholars are generously covered during their period of study, of equal importance are the leadership development components attached to the Scholarships programme.

Young Africans who show academic prowess as well as broader leadership potential are elected to Mandela Rhodes Scholarships after a rigorous nomination and selection process.

They are given the opportunity to complete a postgraduate degree at Honours or Masters level (or their equivalents), while simultaneously participating in a customised leadership development programme devised for each Class.

On page 6 of this Yearbook we set out *The Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar*, which guide the application and selection process. The Terms and Conditions attached to the Scholarships may be viewed on our website.

On pages 19 to 44 we introduce more fully the 445 young Africans who make up the first 14 Classes, with special emphasis on the Class of 2017.

OUR GROWING FOOTPRINT IN AFRICA



‘THE CENTRAL PURPOSE OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION IS TO BUILD EXCEPTIONAL LEADERSHIP CAPACITY IN AFRICA.’

– NELSON ROLIHLEHLA MANDELA

AFRICAN FOOTPRINT

- Botswana
- Cameroon
- Democratic Republic of Congo
- Côte D'Ivoire
- Egypt
- Ethiopia
- Gabon
- Ghana
- Kenya
- Lesotho
- Malawi
- Mauritius
- Mozambique
- Namibia
- Nigeria
- Rwanda
- Seychelles
- South Africa
- Sudan
- Swaziland
- Tanzania
- Togo
- Uganda
- Zambia
- Zimbabwe

A MESSAGE FROM THE MRF CHAIR



As you will see from even the most cursory browse through this Yearbook, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation had another very busy – and very productive – year in 2017.

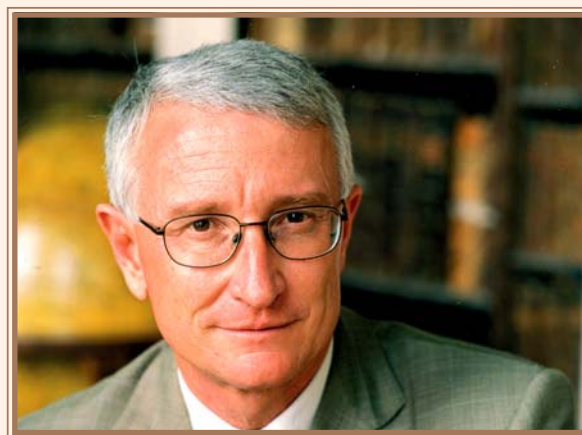
This applies especially to our flagship Scholarships Programme, which has achieved a scale that puts it among the world's foremost. But as proud as we are of the exponential annual growth in numbers, it is the quality of the offering to young potential African leaders from which we derive the most pleasure. I encourage you to read the testimonies of the Scholars themselves to get a sense of the impact their time in residence has had on their lives.

This Yearbook speaks for itself in surveying the broader MRF landscape of 2017, and I do not need to repeat its highlights. But from my position as Chair I do wish to heartily thank my colleagues on the Board of Trustees, the Chairs and members of our Sub-Committees (Executive, Finance/Audit/Risk, Investment, and Remuneration) for another year of sterling work behind the scenes. (See page 5.) It is this work that enables the visible elements of the MRF to shine. I record a special welcome to our newest Trustee Janet Kabiru, who has already made a tremendous contribution.

In conclusion I would like to note that while this Yearbook closes off another highly successful year in the life of this Mandela legacy organisation, it also prefigures a momentous one ahead for us and our sister organisations, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund. July 18 2018 will mark the 100th anniversary of Nelson Mandela's birth and this milestone will in many (happy) ways dominate our year. My best wishes to all.

Professor NS Ndebele, Chair
The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, Cape Town

A MESSAGE FROM THE RHODES TRUST



It is a source of great pleasure to note that 2017 marked the 14th year of our partnership in the form of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. The MRF has been an adornment to the Rhodes Trust since its inception at the time of our centenary in 2003, and continues to stretch itself and extend its achievements each year. I thank my colleague and our MRF Chair Professor Njabulo Ndebele, as well as all Trustees and supporters, for their expert and selfless contributions.

I am pleased to report that the year under review was also an extraordinarily good one for the Rhodes Trust. As many of you will know from the announcements from Rhodes House, there has been tremendous progress – in terms of both financial sustainability and geographical expansion – under the leadership of the Warden, Rhodes Scholar Charles Conn (Massachusetts & Balliol 1983).

It is appropriate I think for me to recognise in this space the role that Charles has played for the Rhodes Trust (and also, importantly, as a committed and enthusiastic Trustee of the MRF), as he will be stepping down from the Wardenship in July 2018 to move on to new ventures. His successor is Elizabeth Kiss, also a Rhodes Scholar (Virginia & Balliol 1983), and the first woman to occupy the post.

It was also a delight for the Rhodes Trust to applaud the appointment of Rhodes Scholar Janet Kabiru (Kenya & St Hilda's 1995) as a Trustee of the MRF. Janet is, among her many other involvements and accomplishments, the National Secretary of the Rhodes Scholarships in Kenya.

Finally, I hope our partners were as thrilled as we were that in 2017 Oxford was ranked the best university in the world!

Sir John Hood, Chairman
Rhodes Trust, Oxford

A REVIEW OF 2017 BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR



The year under review was another most memorable one for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation – the 14th in our short life thus far – not least because of the quality of the Class of 2017 Mandela Rhodes Scholars, our largest ever.

There is a detailed report on the Scholarships Programme's year on page 17 of this Yearbook, and I commend it as a worthwhile read for all who maintain an interest in our work to fulfill our late Patron Nelson Mandela's stirring mandate to us: Build exceptional leadership in Africa.

Madiba's injunction right at the outset was that this initiative, while South Africa-based, should benefit all young Africans with leadership potential. Remembering that particular conversation with him I feel very proud when looking at the 'growing footprint' map on page 3. I can just imagine him flashing that famous smile, saying he was delighted with the progress ... 'but what about the other countries?'

By 2017 we had Scholars selected from 24 African countries and, as my colleagues doubtless tire of hearing, it is my personal dream that every country on our continent will soon be reached in terms of making the Mandela Rhodes opportunity known.

I hope you enjoy Yearbook 2017, and especially pages 19 to 29, where the Scholars themselves, in their own words, describe the experience of their time 'in residence'. We could not hope to put it better. I hope you will also be excited to meet, on pages 30 to 37, the Class of 2018. It is their great honour to be the Scholars in residence in the year that marks the 100th anniversary of the birth of their Patron.

Shaun Johnson, Executive Director
The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, Cape Town

THE MANDELA RHODES TRUSTEES, COMMITTEES AND STAFF

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation is a charitable trust with the registration number IT5 164/2003. 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 49 to 57 of this Yearbook.



Members of the Board of Trustees pictured at the Mandela Rhodes Building, Cape Town in May 2017. Back, from left to right: Mr Charles Conn, Mr Shaun Johnson (Executive Director), Justice Yvonne Mokgoro, Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson. Front: Mr John McCall MacBain, Dr Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka, Professor Njabulo Ndebele (Chair), Mrs Janet Kabiru and Mr Achmat Dangor.

Apologies were received from Trustees Sir John Hood and Dr Mo Ibrahim



The MRF team pictured in 2017. From left: Ernst Gerber (Operations Director), Tim Cumming (Development & Projects Manager), Coralie Valentyn (Programme Associate), Shirley Naidu (Bishopscourt Manager), Shaun Johnson (Executive Director), Gigi Edross-Jeppie (Executive Assistant & Programme Officer), Shivon Philand (Accountant), Professor Njabulo Ndebele (Chair), Julia Brown (Executive Assistant & HR Officer) and Pam Barron (Programme Officer & Property Manager). Deputy Executive Director Judy Sikuza was unable to attend the lunch.

For biographical detail on Trustees, Committees and staff, please go to www.mandelarhodes.org and click on 'The Foundation'.

THE MANDELA RHODES COMMITTEES



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Professor NS Ndebele (Chair)

Sir John Hood
 Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
 Mr Shaun Johnson



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

Mr Tim Cumming
 Mr Julian Ogilvie Thompson
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Professor NS Ndebele
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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.

YOUNG AFRICAN, aspire to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.

Composed by the MRF's founding Executive Director, including extracts from the speeches and writings of Nelson Mandela, and the Will of Cecil John Rhodes. Adopted by the Trustees of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, Cape Town, South Africa, 2005



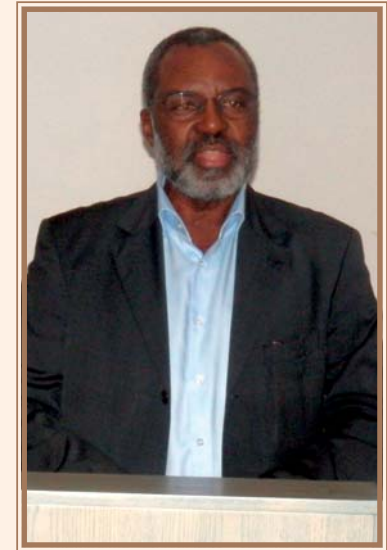
MILESTONES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION 2017

The Class of 2017 Mandela Rhodes Scholars was the 13th cohort since 2005. The Class was talented and diverse as in previous years and was the largest to date. The Scholars were divided into two groups to accommodate the growing numbers for the Introductory and Mid-year Workshops, and were brought together for the Completion Workshop at the end of the year. The workshops are designed around the Mandela Rhodes principles of Reconciliation, Education, Entrepreneurship and Leadership. The pages that follow give a pictorial account of the Class of 2017's year in residence.

JANUARY

THE INTRODUCTORY WORKSHOP

The two groups gathered for the first time in Cape Town for the Introductory Workshop over a two-week period in January. The workshop was facilitated by MRF Deputy Executive Director Judy Sikuza (MRS SA & NMMU 2007), assisted by the MRF team, expert service providers and MR Alumni. The keynote speakers were Mrs Janet Kabiru, National Secretary of the Rhodes Scholarships in Kenya and Dr Nkosana Moyo, an economist and former Zimbabwe Minister of Industry and International Trade. Scholars visited the Mandela Rhodes Building and Groote Schuur as part of their experiences.



MILESTONES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION 2017

DECEMBER/JANUARY

MEDIA INTEREST IN MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS

The receiving institutions and the media showed great interest in Mandela Rhodes Scholars in 2017 and gave the Scholars significant coverage. Tertiary institutions across South Africa have become enthusiastic supporters of the MRF and are keen to have as many Mandela Rhodes Scholars as possible. The increasing media coverage indicates the growing recognition of the prestige of the Scholarship and the calibre of the young people it is attracting.



Jong digter 'verskalk' haar leser behoorlik

Dit is lanklaas dat Afrikaans 'n digter gelewer het wat in haar twintigerjare met soveel belofte 'n buiging maak, skryf **Charl-Pierre Naudé**.

Radbraak
Jolyn Phillips
HUMAN & ROUSSEAU, RIBO

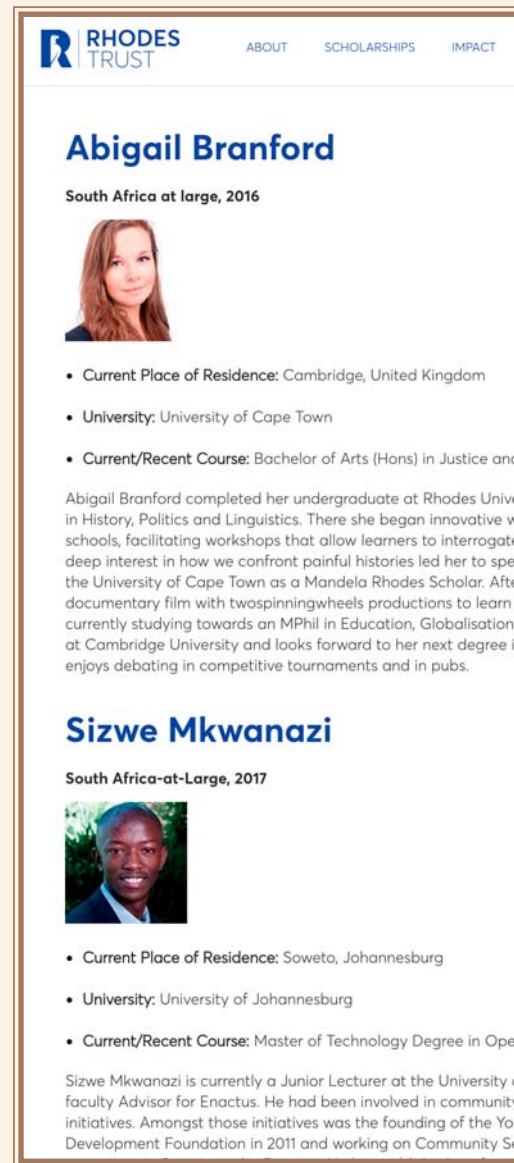
Die digter Jolyn Phillips (27) debuut met een van die interessantste digbundels in Jare. Sy skryf oor die visserslewe van die omgewing van haar klein dorp, Gansbaai. Die liefde en persoonlike vertwyfeling vermeng in die palet; en hoopvol gedigte handel oor die verryding van waardes – misdad en gruwels – wat soms aangereef word in gemeenskappe wat deur historiese en sosiale kragte geskend is.

Die samehang van tematiek en vormgewing val deurgaans op. Die soms besonder kreatiewe taalverbroekeling eggo die temas van sosiale, persoonlike en gesinsverbroekeling, en die gedigte gee – op 'n verdere vlak – afkykings van aensings oor menslikheid en haar land wat die werklikheid, en selfs wenslikheid, van hierdie verbroekeling versterk.

Die bundel toon sodoende – nie sonder insinking van cliché en rymriem, hier en daar nie – 'n baie treffende poetikaal-tema-pretasie in 'n tradisiel, wat deur Breytenbach, Krug en Van Niekerk loop. Die Afrikaanse taalmaat verleen homself tot hierdie soort eksperiment.

Die "verbroekelingsmotief" van Phillips se poësie is – parallel aan een van die bundel se konstantes: die vertelstelsel identiteite, byvoorbeeld, is uiters belangrik en wys op 'n nuwe, maar soms in een godig af ("Drietjies en Dawetjies se betredings").


Die 'n digterskap wat taatsig in maar terselfertyd opvallende digkonvensies (soo, die Verwagte dig-



RHODES TRUST ABOUT SCHOLARSHIPS IMPACT

Abigail Branford

South Africa at large, 2016




- Current Place of Residence: Cambridge, United Kingdom
- University: University of Cape Town
- Current/Recent Course: Bachelor of Arts (Hons) in Justice and

Abigail Branford completed her undergraduate at Rhodes University in History, Politics and Linguistics. There she began innovative we schools, facilitating workshops that allow learners to interrogate deep interest in how we confront painful histories led her to spend the University of Cape Town as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. After documentary film with twospinningwheels productions to learn r currently studying towards an MPhil in Education, Globalisation e at Cambridge University and looks forward to her next degree in enjoys debating in competitive tournaments and in pubs.

Sizwe Mkwazi

South Africa-at-Large, 2017



- Current Place of Residence: Soweto, Johannesburg
- University: University of Johannesburg
- Current/Recent Course: Master of Technology Degree in Oper

Sizwe Mkwazi is currently a Junior Lecturer at the University of faculty Advisor for Enactus. He had been involved in community initiatives. Amongst those initiatives was the founding of the You Development Foundation in 2011 and working on Community Ser



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TSiBA Produces 8th Mandela Rhodes Scholar

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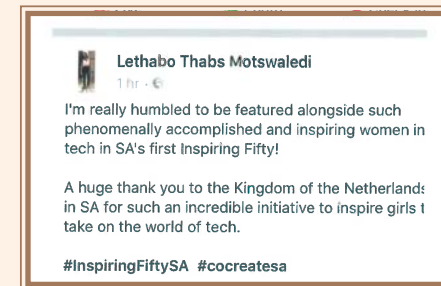
"Being a recipi- scholarships / has been noth- not enough to- thank as thos- possible". Tsinahle

Early November we meet the 8th Scholarship age, shortlisted from next week over to tell us the incre- prestigious Mar- real year.

Tsinahle is cur- Administration (last week of hi- His graduation, SRC Chair and begin this new

congratulating Tsinahle on receiving this honour.

Tsinahle is TSiBA's 8th Mandela Rhodes Scholar in the 8 years TSiBA has gradu- Administration degree. He is also the 14th to receive a prestigious scholarship as awarded youth scholarships to study our enriched programmes focusing on Lead-



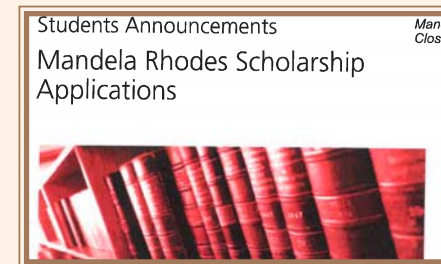
Lethabo Thabs Motswaledi

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I'm really humbled to be featured alongside such phenomenally accomplished and inspiring women in tech in SA's first Inspiring Fifty!

A huge thank you to the Kingdom of the Netherlands in SA for such an incredible initiative to inspire girls to take on the world of tech.


#InspiringFiftySA #cocreatesa



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Mandela Rhodes Scholarship Applications

Mandla Cloosi



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Candice Thikeson
Art historian

Twitter @CandiceThikeson

A deep expertise in art history makes Candice Thikeson (25) a sought-after woman in the arts world. She has opened a number of exhibitions for internationally acclaimed artists such as Wilma Cruise and Mohau Modisakeng, and frequently advises museums on their artistic content.

She's a full-time lecturer at the University of the Free State's department of art history and image studies, and is the first black woman to be employed in that department. She serves on the Fractal Contemporary Arts Forum, which works with Ollivierhuis Art Museum and the National Museum in Bloemfontein to support upcoming artists and small businesses through various experts and projects. She's also a member of the Johannes Stegmann Art Gallery's advisory committee, influencing the management of the gallery and its new art acquisitions.

Another role sees her judging the Phatsoane Henney New Breed Art Competition run by Phatsoane Henney Attorney. The competition aims to uncover talented artists in the Free State and provides broad exposure to showcase contemporary art from the province, she says.

At one stage Thikeson was planning to be an artist herself, as she enrolled for a degree in fine arts. "My love for reading art history and philosophy books soon outweighed my desire to become a painter. I also realised that there were very few art historians in South Africa, and I knew I could make a great contribution to the field," she says.

She gained an honours degree in art history and visual culture studies, completing part of her studies at the University of Groningen in the Netherlands.

"I spent much of my student years tutoring other students, working in the Willem Boshoff and Visual Archive, and working as an academic writing consultant at the Centre for Teaching and Learning at the University of the Free State," she says.

Her research has earned her scholarships including the Innovation Masters Scholarship from the National Research Foundation, the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship from the Mandela Rhodes Foundation and the Absa Bailey Travel Bursary, which sends South Africans committed to community service on educational and cultural tours of the UK.

She is working towards a master's degree with her research centred on the artist Zanele Muholi. Berni Searle, Penny Slopi and Diane Victor, focusing on how their fascination with staining processes make comments on the everyday experiences of South African women.

— Lesley Stone

Sheena Talma, first Seychellois Mandela Rhodes scholar

17 December 2016



Sheena Talma is the first ever Seychellois to be accepted into the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship Programme offered by the Mandela Rhodes Foundation located in South Africa.

Talma, 26, will join the scholarship's thirteenth cohort for the year 2017 along with other successful applicants from all over Africa where she will complete her Masters in Ichthyology and Fisheries.

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship was launched in 2003 and offers selected scholars the opportunity to pursue their post-graduate degrees – either in Honours or Masters – as well as a customised leadership development programme.

The scholarship is open to citizens in all African countries between the ages of 19 and 30 and prides itself in being a world class programme centered on building exceptional leadership capacity in Africa.

To be considered as a recipient an applicant must have demonstrated strong academic performances along with leadership qualities and entrepreneurial spirit.

Kerry Capstick Dale Student Leadership Award: Richard Burman




The Kerry Capstick Dale Student Leadership Award is given annually to a UCT student who, by virtue of the time they dedicate to the confines of the lecture theatre, enriches the life of UCT. The awardee must display an "enlightened approach to life, generosity and must advance the ideals of the UCT mission statement."

This year's winner, Richard Burman, fulfils those criteria. He is a medical student who is studying for an MBChB and a master's of biochemistry. His master's research focuses on mechanisms underlying prolonged seizure states, with a hope of correlating both perspectives.

Burman has already won myriad awards and scholarships, including a Mandela-Rhodes Scholarship in 2015 and a School of Child Continuing Medical Education research award in 2014.

Siyanda and Natalya Bag Mandela Rhodes Scholarships

15 DECEMBER 2016 BY ALAN STEWART



Two Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University (NMMU) students have joined a host of university students who have bagged the coveted Mandela Rhodes Scholarships for their 2017 postgraduate studies.

KwaZulu-born Siyanda Qobo, 23, will be pursuing a Masters in Industrial and Organisational Psychology, while Natalya Apoko, also 23, will be pursuing a BCom Honours in Economics.

The pair went through a rigorous selection process that saw more than 8500 registrations of interest whittled down to only 52 students from all over the African continent.

"What is encouraging with the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship for me is that unlike most scholarships I know of, it goes beyond merely fulfilling financial obligations," Siyanda said.

"As scholars in residence, we are hosted to workshops that help us identify with the scholarship's pillars – leadership, education, reconciliation and entrepreneurship, which help us tie into our leadership capacity. This is important because we are being prepared to orientate our life and career goals towards the betterment of the African continent."

Apoko said she looks forward to meeting great people, as the whole experience would broaden her perspective on life.

"I am thankful for being given an opportunity to learn from other African leaders. The knowledge I gain will help me grow as a person, and I will in turn use that knowledge to help grow Africa," she said.


The Mandela Rhodes Foundation aims to build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa by offering fully funded scholarships for Honours and Masters studies. This includes a year long leadership development programme based on the Foundation's four principles – leadership, education, reconciliation and entrepreneurship.

Among the stringent criteria applicants should meet is a history of academic results that are well above average as well as traits that reflect commitment to the four principles.

In addition to covering tuition and study material costs, the scholarship will provide allowances for accommodation and meals, travel, medical aid and a personal allowance.

Siyanda and Natalya join a host of NMMU students who were recipients of the scholarship.


NMMU Alumna and 2007 Mandela Rhodes Scholar Judy Sikusa made history last year as the first Mandela Rhodes Scholar to hold a senior position at the Foundation, where she was later appointed Programme Director.




GOOD HOPE PROJECT JULY 10, 2017 **PREMIUM**

From the Cape Flats to legal success: Andrew Gasnolar's inspiring story

JOHANNESBURG — The story of *Andrew Gasnolar*, a young attorney in Cape Town, is a truly inspiring one, a reminder of the incredible potential South Africa has with people such as him. Gasnolar was born on the Cape Flats, an area that even today is struggling with social problems that it inherited from Apartheid. Despite all the challenges in front of him, Gasnolar put in incredibly long hours to put himself through law school. Today, he is top attorney who seeks to use his skills to fight for social justice. He's also a recipient of the renowned *Mandela Rhodes Scholarship*, a regular writer for the likes of *Daily Maverick*, a Washington Fellow, and his journey led to briefly work for political party *Agang* under the leadership of *Dr Mamphela Ramphele*. He has strong views on civil society and the role his profession plays in fighting for goodwill in society. In this interview, he goes on to explain his life journey and the challenges he went through to get to where he is today. — *Gareth van Zyl*



Most Outstanding Team in Social Responsiveness: SHAWCO Health Steering Committee



SHAWCO Health provides mobile clinic services to bring medical help to some 4 000 patients in impoverished communities who primarily have little access to healthcare. They run two clinics every evening in Simbhandile, Du Noon, Brown's Farm, Joe Slovo, Masepumele, Noordhoek and Bellville, as well as regular specialist clinics in more areas. All clinics were fully stocked with the relevant medicines.

SHAWCO Health also initiated two-week long trips to rural areas to lend medical assistance. The clinics also featured screenings for mental health, a sorely under-

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FEBRUARY

BRITISH HIGH COMMISSIONER'S RECEPTION

MRF Executives and Western Cape-based Mandela Rhodes Scholars were invited to a reception at the British High Commissioner's residence in Bishops Court to celebrate the opening of Parliament. Scholars across the years mingled with influential guests from various sectors.



MARCH

RHODES TRUST RETREAT

Deputy Executive Director Judy Sikuza was invited to attend the Rhodes Trust leadership retreat as a moderator. This is an annual event at which the MRF has been present for a number of consecutive years.



MARCH

VISIT TO LEVERHULME TRUST

The Deputy Executive Director had the opportunity to meet with the leadership of The Leverhulme Trust while on her trip to Oxford. The visit coincided with the opening of the application process for the Leverhulme Mandela Rhodes Doctoral Scholarships.



MARCH

SCHOLARS PARTICIPATE IN REGIONAL PODS

Western Cape-based Scholars of the Class of 2017 met in between workshops to build relationships and continue their leadership growth through discussions and debates.



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MARCH

ANOTHER SCHOLAR JOINS MRF STAFF

Judy Sikuza, herself recently promoted to the position of Deputy Executive Director, welcomed the latest Mandela Rhodes Scholar to join Team MRF: after a rigorous recruitment process Coralie Valentyn (SA & UWC 2014) joined the Scholarships team as Programme Associate.



MARCH

GAUTENG PODS

The Gauteng-based Scholars met up between workshops to continue their leadership journey and to build relationships. These regional 'pod' events have proven to be hugely positive and are highly valued by the Scholars in residence.



APRIL

MO IBRAHIM FOUNDATION WEEKEND

The Deputy Executive Director travelled to Marrakech, Morocco, to represent the MRF at the annual Mo Ibrahim Foundation conference. While there she met with the leadership team at Présidence de l'Université Cadi Ayyad as well as various other stakeholders.

MILESTONES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION 2017

MAY

16TH MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES

The MRF Board of Trustees met in Cape Town in keeping with the tradition of alternating annually between the Mandela Rhodes Building and Rhodes House. Events included a dinner with MRF staff, lunch with Scholars at Bishopscourt, and a cocktail event hosted by the Rhodes Trust with Rhodes Scholars.



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JUNE

OUP REGIONAL HEADS VISIT THE MRF

The African regional heads of the MRF's partner Oxford University Press took time out to visit the MRF Building as part of their Cape Town programme.



JUNE

INVESTEC INSIGHT PROGRAMME VISIT

The Foundation hosted the Investec Insight Programme where topics such as the MRF programme and broader socio-political themes relating to South Africa were discussed.



JULY

MID-YEAR WORKSHOP: GROUP A

The Scholars gathered at Devon Valley near Stellenbosch for their Mid-year Workshop. The Scholars were challenged to think and reason about issues of reconciliation, transformation and identity. Special speakers included MRF Trustee Justice Yvonne Mokgoro who delivered the keynote address, Justice Edwin Cameron and Ms Leila Akahloun, Special Advisor to Mrs Graça Machel.



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JULY

MID-YEAR WORKSHOP: GROUP B

The second group of Scholars met at the same venue near Stellenbosch. The Scholars were given the opportunity to interact with Ndumiso Luthuli and Dr Wanjiku M Mwangiru, Executive Director of Scezons. The keynote address was given by Mandela Rhodes Trustee, Mr Achmat Dangor.



JULY

THE ELDERS WALKTOGETHER

The international organisation of retired world leaders, known as 'The Elders', in conjunction with the City of Cape Town held various events in the city to celebrate the organisation's 10th anniversary. This included a walk through the streets of Cape Town.



AUGUST

AFRICAN YOUTH LEADERSHIP WORKSHOP

At the request of Mrs Machel the MRF Executive Director joined a group of young leaders at a workshop to envision a way of connecting Africans across the continent.



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AUGUST

OPRAH WINFREY ACADEMY

Our Deputy Executive Director delivered a keynote address at the Oprah Winfrey Leadership Academy, at the invitation of Ms Rebecca Sykes, President of the Oprah Winfrey Charitable Foundation.



AUGUST

MRF ALUMNI EVENT GAUTENG

The MRF Scholarships team hosted an Alumni gathering in Johannesburg to discuss what Women's Day meant to them. The CEO of our sister organisation the Nelson Mandela Foundation, Sello Hatang, also gave an address.

SEPTEMBER

JOINT COMPLETION WORKSHOP

The Scholars had their first opportunity to meet as a full Class at the Completion Workshop. This was the highlight for the year for many. They bid each other farewell at a gala dinner held at the Cape Sun.



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NOVEMBER

MRF ALUMNI SUMMIT IN LESOTHO

The Mandela Rhodes Community hosted an Alumni Summit at the University of Lesotho, the first to take place outside South Africa. Ten cohorts and six countries were represented. This spoke to Madiba's desire to create a Pan-African Scholarship and by extension, a Pan-African alumni network.



NOVEMBER

OUP DRAGON BOAT RACE

The Scholars once again participated in the staff event put on by Oxford University Press Southern Africa at the V&A Waterfront. This year the exuberant Scholars won the race and were awarded the coveted cup at a celebratory lunch.



DEPUTY EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S UPDATE



The Scholarships Programme in 2017 grew from strength to strength in all its key aspects.

The three residential workshops focussing on the MRF principles of reconciliation, education, entrepreneurship, and leadership received an overall rating of 91%. This continued high rating of the workshop modules reaffirms the value derived by our programme

participants from one of the core offerings in the Mandela Rhodes experience. Scholar reflections on their learnings from the workshops can be found under the section *My Year as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar*. In its third year of operation, the voluntary Mentoring Programme continues to develop in both the value derived from the experience by mentors and mentees as well as in the participation rate (30% in 2015; 55% in 2016; and 59% in 2017).

Below is a detailed review of two components worth highlighting from the programme activities of 2017, these being the Regional Pods progress, and enhanced Alumni engagement.

Regional Pods progress

Piloted in 2016, the purpose of the Regional Pods is to provide an opportunity to continue building a sense of community and identity as Mandela Rhodes Scholars by having strong local support networks, continuing conversations and areas of reflection in between the workshops, and enriching the residential experience once Scholars return to their institutions. A new element was added to the 2017 Pods in the form of inviting the volunteer Alumni mentors to attend the first Regional Pod gathering of the year. This provided an opportunity for Scholars in residence to ask questions and engage with those who have completed the programme and were implementing lessons learnt during their time in residence in their respective fields and industries. Comments regarding the Pods included:

'... I felt relieved and cooled down as I had found a supportive network where I can speak freely about my challenges, my fears, but equally my ambitions and perspectives.'

'... The post-workshop questions gave room to pause and become more aware of the lessons learned and experiences accumulated on our leadership development journey.'

'Getting to know the members of my Pod was a lovely experience, and the Alumni certainly helped to allay our fears and encourage us to aim for even higher goals. Definitely keep this in.'

As can be felt from the comments above, the Regional Pods have now become an embedded and valuable part of our offering, and one that will continue to prove a vital support element as the programme continues to grow over the years to come.

Enhanced Alumni offering

In 2016, the MRF management team met for an Alumni strategy review session to reflect on the history of Alumni engagement since 2005, to look at Alumni engagement models of like-minded organisations, and how to continue to build on the solid foundation of Alumni related activities that already existed. Following these review sessions, an Alumni Engagement Framework document was produced in 2017 with the assistance of Programme Associate Coralie Valentyn (South Africa & University of Western Cape 2014). It details the many existing forms of interaction between the Foundation and Alumni, but also prefigures new initiatives such as a magazine, further physical convening, and increased collaboration with like-minded organisations.

Young African magazine was inspired by the MRF's desire to foster a meaningful sense of community among MRF Alumni, while simultaneously deepening the identity of the group as a whole. It will feature contributions from across the different Alumni cohorts in the form of articles, updates, achievements, interviews and projects. *Young African* magazine will serve a

complementary role to the MRF Yearbook, which mainly focusses on the year in residence and surrounding activities at the Foundation. With that in mind, the magazine will also then play a crucial role in providing external stakeholders with a glimpse into the leadership journeys undertaken by MRF Alumni post their year in residence, providing a sense of the impact they are making in their various sectors and areas of interest. The first edition will be available in July 2018.

The Scholarships team convened two physical gatherings of Alumni in 2017 while travelling for other MRF business. In June, Alumni in Kenya had a dinner with MRF Trustee Janet Kabiru, and the MRF facilitated a gathering of the Gauteng-based Alumni in early August. Both engagements were stimulating and inspiring, as Alumni from across the cohorts connected and shared thoughts ranging from the elections in Kenya, to Women's Month in South Africa, and deepening the sense of connection and community as MR Scholars.

Sustainable Alumni relations rely primarily on communications, and are made up of a strong offering that has value and meaning for Alumni. The MRF over the years has had a multitude of offerings for Alumni that have been well received. The next phase in the Alumni engagement strategy is to continue to embed our current offerings to become even more subscribed across the different cohorts, especially as our Alumni network continues to grow over the years. And most exciting for the team, to be more proactive with our new/enhanced offerings that we hope will generate the kind of connections and desired greater impact that lies at the heart of our Alumni relations efforts.

Judy Sikuza, Deputy Executive Director

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, Cape Town

THE SELECTION COMMITTEES OCTOBER 2016

Two final Selection Committees sat at Bishopscourt in Cape Town to select the Class of 2017 Mandela Rhodes Scholars. A decision had been taken earlier to consolidate the selection process by having both committees sit in Cape Town.



The first Committee comprised, from left to right: Mr Luke Kannemeyer, Mrs Margie Keeton, Ms Judy Sikuza, Mr Shaun Johnson, Professor Njabulo Ndebele (Chair).



The second Committee comprised, from left to right: Mr Shaun Johnson (Chair), Mr Tim Cumming, Ms Judy Sikuza and Ms Lieze Kotze.

Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are tenable at recognised South African institutions of higher learning, and offer unique educational and leadership opportunities to talented young Africans who display the potential evoked in the document *Characteristics Sought in a Mandela Rhodes Scholar*, set out on page 6 of this Yearbook. Applicants must hold a first degree, be a citizen of an African country, and be under the age of 30 years at the time of taking up a Scholarship if offered to them.

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme is further distinguished by a rigorous application and selection system, overseen by the Executive Director, but involving all staff. The 'search' to 'select' process over several months of each year, and the Foundation

benefits from extraordinary co-operation by institutions of higher learning, and in particular from dedicated liaison persons on the various campuses. The application and selection process culminates towards the end of the year, when a high-calibre and experienced Selection Committee interviews the finalists, and names the Mandela Rhodes Scholars to take up their Scholarships in the new year. The number of new Scholarships to be awarded is determined by the Foundation's Board of Trustees each year.

The 13th Mandela Rhodes Scholarships final Selection Committees (pictured on this page) met in Cape Town in October 2016.

'MY YEAR AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR': EXPERIENCES OF THE CLASS OF 2017



Bovinille Anye Cho

Stellenbosch University
MEng Chemical Engineering
Bovinille was born in Cameroon in 1992.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I say Africa's future is bright because the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is a development opportunity which has provided me with the necessary tools and skills to be part of the next generation of innovative leaders who are empowered to shape Africa's future.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Unpacking multiple identities enabled me to visualise how unique and common we are as human beings (beyond race, gender, or age). Therefore, appreciating these differences with mutual respect and human dignity is a starting point towards reconciling ourselves, communities, tribes, countries and Africa's political borders.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'I am an Inventor. Uncovering this bright spot through self, country and continent's re-imagination from mind-set activities and panel discussions on entrepreneurship, entrepreneurship and systems thinking due to the world's rapid technological advances (internet, artificial intelligence and machine learning, etc.) and unprecedented opportunities was the centreline of my active participation at the MRF Completion Workshop.'



Natalya Apopo

Nelson Mandela University
BCom Hons Economics
Natalia was born in Kenya in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I have never felt so connected to a group of strangers before. Needless to say, I am extremely grateful to be part of such an amazing family. It is my hope that I will be able to add as much value as I gain from the entire experience over the year.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The intensive nature of the Workshops always leaves me in a questioning state. One of the things that remains entrenched in my mind is the duplicitous nature of societal cohesiveness. The fundamental intent of the Mid-year Workshop is not only necessary but also healing, since the concept of reconciliation is both intrinsic as well as an extrinsic endeavour for most of us.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'On the thematic essence of the Workshop, the concept of entrepreneurship was approached from several angles which created a more broadened perspective for me to delve into going forward. I also found the transitional elements of the two groups as they merged into one quite an interesting experience of group dynamics. All in all, it was good fun.'



Emmanuel Balogun

University of KwaZulu-Natal
MSc Electrical Engineering
Emmanuel was born in Nigeria in 1991.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'An awesome experience! I interacted with leaders. I discovered new ways to harness my strengths and work on my weaknesses. I learnt the importance of learning from the past, avoiding the pitfalls and climbing on the shoulders of giants ... It indeed was a great learning experience for me, making new friends, developing new ideologies. I am better than when I came.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'It was a great time for personal reflection and amazing discussion with fellow Scholars. A unique opportunity to climb on the shoulders of giants, learn from the experience of fathers, and see through the tears of mothers what reconciliation is really about. This meeting helped me understand that reconciliation is a process and not a destination, a new thing that we do not know, and then it must begin with self, through self-reconciliation.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was indeed a paradigm-shifting event for me. During the course of the Workshop and interaction with several industry leaders, it seemed as though a well of innovative ideas was dug within me. I now understand that to reach the point of endless possibilities, I have to align my passion with solving societal problems.'



Sinenhlahlha Bengu

Rhodes University
Hons Economics
Sinenhlahlha was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The diversity and humility in the room really stood out for me. Being surrounded by young leaders from all over Africa puts my mind at ease ... Africa is in good hands. Being a leader is a journey and being willing to learn and unlearn as well as understanding that the vision is bigger than yourself is crucial for impactful leadership. I'm excited for the future.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Some might argue whether true reconciliation is possible. My biggest learning was the importance of self-reconciliation, being aware and comfortable with the many identities I possess and knowing how they shape the person I become. Only then can I reconcile at a societal level. Whether we achieve true reconciliation in our lifetime or not, it is worth striving for and a duty we owe to the next generation.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'If I could describe my year in residence in one word I'd say "Wow" because it's really been a mind blowing experience, the best investment I've ever made in myself. I've learnt more about myself this year than in the past five years and made stronger and more authentic relationships than in the past three years. The Completion Workshop was really an excellent way of highlighting my personal growth as well as getting me to interrogate my role in society. I'm excited about Africa's future. I am motivated to follow my passions and shine in whatever little corner I may find myself.'



Obert Bore

University of Cape Town
LLM International Trade Law
Obert was born in Zimbabwe in 1990.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I feel exceptionally privileged, yet challenged to deepen my perspective of leadership and the ideal leaders that Africa ought to cultivate. The experience of being around Africa's most brilliant, enthused and aspiring leaders is treasured and invaluable. It enables one to appreciate diversity. However, this leaves one with a huge responsibility to nurture the ethos of servant leadership.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Holding onto preconceived ideas about a subject can be a dangerous thing. Reconciliation is difficult to achieve but worthwhile! The journey starts with me before the other. Reconciliation should be approached with caution and great sensitivity. Enemies can create lasting friendships if they're willing to let go of their differences, listen to each other, nurture trust and strike a compromise. Indeed we all have a role to play in building the Africa we want.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The final Workshop brought the much-needed fire to enter the world knowing the importance of two things: – Dreams and passion. Every great dream begins with a great dreamer. Without dreams, there can be no courage, without courage, our quest and potential to change Africa's fate can never yield positive results. I am ready to chase my dream, nurture my passion and be the change I want to see in my society.'

'MY YEAR AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR': EXPERIENCES OF THE CLASS OF 2017



**Angel Ancha
Bulunga**

Rhodes University
MA Education
Angel was born in
Swaziland in 1991.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'For the first time in my life, I saw the power of vulnerability and trust as it allowed us to start the journey in recognition of the fact that we come from different parts of Africa, at the core, our similarities make us family. I enjoyed learning from everyone who was around me while learning a lot about myself. The workshop left me feeling even more grateful for The Mandela Rhodes Foundation opportunity.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I had already started appreciating the value that reconciliation adds to life. The workshop gave me an opportunity to reflect on what different lived experiences could mean in the pursuit of reconciliation. I also learnt that differences can make reconciliation seem impossible. However, one lesson I shall carry always is that you cannot begin to reconcile before you have reconciled with yourself and understood the other.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'It was an amazing space to learn, grow, share and be inspired by fellow Scholars and guests. Remain true to yourself and never forget where you come from. I have grown immensely and I found my voice. I don't need to be perfect or have everything figured out to impact the world I just need to step up and be my best. Thank you MRF.'



**Esethu
Cenga**

University of
Cape Town
MCom Economic
Development
Esethu was born in
South Africa in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop is definitely a very important way to introduce us broadly – to what the Foundation is and what it means and our role in it – and at a more personal level, to ourselves and the people we want to be, not only for the rest of the year but for the rest of our lives. The whole experience was really enjoyable!'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The workshop was my highlight for the year. Although we were faced with the difficult task of unpacking the concept of Reconciliation, it was wonderful to see the 'Madiba Magic'. We became closer as a group and real relationships were formed. Being an MRF Scholar feels more real and meaningful now than I thought it would be when I applied and I am grateful for that.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'It was the best way to close off my year with the MRF family. It was a culmination of everything we did during the year coming full circle. I felt energised and have a burning passion to put into practise all that I learnt. The most important thing for me was that I stopped doubting myself and gained a new self-confidence. I am grateful to the MRF family.'



**Yamikani
Chinamale**

University of the
Witwatersrand
MSc Computer
Science
Yamikani was born in
Malawi in 1989.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'On our final day at the workshop, a fellow Scholar said something simple and profound. They said, 'I have never seen a group of people so vested, so bent on seeing others succeed with no strings attached.' I couldn't agree more. I am humbled to be a member of the MRF family. I am so inspired and cannot wait to see what the future holds.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'What one of our guest speakers said stands out for me the most. The reconciliation process is complex. Progress doesn't always manifest itself in a major way; positive strides aren't always glaringly obvious, but we are moving closer to our goal. Progress may be slow and subtle, but let's not be deceived into thinking we're still where we first began.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The MRF Leadership Development Programme has got to be the best on the continent, bar none. I am grateful for the opportunity to rub shoulders and learn from entrepreneurs and leaders I would otherwise have never met. I end my year inspired and hopeful for what the future has in store.'



**Keenan
Collett**

Rhodes University
MA English
Keenan was born in
South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was an experience like no other. I found myself bonded with my fellow Scholars in a very short space of time, and that made our discussions more intimate and meaningful. Without such a programme, Mandela Rhodes Scholars would be unable to achieve the goals we all aspire to, and the goals the Foundation supports us in.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop not only challenged my pre-existing conceptions of reconciliation, but also opened my eyes to the primacy we allot South Africa when discussing African concerns. The Foundation constructed a space in which we, as Scholars, could engage with one another honestly and thus expand our own understanding of reconciliation within the self as well as between one another.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The final workshop challenged my pre-existing notions of what 'entrepreneurship' entails, what its function is in the African context, and how it applies to all disciplines of study. In addition, the Completion Workshop – whilst signifying the end of our year in residence – aided the strengthening of friendships and intellectual engagements that will last a lifetime.'



**Kira
Düsterwald**

University of
Cape Town
MSc (Med)
Neuroscience
Kim was born in
South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I learnt very intimately and quickly the drives and fears of two dozen incredible role-models. In such company it is easy to feel small – yet, in the end, I felt confident and ready to engage with the challenging year ahead as an MRF Scholar. The mechanism? We created a space that was respectful, open and real.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Safe spaces are environments in which people can be present, engage and ultimately reconcile. The process nevertheless need not be gentle or easy. Constructing safe spaces is difficult, but some people manage it effortlessly – I was struck when Mr Dangor pointed to the ability of children in this regard. The Mandela Rhodes Community, I believe, makes safe spaces.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop felt like coming home: the camaraderie, support and generosity of my fellow 2017 Scholars is remarkable. It was also a celebration of our possible futures. These are entrepreneurial spaces at the intersection of passion, excellence and empathy. The year in residence has imbued in me the hope that the shared minds of Mandela Rhodes Foundation Scholars can reimagine Africa.'

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Muhammed Saleem Firfirey

University of Cape Town
BBusSc Hons Economics
Saleem was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The opportunity to meet young and passionate leaders from across the continent was truly humbling. Most impactful was the storytelling. Hearing the life narratives of fellow Scholars was intensely touching. In our moments of vulnerability, a family bond was forged. The overall experience left me, now more than ever, motivated to fulfill my purpose and aspirations.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The notion of reconciliation is often conceptualised as one between two parties. Alternatively, the workshop brought to light the need for deep self-reconciliation before all else. This differential perspective facilitated much needed moments of introspection. Notably, the milieu was conducive in enabling spaces for dialogue without any fear or prejudice. I left with an experience I shall forever cherish.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'My experience this year has been unparalleled. An indelible mark has been embroidered on my life's blueprint. I have been able to immerse myself in the politics of Uganda, the culture of Sudan and the tribalism of Nigeria all through the apertures of scholarly perspective. The stories shared will undoubtedly shape my life. My journey has only just begun.'



Simone Gray

University of Cape Town
LLM Private Law and Human Rights
Simone was born in South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was beyond anything I could have imagined. Meeting my fellow Scholars not only equipped me with a broader perspective and understanding of Africa but also left me feeling inspired and hopeful that we, as future leaders, can indeed impact Africa positively. I am so excited about the opportunity for personal growth during the course of this year in residence.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The workshop opened my mind to the fact that self-reconciliation is the first step in the reconciliation journey. It was exciting, stimulating and thought-provoking to discuss such sensitive issues with such a diverse group of people. I left the workshop feeling so hopeful that we, as young Africans, can make a positive contribution and that change is indeed possible.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop exceeded all my expectations. There was such a sense of community having all the Scholars meeting together but the experience was bitter-sweet knowing that it was also our parting workshop. This workshop broadened my perspectives on what it means to be an entrepreneur and as is customary with all MRF workshops, it facilitated immense personal growth.'



Colleen Gwazani

University of Cape Town
MPhil Development Studies
Colleen was born in Zimbabwe in 1991.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

Did not attend the workshop.

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The workshop marked the beginning of my personal reconciliation journey. I walked away with the revelation that reconciliation starts within me. I do not need to wait for someone to take action, it's the small steps we take that build into the bigger picture. This was the biggest lesson for me.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'My experience as a Scholar has been a gift which helped me discover myself. I left the workshop with the appreciation that innovation starts from an ability to see everyday problems as solvable and an ability to harness failure. Today I not only feel, but know that I am a social entrepreneur with a big role to play in bringing social change. Thank you MRF family.'



Irfan Habib

University of the Witwatersrand
Hons Physics
Irfan was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The workshop was a blast. Perhaps it was the great schedule, from the icebreakers to the informative and interactive tours. The rich stories everyone had to tell, Scholars and programme officials alike. The people; never before have I met a group of such inspiring individuals. I feel honoured to be among them. It gives me hope for the future leadership of my continent.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The workshop was absolutely amazing. The excellent facilitation of a hotly contested topic was extraordinary. Reconciliation is not an easy topic to discuss, especially amongst a diverse group of individuals. It was remarkable to see how everyone was able to contribute and to hear each other. I learnt a lot from this experience. I think we all have the same dream, even though we may envision different paths.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was the first time the entire cohort came together. Inevitably I couldn't interact with everyone meaningfully in the short time we had together. I found this very disappointing. What a group we are! I just wanted to hear everyone's stories. I am truly blessed to be a part of this amazing group.'



Chelsea Haith

University of Cape Town
BSocSc Hons Gender and Transformation
Chelsea was born in South Africa in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'It is an amazing experience to be given insight into so many different and unusual life stories in so short a time period as a single week. What an opportunity to learn, challenge your own privilege and grow as an individual and as a group! I'm grateful for the space provided in which to develop ideas and connections going forward facilitated by the Introductory Workshop.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The multiple interpretations and perspectives on reconciliation in the group were enlightening and enriching to encounter. The Mid-year Workshop offered us an opportunity to comprehend one another's experiences of injustice and justice, and to work through the complicated layers of reconciling not only with others but also with ourselves.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The final workshop offered me alternative ways to think about risk that are applicable not only in entrepreneurial contexts, but in other areas of my life as well. As always, the workshop revealed to me parts of myself I hadn't realised I'd been working on, and I grew as a result of interactions with my cohort, and with the support of the Foundation staff.'

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**Herve
Kapche Fotso**

University of
KwaZulu-Natal
BCom Hons Finance
Herve was born in
Cameroon in 1988.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop
Did not attend the workshop.

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop was a wonderful experience for me as I had the opportunity to further connect with the amazing MRF staff and the other Scholars. The workshop equally gave me space to reconnect with myself and learn that reconciliation is a journey which starts with us acknowledging our own personal issues, and reconciling with ourselves.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was the ideal platform to engage with high-profile leaders about reimagining leadership, entrepreneurship, and education in Africa in order to ensure the continent's sustainable development. Besides, it was the opportunity to reflect on my journey as an MRF Scholar, how much I have grown this year, and the next steps to take to become a better person.'



**Zimpande
Kawanu**

University of
Cape Town
BA Hons English
Literature and
African Studies
Zimpande was born in
South Africa in 1989.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The MRF provided a conducive environment for thoughtful engagement and innovative thinking. The talent, that is the other Scholars, is both reflective of our continent's exceptional young people and the profundity of its resilience. I am grateful for this opportunity; to mentor young leaders who constitute the fecund component of our continent's and world's people.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'From contemplating and debating the impossible-possibility of reconciliation proper to playing drinking games by the hearth, this workshop was a combination of the portentous and the spontaneous. Such an intensely human group, where prodigy of intellect, creativity, storytelling (and appetite for wine!) was displayed. To recapitulate a fellow Scholar's previous remarks, "How'd I get so damn lucky?" #MorePlease.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The MRF provided a home for us Scholars this year. I am consoled by the promise that I have this community to return to beyond my year in residency. The MRF team ensured that this home was comfortable and life affirming. They were generous and full of humour. Saying goodbye was poignant. However, the final workshop was hardly a denouement, but offered an experience of homecoming. Thank you MRF.'



**Joseph
Kihara**

University of the
Witwatersrand
MA Management
Finance and
Investments
Joseph was born
in Kenya in 1990.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'Being encouraged to be yourself and helped to build upon your uniqueness is priceless. The workshop was challenging and offered room for growth and self-reflection. I realised that great leaders are those that recognise their vulnerabilities and move forward using their strengths. There have been a few 'aha!' moments in my life, and the MR Scholarship has afforded me the opportunity to experience some of them.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I had a vague understanding of what reconciliation meant before the workshop. It was only after reading and hearing the experiences and stories of Scholars that I had a better understanding. The continuous feedback and safe space the Foundation provided, enabled Scholars to have meaningful conversations and helped us understand and accommodate each other. Reconciliation can take various forms. I was happy to be challenged again.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop set the scene for fellow MRF Scholars to open up and connect on levels we hadn't achieved before. As someone said, 'We are human first', and this revealed itself on numerous occasions during the workshop. The Foundation continues to do a great job in ensuring the spaces in which we have these conversations build you as an individual. We as African leaders, we aspired to be...'



**Siseko
Kumalo**

Rhodes University
BSocSc Hons
Siseko was born in
South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The workshop was a space of critical reflexivity and engagement. It allowed for an in-depth analysis of the traits which are characteristic of a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. There was a sense of precariousness with the nature in which the two historical figures stand together – Mandela and Rhodes – which began to raise questions around the nature of social relations in SA.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I found the concept of reconciliation to be challenging. I was forced to confront my own internal views and to navigate the views of others. The facilitators created a space to do this work. I found myself yearning for a childlike concept of society once again. The topic of reconciliation was challenging, but very necessary – specifically seeing where we are as a country.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Reflecting on my journey, I realise that the potential of young Africans is beyond our comprehension. I saw the power of collaborative work in striving toward a common objective, the development of Africa. It is not our duty to find quick solutions. Ours is to understand our context so as to truly understand our histories as they unfold and subsequently be able to propose alternative realities.'



**Tumelo
Lekhanya**

University of
Cape Town
LLM Tax Law
Tumelo was born
in Lesotho in 1992.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I had silly preconceptions about the workshop and what my fellow Scholars would be like. This workshop turned these preconceptions upside down and gave me a fresh perspective on how to tackle the many complexities that we experience. Listening to other people's stories taught me about how similar and yet different we are. I was impressed by the MRF team which was helpful at all times.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The workshop was really fun and insightful. The importance of understanding my identity and heritage first before looking broadly at reconciliation and reparation stood out. I appreciated the way in which the speakers spoke passionately and frankly about their idea of reconciliation. It was an awesome workshop and the facilitators really allowed us to express ourselves.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was an experience I will forever cherish. Meeting up with the other Scholars was like reliving the Introductory Workshop all over again. The speakers spoke so well and to have people of such a high calibre engage us was truly humbling. The MRF team were on their A game and this really challenged me to be more reliable and consistent in all my endeavours.'

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Takalani Malivha

University of Cape Town
MCom Economic Development
Takalani was born in South Africa in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'What a privilege to be part of this family. I am assured constantly of the good work fellow Africans do to better the African experience. I am excited about my role as a catalyst of positive change. This I regard as a privilege. I look forward to wrestling with life's challenges as well as laughing with endless echoes with this here family.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop was challenging and emotionally taxing. Addressing the concept and practice of reconciliation from an individual to global level was challenging but the beginning of a vulnerable process that I appreciated. The location and curated atmosphere allowed for my peers and I to peel more layers of ourselves away – I appreciated the beauty in all of our stories!'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Just as promised, the Completion Workshop came in what seemed like weeks from the Introductory Workshop. Building on and forming memories with Scholars from both groups was the right injection I needed to reflect on the year and complete it on a high note. The challenge to work on what we have long aspired to be is one thing I will be doing in my next phase.'



Walter Mandela

University of Cape Town
LLM International Law
Walter was born in Uganda in 1990.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The workshop accorded much desired enlightenment pertaining to the oxymoron that Mandela Rhodes is. Secondly, up until the workshop, having been named a Mandela Rhodes Scholar was still surreal. The workshop was the moment of truth and embracing the future. Lastly, the workshop enabled me to stretch the horizons of leadership beyond the orthodox political perspective and limitations.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Through the workshop, I reflected upon the universal dimension to reconciliation. Countless countries with a history of gross injustices are currently undertaking reconciliation efforts; the Balkans, USA, Colombia, Canada, Australia, Rwanda, South Africa, South Sudan amongst others. Additionally, reconciliation processes face numerous formidable hurdles, two salient ones being forgiveness, forgetting vs commemoration of past injustices and the agreement on the nature of remedies to cure past injustices.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The final exercise of the workshop was perhaps the most inspiring moment of the workshop; the Scholars spelt out their intended contributions to the African continent and the world. It was a shot in the arm that an African renaissance may be on the horizon if the universe conspires and the Scholars are able to implement their high-level ambitions.'



Meshack Mboya

University of Cape Town
LLM Commercial Law
Meshack was born in Kenya in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'What an inspiring, passionate and open-minded group of young Africans the MRF brings together! The most striking part of the workshop for me was the ability of people from diverse backgrounds to work together towards a common goal. For only five days, I was able to realise that through these brilliant minds, Africa has a bright future.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'This was a truly thought-provoking experience in which, as a Kenyan and an African, I was able to appreciate better the concepts of multiple identities, privilege and self-reconciliation. Together with fellow Scholars, I was able to learn that reconciliation is both a challenging and an emotive journey, but one that is worth beginning, pursuing and continuously monitoring.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'There was simply no better way to conclude my year in residence than to end it with motivation, encouragement and a 'you can do this' feeling. Through the insights shared on the theme of entrepreneurship, I was able to learn that failing is part of the journey and that we, the 2017 Cohort, are the change agents in our diverse spheres. Long live MRF!'



Sarah Mesbah

University of Cape Town
MA Public Health
Sarah was born in Egypt in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'For the first time, I was in tune with my African ethnicity. I felt humbled and privileged to be a part of this group that constantly challenged, stimulated and pushed me beyond my limits. Even more humbling was the way they opened up to me, allowing me a glimpse of their dreams and aspirations. I left the workshop reassured that Africa is in good hands.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Six months into my journey in Cape Town, I was grappling with who I was. This workshop couldn't have come at a better time. It allowed me a safe space to reflect on self-reconciliation and the possibility that more than one identity could co-exist within a person. One just needs some time and a heavy dose of self-awareness to be able to wear all these identities well.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'It was amazing to meet the Scholars from the other group. As expected, they brought their full authentic selves to the space. It was bittersweet to know that we will say our goodbyes in a few days. I cannot wait to see Scholars taking on the world. Scholars, sharing my year with all of you has been an honour! Thank you.'



Zolani Metu

University of Cape Town
MSocSc
Zolani was born in South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was such an exhilarating experience; I appreciated the fact that the activities were structured to foster interactions amongst us as Scholars. I grew so much from getting to know the various young African leaders in our class and learning about their different and very dynamic cultures, belief systems and sexual identities. IAmMandelaRhodes.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I identify with Cheryl Bachelder's remark that servant leadership begins with self-examination. The workshop provided a much appreciated space engaging with reconciliation at a meta-analytical level as well a personal level. I'm left with a deeper interest in furthering my own self-examinations, and to show more compassion to others. With each engagement with the programme and the Scholars, I grow proud in claiming that #IAMMandelaRhodes.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'I cannot believe I have completed a full year in residence; it went by with great haste. While the Completion Workshop was a culmination of our year in residence, it was also the beginning of new relationships amongst us Scholars. It encouraged interaction amongst us Scholars. I have grown intellectually and have developed friendships. I proudly say: #IAMMandelaRhodes.'

'MY YEAR AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR': EXPERIENCES OF THE CLASS OF 2017



Lehlolonolo Moche

University of the Witwatersrand MEng Industrial Engineering
Lehlolonolo was born in South Africa in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The opportunity to engage and share perspectives with Africa's most remarkable young leaders is a deeply inspiring and humbling experience. The workshop not only provided us the opportunity to engage and share knowledge but also to introspect, reflect and question. As the days went by you not only felt yourself develop and grow as a leader but you felt your fellow Scholars do the same.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'As a South African I understood the concept of reconciliation on a broader level, in context with my country's history and how they continue to grapple with that history. In this workshop I have come to realise that a deeply important and often overlooked facet of reconciliation is that of reconciliation with the self. I have also come to realise that reconciliation is a continuous and arduous journey composed of a collective effort of reconciliation with the self and others.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'I leave this experience and the final workshop with so much hope. Hope for the present and future of the African continent. The hopes and dreams of every Scholar to reimagine Africa through innovation and entrepreneurship has left me deeply inspired and motivated to pursue my own dreams for this continent.'



Poloko Mosesi

Rhodes University MA Industrial and Economic Sociology
Poloko was born in South Africa in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The workshop was life changing! I was introduced to me. I got to confront myself in a way I have never done before. I questioned some of the ideals I held close, interrogated my actions and became aware of myself. And now I am on my way to accepting myself. I believe without the awareness of self, as aspiring leaders we fail the people we are trying to lead and the systems we are trying to implement. I truly appreciate all the activities we took part in.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'From the first day, I was challenged to own my truth and to acknowledge my role in this monumental task. Reconciliation is a process and it's one that requires willingness and commitment. This process needs to be constantly evaluated and if need be, reimagined and redesigned. But each step, each decision is valuable and contributes towards what the nation, community, family or individual has imagined.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'I am amazed how quick this has gone by! I am filled with gratitude and inspiration. This has been one of the best experiences of my life. It has transformed me in such a short time. And I am even more excited about how it will influence my growth as a young black woman, aspiring social entrepreneur and African leader. Thank you MRF for introducing me to people who share the same passions as me and for the unlikely connections established.'



Shamila Mpinga

University of Cape Town LLM
Shamila was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'As exciting as it was meeting individuals of different nationalities, it was equally overwhelming spending time with such bold visionaries. I have become so accustomed to simply digesting information that my voice is almost non-existent. My confidence has been resuscitated by the workshop which created a platform for us to share our views as future leaders.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I would like to dispel the myth that this workshop is the most emotionally draining of all the workshops. I found it enlightening, refreshing and it gave me the break I needed. I learnt that there are people who are not convinced by the possibility of reconciliation. In response, Willem Wilken put it beautifully when he said that if reconciliation doesn't exist then it is up to us to invent it.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'It all came together and made sense at the Completion Workshop. I was delighted to meet the rest of the cohort. The synergy amongst us gave rise to high-level engagements which were illuminating. I gained from the wealth of knowledge imparted by our phenomenal guests. My personal development has soared and I have the MRF to thank for this life-changing opportunity.'



Simangele Msweli

University of KwaZulu-Natal MSc Biological Sciences
Simangele was born in South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'Most scholarships, by virtue of having financial power over you, expect you to be silent or less vocal especially in the matters of transformation and decolonisation. The Introductory Workshop provided a safe space for me to freely and critically engage with other Scholars (and the MRF staff), therefore affording me an opportunity to learn, relearn and unlearn.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop gave me a moment to take a step back, listen to my inner voice and other people's voices, not only with an urge to respond but with a thirst to understand. It allowed me to think about reconciliation, its urgency and how we cannot afford to waste time delaying correcting the injustices of the past. The visit to Solms Delta enlightened me that while correcting injustices and inequalities, we must be critical of how we handle the reconciliation journey.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'When I applied for the Mandela Rhodes Scholarship, I thought I knew myself. My year in residence has revealed to me that I knew some things but there was more I didn't know. The Completion Workshop taught me that innovation is not for 'super humans' but for normal people (like me) who have dared to be change agents.'



Tinashe Munyuki

University of Cape Town BCom Hons Management
Tinashe was born in Zimbabwe in 1992.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was a stepping stone in helping me identify my life purpose. Although I may have not fully known my life purpose, understanding what it means to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar showed me that I have a role to play in igniting positive change in the community.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Reconciliation, a simple yet complex subject. Not only does it require self-knowledge but rather understanding the values and identities of others. The Mid-year Workshop deepened my understanding of what reconciliation means, and gave me insights into what my role is in the journey towards the 'betterment of Africa'. I learnt that reconciliation is a key quality of leadership.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'I am grateful to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. My experiences at the Completion Workshop were out of this world. Truly, as I have learnt from the guest speakers and fellow Scholars, it is possible to achieve all that I aspire to be, provided that I put 100% of myself in it. It is possible to achieve great things for my beloved continent, Africa.'

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Kagiso Nko

University of Johannesburg
BA Hons
Anthropology
Kagiso was born in South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'One thinks they know themselves well enough until they attend this workshop. It was mentally and emotionally exhausting but necessary nonetheless. I walked out knowing that it's okay to have faults, failures and inadequacies. At least you can work on them which in turn will make you a better leader and a better human being.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'From this Mid-year Workshop, I have come to realise that the reconciliation journey is not an easy one. It is an ongoing, never-ending process, not only with others, but oneself. I learned that one should never assume what reconciliation means to different people but rather try to understand different perspectives with the hope that they will one day converge to a much more extensive yet inclusive understanding.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Anxiety ran rampant before the workshop. Am I going to connect with the other half of the Class? Is it going to be over after the Completion Workshop? The workshop lulled those fears away. I made lifelong friendships. I am now part of a network of people who want to see Africa be great. I am optimistic about the capacity of the African continent to effect change, and I left the workshop knowing that I can, and I am part of those who will. I 'Aspire to Be...'



Chris Nkwatsibwe

University of Cape Town
MPhil Development Policy and Practice
Chris was born in Uganda in 1990.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The journey to being a transformative leader can be desolate and sometimes frustrating. Meeting exceptional young leaders from different spheres, committed to furthering society transformation, not only filled the void but also rekindled my hope for a better Africa. The Introductory Workshop created an intimate platform for peer reflection and learning which have been integral to my growth.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I have had preconceived theoretical notions about reconciliation; but going through the integrative and practical experience of the Mid-year Workshop has been phenomenally illuminating. Combining both spine-chilling life stories from invited guest speakers and personal reflection brought to bear what reconciliation actually 'looks' like in the real world. The experience was not only emotionally unsettling but also transformative.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Often times we never know when we might get an opportunity to meet people that would have significant impact on our lives. My time at the Completion Workshop was a reflective one, cogitate on my time in residence; the flashes of inspiration drawn from each person I have met, the depth of lessons learned, and the remarkable networks created. It's been such an incredible journey.'



Jovenal Nsengimana

University of Cape Town
MPhil Human Rights Law
Jovenal was born in Rwanda in 1998.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was mind blowing as it set the platform for self-awareness and evaluation geared towards inner self-transformation for bigger leadership responsibilities ahead. This workshop challenged me to unpack my inner feelings and thoughts around the paradox and complex nature of the society we live in. The workshop was the perfect way to set a foundation as we start our transformative leadership journey of becoming agents of change ourselves.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop provided me with an excellent opportunity to reflect and revisit my own perspectives on the reconciliation process. It was such a wonderful experience. I was reminded of issues of identity and recognise its associated privileges and challenges. I was reminded of my own commitment to the leadership path that I have chosen and this workshop reaffirmed it.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Being a Mandela Rhodes Scholar is a distinct honour, a privilege and a responsibility. My shield hangs on my wall to not only certify incredible strides I have made so far but also as a constant reminder of MRF values and a sense of accountability that will keep the fire burning to effect change... until such time as every child in Africa is afforded equal opportunity for quality education.'



Lindokuhle Ntuli

University of the Free State
LLM
Lindokuhle was born in South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was a renewing experience. Firstly, it was humbling to be amongst young African leaders who equally share an interest and passion in Africa's social engineering project. Secondly, to walk into each other's experiences and patterns of thought during engagements was a connecting and learning episode. Undoubtedly, Africa has a great story to tell about the MRF!'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop was itself a reconciliatory experience. The story telling led to many ideas of what reconciliation is. The debates on what should be the most correct idea was a moment of self-questioning. To what degree am I prepared to be challenged and influenced by different ideologies? And to what end do I continue imposing my own perceptions?'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was the most humbling experience. At this point in the year, you are profoundly humbled by the extent to which you have been learning and personally challenged. I came to the workshop with an open heart to learn beyond what I know about entrepreneurship and its impact on society. However, I learned more about myself and the reimagined self.'



Nereah Obimbo

AFDA
BA Hons Motion Picture Medium
Nereah was born in Kenya in 1988.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'It starts on a surreal high and doesn't let up! You meet these remarkable people from varied backgrounds with different stories but filled with this love for Africa and for people... reminding you how greatness comes in numerous permutations. Then it's over much too soon. Now all I can think is, "How'd I get so damn lucky?" And #MorePlease.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Fast. It's not just a Luke Bryan song. Half the year's gone. And fast. The workshop served to slow me down. The reflections emphasised the words of Howard Zinn, 'We don't have to engage in grand, heroic action. Small acts, when multiplied by millions of people, can transform the world.' It was so good. We should've paid.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'It stressed to me that you have to decide and decide early what is central in your life. Is it people or money? Money will set you on the path to join the 1%. People will make you part of the army that's making positive change real. You can't serve both. One will always come before the other. You decide.'

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**Moses
Ogutu**

University of
Cape Town
MA International
Relations
Moses was born
in Kenya in 1990.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'Insightful and educational but also exciting and fun-filled. You get to develop as a person, understand leadership and what it means to be a leader, and get challenged by your peers – young, smart, exceptional Africans. Then you start to realise the relevancy of the complex debates surrounding the lives of Nelson Mandela and Cecil Rhodes to leadership in Africa today.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'My greatest take from the workshop on reconciliation is that no meaningful reconciliation can be achieved if there is no reconciliation with oneself. Our own internal fights and personal insecurities affect how we handle situations of conflict. If we can reconcile with ourselves we can develop the empathy and willingness to reconcile with others.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The entrepreneurship workshop continued the spirit evident in previous workshops. True to its name, every element constantly instilled the need to take innovative actions while being mindful that the process of 'getting to maybe' is filled with acceptable failures. These failures are part of the learning process. We all have ideas about what we want to do. The workshop was a call to take them forward.'



**Temitope
Ojelade**

University of the
Witwatersrand
MSc Physiotherapy
Temitope was born
in Nigeria in 1991.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was all that I anticipated it to be and much more. The people were exceptional, the tour was educational, the food was top-notch, the knowledge imparting sessions, the engaging activities, and every single moment, like a flow, was all shades of lit!'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'For me, this workshop taught me a lot of things I never would have learned in a book. It made me realise and understand that reconciliation is personal, it's a process, it demands a lot and it has a lot to offer. Every facet of the workshop was an enlightening experience that will forever remain with me.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Once again, The Mandela Rhodes Foundation surpassed my expectations. The Completion Workshop was a leadership package like no other; it provided us with the opportunity to interact with Scholars and notable individuals from various fields, and to practically apply systems thinking in solving global challenges. I can confidently say I know what it means to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. What a privilege!'



**Ijeoma
Opara**

University of
Cape Town
MA International
Relations
Ijeoma was born
in Nigeria in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'At the Introductory Workshop I was made to think about how I navigate my own challenges and differences. Before the workshop, I was still unsure about how I saw myself in the bigger picture. However, after the workshop, I was emboldened and inspired. It was a space where I could acknowledge my own flaws. I am looking forward to the next one.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Going into this workshop, my ideas surrounding reconciliation were heavily fortified. I did not think there was more to learn beyond the taught narratives. However, this workshop revealed that there was (and still is) much to learn, particularly around understanding other people's perceptions of reconciliation. It helped me gain insight and wisdom. I thoroughly enjoyed this workshop, and it could not have come at a better time where I am reflecting on my own journey as a Scholar.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Whether it was the workshop on finding my emergent future-self, or the fascinating panel discussions that were held throughout, I believe that one of the most important tools I have been given in my life is the opportunity to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar. Not just because of the skills and lessons that were shared in this last workshop, but more importantly because of the relationships and bonds that will remain among the Class of 2017 into the future.'



**Cameron
Peters**

University of
Cape Town
BA Hons Screenwriting
Cameron was born in
South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I have never been in a space bursting with the best intentions. In its beguiling way, the workshop served as a sanctuary for meritocratic compassion, and its pretensions to represent Young Africa finally came to seem entirely justified. We're still fortunate kids, but not one of us would ever disregard the recognition of our collective purpose.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'It was, eventually, a far more candid and intimate time than before. I kind of felt like we unanimously collaborated in breaking down any overbearing sense of occasion. So we just seemed to talk for five straight days rephrasing our scepticism and gratitude. And now I miss most of us.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'We all meshed partly through exhaustion and partly through the rigours of collective vulnerability, but mostly because we really did become a kind of family. I spent more than two hours feeling my eyes grow red as I said goodbye to everyone on the last day. Look at all our sweet faces and try understand our understated pride for sharing the year in sympathy.'



**Claude
Piessou**

Stellenbosch University
MEng Renewable
Energy
Claude was born
in Togo in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was an amazing and humbling learning experience for me. After interacting with Scholars from different African countries it was clear that we have similarities and differences, but that most of Africa's challenges can easily be solved if we are united. I believe the workshop constitutes a step towards a generation of leaders who have the bigger picture in mind and embrace diversity.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'A few days after the Mid-year Workshop, when reflecting on 'walk the line of identities' exercise we did during the workshop, I started to understand the spirit of reconciliation. Scholars coming from different countries, from different cultures and races, with different sexual identities are part of the beautiful MRF family which aims to build a better Africa and a better world. More than ever, I believe the future of African society is promising.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop has been an inspiring experience and a source of strength I needed to follow my ambitions of promoting social and economic development in Africa. The workshop is actually the beginning or the reinforcement of the leadership journey of young Africans who aspire to be... Change makers, with the common vision of creating a better world.'

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Christian Polorigni

University of Cape Town
MEng Water Quality
Christian was born in Togo in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'Though the Introductory Workshop was emotionally stretching, it was amazing to be among other young Africans aspiring to be leaders. The concept of leadership was redefined in such a way that it made me realise how much I need to lead myself and also how I can exercise leadership on a daily basis.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'What an intense and profound workshop it was! I came to realise that reconciliation is not only about issues and dissensions but most importantly reconciling with oneself. Furthermore, being put in front of my own privileges that I often ignore and which I use for my own interest in different spaces, was quite revealing and not easy to face.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'It was nice to meet the complete cohort of 2017 and have meaningful interactions. Being immersed in the diverse experiences of the distinguished speakers regarding entrepreneurship, inspired me to explore again my passion(s) and look for the intersections with opportunities to address issues on our continent. I am ready to be the best I can in whatever I do.'



Siyanda Qoto

Nelson Mandela University
MA Industrial and Organisational Psychology
Siyanda was born in South Africa in 1993.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'More than anything, what the Introductory Workshop did is leave me with a sense of agency. As I prepared to return to my institution, I had a fire burning in me to pick up from where I left off with zeal and determination to impact positively in spaces where I have influence.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'I had always thought of reconciliation in interpersonal terms. Little had I given thought to the concept of intrapersonal reconciliation where internal conflicts or tensions may arise and need to be reconciled. This highlights for me how challenging it is for two or more people, with their own complex identities, to come together. It cannot be easy; acknowledgement, empathy and engagement are the key ingredients.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Meeting the other half of the Class was the greatest highlight. I made new friends and deepened existing relationships. The Alumni were inspiring and gave us a glimpse into the possibilities that await our emerging future selves. The workshop helped me to think deeper about entrepreneurship and to believe in my own entrepreneurial aspirations. I left the workshop a different person. For that, I am grateful to the MRF.'



Mpilo S'phephelo Shabangu

University of the Witwatersrand
BA Hons International Relations
Mpilo was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'Mandela Rhodes has equipped me with the necessary tools to ensure that I am always in tune with myself on my self-discovery and self-development journey. In addition to that I am beyond excited to know that I am a part of a vibrant, exceptional and dedicated community of individuals who are not only passionate about the work that they are doing in their respective fields but also in just a matter of days became family.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Themes discussed in the Mid-year Workshop really challenged me to go on a journey of reconciling with issues from my own past. Reconciliation is a life-time journey that will be filled with a great deal of uncertainty, detours and a few rough bumps, but through it all I need to remember to show myself compassion for past issues and future aspirations.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'Your work will always open opportunities for you.' I now have the courage to put passion into action. Before this I was convinced that I had to attain a certain status in society before I could make the impactful difference. Such is not the case as impactful leadership goes beyond simply waiting for the right time!



Jabulile Sibeko

University of Johannesburg
BCom Hons Industrial Psychology
Jabulile was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was one of the best experiences of my life so far! It was intimidating at first being surrounded by such brilliant minds but as we grew closer, it was emotionally fulfilling. The MRF made us feel so important and valued. The facilitators created an environment for us to express ourselves, their professional conduct fostered responsibility in us and the playful atmosphere kept us entertained. It was the most meaningful five days of my life.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The Mid-year Workshop was nothing short of amazing! We were challenged both mentally and emotionally as we tackled the topic of reconciliation. It was interesting to hear different views and perspectives and I learned lessons for life! The treatment was splendid and so was reconnecting with the Scholars. The Foundation continues to inspire and re-affirm our strengths in the pursuit to reimagine leadership in Africa and what it really means to 'Aspire to Be...'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'There are no words to express the role that the MRF played in shaping the person I am today. I am transformed. They created an amazing space for us to question, determine and refine our purpose as African leaders. The Scholarship has been a blessing in assisting us reach self-awareness necessary for the betterment of ourselves and society at large. I am grateful!'



Mary Siloleke

Monash University
MA International Business
Mary was born in Zambia in 1989.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I've learnt that continuous self-reflection is vital in leadership. This helps us to stay in touch with the reasons why we are leaders in the first place. It was humbling to be so exposed yet inspired and motivated. To see the future of Africa in such diversity and walk this journey together is an unexplainable experience.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Reconciliation is complex, and it means different things to different people. It begins with oneself, knowing and loving yourself will help you know and love others. Be okay knowing that others are different and it doesn't make them any less human. Reconciliation for Africa is possible and it begins with us the citizens. This workshop challenged me to do better.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was full of mixed emotions, closing the year 2017, it was a journey worth taking and I look forward to the future. I am energised and inspired to bring such lessons to other Zambians and Africans across the continent. The concept of entrepreneurship is one that needs to be understood by African youth in order to move our continent forward.'

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Ahmed Sosal

University of Cape Town
MA Linguistics
Ahmed was born in Sudan in 1988.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'In every component of the workshop, I have been challenged, empowered, and inspired. It was an exceptional development experience that enlightened and urged me to embrace the aspects of accountability, integrity, and self-awareness towards an ethical leadership journey. I am privileged to be part of, and network with, a passionate and diverse cohort of potential African leaders.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'It was an intellectually intense workshop. It realigned and extended my understanding of myself, my role in society and my African identity. The workshop activities, facilitators and participants helped me to see beyond my simple understanding of the controversial topic of reconciliation. I left the workshop with new thoughts such as self-reconciliation, multiple identities, and dynamicity of reconciliation.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'This workshop was an invaluable experience to grow and explore the opportunities awaiting us. I had the chance to connect with more Scholars from my own cohort and the Alumni. The experiences and life journey of the invited entrepreneurs will remain with me as an inspiration for my future endeavours.'



Sheena Talma

Rhodes University
MSc Ichthyology and Fisheries Science
Sheena was born in the Seychelles in 1990.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'Nothing can quite prepare you for the first workshop! Meeting so many incredibly passionate people, each so different yet possessing a passion that drives them to be a better version of themselves and make the absolute best of what God has given them. I was challenged, humbled and forced out of my comfort zone with each activity. Best part is that it is just the beginning.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'Self-reflection, empathy, and journey... These are the three words that remain with me after our Mid-year Workshop. How do we move forward without self-reflection? How do we understand without empathy? Above all, when do we realise that reconciliation is not a one-stop shop but a journey? I was inspired and reminded that we are all inherently good... I choose to remain an optimist.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The year as an MR Scholar has been nothing short of amazing. The absolute joy of meeting other like-minded Scholars gives me hope for Africa's future, it is indeed very bright! The programme has given me insight into myself, how I react to situations and people and has put me in touch with people I would never have met. It has been an inspiring and energising year.'



Daniel Uzoigwe

University of Cape Town
MCom Economic Science
Daniel was born in Nigeria in 1992.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The Introductory Workshop was eye-opening. The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is more than just a scholarship. There is an atmosphere that allows you to be open-minded, free and vulnerable while engaging with peers that identify with your story. Then, you learn that self-discovery, self-mastery and self-leadership are indispensable if one aspires to lead. The workshop set the tone for a perpetual conversation on the leadership question.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'This workshop was very instructive on the theme of reconciliation. Reconciliation is a difficult and continuous journey which entails that we must look back to the past, learn from it, let go of bottled up anger and frustrations, accept our common humanity and position ourselves to reimagine the future. Everyone has a role to play and we can all start from our little spheres of influence.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'This experience has been a journey of self-discovery and self-mastery for me. I feel strongly empowered to contribute to the progress of society through entrepreneurship. The year in residence has been a year of transformation for me and I am grateful to the MRF for the experience.'



Emma Whitelaw

University of Cape Town
MA African Language and Literature
Emma was born in South Africa in 1994.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I really have a new-found sense of my individual influence and capabilities. Much more importantly, however, I realised that collaboratively, we as Scholars (each having our own varying but authentic way, yet sharing extremely like-minded goals) have an enormous amount of power and I feel new hope that creating positive change in Africa is not just an ideal.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'It afforded us the opportunity to be vulnerable with each other which privileged me to view the notion of reconciliation through a lens of new perspectives, honesty and consciousness. It invoked a beautiful sense of renewal... acceptance of complex identity, the wealth in personal relationships and the necessity of my journey as part of the dynamic process towards reconciliation.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'If you dream alone, it's just a dream. If you dream together, it's a reality.' I feel overwhelmingly honoured to have dreamed and engaged with such undeniably life-changing individuals, and to have been afforded this year of personal growth and reflection. I leave the workshop with a compelling intention for my future, obligation to myself and society and immeasurable gratitude.'



Willem Wilken

Stellenbosch University
BCom Hons
Mathematical Statistics and Economics
Willem was born in South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'I am incredibly grateful for the opportunity to get to know my fellow Scholars as people with rich and complicated stories and desires. Being allowed to glimpse into the essence of other people was a wonderful privilege, and made the most difficult of conversations slightly easier.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'After a long semester, it was wonderful to reconnect with everyone and to take some time to reflect. The workshop truly broadened my concept of reconciliation. So much of the past, both personal and societal, demands reconciliation. How this should take place, however, is less clear. I am deeply thankful to have had the opportunity to learn from and be inspired by the incredible guest speakers and Scholars.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

'The Completion Workshop was an incredible opportunity to stand still, look around, and appreciate one's fellow Scholars. Between getting to know Scholars from the other group, deepening existing friendships, the workshop itself, and inspiring guest speakers it was hard to justify sleeping. I am deeply grateful for the opportunity of a lifetime.'

'MY YEAR AS A MANDELA RHODES SCHOLAR': EXPERIENCES OF THE CLASS OF 2017



Siphesihle Zwane

University of
Cape Town
BCom Hons
Economics
Siphesihle was born in
South Africa in 1995.

January 2017 Introductory Workshop

'The genuineness of interactions and beauty in our stories as Africans are two things that stood out for me when meeting my fellow Scholars. The workshop has given me hope for the future of African leadership and has gotten me more excited to be a part of it.'

July 2017 Mid-year Workshop

'The workshop was a journey of discovery and learning. I got to better understand reconciliation on the continent and developed a better appreciation for context and experiences in shaping how we act and think. This has led me to question my own context and experiences, giving me a better understanding and appreciation for the contextual nature of human behaviour.'

September 2017 Completion Workshop

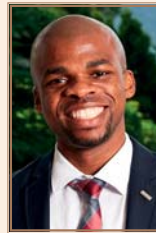
'The final workshop was fun, exciting and sad as we came to the end of our year in residence. I gained both in practical advice and skills and from increasing excitement and energy as to what the Foundation has and will achieve. I am eternally grateful for being granted the opportunity to meet these amazing young leaders.'



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THE 14TH CLASS OF MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS

The Class of 2018 gathered as a group for the first time in Cape Town in January for their Introductory Workshop. Most members of the Class attended the workshop, facilitated by the MRF with some outside input. As always, the new Scholars were taken on visits to sites relevant to the Foundation, and there were the traditional robust debates about the very different legacies of Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and Cecil John Rhodes. Over the next few pages we take pleasure in introducing you to these exceptional young Africans. In addition to introducing them by name, country of origin, field of study and institution of higher learning, we share their initial impressions of the experience of the first MRF workshop. The selection of this latest (and largest) Class of Mandela Rhodes Scholars brings to 445 the total number of Scholarships awarded since the inception of the programme.



**ANDREW
AKPAN**

Country of origin: Nigeria
Nominating institution: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Receiving institution: University of Johannesburg
Degree: Masters in Philosophy

'The workshop was a self-revelation of "I" to me. It taught me that leadership is a journey from self-development to the 'other-development' through love, knowledge, and service. It further offered a space to be challenged and to learn from other young people who have a deep-seated love for Africa and its progress.'



**BHEKUMUZI
BHEBHE**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Masters in International Relations

'Reflection requires an acknowledgement that circumstances have changed or must change and the workshop inspired that awareness in me. I form an intricate part of the system that binds us, the thread that connects us and we can accomplish any goal no matter how challenging. This allows for growth in life.'



**WILTON
ANTONIO**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Project Management

'Magical. Being in a room full of brilliant individuals from across Africa was an absolute blessing. The diversity of ideas, cultures and experiences of every Scholar came together magically. My heart was touched and my brain stimulated by the discussions. The workshop has kick-started a journey of deeper self-discovery and pruning – especially around the ideas of exceptional leadership. 'Aspire to Be ...'



**JEANINE
BOTH**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Stellenbosch University
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MA Psychology

'Being surrounded by authentic young leaders striving to bring about positive change across Africa was inspiring. I felt instantaneously connected to the group. The workshop raised my awareness of self-discovery and reflection, as well as fostering connections with others. I left motivated and encouraged, with a strong belief that the future is African.'



**EMILIA
APPIAH**

Country of origin: Ghana
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MCom (Investment Management)

Did not attend the workshop.



**STUART
DEMME**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Receiving institution: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Degree: MSc (Grassland Science)

'The energy, passion, and conviction that I saw in each Scholar was unlike anything I have encountered. Africa is developing world-class leaders. There was an emphatic sense of humility amongst us as we resonated with each other whilst discovering our potential as both individuals and a continent.'



**THABISO
BEAU**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MCom (Investment Management)

'The workshop definitely confirmed that I am a Scholar. It's one of the safest spaces that I've ever been in and I didn't want it to end. We bonded on a level that allowed us to reveal and embrace our weaknesses, talents and quirks. Also, we were able to engage on matters relating to leadership, Mandela Rhodes dichotomy and our various career trajectories. Through this, it has reinforced the immense privilege it is to be a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.'



**HEATHER
DIXON**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Rhodes University
Receiving institution: Rhodes University
Degree: Honours in Political Studies and History

'My soul feels full! Along with multiple paradigm shifts, my love and passion for our continent and our people has just been renewed. This workshop left me feeling positive about my future and our future as we work together. I am grateful to be present in the moment but willing June closer!'

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**GCINISIZWE
DLAMINI**

Country of origin: Swaziland
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MSc Chemical Engineering

'How can I lead myself better? This question and others has stuck with me knowing that I need more clarity as I express my authentic self in the spaces that I occupy. I am intentionally seeking positive disruption, knowing that I need to subscribe to a better narrative about myself and my continent.'



**KIRRA
EVANS**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Honours in Development Studies

'They knew every one of our names. I began to realise that all the people involved really cared about us and wanted us to succeed. They showed me the importance of encouragement, faith and acceptance and how this allows people to believe that they are capable of doing almost anything.'



**FATIMA
DOCRAT**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Honours in Economics

'The workshop surpassed my expectations. I was amazed how quickly we bonded and I thank the Foundation for their role. I felt inspired by the people around me. I am fortunate to be part of this community. We grappled with the legacies of Mandela and Rhodes and interrogated our own politics and visions for the African continent.'



**LILI MARIE
FLAX**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Rhodes University
Receiving institution: Rhodes University
Degree: MSc in Pharmaceutical Chemistry

'Being surrounded by the raw, pulsating energy of young passionate innovators truly changed my world view. Not only did this experience deepen my roots but it stretched my mind beyond the stars.'



**JORDAN
DU TOIT**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: MA Clinical Psychology

'Our Introductory Workshop opened my eyes to the power of African potential. Meeting my fellow Scholars and realising the level of excellence took my breath away and gave me a deep-seated sense of camaraderie with the hope and passion for change. The bonds we created were deep and far-reaching.'



**RYAN
NYOTU
GITAU**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MPhil in Health Innovation

'I have come to believe that I should commit myself to changing my mindset, and that of other Africans, from a default of internalised oppression. It's time we realised that our dreams and ideas are not second rate and to work to help others to develop an African superiority complex.'



**CHIDO
DZINOTYIWEI**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: BCom Honours in Economics

'The workshop left me in awe. Africa is home to many brilliant young minds and more experienced ones. The safe and interactive space provided room for growth instigated by the diverse range of strangers that quickly became close friends. Africa's leaders are simmering. They are going to make a good stew!'



**JOY CHIOMA
IDU**

Country of origin: Nigeria
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MSoSci in International Relations

'I always thought I knew myself. However, after the workshop I began to discover new personality traits I was unaware of, and I have been excited to delve into them. I would not trade anything for the experiences I had during the workshop, it was life changing.'



**REEM
ELSAIED**

Country of origin: Egypt
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree:

'The Introductory Workshop was exciting but overwhelming. I felt safe and cared for by the MRF family. I had also the privilege to meet amazing young African leaders who are making footprints in the world. The connections made based on respect, love and a sense of duty to our communities will last forever.'



**HENRIETTA
IFYEDE**

Country of origin: Nigeria
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MA Linguistics

'The workshop was revealing. Interacting with Scholars with great potential from across Africa revealed that there is hope for the continent. It highlighted my strengths and taught me to embrace my weaknesses as a leader. It rekindled the fire in me to do more. I left inspired to be the change Africa needs.'

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**JESSICA
ILUNGA**

Country of origin: Democratic Republic of Congo
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in City and Regional Planning

'My journal is filled with inspirational words from my peers whom I feel privileged to have met. I learned to challenge myself and to be unapologetic about my dreams. I was motivated to earn my stripes as a leader while reconciling with the fact that I can learn from my mistakes.'



**OTHNIEL
KONAN**

Country of origin: Côte d'Ivoire
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Engineering

'The January workshop was a life-changing event. The diversity of the group reflected itself in the richness of the ideas shared. Not only did I get a better understanding of myself, but I also realised that I have so much more to learn.'



**CHANOZYA
KABAGHE**

Country of origin: Zambia
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Honours in Economics

'The thought of being around some of the most brilliant and influential youth of Africa was daunting before the workshop. What a surprise it was to experience and witness the humility and desire to grow in my fellow Scholars. I am so honoured to be a member of the MRF family.'



**TAFADZWA
KWARAMBA**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MPhil in Mathematical Finance

'It was an emotional week in which the reality of being an MRF Scholar sank in. Being in a space with opinionated people from diverse backgrounds, each with their own story was quite an experience. Each day left me wondering how much I really knew about myself and my role as a leader.'



**SARAH
KERUBO**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Project Management

'I was honoured to meet such like-minded people. It was a safe space for everyone to be themselves. Our differences created a beautiful whole. I have never seen such openness, honesty and authenticity as I did amongst the Class of 2018. I am excited for the rest of the year!'



**AKSAY
LACKOO**

Country of origin: Mauritius
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: LLM in International Trade Law

'It was a deep dive into me. I have been impacted by the Introductory Workshop, on how to reflect in the truest and deepest sense on how leadership is shaped by our own values and traits of which we might not be aware. The MRF puts the human at the centre.'



**ISABEL
KHUMALO**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: LLM International Trade Law

'It was a privilege and delight to engage with young, brilliant, visionary fellow African leaders passionate about their countries and our beautiful continent. The workshop was a window through which I now see myself and the world a little clearer. I left with a sense of responsibility and accountability as a Mandela Rhodes Scholar.'



**RELEBOHILE
LECHEKO**

Country of origin: Lesotho
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: BSc Hons in Material Science and Engineering

'How in the world did I become part of such an amazing MRF family? Being surrounded by such brilliant and yet humble people made me realise that Africa's future is bright. I learnt so much about leadership and about myself in just five days. What an excellent way to kick-start the year!'



**LINET
KIMATHI**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Pretoria
Degree: Masters in Environmental Economics

'My lasting impression was the sense of purpose and responsibility that I acquired during the workshop. I found through my interaction with other Scholars, and through learning of the legacy of the Foundation, I was fuelled to fulfil my potential as a future leader of Africa. It was a life changing experience.'



**MOSANGOANENG
LETEANE**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Monash University
Degree: MPhil International Studies

'At a time when the continent is going through a shift, the workshop was an amazing space to test ideas on how to take the continent forward and build meaningful relationships. It inspired a new way of thinking in defining leadership, and centred it back to humanity and building bonds beyond divisive ideologies.'

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**SANELISIWE
(INGA)
MACINGWANE**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: LLM in Human Rights Law

'The workshop made me realise that leadership is about being your authentic self and encouraging others to do the same while working towards a common vision. I need to walk in my truth and encourage others to be vulnerable enough to embrace their own. The world is waiting for the revelation of our true selves.'



**JESSICA
MAYSON**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Honours in Drama Therapy

'This workshop encouraged me to look both inward and outward. Our discussions helped me reflect on the leader I am and the leader I want to become. I gleaned knowledge from those around me; the valuable Scholars from across our continent who will shape both the world and how I relate to it.'



**BUHLEBETHU
MAGWAZA**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Monash University
Degree: Masters in Philosophy

'Engaging with the other Scholars was an insightful, exciting and thought provoking experience. I learnt a lot. I have new found respect and appreciation for leadership and leaders. As a young African leader I am more determined, more excited and a little bit more fearless in my quest and ambitions.'



**DEBORAH
MAYUNI**

Country of origin: Malawi
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Media Theory and Practice

'The workshop content was enriching and challenging. I felt I could be and do more. I was stirred with a fresh passion to serve. It was also delightful to make new friendships. I am grateful for the privilege to be on the programme and I look forward to the year ahead.'



**KARABELO
MALOI**

Country of origin: Lesotho
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Johannesburg
Degree: BCom Hons (Investment)

'I have been challenged and inspired by the phenomenal young leaders who form part of the Class of 2018. The stories of some are amazing and I am intent on joining forces with them and building a better Africa. We are the ones we've been waiting for. Africa is alive!'



**TIAAN
MEIRING**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: North West University
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: BCom Honours (Economics)

'Two things from the Introductory Workshop will surely stay with me. Firstly, the impact the Scholars had on me, through their inspirational life stories and secondly, the way the workshop enabled us to get in touch with our own ways of thinking and behaving. The workshop left me excited and inspired for the year.'



**SHARON
MANOAH**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: LLM in Commercial Law

'I was surrounded by young, brilliant, talented people thirsty for change, people passionate about the African continent and its future. Their openness and vulnerability was astounding. I rediscovered myself and what I need to do to become the best version of myself. The leader within has awakened. Thank you MRF for believing in me.'



**KEENAN
MEYER**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Pretoria
Receiving institution: University of Pretoria
Degree: BMus (Hons)

'It was awe-inspiring being surrounded by such brilliant minds and warm personalities! Spending five days with like-minded change agents was refreshing and I am excited to see what the year holds! The friendships and bonds forged at this workshop will undoubtedly stay with me. I feel incredibly blessed to be associated with the MRF!'



**WILLARD
MAPULANGA**

Country of origin: Zambia
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MCom in Economic Development

'The transformative energy and diversity I experienced during the workshop couldn't have come at a better time. Some activities were unsettling and thought provoking – challenging my 'self' to awaken to a new era of cognitive thinking. My mind was washed with exciting, enriching activities critical for my personal growth and leadership development.'



**NTSAKO
MGIBA**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Computer Science

'The workshop was an eye opener. It finally sunk in I am a Mandela Rhodes Scholar! I felt blessed to be there, alongside such brilliant and passionate individuals. It was a great experience to bond with the rest of the group through storytelling and the social spaces that were created.'

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**SILAS
MIAMI**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Media Theory and Practice

'As a function of survival, many artists like me subject our lived experiences to interrogation. But effective change should be deliberate. The MRF workshop allowed me to take a break from that and to take up my role as a creative leader with a particular focus – to communicate intersectional, representative stories.'



**KATHLEEN
MPOFU**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: LLM in Dispute Resolution

Did not attend the workshop.



**ODWOUR
MIDIGO**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Nelson Mandela University
Degree: MSc (Dietetics)

'The workshop experience granted me the wings to fly! From the experiential learning of African leaders, systems thinking approach to personal awareness, I was able to define the qualities of a leader I aspire to be. MRF you opened my eyes! Love before you lead from Rebecca Sykes sums it up for me.'



**EDWARD
MURAMBWA**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Receiving institution: University of KwaZulu-Natal
Degree: Masters in Philosophy

'It was a life-changing experience. I was challenged on many levels and my world view was expanded. Meeting a group of Scholars from such diverse backgrounds has been an amazing experience assuring me that Africa can still fulfil its destiny. The MRF team demonstrated and taught us leadership traits that I will forever cherish.'



**ZANELE
MKELE**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Honours in Development Studies

'I remember being engulfed by feelings of apprehension before the workshop. Fast forward to the storytelling session, I don't recall ever feeling that 'at home'. The 2018 cohort has filled my heart. I crossed paths with individuals who are not only authentic, but also empowered me to align with my own purpose.'



**MAKOMBORERO
MUZENDA**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Rhodes University
Degree: Masters in Journalism and Media Studies

'The workshop was a life changing experience. I explored what it means to be an African leader, and started to unpack how best to deal with controversial legacies and historical trauma. I learnt that there's a human side to leadership. And after meeting the other Scholars, I truly feel part of the family.'



**NODUMO
MOYO**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Honours in Monitoring and Evaluation

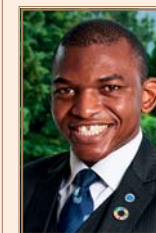
'The workshop afforded me an opportunity to interact with exceptional, talented young leaders from across the African continent. I learnt so much through the deep insights we had on the essence of leadership and the legacies of Mandela and Rhodes. I realised that alone I can do so little but together we can do so much to create a peaceful, equal, non-racial, non-tribal and non-sexist society for all.'



**ARTHUR
MUZOFA**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: BA Hons (English)

'With a fuller understanding of my ability to not only be an observer of the African situation but a source and initiator of innovations that could improve it, I am steadily gaining a new appreciation of my life. Everything I do is building into something greater than me. I am excited about the future.'



**SIMBARASHE
MOYO**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: MA in Social Development

'The workshop provided a golden opportunity for me to connect with my inner self as a leader and with fellow young leaders from across Africa. It served as a melting pot that refined my understanding of leadership as a decision rather than just a trait or a skill.'



**MKUHLULI
NOMPUMZA**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: BEd Hons (Education, Development and Democracy)

'The Introductory Workshop afforded me an opportunity to be self-reflective and actively-engaged in unpacking, learning and unlearning various perspectives around the concept of leadership in the African context. The workshop inspired a great sense of agency to lead the change I want to see; as well as in re-imagining and re-defining African leadership.'

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**OSAREME
ODIASE**

Country of origin: Nigeria
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Neuropsychotherapy

'When you transcend conventional thinking, you metamorphose into cognitive streams of thought that bestow upon you a burdensome responsibility – A level of consciousness and awareness, which demands consistency, engendering 'perceptions of perfection' from others rather than empathy. When you mentally lessen these 'perceived power differentials' and reach out, then ideal leadership emerges ...'



**THOMAS
ROTICH**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: LLM in Dispute Resolution

'The workshop was a dream come true. It made me realise that when people come together for a common purpose, irrespective of their diverse backgrounds, they can achieve their goals. Listening to Scholars' cogent arguments on various issues made me feel like ... yes ... the qualities of leadership are there, but we are not there yet.'



**ZAINAB
OLAITAN**

Country of origin: Nigeria
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Philosophy, Politics and Economics

'I would like to thank the MRF for giving me the opportunity to be part of such a wonderful family. Meeting different individuals with their unique stories which became their inspiration was motivational. Knowing that every one of them is doing their bit to foster positive change in Africa was inspiring.'



**JONATHAN
RUWANIKA**

Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MCom in Development Finance

'In six days a cohort of strangers from all over the continent was woven into a family. It came down to each individual's willingness to be vulnerable and authentic. I appreciated the diverse disciplines present in the cohort and this challenged my own knowledge and views. This is a family passionate about Africa!'



**NOGUES
OLLIER**

Country of origin: Côte d'Ivoire
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MEng in Renewable Energy

'The Introductory Workshop was an enriching and transformative experience for me. I got a broader perspective of leadership. I learnt that leadership is all about service, the continuous endeavour to positively transform society and that having the appropriate attitude is critical. I found a purpose and feel well equipped to make an impact.'



**RUFARO
SAMANG**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: MSc in Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Did not attend the workshop.



**MIKAELA
OOSTHUIZEN**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Nelson Mandela University
Receiving institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Masters in Media Studies

'The MRF team curated an environment conducive for our unique seeds to bloom. I have learnt to find the song 'that makes me sing' and to belt it out unashamedly. This workshop has given me renewed hope of how we can connect people on a very disconnected continent.'



**JILL
SAMUKIMBA**

Country of origin: Zambia
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MPhil in Development Studies

'The workshop was indeed a life changing experience. It was amazing to see the potential, talent and leadership skill we as world changers have. I came away believing that Africa needs me, as I realised there is a lot that we young African leaders need to do to see a better tomorrow.'



**ADRIAN
PAULSEN**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of the Western Cape
Degree: Masters in Geography

'The workshop was an intense experience that I will forever cherish. Having the opportunity to meet with a diverse group of passionate African Scholars and leaders inspires me to become a better person. I came to the workshop unsure of what to expect but left with a sense of purpose.'



**MATHEW
SAUNDERS**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: BCom Honours (Accounting)

'My experiences at the workshop were unlike any other. I felt a great sense of connectedness amongst the Scholars and the MRF team. The theme of leadership was introduced and explored. The impact this workshop had on me filled me with a deeper sense of responsibility and courage. This is Madiba Magic!'

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**SHOROK
SEBAA**

Country of origin: Egypt
Nominating institution:
Receiving institution:
Degree:

'Leadership is a journey inside the human soul. I was inspired by the great speakers and MRF Scholars. Seeing their potential as leaders, their energy and enthusiastic engagement was an eye opener for me. It was a place to thrive, prosper and to fulfil all your potential as a change maker.'



**MATSEPE
TSIU**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MSc in Advanced Analytics and Decision Science

'I had no idea what to expect when I arrived. I thought it would be just another workshop. It was so much more. I gained real insights. I met real leaders. I made real connections with real people. I entered alone; I departed with family. I felt peace. I was home.'



**THABO
SHINGANGE**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: University of Pretoria
Degree: Masters in Political Science

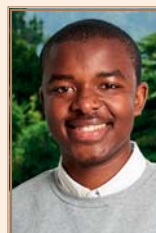
'The Introductory Workshop was a magical experience. I was enchanted by the multifaceted and dynamic nature of reasoning and character in the room – this, I believe, is one of the most noble pursuits for any leader. I am convinced that the MRF provides a platform to meet Africans of exceptional quality.'



**GAELE
WACHE
NGATEAU**

Country of origin: Cameroon
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

'Knowing thyself first is key to better relate to others – the enneagram! Through the workshop I was fortunate to have insight into systems thinking theory which to me is key in the way we relate to things and people in our day to day activities. I am filled with infinite gratitude to have met new personalities, with distinct mindsets.'



**LINDOKUHLE
SHONGWE**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters in Electrical Engineering

'The workshop was invigorating and inspiring as it was a space of tremendous self-learning and reflection. The space which was created where I was connected to so many like-minded individuals across the continent reaffirmed my own aspirations and hopes for the African continent, one connected through exceptional leadership.'



**LEWIS
WASWA**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Rhodes University
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MEng in Electrical and Electronic Engineering

'It was an exciting experience to share thoughts with other young African leaders and deepen one's understanding of how dynamic problems and solutions can be, beginning with ourselves and our own personalities. The workshop broadened my perspective of how complex the subject of leadership can be. This opportunity has redefined my thinking.'



**ANDREW
TANGANG**

Country of origin: Cameroon
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MCom

'The Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is brightening the skies of Africa with shining stars. From the Introductory Workshop, we understand Africa better and must now fully use our potential to foster Africa's political, social, cultural and economic development. With our knowledge and capacity, we are now counted among those stars.'



**ELLA
WILBY**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Rhodes University
Degree: BSc Hons in Computer Science

'The workshop was empowering and affirming. In a week a room full of strangers turned into a room full of close friends who share the common goal of social justice in Africa. I finally believe I am an MR Scholar and I am excited to learn more about what that means.'



**GEORGE
TEKE**

Country of origin: Cameroon
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MEng Chemical Engineering

'The workshop was a gift and a blessing making me a better leader for the future. It was a week of growth through interacting which helped me understand that the MRF is building inspirational young leaders with intellect and character.'



**SIMOTWO
ZAINABU**

Country of origin: Kenya
Nominating institution: Independent
Receiving institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: MSC Mathematical Sciences

'Being at the workshop was a blessing and the most rewarding experience as I was surrounded by magic from all over the continent. It's now clearer that leadership is about zeal, passion and drive to influence others and bring change. It is also forgiving, resilience, reconciliation and regress.'

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**THEMBELIHLE
ZULU**

Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating institution: University of Cape Town
Receiving institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: MCom Development Finance

'The steep learning curve and personal growth that I experienced during the Introductory Workshop made it clear that I was beginning a journey that would be a defining moment in my life. Allowing myself to be open to new people, experiences and ideas will definitely make this journey memorable and more fulfilling.'



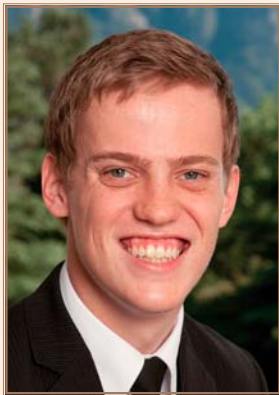
THE LEVERHULME MANDELA RHODES DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS

LEVERHULME TRUST



THE MANDELA RHODES
FOUNDATION

In July 2016 The Leverhulme Trust confirmed the award of two Doctoral Scholarships per year to support Scholars nominated by The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, for a period of three years. The Scholarships support doctoral studies at a recognised institution of higher education in the UK. Each Scholarship provides up to £100,000 per candidate to cover the costs of fees, maintenance and research expenses for three years. Awards are paid directly to the receiving institution. The first two Scholars to be awarded the Scholarship in 2017 were Mark John Burke (SA & UCT 2012) and Jolynne Mokaya (Kenya & SU 2016).



MARK JOHN BURKE

Country of origin: South Africa

University: UCT

Field and degree of study as MRS: MSc Computer Science

Proposed field of PhD study: Emerging market GAP Housing



JOLYNNE MOKAYA

Country of origin: Kenya

University: Stellenbosch

Field and degree of study as MRS: MSc in Clinical Epidemiology

Proposed field of PhD study: The impact of sub-fertility and successful fertility treatment on long-term mental health of women



THE MANDELA RHODES
FOUNDATION

To: All Mandela Rhodes Scholar alumni
From: Shaun Johnson, Executive Director

15th March 2017

LEVERHULME MANDELA RHODES DOCTORAL SCHOLARSHIPS: APPLICATIONS NOW OPEN

I am delighted to inform all Mandela Rhodes Scholar alumni that the application process for this wonderful new opportunity gets under way today.

Mandela Rhodes Scholar alumni who are interested in applying to the Foundation to be recommended for a Leverhulme Mandela Rhodes Doctoral Scholarship to the United Kingdom should contact MRF Operations Director Ernst Gerber (ernst@mrf.org.za) to request an application form. Applications will close on 10 April 2017.

The new Leverhulme Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme invites the MRF, after a rigorous selection process culminating in final interviews, to recommend two Mandela Rhodes alumni to our partners The Leverhulme Trust in London. The Leverhulme Trust will then, according to terms agreed with the recommended candidates, assume financial responsibility for doctoral study at a recognised UK institution of higher learning.

It is expected that the successful applicants will be informed by mid-year, and would begin their doctoral studies in the UK in September 2017.

It is important to note that the award is conditional upon the recommended candidate successfully securing admission to an appropriate institution for their PhD studies. The continuation of funding by The Leverhulme Trust to the Scholar is also contingent upon satisfactory progress by the recipient.

I wish all candidates the very best of luck.

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ROLL-CALL OF THE CLASSES OF 2005-2016

For the latest updates received by the Foundation by Mandela Rhodes Scholars from the Classes of 2005 to 2016, please go to www.mandelarhodes.org and click on 'The Scholars'. On these pages is a full list, alphabetically by surname for each of the years between 2005 and 2016, of all Mandela Rhodes Scholars. They are identified by their year in residence, country of origin, institution of study, and degree pursued.

Julia **Cloete** (Levin)
SA & UCT 2005
BA Hons Social Anthropology

Jacques **Conradie**
SA & SU 2005
BCom Hons Actuarial Science

Buntu **Godongwana**
SA & CPUT 2005
MTech Chemical Engineering

Sizwe **Mjiqiza**
SA & UWC 2005
MA Pharmacy

Hanru **Niemand**
SA & SU 2005
MA Psychology

Riaan **Oppet**
SA & UWC 2005
MA English and Cultural Studies

Sirika **Pillay**
SA & UCT 2005
BSc Hons Microbiology

Alex **Salo** (De Voux)
SA & UCT 2005
BSc Hons Biochemistry and Physiology

Rachel Nyaradzo **Adams**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2006
BSocSc Hons Anthropology

Nyasha **Chigwamba**
Zimbabwe & RU 2006
MSc Computer Science

Zethu **Dlamini**
Swaziland & UCT 2006
MA Media Studies

Chet **Fransch**
Zimbabwe & SU 2006
BA Hons History

Tristan **Görgens**
SA & UCT 2006
BSocSc Hons Development

Janet **Jobson**
SA & RU 2006
BA Hons History

Pie-Pacifique **Kabalira-Uwase**
Rwanda & UKZN 2006
BSc Hons Physics & Chemistry

Thando **Mgqolozana**
SA & UWC 2006
MCur Community Health

Nonkululeko **Ngidi**
SA & UKZN 2006
BCom Hons Economics

Melika **Singh**
SA & UCT 2006
MSocSc Industrial Psychology

Nkazimulo **Sokhulu**
SA & UCT 2006
BCom Hons Finance

Vincent **van Bever Donker**
SA & UCT 2006
MA English Literature

Piet **van Rooyen**
SA & UFS 2006
BMus Hons

Luzelle **Yon** (Lestrade)
Namibia & SU 2006
MPhil Political Management

Bongumusa **Zuma**
SA & RU 2006
BSc Hons Biochemistry

Tristram **Atkins**
SA & AFDA 2007
BA Hons Film Production

Marlon **Burgess**
SA & UCT 2007
BA Hons Anthropology

Rumbidzai **Goredema** (Görgens)
Zimbabwe & UCT 2007
BSocSc Hons Sociology

Bryony **Green** (Winn)
Zimbabwe & UCT 2007
MA Philosophy: English

Graeme **Hoddinott**
SA & UKZN 2007
MA Clinical Psychology

Aalia **Ismail**
SA & UKZN 2007
BSocSc Hons Policy and Development Studies

Leanne **Johansson**
SA & UCT 2007
BSocSc Hons Development Studies

Ayanda **Khala** (Phiri)
SA & Wits 2007
MA Dramatic Arts: Drama Education and Therapy

Nyika **Machenjedze**
Zimbabwe & UFS 2007
MA Human Rights

Boitumelo **Magolego**
SA & UP 2007
BEng Hons Electronic Engineering

David **Maimela**
SA & UP 2007
MA International Relations: Political Economy and Foreign Relations

Clement **Mogodi-Tjale**
SA & UZ 2007
MA Clinical Psychology: Neuropsychology and Ethics

Rikus **Oswald**
SA & SU 2007
MA International Studies: SA Political Economics

Lunga **Radebe**
SA & Wits 2007
BA Hons Dramatic Arts: Performing Arts Management

Judy **Sikuza**
SA & NMMU 2007
BA Hons Industrial Psychology

Daphne **Singo** (Bucher)
SA & UCT 2007
MSc Physics

Jeremias **Sitoi**
Mozambique & UKZN 2007
M Maritime Studies Economics

Cebile **Tebele**
Zimbabwe & UZ 2007
BCom Hons Industrial Psychology

Sheetal **Vallabh**
SA & UCT 2007
MA Clinical Psychology

Buhle **Zuma**
SA & UCT 2007
MPhil Intercultural Studies: Theories and Issues Diversity

Matthew **Beetar**
SA & UKZN 2008
BSocSc Hons Media and Cultural and Gender Studies

Anton **Botha**
SA & NMMU 2008
MCom Industrial Psychology

Victor **Chikadzi**
Zimbabwe & Wits 2008
MSocSc Social Development

Nobulali **Dangazele**
SA & Wits 2008
MA Dramatic Arts (Applied Theatre)

Lionel **Faull**
SA & RU 2008
MA English Literature

Thandeka **Hlengwa**
SA & UZ 2008
MA Clinical Psychology

Llewellyn **Howes**
SA & AFDA 2008
BA Hons Motion Picture Medium - Directing

Simangele **Mabena**
SA & Wits 2008
MA Dramatic Arts (Applied Theatre)

Lawrence **Mashimbye**
SA & Wits 2008
MSc Epidemiology and Biostatistics

Christopher **McConnachie**
SA & RU 2008
LLB Hons

Zdena **Mtethwa**
Zimbabwe & NMMU 2008
BA Hons Industrial Psychology

Cynthia Ayeza **Mutabaazi**
Uganda & UP 2008
MA Culture and Media Studies

Lindokuhle **Nkosi**
SA & UZ 2008
MSocSc Sociology

Garikai **Nyaruwata**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2008
BBusSc Hons Economics

Chipateni **Nyirenda**
Zambia & UCT 2008
BA Hons International Relations

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Suntosh Pillay
SA & UKZN 2008
MSocSc Clinical Psychology

Tinotenda Sachikonye
Zimbabwe & RU 2008
MSc Pharmacology

Marea Sing
SA & NMMU 2008
BCom Hons Statistics

Kim Smith
SA & UWC 2008
BCom Hons Industrial Psychology

Demain Solomons
SA & UWC 2008
MTh Theology & Ethics

Bronwyn Tarr
Namibia & UCT 2008
BSc Hons Biodiversity & Evolutionary
Biology

Thabang Tlaka
SA & UP 2008
MSocSc Clinical Psychology

Mashilo Tshehla
SA & UL 2008
MSocSc Clinical Psychology

Meagan Adriaans
SA & UWC 2009
MA English

Nicole Brutsch
SA & RU 2009
Postgraduate Studies Journalism
and Media

Ingrid Cloete
SA & RU 2009
LLB

Rutendo Dhliwayo
Zimbabwe & UFH 2009
Hons Economics

Zilindile Dlamini
Swaziland & UZ 2009
Hons Economics

Sicelo Dlodla
SA & UZ 2009
Hons Agriculture

Katherine Furman
SA & RU 2009
MA Political and Industrial Studies

Zerene Haddad
Zimbabwe & UCT 2009
Hons Historical Studies

Christopher Holdridge
SA & UCT 2009
MA Historical Studies

Nothemba Lockett
SA & UCT 2009
MPhil Social Justice

Tsepang Majara
Lesotho & UFH 2009
MA Psychology

Hapiloe Maranyane
Lesotho & UCT 2009
MA Medical Biochemistry

Masasa Mbangeni
SA & Wits 2009
Hons Dramatic Arts

Osmond Mlonyeni
SA & UP 2009
MA Genetics

Khanyisa Mtombeni
SA & UWC 2009
Hons Finance

Mark Mutayoba
SA & NMMU 2009
Hons Economics

Unnel-Teddy Ngoumandjoka
Gabon & Monash 2009
Hons Computing

Siziphiwe Ngxabi
SA & UZ 2009
Hons Economics

Siyabulela Nomoyi
SA & RU 2009
Hons Mathematical Statistics
and Pure Mathematics

Godfrey Nzimande
SA & UCT 2009
Hons Accounting

Kershan Pancham
SA & AFDA 2009
Hons Motion Picture Medium

Elias Phaahla
SA & Wits 2009
MA International Relations

Marius Redelinghuys
SA & UP 2009
Hons Political Science

Aalyia Sadrudin
SA & Wits 2009
Hons Medical Anthropology
and Demography, Population
Studies

Saskia Schiel
SA & AFDA 2009
Hons Motion Picture Medium

Nothemba Silwana
SA & CPUT 2009
MA Chemistry

Cano Ssemakalu
Uganda & UNISA 2009
MA Biotechnology

Obediant Tshabalala
SA & NMMU 2009
Hons Computer Science
and Information Systems

Grant Andrews
SA & SU 2010
MA English Studies

Andrew Carolin
SA & UJ 2010
MA English Studies

Adéle Croucamp
SA & NWU 2010
MA Educational Management

Paton Dennison
SA & UFS 2010
MA Tax

Asanda Dodi
SA & Wits 2010
Hons Management

Siphehile Dumisa
SA & UKZN 2010
MA Political Science and Ethics

Clive Eley
Zimbabwe & RU 2010
MA Chemistry

Emile Engel
SA & UCT 2010
MA Chemistry

Siyabonga Gobingca
SA & UWC 2010
Hons Economics

Nozipho Hokonya
Zimbabwe & NMMU 2010
Hons Social Work

Steven Hussey (Kruger)
SA & UP 2010
MA Biotechnology

Yannick Kala Konga
Congo & TUT 2010
MA Electronic Engineering

Krishna Khetia (Deceased)
Kenya & Monash 2010

Serge Lomago
Congo & UCT 2010
Hons Economics

Nande Mabona
SA & UWC 2010
Hons Petroleum Geology

Oupa Malahlela
SA & UL 2010
MSc

Athambile Masola
SA & RU 2010
MA Education

Henny Mavasa
SA & UZ 2010
MA Clinical Psychology

Cara Meintjies (Hartley)
SA & SUN 2010
MA International Studies

Syden Mishi
Zimbabwe & UFH 2010
Hons Financial Markets

Petunia Mpoza
SA & Monash 2010
Hons International Relations

Zukiswa Mqolomba
SA & UCT 2010
MSocSc

Comfort Ndala
SA & TUT 2010
MA Operations Management

Zimbini Ogle
SA & NMMU 2010
MA Clinical Psychology

Shaheen Seedat
SA & Wits 2010
Hons Economics and Mathematics

Nandipha Sephuma
Botswana & UKZN 2010
MA English Studies

Elizabeth Vale
SA & RU 2010
Hons Philosophy and Politics

Alice Wamundiya
Rwanda & UCT 2010
MA Social Development

ROLL-CALL OF THE CLASSES OF 2005-2016

Richard **Wilkinson**
SA & UCT 2010
LLB

Laura **Brooks**
SA & UCT 2011
MA Economics

Jennifer **Carstens**
SA & SUN 2011
MA Industrial Psychology

Ponayi **Chitaka**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2011
MA Public Health

Jai **Clifford-Holmes**
SA & RU 2011
MA Integrated Development

Emmanuel **Kalunga**
Congo & TUT 2011
MA Electrical Engineering

Luke **Kannemeyer**
SA & UCT 2011
MA Human Genetics

Alex **Lenferna**
SA & RU 2011
MA Philosophy

Tarsianna **Machekabuwe**
Zimbabwe & SUN 2011
MA Clinical Psychology

Lerato **Makhale**
SA & UWC 2011
MA Anthropology

Nadia **Marais**
SA & SUN 2011
MA Divinity/Theology

Caitlin **Miles** (Spence)
SA & UCT 2011
Hons Economics

Nosipho **Mngomezulu**
SA & RU 2011
MA Anthropology

Phillip **Mogodi**
SA & Wits 2011
MA Mineral Economics

Maletsabisa **Molapo**
Lesotho & UCT 2011
MA Computer Science

Noella **Moshi**
Tanzania & UCT 2011
MA Immunology

Pamella **Mothlageng**
Botswana & RU 2011
Hons Financial Management

Dananai **Muchemenye**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2011
MA Commercial Law

Patrick **Mukala**
Congo & TUT 2011
MA IT Informatics

Zamafuze **Ngcobo**
SA & UJ 2011
Hons Media Studies

Emmanuel **Nibishaka**
Rwanda & NMMU 2011
MA Conflict Management
and Transformation

Qhelile **Nyathi** (Ollelia)
Zimbabwe & UKZN 2011
Hons Financial Mathematics

Iyinoluwa **Ologe**
Nigeria & Monash 2011
Hons International Studies

Mary **Opondo**
Kenya & UJ 2011
Hons Development Studies

Mmatshupo **Phasha-Muchemenye**
SA & UP 2011
MA Microbiology

Jonathan **Reader**
SA & SUN 2011
Hons Economics

Ntuthuko **Tsokodibane**
SA & UCT 2011
MA Economic Science

Dale **Van der Lingen**
SA & SUN 2011
MA Economics

Danielle **Bowler**
SA & RU 2012
MA Politics and International Studies

Mark John **Burke**
SA & UCT 2012
MA Computer Science

Stanford **Chinyayi**
Zimbabwe & NMMU 2012
Hons Quantity Surveying

Eugene **Davids**
SA & UWC 2012
MA Child and Family Studies

Matthew **de la Hey**
SA & SU 2012
Hons Accounting

Patrick **Ebewo**
Nigeria & TUT 2012
MA Entrepreneurship

John **Flanagan**
SA & UKZN 2012
MA Agricultural Economics

Andrew **Gasnolar**
SA & UWC 2012
MA Law

David **Gate**
Zimbabwe & NMMU 2012
Hons Economics

Jacobus **Griessel**
SA & UFS 2012
MA Music Composition

Yumna **Laher**
SA & Wits 2012
MA International Relations

Major **Mabuza**
SA & TUT 2012
MA Chemical Engineering

Unene **Manganyi** (Gregory)
SA & TUT 2012
MA Engineering

Mario **Meyer**
SA & UWC 2012
MA Ethics

Thobela **Mfeti**
SA & UCT 2012
Hons Statistics and Business Statistics

Nicholas **Nhundu**
Zimbabwe & UJ 2012
MA Finance

Nhlakanipho **Nkwanyana**
SA & UZ 2012
MA Psychology

Angela **Obwaka**
Kenya & UJ 2012
Hons Strategic Management

Francis **Omesa**
Kenya & SU 2012
MA Law

Anthea **Paelo**
Uganda & UJ 2012
MA Economics

Elnari **Potgieter**
SA & SU 2012
MA International Studies

Gift **Pule**
SA & UCT 2012
Hons Human Genetics

Mario-Mark **Ruiters**
SA & SU 2012
MA Agriculture

Jessica **Baker** (Ronaasen)
SA & SU 2013
MA Social Work

Magalie **Bueyasadila**
Congo & TUT 2013
MA Sustainable Energy

Lisa **Chella**
SA & UZ 2013
Hons English Literature

Hayley **Chewins**
SA & Wits 2013
Hons English Literature

Marcelle **du Toit**
SA & AFDA 2013
Hons Motion Picture Medium

Camille **Fredericks**
SA & UWC 2013
Hons Industrial Psychology

Michael **Glover**
SA & UCT 2013
MA History

David **Hatherell**
SA & SU 2013
Hons Actuarial Science

Jean-Jacques **Kriel**
SA & SU 2013
MA Civil Engineering

Franklin **Kum**
Cameroon & UJ 2013
MA Development Economics

Nawsheen **Lall Mahomed**
Mauritius & NMMU 2013
MA Architecture

Kelebone **Lekunya**
Lesotho & UP 2013
MA Urban Infrastructure Design and
Management

Antonio **Macheve Jr.**
Mozambique & UCT 2013
MA Development Studies

Kgomotso **Mahole**
SA & UP 2013
MA Statistics

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Lihle **Mancoba**
SA & RU 2013
MA Political & International Studies

Kegomoditswe **Mathobela**
SA & NMMU 2013
MA Biomedical Technology

Abigail **McDougall**
SA & SU 2013
BPhil Sustainable Development

Thokozile **Mcpele**
SA & UJ 2013
Hons Strategic Management

Hazel **Moyo**
Zimbabwe & UFH 2013
MA Business Management

Joan **Obwaka**
Kenya & UCT 2013
Hons Justice and Transformation

Shabeerah **Ramkhalawon**
(Hurbissoon)
Mauritius & NMMU 2013
MA Philosophy

Nkhiphitheni **Ramukakate**
SA & UP 2013
Hons Applied Science – Mining

Jeremy **Rose**
SA & UCT 2013
Hons Environmental
and Geographical Science

Leticia **Taimo**
Mozambique & UCT 2013
Hons International Relations

Sumaiyya **Thawer**
Tanzania & UCT 2013
MA Clinical Sciences

Rutendo **Usayi**
Zimbabwe & UJ 2013
Hons Theory Accounting

Joanie **van der Merwe**
SA & SU 2013
MA Intercultural Communication

Sanaa **Abrahams**
SA & RU 2014
BA Hons Philosophy

Paul **Amayo**
Kenya & UCT 2014
MSc Engineering

Unathi **Beku**
SA & UKZN 2014
Hons Economics

Kangwa-Musole **Chisanga**
Zambia & UCT 2014
LLM

Kristal **Duncan**
SA & UCT 2014
MPublic Health

Nicole **Germiquet**
SA & RU 2014
MMus

Kenechukwu **Ikebuaku**
Nigeria & UWC 2014
BA Hons Psychology

Malan **Jacobs**
SA & SU 2014
B Pub Admin Hons

Johannes **Jonker**
SA & SU 2014
Hons Socio-Informatics

Jenna-Lee **Kennard** (Mauck)
SA & UCT 2014
BA Hons English Studies

Felix **Khembo**
Malawi & UCT 2014
MPhil Programme Evaluation

Nadia **Kruger** (Levine)
SA & Wits 2014
MA Economics

Caitlin **Macleod**
SA & UCT 2014
MA Documentary Arts

Lisa **Maholo**
SA & RU 2014
MA Finance

Irvine **Manyukisa**
Zimbabwe & UJ 2014
BCom Hons

Esther **McFarlane**
SA & UCT 2014
M Ed Education

Roné **McFarlane**
SA & UCT 2014
Diploma in Education

Emmanuel **Migabo**
Congo & TUT 2014
MTech Electrical Engineering

Lorato **Modongo**
Botswana & SU 2014
MA Research Psychology

Tumelo **Moreri**
Botswana & UCT 2014
MSc Mathematics

Atherton **Mutombwera**
Zimbabwe & NMMU 2014
MSc Biochemistry

Tulani **Nkuntse**
SA & NMMU 2014
MA Public Administration

Lerato **Nxomani**
SA & UP 2014
Hons Economics

Iris **Nxumalo**
SA & UP 2014
BA Hons International Relations

Vivian **Nyaata**
Kenya & UKZN 2014
LLM

Jolyn **Phillips**
SA & UWC 2014
Certificate in Education

Ntokozi **Qwabe**
SA & UCT 2014
LLM

Cerene **Rathilal**
SA & UKZN 2014
MSc Mathematics

Amir **Rezaei**
SA & Wits 2014
BCom Hons

Monica **Santana** (Correia)
SA & SU 2014
MSc Economic Geology

Roselyn **Seodi**
SA & AFDA 2014
BA Hons Motion Picture

Orli **Setton**
SA & UCT 2014
MPhil (Inclusive Innovations)

Juan **Theron**
SA & UP 2014
BA (Hons) Hons Biokinetics

Awonke **Tshefu**
SA & UFH 2014
MSc Chemistry

Coralie **Valentyn**
SA & UWC 2014
MA Anthropology

Agatha **Banga**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2015
MA Public Health

Francois **Becker**
SA & UCT 2015
MA Biological Sciences

Abigail **Branford**
SA & UCT 2015
Hons Justice and Transformation

Jessica **Breakey**
SA & UCT 2015
Hons Gender and Transformation

Richard **Bryce**
SA & UCT 2015
Postgraduate LLB

Richard **Burman**
SA & UCT 2015
MSc Med Specialising in
Medical Biochemistry

Rekgotsofetse **Chikane**
SA & UCT 2015
BSocSc Hons

Sendibityosi **Gandizanzwa**
Zimbabwe & NMMU 2015
MSc Chemistry

Ameil **Harikishun**
SA & RU 2015
MSc Marine Biology

Kyla **Hazell**
SA & UCT 2015
MA Justice and Transformation

Gezina **Hoxobes**
Namibia & UP 2015
Hons Psychology

Tanyaradzwa **Katiyo**
Zimbabwe & UJ 2015
LLM

Musa **Kika**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2015
LLM

Londiwe **Magagula**
SA & UKZN 2015
MSc Ecological Sciences

Joseph **Maisels**
SA & UWC 2015
Postgraduate Diploma in Finance

ROLL-CALL OF THE CLASSES OF 2005-2016

Curwyn **Mapaling**
SA & SU 2015
MA Clinical Psychology and
Community Counselling

Lindokuhle **Matsebula**
Swaziland & UP 2015
MSc Real Estate

Aviwe **May**
SA & RU 2015
BSc Hons Chemistry

Leane **Meiring**
SA & Wits 2015
MA Drama Theory

Sizwe **Mkwanazi**
SA & UJ 2015
MTech Operations Management

Lehlohonolo **Mofokeng**
SA & Wits 2015
M Ed Policy, Planning
and Management

Selokwane **Morake**
SA & RU 2015
MA Biochemistry

Tumelo **Morobane** (Mathias)
Botswana & UFS 2015
MSc Actuarial Science

Luyolo **Mphiti**
SA & Wits 2015
MA Political Studies

Sinikiwe **Mqadi**
SA & Wits 2015
Hons Journalism and Media Studies

Lumumba **Mthembu**
SA & RU 2015
MA English

Nicholas **Mulgrew**
SA & UCT 2015
MA English Language and Literature

Luthando **Mzilikazi**
SA & UCT 2015
BCom Hons Finance

Vincent **Naude**
Namibia & UCT 2015
MSc Biological Science

Daniel **Ndima**
SA & UP 2015
MSc Biochemistry

Zikhona **Ngumbela**
SA & UWC 2015
Hons Business Management

Rene **Nsanzubuhoro**
Swaziland & UCT 2015
MSc Civil Engineering

Joel **Obe**
DRC & TUT 2015
MTech Intelligent Industrial Systems

Lisa **Sidambe**
Zimbabwe & Monash 2015
Hons International Studies

Chad **Sonn**
SA & UCT 2015
MA International Relations

Simbarashe **Tevera**
Zimbabwe & Wits 2015
BA Hons Industrial and
Organisational Psychology

Zainab **Thawer**
Tanzania & UCT 2015
MA Public Health

Beauty **Umana**
Nigeria & UWC 2015
BA Hons Linguistics

Zola **Valashiya**
SA & UFS 2015
LLM

Naledi **Yaziyo**
SA & Wits 2015
BA Hons Anthropology

Ajibola **Adigun**
Nigeria & UKZN 2016
Hons Political Science

Binyam **Alemayehu**
Ethiopia & UP 2016
MPhil Entrepreneurship

Simon **Aseno**
Ghana & UJ 2016
MTech Biomedical Technology

Natasha **Ashley**
SA & UP 2016
MCom Business Management

Melody **Asukile**
Zambia & UCT 2016
MMed Neurology

Ajohche **Awungjia**
Cameroon & UWC 2016
MA Linguistics

Colin **Besaans**
SA & UCT 2016
Hons Economics

Zenzo **Chakara**
Zimbabwe & UCT 2016
MSc Audiology

Natalia **Dambe**
Malawi & UCT 2016
BSc Hons Geographical Information
Systems

Tamika **Fellows**
SA & RU 2016
MSc Biotechnology

Kerstin **Hall**
SA & UCT 2016
MA Creative Writing

Mussawir **Hassan**
Tanzania & UCT 2016
Masters in International Law

Mary **Jiyani**
Malawi & UCT 2016
LLM in Private Law and Human Rights

Barbara **Karuana**
Kenya & AFDA Cape Town 2016
BA Hons Motion Picture Medium

Refiloe **Kekana**
SA & RU 2016
BSc Hons Statistics

Wanjiku **Kimani**
Kenya & SU 2016
BCom Hons Economics

Tshepang **Mabusela**
SA & UP 2016
Masters in Development Studies

Pilela **Majokweni**
SA & UKZN 2016
MSc Agricultural Economics

Nkateko **Manganye**
SA & Wits 2016
BCom Hons Economics

Zinhle **Manzini**
SA & Wits 2016
MA Philosophy

Qaphela **Mashalaba**
SA & UCT 2016
Masters in Mathematical Finance

Fredy **Mashate**
Zimbabwe & RU 2016
Masters in Commerce Taxation

Blessing **Masuku**
SA & UJ 2016
Masters Clinical Psychology

Mulweli **Mathagu**
SA & Wits 2016
MSc Chemical Engineering

Ayisha **Mavhunga**
Zimbabwe & UFFH 2016
Masters Social Work

Mfundo **Mdletshe**
SA & UKZN 2016
Masters Development Studies

Musa **Mdunge**
SA & Monash 2016
MPhil International Studies

Sicelimpilo **Mguni**
Zimbabwe & UJ 2016
LLM Tax Law

Jolynne **Mokaya**
Kenya & SU 2016
MSc Clinical Epidemiology

Moretlo **Moleli**
Lesotho & UCT 2016
Hons International Relations

Lethabo **Motswaledi**
SA & UCT 2016
Masters Geomatical Engineering

Rethabile **Mphutlane**
Lesotho & Wits 2016
Hons Applied Drama

Trisha **Mpofu**
Zimbabwe & RU 2016
MSc Biotechnology

Sidney **Muhangi**
Uganda & RU 2016
BCom Hons Management

Mutugi **Mutegi**
Kenya & UP 2016
LLM Mercantile Law

Tinotendaishe **Muzofa**
Zimbabwe & SU 2016
Masters in Civil Engineering (Structural)

Fairchance **Ncube**
Zimbabwe & SU 2016
Hons Political Science

Linus **Ndambuki**
Kenya & UP 2016
BSc Hons Actuarial Science

Loise **Ndegwa**
Kenya & UCT 2016
MA International Relations

ROLL-CALL OF THE CLASSES OF 2005-2016

Sebenzile Nkambule

SA & UP 2016

MA SocSci: Gender Studies

Ofentse Noko

SA & UCT 2016

Master of Medical Science Biomedical
Engineering

Henry Owen

Uganda & UCT 2016

LLM Commercial

Axolile Qina

SA & SU 2016

Masters in Theology

Kholilwe Simeon

Botswana & Monash 2016

Postgraduate Diploma in Accounting

Julia Standish White

SA & UCT 2016

Hons Psychology

Candice Thikeson

SA & UFS 2016

MA Art History and Image Studies

Emily van der Merwe

SA & SU 2016

Hons in Economics

Tessa Ware

SA & Wits 2016

Hons Anthropology

Mina Sami Yousseif

Egypt & UCT 2016

MA Development Studies



DONORS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS



'Creating any serious, new organisation is challenging. History teaches us that creating institutions that will endure is even more difficult ... the MRF has achieved the objectives in terms of Mr Mandela's and the Rhodes Trust's ideals ... More than a decade on, the future of the MRF has never been brighter or more exciting.'

LEVERHULME
TRUST

'The aspirations of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation and The Leverhulme Trust are in the happiest of resonance; the target itself remains as crucial and challenging as it ever was.'



'The McCall MacBain Foundation is very proud to support the important role The Mandela Rhodes Foundation plays in offering unique opportunities for some of Africa's most promising young leaders.'



'OUP is committed to transformation and empowerment in South Africa and we believe that our innovative partnership with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation goes right to the heart of the spirit of transformation.'



'The Friends of the Mandela Rhodes Foundation (USA) wishes all at The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, and all the Mandela Rhodes Scholars, every success in their continuing endeavours in this important work for Africa.'

David Cohen

'The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships represent the future I wish for Africa – education, leadership and civic society – together realising the potential of this great continent.'



'This is a journey of a million steps and we look forward to contributing toward promoting The Mandela Rhodes Foundation's principles of leadership, education, entrepreneurship and reconciliation.'



The Peter Cundill Foundation Trustees believe that their mission – Promoting the health, education and well-being of young people – fits very well with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation's central purpose of building exceptional leadership capacity in Africa.



'We are investing in the success of future Mandela Rhodes Scholars. We are partnering with the MRF to help nurture future leaders, especially in the fields of maths and science. This partnership speaks of our commitment to SA and our drive to invest in education.'

DONORS WHO HAVE ESTABLISHED MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS



'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.'

The Hunter Foundation

'Leadership is the key to Africa's future and the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme plays a crucial role in developing the leaders of tomorrow from Africa, for Africa.'



'In the end it is about creating opportunities ... opportunities to learn, to grow, to develop, to help our youth to become the best they can be.'



'As the founding fathers of South African democracy and Sibanye Gold, both Nelson Mandela and Cecil John Rhodes have played a significant role in shaping the leaders of this country. We are pleased to be associated with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.'



'As British American Tobacco South Africa, we are guided by the principle of creating a legacy of leaders and are committed to transformation and making a positive impact. We are proud to partner with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation – an organisation dedicated to making a difference to the futures of our young people.'

Gary Lubner

'It is a source of great pleasure to me that we have been able to bring into being, in the name of my family, an additional Mandela Rhodes Scholarship. I know that the beneficiaries will make the most of the opportunity.'



'Unilever South Africa believes true change comes from long-term investment in our country's young people. We are proud to continue Unilever's legacy of supporting the development of tomorrow's leaders through our partnership with The Mandela Rhodes Foundation.'

SUPPORTERS OF MRF PROGRAMMES, PROJECTS AND OPERATIONS

- De Beers Fund
- Anglo American Chairman's Fund
- McCall MacBain Foundation
- Mo Ibrahim Foundation
- Royal Embassy of Norway
- Provincial Government of the Western Cape
- Northam Platinum
- Louis Vuitton
- Derek Schrier & Cecily Cameron
- The Foschini Group
- Individual Rhodes Scholars
- Anonymous Donors
- Earthquake South Africa
- Mandela Rhodes Place
- Interpark South Africa
- Compass Travel
- Solomon Gallery
- John Hughes
- Treble Entertainment
- World President's Organisation
- Guiseppe Ciucci
- Amade
- Singapore Airlines
- Ronald Goldblatt
- Bonhams
- Isaac & Khumo Shongwe



PREFERRED SUPPLIERS

- Lionel Murray Schwormstedt & Louw
- KingJames
- PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.
- AlphaWealth
- Nedbank Private Wealth
- Sickle & Associates – Procurement and Logistics Group (Pty) Ltd
- Nedbank Corporate
- Travel Manor
- Marc Stanes Limited
- Ince

HOW TO DONATE TO THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION



Since the founding benefaction by the Rhodes Trust brought into being the partnership that is The Mandela Rhodes Foundation in 2003, the MRF and its flagship Scholarships programme in particular have benefited from the extraordinary generosity of major donors who have made funds available to establish further Mandela Rhodes Scholarships on a sustainable basis. These donors are recognised and honoured on pages 45 and 46 of the Yearbook. Anyone who might be interested in exploring this route and would like further details should make direct contact with the Operations Director of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, Ernst Gerber, at +27 21 424 3346, or via e-mail ernst@mrf.org.za.

The MRF is registered as a Trust (Trust number IT5164/2003), as a Public Benefit Organisation (PBO number 930004744) and as a Non-Profit Organisation (NPO number 038-181-NPO).

The Foundation is therefore in a position to issue tax certificates for donations made in compliance with South African Income Tax Law.

General donations to support our operations are also most welcome, according to the means of the donor. Any related queries about donating, for example on the tax-exempt status of the Foundation Trust, or gifts to be made from other countries, should also be directed to the Operations Director:

It is also possible to make a direct deposit for the benefit of the Foundation using the following bank account details:

Bank name:	Nedbank
Account holder:	Corporate Services Cape Town (Waterfront) Republic of South Africa
Branch code:	145-209
Account number:	1452 028 060
SWIFT code:	NEDSZAJJ

THE MANDELA RHODES FINANCIAL RESULTS

This is an abridged version of the annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017, audited by PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

Full statements are available from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation on request. Annual financial statements for 2017 have been available since 8 June 2018.

TRUST INFORMATION FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

Founding Patron: Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela (Deceased 5 December 2013)
Chairperson: Njabulo Ndebele
Executive Director: Shaun Johnson
Deputy Executive Director: Judy Sikuza
Operations Director: Ernst Gerber
Business Address: The Mandela Rhodes Building, 150 St George's Mall, Cape Town 8001
Postal Address: PO Box 15897, Vlaeberg 8018
Bankers: Nedbank Limited

Investment Managers and funds in which the Foundation was invested during the year: Prudential Portfolio Managers South Africa Life Limited – Prudential Enhanced Income Fund
Taquanta Investment Holdings – Nedgroup Investments Core Income Fund C
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Chrysalis Capital Proprietary Limited – Chrysalis Credit Arbitrage Fund
Abax Investments Proprietary Limited – Abax Equity Fund
Allan Gray Proprietary Limited – Allan Gray Equity Fund
Alpha Asset Management Proprietary Limited – Alpha Equity Hedge Fund
Alpha Asset Management International Limited – Alpha Global Dynamic Leveraged Fund
Ranmore Global Equity Fund PLC – Retail CL
Matrix Fund Managers Ltd – Matrix Multi Strategy Fund
Polygon Global Partners LLP – Polygon Convertible Opportunity Fund
Morgan Stanley Investment Limited – Morgan Stanley Global Brands Strategy
McInroy & Wood Limited – McInroy & Wood Smaller Companies Fund
Reitway Global Property Limited – Reitway BCI Global Property Fund
Credo Capital PLC – Cash
Peregrine Holdings Limited – Peregrine High Growth Fund
Portland Hill Capital LLP – Portland Hill Fund Sicav Catalyst Driven Strategy
Astellon Capital Partners LLP – Astellon European Opportunities Fund
CME Group – Cumulus Fund
Horseman Capital Management Limited – Horseman Global Fund Limited Class B
Polar Star Management Proprietary Limited – Polar Star Fund Lead Series

Attorneys: Lionel Murray Schwormstedt & Louw

Auditors: PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.
Registered Auditors

Level of assurance: The annual financial statements have been audited.

Preparer: As agreed by the Board of Trustees The annual financial statements were independently compiled under the supervision of:
ID Allen CA(SA)
PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

Trustees: **Mandela Nominees**
Achmed Dangor
Mohamed Ibrahim
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka
Yvonne Mokgoro
Njabulo Ndebele

Rhodes Nominees
Charles Conn
John Hood
Janet Kabiru
John McCall MacBain
Julian Ogilvie Thompson

TRUSTEES' RESPONSIBILITY AND APPROVAL

The Trustees are required to maintain adequate accounting records and are responsible for the content and integrity of the summary financial statements and related financial information included in this report. It is their responsibility to ensure that the summary financial statements fairly present the state of affairs of the Trust as at the end of the financial year and the results of its operations and cash flows for the period then ended, in conformity with International Financial Reporting Standards. The external auditors are engaged to express an independent opinion on the annual financial statements.

The annual financial statements are prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards and are based upon appropriate accounting policies consistently applied and supported by reasonable and prudent judgements and estimates.

The Trustees acknowledge that they are ultimately responsible for the system of internal financial control established by the Trust and place considerable importance on maintaining a strong control environment. To enable the Trustees to meet these responsibilities, the Board sets standards for internal control aimed at reducing the risk of error or loss in a cost effective manner. The standards include the proper delegation of responsibilities within a clearly defined framework, effective accounting procedures and adequate segregation of duties to ensure an acceptable level of risk. These controls are monitored throughout the Trust and all employees are required to maintain the highest ethical standards in ensuring the Trust's business is conducted in a manner that in all reasonable circumstances is above reproach. The focus of risk management in the Trust is on identifying, assessing, managing and monitoring all known forms of risk across the Trust. While operating risk cannot be fully eliminated, the Trust endeavours to minimise it by ensuring that appropriate infrastructure, controls, systems and ethical behaviour are applied and managed within predetermined procedures and constraints.

The Trustees are of the opinion, based on the information and explanations given by management, that the system of internal control provides reasonable assurance that the financial records may be relied on for the preparation of the annual financial statements. However, any system of internal financial control can provide only reasonable, and not absolute, assurance against material misstatement or loss.

The Trustees have reviewed the Trust's cash flow forecast for the year to 31 December 2018 and, in the light of this review and the current financial position, they are satisfied that the Trust has or has access to adequate resources to continue in operational existence for the foreseeable future.

The external auditors are responsible for independently auditing and reporting on the Trust's summary financial statements. The annual financial statements have been examined by the Trust's external auditor and their report is presented on page 51.

The annual financial statements set out on pages 54 to 57, which have been prepared on the going concern basis, were approved by the Board on 25 May 2018 and were signed on its behalf by:

Trustee

Trustee

Trustee



INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE SUMMARY FINANCIAL STATEMENTS TO TRUSTEES OF THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION TRUST

Opinion

The summary financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust, set out on pages 54 to 57, which comprise the summary statement of financial position as at 31 December 2017, the summary statement of comprehensive income, changes in equity and cash flows for the year then ended, and related notes, are derived from the audited financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust for the year ended 31 December 2017.

In our opinion, the accompanying summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements, in accordance with the basis described in note I.

Summary Financial Statements

The summary financial statements do not contain all the disclosures required by International Financial Reporting Standards. Reading the summary financial statements and the auditor's report thereon, therefore, is not a substitute for reading the audited financial statements and the auditor's report thereon.

The Audited Financial Statements and Our Report Thereon

We expressed an unmodified audit opinion on the audited financial statements in our report dated 8 June 2018.

Trustees' Responsibility for the Summary Financial Statements

The Trustees are responsible for the preparation of the summary financial statements in accordance with the basis described in note I.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on whether the summary financial statements are consistent, in all material respects, with the audited financial statements based on our procedures, which were conducted in accordance with International Standard on Auditing (ISA) 810 (Revised), *Engagements to Report on Summary Financial Statements*.



PricewaterhouseCoopers Inc.

Director: V Harri

Registered Auditor

Cape Town

Date: 8 June 2018

TRUSTEES' REPORT

THE TRUSTEES SUBMIT THEIR REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

1 Review of activities

Main business and operations

The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust was formalised on 9 June 2003 as a joint initiative between The Late Nelson Rolihlahla Mandela and the Rhodes Trustees (hereinafter jointly referred to as 'the Founders'). The Rhodes Trust pledged a benefaction over time of Ten Million Pounds Sterling (£10 000 000.00) for the purposes envisaged by the Trust Deed.

The central purpose of the Foundation is to build exceptional leadership in Africa. This objective is advanced through the implementation of programmes, the flagship programme being the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships, which became operational in 2005. Details of the programme are to be found in the Foundation's annual Yearbooks and on the website www.mandelarhodes.org. The Board of Trustees reviews strategy and implementation annually.

Programme costs have increased each year as the cohorts grow bigger in line with the planned expansion approved by the Trustees. Scholars are citizens of any African country and study at either Honours or Masters level at a South African university, and a Mandela Rhodes Scholarship is tenable for a minimum of one year and a maximum of two years depending on the course of study.

The operating results and state of affairs of the Trust are fully set out in the attached summary financial statements and do not in our opinion require any further comment.

The total operating surplus of the Trust was R4 068 465 (2016: R20 217 856). Total comprehensive deficit of the Trust was R12 133 866 (2016: R37 602 912 surplus), after taxation of Rnil (2016: Rnil).

Substantial donations were received during the year from The Leverhulme Trust (R8 479 100) and Peter Cundill Foundation (R8 499 500) in addition to contributions from other donors who have chosen to spread the payment of their commitment over a four-year period.

In addition the Foundation continued to receive the annual benefaction from the Rhodes Trust. An amount of £625 000 (R8 358 496) was received for the year ending 31 December 2017 (2016: £625 000 (R12 310 950)).

2 Events after the reporting period

The Trustees are not aware of any matter or circumstance arising since the end of the financial year.

3 Investment policy and performance

The investment of the Foundation's assets is overseen by the Investment Committee on behalf of the Board. The assets are invested in a suitable mix of equities, property, bonds and cash as well as in hedged or absolute-return funds. These investments are typically made via collective investment vehicles managed by leading asset managers.

The Investment Committee typically meets four times a year. It also receives periodic information and advice from the appointed asset consultants (AlphaWealth and, until December 2017, Riscura) as to the appropriate asset allocation targets and exposures as well as the choice of investment managers and funds to invest in. Nonetheless the decisions on these matters remain the responsibility of the Investment Committee. The array of funds and their respective investment managers is reproduced elsewhere in this document.

The investment objective for the investment portfolio (the 'Fund') is to achieve a real return (i.e.: nominal return less the inflation rate) of at least 4.5% p.a. over the long run within acceptable degrees of risk. This is in line with the Board's intention to maintain the Foundation's 'spend rate' from the Fund (i.e.: the total expenses covered by the Fund as a percentage of the Fund) at or below 4.5% per year over time, thus ensuring the ability of the Fund to sustainably support the Foundation's work in perpetuity.

Since inception of the Fund's mandate in 2009 the investment portfolio has performed well relative to the investment objectives, achieving an annualised return of 11.2% compared to the investment target of 9.9%. This equates to a real return of 5.8% p.a.

Over the last few years the returns have been volatile. This volatility was largely due to the Fund's relatively high exposure to US\$ assets which resulted in a 23.2% return in 2015 (as the Rand dramatically devalued) and then (as the Rand strengthening significantly over 2016 and 2017) it affected the returns, with a negative return of -7.6% in 2016 and a positive return 4.6% in 2017.

TRUSTEES' REPORT

THE TRUSTEES SUBMIT THEIR REPORT FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

At the end of December 2017, the investment portfolio had a 50% exposure to South African securities (2016: 47%), comprising 11% in SA long-only equity funds (2016: 10%); 19% in equity hedged multistrategy funds (2016: 19%); and the remaining 20% in credit, cash and cash-alternatives.

50% of the investment exposure was international (not including the international exposure within the SA listed equity funds) (versus 53% in 2016) – of which 14% was invested in international long-only equity funds (2016: 12%); 32% in absolute return/hedged funds (2016: 35%); 4% in international real-estate (2016: 5%) and a small balance in managed-cash.

4 Trustees

The Trustees of the Trust during the year and to the date of this report are as follows:

Name	Nominees from	
Achmed Dangor	Mandela Nominee	
Mohamed Ibrahim	Mandela Nominee	
Janet Kabiru	Mandela Nominee	Appointed 15 May 2017
Phumzile Mlambo-Ngcuka	Mandela Nominee	
Yvonne Mokgoro	Mandela Nominee	
Njabulo Ndebele (Chairman)	Mandela Nominee	
Charles Conn	Rhodes Nominee	
John Hood	Rhodes Nominee	
John McCall MacBain	Rhodes Nominee	
Julian Ogilvie Thompson	Rhodes Nominee	

5 Executive Committee

The Executive Committee at 31 December 2017 were:

John Hood
Shaun Johnson
Njabulo Ndebele (Chairman)
Julian Ogilvie Thompson

6 Remuneration Committee

The Remuneration Committee at 31 December 2017 were:

Njabulo Ndebele
Julian Ogilvie Thompson (Chairman)
Mustaq Brey

7 Investment Committee

The Investment Committee at 31 December 2017 were:

Jacques Conradie
Tim Cumming (Chairman)
Shaun Johnson
Julian Ogilvie Thompson

8 Finance, Audit and Risk Committee

The Finance, Audit and Risk Committee at 31 December 2017 were:

Mustaq Brey (Chairman)
Tim Cumming
Julian Ogilvie Thompson
Nkazimulo Sokhulu

9 Donation from related party

No endowment donation has been received from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust Two in the 2017 financial year (2016: Rnil).

10 Trustees' interest in contracts

A donation contract was entered into between The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust and the McCall MacBain Foundation in 2013. John McCall MacBain is also a Trustee of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation Trust.

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITION

AS AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 R	2016 R
Assets		
Non-current assets		
Property, plant and equipment	11 256 594	12 315 823
Financial assets	636 694 431	630 755 673
	647 951 025	643 071 496
Current assets		
Related party receivable	–	44 460
Trade and other receivables	3 512 232	1 287 209
Financial assets	101 933	101 933
Cash and cash equivalents	42 548 497	28 813 942
	46 162 662	30 247 544
Total assets	694 113 687	673 319 040
Equity and liabilities		
Capital and reserves		
Trust capital	6 728 943	6 728 943
Reserves	553 654 439	514 551 942
Accumulated surplus	132 439 909	151 050 044
	692 823 291	672 330 929
Current liabilities		
Trade and other payables	1 290 396	988 111
	1 290 396	988 111
Total equity and liabilities	694 113 687	673 319 040

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 R	2016 R
Revenue	24 037 861	32 793 680
Other income	10 815 771	12 841 154
Operating expenses	(33 429 103)	(27 304 843)
Operating surplus	1 424 529	18 329 991
Finance income	2 647 323	1 887 865
Finance costs	(3 387)	–
Surplus for the year	4 068 465	20 217 856
Other comprehensive surplus/(deficit)		
Items that will not be reclassified to profit and loss		
Changes in the fair value of equity investments at FVOCI	8 065 401	(57 820 765)
Total comprehensive surplus/(deficit) for the year	12 133 866	(37 602 909)
Total comprehensive income attributable to:		
The Trust	12 133 866	(37 602 909)

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	Trust Fund	Property maintenance reserve	Other endowment reserve	Investment reserve	Property endowment reserve	Rhodes endowment reserve	Total reserves	Accumulated surplus	Total equity
	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R	R
Balance at 1 January 2016	6 728 943	11 688 544	294 370 875	100 463 967	12 437 356	109 134 565	528 095 307	162 798 638	697 622 888
Surplus for the year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	20 217 856	20 217 856
Other comprehensive deficit for the year	–	–	–	(57 820 765)	–	–	(57 820 765)	–	(57 820 765)
Total comprehensive deficit for the year	–	–	–	(57 820 765)	–	–	(57 820 765)	20 217 856	(37 602 909)
Rhodes Trust: Endowment Funds	–	–	–	–	–	12 310 950	12 310 950	–	12 310 950
Donors: Endowment Funds	–	–	31 966 450	–	–	–	31 966 450	(31 966 450)	–
Balance at 31 December 2016	6 728 943	11 688 544	326 337 325	42 643 202	12 437 356	121 445 515	514 551 942	151 050 044	672 330 929
Surplus for the year	–	–	–	–	–	–	–	4 068 465	4 068 465
Other comprehensive surplus	–	–	–	8 065 401	–	–	8 065 401	–	8 065 401
Total comprehensive surplus for the year	–	–	–	8 065 401	–	–	8 065 401	4 068 465	12 133 866
Rhodes Trust: Endowment Funds	–	–	–	–	–	8 358 496	8 358 496	–	8 358 496
Donors: Endowment Funds	–	–	22 678 600	–	–	–	22 678 600	(22 678 600)	–
Balance at 31 December 2017	6 728 943	11 688 544	349 015 925	50 708 603	12 437 356	129 804 011	553 654 439	132 439 909	692 823 291

SUMMARY STATEMENT OF CASH FLOWS

FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017 R	2016 R
Cash flows from operating activities		
Cash (used in)/generated from operations	(1 329 071)	6 753 436
Finance income	2 647 323	1 887 865
Finance costs	(3 387)	–
Net cash from operating activities	1 314 865	8 641 301
Cash flows from investing activities		
Purchase of property, plant and equipment	(79 047)	(42 365)
Proceeds from the sale of property, plant and equipment	19 356	–
Purchase of financial assets at fair value through OCI	(50 075 070)	(213 162 568)
Disposal of financial assets at fair value through OCI	54 195 955	183 415 974
Net cash from investing activities	4 061 194	(29 788 959)
Cash flows from financing activities		
Rhodes Trust	8 358 496	12 310 950
Total cash, cash equivalents and bank overdraft movement for the year	13 734 555	(8 836 708)
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the beginning of the year	28 813 942	37 650 650
Cash, cash equivalents and bank overdrafts at the end of the year	42 548 497	28 813 942

Note 1:

The summary financial statements are prepared in accordance with criteria developed by management. Under management's established criteria, management discloses the summary statement of financial position, summary statement of comprehensive income, summary statement of changes in equity, summary statement of cash flows and other information which management determined as relevant. These summary financial statements are derived from the audited financial statements of The Mandela Rhodes Trust for the year ended 31 December 2017, which were prepared in accordance with International Financial Reporting Standards.

The annual financial statements are available from The Mandela Rhodes Foundation on request. The annual financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2017 have been available since 8 June 2018.

FUNDING & INVESTMENT REPORT



Tim Cumming
MRF Investment
Committee Chair

The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships programme is funded from its endowment comprised of the donations made to the Foundation and investment growth thereon. The Board's Investment Committee oversees the investment of these funds with the objective of achieving a real return of at least 4.5% per annum over the long term (typically taking a five-year view). In turn the Foundation seeks to ensure that the total annual expense budget funded from the endowment, over time, does not exceed the targeted (and achieved) real total investment return.

In this way, the real purchasing power of the endowment can be sustained in perpetuity and should therefore be able to sustain the number and nature of the Scholarships for an indefinite period. When the endowment's purchasing power grows – either through further donations or through excess returns achieved in excess of the targeted real return – the Foundation is able to either add more Scholarships or enhance the value of the existing Scholarships programme. The opposite would apply in the event the purchasing power becomes eroded through sustained 'below target' investment returns.

The funds are invested in a mix of equities, property, bonds and cash as well as in hedged or absolute-return funds deemed suited to achieve the investment objectives. Investments are typically held in collective investment vehicles managed by carefully selected asset managers.

The return for 2017 was 4.6% which falls below the targeted investment return for the year which was 9.3% (i.e. inflation plus 4.5%). However, our review period for performance is over a five-year period – for which the endowment portfolio achieved an annualised nominal return of 10.4% versus a target of 10.2% per annum. Since mid-2009 (when the current investment mandate was initiated) the return has been 11.2% per annum compared to the targeted return of 9.8% per annum.

The main contributor to short-term underperformance has been the high exposure to the US dollar due to the fund's relatively high international exposure (at 51% of the portfolio) combined with more exposure to hedged/absolute return funds than long-only equity and some underperformance of a few managers relative to their benchmarks.

The Investment Committee remains attentive to the short-term performance challenges and continues to monitor and adjust the portfolio with the intention of regaining the very positive performance previously achieved.

Current portfolio allocations

Figure 1 provides some insight into the portfolio's asset allocation as at year-end 2017.

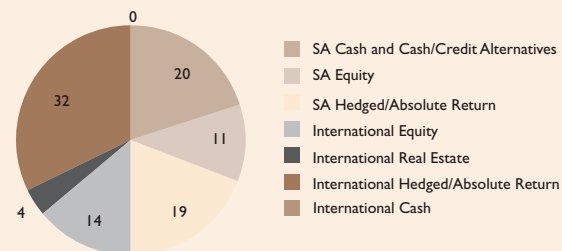


Fig 1: Portfolio Asset Class Allocation (%) at 31 December 2017

Growth and Sustainability in Scholarships

Over the last few years, the returns achieved on the endowment – combined with significant fundraising successes – has enabled the Foundation to substantially increase the number of Scholarships from 33 Scholars 'in residence' in 2012 (i.e. the combined total of 1st and 2nd year Scholars) to 100 Scholars 'in residence' in 2018. That is a remarkable trebling of our Scholars over six years – or an increase of 20% per annum over that period.

2018 sees a departure from our funding model whereby we will fund as many Scholars from the endowment as our '4.5% spend rate' (taken from the endowment) will allow and, in addition, elect whatever additional number of Scholars we're able to fund from donations made into our 'annual funding' account for that particular year.

We introduced this concept for 2018 to allow donors to fund Scholarships on a year-by-year basis instead of the much larger commitment required to endow a Scholarship every year in perpetuity. This has enabled us to afford having 100 Scholars 'in residence' in the Centenary year of Nelson Mandela's birth – which was an important symbolic goal for the Foundation. Of this number, 74 have been funded from the endowment and the additional 26 Scholars have been funded through additional donations made in recent months to the MRF's 2018 'annual funding' account.



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THE MANDELA RHODES FOUNDATION

Extract from the Memorandum of Understanding between the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund, the Nelson Mandela Foundation and The Mandela Rhodes Foundation, August 2006

The parties record that:

During 1995 Nelson Mandela, in response to the plight of the children in South Africa and his personal passion for children, established the Nelson Mandela Children's Fund ('NMCF'). The NMCF's mandate is to provide leadership on issues of children and young people, influencing institutional changes in the manner in which children are seen, heard, supported, nurtured and serviced in society. The NMCF has established affiliate organisations in several countries.

During 1999 the Nelson Mandela Foundation ('NMF') was established primarily as a post-presidential infrastructure for Nelson Mandela to continue his work, and to provide him with an appropriate personal secretariat. The Trustees of the NMF have determined that beyond the management of the Founder's Office, the organisation will develop as its future core business

the establishment of the Nelson Mandela Centre of Memory, giving practical expression to the memory and dialogue aspects, with special emphasis on reconciliation, of Mr Mandela's legacy.

During 2003 The Mandela Rhodes Foundation ('MRF') was established as a partnership between Mr Mandela and the Rhodes Trust, with a mandate to help build exceptional leadership capacity in Africa. This mandate is given practical expression in the Mandela Rhodes Programmes, the flagship of which is the Mandela Rhodes Scholarships. Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are open to young citizens of African countries who show leadership potential, and in addition to comprehensive financial assistance for tertiary study, provide leadership training and personalised mentoring. The Mandela Rhodes Scholarships are tenable in Africa only.

The parties wish to conclude this Memorandum of Understanding to establish a basis of continuing and enhancing a spirit of goodwill and co-operation that now exists amongst the organisations whilst maintaining and preserving their independence and separate identities.

