

INTRODUCING THE MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS OF 2011

THE SEVENTH COHORT OF MANDELA RHODES SCHOLARS

The Class of 2011 gathered as a group for the first time at their introductory Mandela Rhodes leadership workshop from 27 – 30 January at the Monkey Valley conference facility in Noordhoek, Cape Town. All 27 new Mandela Rhodes Scholars were in attendance at the workshop, which was facilitated by the Scholarships Manager and the CEO, and addressed by the Chairperson of The Mandela Rhodes Foundation. In addition to their intensive sessions at Noordhoek, the Scholars visited Groote Schuur, the former residence of Cecil John Rhodes, Rhodes Cottage in Muizenberg and the Mandela Rhodes Building, after which they engaged in robust debates about the legacies of Mandela and Rhodes. Over these four pages we introduce the young Africans who make up this seventh cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars. In addition to introducing them by name and country of origin, indicating the degree for which they are registered and where they are studying, we share their brief impressions of their first leadership development workshop under the aegis of the MRF. The election of this latest cohort of Mandela Rhodes Scholars brings the total number of Scholarships awarded since the inception of the programme, in 2005, to 150.



Laura Brooks
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters: Economics

'The Mandela Rhodes introductory workshop gave me a unique chance to be with like-minded people.'



Jennifer Carstens
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Stellenbosch University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Masters: Industrial Psychology

'I was honoured to be part of something so big. I enjoyed the diverse, passionate group.'



Ponayi Chitaka
Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters: Public Health

'I saw being part of the group as a prestigious opportunity for transformation in my life.'



Jai Clifford-Holmes
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: Rhodes University
Degree: Masters: Integrated Development

'I was inspired by the history of the Scholarship. We're part of something much bigger, and I am very thankful.'



Emmanuel Kalunga
Country of origin: DR Congo
Nominating Institution: Tshwane University of Technology
Current Institution: Tshwane University of Technology
Degree: Masters: Electrical Engineering

'I emerged with the strong feeling that we were selected because we have something to give to others.'



Luke Kannemeyer
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: University of Cape Town
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Masters: Human Genetics

'Every conversation opened my mind to the opportunities involving diverse and intelligent opinions.'

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Alex Lenferna
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: Rhodes University
Degree: Masters: Philosophy

'I appreciate how privileged we are, and how significant the Scholarship is. We can make a difference.'



Tarsianna Machekabuwe
Country of origin: Zimbabwe
Nominating Institution: Nelson Mandela Metropolitan University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Masters: Clinical Psychology

'I learned not to make too many assumptions and to appreciate my own abilities and those of others.'



Lerato Makhale
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: University of the Western Cape
Current Institution: University of the Western Cape
Degree: Masters: Anthropology

'It was different to other workshops. I learned about other Scholars, but also felt I deserved to be there.'



Nadia Marais
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Stellenbosch University
Current Institution: Stellenbosch University
Degree: Masters: Divinity and Theology

'The experience was real and the discussions relevant. I will remember learning about Rhodes and Mandela.'



Caitlin Miles
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: University of Cape Town
Current Institution: University of Cape Town
Degree: Honours: Economics

'The Mandela Rhodes workshop experience allowed me to learn more about leadership and my part in it.'



Nosipho Mngomezulu
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Rhodes University
Current Institution: Rhodes University
Degree: Masters: Anthropology

'It allowed me to think about myself in a neighbourly space. It made me excited about ethical leadership.'



Philip Mogodi
Country of origin: South Africa
Nominating Institution: Self-nominated
Current Institution: University of the Witwatersrand
Degree: Masters: Engineering

'I felt privileged to be part of the Foundation – there will be a paradigm shift in my leadership.'

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**Maletsabisa
Molapo**

Country of origin:
Lesotho
Nominating Institution:
Self-nominated
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Computer Science

'I felt favoured to be with people of this calibre. The journey was magical – I felt a transformation.'



**Noella
Moshi**

Country of origin:
Tanzania
Nominating Institution:
University of Cape Town
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Immunology

'I saw such depth of character in this group. I am excited to get to know the Scholars during the year.'



**Pamela
Motlhageng**

Country of origin:
Botswana
Nominating Institution:
Monash SA
Current Institution:
Rhodes University
Degree:
Honours: Financial
Management

'This experience made me recognise there is potentially unique greatness in myself and the other Scholars.'



**Dananai
Muchemenye**

Country of origin:
Zimbabwe
Nominating Institution:
University of the Western
Cape
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Commercial Law

'I was inspired by this very diverse group, and even humbled. I learned a lot about Mandela and Rhodes.'



**Patrick
Mukala**

Country of origin:
DR Congo
Nominating Institution:
Tshwane University of
Technology
Current Institution:
Tshwane University of
Technology
Degree:
Masters: IT Informatics

'I gained from getting to know the Scholars, and learning about the leadership styles of Mandela and Rhodes.'



**Zamafuze
Ngcobo**

Country of origin:
South Africa
Nominating Institution:
University of KwaZulu-
Natal
Current Institution:
University of Johannesburg
Degree:
Honours: Media Studies

'I learned that listening is as important as talking. I understand that whatever I do is not only about me.'



**Emmanuel
Nibishaka**

Country of origin:
Rwanda
Nominating Institution:
Self-nominated
Current Institution:
Nelson Mandela
Metropolitan University
Degree:
Masters: Conflict
Management

'Everybody has something special to offer. I felt I'd risen from being nothing to being something.'

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Qhelile Nyathi

Country of origin:
Zimbabwe
Nominating Institution:
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Current Institution:
University of KwaZulu-Natal
Degree:
Honours: Financial Mathematics

'I felt an affirmation that I am worthy of the Scholarship. I realised the importance of personal relationships.'



Iyinoluwa Ologe

Country of origin:
Nigeria
Nominating Institution:
Monash SA
Current Institution:
Monash SA
Degree:
Honours: International Studies

'From the beginning of the experience to its end, I looked around and saw flashes of diversity and brilliance.'



Mary Opondo

Country of origin:
Kenya
Nominating Institution:
University of Johannesburg
Current Institution:
University of Johannesburg
Degree:
Honours: Development Studies

'It gave me courage to start facing my dreams. Among the Scholars I was in a non-judgemental space.'



Mmatshupo Phasha

Country of origin:
South Africa
Nominating Institution:
University of Pretoria
Current Institution:
University of Pretoria
Degree:
Masters: Microbiology

'There were different aspects to the experience, but what stood out was the stimulating African diversity.'



Jonathan Reader

Country of origin:
South Africa
Nominating Institution:
Stellenbosch University
Current Institution:
Stellenbosch University
Degree:
Honours: Economics

'I enjoyed the personal interactions with everybody. They highlighted complexities, and gave me hope.'



Ntuthuko Tsokodibane

Country of origin:
South Africa
Nominating Institution:
University of Pretoria
Current Institution:
University of Cape Town
Degree:
Masters: Economic Sciences

'I enjoyed learning a lot from a diverse group. My thinking has changed – I was moved out of my comfort zone.'



Dale van der Lingen

Country of origin:
South Africa
Nominating Institution:
Stellenbosch University
Current Institution:
Stellenbosch University
Degree:
Masters: Economics

'I emerged looking forward very much to the year. I learned so much from our interaction as Scholars.'